

Report on the ITE Mela organized by Vikramshila Education Resource Society in collaboration with SSA

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Time: 11:00 am to 4pm

Venue: SSM,Kolkata

In 2015 Vikramshila Education Resource Society stretched out to 76 govt schools situated around the Naba Disha Centres. Students who come to Naba Disha also go to some of these schools and the schools are also aware of the process of Naba Disha. Many of these schools have asked for our intervention and also have come to observe Naba Disha process or have used our TLM for their sessions. Thus, in this process Naba Disha is working as the hub and the Govt schools are working as the spoke schools. Through learning camps, Early Grade Reading and Library management and ITE (Integrated approach to Technology in Education) interventions we have reached out to above 10,000 students (Approx) in Govt schools.

Integrated approach to Technology in Education (ITE) is an innovative concept in the domain of ICT-enabled education. Technology when fits comfortably with the curriculum or instructional plans of teaching is an indicative of integration of technology in education.

The ITE project was taken up by Vikramshila in 2014 to introduce an integrated approach to technology in education – ensuring linkages between the school curriculum, pedagogy and technology. The objective is to bridge the digital divide and foster digital citizenship, trigger higher order thinking skills among students and increase interest in school and learning.

A total of 31 secondary Govt sponsored schools have been part of the ITE intervention. We have reached out to almost 3000 students through regular classes and workshops.

The ITE mela took place on the 19th January, 2017 with the support of Sarva Shiksha Mission, Kolkata at Siksha Bhavan. The purpose of this mela was to share a platform where the students can showcase their learning. The urgency of this sharing had come from the headmaster and headmistress of many schools. They have requested the Vikramshila teachers to arrange such meet where their students can showcase their projects. Some of the Headmaster and Headmistress have also offered their space to conduct this meeting.

Students selected topics from their textbooks and made various projects using different applications out of them with the help of Nabadisha teachers. Not only that, students did experiment of different concepts and video documented those to incorporate that in their projects. This exposure to technology made text book learning a fun and more interesting to them.

Students choose the projects that they wanted to share and they practiced the presentation of the same. The Naba Disha teachers and in some cases school teachers engage them in interactive sharing so that they are ready to answer the guests as well. Students were fortified with knowledge and accessories by the Recourse Persons from Vikramshila for making the presentation sound and interesting. When the big day came, the students came up to showcase their work and share their work and knowledge with teachers, parents and visitors from various fields of education.

We were honored to have Ms. Sunanda Mukhopadhaya, Chairperson, and West Bengal Women's Commission was the Chief Guest and Mr. Kartick Chandra Manna, Chairman, SSM and Ms. Amina Charania, Associate Professor, TISS as the Guest of Honour. Others guests presented were Mr, Chinmoy Sarkar, District inspector of schools; Ms. Shubhra Bhattacharya, DPO, SSM and Mr. Arnab Sarkar, ADPO.

The programme started with brief introductory speech from the guests who threw light upon the various aspects of the Mela, its aims and objectives. All the students, parents and school teachers were present at the session where guests were greeted and welcomed by the Vikramshila personnel. They were introduced to the spectators duly.

Our honorable guest, Mr, Kartik Chandra Manna shared that he is impressed by this initiative of Vikramshila and he feels that ITE will attract more students towards Government schools and will help them to understand their texts better. He also added that technology should be integrated in academics.

Dr. Amina Charania addressed the teachers and the Heads of the Government schools and requested them to include ITE in their regular classroom activities and reiterated the need of regular assessment on ITE so that the outcome is measured in clear terms.

Our Chief Guest Ms. Sunanda Mukhopadhaya in her speech emphasized that ITE exposure is necessary for all underprivileged students to fight superstitions and gender discriminations. After that Ms. Mukhopadhaya inaugurated the mela and interacted with the students. The students presented their projects to all the guests.

There was also a quiz after every presentation in which visitors were asked questions on the projects after every presentation.

A group of students did a skype session with Miss Tara Sabawala, Associate Director, Tata Trust, to give her a visual tour of the mela and updates about it. They took her to different stalls of different schools and the students presented their projects and asked her questions from the chits.

There were live stalls to calculate BMI and height and weight in different planets. The group of students took Tara and calculated BMI of the person who was present with her for the skype session.

