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National Executive Meeting of Vidya Bharati Held In Udaipur

A three day National Executive Meeting of Vidya Bharati was held in Udaipur on 13th, 14th and 15th September, 2019. In this meeting held at the Vidya Niketan Vidyalaya in Hiran Magri in the historical city, more than 200 delegates from across the country participated.

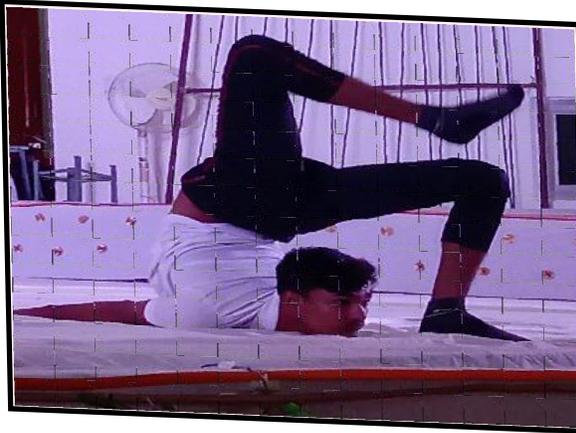


Deliberations on the activities undertaken in the last six months were made. Several presentations were made on different projects. Ten books, related to the education field, were also launched on the occasion. Stall set up by the Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurushetra, displayed hundreds of books and attracted most participants.

The 'Donation Page' of the alumni portal of Vidya Bharati was launched by RSS Sah Sarkaryavah Sri Dattatreya Hosabale during the meet.

A cultural programme was also organized in the evening. This included a local tribal dance and a spectacular show of 'yoga' by one of our former students, who has received recognitions at various levels.

The concluding session of the 15th September, was addressed by Hosabale ji. Sri Kashipati, the Organizing Secretary talked of how various activities of the organization is influencing the education scenario. In his presidential address Sri Ramkrishna



Rao talked of bringing the required change of 'schooling with skilling' and pledged to increase the number of model schools including the Sanskar Kendras and Ekal Vidyalayas.

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A Coffee Table Book For Vidya Bharati

To cover the journey of Vidya Bharati, from its inception in 1952 till now, a “coffee table book” is being made, which is targeted to be published by July 2020.

This book will highlight and record Vidya Bharati’s key milestones and achievements. It will recognize the people behind this journey.

The idea to publish such a book was mooted with the basic aim of documenting and sharing the journey, to showcase the reach and its impact and increase the awareness about Vidya Bharati. The book will motivate and infuse pride among the people who are already associated and will also attract new associations.

Some of the sections, that have been thought of, as of now, in the book are:

Journey – Tracing the journey of Vidya Bharati from its humble beginnings to its current status of running 23,000 + (13,000+ formal schools, Sanskar Kendras and Ekal Vidyalayas)

Values and model – Explaining the Vidya Bharati model by which the schools are self sufficient and also explaining the larger values on which the schools are based.

Outreach – This section will map the outreach of Vidya Bharati across the length and breadth of the country, covering each region and state.

Impact – The impact of education in Vidya Bharati will be highlighted in this section. This will talk of bringing a generation out of poverty cycle; introducing schooling for the first time in a family, village or community.

Excellence – Vidya Bharati has had a number of achievements in the field of sports, academics, arts, public service etc. This section will document this.

Empowering the girl child – This section will tell about how Vidya Bharati has extended education opportunities to the girl child, enabling quality and parity and enhancing empowerment.

Stalwarts & Pillars – Recognising those who have made Vidya Bharati what it is: they may be donors, staff, teachers volunteers.

Alumni – Lakhs of students have passed out of Vidya Bharati schools. This section will highlight exceptional students who have made a name for themselves. This would encourage alumni all over the world to join the platform.

The book will be authored by Supriya Newar from Kolkata. Tapanji is the Vidya Bharati incharge and Ravindra Chamariaji, NEC member of Vidya Bharati is the patron of this book.

Workshop For Magazine Editors In Delhi

A two day workshop for the editors of various magazines published by Vidya Bharati around the country was organised by the promotion wing of Vidya Bharati in Delhi on 21st and 22nd September.

24 participants associated with 21 publications from different



areas participated. Most of the publications are monthly, but there are some which are bi-monthly and quarterly too.

Introducing the subject Sri Avnish Bhatnagar, national Secretary, talked of the importance of this workshop as the society has high expectation from Vidya Bharati and our magazines have to not only give news of activities but guide for India-centric education. Our magazines have to take forward the vision of Vidya Bharati.

