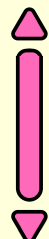




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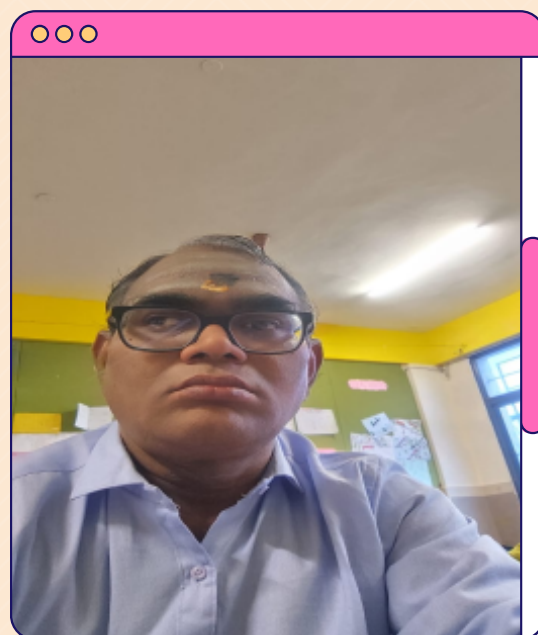
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Golden Arrow 2025 Workshop

On July 26, 2025, Mr. B. Varadharajan, Cub Master, attended the Golden Arrow 2025 Workshop for Cubs and Bulbuls held at GTA School, Neelangarai, Chennai.



The workshop provided a detailed, step-by-step orientation on filling out the Golden Arrow 2025 application, clarifying the essential requirements and deadlines. Participants also received a comprehensive overview of the programme's procedures, equipping them with the knowledge to navigate the process effectively.

Attending the workshop has enhanced our understanding of the application process, thereby preparing us to guide our Cubs and Bulbuls towards successful participation in the Golden Arrow 2025 programme.

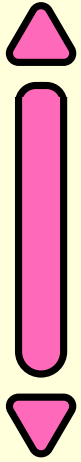



 1 August, 2025

World Scarf Day Celebration

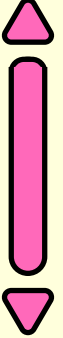


On August 1st, our school joyfully celebrated World Scarf Day with great enthusiasm. Scouts, Guides, Cubs, and Bulbuls actively participated in a creative art activity, showcasing their imagination and artistic flair. The event beautifully reflected the spirit of togetherness and creativity among the students.




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As a special highlight of the celebration, our Principal-in-charge, Mrs. Princy Tom, was honoured with a graceful scarf, presented as a token of appreciation and to mark the significance of the day.




Vana Vani's 62nd Annual Day Celebration



Date: 7th August, 2025

Venue: Students Activity Centre (SAC), IIT Madras.

On 7th August, 2025, Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated its 62nd Annual Day with great zeal and enthusiasm, in the prestigious Students Activity Centre of IIT Madras. The event was a grand celebration of the school's achievements and talents, and was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Prof. S P Dhanavel, Chairman, Shri. Raman Kumar, Secretary - Cum - Treasurer, Mrs. Princy Tom, Principal I/C, Mrs. R. Akilandeswari, Vice Principal I/C, and the dynamic young leaders, Head Boy, Master Sreehsri S. and Head Girl, Miss. Moumita Anbuchelvan.



The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Prof. Manu Santhanam, Dean (IC & SR) IIT Madras, along with other dignitaries. This was followed by a soulful rendition of the prayer song by the school choir which was followed by Tamizh Thai Vazhthu.



The Head Girl, Miss. Moumita Anbuchelvan then warmly welcomed the audience and introduced the dignitaries.

She acknowledged the hard work of students and teachers alike and highlighted the importance of creativity, critical thinking, and social responsibility.



The Principal I/C Mrs. Princy Tom, in her Annual Report for the year 2024-25, highlighted the school's achievements over the past academic year, including board exam results, inter-school competitions, and co-curricular excellence.



The presidential address delivered by the Chairman, Prof. S. P. Dhanavel, resonated with good wishes for all the students to strive for excellence and become good citizens of India.



