



VVS Heritage Club Activities Report

JAGRUTHI
Visakha Valley
School,
Visakhapatnam

Fancy Dress Competition

Traditional and Ethnic dresses of India

- *It is necessary to understand the intricate relation and interwoven dynamism of varied cultures through Kashmir to Kanyakumari.*
- *Everything has a beauty, but not everyone can see it. Since we ourselves are a part of our country, we might not realise the true value of what our country possesses.*
- *It is time we realise, recognise, reconnect and rejuvenate the cultures of our country.*

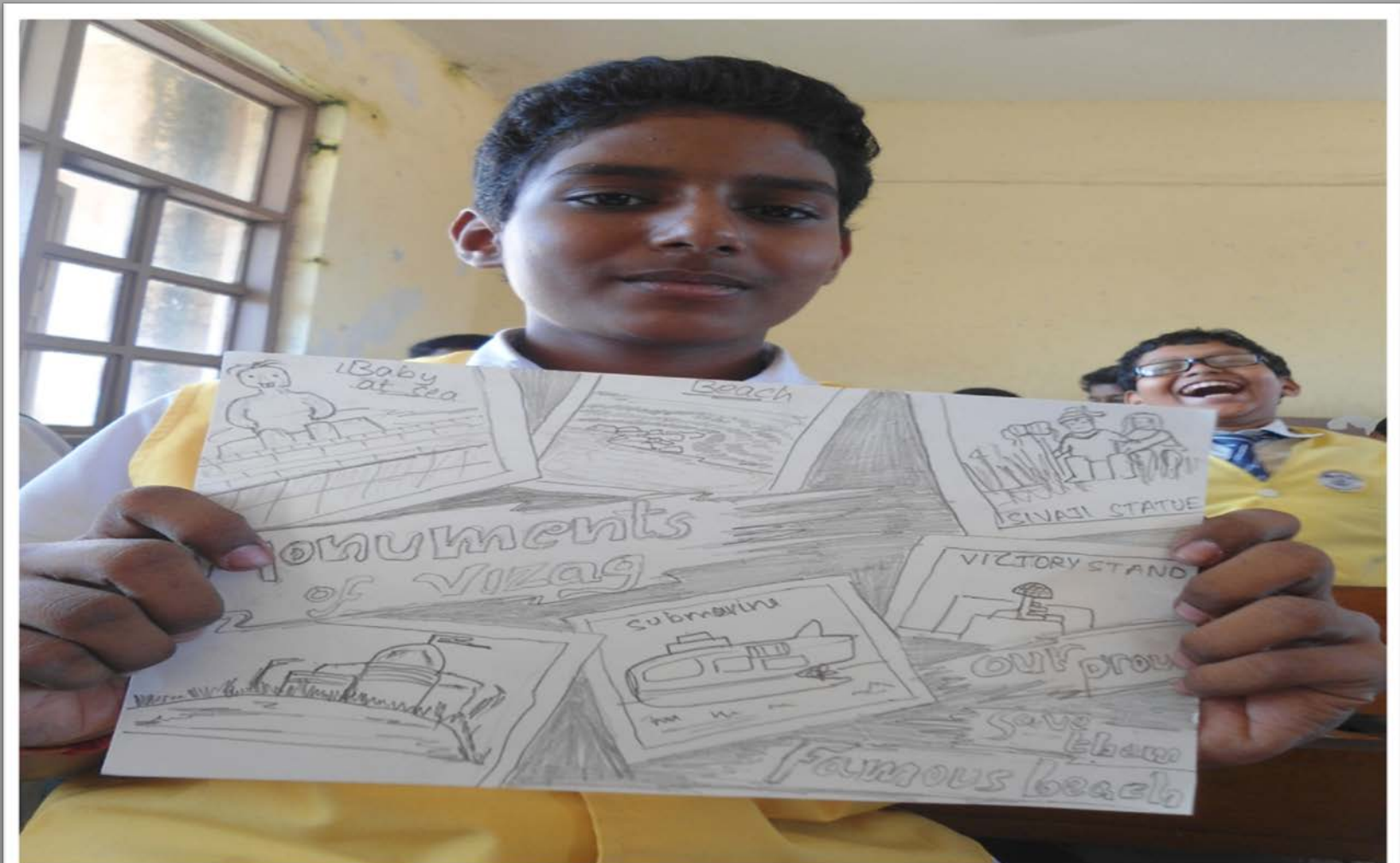
- *With this aim, the fancy dress competition was a small step by the Jagruthi Club of Visakha Valley School which enables the young minds to learn more by seeing, because the immediate signs of cultures are displayed through the ethnic wear of a region.*
- *This was an event conducted for the students of 3rd, 4th and 5th classes. The students participated with great enthusiasm. This activity was conducted in the month of January on the 29th.*



2. Historic Buildings are physical links to our past. Yes, we've all heard that before. It's not just about saving bricks, but about saving the layers and layers of information about our lives and those of our ancestors. Without that, we'd erase the stories of our past, as if the people who came before us never existed, says Hima Bindu of class IX B.