A total of eight sessions were held in the two days. These included sessions on responsibility; editorial skill; cover designing; content selection and its presentation; technical issues related to publishing; legal issues related to RNI, PCI, Postal concessions etc.

The learned speakers taking different sessions included Sri Jagdish Upasane, former editor of India Today, Sri Praful Ketkar, editor of Organiser, Sri Hitesh Shanker, editor of

Panchjanya, Sri Asutosh Bhatnagar, Director of Jammu Kashmir Adhyan Kendra and Dr Shuchi Yadav, professor at the Galgotia University.

All the sessions were interactive which saw serious participation leading to a lively question-answer with the speaker in all sessions.

All the participants had brought with them their publications which were appropriately kept for display. This gave an opportunity to all to learn from one another.

Sri Kashipati, Organising General Secretary and Sri Sriram, General Secretary of Vidya Bharati also participated. The Vidya Bharti 'Samvad Toli' led by Sri Sudhakar Reddy including Sri Avnish Bhatnagar, Sri Ravi Kumar and Sri Vijay Maroo were present throughout.

Vidya Bharati Alumni In Social Service

We are starting a new section in the newsletter wherein we will be giving you information of the excellent work being done, for the community, by former students of Vidya Bharati. In our schools these values of serving are inculcated in each of our student from the very beginning. We are so proud that a number of them do practice this.

For more of such information visit <https://www.vidyabharatialumni.org/blog>

Alumni Shivendra Kumar Pandey, Working For Women Empowerment in Uttar Pradesh Villages

The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution as it not only grants equality to women, but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in favour of women.

In spite of admirable work done by both governmental and non governmental sectors, the disparity in numbers between male and female workforce still remains large. In 2012, only 27 percent of adult Indian women had a job, or were actively looking for one, compared to 79 percent of men. Economic contribution of Indian women is less than half of the global average. This trend is more prominent in rural India due to several social, cultural and educational factors.

Raised in a family which is passionate
..... **Shivendra**



Kumar Pandey an alumni of **Saraswati Sr. Sec Vidya Mandir, Deoria**, Uttar Pradesh, grew up in an environment consisting of positive role models. Shivendra says that his childhood inclination towards helping others who are less fortunate than him, was further strengthened by his school. His teachers was responsible for reinforcing his core values and 'sewa bhawna' further.

Shivendra's father was the secretary of 'Vivekanand Yuva Mahila Avam Bal Seva Sansthan' which was later

renamed as 'Swami Vivekanand Sansthan'. This organization was established 31 years ago. Shivendra joined this organisation 6 years ago and presently is the CEO. Like his father he as an avid advocate of women empowerment and development. His aim is to empower women and train them to be economically self sufficient.

His organisation works with underprivileged women & children of villages in Uttar Pradesh. Recently they have tied up with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and jointly working in 4 districts of Uttar Pradesh. The organisation is engaged towards establishment of Self Help Groups of more than 20 thousand women. Organisation members train the women

on cosmetic and carpet manufacturing, as well as educating them on how to market their manufactured goods without Government support.

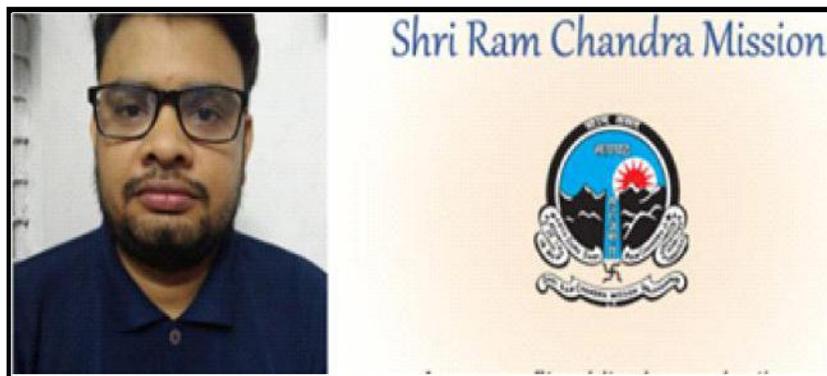
Along with skill development among village women, Shivendra is working on launching a Personal Hygiene Program under which he plans to set up a Sanitary Napkin factory in Varanasi which will supply napkins, free of cost to government schools in 25 villages.

Shivendara's personal motto is "barriers in society cannot set us back from bringing a change". His passion and hard work is responsible for bringing positive changes in the lives of many women, as well as their family members.

