

VIDYA VANAM

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(Left) Classes held in the open and (right) in the school bus at the villages.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The school's first batch of Std 12 students completed their Practical Examinations as part of the Board exams
- Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary participated in three webinars from October to April
- Fully functional and equipped Food Production Lab and Automotive Lab inaugurated
- The 72nd Republic Day was celebrated virtually
- Vidya Vanam received accreditation for the Diploma in Basic Rural Technology (DBRT) from the National School of Open Schooling



EVENTS



- In December 2020, Vidya Vanam's director participated in an Inter-Generational Dialogue on Leadership and Learning organized by Shanthi Ashram, Coimbatore.
- On January 19, students of Std X and XII returned to school after the government allowed them to do so. Classes were begun to prepare them for the board exams.

EVENTS



On January 26, Vidya Vanam celebrated the 72nd Republic Day virtually. The Indian flag was hoisted on the campus with COVID-19 related protocols in place and the National Anthem was sung.



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- Doctors and volunteers from the Pavithra Clinic visited the school on February 10 (National Deworming Day) and spoke to the teachers and students about the importance of deworming and they also tested the students for sickle cell anaemia.

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- Badrinath S. of Std V and Dakshin P. of Std X won the District-level Discovery India quiz and went on to represent the school at the state level.

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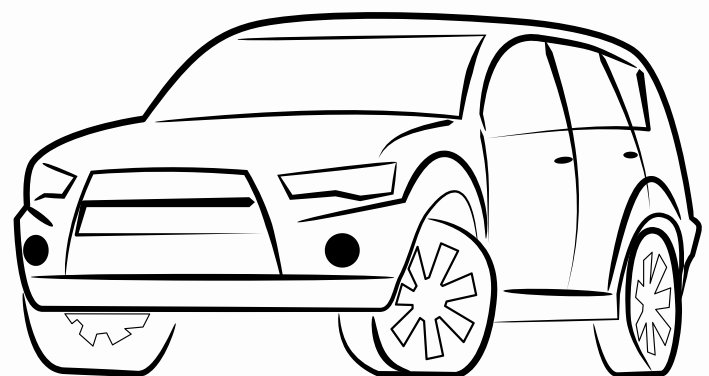


- On February 16, students of Std XII who were studying Food Production along visited Apupa, a bakery and confectionery stores in Coimbatore, as an industry visit. They were accompanied by faculty member Mohammed Rafi A. They interacted with the chef and learnt about various types of breads, pastries and other desserts.

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- Students of Stds X and XII who opted for the Automotive course visited the Anaamalais Toyota workshop as part of their industrial visit.



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A note from the students of Automotive, Vidya Vanam

We visited Anaamalais Toyota, a service centre for Toyota vehicles, in Coimbatore. The centre had around 2500 workers and sections like wheel alignment, water service, accident repair, body and paint, spare parts etc. We noticed that each section had a specific uniform for its workers. The tool room had both regular and special tools. We were informed that the workers using the special tools had to have their id cards before they could take them.

We learnt that there were two ways of washing a car: manual and automatic. The latter takes just 20 minutes. We were also shown the Bharat Stage 6 (BS6) engine, which brings down the pollutant gases emitted by the vehicle. The centre had over 200 vehicles being serviced in a day. A mini theatre played movies for those waiting for their vehicles. Students who had finished their diploma courses were being taught there. They had models of engines and the chassis which were used to explain the workings. They also had a simulation of various road conditions to test drive the vehicle.

We were shown an expensive SUV manufactured by Toyota that had been imported from Japan.

We spent the whole day at the centre and found the experience both exciting and strange.

EVENTS



- Vidya Vanam received Accreditation for the two-year Diploma in Basic Rural Technology (DBRT) course from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Currently, the school has 8 students, who have registered for the course.



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- On March 24, Vidya Vanam inaugurated a Food Production Lab and an Automotive Lab on the campus. Fully equipped with the latest technologies in these fields, the lab will help Secondary and Senior Secondary students who have opted for these courses forge ahead. The tools and equipment for the Automotive Lab were donated by Anaamalais Toyota and ELGI Equipments Limited Coimbatore and the car was donated by S. Devaraj Memorial Trust.