3. Historically significant buildings contribute to our city's cultural and economic well-being - not to mention the vibrancy of street life. When re-purposed for modern-day use, older buildings are great incubators for entrepreneurship, innovation and experimentation, says J. Alekhya Reddy of class VI.

- ***5. Heritage preservation is more labour-intensive, which means more jobs. It's also good for the environment, says Gayatri Priya of class VIII.***



All the sections of the classes 6,7,8,9 and 10 participated enthusiastically and there was an overwhelming response from the students.

*This activity was held in the month of **FEBRUARY** on the 27th .*



Essay Writing

- *The Heritage Hidden In Cotton*
- *Visakhā Valley School has always been a very active member of the JNTACH- Indian National Trust For Art And Cultural Heritage. The students of Visakhā Valley School have always participated in the JNTACH Young Minds article writing with great enthusiasm.*
- *This time the topic was revolving in and around COTTON.*
- *There was an overwhelming response from the students and few of the standout points were:*

WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES IN INDIA

1. Corbett National Park, Uttar Pradesh

Located in Uttarakhand, it is arguably the most well-known wildlife sanctuary of India and the most visited.

Established in 1936 as the first national park in India in the two districts of Nainital and Pauri in the hilly state of Uttaranchal. Named after the well-known writer Jim Corbett. Oldest park in India. Bengal and Asiatic and 600 species of avifauna are there.

2. Kaziranga National Park, Assam

This is situated between the two districts of Nagaon and Golaghat, Assam. A beautiful wildlife sanctuary in India. The park works tirelessly to ensure the most species and it is no wonder that it was declared as a national park in 1976. Kaziranga also has the highest density of tigers that are protected here and was declared as a Tiger Reserve in 2006. The flora here includes three main types of vegetation: inundated grasslands, tropical wet evergreen forest and scrub.

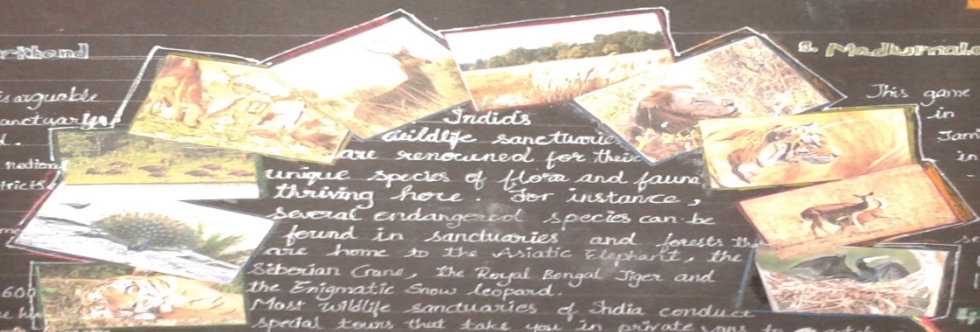
3. Madhavrai National Park, Tamil Nadu

This game reserve was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1940. It is situated at crossroads of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka and is in the northwest of the Nilgiris. This sanctuary is home to a large variety of fauna and flora including tropical green forest and dry deciduous forest. You can see tigers, elephants, wild boar, sambar, primates etc. And Chital which are found in the jungle can also be seen here.

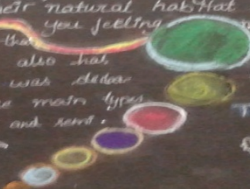
4. Sunderbans, West Bengal

The Sunderbans in West Bengal forms the largest delta at the intersection of Ganges, Meghna, and Brahmaputra rivers. This magnificent jungle is spread over an area of 4264 km and is the habitat of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

There are many more wildlife sanctuaries in India that are part of the



India's wildlife sanctuaries are renowned for their unique species of flora and fauna thriving here. For instance, several endangered species can be found in sanctuaries and forests that are home to the Asiatic Elephant, the Siberian Crane, the Royal Bengal Tiger and the Enigmatic Snow leopard. Most wildlife sanctuaries of India conduct special tours that take you in private vans to catch a glimpse of the animals and look up close, so that you can admire them and take pictures too for your personal collection. The scene, atmosphere, abundant greenery and wild animals in their natural habitat can leave you feeling nostalgic.



SAVE WILDLIFE

Change in climate conditions and human interference have caused the loss of the natural habitats of wildlife. Many species are endangered and some are on the verge of extinction.

Please do not buy or sell any illegal animals and birds. The poaching of elephants and tigers for their ivory and skins should be stopped as they can be used for medicinal purposes. We have wildlife.





Aavishkar Quiz

- *Quizzing is a unique art. One that can be mastered by an individual who possesses the determination of procuring knowledge.*
- *As mentioned earlier we at VVS believe that the first step towards change is awareness and hence we have conducted quizzes in which students have taken part actively and therefore in the process have 'procured knowledge'. The topic for this quiz was 'Indian Monuments'.*
- *The quiz was conducted in the month of April, in two sets for both the junior and senior classes.*

Trip to Hawa Mahal

- We at the Valley Of Dreams do not only preach but also follow our instincts. We don't only urge students to preserve the grandeur of our monuments, but we've also been constantly engaged in viewing and appreciating our heritage.
- We've taken the first step towards change. We've gone on to Ground Zero. About 35 students of Visakha Valley School had the privilege to visit Hawa Mahal in the month of April.
- We had actually learned how important conserving Monuments was.
- The Hawa Mahal is also famously known as Wind Palace, because of meticulously planned ventilation system.
- Conserving Hawa Mahal was the need of the hour.
- The students actively participated in this activity.

