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Festa Di Talenti - Inter-School Cultural Event

Our school students enthusiastically participated in Festa Di Talenti, an inter-school cultural event held on **4th August 2026** at St. Bede's Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, Santhome.

We are delighted to share that Srijith of Class XII B and Dilip Kumaran of Class XII A were honoured with the Best Meme Creator Award for their outstanding creativity and performance.

The school congratulates both students on their achievement and appreciates the efforts of all the participants who represented Vana Vani with enthusiasm and upheld the school's spirit of excellence.



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✦ Vana Vani's 63rd Annual Day ✦ Celebration

“ROOTED IN VALUES, SOARING WITH EXCELLENCE”



Annual Day is one of the most cherished celebrations in the life of a school—a vibrant reflection of its spirit, aspirations, and achievements. It is an occasion that brings together students, teachers, parents, alumni, and well-wishers to celebrate a year marked by learning, perseverance, creativity, and excellence.



On **7th August, 2026**, Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated its **63rd 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 eminent personalities whose support and contributions have been integral to the school's success.

The event witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Prof. A. Gopala Krishna, Chairman, Mrs. M. Sindhu, Secretary - Cum - Treasurer, Mrs. Princy Tom, Principal I/C, Mrs. R. Akilandeswari, Vice Principal I/C, and the energetic young leaders, Head Boy, Master Srijith S.J. and Head Girl, Miss. Adeline Mary N.



The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the **Chief Guest, Prof. Srikanth Vedantam, Dept. of Medical Science and Technology, IIT Madras**, along with other dignitaries. This was followed by a soulful rendition of the prayer song by the school choir.



The Head Girl, Miss. Adeline Mary N., then warmly welcomed the audience and introduced the dignitaries.



In her Annual Report for the year 2025-26, **the Principal I/C Mrs. Princy Tom** presented a comprehensive overview of the school's achievements, milestones, and progress over the past academic year. Highlighting excellence in academics, co-curricular activities, sports, and community initiatives, the report celebrated the collective efforts of students, staff, and parents while reaffirming the school's commitment to holistic education and continued growth. This was followed by a special address from our **Secretary-Cum-Treasurer, Mrs. M. Sindhu**.



The Presidential address, gracefully delivered by Chairman **Prof. A. Gopala Krishna**, introduced the Chief Guest, and conveyed his special thanks to the parents for believing in the school. He conveyed his best wishes for all the students to strive for excellence and also asked everyone to strive in taking the school to greater heights. He advised the students to make as many friends as possible and keep in touch.



The Chief Guest, **Prof. Srikanth Vedantam**, through a captivating speech, shared his personal journey intertwined with the significance of the phrase “Work hard, play hard”. He advised students to identify certain areas that they are passionate about and develop a well-rounded personality. During his address, the Chief Guest praised the school for its progressive approach to education and encouraged students to remain curious, compassionate, and confident in the face of future challenges.

A significant portion of the ceremony was dedicated to recognizing and honouring the outstanding academic achievers and proficiency rank holders, graced by the esteemed dignitaries. Prizes, certificates and endowment awards were presented to meritorious students in academics, sports, and extra-curricular activities. These awards served as a testament to the hardwork, dedication, and perseverance of the students, and were presented by the dignitaries amidst loud applause and cheers from the audience.



The dignitaries further had the privilege of conferring the Overall Championship in Sports for the year 2025-26 to Godavari House. Cauvery House was awarded the prestigious shield for their outstanding performance as the Best House in the Inter School Cultural Activities for the year 2025-2026.

Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Award:

Mrs. Deepa Fredrick

Mrs. C. Uma

Mrs. G. Mohanambal

Mrs. Metilda S

Mrs. Nirmala P.

Chandra's Award:

Mrs. R. Akilandeswari

Mrs. C. Uma

Mrs. Lalita Surendran

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





A vote of thanks was delivered by Head Boy, Master Srijith S.J, 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.



The programme commenced on an auspicious note with a graceful invocation dance set to the beautiful Ragamalika, **“Ranjani Mrudhu Pankaja Lochani.”** With poised movements, expressive gestures, and devotional fervour, the young dancers offered a heartfelt tribute to the Divine, invoking blessings for the occasion. Their captivating performance created an atmosphere of serenity and reverence, setting the perfect tone for the celebrations that followed.



This was followed by a delightful welcome dance performed by the **Grade 1** students. Dressed in colourful costumes, the young performers captivated the audience with their cheerful smiles, graceful movements, and boundless enthusiasm. Their energetic performance created a warm and joyful atmosphere, setting the perfect tone for the rest of the program. The audience appreciated the children's confidence and applauded them with great enthusiasm.



