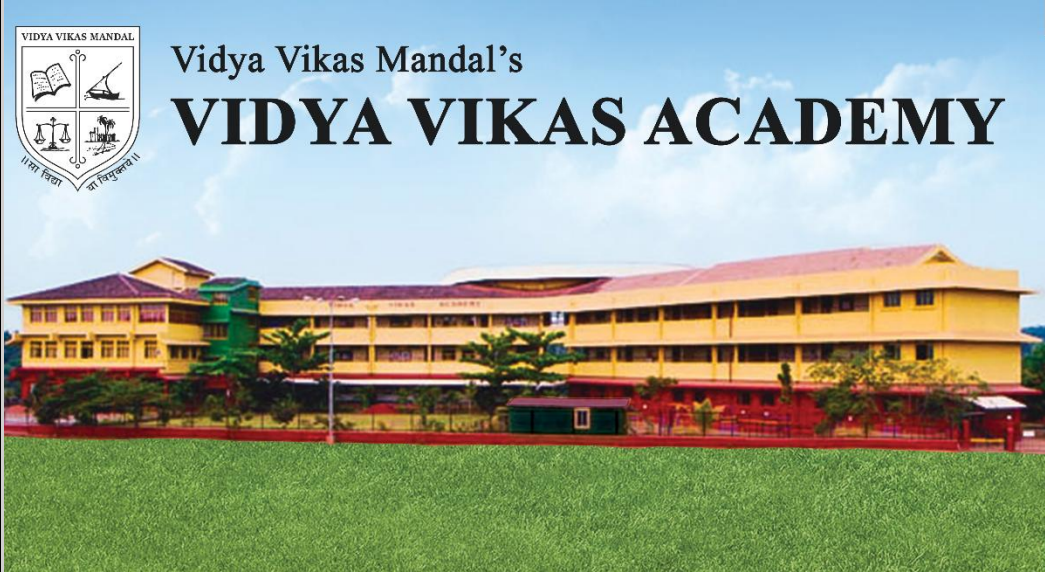




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Dear Readers,

Vidya Vikas Academy provides opportunities for every student to develop their talents and skills through the many programmes, activities and events conducted intra-school, inter-school at the taluka, district, state and national level. Our efforts and commitment is directed towards creating, responsible, caring and happy citizens who will make a contribution to society. We thank our School Managing Committee, the Board of Management and our staff for encouraging a holistic education and congratulate all our students for their participation and achievements.

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October 01, 2025

TRIUMPH OF GOODNESS

The “Triumph of Goodness” was celebrated on 1st October 2025 with great enthusiasm and joy. The celebration aimed to deepen the children’s understanding of the festival’s significance while fostering essential values such as truth, kindness, and goodness.

The highlight of the event was a captivating roleplay where the young learners depicted the story of Dussehra, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. A lively dance performance added to the festive spirit.

Through the event, children learned that goodness always triumphs over evil. It left them inspired, joyful, and connected to our rich cultural values.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Mayura Bandodkar



October 01, 2025

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GANDHI: TRUTH, NON-VIOLENCE, AND CLEAN LIVING

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated “In the Footsteps of Gandhi: Truth, Non-Violence, and Clean Living” with great enthusiasm. The special assembly showcased a vibrant spectrum of expressions that reflected Gandhi’s ideals. The event concluded with a solemn pledge to follow his principles in everyday life.

As part of the celebration, the school organized a cleanliness drive where students actively cleaned classrooms and school surroundings, demonstrating teamwork and discipline in line with Gandhi’s belief that “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” Students were inspired to adopt Gandhi’s teachings in their conduct, understanding the importance of living truthfully, peacefully, and responsibly.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Farheen Khan, Tr. Vismila Rodrigues, Tr. Netra Naik, Sir Siddharth Faldesai and Ashutosh Chari



October 01, 2025

GOLDEN HEARTS, TIMELESS WISDOM

On 1st October 2025, Vidya Vikas Academy organized a special event to help students understand the importance of elders in our lives and appreciate their invaluable wisdom and experience that guide younger generations toward a brighter future. The students gained a deeper understanding of how elders play a vital role in shaping families and society with their love, care, and guidance.



A thoughtful skit was presented, highlighting the role of elders in our homes and communities. A Memory Wall was created, where students displayed photographs with their grandparents and shared the stories behind them, celebrating love and togetherness across generations.

The activity helped students develop a deep sense of gratitude and respect for the elderly members of their families and society.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Shwetambari Parab, Tr. Shilpa Sukumaran, Tr. Spurty Khandeparkar, Tr. Reshma Raikar and Tr. Michelle Mascarenhas

October 09, 2025

THREADS OF LOVE- A TRIBUTE BEYOND TIME

The two-day celebration of Grandparent's Day on the 9th and 10th of October 2025 was an evocative tribute to the love, wisdom, and the strength that grandparents weave into the lives of their grandchildren. The event sought to rekindle intergenerational bonds through moments of shared joy, storytelling, and tender emotion.



