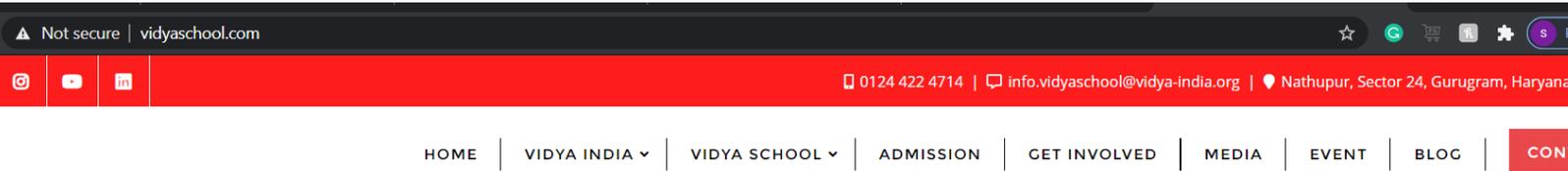


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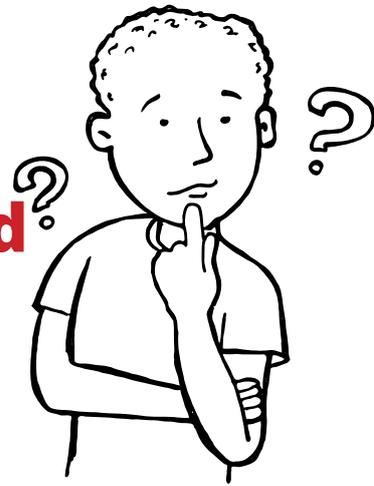
## VIDYA VAANI

### *Volume IV*

Welcome to the fourth edition of VIDYA Vaani. Every fresher desires a typical Karan Johar movie-like college life (No matter how unrealistic it may be). Due to the pandemic, all dreams of college life have had to be reworked for our Alumni. Our alumni are warriors and plan like strategists! Read some of their testimonials in this edition to understand how they plan to fight through it all.



## Mrs. Sarita Shahi



**How long have you been associated with VIDYA and in what Capacity?**

I have been associated with VIDYA for almost a decade now along with Mr. Zal Daver. We were colleagues in Modern School Vasant Vihar and were Headmistress/Headmaster there before we retired. I started as an Education Consultant in VIDYA but gradually got involved in fundraising. As each child's education in VIDYA has to be sponsored I am involved in raising funds for their education from Corporates, individual donors, and sponsored events. The last program I was involved in was the Sonam Kalra show. Sonam was my old student from MSVV and was gracious enough to perform gratis. She is also VIDYA's Global Ambassador now. I am also the Manager of the school.

## **Why did you choose to work with VIDYA? What were your expectations?**

VIDYA is a magnet of positivity headed by its charismatic and cheerful leader, Rashmi Misra, who drew me into her orbit of humanitarian optimism. When Rashmi asked me to join VIDYA after I retired from MSVV it was impossible to refuse. Her passion for VIDYA was palpable and soon I too, like others in VIDYA, became as passionate about the vision and mission of VIDYA as she is! Rashmi is a truly inspirational lady who is a living example of the extraordinary heights a layperson can achieve by the force of the spirit of service. My expectations from VIDYA were simple. I was in MSVV, a school for the children of the elite where they took all the privileges accorded to them by life's circumstances for granted. At VIDYA I saw children from the other side of the spectrum. They may not come from such privileged social and economic backgrounds but they are fired by big dreams and are very motivated to endeavor to be the future leaders of tomorrow and do their mite in being the change and to bring the change to their families, community, and country! I just wanted to be part of the system that nudged them to realize those dreams! These expectations have been awarded many times over. It has added many years to my life.

## **According to you, how is VIDYA different from other non-profit organizations?**

VIDYA exposes its children to all possibilities in life and gives them the confidence and the ability to choose what suits them best. It's not just a literacy program. It is holistic and prepares them to be successful citizens who don't forget their roots and inculcates in them a spirit of giving back to society. Their aspirations are not only for themselves but for the greater good! Decision-making is democratic, consultive, and by consensus in VIDYA. It seeks to empower its students and be the agents of change in the near future.

