

‘नही ज्ञानेन सदृशं’ - ‘non pareil, is wisdom’, proclaims the Veda. ‘Knowledge is Power’ is the affirmation of hoary tradition. ‘Knowledge is a foolproof shield that keeps peril at arm’s length and renders its wielder impregnable’, assures the poet-philosopher and savant *Thiruvalluvar*.

The aim of education is to equip the learner with knowledge. Millions of educational institutions in India and abroad seek to be purveyors of this much sought-after equipment. Each institution feels that it has generated the right method or methodology. Scholarly lectures, well-stocked functional libraries, teacher-taught interaction, unique testing systems, not to speak of seminars, symposia, conferences, orientation programmes and the much-hyped mass use of the computer, are all well-meant attempts at equipping the educational armoury with credible *astras*. More systems are bound to surface, as human ingenuity is inexorable. It is true that in spite of the very genuine and well-meant explorations and the resulting implementations in this complex realm, the student, the learner, is treated as an object of experimentation, a guinea pig. Right from the knap-sack, the back-breaking book-bag burden, through the classroom lectures that normally cause ennui and angst – to the vocal, oral quizzes and the gruelling written examinations, the learner always appears to be the eternal cross-bearing victim. Ironically and unfortunately, this appears to be an inevitable exercise.

We, in Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya seek to make up for this sinister-looking but inevitable aspect of dissemination of knowledge, by trying to make education heuristic (do-it-yourself) and learner-centric. We seek to produce students of stuff, rather than stuffed specimens. The teacher tries his/her best, in this regard, to be a friend, a fellow learner or a midwife at best, assisting in the labour. We are aware, as a teaching community, that the school is not a factory manufacturing mundane objects. The student is a live being, learning, evolving and blossoming. He/She must be helped to burgeon naturally like a flower, retain his/her individuality, spread his/her petals and fill the air with his/her own special fragrance, peculiar to his/her psyche. We try to make him/her realise that his/her contribution is valuable, nay indispensable.

The Vidyalaya tries, through its multifarious activities, to help the student to grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, culturally and aesthetically culminating, hopefully, in the fulfilment of his soul. Every learner is allowed to grow at his pace and on his terms so that he has sufficient awareness of the complexities of the world he has to encounter. We respect the fact that each student has a unique response to his experiences and we seek, as an institution, to create the

conditions that would help him to empower himself to overcome the trammels of life and existence and succeed in every sphere of life. Every individual student is important for us. The school functions have room enough for everyone. The school-stage is always filled to capacity on the school function days, as each little speck makes the sketch meaningful. We have a broad canvas. The School Report will unveil the fact that the winners in the intra-competitions outnumber those who win their laurels for the school, in the inter-school competitions. The list of the prize-winners today, is deliberately and factually long, because we boast of performance, individual and en masse. May I now request you all, to be ready for the Annual Report, as usual, performance-filled?

In the CBSE 10th Standard Board Examination held in March, 2014, twenty two students secured A1 Grade in all the subjects scoring 91 to 100 marks with the Cumulative Grade Point Average 10.

We are proud to give the following achievers the proverbial **pat on the back**.

M. Shidhartika, P.K. Krishna Priya, K. Padhmaja, R. Aaditya Rangan, S. Kishore, V. Sreenidhi, M. Hari, R. Swarna Haritha, Adithya Viswanathan, N. Ananda Rangan, S. Arunachalam, M. Noah Simon, C. Vidula, A. Pranav Harish, K. Akshaya Lakshmi, S. Sindhujha, V. Sriranjani, J.N.S. Pavani, B. Ranges, T. Arunkumar, A. Nareshkrishna and R. Kirthana.

These 22 students are to be presented the 'Outstanding Academic Proficiency' plaque in recognition of their excellence in the Board Examination.

Of the 160 students who took the Board Examination last year, 35 secured the A1 grade in English, 96 out of 130 in Tamil, 2 out of 6 in Hindi, 14 of the 24 in Sanskrit, 40 in Mathematics, 37 in Science and 37 in Social Science. We are happy to underline the fact that our students are rooted in their mother-tongue, while also excelling in English.