Students from two of the organizations were also presented there. Students from Suchana (Bolpur) shared a community projects with the visitors and the Samaritan help Mission (Howrah) students presented a project on scratch.

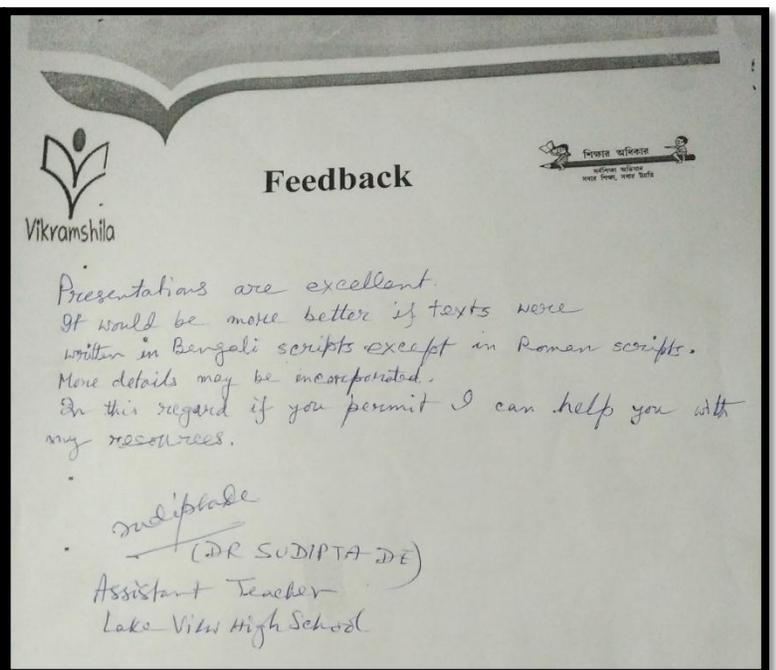
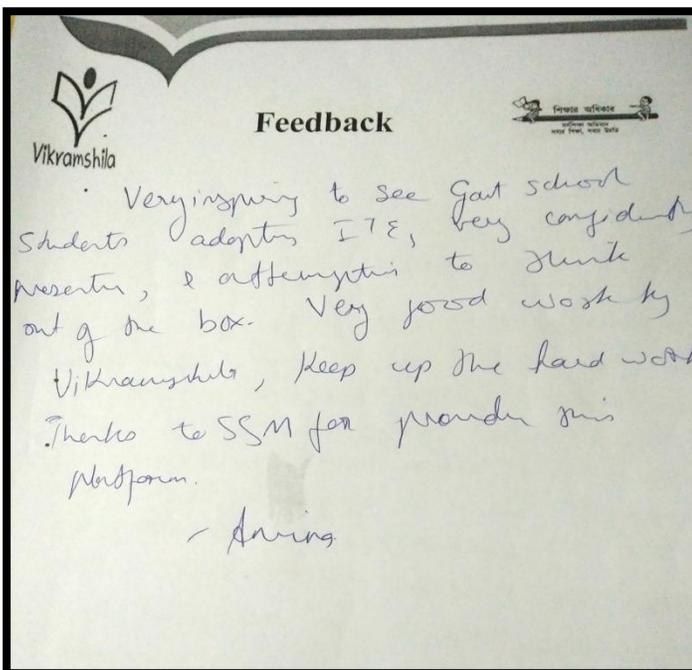
A few students also performed a live movie making session which was highly appreciated by the visitors. Along with the projects, all the stalls had live experiments where the students gave demo along with the presentation. Visiting students also interacted with the performing students and shared knowledge and experience with them.

After going through the stalls and interacting with all the students Dr Amina expressed that it was very inspiring for her to see the government schools adopting ITE and she hoped that they will adopt this in their regular curriculum eventually. Many visitors remarked that the whole concept is a product of an out of the box thought by Nabadisha.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the mela. To share one such glimpse, after visiting the stalls, two of the students from one school came searching for a stall as they could not see that stall as it was crowded.

Overall, the programme was a success resulting into a great medium of advocacy.