## **How has being associated with VIDYA impacted you at a personal level?**

VIDYA has helped me grow..... to see for myself... to come out of the cocoon and taught me valuable lessons in giving and empathy.

## **What would you say about the students at VIDYA?**

The students of VIDYA are the future of India. They are the go-getters whom nothing can stop. They have refused to allow the limitations of their circumstances to inhibit their growth as responsible and mature individuals. Very shortly, I see them holding key positions in all spheres of life!

## **What is your message to friends of VIDYA?**

My message to friends of VIDYA would be to come to join the VIDYA journey...it will be a masterclass in what it means to be human. You will fall in love with VIDYA and the VIDYA family as I did a decade ago!



My name is Amisha Khatoon. I have completed my 12th from VIDYA School from humanities. Presently, I am pursuing B.A. Program degree from Jamia Millia Islamia University. Previously, I had taken admission to Delhi University but later on, when I found my name in Jamia Millia Islamia's admission list, I shifted there. On the day of admission, I went to my college and got admission hassle-free. I am feeling very proud and somewhat mature in experiencing the online mode of education in college. It is actually a nice feeling but I think studies would have been more fun in a physical college setting. As a student, I could have learned thousands of things in college life by visiting there. I am missing all those things so I feel that the regular offline mode of education would have been better. For 2021 I wish my college to get started via the offline mode, so that I get more opportunities to learn, enjoy and make remarkable memories in 2021.

## AMISHA KHATOON



## ANKUSH SINGH



My name is Ankush Singh and I am 18 years old. I completed my 12th from Vidya school with humanities as a stream(2020) and now I am pursuing Social work honors (B.S.W) from Bhim Rao Ambedkar College. During the pandemic, I was stressed about how everything went because lockdown started when there was 1 exam left i.e geography and I was tensed about how CBSE will evaluate. Nonetheless, in the end, everything went well. Cutoffs were very high in DU, especially in north campus colleges. Online mode can never be better than being physically present there but It's good, I am getting a good education while sitting in my home and I don't have to travel, which is the best thing. The only thing I don't like about online mode is continuous classes without any breaks. I am liking the online mode. It's a new thing for me but I am getting used to it. At last, I'm looking forward to having a productive and healthy year.



I'm Khushboo Kardam passed out class 12th (Batch 2019-2020) student of Vidya School. Now I'm pursuing B.A. (honors) in Geography from Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar College ( Delhi University). I was very young when my mother left me at Nana's house for my education because at that time my immediate family's condition was not stable. So, I completed my studies from my Nana's house. They used to take care of me. They gave me all the facilities that are given to every child by their parents. My board exam experience in pandemic was okay. I used to study for 3-4 hours daily for my 12th boards. When I got to know that my geography exam had been postponed, I was a little happy to get some more time to prepare myself for exams. I started to prepare one chapter daily, along with the maps of the chapters. During the lockdown, I actually got a lot of time, and therefore, I had learned a lot of things like cooking, doodle art, and sketching, and also revising my lessons alongside. However, after some time I kept my books aside and enjoyed my time at home with my family while staying up to date with news. After a month we got to know that some exams were canceled because of the COVID-19. I was sad, but when the results were announced I was satisfied with my marks. After the results it was time to take admission to the college; everything is now in the online mode. I had filled the forms for some Universities like IP University, Delhi University, and Chaudhary Charan Singh University too. My only wish is to experience college life in the physical setting.

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## **KHUSHBOO KARDAM**



**pursuing B.A. (Hons.)  
Geography from Dr.  
Bhimrao Ambedkar  
College ( Delhi University)**



I'm Nishant Kumar Sharma, 18 years old and currently pursuing my graduate degree from BIMLA DEVI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY'S GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS with BTECH(Electrical Engineering). My hobbies are reading novels & writing poems. The pandemic started or was recognized in India at the end of January. And at that time our pre-board exams were going on. Soon after that, our exams were going to start in March. Meanwhile, we were given holidays to prepare for the exam. We had to focus and prepare for our exams as well as deal with all the precautions that were going on during the pandemic. My exams were over before the government announced the lockdown. Being a first-generation learner, there were many challenges while choosing a college. I didn't have much information about all the processes at that time. I visited many colleges so that it could be easy to decide after I've seen them. Our college has its own computer application in which all the classes are recorded, so any student could watch/attend that class at any time. And if that student didn't understand it then he/she could watch that video again and again as many times as they want. So, I can attend classes whenever I want. To be honest I expected that it was going to be hectic and difficult to attend classes online. But as I mentioned earlier it's nothing like that, I can attend that class whenever I want. However, I think it would be great if the colleges are opened soon.