The **Grade 2 and Grade 3** students enthralled the audience with a series of vibrant and energetic performances. The graceful Classical dance and energetic Ribbon dance showcased their coordination and elegance, while the exciting Jungle Safari dance brought the wonders of the wild to life through colorful costumes and lively expressions. The energetic Silambam and tribal dance added rhythm and enthusiasm to the celebration, highlighting the students' teamwork and confidence. Their remarkable performances filled the stage with joy and earned loud applause from the audience.



The **Grade 4 and Grade 5** students presented a heart-warming dance drama based on the theme of Gratitude. Through expressive performances, they conveyed the importance of being thankful for family, teachers, friends, and nature. The presentation beautifully blended dance, drama, and nostalgia by featuring traditional games such as tyre rolling, somersaults, hopping, and top spinning, reminding the audience of the joy and simplicity of childhood. The meaningful message, combined with energetic performances and vibrant costumes, captivated the audience and received enthusiastic applause.





The students of **Classes VIII to X** staged an engaging Tamil drama on the pros and cons of electronic devices. Through an entertaining performance, they highlighted both the benefits of technology in daily life and the importance of using electronic devices responsibly. The thought-provoking presentation was well received by the audience and conveyed a valuable message on maintaining a healthy balance between technology and everyday life.



The **middle school students** enthralled the audience with a spectacular presentation, **“Dances around the World,”** showcasing the rich cultural heritage and taking everyone on a vibrant cultural journey through India, China, Arabia, Italy, Egypt, Brazil, and Mexico. Dressed in colourful traditional costumes, the performers brought the unique spirit of each nation to life through energetic and graceful dance. The lively performance celebrated the beauty of global cultures and received thunderous applause, making it one of the highlights of the event.





The students of **Classes XI and XII** delivered a breath-taking fusion dance titled **“From Shadow to Shine,”** portraying a powerful journey of resilience, hope, and self-discovery. Blending classical grace with contemporary energy, the performance beautifully captured the transformation from uncertainty to confidence. With expressive choreography, vibrant music, and flawless coordination, the dancers enthralled the audience, leaving them inspired by the message that every challenge can lead to a brighter tomorrow.



As the curtains fell on this unforgettable evening, the echoes of music, laughter, and applause remained long after the lights had dimmed. Each performance was a celebration of talent, perseverance, and imagination, reflecting the vibrant spirit of our school and the limitless potential of our students. Guided by dedicated teachers, encouraged by supportive parents, and inspired by a shared vision of excellence, every participant contributed to an evening that will be cherished for years to come.

The Annual Day stands as a reminder that education is not merely the pursuit of knowledge, but the awakening of character, confidence, compassion, and dreams. As we turn the final page of this celebration, we do so with hearts filled with gratitude, pride, and hope—looking ahead to new horizons, greater achievements, and countless opportunities to learn, to create, and to shine.

Making the Right Move: Vana Vani Encourages Chess for Mind and Body Wellness

Vana Vani School has launched a special campus initiative encouraging students to take up chess as a daily habit. The program introduces the game not as a strict competition, but as an enjoyable, lifelong hobby that builds mental strength and supports a healthy, balanced lifestyle.



- **A Healthier Hobby:** The school promotes the game as an excellent, productive alternative to excessive screen time and negative peer influences.
- **Life Strategy:** Educators highlighted how analyzing the board teaches students patience, foresight, and the ability to make calculated, positive choices in real life.
- **Inclusive Play:** Students of all skill levels are encouraged to participate, share friendly matches, and learn from one another in a relaxed environment.

Why Choose Chess?

- **Boosts Brain Power:** Playing chess naturally enhances critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and focus, giving students a major cognitive advantage in their studies.

Shaping Mindful Futures

By bringing chess into the spotlight, Vanavani aims to equip students with a hobby that keeps their minds active and sharp. The school encourages everyone to pick up a board, challenge a friend, and make healthy choices one move at a time.

Vana Vani Students Take a Stand Against Drug Abuse



On 11th August, students of Classes IX to XII participated in a special assembly as part of the Government of Tamil Nadu's statewide campaign to create a drug-free society. The students took the anti-drug pledge and joined the mass movement led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

The pledge highlighted the importance of staying away from substance abuse and making healthy and responsible choices. The enthusiastic participation of the senior students reflected their sense of responsibility and commitment towards building a safe and healthy society.

Through this initiative, Vanavani continues to create awareness among students and encourage them to become responsible and conscious citizens.