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- The Art Room has been moved to a new space with more room and the students are engaged in creating an environment that reflects their activities.



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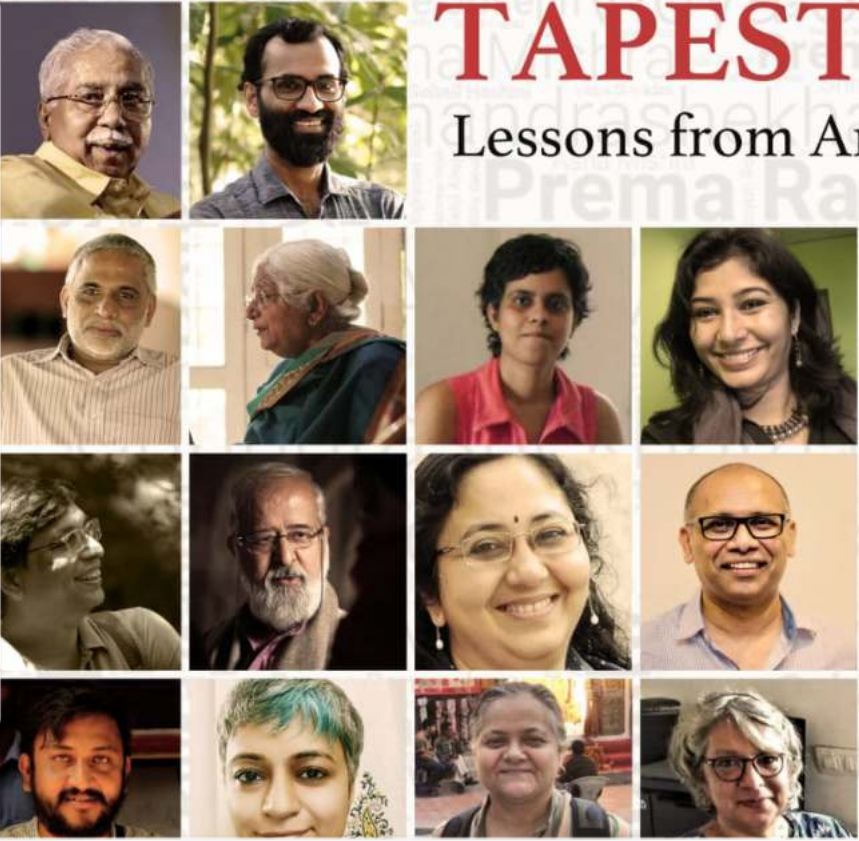
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- Vidya Vanam's Director Prema Rangachary participated in three virtual panel discussions. The session for English Teachers' Interaction Forum (ELTIF) focused on 'Whether literature was necessary to learn English?' and was held on March 13. On March 25, she spoke about art in education as part of the series Interwoven Tapestries presented by the India Foundation for the Arts. On April 17, she spoke to art educators on alternative educational practices in a session organized by Art by Children, an initiative of the Kochi Biennale Foundation. All three sessions were live-streamed on YouTube and had participants from across India.