## Nishant Kumar Sharma



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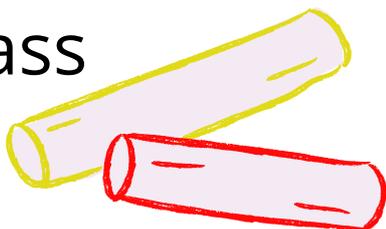


My name is Nikita Dhek, an alumna of Vidya from the batch of 2019-2020. I took admission in VIDYA in 11th class. I am proud to share that I cherished every moment of my school days. My experience in VIDYA was just amazing, I got infinite love and lessons from my teachers and mates. As the whole world is trying their best to stay safe because of COVID- 19. It appears there's now a general agreement that nothing is the same anymore, everyone's life has taken a new turn. It was a whole new experience for me as a student when I went to my center for giving the 12th board examinations. I have had to maintain social distancing, proper sanitization, wear the mask and follow some other safety measures, etc. So far it was good and a bit different for me and my friends. It was a giddy feeling to face this new normal. After completing my schooling at VIDYA, I have got admission to Maitreyi College which is one of the most prestigious women's colleges in Delhi University. I'm enrolled in B.A. Program. It was a whole online admission process. During the admission process, I was in my hometown Uttarakhand. I had to face some network issues while filling up the form for my admission among other problems. Like, I successfully logged in to the website, but as I moved to the course section to fill the form, the page wasn't loading, photos and documents weren't uploaded because of some of the issues in the website. Somehow, after a little delay, everything was sorted out and my form was successfully submitted. As of now, my online classes have started. Although I find myself more convenient in being physically present in a classroom and being more interactive with professors and friends, I am somehow coping with online mode. These online classes are way too distracting and disturbing, though they offer flexibility, easy to turn around during one-hour lectures. If I could choose from wanting to do more online learning in the future, I will not, because although I'm the independent type, the vibes of learning online at home are just not the same as in a classroom with other students. I wish as 2021 comes with a new beginning, a fresh year, this pandemic gets over soon, the college opens quickly as I'm eagerly waiting to see the campus and start a new chapter of my life, make new friends, and live the college life. Hope this situation gets over soon so that everyone could live their life as earlier.

## NIKITA DHEK

VIDYA SCHOOL

11th class





I have received an offer from "Cadence Design System, Noida" as a Design Engineer. As I'm an Electronics and Communication Engineering student, I always wanted to be a part of any Semiconductor/ VLSI/ EDA company. Now, I'm extremely happy and excited to meet new experiences. I'm a final year undergraduate at NIT Kurukshetra (2017-2021). It was a wonderful three and a half years of college experience. Here I was free to explore myself and I always did the things which pleased me and motivated me. VIDYA helped me a lot. It helped me in my academics, social skill, and overall holistic development. The teachers were very supportive, they always motivated me, helped me to recognize what am I good at. There are certain things I want to share as to what led to my success. Firstly, always surround yourself with positive people. Make good friends learn positive things from them. Always try to do the things which please you, it keeps you motivated. Keep yourself engaged and always try to learn something new. Three things I want to advise my juniors are:

- a) **Keep learning:** It doesn't matter at what position you are at and what are you doing. Always try to learn something. Just don't feel satisfied at any point in your life because you are never perfect.
- b) **It's never too late to start anything:** Just start learning whatever you want to learn, because if you are interested and motivated then you can achieve it.
- c) **Respect everyone** whether he/she is your junior, senior, friends, or any unknown.