The present student-strength of our Vidyalaya is 1614. In accordance with the rules of the CBSE, the classroom student-strength is being reduced progressively.

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 or award prizes year after year. In reality, it is endowments galore for the Vidyalaya!

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

Shri T.S. Sivashankar with a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-
Dr R. Ravindran with a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-
Shri M.G. Srinivasan – Smt. Chandrika with a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-
Smt. R. Pirabavathy, former teacher of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.50,000/-
Smt. R. Pattammal, former teacher of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.25,000/-
Dr P. Chezhan – Dr K. Vijaya Prabha with a sum of Rs.25,000/-
Shri S. Sridhar with a sum of Rs.15,000/-
Shri T.M. Theagarajan with a sum of Rs.10,000/-
Shri S. Ganapathy son of Mr G. Subramanian with a sum of Rs.10,000/- and
Shri K. Chelliah – Smt. S. Rajamani with a sum of Rs.5,000/-

Some of our friends interested in the education and character formation of the students, award prizes regularly every year. Here are the benefactors who have contributed towards 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 and
Shri V. Mani, Professor, Retired, St. Joseph's College, Royarthope, Srirangam.

No systematic hard work goes unrewarded in the Vidyalaya and thus 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 sinew and worked incessantly to establish and run this institution to benefit the society around.

9 top-ranking students from Stds. VI to X are awarded this tuition-fee-free Merit Scholarship every year. The star performers during the current year are the following.

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| 1. S. Padmashree | VI A1 |
| 2. S. Guru Shreyaas | VII A |
| 3. T. Srivatsan | VII A1 |
| 4. S. Sashang | VIII A1 |
| 5. S. Vasundhara | VIII A |

6. M. Sudha	IX A1
7. V. Akila	IX A1
8. S. Karigha	X A1
9. Adithya Sivasankar	X A1

This apart, every year, scholarships are awarded to a few more deserving 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,
 Shrimangal S.R. Gopalan, S.R. Venkateswaran and S.R. Krishnan,
 Shri B. Pattabhiraman,
 Shri D. Parthasarathy,
 Shri G. Gopala Kutti Sastry,
 Smt. R. Veeramani,
 Shri R. Vasudeva Reddiar,
 Dr S. Sundaresan,
 Shri S. Sethuraman,
 Smt. L. Saraswathi,
 Shri K. Venkatesan,
 Dr R. Ravindran and
 Shri M.G. Srinivasan – Smt. Chandrika.

Our students have done very well in various fields. The unending list of students who have won their laurels for the school, has been suitably shortened, so that you may get a bird's-eye-view of the quality obtaining in the school.

I congratulate everyone who took part in the competitions, no matter whether they won prizes or not. After all, the participation matters, as winning is a matter of course.

- The Old Students' Association of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Srirangam conducted Culture India Quiz on the 18th of January, 2014, to inculcate in the young minds, the importance of our country's culture, values and other riches. 5 teams of 10 students participated in the contest. A.T. Rangapriya and B. Savithri of Std. IX A1 received the Second Prize.

- A.K. Shreyas Sriman of Std. III B, R. Charanya of Std. VI A1, A.K. Smruthi Ranjani, T. Srivathsan and N. Miruthikaa of Std. VII A1, E.S. Swetha of Std. VIII A1, A.K. Shruthi Ranjani of Std. IX A1, Adithya Sivasankar and G. Prashanthi of of Std. X A1 are the recipients of the prizes in the annual sloka recitation and music competitions conducted by Samskrita Sahithya Parishad, Tiruchirapalli.
- The Vivekananda Social Service Organisation, Srirangam, conducted a drawing competition in connection with Swami Vivekananda's birthday celebrations on the 12th of January, 2014. M. Piriyaishree of IX A and K. Dharini of Std. VIII A won the first and the second prizes respectively in the competition. It was a near clean sweep for the Vidyalaya.
- An Exhibition in Science was organised by Tamil Nadu Sowrashttra Students' Association, Tiruchirapalli on th 26th of January, 2014. P.R. Swaminathan of Std. X A1 participated in it and won the second prize.
- In a story writing competition organised by fishbowl network.com on the 8th of February, 2014, R. Narasimhan and P. Rengarajan of Std. IX A and P. Charumithra and S.K. Mahizhini of Std. VIII A received prizes.
- L. Sreya of Std. IX C and V. Padmavathi of Std. X A1 were awarded the Certificate of Appreciation while S. Shruthi of Std. VII A1 was given a Certificate of Participation from the Department of Art and Culture, Chennai for their participation in the State level dance and music competitions held on the 8th of February, 2014.
- R. Siddharth Krishna of Std. VI A1 participated in a Mathematics Talent Test conducted by the Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai. His performance in the test was adjudged as very good. The school believes that the Ramanujans of the Vidyalaya will emerge victorious sooner than later.
- Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai conducted an online essay writing contest on the 27th and 28th of February, 2014 in which a group of students from Stds. VI to VIII participated and received prizes.
- A group of students participated in the 'Parent Circle – What's on your mind', an online essay writing contest during March, 2014. S. Shruthi of Std. VII A1 was awarded the first prize with a cash prize of Rs.3000/- while Ramalingam Ravindran of Std. VII A was awarded a certificate of