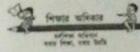
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Feedback

About ITE Mela

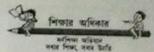


The effort is commendable. An entirely out of the box approach introduced in class room learning at government schools. The students in these schools get minimum exposure to information technology. It is highly praiseworthy that these students now are initiated to this sector and the approach can be initiated through vernacular medium. But to mainstream this concept the syllabus/curriculum pattern must be changed so that teachers get more time to delve in depth in some selected portions of the syllabi.

Alpesh (ISHITA GHOSH)
H.M. (Debarsha Vidyalaya for Girls)



Feedback



It is a great experience to visit this exhibit. With the use of technology students of different schools of Kolkata are explaining their subjects, be it English, Geography or Science. Girls of Sujata Devi School show their Geography topic nicely and girls of Lake view Girls School explained about "Cloud" chapters in English through drawing in their laptop.

This approach towards the use of technology, drawing etc are really praiseworthy. All the students are enthusiastic and are enjoying their participation.

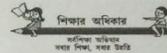
I wish every success of this program.

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কিন্তু আরও সফল হবে।

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Some pictures of the ITE Mela:



Addressing the



TISS addressing the

Students presenting their project to Mr. Kartick Chandra Manna, Chairman, SSM

In one of the Live Stalls, the students are calculating Mr. Chinmoy Sarkar's (DI) weight in different planet.





Students explaining their projects to a guest



Students explaining their projects to a guest



The last minute preparation going on.....



Students explaining their projects to a guest



Students busy exploring different stalls

Below is the list of the schools and the projects presented by the students:

Sl no	School Name	Circle number	Topic	Project Name
1	Bagahajatin Balika Vidyalaya	13	Solar System	Saktir Utso!
2	Binodini Girls' High School	12	Air	Hawa Bodol
3	CMO High School	6	Bacteria	Anujibi
4	Deshbandhu Vidhyapith High School	7	Medicinal Plants	Oisodhi Oushadh
5	Dumdum Road Govt. Sponsored High School	1	Food	Ahare Bahare
6	Islamia High School (Boys')	9	Population	Barchi Mora
7	Kalidhan Institution For Girls '	11	Bones	Hare Hare
8	Karaya Govt. School	9	Uses of water	Pani Zidegani
9	Khidderpore Balika Vidyatan	10	Folded Mountain	Paharer Bhanje Bhanje
10	Khidderpore Milani High School	10	Festival	Tero Parbon
11	Lake View Girls' High School	12	Cloud	Megher Kotha
12	Lake View High School(Boys)	12	Interest (Sud)(math)	Sude Asole
13	Moulana Hasrat Mohani Memorial Girls' High School	Alipore	Balance Diet	Khabar Khane ki
14	Prantapalli Balika Vidyalaya	Tollygunge	Rainbow	Ramdhanur Rong
15	Sir Nripendra Nath Girls' High School	22	Coal	Kalo Hira
16	Smt.Jaharnandi Vidyapith	17	Petroleum	Torol Sona
17	Sujata Devi Vidyamandir	11	Earthquake	Kampche Mati
18	The Khidderpore Academy	10	Fossil Fuel	Fossil Thele Jwalani
19	Narkeldanga Boys' High School	7	Energy	Jol theke Bidyut
20	Anjuman Islamia Girls' High School	9	Acid Rain	Brishti: Jol na Acid
21	Debendra Vidyapith For Girls'	9	Arsenic	Jole Bish
22	Bangali Bazar High School	Alipore	Balance Diet	Dane Dane Par...
23	Dhankheti High School	Alipore	Air pollution	Sanson Mein Zahar
24	Jadavpur Sammilito Balika Vidyalaya	Tollygunge	River	O Nodi Re!!
25	Alipore Tankshal Vidyapith For Boys'	Behala	Sun	Namastey Suraj!!
26	Lajpat Hindi High School	10	Plain	Kissa Maidan Ka
27	Tiljala Brajanath Vidyapith	9	Electricity	Bidyut Chomkia Jai

28	Kalighat Mahakali Pathshala	18	Mudra	Tankshal
29	Dhakuria Ramchandra High School	12	Earthquake	Kampche Jol
30	Kalighat High School	18	Population	Barche Manus! Thakbo Kothai!