



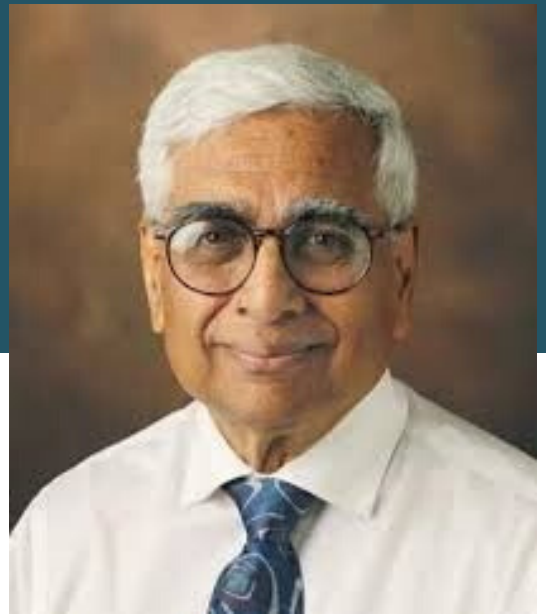
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



While the social and societal disruption of the COVID 19 pandemic is what is in all our minds now, we cannot ignore the events and our success stories of the school which preceded it.

The school having received its accreditation opened the 11th grade for students graduating for the 10th grade in 2019. Of the 15 students who successfully completed the 10th, 11 students have joined the 11th grade and will be the first batch of students completing the 12th grade in 2021. The flexibility of the program to offer new and novel courses in Agriculture and Art has had a positive impact on the students interested in pursuing academic studies. We are the first school with a CBSE affiliation with an “alternative curriculum and pedagogy” addressing the educational needs of the underprivileged.

Our current 10th graders were the first to compete and taken the CBSE exams. Fortunately, their exams concluded just about when the lockdown was implemented. And everyone is anxiously waiting to see how the students fared.

Like everyone else the uncertainties of how the immediate and distant events are likely to shape all aspects of our lives is in our minds. That said, I am proud and happy to say that the students have expressed their confidence in themselves to move on with their lives. Despite limited access to the Internet, they have been participating in classes held via videoconferencing and are trying not to let the lockdown affect their education.

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ABOUT US



The Bhuvana Foundation is dedicated to serving the underprivileged and marginalised sections of society in rural India. The foundation focuses its efforts in the areas of education and vocational training. The foundation is registered under Section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, vide C.No. 627/07-08 dated 06-12-2007. Donations are exempt under Sec 80H of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Bhuvana Foundation is authorised to receive foreign donations under the FCRA Act, 2010 vide Registration No. 075901291.

Bhuvana Foundation Registered office: 2A, 115A, Sivaswamy Salai, Chennai 600004.
Vidya Vanam is located on Thuvaipathy Road, Anaikatti, Coimbatore 641108.

VISION & MISSION



Vision: To nurture tribal children to become self-confident, motivated, knowledgeable, and emotionally stable adults who will be the leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Mission: To provide a fear-free learning environment and a specially designed curriculum that integrates today's educational requirements with the community's unique needs; To inculcate appreciation and respect for their culture, their knowledge base and the environment.

Objectives:

- To build an integrated personality; achieved only when the intellectual, emotional and the physical needs are fulfilled
- To build empathy for the environment, the community and all living creatures
- To ensure that children are free to voice their opinions, think critically and pursue their individual passions
- To ensure the cultural heritage of the tribal communities is weaved into the educational and academic curriculum

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a field. The sky is a warm, orange-brown color, and the foreground is dark, showing silhouettes of people. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