merit with a gift voucher for their best entries in the contest. Their entries found a place in the online magazine, Parent Circle. Our students make not only the school but also the parents proud.

- Many students from Stds. VII to X participated in the vocal and instrumental music competitions organised by the Carnatic Music Club of NIT, Tiruchirapalli in connection with Carnatic Music Fest held from the 19th to 22nd of April, 2014.

A.K. Shruthi Ranjani of Std. IX A, N.C. Ekanath of Std. X A, E.S. Swetha of Std. VIII A1 and A.K. Smruthi Ranjani of Std. VII A1 are some of the students who won prizes.

- Rasika Ranjana Sabha conducted a music competition for amateur artists in the month of June, 2014 in which V. Aadharshini of Std. IV B and E.S. Swetha of Std. VIII A1 won the 2nd and 3rd Prizes respectively in the vocal music category. It was truly music to the ears, here.
- Our talented students hunt in packs too. Look at the following group effort. The Old Students' Association of R.S.K Higher Secondary School conducted OSCAR-2014, a competition styled cultural programme on 4th and 5th of July, 2014. Students, in large numbers, participated in various competitions and won prizes.

Potpourri	:	J. Prassanth P. Aravind D. Pradhyumnan	X A1 X A X A	} 1 st prize
Aatral Kalam	:	G. Prashanthi S. Karigha and K.S. Prithivica,	X A1	} 1 st prize
		G. Yoga Venkatanarayanan S. Preethi and S. Subickshaa	X A X A1	} 3 rd prize
Hunt	:	S. Santhosh T.S. Subhasri A. Akash	X A1 X A1 X A	} Special prize

- Express Minds Edutainment for International Talent for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) organised the India Heritage Quiz Competition in three stages from the city level to the zonal level culminating in the national finals. On the 2nd of July, 2014, Adithya Sivasankar and G. Prashanthi of Std. X A1 swept to victory among all the competitors in the city and qualified for the zonal level at Chennai held on the 17th of July, 2014 from among 7 cities. But, they

missed the mark by a whisker in Delhi on the 15th of November, 2014 to reach the national finals. Let us give a big hand to the redoubtable duo.

- In a quiz competition conducted by CARE International School on the 19th of July, 2014, S. Sashang, T.N. Shree Ganesh and G. Krishnaa of Std. VIII A1 received the 2nd prize.
- It was music all the way -- category, no bar: Swasthika, a self improvement centre, Tiruchirapalli conducted Swass Fezz, music competitions on the 26th of July, 2014. V. Aakarshini of Std. VIII A1 and V. Aadharshini of Std. IV B bagged the 1st prize in the Junior and Sub-junior categories respectively.
- All is well that ends well. Enthusia, 2014, a competition styled cultural programme was organised by K. Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Tiruchirapalli on the 26th of July, 2014. Students in large numbers participated in various competitions and won prizes.

