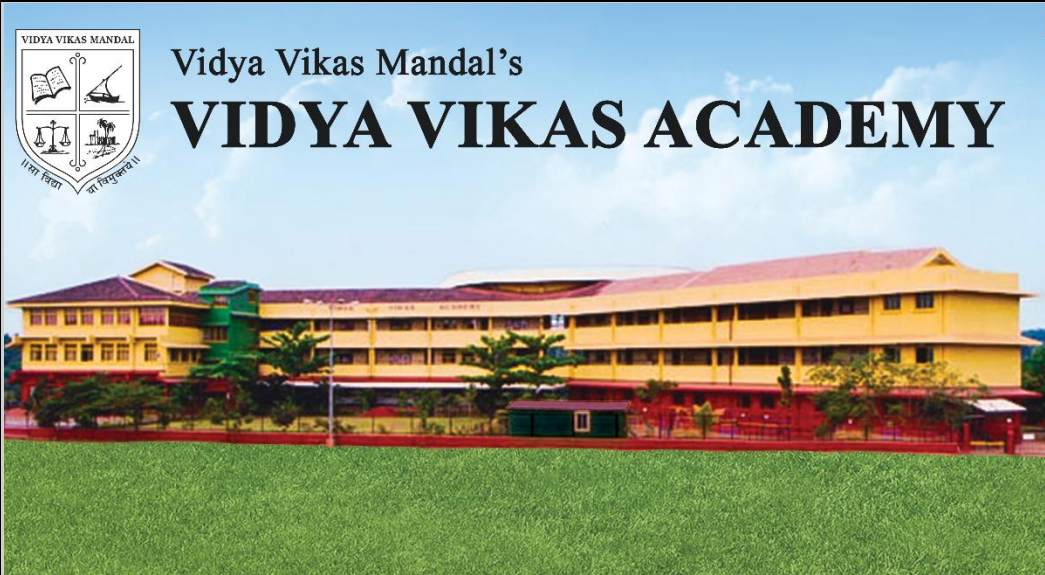




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Dear Readers,

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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August 07, 2026

THREADS OF TRADITION: CELEBRATING INDIA'S WEAVING HERITAGE

Threads of Tradition created awareness among students about India's rich weaving traditions and textile heritage that aimed to help students understand the importance of traditional weaving and appreciate the skill and dedication of artisans.

The programme highlighted the cultural significance of traditional fabrics and their role in preserving India's diverse heritage. Students learned about the dedication of weavers and the importance of supporting locally made products, it encouraged them to respect traditional crafts and understand the need to preserve these valuable practices for future generations.

Staff co-ordinators: Rona Vas and Jeria Coutinho



August 08, 2026

CELEBRATING YOUNG READERS: UNVEILING THE 'STAR READERS' TREE'

As part of the National Librarian's Day Celebration 2026, the 'Our Star Readers' Tree' was inaugurated in the Library to recognise and celebrate students who have demonstrated a strong passion and commitment towards reading. The tree proudly displays the names of enthusiastic young readers, acknowledging their regular reading habits and love for books.

The Star Readers were appreciated for their dedication and encouraged to continue exploring the wonderful world of books. The tree serves as a source of inspiration for other students, motivating them to develop regular reading habits and discover a variety



of books, authors, and genres.

The unveiling was a meaningful initiative towards fostering a strong and vibrant reading culture in the school. By celebrating young readers and their achievements, the initiative aims to inspire more students to experience the joy of reading and develop a lifelong love for books.

Staff co-ordinators: Archana Pednekar and Nutan Naik

August 14, 2026

LITTLE PATRIOTS, BIG CELEBRATIONS

The Pre-Primary Section celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The special assembly was organised to foster a sense of love, pride, and respect for the nation among the young learners.

The celebration featured a delightful presentation of patriotic songs, dances, and colourful performances by the children. Dressed in the vibrant colours of the national flag, the little ones participated with great enthusiasm and confidence. Their cheerful singing added a special charm to the occasion.

The celebration provided a meaningful and memorable experience for the children, while introducing them to the values of unity, patriotism, and national pride. It served as a joyful reminder of the significance of Independence Day and the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

Staff co-ordinator: Ashwini Palankar



August 15, 2026

A DAY OF PRIDE, A LEGACY OF FREEDOM

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with great pride and patriotic fervour. The programme commenced with the rendition of the National Song, followed by the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

A significant highlight of the celebration was the solemn pledge-taking ceremony of the NCC cadets, symbolizing their commitment to discipline, responsibility, and service to the nation. The cultural programme added vibrancy to the occasion with patriotic songs, thought-provoking speeches and a graceful dance performance. Students were also felicitated for their achievements in sports and extracurricular activities.

