## SESSION ON ONLINE B.Sc IN PROGRAMMING AND DATA SCIENCE LAUNCHED BY IIT MADRAS



Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School organized an informative and interactive session on BSc in Programming and Data Science, an online program launched by IIT Madras on April 9<sup>th</sup>,2022 (Saturday). "It is open to anyone who has qualified Class 12 examination and studied English and Maths in Class 10. As a part of the application process for the online degree (BSc) in programming and data science, all applicants need to go through a qualifier process, wherein students get access to four weeks of video content from the institute. Upon completion of the course, students are eligible to appear for the qualifier exam. Those who clear the exam get admitted to the foundation level course", Professor Prathap Haridoss, Dean of Academic courses, IIT Madras said in an interaction with the students and parents of XI and XII. He also highlighted that the students do not need to crack tough entrance examinations like Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) to get themselves enrolled in IITs. The audience found the course very attractive as there is no upper age limit to apply and study for this program. Even the teachers, if interested, can enroll and study. The exits at the end of every level are possible, and students can exit with the Foundational certificate, one or both diplomas, or the degree. While the classes are online, exams are in person and at centers across the country. It can be done as the primary degree or along with any on-campus program too.

The event commenced with the prayer song, followed by the delivery of the welcome address by the Section in Charge of High and Higher Secondary School, Mrs. V. Sasikala. Our Principal, Mr. M. Sathish Kumar, and Vice-Principal Mrs. Princy Tom thanked the organizers for arranging such an informative and useful session. Mrs. Bharathi Balaji, a senior project officer in NPTEL and IIT Madras BSc Degree Program briefed in detail about the overall operations of the project. As

engaging as it was, their team also managed to put together a compendious presentation on the details concerning this course, the methodology of teaching, significance of this novel area of study, scope after graduation, and so on. It wound up with an extensive interaction and an FAQ session as many students and parents seemed to be impressed by the core elements and features of this online program offered by the prestigious IIT Madras. Finally, **Sandhya, the Head Girl**, proposed the vote of thanks.



Prof. Prathap Haridoss

Mrs. Bharathi Balaji

