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TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION 2026

CELEBRATING THE GUIDING LIGHTS OF EDUCATION

Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated Teachers' Day on **7th September 2026** with great enthusiasm and gratitude, honouring the dedicated teachers and staff members who play a vital role in nurturing and inspiring young minds.





The celebration began with a prayer song by Mrs. Ramya, followed by Thamizh Thai Vazhthu. Mrs. J. S. Vijayalakshmi, Primary School In-charge, welcomed the gathering. The programme was graced by **Chief Guest Prof. R. Sarathi**, Dean Planning (Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras), Chairman Prof. A. Gopala Krishna, Secretary-cum-Treasurer Smt. M. Sindhu, Principal Mrs. Princy Tom, Vice Principal Mrs. R. Akilandeswari, and members of the teaching and non-teaching staff.

In his Presidential Address, Prof. A. Gopala Krishna highlighted the important role of teachers in guiding and shaping responsible individuals. A felicitation ceremony was held to honour the Chief Guest, with the Chairman presenting a memento and the Secretary-cum-Treasurer presenting a gift of nuts.



In his address, Chief Guest **Prof. R. Sarathi** spoke about the changing role of teachers in the digital age and emphasised the importance of equipping educators with **Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and skills**. He encouraged teachers to embrace technology while continuing to uphold creativity, learning and human values.

The **Best Teacher Awards 2026** were presented to **Mrs. K. Mala, Mrs. Gitanjali Elangovan,** and **Mrs. A. Padmavathi** for their dedication and excellence in teaching. **Mrs. A. Gajalakshmi** received the **Best Non-Teaching Staff Award** in recognition of her valuable contribution to the school.



The celebration concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Mrs. Reji Monson, Middle School In-charge**, followed by the **National Song and National Anthem**. The evening ended on a warm and cheerful note with **high tea**, bringing the Vana Vani family together in celebration.





WORLD LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

World Literacy Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School on **8th September 2026**. The celebration aimed to highlight the importance of literacy, reading and the joy of learning through a variety of engaging activities.

The programme began with a prayer song, followed by Thamizh Thai Vazhthu. Students presented a welcome address and a special speech highlighting the importance of literacy and education. A melodious song by the primary students and a presentation of interesting literacy facts added to the spirit of the celebration.



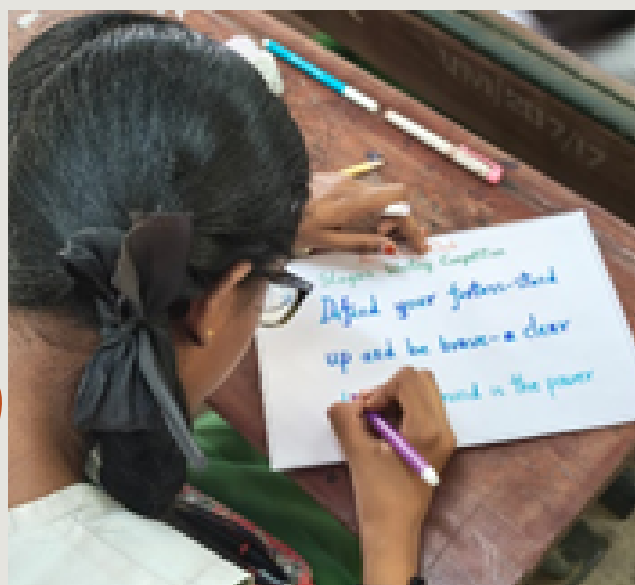
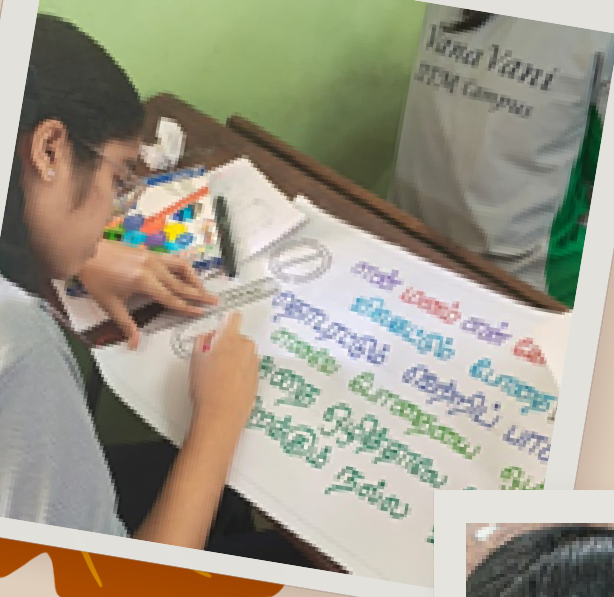
The Principal addressed the gathering and emphasised the importance of developing a regular reading habit. The students were encouraged to read widely, as books broaden knowledge, strengthen imagination and inspire lifelong learning.