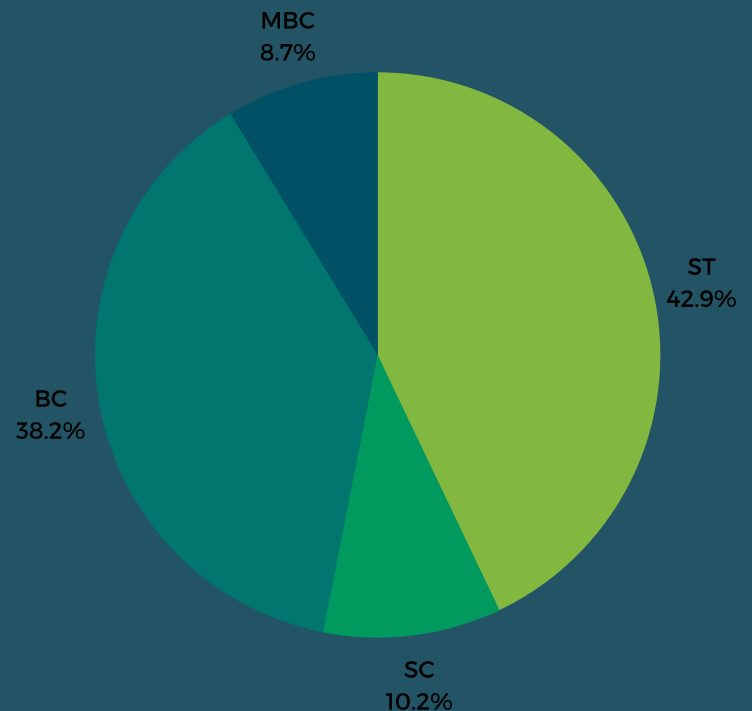
The school committee met on March 2, 2020, and took the following resolutions: to formally induct Mrs Indumathi and Mr Kannappan as parent members, as the two-year term of the previous members had come to an end; to ratify the increase of the fee structure to cover the increase in the cost of provisions, fuel, and other recurring costs; to ratify the school accounts; to formally appoint Prema Surendran as Vice-Principal of Vidya Vanam; to accept Dr Pramod's suggestion of displaying the school's accounts in the website and to share them with the non-tribal parents; to approve of the decision to rent a house near Chinmaya International School, Siruvani, for a month, since that was the venue for the Std X CBSE Board Exam.

PROFILE OF STUDENTS

GENDER DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION



Anaikatti being on the border of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Vidya Vanam has children coming from both states. The villages on the Tamil Nadu side are Anaikatti, Vadakalur, Thekkalur, KK Nagar, Arnatkadu, Kallkadu, Thuvaipathy, Jambukandi, Kuttupilikadu, Aalamamedu, Kondanur, Pudur, Kandivali, Pannapalle, Moongilpallam, Doomanur, Sembukarai, Mangarai, Veerapandi, Thiruvalluvar Nagar, Singuli, Pattisalai, Kalany Pudur, and Aalangadi.

On the Kerala side, the villages are Anaikatti, Mandiamman Koil, Dasanur, Lakshamveedu, Vattalakki, Mattathukadu, Kallmukayur, Kottathora, Sandhakadai, Gulikadavu, Agali, Boothiavali, Memuthumpali, Kizhmuthumpali, Seerakadavu, Ranganathapuram, Chavadiyur, Pudur, Aalamaran, Pattimelam, Vadakoththorai.

EVENTS



Students of Std 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.

The school celebrated various events and festivals like World Yoga Day, World Music Day, Teacher's Day, 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Children's Day, Republic Day, Onam and Pongal.

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.

In December, Vidya Vanam's teachers visited Gujarat on an educational tour. Bhuj, Rann of Kutch, Dholavira, Modera were among the pitstops as were Guajarat Vidyapit and Sabarmati Ashram and Ahmedabad