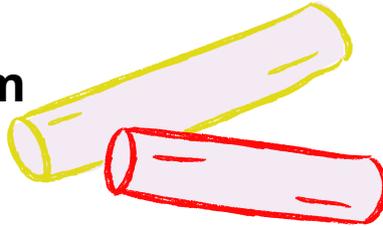
**GAUTAM SHAH**

**"Cadence Design System, Noida" as a Design Engineer**



## SHALU KUMARI

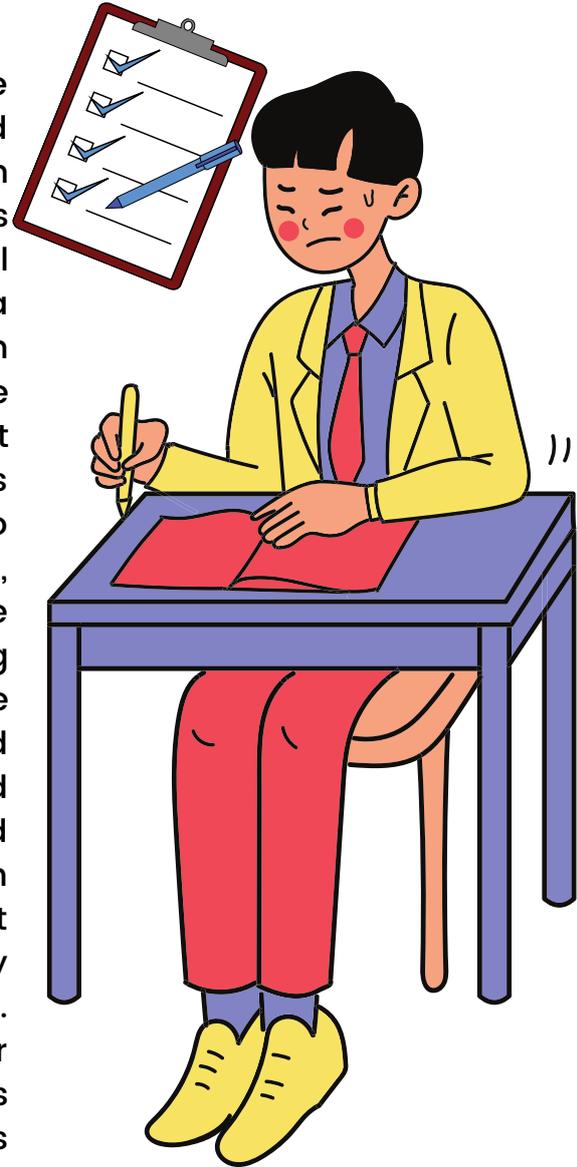
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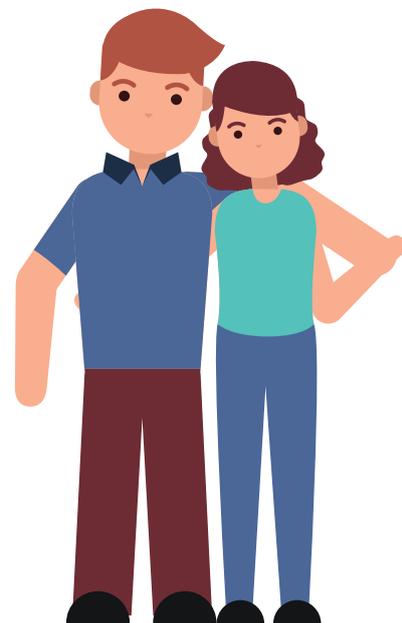
My name is Shalu Kumari and currently, I'm studying in 11th standard in Vidya School Gurugram. I have opted for the Commerce stream. The year 2020 has been a completely different year which has taught me many things as well as provided me a plethora of opportunities to explore. Due to Covid-19, our school was closed for such a long period that I was very worried about my studies because in grade 11, all the subjects were new to us and I didn't know how to cope up with the stress it added. I was worried whether we would be able to understand from the online classes, however, our teachers are so kind and hardworking that they tried to teach us in every simple way they could. In the beginning, it was very difficult for me to comprehend, but as I started concentrating, I slowly started understanding as well. Yes, online classes were not so good for me because I faced a lot of network issues, due to which, I missed my classes as well sometimes. During the pandemic, just sitting at home and not being able to go anywhere bored me a lot. However, I was finally relieved when our Aspire sessions vanished all my boredom since they were very interesting, insightful, and yet so entertaining and helpful. Last year as there was a lockdown for so long, I couldn't meet my friends and the thing which I missed the most was my dancing. I love dancing and due to the pandemic, I couldn't go out for my dance practice and that was the worst thing that could have happened for me ever. But now as our school is gradually opening with all the SOPs for the seniors, I am very eager to meet my teachers, friends, and most importantly, to dance again. It feels so happy going back to school after so long. Since school has reopened, it's now easier to understand the concepts and classes as well. Moreover, the year 2020 was good for many things like we got time to sit and spend time with our families as we didn't get this time before due to the busy schedule of everyone. In 2020, I worked upon myself and many things changed in me. But this year was not good for my parents as they were not getting their full salaries which created a lot of problems at home. However, since we are now heading towards normal, everything is getting better slowly. Hopefully, everything will be as normal as before covid-19 came into our lives, and hopefully, I'll be able to meet my friends soon.

