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HLF 2019 @ Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet. 25th to 27th Jan 2019

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2019 the Guest Nation was China and the festival focused on Friday amidst several installations, dances by students, street theatre and panel discussions on a variety of topics ranging from #MeToo, contemporary trends in Chinese literature, encountering stereotypes, relevance of Mahatma Gandhi and other issues.

Students participated in **Youngistan**, Flash mob, attended Panel discussions, installations, art exhibitions, storytelling workshops, Telangana dance form performances and took selfies with their favourite actresses, singers, writers and film directors.



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HLF 2020- 24th to 26th Jan 2020.

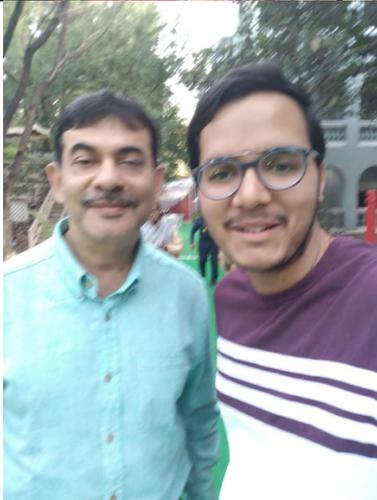
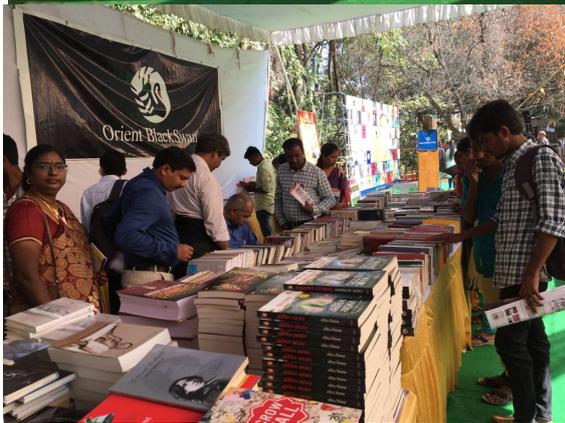
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Each year about 3 lakh people attend this festival. The year 2020 had Australian Literature under Guest Nation, Malayalam under Regional Language in Focus and was held at Vidyaranya High School, Saifabad, Hyderabad. As each year the faculty of English attends the festival with students, registered institutions receive mobile/mail alerts two months ahead of the festival. This academic year VGDC responded to the call for Volunteers by the festival committee and students applied online for volunteering. Out of 15 students who applied 5 were selected by the committee based on their response and telephonic interaction. These selected volunteers were given an orientation for two days and were allotted various responsibilities ranging from registration, guiding public at Information desk to various venues, handling crowd at workshops, exhibitions, assisting organisers in making make shift arrangements, announcements in making the festival an eco-friendly event.

Volunteering has been a Best Practice of Department of English as our students have always been involved in Registrations, announcements, MCing, handling student crowd at all college level events. This exposure at college helped the students who never stepped out of their comfort zone to reach out to literate, educated general public event held at a larger scale.

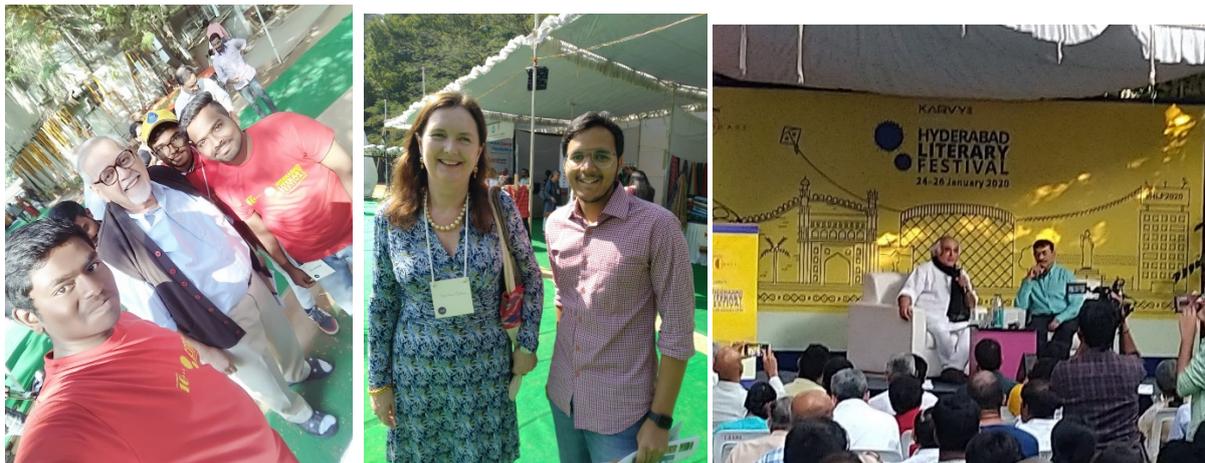
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VGDC students with staff at HLF 20, Vidyaranya High School, at selfie point & Book stalls.



Students Interacting with B.Venkatesham, IAS, Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Ex Minister Jairam Ramesh, Shanker Melkote of Little Theatre and Australian Consulate General.

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Students at HLF Day 2



About 35 students registered from VGDC on Day 1, 45 on Day 2 and 30 on Day 3. VGDC student volunteers received Certificates of appreciation from HLF organising Committee.

Outcome- Students were exposed to 3 days of Literary atmosphere, interacting with national and international delegates, resource persons and observed the nuances of hospitality and organising an event at a grand scale.

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FeedBack: the students feedback was positive and they expressed their willingness to volunteer in such festivals, conferences, seminars and reported that they have shed their inhibitions in interacting with people. VGDC student volunteers :



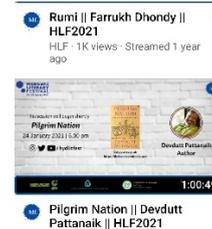
HLF 2021- Online Jan 24th to 26th, 2021

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Due to the Pandemic the HLF Organisers conducted HLF 2021 online, live streamed through their youtube channel. The year 2021 had popular speakers like Devdutt Pattanaik, talking on his Pilgrim Nation, Amitav Ghosh, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, others on rise of Hindutva, etc.,.

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HLF 2022- Jan 28th to 30, 2022

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Due to the Pandemic HLF was held virtually for the second consecutive year between January 28 and 30. The UK will be the guest nation and Punjabi the Indian language in focus this year at the festival, which will be a tribute to Ajay Gandhi, co-founder of Manthan who passed away last year.

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native narratives of India. Students were posted the links of the plays, short films by students and dance performances.