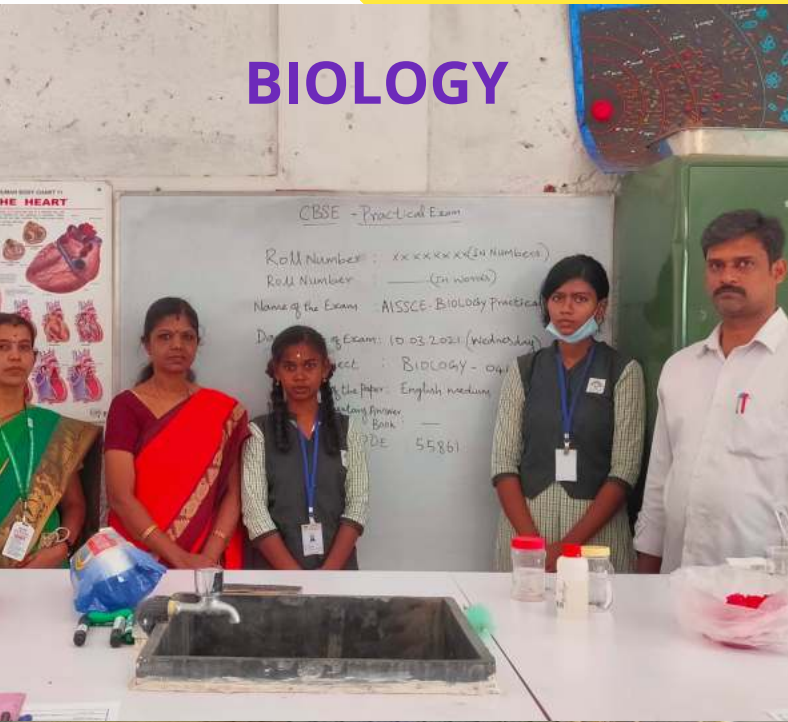
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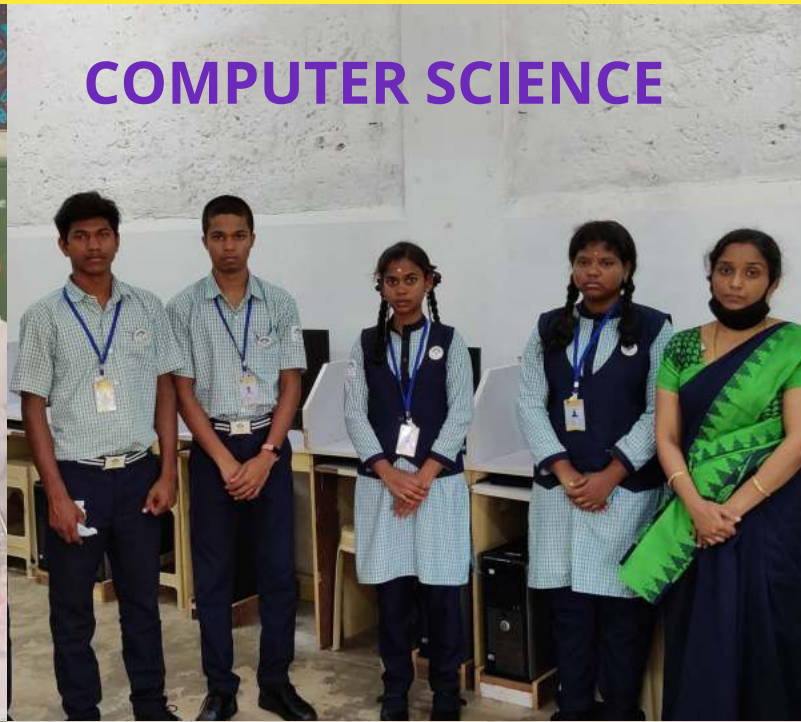
- Thanks to a generous donation from ZF Wind Power Coimbatore Private Limited, Vidya Vanam has upgraded its power back-up with a generator and a solar grid; been able to purchase more water filters and construct additional classrooms for the Senior Secondary school.

EVENTS

BIOLOGY



COMPUTER SCIENCE



FOOD PRODUCTION



FINE ARTS - PAINTING



- The first batch of Std XII students appeared for the practical exams in March in subjects ranging from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology to Physical Education, Carnatic Music, and Bharatanatyam among others.



EVENTS



- The school held a meeting for parents of middle-school children (Std 6 to Std 8) to explain the various courses being offered in the secondary (Stds IX and X) and senior secondary classes (Stds XI and XII). They were also given a tour of the food production lab, automotive lab, and art rooms and informed about the various facilities offered.

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- Since the school was unable to conduct regular classes, the teachers took the school buses to the villages and took classes for stds VIII and IX. The buses went to each village twice a week. While one class had lessons inside the bus, the other would be conducted in the open area. Teachers ensured that safety protocols were followed during these classes. These sessions were held for two weeks before being suspended due to the spike in cases in April.

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By Invitation

Prema Rangachary

- Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary wrote an article on online education and its effectivity in rural areas for the online portal Gaon Connection.
Click the following link for the article
<https://t.co/ZwNSBSwLd3?amp=1>