## THE FIRST PRE-BOARD AND COVID

As time passes by Covid-19 stays with us while we're in the vaccination phase. All of this going on around the world but studies are still given priority around the world and in Vidya. As the education minister confirms that the boards 2020-21 will be held from the 4th of May 2021 all the school started their revision phase and taking pre boards. Vidya also had their first-ever pre-board in the pandemic with all precautions and safety measures. Initially, the stage area was used for the commencement of pre-board-1 but as the chilly winter arrived at the same time students started complaining about the cold wind passing by. So after a couple of discussions among the staff members, the management decided to shift the students in the dining hall and near the reception area for the remaining papers and a thing to notice among all this is that all the pre-boards were done under total social distancing and sanitization of every place possible. Students were asked to carry their own water bottle, sanitizers, face masks, and every other essential and not to borrow anything from anybody else. Not only this. Vidya is preparing for the next pre-boards as soon as possible because whatever may happen quality studies are the main motto here at VIDYA. As one of the 12th class students said "it wasn't easy for me or anyone in my friend's group to study these days and give examination like this earlier we used to discuss what can come in the examination before the exams and the answers after that but now we can't do all of this because of obeying the social distancing and covid-19 norms not only this after the confirmation from the education board that the boards would commence soon before that I was worried that how would the marks are given of our boards paper how would we be assisted and many more questions were in my mind now I'm just waiting for my boards and do my best and I've faith in my government and my school". This shows that the only hope of students is to give the boards 2021 as soon as possible and give their best. We the VIDYA Vaani's team with all of the board's Students all the best and our best wishes for their upcoming future.



I am Mr. Hari Prasad Paudel, father of Divya and Vishal Paudel. I studied up to 8th standard. When I was young, my dream was to open my own restaurant but because of my lack of education and family pressure, I had to quit it. Today I am working as a cook, but I have to abide by some authority rather than being the boss myself. When I see my children at VIDYA school, it fills me with immense faith that unlike me, my children will have enough guidance to fulfill their dreams. VIDYA school has so far given my children support, guidelines, and abundant places of opportunity to grow in whichever direction they like. Which is rarely given by other schools. Children enjoy various learning opportunities conducted by teachers. In every parent meeting, the Principal is always present to listen to our opinions and concerns. Divya Paudel is my eldest daughter, who studied at this school. She is provided scholarships from the school for her higher education. She is doing her BBA course. Her hobby is dancing and she got some certificates and awards for best dancer. Vishal Paudel is my son who is studying in 12th standard with science stream. He is good at academics as well other curricular activities as he got a chance to write an article for a newspaper, selected for various robotics competitions and other accolades. His hobby is playing chess as he participated in the CBSE chess tournament and won prizes for the same. During the lockdown, many students lost their studies. Board students get more stress about their exams. Vidya school was always ready to remove difficulties. They provide online classes, laptops to those who do not have phones. I am thankful to VIDYA school for always being ready to help us even in this pandemic. Be it providing devices, doing recharge, or distributing ration kits. In the end, I am delighted that I sent both of my children to VIDYA.



