



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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## Gita and Upanishad teacher in focus

**G. D. Kamath**, generally called Kamath Uncle, has been teaching the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita for adults for about eight years. He is the first generation disciple of Swami Chinmayananda. He belongs to the generation of the youth that actively fought for, and gained independence for India. Frantically looking for a Guru, and after having knocked on several doors, he found peace at Swami Chinmayananda's lotus feet. Kamath uncle worked all over India, with BSF, the Railways, After retiring from the corporate world, he continues to read and analyze the various Hindu scriptures, including the Gita and the Upanishads, developing fresh insights. He looks forward to his classes at Vidya Vikas and is always happy and eager to share his knowledge with others. Her daughter Maya and her husband Jaya Jaykumar have been associated with Vidya Vikas for many years.

## Student in focus



**Sanskriti Varshney** (age 9, grade 4) has been attending Vidya Vikas classes since 2013. Currently she is a level 5 Hindi, Religion & Bhajan student. Since taking classes at Vidya Vikas, she has been able to relate & connect more with her culture & roots. Thanks to Vidya Vikas, she has learned very good spoken, reading & writing Hindi skills and has participated in many Hindi speech contests & always won first prize. She is a *Gifted & Talented* student at her school. She is in Violin *Fine Tuner* also. She was the youngest student to enter *Elementary Honor Orchestra* from her school to HEB ISD in grade 3. She likes to sing, play piano & keyboard. Music is her passion. She has performed many singing solos with piano/keyboard and won prizes too. She possesses amazing stage confidence. She is a teacher's assistance at her school in math & violin classes. Her other hobbies are reading, painting, Taekwondo, swimming, playing with her younger brother and eating lots of sweets.

## Upcoming events

**Youth Group Meeting:** Jan. 14, 2018

**Hindi Speech Contest:** Jan. 21, 2018

**Anti-bullying Presentation:** Jan. 28, 2018

**Yard Sale by Youth Group:** Feb. 11, 2018

**Career speaker Series Presentation:** Feb. 18, 2018

**Anand Bazar:** Mar. 4, 2018