

Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, Tiruchirapalli – 620 005

38th Annual Report, 12.01.2013



I am given the proud privilege of presenting the 38th Annual Report of the Vidyalaya. It is only a synopsis of the activities and achievements of our students and teachers for the year 2012-2013. The knowledge explosion has given the youngsters a great opportunity to think independently and act appropriately. This has thrown a great challenge to the teachers.

The class-room is no longer tuition-centric. Every activity of the child, within and outside the school campus, is being assessed and in result, the '*achievement record*' has displaced the traditional '*progress report*'. Assessing the potential of every child, identifying the weaknesses, if any, providing opportunity to exhibit their talent, even hidden, and affirming the child that he/she is an achiever-all these gratifying duties have given the teachers a great opportunity to come close to the child and share his/her joy and sorrow alike; most of the time it is joy.

The traditional '*paper-pen*' examination has been pushed to the back-seat. But, still, our students of Stds. IX and X take only the Board Examination. The semester system has reduced the burden of remembering the contents of the textbooks for the whole year. Continuous activities provide the students with opportunities to be alert and alive all the time and the bug-bear of home work has no place in the system.

With all these, our children have performed well inside and outside the school and have proved their mettle in several forums.

Here is the report.

The prominent feature of the CCE is the grading system in which the highest grade in a subject is A1, awarded to students who secure 91 to 100 marks. The following thirty three students have scored A1 grade in all the subjects, that is, Cumulative Grade Point Average 10, in the X Std. Board Examination of the academic year 2011-2012.

They are:

B. Abisarani, N. Aishwarya, R. Gayathri, S. Madhuvanathi, D. Sanjuktha, V. Amrutha Medaja, S. Iswarya, S. Vignesh, N.S. Harikrishnan, C. Harish, D. Mohanesvar, S. Raghul, S. Raghul Kannan, S. Sunil, S. Abarna, C. Vishnuraman, S. Abinaya, A. Kirthika, S. Raghavi, K. Rakini, S. Supreja, R. Suriya, Iyer Rahul Rajesh, N.B. Bharath, K. Aishwarya, RA Guhan, R. Saravanan, S. Akshaya Sri, G. Madhumitha, Nandhini Balu, G. Radhika, E. Sanjana and K. Soumiya Priyadarshini.

A proud performance.

Of the 161 students who took the Board Examination last year, 50 secured the A₁ grade in English, 77 out of 127 in Tamil, 1 of the 10 in Hindi, 14 of the 24 in Sanskrit, 45 in Mathematics, 57 in Science, and 59 in Social Sciences.

Such a creditable achievement was possible only because of the highly committed and devoutly dedicated teachers of the Vidyalaya. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the teachers, the academic attainment and the overall personality development of our students are impressive.

The present student-strength of our Vidyalaya is 1732. In accordance with the rules of the CBSE, the classroom student-strength is being reduced.

By way of giving the much required fillip to the high achievers to soar higher, many of our friends have been instituting endowments to grant scholarships and some award prizes year after year.

During this academic year the following philanthropists have contributed generously to create various endowments

Smt. J. Rekha, Teacher of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.10,000/-

Shri V.P. Ramaswamy Pillai and Smt. Rajeswari with a sum of Rs.5,000/-

Shri T.S. Subramanian with a sum of Rs.5,000/-

Shri A.S. Parameshwaran with a sum of Rs.5,000/-

Shri Chandrasekar Gopalan and Smt. V. Pratibha with a sum of Rs.10,000/-

Shri K. Venkatesan, Formerly with the Vidyalaya, with a sum of Rs.2,50,000/-

Smt. K. Kalyani, Former Physical Director of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.5,000/-

Ms P. Ponnammal, Headmistress (Retd.), Savithri Vidyasala with a sum of Rs.10,000/-

Ms R. Dhanam, Senior Principal of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.20,000/-

Shri N. Ramarajan with a sum of Rs.10,000/-

Shri P.S. Chandrasekaran, Parent of former students of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.20,000/- and

Shri S. Kuppuswamy, Associate Professor (Retd.), St. Joseph's College with a sum of Rs.20,000/-.

It is worth the mention here that Shri S. Kuppuswamy has created the endowment in recognition of the munificence of his mentor, Shri T.M. Theagarajan (TMT).

Shri S. Ravindran, Secretary, Saranathan College of Engineering, Tiruchirapalli, who presided over the Day Celebrations yesterday has created an endowment with a sum of Rs.10,000/- in memory of his illustrious father, Vidya Seva Rathinam Shri K. Santhanam to award a prize every year to the students securing the first mark in Sanskrit in Std. IX.

