

# VIDYA VANAM

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## HIGHLIGHTS



- >Vidya Vanam distributed food packets and face mask to nearby villages.
- >Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary was a member of the Indian Foundation for the Arts (IFA) committee to review the art in education programme
- >The Times of India interviewed Prema Rangachary
- >School celebrated 75 th Independence Day
- >Auditorium, Art and junior class wings were inagaugurated
- >U.S Consul General visited Vidya Vanam.

# EVENTS

JUNE



1 Vidya Vanam distributed food packets and face mask among people of nearby villages. Around 10 villages were covered and over 250 food packets were distributed to the elderly and young children during the pandemic.

2 Vidya Vanam organised Spoken English classes conducted by its director Prema Rangachary and principal T.M. Srikanth. Three batches were held and over 50 people from across the country signed up for the course.

# EVENTS

JULY



1

New students in the junior classes were given school bags and stationery, which were donated by the Farley family, Tennessee, U.S.

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The Times of India Coimbatore edition published an article about Vidya Vanam and its innovative pedagogy.



# EVENTS

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*AUGUST*



**India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated virtually with livestreaming of student performances to teachers and other students.**



# EVENTS

SEPTEMBER



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With the government permitting re-opening of schools for senior classes, students of Stds IX to XII returned to campus on September. Classes were resumed with all safety protocols in place.

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On September 2, Judith Ravin, the U.S Consulate General from Chennai, visited Vidya Vanam with her team and met our students and distributed books to them.



# EVENTS

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*NOVEMBER*



On November 6, Vidya Vanam's new indoor auditorium was inaugurated. This was built thanks to a generous donation from ZF WindPower Coimbatore Pvt. Ltd. Support from other donors also helped the school inaugurate the art block, Montessori block and the other classrooms.

All students who graduated from Std XII (100% of the 2020-21 batch) secured admission in well-known institutions such as Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts, Avinashilingam College for Women, Kongunadu College and Sri Ranganathar Engineering College in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu for undergraduate degrees in Music, Food and Nutrition, Visual Communication, Engineering, English Literature and Clinical Psychology.

# EVENTS

NOVEMBER



- 1** Students from Department of Social Work, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts, visited Vidya Vanam to study its teaching methodology and interacted with the students and teachers.
- 2** Students of Class X and XII successfully took the first set of CBSE Board exams. Over 40 children took these exams in a range of subjects.

# EVENTS

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*DECEMBER*



**Ms. Bhooma Parthasarathy, President, Bhuvana Foundation India, visited the school and interacted with the students (In picture).**

**Director Prema Rangachary was a member of the panel that reviewed the IFA's art in education programme.**





# EVENTS

DECEMBER



**1** The Art students participated in a pop-up exhibition held at Brookefield's Mall in Coimbatore city. Apart from their paintings, calendars and greeting cards that displayed their artwork were also sold over the four days.

**2** Along with Somnath Hazra of the Art department, five students went on a field trip to visit the Lokame Tharavadu. This was an art exhibition organised by the Kochi-Muziris Biennale Foundation and held at Alappuzha, Kerala, over four months from August 2021. (In pic) the students with Bose Krishnamachari, curator of Lokame Tharavadu and president and co-founder of Kochi Biennale Foundation