



# Vidya Vikasini News & More

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Warm Greetings to you!

Now we are in the middle of the new academic year. Let us see what the new academic year is going to unfold. We are in the competitive world and we know pretty well that

“Winners don't do different things.

They do things differently”

On the journey to life's highway, keep your eyes upon the goal. Unless we focus, we cannot achieve our goal. Of course knowledge helps you to reach your destination, provided you know what the destination is. Let us see how one can be focused amidst all possible deviations and distractions.

It was customary to conduct a frog race in a village. There was a large well in the middle of the village, which was the selected venue for conducting the frog race. The organizers erected a pole in the centre of the well and the frogs were instructed to climb up. Whichever frog could reach the top of the pole first – was considered to be the winner. Hundreds of frogs took part in the race enthusiastically and trying their best to win the race. People around the well were shouting and encouraging the frogs. Many frogs fell down when they were halfway through. But one particular frog was climbing up the pole slowly and steadily in spite of all the noise made by the spectators and reached the top of the pole. This particular frog was declared the winner!

Many press reporters interview this frog and ask the secret of success. Then they come to know that the frog to be deaf. The frog did not hear any comments from the spectators and its focus was only on reaching the top of the pole to win.

Children! Let us be fully focused on our studies and other extra-curricular activities. Let us not allow any comments – negative ones in particular, to bother us. Past glory and education don't count for much. We have to strive hard continuously to reach a new peak. The harder you work, the luckier you become.

Keep going! Keep growing!!

Chief Editor

“Keep away from People who try to belittle your ambitions. Small People always do that, but the really great, makes you feel, that you too, can become great.” – Mark Twain

## Director's Desk

The new academic year has dawned into our lovely and active campus at Vidya Vikasini! A warm welcome back to the returning students and staff and a warmer welcome to the newcomers joining the family! The year starts with lots of promise and challenges and ofcourse a busy activity diary charted out by the Principal and his team. On the academic side, challenges for the Class XI students with the changes in the curriculum and examination pattern and then new upgrades to syllabus is in the offing for the students as a whole ! The professional examination like NEET has brought out the inadequacy in our current syllabus and steps are being taken to bring our students also on par with other curriculums like CBSE. But, be that as may be, our class X and XII students once again excelled in the Board examination and did not disappoint their Gurus who strived hard to make them scale such heights! Kudos!

On the extra-curricular side, exciting activities like Yoga, which purifies the mind and body, motivational career related lectures by eminent speakers, science exhibitions, quiz programs and Tamil literary activities are going to be the hall mark of the year. I am eager to see how our children participate with enthusiasm. The Founder's day and the "Attral" sports and cultural events for the disabled children in December will be eagerly looked forward to! Our Resource room activities and Continuous Rehabilitation Education programs once again underpin our commitment to the cause of disability. Also, two of our vocational programs having been accredited by NIOS is yet another milestone benefiting the disabled students and parents. I am happy to share with you that our Opportunity School is one of the Institutions on the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Insurance Scheme! Another news to share is that the Central Govt. has yet again reposed faith in us through the good offices of the Hon. Collector of Coimbatore and the Second Samarth residential Program has been successfully launched!

In line with our Founder's vision we remain committed as ever!

I wish the staff and students a very successful year in the campus and a healthy one too!

## Principal's Message

Dear children, each one of you has a splendid creative potential that needs to be discovered and used for a more contented and prolific life. As students your success in life will depend on your outlook towards life. If you have the right attitude, no matter how difficult or tedious the task, however big the hurdles on your way, you shall easily surpass them.

Helen Keller was deaf and blind, Albert Einstein was severely dyslexic and autistic. Thomas Alva Edison is the great inventor who has over 1000 patents and his inventions are in various fields used in our daily life. In his early life he was thought to have had learning disability and he could not read till he was twelve. Yet all of them succeeded in their lives.

A teacher was once asked by his students, "Who is your role model?" The teacher immediately replied: "The Honey Bee"

"Are you making fun, sir," the students shouted with one voice.

"No, I am quite serious; the honey bee is my role model."

The teacher said again and went on to explain. "Scientists say that as per aerodynamics, the honey bee cannot fly; its wings are not proportionate to the shape and size of its body and so scientifically it is not possible for the honey bee to fly. But, we know the honey bee flies effortlessly. This is simply because the bee does not know the above fact and so is not conditioned by it. The bee is aware of only one thing-that it can and is sure to fly, and so it does. This is what I admire most in the bee-its belief in its ability to fly even if the whole world may think otherwise. No wonder, the honey bee is my role model!" the teacher concluded. Like the honey bee, strive ahead even if the way in front of you is hard to tread along. Nothing will impede you from marching ahead in your life. If you think you can, you definitely can. Discover yourself, unleash the potential within you and soar the greater scales of your life and make your parents and teachers feel proud.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

### Matric Board Exam 2017

190 students appeared for the Board exam and the highest mark was 493/500, scored by Abinaya S. The second highest was 491/500, scored by Aravind S N and 4 girl students claim to their credit for scoring the 3rd highest, 489/500. There were 9 centums in mathematics, 10 centums in Social Science and 15 centums in science, totaling to 34 centums. Highest in English is 99/100, which is also the state highest, scored by 3 students. The same 99% was the highest mark in Tamil.

### Higher Secondary Board Exam 2017

An excellent result in XII std Board exam was achieved. Swathi S became the school topper with the highest mark 1180/1200, centum in chemistry & computer science and also the subject topper in English and Physics. The second highest 1166/1200 was achieved by Pradeepa K C, with centum in computer science and Shree Khailash C, with the same total, scoring centum in Commerce. Third highest 1165/1200 scored by Neha D, with centum in Business Maths and Commerce. This set of students also produced 19 centums in total - 1 centum each in Chemistry & Economics, 2 centums in Business Maths, 4 centums in computer science, 5 centums in Accountancy and 6 centums in Commerce, thus making the result distinctively different.

## EVENTFUL EVENT

Even before the Academic year (2017 – 18) could begin, The National Trust (Govt. of India Organisation) sighted a new horizon in Vidya Vikasini to conduct a Regional seminar on “Inclusive Education – the way forward” on 25th May, 2017. This seminar of National importance was presided over by District Collector, Sri T.N. Haiharan and the chief guest was Sri Mukesh Jain, Joint Secretary & Chief Executive Officer, The National Trust, New Delhi. About 200 participants from various schools, mainly Special Education Teachers and B.Ed. students on special education and also selected parents were the beneficiaries, apart from our teachers. Presentation by Dr. Jayanthi Narayan, Vidya Vikasini Opportunity School and Resource room Teachers, Dr. Anuja Panicker and the parents were the highlights of the forenoon session.



The afternoon session was a panel discussion, chaired by Dr. Jayanthi Narayan, Special Education Consultant (LD & ID), Secundrabad, and the panelists were Dr. Devdutt Thomas – Ophthalmologist, Dr. George Thomas – ENT Specialist, Dr. Anuja Panicker, Psychiatrist, PSG – IMSR, Mr. P. Ravi, Regional Director, NIOS, Tamilnadu, Sri. Chandrasekaran, DDAWO, Coimbatore, Sri R. Victor Maria Joseph, DDAWO, Nilgiris and Sri T.V. Suresh, Director, Vidya Vikasini Opportunity School. They answered questions from the audience on various issues related to disability. There was also an exhibition of our Vocational Stream products and a picture gallery.

Our school has been accredited by NIOS (National Institute for Open Schooling) centre for vocational training and it was inaugurated on the same stage by Sri P. Ravi, Regional Director of NIOS. He, in his informative lecture, explained the schemes of NIOS, its level, and how it benefits the students and how everyone can study in an environment, subjects of their choice with time at their disposal and academically qualify without going through a routine set of academic programme. This is another milestone in the history of Vidya Vikasini, indeed.