The celebration provided an opportunity to reflect upon the significance of independence and the responsibilities of citizenship.

Staff co-ordinator: Rochell Fernandes



August 18, 2026

WORDSMITH UNLEASHED

Wordsmith Unleashed, provided an opportunity for students to showcase their best handwriting while developing neatness, consistency, clarity, presentation skills, and fine motor coordination.

Students participated enthusiastically in the given writing task, paying attention to legibility, uniformity, spacing, margins, alignment, and overall presentation.

The initiative encouraged students to express themselves through neat, well-organised, and attractive handwriting.

Staff co-ordinators: Celina Cardozo and Meena Fernandes



August 19, 2026

CIRCUS OF SMILES

The “Circus of Smiles,” was a vibrant three-day celebration of joy, creativity, and togetherness. The programme was organised for the Pre-Primary Section.

Parents and children enthusiastically participated in theme-based dressing, creative artwork, a mini quiz, and fun-filled games. The activities encouraged collaboration, creativity, and quality parent-child time.



The cheerful participation of everyone made the circus a truly memorable experience, strengthening the bond between parents and children and creating cherished memories to treasure for years to come.

Staff co-ordinators: Sujata Bhussanavar, Raheela Panjwani and Jolini Fernandes

August 19, 2026

THROUGH THE LENS OF CREATIVITY

“Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still.” — Dorothea Lange

A special programme was held to celebrate “Through The Lens of Creativity”. The programme aimed at the importance of photography as an art and a powerful means of communication.

Students presented a short skit based on the theme “A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words,” showing how photographs can convey emotions and stories without words. A presentation on the history and development of photography was also shown, giving students an insight into how photography has evolved over the years. The programme concluded with a short and interesting quiz on photography.



At the end, the Principal addressed the students and spoke about the disadvantages and risks of taking photographs or selfies carelessly.

Overall, the programme was informative, engaging, and enjoyable. It encouraged students to appreciate photography as a creative form of expression while also making them aware of the responsible use of photography.

Staff Co-ordinators: Manju Modur and Prajakta Madkaikar

August 20, 2026

WORDS FROM THE HEART: EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS

“Express Your Feelings” helped students to recognise, understand, and express their emotions in a healthy and appropriate manner. The activity also encouraged students to share their feelings through simple situations and interactive expression-based tasks.

Through this platform, students highlighted the importance of emotional awareness, empathy, and effective communication. They learnt that expressing emotions openly and respectfully can help build stronger relationships and manage difficult situations better.



The activity concluded with students reflecting on their emotions and identifying positive ways to communicate their feelings. It encouraged them to become more aware of their own emotions while being sensitive to the feelings of others.

Staff co-ordinators: Shwetambari Parab and Valancy Rodrigues

August 21, 2026

NATURE TRAILS: A WALK TO REMEMBER

Vidya Vikas Academy organised a nature walk as part of its initiative to provide students with meaningful experiences beyond the classroom.

The students participated with great enthusiasm and discipline throughout the walk. They enjoyed the tranquil surroundings and took keen interest in observing it. The outing also provided an informal setting for students to interact with one another, strengthen peer relationships, and enjoy a shared experience.

The activity encouraged students to be observant and mindful of their surroundings. It also reinforced the importance of maintaining cleanliness and respecting public and shared spaces. The peaceful setting provided a pleasant backdrop for students to unwind while engaging positively with their peers.

The nature walk concluded on a positive note, with students returning with a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction. The experience served as a valuable recreational and social activity, contributing to the overall development of the students and creating meaningful memories.

Staff co-ordinator: Primary Section



August 21, 2026

CONNECTING WITH NATURE

The nature walk was organised with the aim of providing students with an opportunity to connect with the natural environment, observe and appreciate their surroundings, and learn beyond the confines of the classroom.

The outing offered a refreshing and enjoyable experience, with favourable weather adding to the spirit of the day. Students explored nature, engaged in outdoor play, strengthened friendships and enjoyed meaningful moments of togetherness.

The experience encouraged students to develop environmental awareness, observation skills, teamwork and a deeper appreciation for nature.

Staff co-ordinators: Secondary Section



August 22, 2026

ART FROM HEART

Art from the Heart was conducted as a vibrant platform that brought together language, literature and creativity. It provided students an opportunity to showcase their learning through artistic and engaging presentations.

The Language Departments showcased various aspects of English, Hindi and Konkani through creative displays, poems, illustrations and interactive activities. Students confidently presented their exhibits and recited poems, explaining the displays with clarity and enthusiasm. Interactive games added an element of fun and encouraged active participation.

Overall, Art from the Heart was a beautiful blend of creativity, learning and interaction. It reflected the students' confidence, imagination and understanding while making language learning a joyful experience.

Staff co-ordinator: HOD, Section Head, AVP



August 24, 2026

DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH READING

As part of the National Librarian’s Day Celebration 2026, an interactive session on “Developing Critical Thinking Through Reading” was conducted for the students by a creative writer.



The session highlighted how reading helps students question, analyse, evaluate information, and form independent opinions. Through engaging discussions and examples, students were encouraged to explore different perspectives, think critically, and strengthen their reasoning skills.

The session was an enriching experience that emphasised the role of reading in nurturing curiosity, critical thinking, and independent learning.

Staff co-ordinator: Archana Pednekar

August 25, 2026

TURNING PAGES, INSPIRING MINDS” – NATIONAL LIBRARIAN’S DAY

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated “Turning Pages, Inspiring Minds” -National Librarian’s Day to honour Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the pioneer of Library Science in India, that aimed to highlight the importance of libraries, inspire a love for reading, and encourage a strong reading culture among students.



Students were encouraged to understand the importance of reading and develop the habit of becoming book enthusiasts. ‘The Readers’ Wall of Fame’ was inaugurated to recognize and celebrate the achievement of our prolific champions of reading. The celebration also included engaging storytelling, poetry, and reading-based sessions conducted for students across different classes.

The celebration successfully inspired students to read regularly, think critically, and express their creativity, fostering a lasting love for books and reading.

Staff co-ordinator: Archana Pednekar

August 28, 2026

AUGUST FESTIVITIES

The Pre-Primary Section had a celebration of Love and Togetherness through a vibrant and interactive assembly. The young learners explored the significance of both festivals and beautifully expressed the values of love, bonding, sharing, and togetherness.



The celebration was enriched with engaging activities where the children made colourful pookalams, crafted their own rakhis, and created boats inspired by the traditional Onam boat race. Storytelling, music, dance, and interactive questions further added excitement and encouraged enthusiastic participation.

The day concluded with a meaningful message reinforcing the importance of love, family, friendship, gratitude, and respect for our diverse traditions, making the celebration a joyful and memorable experience for everyone.

Staff co-ordinator: Ruksana Bhandari

August 28, 2026

INDIA – A TAPESTRY OF TALES

The Primary Section came alive with India – A Tapestry of Tales, a vibrant celebration that encouraged young learners to discover and appreciate the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our nation. Through colourful presentations and engaging experiences, students explored the traditions, customs, art, music, dance, festivals, and stories that beautifully reflect the spirit of India.

The day featured a variety of interactive activities, including cultural performances, traditional games, music and dance, heritage walks, creative tasks, and opportunities to explore India’s diverse states and traditions. Active participation in these experiences nurtured curiosity, creativity, confidence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the cultural richness of our country.

The essence of “Unity in Diversity,” was beautifully reinforced inspiring students to respect different cultures and traditions while fostering a strong sense of belonging and pride in being a part of India’s vibrant and colourful tapestry.

Staff co-ordinators: Shonal Palkar and Neerja Bane



SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

August 07, 2026

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: CONNECTING CLASSROOM CONCEPTS WITH THE REAL WORLD

The Class 12 Humanities students participated in an educational excursion designed to provide them with practical exposure to entrepreneurship and business practices.

The visit enabled students to observe real-world business operations, customer interactions, sales practices, and different aspects of retail management. This experiential learning helped them connect theoretical concepts studied in the classroom with practical situations.

The excursion was a valuable learning experience that enhanced students’ understanding of entrepreneurship, encouraged observation and critical thinking, and inspired them to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

Staff co-ordinator: Reema K.



August 14, 2026

INSIDE THE WORLD OF IVF

The Class XII Biology students participated in an educational visit to an IVF laboratory, to provide students with practical exposure to IVF and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), connecting classroom concepts with real-life applications in reproductive science.

