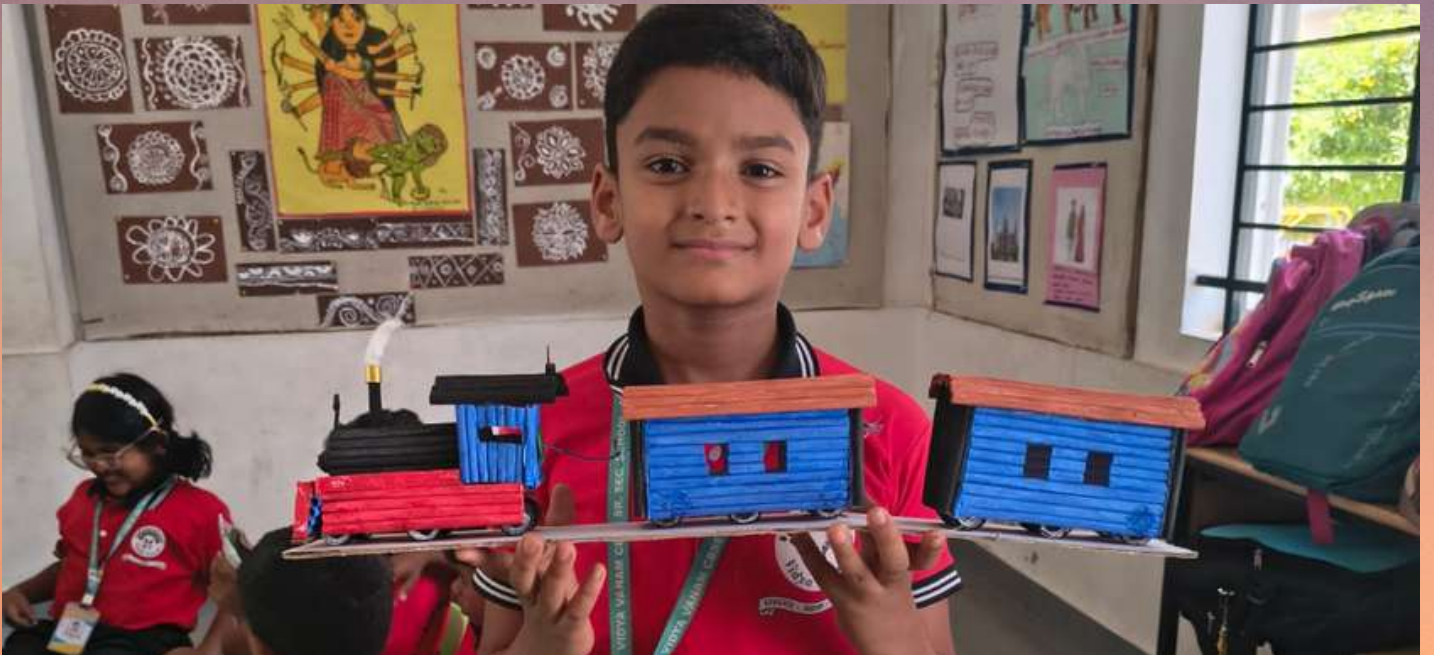




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HIGHLIGHTS

- Principal T.M. Srikanth and four teachers from Vidya Vanam participated in the inauguration of a climate lab established by Indian Institute of Science, at The Lawrence School, Ooty in January 2026.
- Vidya Vanam's Guides and Scouts participated in the three-day Scouts and Guides Annual Camp 2026 held at the United Public School in February.
- Students from Classes 8 and 9 watched The Sound of Music, a musical play at St. Joseph's Convent Anglo-Indian Girls Hr. Sec. School, Coonoor, Nilgiris.
- The results of the CBSE Class 10 and 12 board exams were declared. All the students of the 2025-26 batch passed.
- In May 2026, Vidya Vanam conducted its Sixth National Conference on the theme AI in Education. Jibu Elias, Country Lead for the Responsible Computing Challenge at Mozilla Foundation delivered the keynote address while S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, gave a special address.

