



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021



*HEARTFELT WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY !!!!*

*HAVE A SAFE & WONDERFUL YEAR AHEAD !!!!*

- Team Vidyadhaara

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**NEWS LETTER – DECEMBER 2020**

Year 2020 has brought unprecedented situations in our lives and changed the outlook of it. We pray and hope that the new year will usher happier moments to one and all.

Vidyadhaara Foundation is happy to announce that we have been able to continue some of our activities with help of volunteers. Mrs. Mohana Anantaraman has joined hands with us for this endeavour.

**Our Financial Contributions so far:**

- Helped Ms. Jeevitha's PYTHON and Spoken English training course.
- VF supported Miss. Suchitra with part fees to pursue her 2nd PUC commerce course.
- Distributed cash prize to top 5 achievers in SSLC -2020 exam on 15th of August.
- VF has part funded Ms. Veda, with her BSc course.
- Provided financial support to Nagaraj for his final B.E. Course.
- VF gave away Christmas gifts to students.

**In Govt. School, Doddanekkundi:**

In the current situation, though we have not been able to contribute physically in school for most of the time, we did a couple of things:

- Helped procure story books from Pratham Books' Library-in-a-Classroom program. Books from grade 1 to 8 have been received and handed over to Primary school.
- Continuing as we do every year, with our intention of motivating the students, we awarded five SSLC toppers of the academic year 2020 with cash prizes on 15th of August.



### **In the study centre at Ferns Paradise :**

This academic year, we have collaborated with Shifting Orbits Foundation, another NGO which provides educational support to the needy. Together we plan to provide holistic, systematic educational needs along with financial help to the underprivileged students in our community.

Five – 6th graders, One – 7th grader, Three - 8th graders, One -10th grader and a Undergraduate student have been chosen for the support. They are children of maids, helpers in the community. Regular after school training with curriculum and supporting activities is being conducted in one of our volunteer's basement apart from online training.

Apart from the curriculum, students were also introduced to different aspects.

#### **a. Session by Rahul, a student volunteer, about video games**

Rahul has developed 'Action FreePlay' curriculum which aims to educate young people about the power and importance of video games and using them to solve everyday problems. From understanding various types of games (and their significance), to thinking about conflict- and how to overcome it. Through Action FreePlay, he hopes to harness the use of smartphones and the time spent on them to get environmental messages across to people, specifically young people, and ultimately change their attitudes towards their living space.



#### **b. Session about green menstruation, menstrual hygiene was conducted by student volunteers Preethi, Ramya and team**

*-Menstruating is normal. So many girls are forced to feel that menstruating is a bad thing.. It happens to 50 % of the world's population. There is nothing to be ashamed of – this was the message along with other hygiene aspects that the volunteers talked to our students. They distributed cotton pads to all girls.*



**c. Science experiments with the sixth graders**

VF had procured tools from ISPF and conducted Science experiments for grade 6 in the Govt. school last year. This year, the students in the community made use of it in their learning.



**d. Conducting career counselling sessions for the kids**

We have collaborated with NGOs SOF and United Efforts in introducing to various career options to students through activities. This will motivate the children to value their education.

**e. Conducting logic reasoning sessions**

With the initiative taken by one of our volunteers, we have been conducting logic reasoning sessions for students. Children are encouraged and trained to take up the reasoning tests. This will introduce the students to the tests which will be helpful in their future.



**f. Organised Children's day program with SOF**



**g. Onam, Deepawali , Christmas celebrations**



Last, but not the least, We thank our donors Ms. Aura Semiconductors and all individual donors for their generous contribution in funding our undertakings. We are grateful to Shifting Orbits Foundation for their help in conducting our initiatives.

The pandemic has taught us endurance along with adaptation. We hope that our lives get back to normal at an earliest and the children can enjoy their lives to the fullest.

For contributions, any queries and concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

With warm Regards,

Team Vidyadhaara