Students observed the functioning of a modern embryology laboratory and learned about Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), particularly the IVF process. They witnessed demonstrations of semen analysis, sperm preparation, embryo culture, and cryopreservation. The embryologists also explained the importance of laboratory safety and ethical practices and introduced students to career opportunities in embryology, reproductive medicine, biotechnology, and life sciences.

The visit was informative and enriching, helping students connect their classroom learning with real-life applications in reproductive science.

Staff co-ordinator: Shaheena Basha

August 21, 2026

MIND TO MARKET – FROM INNOVATION TO ENTERPRISE

Vidya Vikas Academy hosted the Annual Science Exhibition and Market Day, titled Mind to Market – From Innovation to Enterprise; VVA Next Gen Innovators 2026-27, to foster scientific curiosity, innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial skills among students by providing them with opportunities to apply classroom learning to real-world situations.

The exhibition was officially inaugurated by the chief guests followed by the touring and judging of the exhibits and Market Day stalls by the same distinguished panel of experts. The students showcased their research and projects, reflecting the scientific spirit required for the rapidly advancing 21st-century world.

Additionally, the ‘Market Day’, provided an opportunity for the students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. Students created and sold handcrafted products gaining hands-on experience in entrepreneurship world.

The event encouraged young minds to move beyond theoretical learning and develop the confidence to transform ideas into meaningful real-world solutions.

Staff co-ordinator: Sr. Secondary section



August 24, 2026

THE GREEN TRAIL

Vidya Vikas Academy organized The Green Trail for the students with the objective of fostering environmental awareness, encouraging appreciation for nature, and promoting physical well-being among students.

The group explored the lush surroundings of the village, known for its serene landscapes and rich biodiversity. Along the route, students observed various species of flora and fauna, and engaged in interactive discussions led by accompanying teachers on ecological conservation.

The nature walk left a lasting impression on the students, instilling a sense of responsibility towards protecting the environment.

Staff co-ordinator: Sr. Secondary



August 28, 2026

CELEBRATING SPORTSMANSHIP AND EXCELLENCE

Vidya Vikas Academy Celebrating Sportsmanship and Excellence, ‘National Sports Day’ with great enthusiasm, energy, and sporting spirit. The celebration commemorated the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand and highlighted the importance of sports in building fitness, discipline, confidence, teamwork, and leadership.

The Programme featured an inspiring speech and a presentation on the life and achievements of Major Dhyan Chand. Adding colour and excitement, students portrayed iconic sportspersons. The celebrations continued with an exciting Inter-Class Football Match. Sr. Secondary where students showcased excellent skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The programme was a memorable celebration that inspired students to stay active, embrace sports, and strive for excellence both on and off the field.

Staff co-ordinator: Sidharth Fal Dessai

STEAM LAB/ATL SECTION

August 25, 2026

CURIOUS MINDS AT WORK

Students explored levers and gears through the Ball Launcher activity, understanding force, motion and mechanical advantage through hands-on learning.

The Centre of Mass activity involved load testing different shapes, helping students understand how weight distribution and balance affect the stability and strength of structures.

Through Engineering Shapes, students built bridges and learned how different shapes improve strength and stability.

Students explored Human Anatomy by building models of the human arm and lungs, developing an understanding of how muscles, joints and the respiratory system work through engaging hands-on activities.

The Ideation and Prototyping activity used Mechanics Kits and pulleys to encourage creativity, problem-solving and engineering skills.

The month concluded with engaging STEAM activities that strengthened creativity, teamwork, and practical understanding of real-world concepts.

Staff co-ordinator: Kavin Komarpant



August 31, 2026

FROM IDEAS TO INNOVATION

Students at the Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) strengthened their electronics and design skills through practical sessions focused on smart streetlight circuits and 3D model development. They learned how LDR sensors can detect changes in light intensity and control LEDs automatically, understanding the basic concept of automation and sensor-based systems.

Students then applied these concepts by designing and assembling smart streetlight circuits using LDRs, LEDs, resistors and connecting wires. They also explored 3D designing using 3D pens, creating models by converting their ideas into physical structures while learning about shape, stability and creative design.

These hands-on activities improved students' understanding of sensors, automation, circuit connections and 3D design. They also encouraged creativity, problem-solving, precision and confidence in developing practical and innovative solutions.

Staff co-ordinator: Ankita Raikar



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.

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