JANUARY



- School reopened on January 2, 2026 for all students after the Christmas and New Year holidays.
- On January 13, students and teachers celebrated Tamil Nadu's harvest festival, Pongal. They created colourful kolams (designs made with coloured powders) on the floor and made pongal (a rice dish).



- Vidya Vanam celebrated 77th Republic Day on January 26. The principal, T.M. Srikanth, hoisted the national flag. Students sang patriotic songs, and spoke about India's national symbols. Elocution and quiz competitions and cultural performances were also held.
- On January 27, members of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore conducted an awareness session on drug abuse and the importance of mental health and emotional well being for students of Classes 6 to 11.



- Dr. Nallathambi, retired surgeon from the U.S., visited Vidya Vanam on January 29 and interacted with the students of Classes 11 and 12 about their future goals.
- On January 29, principal T.M. Srikanth and four teachers from Vidya Vanam participated in the inauguration of a climate lab established by Indian Institute of Science, at The Lawrence School, Ooty.

FEBRUARY



- Vidya Vanam's Guides and Scouts participated in the three-day Scouts and Guides Annual Camp 2026 held at the United Public School from January 30 to February 1. Scout master Sajeela J. and Guide captain Yasodha D. accompanied them.
- On February 11, students from Classes 8 and 9 watched The Sound of Music, a musical play at St. Joseph's Convent Anglo-Indian Girls Hr. Sec. School, Coonoor, Nilgiris. They were accompanied by the principal T.M, Srikanth, director Prema Rangachary, and two teachers.



- On February 12, 36 students of the Master of Social Work programme from PSGR Krishnammal College for Women along with their faculty member Dr. Kalpana visited Vidya Vanam to engage with students and teachers from the tribal community as part of their field work.
- The CBSE board exams began on February 17 for nineteen students of Classes 10 and 12
- On February 27, 35 students and six teachers from The Blue Mountains School, Ooty visited Vidya Vanam to observe the teaching methodology.

MARCH



- Students from Classes 1 to 12 participated in the SOF International Olympiad conducted in two phases from January to March. Sai Sarvesh of Class 9 entered the zonal finals. Aadvika and Yami Sanjay of Class 1 received merit certificates for the Humming Bird Math Olympiads.
- Vidya Vanam celebrated Holi, the festival of colours and spring on March 3. Students and teachers smeared coloured powder on each other.
- On March 4, members of Zoo Outreach Organization, Coimbatore, conducted an awareness programme on Classroom for Coexistence



- On March 27, first-year students from the Computer Science department of SNS College of Engineering, Coimbatore along with Associate Professor K. Praveen, visited Vidya Vanam to conduct a technology bootcamp for students of Classes 6 to 9. The programme covered topics such as AI, Large Language Models (LLM), Design Thinking, Prompt Engineering and more.
- The students of Class 11 hosted a farewell party for the outgoing Class 12 students. The programme included games and talks by the director and principal. The school kitchen served snacks.
- On March 31, students from UKG and Grade 1 went on a field visit to Children's Traffic Park in Coimbatore along with five teachers and two members of the support staffs. They learnt about how to use traffic signals, road safety rules, pedestrian habits and importance of helmets and seat belts.

APRIL



- On April 7, Vidya Vanam's junior school celebrated States of India, showcasing the art and culture of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha and Gujarat. An exhibition was held and attended by the parents.
- The results of the CBSE Class 10 board exams were declared on April 15. All the students of the 2025-26 batch passed.



- Vidya Vanam hosted Graduation Day for students of kindergarten on April 15. Principal T.M. Srikanth and director Prema Rangachary gave away the certificates.

MAY

- The results of the CBSE Class 12 board exams were declared on May 13. All the students of the 2025-26 batch passed.





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