A good friend of our founder correspondent has created an endowment with a sum of Rs.50,000/-, this morning, to award prizes every year to deserving students. The donor wished to remain anonymous.

Some of our friends interested in the education and character of students award prizes regularly every year. Here are the benefactors who have contributed for awarding prizes this year.

Shri C. Gopalakrishnan of M/s Sakthi Time & Co., Trichy,

Shri K. Ramanatha Iyer, a retired Craft Instructor,

M/s Allahabad Bank, represented by its Senior Manager,

Shri N. Sivakumar, Ganapati Nagar,
Smt. Gouri Annadorai and Mrs Sukanya Janakiraman of Chennai
Shri K. Padmanabhan, Woriur, Tiruchirapalli,
Shri P.S. Chandrasekaran, Pazhoor, Tiruchirapalli and
Shri V. Mani, Professor, Retired, St. Joseph's College, Royarthope, Srirangam

To crown the head that worked overtime and the will that bore the brunt of toil, the top notchers are awarded tuition-fee-free merit scholarships towards their education in the succeeding academic year. The Management of the Vidyalaya has created the '*Shri K.S.Venkataraman Scholarship*' to perpetuate the memory of the founder correspondent who strained every nerve and worked incessantly to establish and run this institution.

In the current year this scholarship is given to the outstanding thirty three students who got A1 grade in all the subjects in the Board Examination, whose names I have mentioned earlier. Besides, another 10 top-ranking students from Stds. VI to X are awarded the tuition-fee-free Merit Scholarship. The recipients of the scholarship are

K. Dharini	VI B,
V. Akila	VII C,
B. Savithri	VII A1,
G. Prashanthi	VIII A,
Adithya Sivasankar	VIII A1,
C. Vidula	IX C,
M. Shidhartika	IX C,
R. Aaditya Rangan	IX A1,
V. Sreshta	X A and
S. Akshaya	X C

This apart, every year, scholarships are awarded to a few more students in consideration of their economic status. For this purpose, the under mentioned Hearts of Gold have created endowments:

Shri K.N. Nagarajan,
Shri K.L. Subramanian,
Shri K.L. Padmanabhan,
Shri T.S. Sivashankar,
Shri S.R. Gopalan and brothers,
Shri B. Pattabhiraman,
Shri D. Parthasarathy,
Shri G. GopalaKuttiSastry,
Smt. R. Veeramani,
Shri R. VasudevaReddiar,
Dr S. Sundaresan,
Shri S. Sethuraman,
Smt. L. Saraswathi and
Shri K. Venkatesan

Our students have done very well in various fields. I am to list the achievements of our students during the current year.

Because of the time constraint, we are not in a position to enumerate each of the co-scholastic achievements of our students. Anyway, I congratulate everyone who took part in the competitions, no matter they won prizes or not.

- The Vivekananda Social Service Organisation, Srirangam conducted various competitions in connection with Swami Vivekananda's birthday celebrations on the 12th of January, 2012. R. Gayathri and R. Saravanan of Std. X got the second prizes, the former in Tamil Debate and the latter in Drawing.
- N.C. Ekanath of VIII A1 won the First Prize in Carnatic Vocal Music contest under the Junior category in the 26th All India Postal Cultural Meet organised by the City's Postal Training Centre, Vadodara, Gujarat on 08.01.2012. He regularly participates in various Music Competitions organised by various Sabhas like Rasika Ranchana Sabha, Tamil Isai Sangam, Karpaga Vinayagar Isai Sangam etc., and wins Prizes.
- S. Madhuvanthi and R. Harini of Std. X received the 3rd Prize in a Carnatic Vocal contest conducted by Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College, Tiruchirapalli on the 11th of January, 2012.
- Quizzociates, Srirangam conducted a quiz contest on the 29th of January, 2012. S. Akshaya of Std. X C and B. Pranamika of Std. X A each got the 2nd Prize consisting of a cash award of Rs.500/- .
- P. Nikhalya Sri of Std.VII C received the 3rd Prize in a drawing contest organised by Rudhra Shanthi Yogalayam and Amirtham Social Service Trust on 29.01.2012.
- On 04.02.2012, Sri Ramakrishna Sangeetha Seva Trust conducted a Carnatic Music Competition. S. Subickshaa of Std. VIII A1 got the 2nd Prize in the contest.
- In connection with the Humanitarian Week, the Department of Adidravida and Tribal Welfare conducted a dance competition in which K. Thejesvini of Std. IX A participated and bagged the first prize.
- A festival for the glory of Alwars was organised by Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple, Srirangam on 09.02.2012. A good number of students participated in various competitions and won prizes.
K.S. Shri Krishna of Std. IX C, R. Aaditya Rangan of Std. IX A1, S. Rengabashyam of Std. IX A1, G. Prashanthi of Std. VIII A, V. Sriranjani of Std. IX A, B. Puja of Std. IX B, M. Thayanithi of Std. VII A and S. Puja of Std. IX A are some of the prizewinners.
- R. Ananiasri of Std. IV A1, R. Rahul of Std. IV C, G. Prashanthi of Std. VIII A and T. Srivatsan of Std. IV A are some of the recipients of the prizes in sloka recitation competitions conducted by Samskrita Sahithya Parishad, Tiruchirapalli.
- Global Organisation for Divinity India Trust conducted a quiz competition on 29.04.2012. B.Pranamika and M. Prakruthyai of Std. X A won the 1st and the 2nd prize respectively.

