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PONGAL CELEBRATION IN NURSERY



Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm by the Nursery children on 13.01.2026. The celebration aimed to create awareness among students about Tamil culture and traditions, while also helping them understand the importance of agriculture in daily life.

The Pongal celebration proved to be a memorable and enriching experience, leaving the children with a deeper appreciation of their cultural heritage.



The children delivered brief speeches explaining the significance of Pongal and its four days—Bhogi, Thai Pongal, Mattu Pongal, and Kaanum Pongal. They also showcased their talents through lively folk dance performances, which added colour and cheer to the event.

பொங்கல் விழா



13.01.2026 அன்று நம் பள்ளியில் பொங்கல் விழா மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. பள்ளியின் வாசலில் வண்ணக் கோலங்கள் தொடக்கப்பள்ளி, நடுநிலைப்பள்ளி, மற்றும் 9 வகுப்பு மாணவர்களால் போடப்பட்டது. மேலும் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் பள்ளியின் அரங்கத்தில் பொறுப்பு முதல்வர் முன்னிலையில் நடத்தப்பட்டது. இறை வாழ்த்து, தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்துடன் நடனம், குழுப்பாடல், நாடகம், கவிதை, பேச்சு போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடைபெற்றன. இறுதியாக நன்றியுரைக் கூற நாட்டுப்பண்ணுடன் விழா இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.



CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 12 JANUARY, 2026



On 12th January, the school organized a Career Guidance Program on Artificial Intelligence to create awareness among students about emerging technologies and the career opportunities they offer in the future.

The program began with an engaging connector game that instantly captured the students' interest and set an energetic and interactive tone for the session. This was followed by an insightful talk by the Faculty of Computer Science Department from Jerusalem college of engineering, Pallikaranani, who introduced students to the basic concepts and real-world significance of Artificial Intelligence in a simple and relatable manner.

During the session, students were introduced to AI as a scientific field and learned about its evolution over time. The speaker explained how Artificial Intelligence has gradually become part of everyday life, enabling students to connect the concept with technologies they regularly use.



Special attention was given to commonly used AI-based applications such as voice assistants, navigation systems, recommendation platforms, and smart devices. The discussion further highlighted the growing role of AI within Computer Science, particularly in areas like machine learning, cyber security, robotics, automation, and data analysis.



The session also explored the expanding influence of Artificial Intelligence in the field of Commerce, where intelligent systems are widely used in customer service, fraud detection, marketing strategies, sales forecasting, inventory management, and financial analysis. These examples helped students understand how AI is transforming industries and shaping future career landscapes.

The interactive nature of the program encouraged enthusiastic student participation, with many raising questions and sharing their views throughout the session. Overall, the program proved to be informative and inspiring, providing students with valuable insights into Artificial Intelligence and its wide-ranging applications in the modern world.

CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAMME

19 JANUARY, 2026



A Career Counselling Programme was conducted at Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School, IIT Madras, Adyar, on 19 January 2026, exclusively for the students of Class X. The programme witnessed active participation from a majority of the students and was organised with the aim of guiding them at a crucial stage of academic decision-making.

The primary objective of the programme was to create awareness about the significance of choosing an appropriate career path and to help students identify their interests, abilities, and inner strengths. Mrs. Srividhya Sudharson, Founder and Director of Transcend, served as the resource person for the session.

During the counselling session, the psychologist elaborated on the importance of making informed career choices to lead a meaningful, effective, and fulfilling life. She emphasized that selecting a career aligned with one's interests, talents, and personality traits contributes to long-term satisfaction and success.

Students were encouraged to explore their inner potential and advised not to make career decisions based solely on peer pressure or societal expectations.

As part of the programme, an online assessment test was conducted in the Computer Science Laboratory. The assessment was designed to help students gain insight into their interests, preferences, aptitude, and personality traits. Students participated with keen interest and completed the assessment sincerely.

Following a detailed analysis of individual test results, the psychologist informed the students that individual counselling sessions would be conducted in the month of February, in the presence of their parents. During these sessions, personalised guidance and career suggestions would be provided based on each student's responses, strengths, interests, and future aspirations. Students were assured that the recommended career options would be well-suited to their abilities and personal inclinations.



The Career Counselling Programme proved to be highly informative and beneficial. It enabled students to gain clarity about career choices and underscored the importance of self-assessment before making decisions about their future. The initiative taken by the school and the Career Guidance Committee was widely appreciated by both students and teachers.

Overall, the programme was a resounding success and marked a meaningful step towards guiding students in making informed career choices and shaping a bright and confident future.

RED RIBBON CLUB



On 17 October, the Red Ribbon Club of the institution thoughtfully organised a series of competitions with the dual objective of creating awareness and nurturing students' creative and academic abilities. The programme featured a wide range of events, including speech, essay writing, soap carving, T-shirt painting, greeting card making, and chart making. Students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing originality, confidence, and commitment throughout the activities.