Students of Classes I to III participated in a special reading activity by bringing their favourite storybooks to school. Class V students showcased their creativity through colourful posters on literacy, reading and education. The primary students also presented a lively PPT on different genres of books, introducing fairy tales, fables, encyclopedias, mystery, fiction and comics.

The energetic Book Dance by Class VIII creatively brought the magic of books and storytelling to life. A Tamil speech highlighted the richness of the mother tongue and its connection with literature. An engaging Literacy Quiz further encouraged students to explore the world of books and reading.



The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, followed by the National Song and National Anthem. The celebration served as a meaningful reminder that reading is not merely a skill but a gateway to knowledge, imagination and lifelong learning.



ANTI-DRUG CLUB

Event: Anti-Drug Slogan Writing Competition

Theme: "My Mind, My Castle"
– The Power of Saying No to Drugs

Objective: To encourage critical thinking and creative expression on individual mental strength, self-protection, and the power to reject drug abuse.

Highlights of the Event

- **Active Participation:** Students across various grade levels enthusiastically participated, reflecting on personal agency and self-respect through their entries across multiple language streams.
- **Creative Expression:** Guided by the theme "**My Mind, My Castle,**" participants crafted unique, powerful slogans emphasizing mental resilience, strong boundaries, and saying a firm "No" to drugs.



Medium: English

- I Place : ASHMITAA S XII A
 II Place : HEMA L XII C
 III Place : VIBUSHA M L XII C

Medium: Tamil / French/ Sanskrit

- I Place : YUVASHREE U XII A
 II Place : SUDHIKSHA S XII A
 III Place : MONISHA P S XII A

- **Recognition & Awards:** To celebrate their exceptional creative efforts, the winners across all categories were awarded certificates of appreciation.





Event: Anti-Drug Poster Making Competition

Theme: "Youth Empowerment – Stay Addicted to Success, Not Substances"

Objective: To empower students to focus on their potential, build resilience, and visually promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle focused on achievement and personal growth.

Highlights of the Event

- **Active Participation:** Students across various grade levels enthusiastically took part, showcasing their dedication to youth empowerment and a drug-free society through visual arts.
- **Creative Expression:** Guided by the theme of empowering youth to choose success over addiction, participants designed original, thought-provoking, and vibrant posters highlighting ambition, positive life choices, and resilience.



- **Recognition & Awards:** To honor their outstanding talent and visual storytelling, the winners were awarded certificates of appreciation.

Winners:

- I Place : MURUGATHEEPAN S XII A
- II Place : THARIKA K XI A
- III Place : KUZHALOSINI G L XII B





ESSAYS FOR IMPACT: ANTI-DRUG CLUB HOSTS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

To raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, an Essay Writing Competition was conducted on 24-07-2026 (Friday).

Students gathered to articulate their perspectives on critical social issues, focusing on themes such as **"The ripple effect (the impact of drug abuse in society)"** and **"Drugs end all dreams"**. The initiative featured a vibrant multilingual platform, allowing participants to showcase their writing skills across English, Tamil, Sanskrit, and French.