- J. Prassanth of Std. VIII A1 received the 2nd Prize in the Mathematics Talent Search contest conducted by Anna Science Centre Planetarium in connection with the 125th Birthday Celebrations of the great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- B. Harish Narayan of Std.V A and R. Aaditya Rangan of Std.IX A1 won prizes in the vocal music contest organised by Rasika Ranchana Sabha, Trichy in the month of June, 2012.
- R. Vanshitha of Std.II C secured the 1st prize in an Oratory Contest organised by MI Kidz-Smart Kidz Zone, Trichy.
- In the Global Art India's Art Competition held at Whiz Kidzz Academy, Srirangam on the 29th of July, 2012, R. Harivathsha of Std.II C and V.P. Prakalya of UKG A won the first prizes.
- R. Aadarsh of Std.II C won the "The Best Performance Award" awarded by "The Rhythmic Beat Dance Court", Trichy in the Orchestral event of the Feast of Beat on the 28th of July 2012.
- Auro Club and The Madras Motor Club jointly organised a Car Rally on the 5th of August, 2012. A. Vishrutha of Std.X A1 and S. Pranav Siddharth of Std.X A got the 3rd prize with a cash award of Rs. 2,000/- and K. Vanisha and R. Srivatsan of Std. X A received the 4th prize with a cash award of Rs.2,000/-.
- A group of 11 students presented a variety programme – *Vannamalai* – on the All India Radio on the 22nd of August, 2012.
- M. Hari and N. Ananda Rangan of Std.IX A won the 2nd Prize in the Quiz Contest while S. Sindhujha of Std.IX C won the 2nd prize in the Drawing Contest organised by the Trichy District Youth Exnora on the 24th of August, 2012.
- D. Kaniska of Std.VII B, J. Madhumitha of Std.VII C got the 3rd and consolation prizes in a Drawing Contest organised by the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd., in connection with the "Energy Conservation Week" in the month of August, 2012.
- In an International Photography Contest, "Camera Children 2012" organised by the Velammal Educational Trust in the month of August, 2012, the entry of M. Vaishali of Std.X A brought the 2nd Prize.
- In the JAMFEST 2012- a cultural programme organised by St. James Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Trichy on the 25th and 26th of August, 2012, many a student participated and won prizes. The performance of the students brought the School the Runner-up trophy. The Prize winners are:

Elocution Contest	-	A. Vishrutha	X A1	- 1 st Prize.
Spell Bee Contest	-	C. Vidula	IX C	- 1 st Prize.
Quiz Contest	-	B. Pranamika S. Akshaya	X A & X C	- 1 st Prize
Creative Writing	-	V. Sreshta	X A	- 2 nd Prize

Model Making	-	V. Kirran M. Koushik S. Uma Makesh C. Suryaprakash S. Amirthavarshini	X C X A1 X A1 X A X A	} - 2 nd Prize
Spell Bee Contest in Tamil	-	S. Subhashini N. Ananda Rangan	X A IX A	} - 2 nd Prize
Tamil Poetry	-	S. Akshaya	X C	- 3 rd Prize
Stage Play	-	A. Vishrutha S. Pranav Siddarth S. Amirthavarshini V. Aarthy R. Srivatsan S. Veena R. Kavya M. Hari	X A1 X A X A X A1 X A X C X A IX A	} - 3 rd Prize
Debate in Tamil	-	T. Bindhiya	X C	- 3 rd Prize
Ad-zap	-	S. Shivaharshan P. Varun Akaash R. Kavya S. Amirthavarshini A. Sivasaran	X B X C X A X A X A1	} - 3 rd Prize
Group Music	-	K. Soundaryaa V. Aarthy S. Subashini B. Deepikashri S. Arvind Krishna S. Swarnalatha	X C X A1 X A X A1 X A IX A1	} - 3 rd Prize

