



VIDYA VANAM NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Vidya Vanam conducted its Fifth National Conference on Education on May 24 and 25.
- The new academic year began on June 10.
- Vidya Vanam conducted the fifth edition of Svanubhava, a festival of art and culture on August 29 & 30.
- Vidya Vanam conducted its 17th Sports Day. The chief guest, Commander Aravindhana RP, retired Commander from the Indian Navy, inaugurated the meet.
- Vidya Vanam celebrated its Junior School and Senior School Annual Days in July.
- Teachers of Vidya Vanam, along with the director Prema Rangachary and Principal T.M. Srikanth, went on an educational trip to Odisha in September.

MAY



- On May 13, the CBSE Board exam results of 2023-24 were declared. The fourth batch of Class 12 students passed.



- Vidya Vanam conducted its Fifth National Conference on Education on the theme Liberal Arts in Education on May 24 and 25. Rohit Dhankar gave the keynote address and other speakers included A. R. Venkatachalapathy, Apoorvanand, Abhilash Pillai, P. K. Sambandan, Sowmya Dechamma, Sangeetha Sivakumar, Vasudha Thozhur, Akhila Krishnamurthi, Huzaifa Omair Siddiqi, Pankaj Sekhsaria, C. Swaroopa Rani, Sachidananda Mohanty, Aruna Sankaranarayanan, V. Balaji, Renuka Rajaratnam, Anna Chandy and S. Praveen.

JUNE



- The school reopened on June 10.
- As a part of outreach programme “Art on Wheels”, the art teachers go to different villages like Vadakalur, Singuli and Thuvaipathy on weekends to guide the children in art, craft and cultural activities.
- On June 21, World Music Day was celebrated with students and teachers taking part in choir singing.

JULY



- On July 2, 50 students and 6 faculty members from GRD College of Education visited the school as part of their training programme to study Vidya Vanam's approach.
- On July 13, students from classes 7, 8 and 9 visited Kovai Bookalatta, a programme on books and literature for students. They interacted with authors and participated in various events.



- On July 24, Sports Land from Coimbatore donated sports equipment worth ₹10,000 to the school.



- On July 30, Junior School Annual Day programme was conducted.



- On July 31, Senior School Annual Day programme was conducted. The Chief Guest was Dr. M. Manickam, Chairman and Managing Director of Sakthi Sugars Limited and Sakthi Auto Components Limited.

AUGUST



- On August 13, students took part in a pledge against Drug Abuse as part of a Anti-Drug Awareness programme conducted in the school.
- On August 15, Independence Day was celebrated. The principal hoisted the National Flag. Students took part in a march past and sang the National Anthem.



- On August 23 and 24, three teachers from Aditi International School, Bangalore, conducted a training programme for teachers.
- On August 24, students from classes 6, 7 and 8 participated in Inter School Craft Competition for boys in SSVM School of Excellence, Coimbatore.



- On August 29 and 30, Vidya Vanam conducted the fifth edition of Svanubhava, a festival of art and culture. Performances included SAMA Choir from Kottayam, Rishi Valley Puppetry and Crafts Theatre, Chauu Dance from West Bengal, Oor Koodi Ther Izhu by Puratchipadi Productions, Kuchupudi by Avantika Space for Dance and Lezim and Dhol by Moreshwar Lezhim group. More than 700 students from various schools around Coimbatore were in the audience.



- On August 31, 11 junior teachers from Vidya Vanam took part in the International Story Telling and Sing along Workshop conducted by VBH Publishers in Chennai and learnt about methods to use storytelling, rhymes and songs in the classroom.

SEPTEMBER



- On September 5, students hosted games and other activities for their teachers to celebrate Teachers' Day.



- On September 12, students and teachers prepared pookolams (flower decorations on the floor) to celebrate Onam. Everyone partook of the Onasadya prepared by the school kitchen.
- On September 16, Future School Leaders brought seven principals from across India to visit Vidya Vanam and study its teaching methodology. Three visitors from England, a doctor and two students also participated in the discussion.



- On September 19, Vidya Vanam conducted its 17th Sports Day. The chief guest was Aravindhan R.P., retired Commander from the Indian Navy. He inaugurated the meet and gave away the certificates and medals to the participants.



- On September 20, students of the Food Production course from classes 9, 10 and 12 went an industrial visit to Hash Six Hotel, Coimbatore, to learn about the hotel management and operations techniques.



- From September 23 to 26, 9 teachers, along with the director Prema Rangachary and Principal T.M. Srikanth, went on an educational trip to Odisha. They visited the Jagannath temple and the beach at Puri, the Chilika Lake, Konarak Sun temple, the crafts village of Raghurajpur, the Khandagiri and Udayagiri Caves.
- September 21 was the last working day of the first term.