K.V. Thiruppathi and S. Ajith Raj of Std. X B - 1st prize in Face Painting

Abirami, Harinee Rajagopalan, R. Bhargavi, A. Akash
M. Arul Kumaran, RS. Navamani, R. Akshaya Dharshi } - 1st prize in Fashion Parade
S. Santhosh and K.S. Seshan of Std. X

N. Harshini of Std. IX A1 - 3rd prize in Shell Painting

- A lot many more of our students participated and won prizes in the Gita Chanting Competition conducted by Chinmaya Mission, Srirangam on the 24th of July, 2014.
- Winning a verbal war made easy: T. Rakshana Ezhilarasi and S. Keerthana of Std. IX A1 dared to hit the T.V. screen when they took part in 'Oru Vaarthai Oru Latcham – Juniors' show of Star Vijay, featuring students from various schools across the state.
- On the 8th of August, 2014, the Computer Society of India, Trichy Chapter in association with Sri Jayendra Matric Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirapalli conducted its annual inter school quiz contest on Computer Science and Technology. G.Prashanthi, P.R. Swaminathan and Adithya Sivasankar participated and got the third prize.

- N. Sanjna of Std. IX A1 got the 3rd prize in Essay Writing contest while G. Prashanthi, N.C. Ekanath of Std. X A1, R. Vaishnavi of Std. IX A1, V. Akarshini and G.A. Varun of Std. VIII received the consolation prize in Villupattu in Talent Expo., 2014 organised by TNPL, Kagithapuram on the 9th and 10th of August, 2014. The folk consolation is a cherished prize, as old is gold.
- Saraswathi Vidyalaya, Tiruchirapalli conducted a quiz in Music on the 24th of August, 2014. N.C. Ekanath and J. Prassanth of Std. X A1 won the 2nd prize with a cash award of Rs.2000/- each and V. Aakarshini and E.S. Swetha of Std. VIII A1 received the 3rd prize with a cash award of Rs.1000/- each. The contest gave an opportunity for the students to amass gainful knowledge in every department of music, apart from the prizes won. It rained cash and the Vidyalaya has never experienced prize-droughts.
- M. Srisruthi of Std. VI A1 and M. Hari Krishnaa of Std. VIII A1 received the 2nd prize in Music competition and N. Ajeidraavid of Std. VIII A bagged the 1st prize in drawing competition conducted by Sree Kids Play Home, Srirangam on the 24th of August, 2014. Our students have the scientific temper, as also the cultural bent.
- A Gita recitation competition was conducted by Savithri Vidyasala on 28.08.2014 as part of their Founder's Day celebrations. A.K. Shruthi Ranjani of Std. IX A received the 2nd prize in the contest.
- Kamakoti Vidyalaya conducted a Gita Recitation contest on the 3rd of September, 2014 in connection with its Founder's Day Celebrations. L.Sivagama Sundari and E.S.Swetha of Std. VIII A1 were far ahead of their counterparts and clinched the overall shield.
- The BHEL, Tiruchirapalli conducted various competitions in connection with the Eye Donation Fortnight Celebrations on the 2nd of September, 2014. T.S. Subhasri of Std. X A1 and R. Venkataraman of Std. X A received prizes in poem composing and essay writing competitions respectively.
- 'Sanskrit Surabhi', a competition in Sanskrit, was conducted by Srimad Andavan College of Arts and Science, Srirangam on the 3rd of September, 2014. Many students participated in the various competitions and won prizes. The prize winners are:

Elocution Competition

Adithya Sivasankar of Std. X A1
B. Gayathri of Std. IX A

1st prize
3rd prize

Music Competition	V. Padmavathy of Std. X A1	1 st prize
Drawing Competition	M.B. Shyamala of Std. X A	2 nd prize
Sloka Recitation	G. Prashanthi of Std. X A1 V. Sreedevi of Std. X A1	3 rd prize Consolation prize

By winning the overall shield for the third time in succession, the students of our Vidyalaya have scored a hatrick. Linguistic skill is our forte and we have mastery over the *devabasha* too.

- D. Giridharan of Std. IV B won the 1st prize in the Hindi Elocution Competition and V. Aadharshini of Std. IV B and A. Sheetal of Std. VI A1 received the 1st and 3rd prizes respectively in the Music Competition conducted by the Dakshina Bharatha Hindi Prachara Sabha, Tiruchirapalli on the 21st of September, 2014.
- In the current year's edition of music competitions organised by Sree Karpaga Vinayagar Isai Sangam on the 5th and 12th of October, 2014, our budding artists, N.C. Ekanath, Sujatha Ganesh, M. Sudha, Adithya Sivasankar, E.S. Swetha, V. Aadharshini, A.K. Smruthi Ranjani, V. Aakarshini, A.K. Shruthi Ranjani and P. Hridaya received prizes.
- The Department of Posts conducted cultural programmes at Regional and Circle levels on the 17th of October, 2014. R. Rahul of Std. VI A1 secured the 1st prize in music competition while L. Sreya of Std. IX C secured the 1st prize in dance competition. She danced to the Guwahati tunes and won hearts and prizes. L. Sreya participated in the All India Postal Cultural Meet at Guwahati on the 8th of December to 12th of December, 2014 and secured the 2nd prize in the classical dance (Bharathanatyam) event. It was an encore for Sreya.
- The Rotary Club and the Inner Wheel Club of Tiruchirapalli jointly organised various competitions on the 1st of November, 2014. P.R. Swaminathan of Std. X A1 bagged the 1st Prize in Poem Composing competition in Tamil and Adithya Sivasankar of Std. X A1 achieved the runner up position in the Miss Forfest.
- Our wards can win prizes, invoking the Lord too. Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda Ashram, Chennai organised the 3rd Inter school Bhajan singing and Keerthana Recitation competition on the 2nd of November, 2014. In the Vocal music category, E.S. Swetha of Std. VIII A1, S. Akshaya of Std. X A1 and S. Atshaya of Std. X A received the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. N.C. Ekanath, P. Aravind of Std. X A and Pritika Kumar, Priyanka Kumar of Std. VIII A1 and Kanmani Divyarupa of Std. VII A received prizes in the Bhajan singing competition.

- The Humour Club was bowled over by the sketches of our wards. P. Sharweshvar of Std. III B got the 3rd Prize in the drawing competition conducted by the Humour Club of Tiruchirapalli on 16.11.2014.
- The school sponsored contestants for the current year's edition of the Sri Arunachala Akshara Manamalai Recitation Competition of Sri Ramana Sathsangam in which E.S. Swetha of VIII A1, and S. Sayee Kruthika of Std.VII A received the 1st and the 3rd prizes respectively.
- In the Aqua Regia Science Quiz conducted by TIME Institute, Tiruchirapalli on the 25th of November, 2014, B. Harish Narayan and R. Santhosh Ram, both of Std. VII A1 secured a special prize with a cash award of Rs.500/- each. Have not our students cashed in, on the opportunity?
- The Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli conducted drawing and calligraphy competitions on the 23rd of November, 2014. E.S.Swetha of Std. VIII A1 got the 3rdPrize in the calligraphy competition while R. Ajjeidraavid of Std. VIII A received the consolation Prize in the drawing competition.
- In connection with the Children's day celebrations, the department of Museums, Tiruchirapalli conducted a drawing competition on the 29th and 30th of November, 2014 when A. Mithilesh Raghav of Std. III A and D. Kaniska of Std. IX A1 received consolation prizes.
- It was a windfall again. When in another celebration of the Children's day by TAMBRAS, Srirangam which provided an opportunity, on the 16th of November, 2014 to A.K. Smruthi Ranjani of Std. VII A1 and V. Aakarshini of Std. VIII A1 to win the 2nd and the 3rd prizes respectively in the Music competition.

I. Kaviyaa of Std. VIII A won the 2nd prize in the oratorical contest while K. Sai Anugraha of Std. IV A and M. Nitharshan of Std. VI A1 got the 3rd and consolation prizes respectively in the drawing competition along with T.K.B. Akshaya Shree of Std. III C who got the consolation prize in the Gita recitation competition.

TAMBRAS also conducted various competitions in connection with Bharathiyar's Birthday celebrations on the 11th of December, 2014. Our students participated in many competitions and romped home to victory.
- Our school choir won the 2nd prize in the vocal music competition organised by Rajaji Vidyalaya on the 9th of December, 2014.

- Our students participated, in large numbers, in various competitions such as National Financial Literacy Assessment Test, Online Mathematics and Science Tournaments, Green Olympiad.
- Two teams of our students, T.N. Sree Ganesh and G. Krishna of Std. VIII A1 and S. Sashang of Std. VIII A1 and S. Guru Shreyaas of Std. VII A participated in the 'The Hindu Young World Quiz' competition for juniors conducted by 'The Hindu' on the 6th of January, 2015 and won the 2nd and 5th places respectively. A whopping 410 teams of two students each had participated in the contest. Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya is the only school which could place two teams in the finals among the top six teams. We deem it a prominent feather in the cap of the school. May their tribe increase!

A good number of players have come through with flying colours in different categories of competitions in different games outings during the academic year 2014-2015.

- In the Tamil Nadu Sub Junior State Badminton tournament organised by the Syed Badminton Academy and Fun and Frolic Badminton Academy held on the 13th and 16th of February, 2014. P. Vishnu of Std.VII A1 shone as a quarter finalist. He was placed runner up in his category in the District Badminton Tournament organised by the Tiruchirapalli Badminton Association from the 9th of October to 12th of October, 2014.

We have a little army of little chess masters, we are proud of.

- M. Srinidhi of Std. VII A won the first place in the under 13 category for girls in the First District Level Children Open Chess Tournament conducted by Heber Chess Academy on the 18th and 19th of January, 2014. She also won the first place in the district level Chess tournaments organised by Aaron Chess Academy.
- Besides, several others have come through with flying colours in different categories of competitions in the Chess Tournaments conducted by various organizations during the academic year 2014-2015.

G. Navaneeth of Std. V A; G. Krishnaa of Std. VIII A1; A. Sreesh of Std. III C; V.P. Prakalya of Std. II A, S.R. Anerudh of Std. IV C, T.N. Srikrishnan of Std. VI A1, R. Gurubaran of Std. VII A1 and N.B. Guru Arunesh of Std. VIII B are the chess luminaries of our school.

We thank the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and various other District Chess Associations along with the Four Knights Chess Academy, the VBS Chess Academy, the

Cauvery Chess Academy, the Anand Chess Academy, the Rockfort Chess Academy, the Dragon Chess Academy, the Lions Club of Trichy, the City Club and Aaron Chess Academy for having given our children the opportunity to perform and bloom.

- Our little heroes have muscles of iron and nerves of steel. Yes, Sai Sree Akshaya Gurudatta of Std. VII A1 participated in the Quad Type Roller Skating Competition organised by Rock City Roller Skating Sports Academy on 16.02.2014 and won the Silver Medal in Rink I- 100 metre, Rink II – 1000 metre and Skating Relay.
- S.V. Dhiraj of Std. VII A participated in the JSKA State Open Karate Championship 2014 held on 23.02.2014 and won the 2nd prize in Boys' Individual Kata event. He also won the 2nd Place in the Boys' Individual Kata event of the 13th All India Inter State Invitational Ryu Shinkan Shito Ryo Karate Championship, 2014 held at Cuddalore between the 22nd and 24th of August, 2014. In the District Sports Karate Association, Trichy, Dhiraj secured the first place in the individual kumite event. S.V. Poorvaja of Std. V A secured the second place in the same category.
- In the 9th State level Karate Championship, 2014 held at Tanjore on the 12th of October, P. Srinivasa Raghavan of Std. VII A1 got the third place in the Individual Kumite event.

Our students excel in the mind games also.

- R. Harivathsha of Std. IV C was awarded the 3rd Runner up in the Foundation level 2 of the 11th National Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Contest conducted by SIP Academy on the 23rd of November, 2014 in Bengaluru. R. Joshna of Std. III A, D. Akkilesh Kumar, P. Nithish Prabhu, R. Rahul and S. Ragulranjith, all of Std. VI as well as P.B. Harshitha of Std. V C are some of the students who regularly participate in various Abacus tournaments and win prizes.
- In connection with the celebrations of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) various tournaments were conducted by Rockcity Sahodaya Schools Complex, Tiruchirapalli. Our students participated in the Volley ball, Kho-Kho and Throw ball tournaments held on the 29th of October, 2014, the girls being crowned as winners in Throw Ball and the boys catching up as runners in Volley Ball.