The heartwarming moment was when a group of tiny preschoolers rushed to embrace their grandparents, whispering "I love you, Grandma and Grandpa!" The simple gesture transcended words, reflecting the purity of affection that connects hearts across ages.

'Threads of Love' resonated with laughter, music, and heartfelt performances. The celebration left every soul touched, reaffirming that grandparents are the keepers of heritage, the guardians of stories, and the silent anchors of every family's happiness.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Ashwini Palankar, Tr. Ruksana Bhandari and Sir Austin Fernandes

October 14, 2025

LEARNING LIFE SKILLS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students from the Life Skills Resource Room of Vidya Vikas Academy embarked on an enriching field trip to a local supermarket, immersing themselves in a hands-on learning experience that bridged the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world application. This visit aimed to provided them with the invaluable opportunity to familiarize themselves with a variety of common household items.



Throughout the excursion, the students were encouraged to engage in thoughtful discussions, expressing their newfound knowledge about each item and its significance in daily life.

The trip proved to be an unforgettable, joyful learning opportunity, enhancing both their practical and interpersonal skills while reinforcing the importance of responsibility and self-sufficiency.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Tanula Cota and Tr. Savia Gomes

October 16, 2025

THE LIGHTS AND LAUGHTER CELEBRATION

The Lights and Laughter celebration, held on 16th October 2025, aimed to convey the true essence of Diwali, spreading joy, positivity, and brightness in life. It sought to provide children with a joyful platform to explore creativity, express emotions, and appreciate cultural traditions.

The event radiated festive cheer as children actively participated in vibrant dance performances, melodious songs, and creative diya-making activities. Their enthusiasm and cheerful expressions filled the atmosphere with warmth, symbolizing the spirit of lights, laughter, and togetherness.

The celebration fostered values of unity, creativity, and cultural appreciation among the young learners. It encouraged them to embrace teamwork and express themselves confidently while experiencing the happiness of shared celebration and learning through festivity.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Raheela S. Panjwany



October 16, 2025

ILLUMINATING HEARTS WITH JOY

“Illuminating Hearts with Joy” was celebrated to help students experience the true essence of the Festival of Lights. The celebration aimed to highlight Diwali’s message of the triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, while fostering cultural understanding, joy, and positivity among young learners.



The event opened with a brief introduction to the significance and traditions of Diwali, setting a festive tone for the day. Students participated with great enthusiasm through lively dance performances and melodious songs that beautifully captured the joy, warmth, and brightness of the occasion. Their radiant expressions and energy filled the atmosphere with celebration and cheer.

Through this event, students developed a deeper appreciation for India’s rich cultural heritage and the timeless values of goodness, harmony, and togetherness. The celebration was a vibrant blend of learning and festivity, truly illuminating young hearts with joy.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Ashwini Palankar

October 17, 2025

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

“When students step outside the classroom, they step into a world full of lessons waiting to be learned.” -Unknown

An exciting and enriching camp was organized for the students of Vidya Vikas Academy to promote learning beyond the classroom. It aimed to build confidence, teamwork, and creativity while encouraging students to discover their strengths.



The camp offered a mix of fun and challenging experiences. The ladder walk tested balance and coordination, motivating students to face fears and support one another. The nature walk helped them connect with the environment, observe its beauty, and appreciate nature closely. Adding a creative twist, the advertisement-making activity allowed students to express their imagination and communication skills in a lively session.

Overall, the camp was a memorable experience filled with learning, joy, and discovery. It equipped students with valuable life skills and strengthened their bond with peers through shared experiences.

Co-ordinators: Sir Manju Modur and Tr. Reshma Raikar

October 18, 2025

IGNITE THE LEADER WITHIN

The students of Vidya Vikas Academy were given an opportunity to discover their leadership potential through Ignite the Leader Within – Leadership Camp held on 18th October 2025. The camp aimed to build confidence, teamwork, and decision-making skills through interactive and engaging sessions.



The day began on a cheerful note with a laughter session that set a lively and enthusiastic mood. This was followed by creative group challenges and a motivational talk that encouraged students to lead with positivity and self-belief. Hands-on activities and team-based tasks provided opportunities to communicate effectively, think critically, and work collaboratively. These experiences inspired students to take initiative, share ideas, and strengthen their problem-solving abilities.

Overall, the camp was a meaningful and enjoyable experience that truly helped students ignite the leader within

Co-ordinators: Tr. Jeria Coutinho, Tr. Rochell Fernandes and Tr. Michelle Mascarenhas

October 20, 2025

CLEAN SHORES, BRIGHT FUTURE

The Outreach Committee of Vidya Vikas Academy, in collaboration with the NSS unit of the school, participated in the International Coastal Cleanup Drive organized jointly with the Indian Coast Guard. The main aim of the activity was to encourage community participation in maintaining coastlines and reinforce the importance of preserving our natural ecosystems.