Alumnus Priyesh Kumar Pandey, Healing others through Ancient Art of Meditation and Yoga

Meditation is an ancient practice that helps to control one's own mind. It can train human consciousness to eliminate negative thoughts, resulting in a calm, strong mind. This ancient practice along with its numerous benefits has found its mention in ancient religious texts all around the world. In India, meditation, yoga and spirituality is mixed into the very fabric of our culture.

Present day fast paced and stressful lifestyle has resulted in revival of yoga and meditation practices as a



method to maintain positive mental health.

Priyesh Kumar Pandey an alumnus of **Rajkamal Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Jharkhand**, and an IAS aspirant always had an inclination towards spiritualism, yoga and

meditation. The pursuit of his interest finally led him towards Sri Ram Chandra Mission, of which he is an active member.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) is a non-profit organisation which provides spiritual training to interested seekers from around the world. It was founded in 1945 by Shri Ram Chandra of Shahajanpur. With a presence in over 100 countries worldwide, the organisation has its world headquarters in Kanha Shanti Vanam near Hyderabad in Telangna, India. It is involved in teaching the ancient practice of raja yoga in a simplified way appropriate for modern everyday life, resulting in mental balance, joy and spiritual growth.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission and Sahaj Marg Spirituality Foundation aims at changing lives by teaching yogic meditation techniques free of cost. Like Priyesh all the members in this organisation work as volunteers who are dedicated towards spreading happiness among others.

Vidya Bharati recognises the positive impact of meditation, yoga and spiritualism on human development, thus all its schools has seamlessly integrated the practice in school's curriculum. This has led to many alumni like Priyesh, eager to spread the positive effect of the same among fellow human beings.

VB Alumni Honored With International Award

Parvati Jangid, Jodhpur Rajasthan (Internship at Ministry of Women & Child Developmnt Govt of India) Alumni of Balika Adarsh Vidya mandir, ShastriNagar, Jodhpur, Rajasthan was awarded the International Military Medal and Order Of Leadership TheGirlHeroAwards - The Knight of International Illumination by Republic of Moldova (Europe).

The award was conferred with blessings by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Youth Power and Sports, Government of India on reaching India.



"News For You"

Vidya Bharati School in India - Bangladesh border strives to grow in spite of challenges faced

School - Anandamayee Ghoshal Memorial Tripuraswari Vidya Mandir, Unakoti, Tripura

schools, particularly at secondary levels, impedes the growth of people living there. Though Indian Government has taken

several steps to develop these areas, a lot is still left to be desired.

Vidya Bharati has been able to successfully run schools in several remote areas, where previously there were no educational institutions at all,



In India, 17 states are located on international borders, which includes Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Gujarat. The human habitats falling within 0 to 10 KM from international borders are considered as border area settlements.

Social sectors, especially those of education and health, are found to be seriously deficient in infrastructure and systems of service delivery in most of these border settlements. Lack of access to

but faces tough challenges in their road towards advancement. One of such schools is Anandamayee Ghoshal Memorial Tripuraswari Vidya Mandir in Tripura.

Anandamayee Ghoshal Memorial Tripuraswari Vidya Mandir was established in the year 2012 and **located only 200 meters away from Indo Bangladesh Border**. It runs in a donated building, given by a well wishing professor. At present this school runs from classes 1 to 5 consisting of 84 students. Due to lack of space the school is unable to expand, in spite of local support. During heavy rains the ground floor gets flooded with water and the school is forced to stay close during the

period. With the assistance from local community, few amenities like water filters and blackboards has been installed, but a lot more is required.

The principal of the school, Shri Dinendrakumar Pal intends to build a new three story building so that more students can be admitted. He also plans to increase the highest class to 12th standard. With this aim a building

plan was prepared and shared with Tripura State Government since Nov 2017 but no positive response has been received yet.

In spite of all these challenges, the students of this school constantly deliver excellent results each year during examinations and participate in co curricular activities with much enthusiasm.