- The students were received warmly by the Queen of Ganga Dynasty- Her majesty Mayank Deo.







Art and Craft Exhibition

- India is the motherland of art, culture and architecture all across the globe where each historical monument in the country like the forts, palaces, caves, temples, mosques and churches reflect the glory of the era to which they belonged. The Art and Culture Tour of India unravels an unforgettable journey. And a part of this unforgettable journey is the painting forms of India. Not only that, but also other crafts like pottery, weaving etc. play a prominent role in Indian culture.
- To depict the same, the students of Visakha Valley School held an exhibition of Art and Crafts and then converted it into an Art and Craft lab.
- This Exhibition started in the month of July.



- Going by the same, the students of Visakha Valley have celebrated Vanamahotsav with great enthusiasm.
- There was a plantation drive at Kambalakonda, where the Chief Guest was the distinguished Member Of Parliament Dr. K. Hari Babu. This Plantation drive was lead by the students of Visakha Valley. Hon'ble M.P. Dr. Hari Babu also made a special notice of Visakha Valley School, lauding the efforts and participation.
- That is not all. We also had a poster making competition to mark this very important event.
- And in the same, students have also come up with good messages and urged to stop cutting trees.





Elocution

- The art of elocution can be defined as the skill and expressive speech especially of distinct pronunciations and articulation.
- Thus to imbibe these qualities in the upcoming generation an elocution competition was conducted in which students of VVS participated with great enthusiasm and put in a lot of effort.
- The topic for the elocution was 'Heart Healthy Environment'
- This activity was conducted in the month of September.



Assembly on Literacy Day

- Every year on 8th September world the celebrates International literacy day as suggested by UNESCO.
- On this day the world community is reminded on the lack of literary skills among people and the importance of literary skills in daily lives.
- To celebrate this occasion students of VVS conducted a special assembly to ignite everyone's mind on the importance of education in the world.

- The students used this opportunity to emphasize on the importance of women literacy as well. As the famous saying goes 'You educate a man you educate an individual , You educate a women You educate a Society.
- There was a special skit enacted by the students to further send a message and to elaborate their efforts.
- Students also took an oath 'Each one Teach one'
- This activity was conducted in the month of September.

Trip to Ramanarayam

- Ramayana is considered to be the holiest epic for Hindus is undoubtedly the most popular and timeless epic read and loved by all. Lord Srirama who had all along stood for human values, Principles and Ethics and never swayed in dharma is the epitome for all Hindus across the world.
- Swami Vivekananda said “No language can be purer, none chastier, none more beautiful, and at the same time simpler than the language in which the great poet VALMIKI has depicted the life of RAMA”.
- Based on the great epic of Valimiki Ramayana, the theme park-Ramanarayanam is the first-of-its-kind in the country having been **built entirely without taking / seeking donations.**

- The students of Visakha Valley School visited this divine place depicting the life of Lord Shri Rama.
- The students had access to a great source of human values, ethics and many more.





India Of My Dreams

- We had an essay writing and poster making competition on the topic 'India Of My Dreams'.
- There was not only a great response but also high quality content from the students.
- Here is an excerpt from one of the essays written :

- There was a special assembly with a student conveying the message of Gandhiji's life.



- There was also an essay writing competition on the topic “India-Africa Relations – The efforts of Gandhiji”.
- Many students have elaborated on the life of Gandhiji and his contribution for reduction of apartheid in South Africa.
- Students have also emphasized on why he was called Mahatma.
- This was an activity in the month of October.

ECO WALK

*It's not whether you get knocked down,
It's whether you get back up.*

This was very true in the case of Visakhapatnam- the city of Brave Hearts, when the natural calamity Hudhud had struck.

The whole city was ravaged, not leaving anything with which the city could be recognized. There were no resources for days together.

But nevertheless the people of Visakhapatnam fought back with all their vigour and limped back to normalcy.

In particular, the Vallian family has contributed a lot in this process of getting back to normalcy.

My Discovery Of India

- My Discovery Of India is a short-film directed and produced by few students of Visakha Valley School.
- The short film glorifies the importance of India.
- The story revolves around a young man who is an N.R.I, comes to India to his hometown and gets attracted by the charisma of the Indian Cultures and values and gradually discovers the true Indian inside him and the greatness of India.

Plantation Drive

- From time immemorial, the mango, known as the King of Fruits, has been an important part of Indian life.
- Mangos have historically been revered as symbols of life and happiness. It is said that Buddha himself rested and meditated with his fellow monks in the peaceful tranquility of lush mango groves in places such as Amrapali and Mahachunda.
- Many cases in history record the effects that mangos have had in shaping people's beliefs, customs and ways of life.