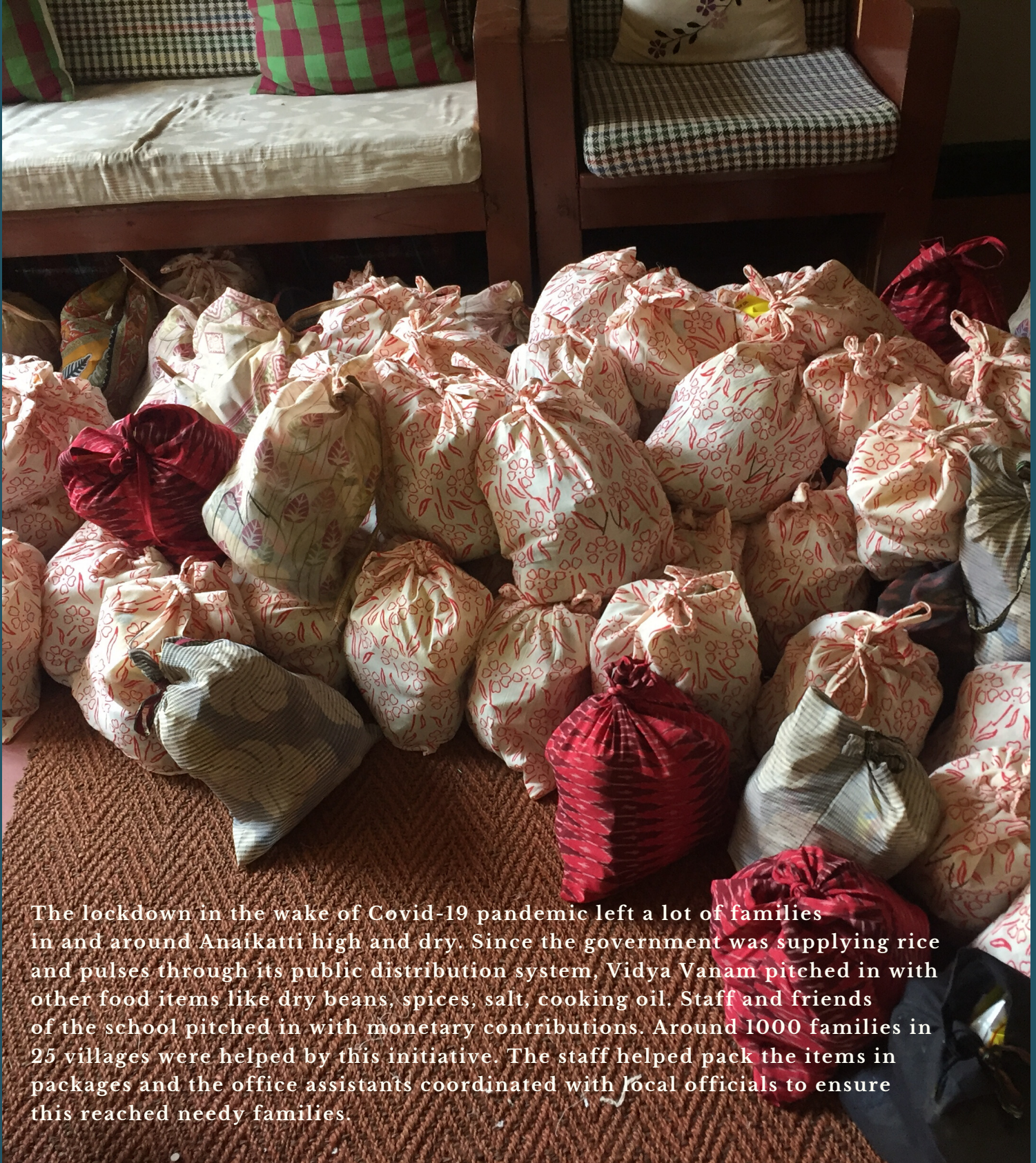
Svanubhava: Over 500 children from various schools in

Coimbatore and Tiruppur visited Vidya Vanam for the annual cultural festival. Performances were varied: a therukoothu based play; a Carnatic recital; demonstrations of Odissi, Mohiniattam, Thudumbattam and the Toda Dance; and a concert by the Jogappas. Vidya Vanam's students performed a small skit on the importance of India's Constitution and read out the Preamble.

Industry visit for Food

Production students: Five students who had picked this subject for Std XI visited ITC WelcomHotel Coimbatore as part of their industry visit. They were taken through all departments, from the security and HR to the kitchens and rooms. The Executive Chef interacted with them and showed them how the kitchen works. They were also shown how the rooms were maintained. M Parameshwari, of Std XI, said, "For the first time, I saw a swimming pool on the rooftop. In the kitchen, the open refrigerator - a cold room that people can walk in and out of and where food like meat were stored - and the salamander, which is used to broil, grill, toast and brown. It is used to finish the food items, were interesting.