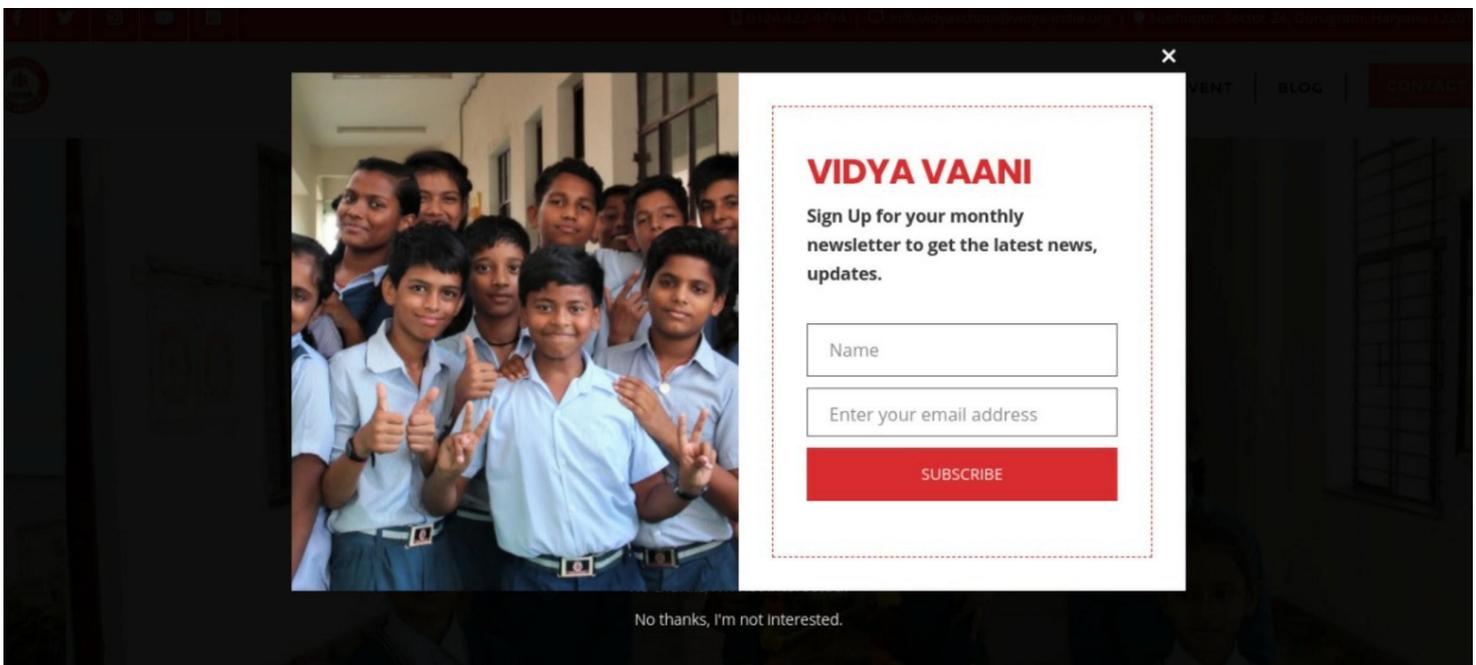
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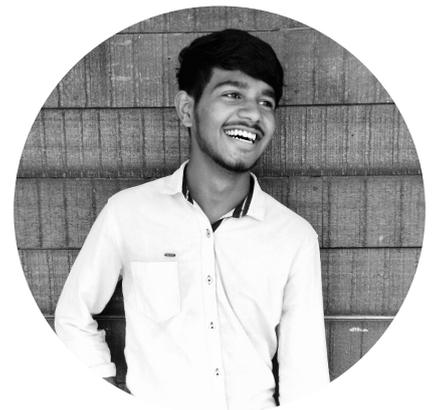
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We welcome you to our fourth edition of the series and hope to keep you engaged. Venga! Board the train to VIDYA Land and let Vidya Vaani echo unsung vignettes of inspiration into your ears.



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