The Chief Guest, Prof. Manu Santhanam, through his captivating speech, urged the students to seek information from free online content available in different languages. He advised parents to spend more time with children, and teachers to be more indulgent with children in satisfying their curiosity. He encouraged the students to do well in whatever they undertake and emphasised the absolute necessity of participating in sports for mental and physical health. His speech was a source of inspiration for both students and teachers alike.



A significant portion of the ceremony was dedicated to recognizing and honouring the outstanding academic achievers and proficiency rank holders, by the chief guest. Prizes, certificates and endowment awards were presented to meritorious students in academics, sports, and extra-curricular activities, amidst loud applause and cheers from the audience.

The dignitaries further conferred the Overall Championship in Sports for the year 2024-25 to Yamuna House and Ganga House was awarded the prestigious shield for their outstanding performance as the Best House in the Inter School Cultural Activities for the year 2024-2025.

Awards

Also, Vana Vani had the pleasure of bestowing awards upon deserving individuals, the teaching and non-teaching staff, who had displayed remarkable dedication and contribution to the school community. The awards were as follows:

Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Award:

Mrs. R. Akilandeswari, Vice-Principal i/c
Mrs. Lalita Surendren, Nurse Section Head

Mrs. R. Parvathy, Administrative staff
Mr. K. Narayanan, Supporting staff
Mrs. M. Maheswary, Supporting staff

Chandra's Award & Certificate of Recognition:

Mrs. M. Vijayalakshmi, Teaching staff
Mrs. Brindha Sreedhar, Teaching staff
Mrs. M. Anuradha, Teaching staff





A vote of thanks was delivered by Head Boy, Master Sreehari S., marking the conclusion of the formal program.



This was followed by a spectacular Cultural Program that highlighted the diverse talents of the students and vividly reflected the school's vibrant cultural ethos.

Nritya Shakti

The first performance, *Nritya Shakti*, an invocation dance, transported the audience to a realm of spirituality and devotion. Through graceful movements and expressive gestures, the dancers paid homage to Lord Rama, captivating everyone with their storytelling through the art of dance.



Wild Rhythms

The stage came alive with vibrant costumes, rhythmic music, and enthusiastic movements as the UKG children danced with confidence and joy to the *Wild Rhythms*. Their expressions, coordination, and energy were truly heart-warming and brought wide smiles to the faces of the audience.



Tiny Steps, Global Beats

The young performers of Grade 1 lit up the stage with their energetic and colourful Indo-Western dance, *Tiny Steps, Global Beats*, which showcased their developing sense of rhythm and expression. Dressed in stylish fusion attire, the children gracefully blended classical Indian steps with modern Western beats, creating a delightful and refreshing performance.



Bharathiyin Kanavu

The stage came alive with the delightful performance of our energetic 2nd and 3rd graders as they presented a vibrant Tamil song, "*Bharathiyin Kanavu*" during our Annual Day celebration. With innocence in their smiles and confidence, the children beautifully captured the essence of Tamil culture through their melodious voices and coordinated movements.



The Whispering Woods

A hush fell over the audience as the curtains rose to reveal an enchanting world of mystery and magic in the English dance drama titled *"The Whispering Woods"*, brought to life by the spirited students of Grades 4 and 5.



Folk Kaleidoscope

The Annual Day celebrations were vibrantly energized by the spirited folk-dance performance, *"Folk Kaleidoscope"*, presented by our enthusiastic students from Grades 6, 7, and 8. Showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditional rhythms of our diverse country, the dancers brought alive a tapestry of colourful costumes, lively beats, and joyful expressions.



Yamalogathil Oru Naal

This was followed by an engaging theatrical performance of the Tamil play *"Yamalogathil Oru Naal"*, skilfully enacted by the talented students of Grades 8, 9, and 10. This thought-provoking drama took the audience on a fascinating journey to Yamaloka—the mythical realm of Yama, the god of death—exploring themes of morality, justice, and redemption.