- Srimath Andavan College of Arts & Science, Srirangam conducted a Sloka Recitation Competition on the 29th of August, 2012. R. Aadithya Rangan of Std.IX A and R. Manaswini of Std.X A, won the 1st and 3rd prizes respectively and won the overall Trophy too.
- A lot many of our students participated in the Campofez, 2012, a competition styled cultural programme, on the 31st of August, 2012. Spell Bee, Instrumental Music, Creative Writing, Light Music, Elocution, Action Song and Folk Dance were some of the events in which our students excelled and got prizes.
- In the Recycle Mania Contest organised by Busy Beez Kidz Academy, Trichy on 2nd September, 2012 N. Miruthikaa of Std.V A1 got the 3rd prize with a cash award of Rs.500/-.
- M.A.M. College of Engineering Technology conducted the Trigger-2012 on the 3rd and 4th of September, 2012.

S. Pranav Siddharth of Std. X A bagged the 1st prize in the X-Boxer event;
 R. Sujitha, S. Amirthavarshini and V. Aarthiy of Std. X got the 2nd prize in Dumb Charades;
 R. Kavaya, S. Umamakesh, S. Veena, S. Sivasaran-all of Std. X, along with B. Puja and M. Hari of Std. IX received the 2nd prize in the Ad-Zap event;
 B. Pranamika of Std. X A got the 2nd prize in the Turn Coat event and teaming with S. Akshaya of Std. X C received the 3rd prize in the Quiz contest;
 A. Vishrutha and S. Pranav Siddharth of Std. X were placed the Runner-up in the event named Mr. & Miss Trigger.

- In connection with the celebrations of the Insurance Week – 2012, L.I.C. of India, Trichy conducted various competitions on the 4th of September, 2012.
 R. Srinath of Std.IV A1 and T.K. Aditya Saran of Std.V A1 secured the 1st and 3rd prizes respectively in the Drawing Contest.
 Both our Junior and Senior Quiz Teams were awarded the 1st Prizes in the Quiz Contest. The Team Members were, G. Prashanthi & K.S. Prithivica of Std.VIII and N.Ananda Rangan, R. Aaditya Rangan and B. Rangesh of Std.IX.
 P. Sakthisri and T. Bindhiya of Std.X C won the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in the Elocution Contest.
- J.N.S.Pavani of Std.IX A1 won the 2nd prize in the Hindi Elocution Competition and A. Sheetal of Std.IV A1 received the 3rd Prize in the Music Competition conducted by the Dakshina Bharatha Hindi Prachara Sabha, Trichy on the 16th of September, 2012.
- Sree Karpaga Vinayagar Isai Sangam conducts annual music competitions every year. In the current year's edition, on the 30th of September, 2012, our budding artists participated in large numbers and won prizes.
 They are:
 S. Akshaya, G. Prashanthi, Adithya Sivasankar, V. Padmavathi and N.C. Ekanath-all from Std.VIII, M. Sudha of Std.VII A1, P. Aakarshini of Std.VI A1, B. Harish Narayan of Std.V A, A. Sheetal, S. Pragathi and K.S. Rajaraman of Std.IV.
- Suryan FM conducted "Varnajalam", a District Level drawing competition on the 6th of October, 2012, in which S. Harikumar of Std.VI B received the 3rd Prize.
- In connection with the World Space Week, 2012 Oxford College of Education, in collaboration with the ISRO, conducted various competitions. B. Pranamika and S. Akshaya of Std.X, B. Rangesh and R. Adithya Rangan of Std.IX won the 1st and 3rd Prizes respectively in the Quiz Contest while G. Prashanthi of Std.VIII A, K. Vaishali of Std.IX C bagged the 1st Prize in the Essay Writing competition and V.Sriranjani of Std.IX A, S. Sindhujha of Std.IX B received the 2nd Prize in the same contest.
- Spark 2012 – an Exhibition in Science was organised by M.A.M. School of Engineering on the 12th of October, 2012. Our young scientists M. Koushik of Std.X A1, S. Arvind Krishna of Std. X A bagged the 1st prize with a cash award of Rs.5000/- each. R. Mohita of Std.IX A got the 3rd prize with a cash award of Rs.3000/- and S. Nithin of Std.X A1 and V.Sreshta of Std.X A received the 3rd prize with a cash award of Rs.500/- each. Their projects presented in the exhibition were very much appreciated by the Judges and the visitors.
- On the 12th of October, 2012, Care International School conducted Young Scientist Search for the school children. Along with our Seniors who won the 1st and 3rd prizes in Ad-Zap, our Juniors also excelled in advertising the product and got the 3rd prize.

