



VIDYA VANAM NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

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- **The new academic year began on June 13.**
- **All students of Classes 10 & 12 who appeared for the board exams passed.**
- **The school's 15th Sports Day was conducted on August 18.**
- **Prema Rangachary, Director of Vidya Vanam, received the award from the Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight.**
- **Well-known Tamil authors Salma and Kalanthai Peer Mohammed visited the school on September 5.**

MAY

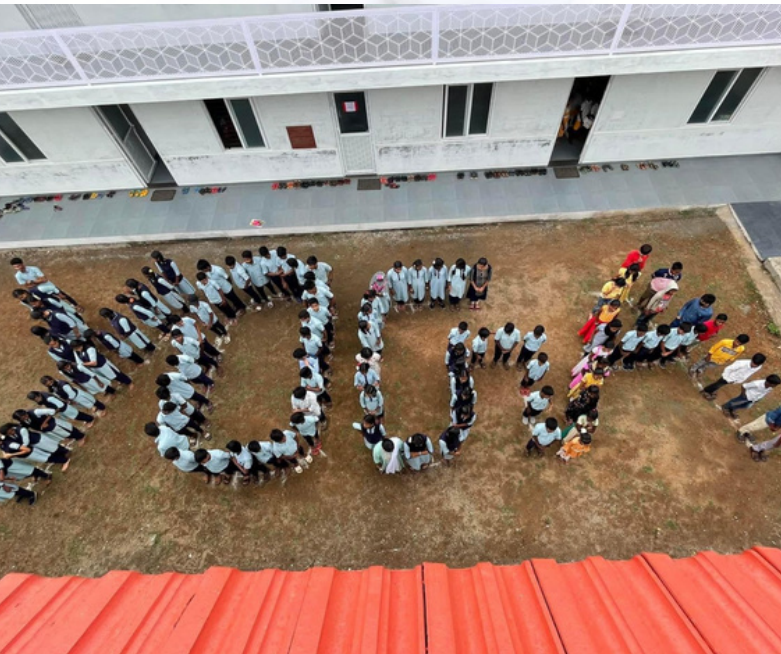


Vidya Vanam conducted its Fourth National Conference on Education on May 27 and 28. The theme was 'Technology in Education'. Dr. Sundar Sarukkai gave the keynote address and other speakers included Dr. B.S. Rishikesh, Sudarshana Srinivasan, Yashasvini Rajeshwar, Dr. Sriram Subramaniam, Dr. Mohan Raj, Dr. Karthikayani, Pankaja Srinivasan, Vishnu Thozhur Kolleru, Kanak Kataria and Lamia Bagasrawala.



The third batch of Class 10 & the second batch of Class 12 students took the CBSE board exam.

JUNE



- The new academic year began on June 13 and students returned to campus after the COVID-induced break.
- June 21 was International Yoga Day and the students performed at an event in Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON).



- **Students participated in a drawing & drama competition held at Brookefields Mall in Coimbatore on June 25.**
- **A fish tank was installed in the kindergarten section to aid students' observations.**

JULY



- The school's volleyball team was placed fourth at an inter-school match held at Velammal Bodhi Campus, Erode, on July 7.
- All students of Classes 10 & 12 who appeared for the board exams passed. M. Parameswari and Vaideki R. got admission in Kalakshetra, an eminent institution for Bharatanatyam and Carnatic Music.
- Sanjay Rajagopalan and Kyle, donors to Bhuvana Foundation Tennessee, visited the school. They interacted with the students and expressed their appreciation for the work the school is doing.



- **Class 12 students went on a field trip to Kanyakumari from July 21 to 24. They visited Maruthuva Malai, Kalikesam Forest, Vivekananda Rock, Devasahayam Pillai Church, Padmamabhapuram Palace and the office of Kalachuvadu Publications, a well-known publisher of Tamil books.**
- **On July 23, students participated in an Interschool Craft Competition at SSVM School of Excellence, Coimbatore.**



- On July 30, students from Class 7, 8, & 9 visited the Coimbatore Book Festival 2022 held at Codissia.
- Veda Prasad R. from class 8, M. Dharun from class 10 and R. Nishanth of class 12 participated in an inter-school chess competition held at Coimbatore Public School on July 30. All three were placed fourth.

AUGUST



- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was celebrated on August 9. The chief guest, writer and poet Odian Lakshmanan, spoke to and interacted with the students.
- On August 15, 2022, Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag and singing the National Anthem.



The school's 15th Sports Day was conducted on August 18. Former football player Abdul Hakkim was the chief guest. He inaugurated the sports meet and gave away the prizes.



- A group of students and teachers from Chennai's Indradhanush Waldorf School visited and stayed in Vidya Vanam for four days and interacted with students and teachers.
- The Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight presented Prema Rangachary, Director of Vidya Vanam, with a certificate of excellence for her work in the field of education.

SEPTEMBER



- **Well-known Tamil authors Salma and Kalanthai Peer Mohammed visited the school on September 5 and interacted with the students.**
- **Prema Rangachary spoke about the challenges of educating tribal children during a virtual meet with teachers from Lok Biradari Prakalp, which works for tribal education in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra.**



- On September 6, students celebrated Onam by decorating the classrooms with pookalams.
- September 12 was Vulture Awareness Day. Subbaiah Bharathidasan, Co-Founder and Secretary of the NGO Arulagam, spoke to the students about the importance of vultures to India's ecosystems and engaging local communities in protecting vultures.



From September 23 to 29, the director, principal and a group of teachers visited Barefoot College and its Rural Education Centre at Tilonia, Jaipur, as part of the school's teacher enrichment programme.