COVID-19 HELP



The lockdown in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic left a lot of families in and around Anaikatti high and dry. Since the government was supplying rice and pulses through its public distribution system, Vidya Vanam pitched in with other food items like dry beans, spices, salt, cooking oil. Staff and friends of the school pitched in with monetary contributions. Around 1000 families in 25 villages were helped by this initiative. The staff helped pack the items in packages and the office assistants coordinated with local officials to ensure this reached needy families.

FACULTY & STAFF



Vidya Vanam's faculty saw the addition of eight new members: Guruprasad Dey for fine arts, P. Sangeetha for Montessori, Gowri Shanker for Senior Secondary Humanities, J. Vaishnavi for Senior School Physics, P. Vithya for Senior School Mathematics, R. Nithya Raj for Senior School Psychology, S. Kalaivani & N. Iswarya for Physical Education and Mohammed Rafi for Food Production.

Vidya Vanam has full-time teachers for arts and crafts and physical education and part-time consultants for special educational needs assessment, dance, vocal and instrumental music. Pre-KG and primary teachers, classroom assistants are recruited locally so they are familiar with the tribal dialect. Middle and High School faculty are recruited from across India. The full-time faculty has the following levels of certification: UG & B.Ed, ECED, BA, MA & B.Ed, PG & B.Ed, D. Ted; and MBA. Vidya Vanam also has part-time volunteers who come from India and abroad for short spells and help in various ways.

Vidya Vanam's staff, both teaching and non-teaching, is given medical insurance through the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). The employee contribution is 1.75 per cent of his/her salary while the management contributes 4.75%.

EXPENSES

Expenses 2019- 2020	
Expenses	Total
Affiliation expenses	61,500
Books, Stationery periodicals & examination fees	8,46,111
Building and garden maintenance	7,74,534
Kitchen expenses	2,31,076
Events	6,47,248
Educational training/excurison /workshop	93,140
Food & refreshments	13,88,899
Vehicle maintenance	9,99,208
Honararium & remuneration	9,83,495
Internet charges	1,91,488
Salary & wages	77,68,447
Sports Articles	35,505
Staff welfare expenses	1,99,817
Uniform expenses	2,73,832

ACHIEVEMENTS

Vidya Vanam received affiliation to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on June 3 and is now a Senior Secondary School. For Std XI & XII, the school offers subjects like history, sociology, music, psychology, dance, visual arts and vocational skill-based subjects like automobile engineering, agriculture, home science and food production apart from the sciences and maths.

*Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary participated in a panel discussion at a regional Summit on Quality & Sustainable Education organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in Chennai and was a guest of honour the launch of the book *Inclusive Education in India: Concepts Methods and Practice*.*

Mohamed Arfath, Arivu & Kumaresan from Class 8th won first prize for their puppet show on child abuse in Shanti Ashram's contest "Every Child is a Storyteller".

*Vidya Vanam's teachers Sukanya Muraleedharan and Guruprasad Dey published articles in *TeacherPlus* and *Art & Deal* magazines respectively.*

The first batch of students appeared for the Std X CBSE exam held between February and March 2020.

Vidya Vanam's teachers were also called for invigilation duty at other schools and to correct answer papers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Vidya Vanam's students won prizes in various categories at the annual inter-school competition conducted by The Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Anaikatti.

ART

Sandhya from Class VII, Dakshin from Class IX and Dejasvi & Adityan from Class X.

POETRY

Sudharma from Class IX, P. Divya from Class XI

ESSAY WRITING

P. Divya & Saranya from Class XI

TAMIL STORY WRITING

Tilakeshwar & Sivashankar from Class VIII

NATURE QUIZ

Santhala & Ilakkiya from Class XI

VISITORS

Dr Yasmin Jayathirtha from CFL Bengaluru, psychiatrist Dr Naveen Kumar, author Perumal Murugan and historian AR Venkatachalapathy interacted with our teachers on topics like activity based learning, learning disabilities and concerns when educating a child.

Padma Shri awardee Arvind Gupta held an entertaining session of how toys and models made from waste could be used to teach scientific concepts.

25 school principals from states like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttarakhand and 33 student teachers from GRD College of Education 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 one-day medical camp each term. She also gave feedback on follow-ups and specific issues that needed further investigation or treatment.