Harmonies & Healthy Habits: How Annual Day Celebrations Empowered Our Students

The vibrant energy of our School Annual Day, held on **August 7, 2026**, continued to echo throughout our campus! As our students took to the stage in a spectacular showcase of dance routines, drama performances, and musical acts, they demonstrated far more than just artistic talent—they showcased the power of choosing a healthy, active lifestyle.



1. A Dynamic, Full-Body Workout

Rehearsing and performing for the big day served as an incredible form of physical exercise. Choreographed movements and active stage performances functioned as high-energy cardiovascular workouts, helping our students to:

- **Build Stamina**
- **Enhance Flexibility & Balance**
- **Cultivate Active Habits**



2. The Science of Joy:

Boosting Mental Well-Being led to stress relief and elevated mood and their self-confidence



3. Nurturing Mind, Body, and Spirit

Participating in this year's Annual Day taught our students that true health encompasses physical fitness, mental well-being, teamwork, and discipline.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to all our talented young performers for their hard work, dedication, and positive spirit on August 7th.



Keeping It Clean: Anti-Drug Club Drives Hygiene Awareness Campaign



At Vana Vani, maintaining a healthy, respectful, and vibrant campus environment goes beyond the classroom. Recently, the student volunteers of the Anti-Drug Club took the initiative to champion daily hygiene and civic responsibility by launching a campus-wide awareness campaign on **Clean Bathroom Habits**, tailored specifically for students of **Classes 9 through 12**.

Shared school spaces thrive when everyone takes personal ownership of them. To build lasting habits and promote peer-led mindfulness, club volunteers designed vibrant posters and crafted memorable watchwords that are now displayed across campus facilities.

Key Highlights of the Campaign

- **Visual Reminders:** Custom-designed posters highlighting proper flushing etiquette, handwashing routines, and water conservation tips have been installed near mirrors and facility entrances.
- **Catchy Watchwords:** Slogans like "Leave it clean, show you care" and "Hygiene today, health tomorrow" serve as quick daily reminders for students.

Simple Daily Habits Every Student Can Follow

1. **Flush Thoroughly:** Always double-check before exiting.
2. **Hand Wash Every Time:** Scrub thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after every visit to eliminate germs.
3. **Be Humane and Respectful:** Remember that our janitor and sanitation staff are human beings who deserve dignity and consideration. Using facilities cleanly lightens their heavy load and shows gratitude for their hard work.
4. **Conserve Water:** Ensure taps are turned off completely, and report any leaks or maintenance issues promptly.



Independence Day Celebration – 2026



The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm in our school on **15th August 2026**. The celebration was graced by our Chief Guests, Prof. A. Gopala krishna, Chairman, and Smt. M. Sindhu, Secretary-cum-Treasurer.



In his address, **Prof. A. Gopala krishna** appreciated the students for their participation and encouraged them to become responsible citizens and contribute to the nation's progress.

The programme began with the flag hoisting by our Chairman, followed by the National Anthem. Students presented a variety of cultural programmes, including a patriotic speech, group song and dance, reflecting their love for the nation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the distribution of sweets.

Drawing Workshop for Classes X and XII



A Drawing Workshop was organised for the students of Classes X and XII on **18th August 2026** as part of the VISTAS (Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies) Outreach Programme. The workshop was conducted by artist **Mr. Mohan Kumar and Dr. N. Raja**, Associate Professor, School of Mass Communication.

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60th Annual Sports Day - 2026

The **60th Annual Sports Meet of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit on **28th August 2026** at the **Manohar C. Watsa Stadium, IIT Madras Campus**. The landmark event was a celebration of talent, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship, bringing together students, teachers and parents.



The celebration began with the **flag hoisting by the Chief Guest**, followed by the **March Past by the four Houses—Cauvery, Ganga, Godavari and Yamuna - along with the NSS, RSP, Scouts and Guides**. The disciplined and well-coordinated March Past added grandeur to the occasion and reflected **the students' team spirit, discipline and commitment**.



The programme commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest, **Shri. A. Chandra Sekaran, National Volleyball Player and Former Assistant Director, Enforcement Directorate, Chennai**. The event was graced by our Chairman, **Prof. A. Gopala Krishna**, and our **Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Smt. M. Sindhu. Samyuktha of Class XII-B, Sports Secretary**, delivered the Welcome Address.





A special highlight of the programme was the **Torch Relay**, in which our accomplished young sportspersons — **Aditya Sudakar, Supriya, Kavi Priyaa S., Erin Jose, Jayavarshinee, Meenakshi G. S., Varunika K. and Magizh Muthu S.** - carried the torch with pride. The relay symbolised the spirit of passion, determination, unity and sporting excellence.