## CAMPUS NEWS - Busy Diary

### Orientation Programme for XI standard students:

The school for XI std re-opened on 14-6-2017. The first day started with special pooja in the temple and orientation programme for the students. It was to give a clear picture about our Institution for the new comers. It helps to improve their confidence and facilitates them for a good start thus encouraging them towards better preparation for the new environment. Our correspondent Mr.T.V.Suresh addressed the students and Mr.P.Manimaran, Principal enlightened the students about the rules and regulations of our school and stressed on the importance of discipline.

### Visit to Regional Science Laboratory:

IX and XI students were taken for a visit to Regional Science Laboratory, Codisia on 17-6-17 and 1-7-17 respectively. Things which attracted them the most were Foucault Pendulum and four galleries which included fun science, how it works, hall of textile and the hall of Astronomy. All these sections enlightened the children with the practical knowledge of functioning of science machines and mechanisms. Inflatable doom and science park also inspired the students. After the visit, students felt that this visit proved to be informative and inspirational to learn science interestingly.

### Introduction of GST in India:

GST was introduced in India in the midnight hours of 30-6-2017 in the Parliament house by our honourable Prime Minister, Mr.Modi. An immediate and instantaneous explanation with suitable illustrations was given by our correspondent Mr.T.V.Suresh, to our XI Commerce students on 1-7-2017. Explanation was simple such that even a layman could understand. Right from the expansion of GST, different tax rates levied and the goods that are exempted from GST and how common man will be benefitted gradually in the long-run were highlighted. It was really a brain storming session and helped the audience to gain knowledge about GST.

### Inauguration of SAMARTH:

On 3-7-2017, formal inauguration of SAMARTH, a central govt. scheme for residential stay for special children was done in our Adult Home, VSK Nagar. It was inaugurated in a most fitting way by Dr. Ravi, Ex. President of Kurudampalayam Panchayat, who addressed the gathering. Our correspondent Mr.T.V.Suresh, who was instrumental in getting the sanction renewed, felicitated the students and assured to sustain and serve with the existing facilities in the Adult Home, with the support of National Trust.

### KAMARAJAR VIZHA:

On 15<sup>th</sup> July, Mr.Kamaraj's birthday was celebrated as 'கல்விநாள்', where in our students gracefully danced and enacted plays depicting the morals from the life of Mr.Kamaraj.I.L.M. faculty took the initiative in organizing the show. Principal and Academic Advisor congratulated the participants and highlighted a few incidents from the life history of Mr.Kamaraj.

**HEALTH and HYGIENE** programme for VIII std girls was conducted on 2-8-2017 by Dr.D.Keerthana, ably supported by R.Deepika, who has successfully completed her C.A. Both of them are our alumni and they created an awareness of how healthy life could lead to happiness and removed the unnecessary fear & taboo on hygiene-related issues in girls. This programme gave a sigh of relief to the girl students. Similar such programme was conducted for VI std girls and their parents by Mrs.Catherine of Procter & Gamble, on 12-8-2017.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS** for our Interact club was done on 23-8-2017 by Rtn.MPHFDamodaran. N.,President, Rotary club of Coimbatore Central. Abinaya.S. of XI std became the President and Ashwini R was sworn in as the Secretary. They promised to undertake very many projects to help the less fortunate. Rotarian President, Secretary, our Correspondent, Academic Advisor and the Principal felicitated the new office – bearers and congratulated the outgoing team for their exemplary service.

On 5-9-2017, **TEACHER'S DAY** was celebrated in our school campus and all the teachers were honoured. ILM staged a short and sweet cultural programme to entertain the teachers. To be away from campus and for relaxation to the teachers and staff/substaff, our Management arranged for a dayout on 9-9-2017 to Thirumoorthy hills, Amaravathi Dam and Azhiar Dam. 105 members, teaching and non- teaching joined the tour and they thanked the management immensely.

**TEMPLE ANNUAL DAY :** On 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017 our temple's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Day was celebrated. Grand arrangements and decorations were made to signify special pooja for the deities - Lord Ganesha, goddess Lakshmi and Saraswathi, Lakshmi Narayana Hayagreevar, Anjaneya and Dhakshanamoorthy. Piety was maintained by all, throughout the day. All our students invoked the blessings of the Almighty.

**NSS CAMP:** As in the previous years, this year's NSS camp was organized at panchayat union elementary school at Veerapandy from 23.09.2017 to 29.09.2017. 25 volunteers from XI std with two staff members joined the camp. Mr. Jayaraman, former president of town panchayat of Veerapandy inaugurated the camp and motivated the students. As part of the camp activity, our NSSvolunteers involved enthusiastically in all the community works like cleaning primary health center, temple, ration shop, library and planting the saplings. The students were focused and enjoyed community living and completed the camp successfully on 29.9.2017. At the end of the camp we could see in them the feelings like sharing and caring, deep bonding among students. A special mention about our staff Dhandapani and his wife Meenakshi for the delicious food prepared for the camp.



**SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY:** On 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Two day's training programme on 'DYSCALCULIA' for selected teachers from Primary and High school was conducted in the campus. Most of them were maths teachers. Ms.Masratt Khan, CEO, Maharashtra Dyslexia Association, Mumbai was the faculty. Inaugural function was addressed by our correspondent, and attended by members of Vidya Vikasini Society, Principal, Academic Advisor and other teaching faculties. This training programme threw light on the methods of teaching students with learning disabilities. There was also a demonstration session by the teacher learners before the valedictory session. Mr. Sreekumar, HR Director, gave away the Course Certificates to the teachers, who attended the training programme. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Mrs.R. Uma Maheshwari, Nursery Co-ordinator.



## ILM & SPOKEN ENGLISH:

In order to improve the communicative skills among students, Management has arranged for Spoken English classes by ILM, Bangalore. ILM resort to various activities every month for improving Spoken English among children. To motivate and monitor, they conducted activities like, ILM's 'Answer us', 'Let's Debate', 'School of Reporters' & 'School of Manners', apart from organizing Independence day and Teachers Day celebrations. Students enthusiastically participated in all the activities of ILM.



## EVENTS OF NURSERY SECTION

**I. Colours Day:** The primary colours (red, blue and yellow) were introduced to the Nursery Kids by celebrating colours day from **27.06.17 to 30.06.17**. On Rosy Day (Red colour), Breezy Day (Blue colour) Sunny Day (Yellow colour), Grassy Day (Green colour), all the children and teachers wore the same colour for the four days. It was a spectacular show.

**II. Sports day** was conducted on **09.08.17**. Individual events for boys and girls were separately given from LKG A to UKG D (16 events) and one common group game for LKG and UKG was conducted. All the events were innovative like – Hurdle race, Phonic play, Frenzy frogs, Matching marvels, Jumping Jack, Quick quakers, Back jump, Hues harmony, Bale Bale Boys, Pop up Balls, Super stackers, Hop up-Top up, Pearl pickers, Blowing bubblics, Hopping heroes, Swirling sweetsies, Musical chair, Bursting balloons. The winners were given medals and certificates and all the participants were given gifts.



### III. Field Trip:

LKG Children were taken to Ramayana Theme Park on **21.07.17**. UKG children were taken to Iskcon Temple on **25.07.17**. Children enjoyed a lot.

### IV. Religious celebration:

Onam, Vinayaka Chaturthi and Krishna Jayanthi were celebrated in Nursery campus on **24.08.17** with pomp and show. Athmalingam Drama was depicted by LKG children. It was a spell binding show and everyone were dumbstruck by the performance of the tiny tots. Vinayaka dance was performed by LKG children.

Religious Quiz was conducted for UKG children, They also did their best. The highlight of the celebration was Dandiya dance by teachers. Delicious Prasatham was distributed to all after the celebration.

## SPORTS GALORE

### Our achievements in the North Zone Tournaments -2017

S.No.	Game	Category	Result
1	Chess	Under 14 Boys	III Prize
		Under 17 Boys	III Prize
2	Hockey	Under 14 Boys	Winners
		Under 17 Boys	Runner – up
3	Carom	Under 14 Boys (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Boys (Singles)	Runner-up
		Under 19 Boys (Doubles)	Winners
4	Shot Put	Under 19	I Prize
5	Ball Badminton	Under 14 Boys	Winners
		Under 17 Boys	Runner – up
		Under 19 Boys	Runner – up
		Under 14 Boys (District Level)	Runners
6	Throw Ball	Under 14 Boys	Runner - up
7	Shuttle	Under 17 Boys (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Boys	Runner – up
8	Basket Ball	Under 14 (Boys)	Runner – up
		Under 17 (Boys)	Winners
9	Table Tennis	Under 14 Boys (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Boys (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
		Under 19 Boys (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 19 Boys (Singles)	Runner – up
10	Fencing	Under 17 Boys (Divisional Level)	I Place
11	Tackwondo	Under 17 Boys (Divisional Level)	I Place
12	4 x 100 mts Relay	Under 19 Girls	II Prize
		Under 17 Girls	I Prize
13	400 mts	Under 17 Girls	I Place
14	200 mts	Under 17 Girls	II Place
15	800 mts	Under 17 Girls	I Place
16	Carom	Under 14 Girls (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 14 Girls (Singles)	Runner – up
		Under 17 Girls (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Girls (Singles)	Winners
		Under 19 Girls (Singles & Doubles)	Runner – up
		Under 14 Girls (District Level Doubles)	Runner – up
17	Tennikoit	Under 14 Girls	Runner – up
18	Hockey	Under 14 Girls	Runner – up
		Under 17 Girls	Runner – up
		Under 19 Girls	Winners
19	Kho-Kho	Under 14 Girls	Winners
		Under 17 Girls	Winners
20	Ball Badminton	Under 17 Girls	Winners
		Under 14 Girls (District Level)	Runners
21	Badminton	Under 17 Girls (District Level)	Winners
		Under 17 Girls (District Level)	Winners
		Under 19 Girls (District Level)	Runners
		Under 17 Girls (Divisional Level Singles)	Winners
		Under 17 Girls (Divisional Level Doubles)	Runner
22	Volley Ball	Under 17 Girls	Runner – up
23	Shuttle	Under 14 Girls (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Girls (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
		Under 19 Girls (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
24	Basket Ball	Under 14 Girls	Winners
		Under 17 Girls	Winners
25	Table Tennis	Under 14 Girls (Singles & Doubles)	Winners
		Under 17 Girls (Doubles)	Winners
		Under 19 Girls (Doubles)	Runner - up
26	Javelin Throw	Under 19 Girls (District Level)	II Place
		Under 19 Girls (Divisional Level)	II Place
		Under 19 Girls (District Level)	II Place



## ACHIEVERS

### “ART IS A MANIFESTATION OF INNER THOUGHTS!”

'Thought for the Soul' concept is beautifully depicted by master Muthu Prasad of XII STD, which won the first prize in the competition conducted by 'NizhalMaiyam' apart from winning many hearts. Very inspirational message, Food for thought!



### SPORTS HAS NO BARRIERS!

Our special children bagged many prizes in the District Level Sports and other activities proving that they are 'Second to None'. Keep it going!



### QUIZZING – A GREAT LEAP!

Koushik L of XII STD, Rahul M and Aravind S N of XI STD took part in the State Level Quiz Competition conducted by Tamil Nadu Science Forum and bagged the third place. Congratulations!

### INNOVATIVE INVENTIONS



5 teams from our Hr. Sec. classes took part in the National Level Science Expo – 2017, on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, organized by Dept. of Machatronics, PPG Institute of Technology, Saravanampatty. Our students' team represented by John Inbaraj M, Nithesh P G & Prakash Raj G won the first prize and cash award of Rs.2000/- for their



project on “Hologram Projector”.

Similarly, the project on “Aqua Ponics” bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and cash award of Rs.1000/- by another team represented by Abinandhan Palanisamy K, Subash J and Anishkumar KE. Scientists in the making!