Vivre Nos Rêves

"On écrit sur les murs" beautifully enriched by the soulful rendition of the French song "*Vivre Nos Rêves*", performed with elegance and passion by our senior students from Grades 11 and 12. The song, which translates to "Living Our Dreams," resonated deeply with the audience as the students expressed themes of hope, ambition, and the pursuit of one's dreams through melodious voices and heartfelt emotion.



Musical Odissi

The school orchestra delivered a remarkable musical performance, "*Musical Odissi*" that exhibited the talent, discipline, and teamwork of our students. Accompanied by subtle instrumental arrangements and tasteful staging, the medley performance was both uplifting and inspiring, and was a memorable experience for both performers and the audience. It highlighted the importance of music education and the value of collaboration, discipline, and creativity.



The highlight of the evening was the grand finale — a Tamil fusion dance performance was a creative blend of traditional Tamil folk with modern music and contemporary moves, showcasing both the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu and the creative expressions of today's youth, by our talented 11th and 12th graders. This energetic dance seamlessly blended traditional folk rhythms, martial art forms from diverse regions with contemporary dance styles, creating a spectacular showcase of cultural harmony and innovation.



As the informal segment concluded, the audience was deeply impressed by the students' remarkable talent, passion, and dedication. The programs perfectly embodied the evening's spirit - celebrating diversity, fostering creativity, and promoting unity through art. The success of Vana Vani's 62nd Annual Day highlighted the tireless efforts of the school's teachers, who meticulously guided the students throughout their preparations and program came to an end with the National Anthem.



11 August, 2025

Students Take Anti-Drug Pledge

On August 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the students of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School joined hands with the state-wide initiative led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. M.K. Stalin, to build a Drug-Free Tamil Nadu.



Students assembled in the Middle School foyer and auditorium where the live program was streamed through a laptop and speaker system. The Chief Minister warmly addressed the students, emphasising the dangers of harmful habits and the importance of making healthy life choices.

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This was followed by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin, leading the anti-drug pledge. With their teachers, the students repeated the pledge aloud, affirming their commitment to stay away from drugs and to prevent others from falling into the trap of addiction.





The program concluded with words of encouragement from the teachers, urging the students to carry the spirit of the pledge into their daily lives and to stand as ambassadors of a healthy and drug-free future.



15 August, 2025 Independence Day Celebration

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic spirit at Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School on 15th August 2025. The programme began with a prayer song and Tamizh Thai Vazhthu, followed by a warm welcome address. Our respected Chairman, Prof. S. P. Dhanavel, unfurled the National Flag, after which the gathering paid respect with the school salute and flag song.

The cultural events reflected the essence of freedom and responsibility. A Tamil speech on Inraya Sulzhayil Suthanthiram inspired the audience, while the Primary students presented a tribute to freedom fighters through role plays of great leaders. The Middle School students performed a vibrant dance titled Freedom in Every Heartbeat, and an English speech highlighted the spirit of independence. A meaningful Tamil skit, Poratta Virargal, by Middle and High School students showcased the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.





Our Chairman addressed the gathering with motivating words, reminding students of the importance of unity and responsibility. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, followed by the National Anthem. The celebration instilled pride, patriotism, and a sense of duty in every heart.

Jai Hind!

17 AUGUST, 2025 AND 24 AUGUST, 2025 STEPS OF STRENGTH AND MILES OF SPIRIT

Mr. Jeeva actively participated in two remarkable marathon events in August 2025, showcasing his fitness and dedication. On 17th August 2025, he took part in India's first Stair-Climbing Marathon at the Chennai Indoor Nehru Stadium, successfully completing 1,720 steps. The following week, on 24th August 2025, he joined the Independence Day Marathon (5 km) organized by Decathlon at Olcott Memorial School, Besant Nagar. His enthusiastic participation in these events reflects both personal endurance and the spirit of promoting health and fitness through innovative sporting challenges.