The **Sports Oath-taking Ceremony** was led by **Vidur Vaibhav S.V. of Class XII-A**, Sports Secretary, along with the flag bearers, reaffirming the values of sportsmanship and fair play. The **Sports Meet** was then formally declared open by the **Chief Guest**.

The Middle School students presented **“Twirl and Flow,”** a vibrant prop dance featuring colourful hoops and tricolour umbrellas. Their energetic and well-coordinated performance was warmly appreciated. This was followed by **“Beat Brigade,”** the school band display, which captivated the audience with its synchronised beats, discipline and musical talent.



The prize distribution for the completed events and the Parent Event was conducted with great enthusiasm, recognising the talent, participation and sporting spirit of the parents.



In his address, **Shri. A. Chandra Sekaran** emphasised the importance of **sports in a student's life** and highlighted the values of **discipline, integrity and hard work**. He encouraged students to remain honest and responsible and spoke about the need to stand firmly against **corruption**. He also appreciated the excellent **March Past**, the **fantastic sports uniform** and the impressive performance of the **school band**, congratulating the students and teachers for their efforts.



The occasion also celebrated the achievements of our young sportspersons. **Jayavarshinee B. of Class XI-C** was specially honoured with a shawl in recognition of her outstanding sporting achievements. She has excelled in both **athletics and handball**, with notable achievements at the zonal, district and state levels. **Varunika K. of Class VI-A** was also appreciated for her impressive achievements in swimming at the district and state levels. **Supriya and Meenakshi G. S.** were also specially appreciated for their sporting achievements and contributions.



The **March Past** was a highlight of the Sports Meet, with students displaying excellent discipline, coordination and team spirit. Yamuna House emerged as the Winner, while Ganga House secured the Runner-up position.



As a special recognition of sporting excellence, **Aditya Sudakar of Class XI-A** was honoured with the **Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Award**, along with a cash prize of **Rs. 5,000**, for his outstanding performance and achievements in sports.

This was followed by the **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Vidur Vaibhav of Class XII-A, Sports Secretary**. The event came to a close with the **lowering of the flag**, followed by the **National Song** and **National Anthem**.

The **60th Annual Sports Meet** was a memorable celebration that inspired our students to pursue excellence while upholding the values of **discipline, integrity, hard work, teamwork and true sportsmanship**.



The programme concluded with the **Prize Distribution for the Parent Event, Teacher Event and Housekeeping Staff Event**, recognising the enthusiastic participation and sporting spirit of all the participants.



ஸ்ரீராம் இலக்கியக் கழகம் வழங்கும் பேச்சுப்போட்டி, கட்டுரைப் போட்டி, ஓவியப்போட்டிகளில் நமது பள்ளி (நடுநிலைப்பள்ளி மற்றும் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி) மாணவர்கள் **29/08/26** அன்று கலந்து கொண்டனர். அப்போட்டியில் கலந்து கொண்ட மாணவர்களில் நடுநிலைப் பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த **ஹரிணி.வெ (வகுப்பு 7)** மற்றும் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியைச் சார்ந்த **அஷ்மிதா.ச (வகுப்பு 12)** ஆகியோர் பரிசு பெற்றனர் என்பதைப் பெருமையுடன் பகிர்ந்து கொள்கிறோம்.



Vana Vani Students Represent School at State-Level QuizVibe 3.0 on 22nd August, 2026

Students of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School represented the institution at **QuizVibe 3.0**, a state-level technical quiz competition hosted by St. Joseph's College of Engineering in association with the Computer Society of India (CSI) Region 7 Chapters.

The event commenced with participants arriving at the St. Joseph's College campus, where they were provided breakfast before heading to the competition hall. The preliminary stage featured a comprehensive multiple-choice written round covering Biology, Computer Science, General Knowledge, and Current Affairs, followed by a fast-paced "Buzzer Beater" round focused on rapid visual identification.



Following the lunch break and preliminary eliminations, qualifying teams from Vana Vani advanced to the challenging third stage. This round tested conceptual understanding through visual clues spanning Computer Science concepts, scientific theories, and national geography. The students displayed strong problem-solving skills as they competed through the advanced stages of the event.

The valedictory session concluded with an address by Chief Guest **Mr. Guru Vignesh Sridhar**, HR, Talent Acquisition at Zoho, alongside representatives from the CSI Chennai Region. Participating in QuizVibe 3.0 offered the students a valuable platform to test their knowledge against peers across the state, build academic confidence, and gain exposure to competitive technical events.

Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel

