



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2024-2025**

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear friends

It is a pleasure to look back at the year and feel a sense of pride and joy. Our Vidya Vanam is indeed delivering holistic education to the children and spreading the message of its effectiveness to as many people and organizations in its own quiet way.

As usual, we had 100% pass in the Class X & XII CBSE standard exams, an important aspect of school education for the school community.

We hosted two major events: The Annual Conference on Education – on the theme ‘Liberal arts in education’ and ‘Svanubhava’, a festival of art and culture. These events benefited not only the students and teachers of Vidya Vanam, but also those of other educational institutions; a service we are keen on providing to society every two years.

Initiatives for the year include:

- ‘Art on wheels’, a weekend programme in which our art teachers guide tribal children in different villages in art, craft and cultural activities.
- A Junior Recreation Centre to develop the children’s social and cognitive skills through puzzles, games and interactive methods.
- Pottery classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> standard onwards.

We had visitors to Vidya Vanam to study its teaching methodologies from teacher-education institutions and overseas.

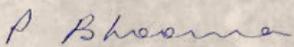
Our students had ample opportunities to display their talents in art and craft, sports, quiz and the rest and for exposure to their counterparts from other schools in many inter-school events in Coimbatore. They also returned happily after bagging prizes, in some of the events.

Just walk around the school and you will recognize how much art, craft and vocational training receive impetus here. It is not just impressive, but extraordinary. As regular classes go on, relevant field trips, additional awareness programmes and interaction with visitors are also organized. The regular school programmes and annual events of the school like Sports Day, Project Day, Annual Day and the rest give encouragement for the children's creativity. Each programme is meticulously planned and executed by the children under the guidance of their teachers to practically learn about quality practices that amazed the audience. Preparation for adulthood is carefully planned and integrated with all the school activities while ensuring academic pursuit doesn't take a back seat. It is a challenging effort, no doubt, but a necessary one!

Continuing teacher education is an ongoing practice at Vidya Vanam since its inception. Teachers received their training on various occasions. They also enjoyed themselves for 4 days on an educational trip to Odisha with their Director Dr. Prema Rangachary and Principal Mr. Srikanth.

As you go through this report, you will be as wonderstruck as I am about how much can be packed in a year! Kudos to the staff and children to Vidya Vanam. I feel blessed to be part of this endeavour making a difference to this tribal community.

In the service of children

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Bhooma Parthasarathy

President, Bhuvana Foundation

# ABOUT BHUVANA FOUNDATION



***Bhuvana Foundation*** is a non-profit organisation founded in the year 2007. The Foundation is based in Anaikatti, Coimbatore, and aims to provide comprehensive education and vocational training to the underprivileged and marginalised sections of society.

## ABOUT VIDYA VANAM

***Vidya Vanam*** is the flagship project of Bhuvana Foundation. The school was started in 2007 with the aim of catering to the educational needs of the local tribal population. It is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education and follows the NCERT curriculum. The school adopts a bilingual teaching approach, with classes conducted in Tamil and English.

The majority of the students are first-generation learners from communities in and around Anaikatti. Vidya Vanam prepares children for self-learning while acknowledging the rich cultural traditions of their village and the world in which they live. Here, each child is given the opportunity to form opinions and articulate them, thereby fostering a generation of unabashed dreamers.

## 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

## OBJECTIVES

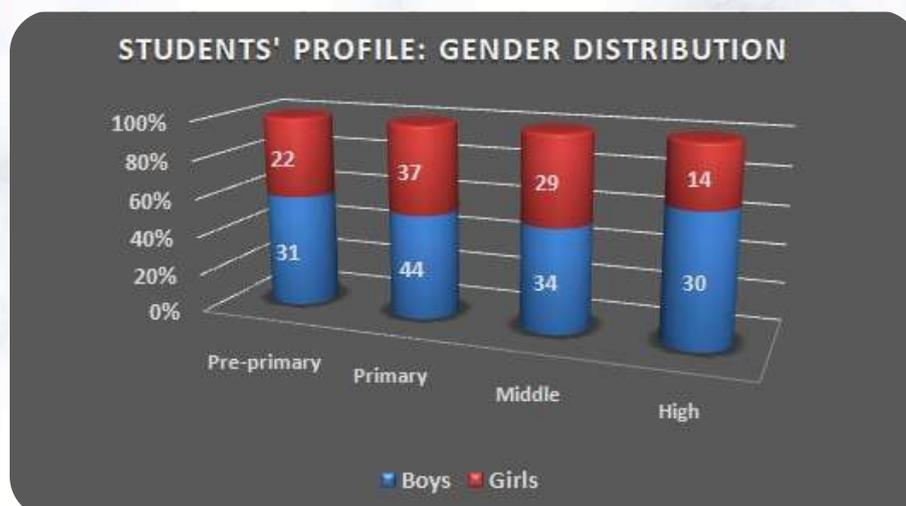
To build an integrated personality; achieved only when the intellectual, emotional and the physical needs are fulfilled.

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.

## STUDENTS & STAFF IN VIDYA VANAM

In 2007, Vidya Vanam started to function with 40 children and 4 teachers. Today, the student population at the school has increased upto 248. At present, the school has 27 full-time teachers and 21 non-teaching staff. Students are from the local tribal population, with a majority belonging to the Irula tribe, the Adi Dravidar communities and the OBC categories.



Vidya Vanam's 248 children are distributed across LKG to Class 12, with 139 boys and 109 girls.



Vidya Vanam has children from surrounding villages on both the Kerala and Tamilnadu sides of the border. There are 93 students from ST, 63 from SC, 85 from BC and 7 from MBC communities.

## **NEW FACULTY LIST 2024-2025**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
Swetha P	Maths
Rajeshwari N	English
Sunitha V	Science & English
Indira Priya S	English
Yasodha D	Special Education
Sree Lakshmi K	Dance
Writam Kar	Pottery

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

### *Excelling in Exams*

On May 13, the CBSE Board exam results of 2023-24 were declared. The fourth batch of Class 12 students passed. CBSE Theory Exams for Classes 10 and 12 commenced on February 15 and 17 respectively.

### *National Conference 2024*

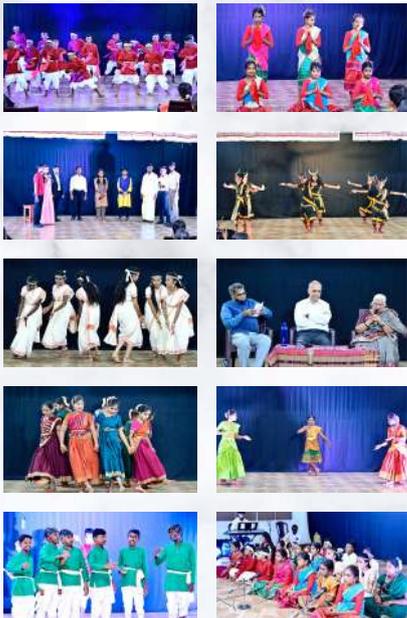
Vidya Vanam conducted its Fifth National Conference on Education on the theme Liberal Arts in Education on May 24 and 25.

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.



### *Annual Day 2024*



In July, school celebrated the Junior School and Senior School Annual Days. The Senior School Chief Guest was Dr. M. Manickam, Chairman and Managing Director of Sakthi Sugars Limited and Sakthi Auto Components Limited. The Juniors performed dance and drama. The seniors performed folk dances from Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Nagaland. They presented street play based on the theme Kaadu and. Two choirs of students performed songs in English.



### *Kindergarten Graduation Day*

On March 27, graduation day was hosted for Kindergarten. Principal T.M. Srikanth and Director Prema Rangachary gave away the certificates.



## ***Svanubhava 2024***

In August, 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.



## ***Tribal Fest 2024***

On November 22, students of class 6, 7 and 8 participated in the 'National Eco-Tribal Fest 24' conducted by AADI Foundation at Attappadi, Kerala, and won prizes.



## ***Project Day 2024***



In December 2024, Vidya Vanam celebrated Arivu 2024 for the Junior School and Senior School. The Junior School Project on "Rivers" and Senior School Project on "Oceans." Students showcased various models, charts and other informative presentations and presented a cultural programme around the respective themes.



## ***Professional Development for Faculty members***



The Junior and Middle School teachers visited Aditi Mallya International School, Bengaluru, for a faculty development programme on January 30 and 31. They observed the team-teaching methodology and studied the curriculum design patterns used there.

# CELEBRATIONS AT VIDYA VANAM

## *Music Day*

On June 21, World Music Day was celebrated with students and teachers taking part in choir singing.

## *Independence Day Celebrations*

On August 15, 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated. The principal hoisted the National Flag. Students took part in a march past and sang the National Anthem.

## *Sports Day 2024*



On September 19, Vidya Vanam conducted its 17<sup>th</sup> 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. The school gave gifts and certificates to all the students who participated in various sports.

## *Onam Celebration*

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.



## *Pongal Celebration*



In January, students and teachers celebrated Pongal, the state's harvest festival, by making Pongal (a dish made with rice and lentils) and decorating the classrooms with kolams (floor art with coloured powder).



## *Holi Celebration*

On March 14, Students celebrated Holi, the festival of colours. Teachers and students smeared coloured powder on each other.



## **World Wetland Day**

in February, Vidya Vanam celebrated World Wetland Day with competitions of painting, quiz, and poetry recitation and group discussions on issues related to wetlands.



## **Kids Sports Fest**

Eight students from Junior School participated in the Kids' Sports Fest 2025 conducted by The Samhita Academy, Coimbatore, on February 22. Students from KG to class 5 participated in Kids Sports Fest 2025 conducted at The Samhita Academy, Coimbatore. A. Sriram from Class 4 stood first in Javelin Throw and M. Gokula Priya from Class 1 took the second place in Standing Long Jump.



## **World Wildlife Day**



On World Wildlife Day (March 3), Middle and Senior School students took out a rally to Anaikatti to raise awareness about the need to protect and conserve wildlife. The school conducted competitions in oration (English and Tamil), essay writing, quiz, drawing and mime and distributed books as prizes.