The advertisers are: B. Savithri, V.G. Hariharan of Std.VII A1, R. Akshaya Dharshi, V.S.Khaavyaa, S. Atshaya and S. Muhundhan of Std.VIII and S.D. Abhiroop of Std.X A1. Besides, S. Pranav Siddharth of Std.X A won the 2nd prize in the e-poster design contest.

- Samadh Higher Secondary School organised “Samadh Envo Fest 2012” on the 13th of October, 2012. Active talent, Speak it out and Pencil point were some of the competitions in which our students participated and won prizes.

J.B.Srirama Badhran, V A, S.Abishek, V ‘B’, P.Srinivasa Raghavan, IV A, S.Ananthanarayanan, V B, P.Vignesh, V A, A.K.Smruthi Ranjani, VA1, S.Shruti, V B, S.Kanmani Divyarupa, V C, G.Keerthana Sri, V C, L.G.Athrheya, V B, S.Paarkhavi, V A1, K.Jyothsana, V B, A.Sheetal, IV A1, V.K.Ajay Sri Sai, III B and V.Tarun Thothadri, IV A are the dramatists who won the 1st prize in Active Talent.

S. Prithviraj of Std.V A won the 3rd prize in Speak It Out while G. Keerthana Sri of Std. V C and S. Varshavarthini of Std. IV B received the Consolation Prizes in Pencil Point.

- P. Srinithi and S.R. Aarthy of Std. VIII A and B. Sudharsan of Std. V A won the first prizes in the State level Abacus and Drawing Competitions organised by KOKO Academy.
- The Department of Posts, Srirangam conducted a Philately Competition on the 12th of October, 2012. G. Madhu Rata of Std.X A1, R. Srinath of Std.IV A1 and S. Kanmani Divyarupa of Std.VI C were the prize winners in the contests.
- In order to create awareness on cleanliness, Kauvery Hospital, Trichy organised a Hand Washing day programme on the 15th October, 2012 and conducted various competitions. In the elocution contest, W. Irene Veronica of Std.VIII A and V. Amirthavarshini of Std.VII B bagged the 1st and 2nd prizes respectively with a cash award of Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/-. Similarly, in the Drawing Contest, M.B. Shyamala of Std.VIII B and S. Sashang of Std.VI A1 bagged the 1st and 2nd prizes, respectively with a cash award of Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/-.
- Kamakoti Vidyalaya conducted an oratory contest on the 16th of October, 2012 in connection with its Founder’s Day Celebrations. A. Vishrutha of Std.X A1 won the 1st Prize in the contest.
- National Institute of Technology conducted Festecole 2012 on the 28th of October, 2012. S.R.Anusree of Std.X B, S. Pranav Siddharth of Std.X A won the 1st prize in Vegetable Carving and Ship Wreck competitions respectively. A group of 3 students from Std.X received the 3rd prize in Dumb Charades.
- M. Anitha of Std.X A participated in an on-line art competition, The Future of Mobility, conducted by Bombardier-High Commission of the Government of Canada in the month of October, 2012 and received the Certificate of Merit.
- N. Mruthika of Std.V A1, N. Ananthikaa of Std.II A and S. Shakshi of Std.VIII C received prizes in a Drawing Competition conducted by Giri Trading Agency in the month of October, 2012.
- In the Regional level Heritage India Quiz Competition organised by the CBSE, B. Pranamika, A.Vishrutha and S. Akshaya of Std. X took part.
- S. Kanmani Divyarupa of Std.V C got the 3rd prize in a Drawing Competition conducted by the Trichy Humour Club in connection with the Children’s Day Celebration on the 24th of November, 2012.

- In the Ramana Akshara Manamalai Recitation Competition conducted by the Ramana Satsangam on the 2nd of December, 2012, E.S. Swetha of Std.VI A1 and Shreenijha Ramkumar of Std.VII C won the 1st and 2nd Prizes respectively.
- Rajaji Vidyalaya conducted various competitions in connection with Rajaji's Birthday Celebrations on the 8th of December, 2012. Students, in large number, took part in the competitions and won prizes.
- A group of students from various classes portrayed the life history of the freedom fighter, Vanchinathan by a drama in Sankara Mutt, Tiruvanaikoil on the 11th of December, 2012 in connection with Bharathiyar's Birthday celebrations organised by the Bharathiya Ithihasa Sangalana Samithi, Tiruchirapalli.
- Jenney's Academy, Trichy organised Pongal Tourism Festival on the 4th of January, 2013. Quiz, Rangoli and Budding Chef are some of the events in which our students won prizes.
- A good number of students participated in '*Thirupaavai Vizha*' organised by Arulmigu Ranganatha Swamy Thirukoil, Srirangam on 07.01.2013, and won several prizes.

I have to rush through the list for want of time and hence, I am just naming the various intra-school competitions conducted by different organisations. They were:

Geetha chanting competition by Chinmaya Mission, Science Quiz by Fitjee and competitions in connection with Swami Vivekananda's 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations by Ramakrishna Vidyalaya.

The students of the Vidyalaya conducted many programmes in connection with National Education Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Road Safety Week, Consumer Awareness Week, Conservation of Water, Energy Resources, Adolescent Education and Personality Development. They also organized competitions during National Days and Onam under the auspices of the students' own association AWESAV which provides an ideal platform for each student of the Vidyalaya to harness their latent talents.

There was also a special programme for teachers named capacity building programme on CCE.

For the last three years, Classroom Library System has been in practice and every student from Stds.IV to X is expected to read at least ten titles during a year and make short notes on each title. The class teachers keep track of the progress of the scheme and encourage the avid readers by issuing more and more books. We are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our children. Reading habit is kept alive – we believe that it is the need of the hour.

To imbibe in the minds of our children the two noble ideals, 'self-help' and 'social awareness', one unit of the Scouts and Guides is functioning in the Vidyalaya. There are 107 Scouts (boys) and 85 Guides (girls) at present. Various camps have been organised to enable them to regulate traffic and manage crowds and do other such social services. Our group of Scouts and Guides got the first prize at the District level in the Standard Judging Competition. They were placed 2nd in the Zonal Level and are selected for the State Level Competition.

Two Sports Days of the Vidyalaya for both seniors and junior kids were conducted on the 18th and 19th of August, 2012. Of the 1228 students of Stds. III to X, 1140 participated in the celebrations. Besides the regular prizes based on several competitions, all the 504 children from LKG to Std. II who participated in the celebrations were awarded prizes in recognition of their participation and this was to encourage them to perform better.

Prizes are awarded to the winners of intra-school competitions in co-curricular activities every year. These prizes, 393 in number, were awarded to 243 students yesterday and the General Proficiency prizes to 187 students are to be awarded today.

In order to encourage regularity among students, prizes for cent percent attendance are awarded to the students every year. It may be hard to believe, but it is true: there are scores of students who have attended school without missing even a day, continuously for several years. K. Suvaransraj of Std. X A1 needs special appreciation. From LKG onwards he had never absented himself for 11 full years. Unfortunately, it was the divine will that this earnest enthusiast was afflicted with a disease and had to absent himself on medical grounds. To be honest to this youngster's power of will, we would like to place on record that it was the school that dissuaded him from attending classes, in view of his poor health. He deserves everyone's sincerest applause! There a few more children like K. Surendraraj of Std.VIII B, G. Prashanthi of Std.VIII A and S. Uma Mahesh of Std.X A1 who have attended school without availing themselves of any leave for almost 10 years, 9 years and 8 years respectively.

The old students' Association of the Vidyalaya meets every year. It is a gala day. The members of the staff and the former students of the Vidyalaya enjoy sharing nostalgic occasions of interest.

In order to help the child to face a variety of social, interpersonal, physical and emotional problems which need to be resolved, a team of counsellors is at work in the Vidyalaya, with active participation of parents.

I have taken this much time only to give you a glimpse of our achievements. With the co-operation of our parents and friends, I wish that the 39th year performance will excel the achievements of all the past 38 years.

I pray God Almighty to give us the strength to continue our efforts in our chosen path to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

Thank you.