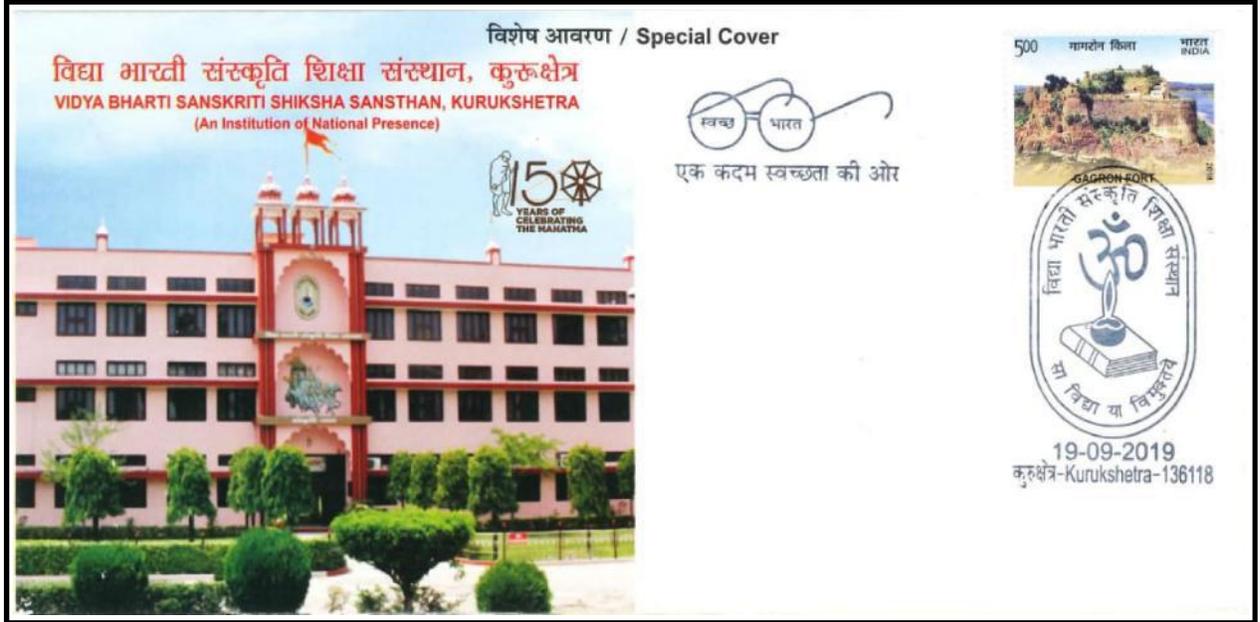
Student gets opportunity to witness Chandrayaan landing with PM



Vinayak, a student of Vidya Bharati school, Talwara, in Punjab participated in the Space Quiz organized by ISRO. He came first in this event from the state and was invited by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to see Chandrayaan-2 landing in Bangaluru with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On his return he was given a warm welcome by the teachers, students of the schools, besides his parents and family.

Proud Moment For Vidya Bharati

A 'Special Cover' on the Vidya Bharati Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurushetra was issued by the Indian Posts on 19th September 2019, in recognition of the extraordinary work being done by the Sansthan.



Vidya Bharati Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurukshetra has been engaged in the process of conservation and dissemination, as well as its transmission to the younger generation of the rich cultural heritage of India, including the great lineage of knowledge, traditions and life values since 1984; through organisation of programmes like Sanskriti Gyana Pareeksha, Quiz contest, ex- tempore speech, storytelling, paper reading, essay competition, seminar, workshop, academic conferences and conclaves; and an Akhil Bharatiya Sanskriti Mahotsava, publication of books on various cultural and educational subjects and picture posters of our national and cultural heroes, freedom fighters and places of cultural significance, by means of which, the Sansthan has been able to reach to approximately 25 lakh children and teachers in each and every part of our country.

विद्या भारती संस्कृति शिक्षा संस्थान, कुरुक्षेत्र 1984 से कार्यरत है और देश की मावी पीढ़ी को अपनी प्राचीन सांस्कृतिक धरोहर, अपने पूर्वजों से प्राप्त ज्ञान-विज्ञान तथा जीवन मूल्यों की जानकारी देने हेतु संस्कृति ज्ञान परीक्षा, प्रश्नमंच, कथा-कथन, आशु-भाषण, पत्रावाचन, निबंध लेखन, विद्या भारती संस्कृति महोत्सव, कार्यशालाओं, सम्मेलनों, विद्वत् संगोष्ठियों के आयोजन, चित्रा और पुस्तक प्रकाशन के कार्य कर रहा है। महात्मा गांधी जी की 150वीं जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में बाल साहित्य, चित्रा एवं संस्कृति ज्ञान परीक्षा के माध्यम से यह संस्थान लगभग 25 लाख विद्यार्थियों तक महात्मा गांधी जी की प्रेरणा पहुंचाने में सफल रहा है।



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