The submitted essays demonstrated exceptional clarity, empathy, and critical thinking, highlighting the crucial role young minds play in advocating for a safer community.



Winners — English Essay Writing:

- **1st Place:** Hariprasath. M (XI-A)
- **2nd Place:** Thamizhini. S (XI-C)
- **3rd Place:** Yuvashree. U (XII-A)



Winners — Tamil Essay Writing:

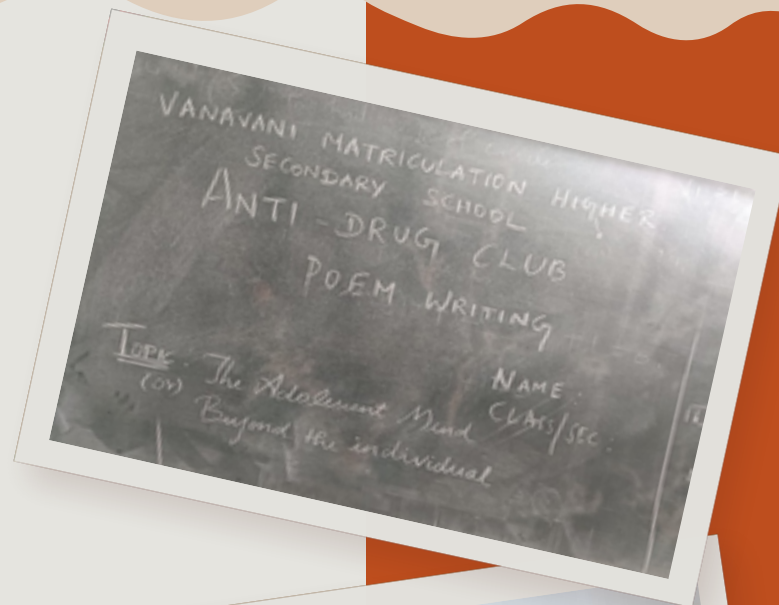
- **1st Place:** P. Yuvan Sai
- **2nd Place:** R. Tharshini
- **3rd Place:** H. Ameen

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their outstanding contributions and thought leadership!

VERSE FOR AWARENESS: POEM WRITING COMPETITION

The Anti-Drug Club hosted a **Poem Writing Competition** on 23-07-2026 (Friday), providing students with an inspiring creative platform to express their thoughts on drug abuse prevention.

Participants crafted moving stanzas centred on thought-provoking themes, including **"The Adolescent brain"** and **"Beyond the individual"**. The initiative embraced a vibrant multilingual framework across English, Tamil, Sanskrit, and French, enabling students to highlight literary excellence alongside social responsibility and youth leadership.





Winners - English Poem Writing:

- **1st Place:** M. Hariprasath (XI-A)
- **2nd Place:** B. Evangeline Nancy (XI-C)
- **3rd Place:** S. Ilavenba (IX-B)



Winners - Tamil Poem Writing:

- **1st Place:** T. Sowjanya (XI-A)
- **2nd Place:** P. Yuvan Sai (XI-A)
- **3rd Place:** Rajavarshika A (XI-A)



Congratulations to all the winners and participants for leveraging creative writing to spark awareness and drive positive change!



The NSS Inauguration Ceremony was held on Thursday, **3rd September, 2026**, at the Primary School Auditorium. The programme was coordinated by the NSS Programme Officers, Mrs. S. Vasanthi and Mrs. S. Sasirekha. **Dr. Mohammed Sitheek, District Liaison Officer, Chennai District**, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest** and addressed the gathering. The highlight of the programme was the badge distribution ceremony, during which the Chief Guest, along with the Vice Principal, formally inducted the new NSS volunteers by presenting them with NSS badges. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.



TERM I EXAMINATION

Term I – Terminal Examinations were conducted for classes from I to XII

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