



VIDYA VANAM

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Vidya Vanam gets affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- Introduces a range of subjects from the Humanities and Arts streams along with Science subjects for Std XI.
- Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary takes part in CII regional summit and a book launch at IIT-Madras.
- 25 school principals from states like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttarakhand visited Vidya Vanam.



ACHIEVEMENTS

On June 3, Vidya Vanam received its affiliation to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Now a Senior Secondary School, the first batch of Std XI students have been enrolled. Subjects offered include the Science, Mathematics, History, Sociology, Music, Dance, Psychology, Visual Arts and Vocational Skill-based subjects like Automobile Engineering, Agriculture, Home Science and Food Production among others.

Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary participated in a panel discussion on alternative educational methods at a regional summit on Quality & Sustainable Education organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in Chennai.

Prema Rangachary was a guest of honour at the launch of the book Inclusive Education in India: Concepts Methods and Practice at IIT-Madras. She received the first copy of the book and participated in a discussion on Theme-based Learning and inclusion of alternative knowledge systems as inclusive pedagogy. She also contributed a paper for the book focusing on the Vidya Vanam model.



EVENTS

On June 21, the school celebrated both World Music Day and World Yoga Day.

For Teacher's Day on September 5th, students entertained their teachers with songs and dances.

Onam saw the school decorated with Poo Kolams. Students plucked flowers from the trees and shrubs in the school campus and also brought other flowers from their homes for their creations.

Students of Std IX, X and XI participated in the Kovai Bookalatta organized by Atta Galatta, Bengaluru, and won prizes at the quiz competition held there. Ratheesh's story on a time-travelling Tasmanian Devil was appreciated by author Andaleeb Wajid.



EVENTS



The term finished with Sports Day. This year the students went on a 1.5 km run outside the school.

Chief Guest Dr R. Giridharan from Ramakrishna Vidyalaya appreciated the fact that all students participated in the games and offered support for further training.

Ramakrishna College of Physical Education, Coimbatore, conducted a sports meet for Vidya Vanam students and awarded medals to the winners.

VISITORS



Padma Shri awardee, scientist, toymaker and innovator Arvind Gupta showed children and teachers how to make toys and models from waste and use them to teach scientific concepts.

Bengaluru-based storyteller Vikram Sridhar conducted a session for children from Std IV to X.

Dr Yasmin Jayathirtha, who works at the Centre For Learning, Bengaluru, conducted a workshop on Activity-Based Learning for the teachers.

Psychiatrist Dr Naveen Kumar V made a presentation on learning disabilities, how a teacher can recognise these early and the availability of remedial measures. He also addressed specific concerns that teachers had about handling such children.

VISITORS



25 school principals from states like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttarakhand visited Vidya Vanam and interacted with our teachers and students to learn more about the school's unique methodology.

Dr Lakshmi Ramanan from Chennai's Shree Sai Healing Trust conducted a general health check-up in July and gave the school feedback on specific issues that needed further investigation or treatment.