The programme concluded on a dignified and inspiring note. Overall, the Red Ribbon Club competitions were highly successful and contributed meaningfully to the holistic development of students while reinforcing the importance of awareness and social responsibility.

The competitions were conducted in a fair and transparent manner, with the judges meticulously evaluating each performance. After careful and comprehensive assessment, the results were officially announced on 21 January.

The prize distribution ceremony, held on the same day, added significance to the programme. Students were motivated to participate more actively in future initiatives. The Principal In-charge graciously distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners and appreciated the sincere efforts of all participants.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

26 JANUARY, 2026



The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with dignity, pride, and patriotic fervour at our school on 26th January. The programme reflected the spirit of India's democratic ethos and inspired the gathering to uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution.



The celebration commenced with a soulful prayer song, followed by the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, setting a serene and respectful tone for the occasion. A warm welcome was extended to the dignitaries and the gathering. This was followed by the unfurling of the National Flag by the respected Chairman Professor S. P. Dhanavel, in the august presence of the dignitaries. The assembly stood in solemn salute, symbolising unity, respect, and national pride.





The National Pledge and the Flag Song further strengthened the patriotic spirit. A series of cultural performances by students added colour and vibrancy to the programme, beautifully portraying India's unity in diversity. Speeches, melodious songs, a thematic drama, and expressive dance performances conveyed the significance of Republic Day and the duties of responsible citizenship in a subtle yet impactful manner.

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The Management, Principal i/c, Staff and Students
cordially invite you to the
77th REPUBLIC DAY

Celebration on Monday, 26th January 2026 at 8.40 a.m.
in the school premises.

Our Chairman

Prof. S. P. DHANAVEL

(Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Madras)

will hoist the National Flag and
deliver the key note address
in the august presence of

Our Secretary-Cum-Treasurer

Shri. RAMAN KUMAR

(Deputy Registrar, Finance & Accounts, IIT Madras)





In his address, the Chairman inspired everyone to uphold constitutional values and contribute meaningfully to the progress of the nation.



The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, followed by the National Anthem, sung with reverence and pride by all present.



The Republic Day celebration was meaningful and memorable, instilling a deep sense of patriotism, responsibility, and national pride among the students. Sweets were distributed through the class teachers, bringing the event to a joyful close.

Jai Hind!



PRIMARY INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

– JANUARY 2026 (ACTIVITY-5)

On 31st January, 2026, students from Grades 4 and 5 enthusiastically participated in an engaging Inter-House Competition.

Grade 4 students enthusiastically participated in the “Judge a Book by Its Cover” competition, an engaging activity designed to enhance concentration, observation, creativity, and designing skills.

The students listened attentively to a story narrated by the judge and showcased their understanding by designing an imaginative cover page through colouring. The activity encouraged alertness, quick thinking, and creativity, making the learning experience both enjoyable and meaningful.

The venue buzzed with excitement as the children confidently recalled story details and expressed their ideas through vibrant designs.

Overall, the event provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop fine motor skills and aesthetic sense while enjoying the joy of creative expression.



THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS.



“Judge a Book by its Cover” - Solo event - IV STD

WINNERS	NAMES	CLASS/SEC	HOUSE
I	PAAVAI.S	IV C	GODAVARI
II	NITHARSHANA.U.M	IV C	YAMUNA
II	SHIVANYA.K	IV C	CAUVERY
III	SUNVIKA.R	IV A	YAMUNA

At the same time, Grade 5 students showcased their talents in the “Folk Fiesta” competition, representing their respective houses with great enthusiasm and energy. The participants used a variety of creative props and wore costumes that were well suited to their music and dance forms.



The students displayed excellent team spirit and artistic talent through impressive dance steps, originality, and coordination in both their costumes and props.



It was a delightful sight to see the young dancers fully engrossed in their performances, expressing themselves through vibrant movements and colourful attire.

The event successfully helped students strengthen their dancing skills while promoting confidence, creativity, and a healthy spirit of competition.

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"Folk Fiesta" (Group event)- V STD			
WINNERS	NAME	CLASS /SEC	HOUSE
I	VASANTHA MOHANA K	5B	GODAVARI
	SANDRINA V		
	AGARTHIYA S		
	NAKSHATHRA I		
	SHIVANI.P.S.		
II	KISHANTHINI M	5C	GANGA
	JEEVAK A		
	HANISHA L		
	AVANTHIKA N A J		
	DASHWANTH SAI M		
	HARINI. P.S.		
III	YAZHINI SHRI V	5A	YAMUNA
	RAKSHINI SRI V		
	YOGA PREETHI.S		
	DHARSHICK.R		
	SARAN R		
	JOHAAN VALENTWIN. M		

Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel