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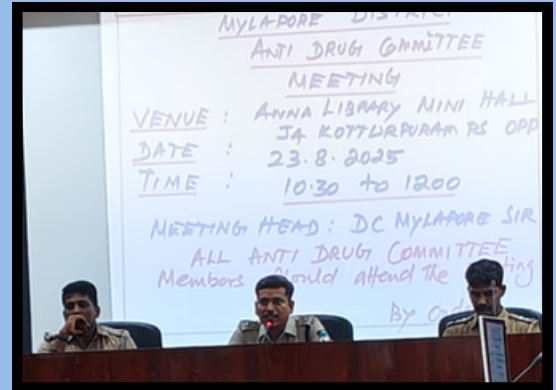
ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE MEETING

An anti-drug committee meeting was organized in ANNA CENTENARY LIBRARY on 23/8/2025 Saturday. The meeting was conducted and hosted by the Deputy Commissioner of police Mylapore.

The main motive of the meeting was to create an awareness among the school and college going students about the ill effects of drug usage. We were also told about certain drug cases and also how to identify the drug users and drug sellers in and around our schools and colleges.

We were also allotted with a police station in our limit and were also provided with the contact numbers of the police officers.

Six students from Vana Vani attended the meeting and we were accompanied by MRS.VIJAYA ABHIRAMI and MRS.P.NIRMALA.



The students attended the meeting were :

1. Sudhiksha.S XI – A [PRESIDENT - ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]
2. Badri.D XI-A [VICE PRESIDENT – ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]
3. Pavithra.R.M XI – C [SECRETARY- ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]
4. D.CHUDARVIZHI XI –B [JOINT SECRETARY –ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]
5. Chajin Balu N.K XI-B [PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER - ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]
6. VIGNESH.S XI-C [CHIEF EDITOR - ANTI DRUG COMMITTEE]

24 August, 2025

TEDx Napier Bridge Countdown Conference

On 24th August 2025, the TEDx Napier Bridge Countdown Conference on Climate Change was held at the Anna Centenary Library Auditorium, Chennai. The event brought together experts, activists, and students to raise awareness about urgent environmental challenges such as global warming, pollution, urbanisation, and climate change.

The conference began with impactful talks by distinguished speakers. Aastha Bharadwaj highlighted climate-focused talent acquisition and how organizations now seek individuals committed to sustainability. Dr. Krithiga Murugesan, meteorologist and researcher at IIT Madras, explained the science behind climate change and its alarming impact on weather patterns. Justice D. Bharatha Chakravarthy emphasized the role of law and policy in addressing environmental issues, while Kavitha Bharathidasan, botanical educator and conservationist, inspired the audience through her work in biodiversity protection. Dr. Vidhya Venugopal discussed the health consequences of climate change, and Dr. Sudhir Chella Rajan of IIT Madras stressed the need for policy changes and community participation in building a sustainable future.



In addition to the talks, cultural performances creatively underscored the theme. Students staged a thought-provoking drama on the devastating effects of global warming, unchecked urbanisation, and pollution, urging collective action to protect the planet. This was followed by a special musical performance by Mani, who showcased Tamil heritage by playing instruments representing the five landscapes — Kurinji (mountains), Mullai (forests), Marutham (farmlands), Neithal (coastal areas), and Palai (deserts). The music celebrated the harmony once shared between land, culture, and environment.



The program also featured interactive checkpoints where participants explored environmental solutions and sustainable practices. Refreshments and eco-friendly goodie bags added to the engaging experience.

The event left a lasting impression on the students, who not only gained valuable insights but also felt deeply inspired to contribute towards protecting the planet. We sincerely thank our school for giving us this wonderful opportunity to be part of such an enriching and inspiring event.

Nursery Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration



The UKG children learned about the significance of Ganesh Chaturthi and the importance of prayer and devotion. They sang cheerful devotional songs in praise of Lord Ganesha, their melodious voices filling the atmosphere with joy and liveliness. The celebration became even more memorable as the little ones listened with delight to stories highlighting Lord Ganesha's wisdom and kindness.



25 August, 2025

NSS INAUGURATION



The NSS Unit of Vana Vani School organized its Inauguration Ceremony on Monday, 25th August 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Primary School Auditorium. The event was coordinated by the NSS In-charge Officer, Mrs. Vasanthi.