## **International Women's Day**

Senior School students celebrated International Women's Day on March 8. Related issues were debated and orations were delivered. Quiz and drawing competitions were held.



## **World Book Day**

On April 23, the school celebrated World Book Day 2025. Students and teachers participated in the event and made their own bookmark.

## **Farewell Day**



Students from Class 11 organised a farewell party for the students of Class 12 (2024-25). Principal T.M. Srikanth, Director Prema Rangachary and all teachers attended and wished the students success in their future endeavours.

# DEVELOPMENTS AT SCHOOL

Vidya Vanam introduced pottery classes for Class 3 upwards and appointed Writam K. as the Ceramics teacher.



A Junior Recreation Centre (JRC) was opened on January 8. This resource centre for Classes 1 to 5 helps students develop their social and cognitive skills through activities such as puzzles, games and other interactive tools.

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 October 27, students from classes 4 to 11 participated in the “Salim Ali Trophy Nature Competition 2024-25” held at G.D Matric Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore. The event was conducted by Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) to raise awareness about nature conservation among school students.



## ***Board meeting***

On December 19, the annual board meeting of the Bhuvana Foundation was held.

## ***Teachers workshop***

On August 23 and 24, three teachers from Aditi International School, Bangalore, conducted a training programme for teachers.



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.



## ***Reopening of the School***

Vidya Vanam reopened on June 10, 2024 for all classes.

## ***Teachers trip to Odisha***

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.



## ***Art on Wheels Programme***



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.

## ***Industrial Visits***

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.



## ***Craft Competition***



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 November 6, Sai Sarvesh, Cyrus Rathnasamy, Mahathi Ella Erb and Diya Maria Sailesh from class 8 and Sanjey Perumal and Vandhana from class 11 were selected for the final round of the quiz competition of Salim Ali Trophy Nature Competitions 2024. Vidya Vanam was judged the second runner up for the overall championship.



## ***Field trip to Thuvaipathy***

On November 22, students from KG to class 5 went on a field trip to Thuvaipathy river along with their teachers as part of Project Day preparation.



## ***Annual Athletic Meet***

From November 28 to 30, 7 students from classes 6 to 9 participated in the 45th Inter District Coimbatore Sahodaya Annual Athletic Meet 2024-25.



## ***VSR Rolling Trophy***



On November 30, students from KG to class 9 participated in the VSR Rolling Trophy Competition held at Sindhi International School, Coimbatore. Sainthavi S. from class 3 got second prize in Hands-on technique, Varshitha S. from class 5 got third prize in Ad mad show, Diya Maria Sailesh from class 8 got first prize in Mono acting, Pavithra S, Vijitha K, Anish R and Parasuram K from class 9 got third prize in Group Mime.

## ***Field trip to Kerala and Chennai***

On December 2 and 3, students from classes 6 to 9 and 11 went an educational trip to Kochi, Kerala, along with the director Ms. Prema Rangachary, principal TM Srikanth and senior teachers. They visited Kodungallur Bhagavathy Amman Temple (Kannagi temple), ancient trading port of Muziris, Chinese fishing nets at the harbour, Marine Museum, Marine Drive, Indian Maritime Museum, Hill Palace Museum, Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Museum), JewTown and Synagogue.



From December 21 to 23, class 12 students went on a field trip to Chennai accompanied by teachers D. Gnanapriya, J. Sajeela and A. Mohammed Rafi. They visited Chennai Rail Museum, Egmore Government Museum, Santhome Basilica, Mahabalipuram, and Vandaloor Zoo.



# VISITORS TO VIDYA VANAM

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 24, Sports Land from Coimbatore visited Vidya Vanam and donated sports equipment worth ₹10,000 to the school.



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 November 5, 50 students and 7 teachers from the Department of Education, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore, visited Vidya Vanam as a part of their Internship programme.



From November 27 to 29, students from Mallya Aditi International School, Bengaluru, visited Vidya Vanam as a part of a cultural and educational exchange programme and interacted with the students.

On February 14, Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), a conservation NGO from Coimbatore, conducted a workshop for Junior and Middle School students on identifying indigenous flora and fauna through a series of hands-on activities.



On April 4, Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), a conservation NGO from Coimbatore, conducted a workshop for teachers on Oceans, as they are developing a curriculum for schools on marine environments that looks at how landlocked areas are also connected to coastal places.

April 11 was the last working day for students, as the school closed for the summer. Special classes were held for Classes 10 and 12 until April 30.

# FINANCIALS

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL (INR)</b>
Affiliation Expenses	26963
Internet Charges	80868
Sports Articles	40050
Staff Welfare Expenses	280585
Events	536768
Kitchen Expenses	280000
Uniform Expenses	653396
Books, Stationery periodicals & Exam fees	421187
Educational training/Excursion/Workshop	843989
Building and Garden Maintenance	657579
Honorarium & Remuneration	3802149
Vehicle Maintenance	423625
Food & Refreshments	2023182
Salary & Wages	12708732
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22,779,073</b>

# BOARD MEMBERS



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