Students actively engaged in cleaning the beach along with creating awareness. The entire activity was recorded by the Indian Coast Guard helicopter.

Through hands-on participation, the students learned the importance of teamwork, civic duty, and sustainable practices.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Vismila Rodrigues

SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

October 06, 2025

EXPLORING HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE

On 6th October 2025, Senior Secondary students ventured on a career-oriented educational trip to explore opportunities in fields such as maritime operations, management, and hospitality.



As part of this enriching experience, they visited reputed organizations wherein they observed advanced setups, demonstrations, modern facilities and innovative practices that helped them deepen their understanding of modern education and industry applications.



The visit broadened their perspective on diverse careers, inspired them to value research, skill development, and informed decision-making for their future studies.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Shaheena Basha, Tr. Reema Dalal and Tr. Reema Kunkolienkar

October 10, 2025

THINK. FEEL. HEAL

Vidya Vikas Academy marked the importance of mental health with a meaningful assembly, ‘Think. Feel. Heal’; that aimed at raising awareness about emotional well-being with this year’s global theme — “Access to Services: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies”.

The assembly had an insightful session by Senior EAP Psychologist. Featuring thought-provoking poetry, reflections by students on gratitude, and the importance of healthy habits and exercise encouraged students in maintaining mental well-being.

The event left students with a deeper understanding that mental health is not a taboo but a topic worth discussing, nurturing, and protecting wherein they learned that caring for our minds is just as important as caring for our bodies.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Vanica Fernandes



October 13, 2025

DECODING SUCCESS: EXPLORING CAREERS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

The students of Vidya Vikas Academy attended an insightful career talk titled “Decoding Success: Exploring Careers in Computer Science” organized for Classes 10 and 12. The session aimed to help students understand the vast opportunities in the field of computer science and guide them in making informed career choices.

The talk gave students meaningful insight into the key skills needed to succeed in the rapidly evolving tech industry.

Students were encouraged to start exploring coding and technology at an early stage, make use of online learning platforms, and stay updated with the latest digital trends. The session inspired them to think innovatively and take the first steps toward building a future in the world of technology.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Nikita Afonso



October 14, 2025

WAVES OF KINDNESS – CELEBRATING THE JOY OF GIVING

On 14th October 2025, senior secondary students celebrated Waves of Kindness – Celebrating the Joy of Giving with the theme “Act of Kindness” which aimed to encourage compassion, gratitude, and generosity, inspiring students to make a positive impact through small, thoughtful actions.

A highlight of the celebration was the student-composed poem “Gratitude of the Ocean,” which reflected how care and appreciation can spread joy and touch lives far beyond oneself.

The event concluded with an interactive activity on acts of kindness, leaving students with the understanding that even simple gestures can create meaningful change in the world.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sabha Mokashi



STEAM LAB/ATL SECTION

October 30, 2025

CURIOUS MINDS AT WORK

Curious Minds at Work was designed to ignite curiosity and foster hands-on exploration through creative STEAM-based activities. The initiative encouraged students to observe, experiment and discover scientific concepts in an engaging and meaningful way.

The Rocks and Shapes exploration offered students an opportunity to examine various rocks, appreciating their textures, forms, and natural patterns. By comparing smooth and rough, shiny and dull surfaces, they discovered how natural forces contribute to each rock's unique formation.

Through the Weight Balance task, students experimented with balancing different objects on a simple scale, gaining a practical understanding of mass and equilibrium through observation and adjustment.

The initiative strengthened students' observation skills, critical thinking, and creativity, nurturing a lasting interest in science. Curious Minds at Work beautifully demonstrated that learning becomes most effective when driven by curiosity and discovery.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Ankita Raikar



October 02, 2025

WHERE CURIOSITY SPARKS INNOVATION

In the month of October 2025, students at the Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) participated in engaging hands-on projects combining engineering, design, and electronics. They built working models, explored engineering structures for height and weight challenges, and tested the strength of different shapes such as triangular, square, and circular forms.

Students were also introduced to the basics of programming and learned to interface a seven-segment display and actuators using Arduino.

Through these activities, the students gained practical knowledge of engineering principles, improved their programming and problem-solving skills and enhanced their understanding of real-world applications of electronics and mechanical design.

Co-ordinator: Sayed Mohamed H.



Centre of Excellence

A unique opportunity for students to pursue their talents and interest in school, after school hours. Highly qualified coaches will conduct classes for Gymnastics, Table tennis, Basketball, Chess, Skating, Guitar, Drums and Keyboard.