The Vidyalaya which believes in the physical fitness of its students, provides sufficient opportunities to them to participate in inter and intra school competitions.

The Sports Days of the Vidyalaya for both the senior students and the junior kids were conducted on the 13th of December, 2014.

A Project Day was organised for the kids of LKG to Std. II on the 7th of October, 2014. All the children participated and presented their artistic exhibits creatively. The projects displayed by them were lauded lavishly by the visitors and all the participants were given prizes to encourage their enthusiasm to innovate.

Under the directives of the CBSE several activities were conducted as part of the regular curriculum. Some of them are

- Conservation of Energy and Water resources
- Swachh Bharath-Swachh Vidyalaya Campaign
- Young Scientific Minds of India – Birth anniversary of Sir C.V. Raman as National Unity Day
- Bal Swachhata Mission
- Bharathiyar Day
- Ganit Week
- Good Governance Day and
- Education for Future Development

T. Rakshana Ezhilarasi of Std. IX A1 has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence, along with a cash award of Rs.2500/-, for her meritorious participation and being a winner in the CBSE Expression Series, for her essay in Tamil on Mahatma Gandhi and Sanitation.

Another winner of this certificate and cash award is N. Ramya of Std. X B for her contribution of a poem in Tamil on Bal Swachhata Mission.

Besides, the students of the Vidyalaya conducted many programmes in connection with National Education Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Adolescent Education, Value Education, Road Safety Week, Consumer Awareness Week, World AIDS Day, Field visits to places of archeological interest. They also organized competitions during National Days.

The teachers of the Vidyalaya participate regularly in capacity building programmes on the effective implementation of CCE conducted by empanelled agencies identified by the CBSE.

Under the able guidance of Pre ALT. Smt. V Chitra, our school has mustered a fabulous strength of 157 Scouts and 136 Guides this year. Of them, 24 Scouts and 12 Guides, won the Rajya Puraskar Award last year. During the current year, 29 Scouts and 16 Guides attended the test camp for the same award held at A.K.K.V. Matriculation Hr Sec School, Tiruchirapalli from the 1st of August to the 3rd of August, 2014. We hope all of them will come out successful.

7 Guides attended the Rashtrapati Award Test Camp held at the State Head Quarters, Chennai from the 30th of September to the 6th of October, 2014 and this is certainly a milestone in the annals of the school, in respect of Scouts and Guides.

Besides, a unit of 46 Cubs and 52 Bulbuls was started in the current year. All the members in the unit attended the test camp for the Golden Arrow Award held in our school campus on the 28th of August, 2014.

For the last three years, the 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. The reading habit is kept alive in the Vidyalaya and we believe that a deplorably neglected vital aspect of education has been revitalized.

Prizes are awarded to the winners of intra-school competitions in co-curricular activities every year. These prizes, 307 in number, were awarded to 195 students on the occasion of the School Day, celebrated on the 29th of December, 2014 and the General Proficiency prizes to 194 students are to be awarded today.

It is a risky venture in Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya to reward a student for 100% attendance because nearly all the students merit such an award. There are students who attend school without missing even a single day for more than a decade even.

We are proud to introduce two such persevering students.

K. Surendraraj of Std. X B who has attended school without a break for 11 years 166 days till date and G. Prashanthi of Std. X A1 who has attended 10 years 166 days. Hats off to these exceptional kids.

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

The Annual Report presented to you carries only the immediate impact of the teaching-mentoring system of the Vidyalaya – the proverbial tip of the healthy iceberg. The children are now in their formative years and when they are in the prime of their lives, they will start reaping the full benefits. If the proof of the pudding is in the eating, the full house we get on the alumni / alumnæ day, the frequent visits, phone calls and e-mails from our innumerable alumni and alumnæ bear witness to the success of the Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya system of teaching and mentoring of her students. Every system has to be constantly renewed and renovated, lest it rust. The Vidyalaya's system is dynamic and we are sure that the prospects are bright.

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

Thank you.