The programme began with a warm welcome extended to the Chief Guest by the NSS Unit, followed by the welcome address delivered by the NSS Secretary, Ms. N. Rakshitha. The gathering then joined in singing the Prayer Song, Tamil Thaa Vazhthu, and the NSS Song, melodiously presented by the NSS choir, setting a solemn and inspiring tone for the event.

This was followed by a presentation of past activities, where NSS members proudly showcased their achievements and initiatives. The Chief Guest then addressed the gathering, sharing motivating words that encouraged students to dedicate themselves to service with sincerity and responsibility. His interaction with the volunteers made the session lively, engaging, and thought-provoking.

The highlight of the ceremony was the Badge Distribution, during which the Chief Guest, along with the Principal (In-charge) and Vice Principal (In-charge), formally inducted the new NSS members by presenting them with their NSS badges.

Towards the close of the event, the Vote of Thanks was delivered by the NSS Assistant Secretary, Ms. G. L. Kuzhallosini, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the programme. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, filling the auditorium with a deep sense of pride and patriotism.

SPORT NEWS

59th Annual Sports Day Celebration at Vana Vani School



The 59th Annual Sports Day of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School, IIT Madras Campus, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and excitement on Saturday, 30th August 2025 at the Manohar C Watsa Stadium. The event commenced at 1.30 p.m. with the Parent Event and Medal Distribution for the completed competitions.

The day's proceedings began with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Prof. M. Suresh Babu, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras & Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies, who graciously presided over the occasion. The programme started with a prayer song and Thamizh Thai Vazhthu, followed by the welcome address by the Sports Secretary. The Chief Guest then unfurled the school flag, which was followed by a spectacular March Past by the students, showcasing discipline and team spirit.





The track events began with the 100 metres race for all categories, followed by the 4 x 100 metres relay, both of which witnessed spirited participation and enthusiastic cheering.

The Lighting of the Torch and the Oath-taking Ceremony reaffirmed the values of sportsmanship, after which the Chief Guest officially declared the Sports Meet open. A lively Zumba performance by Classes VI to VIII added vibrance to the celebration.





The Chief Guest, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers in upholding the rich sporting tradition of the school. This was followed by the much-awaited **Prize Distribution Ceremony**, where winners were honoured for their outstanding performances.



The event concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by the Assistant Sports Secretary, the Lowering of the Flag, and the singing of the National Anthem, marking the close of yet another memorable Sports Day at Vana Vani.

The day was a perfect blend of sportsmanship, teamwork, and celebration, leaving behind memories of determination and success.



SOUTH CHENNAI VELACHERY ZONE ATHLETICS AND GAMES

ORGANISED BY GEETHA MHSS, SAIDAPET

ATHLETICS RESULTS:

In Velachery Zone Athletics our school secured overall championship for 26th consecutive year in boys' category.

Following won the Individual Championship:

JAI KRISHNA - XII-C (UNDER-19 CATEGORY)

ILAM BHARATHI - XII-C (UNDER-19 CATEGORY)

ADITHYA SUDHAKAR - X-C (UNDER-17 CATEGORY)

LAKSHITA.S - X-A (UNDER-17 CATEGORY)

GAMES RESULTS:

BASKETBALL:

UNDER 17 (BOYS & GIRLS) - WINNERS

UNDER 19 (BOYS & GIRLS) - WINNERS

HANDBALL:

UNDER 19 (BOYS & GIRLS) - WINNERS

UNDER 17 (BOYS & GIRLS) - RUNNERS & WINNERS

UNDER 14 (GIRLS) - WINNERS

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET ORGANISED BY ST. PATRICK'S ANGLO-INDIAN HSS

Our school students participated in this inter school athletic meet and secured many prizes and the individual championship won by **LAKSHAY OF CLASS-VI-A & ADITHYA SUDHAKAR OF CLASS-X-C.**



Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel



Visit our school website: vanavani.iitm.ac.in