

असतोमा सदगमय ।

From the unreal to the Truth eternal

तमसोमा ज्योतिर् गमय ।

From ignorance to the Light of wisdom

मृत्योर्मा मृतं गमय ॥

From impermanence to Immortality

This extract from the Upanishad forms part of our school prayer on Wednesdays. Education – true education – alone can enlighten the mind of the seeker. This enlightenment removes the dross of ignorance and paves the way for immortality.

The present day parents earnestly believe that their basic responsibility is to make their children doctors, engineers, chartered accountants and other such professionals, earning high emoluments. Though money-making aimed at maximum comfort and mental happiness, is a basic necessity, it cannot be the chief good of life.

தந்தை மகற்காற்றும் நன்றி அவையத்து  
முந்தி இருப்பச் செயல். ....says Thiruvalluvar

These prophetic words of *Saint Thiruvalluvar* convey to the common man the idea that the responsibility of every parent is to shape the child's personality in such a way as to make him or her shine in the assembly of the learned.

The offspring should be moulded into near-perfect men and women. Generally, gaining knowledge, free-thinking, character and wisdom are considered to be the yardstick for measuring a complete person. Our Vidyalaya aims at shaping the children to become exemplary men and women.

This does not mean that academic activities would take the back seat here. My team of teachers works diligently to prepare students for the examinations also. The acid test to gauge the performance of the teachers and students is the attainment in the form of results in the external Board Examinations year after year. Yes, the results of the March, 2015 examinations as you will notice are creditable and praise worthy.

Of the 139 students presented for the Board Examination, 39 have secured the highest grade, A1 in all the five subjects. Besides, 88 students have secured 9 - 10 Cumulative Grade Point Average out of 10.

Subject wise, 66 secured the A1 grade in English, 74 out of 110 in Tamil, 20 of the 29 in Sanskrit, 45 in Mathematics, 59 in Science and 70 in Social Science.

This is not all! Though comparison is not healthy, with due humility, I submit that our Vidyalaya floats on 'cloud nine', topping the list of schools in and around Trichy with regard to the performance of students in the Board Exams of 2015. Do you need any other litmus test to assess our performance?

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

S.Muhundhan, M.Vigneshwaran, G.Yogavenkatanarayanan, Adithya Sivasankar, S.Karigha, K.S.Prithivica, V.Sreedevi, S.Subhiksha, R.Rohith Kumar, B.Sarangan, S.Akshaya, S.Preethi, R.Aakash, R.Parthasarathy, D.Pradhyumnan, R.V.Prasanth, J.Prassanth, P.R.Swaminathan, P.I.Vikram, G.Apsara, S.Dheeptha, S.Giteka, W.Irene Veronica, G.Prashanthi, S.Shakshi, T.S.Subhasri, S.Subickshaa, P.Aravind, M.Arul Kumaran, S.D.Gogulanathan, S.Santhosh, R.Venkataraman, M.R.Abirami, R.Bhargavi, S.Dharshini, G.Harini, S.Pavithra, Shruthi Sridhar and R.Sivaranjani.

Today, these 39 students are to be presented the 'Outstanding Academic Proficiency' plaque in recognition of their performance.

The Central Board of Secondary Education lays equal stress on Scholastic and Co-scholastic activities. Even though we have done well in the Scholastic area, there is scope for improvement. In the area of Co-Scholastic activities too, our students have done well. In dancing - folk and modern, music - vocal and instrumental, histrionics, quiz and the like, our students have performed well and have made the institution proud.

My colleagues, equally talented as our students are, work with them, shoulder to shoulder, and prepare them for all occasions. In the words of Oliver Goldsmith,

*As a bird each fond endearment tries,  
To tempt its new-fledged offspring to the skies;  
He (We) tried(try) each art, reproved (reprove) each dull delay,  
Allured (Allure) to brighter worlds, and led (lead) the way.*

Our efforts do bear fruit.

But, we crave for more. I am sure that with the co-operation of our students and their parents, the flag of honour of Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, will continue to fly high.

The present student-strength of our Vidyalaya is 1598. In accordance with the rules of the CBSE, the classroom student-strength is being reduced progressively.

It is highly gratifying that many well-wishers 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. K.S. Ganapathy, Correspondent of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs. 2,00,000/-

Shri K.V. Subbarao with a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-

Shri M.Rengarajan, son of Shri S. Margasahayam – Smt. M. Sundari with a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-

Shri K. Saravanan – Smt. R. Akila with a sum of Rs.30,000/-

Smt. R. Vijayalakshmi wife of Shri P. Raju Reddiar with a sum of Rs.20,000/-

Prof. V. Mani with a sum of Rs.22,000/-

Shri S. Madhavan with a sum of Rs.20,000/-

Prof. P. Natarajan with a sum of Rs.15,000/-

Prof. S. Kuppuswamy with a sum of Rs.10,000/- (he has also contributed another sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Vidyalaya's old Students' Association.) and

Miss. S. Mangalam with a sum of Rs.5000/-

We thank, from the heart, all the benefactors for their generous contribution.

The following is the glittering list of friends of the Vidyalaya, who are interested in the education and character formation of the students and award prizes regularly every year.

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

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

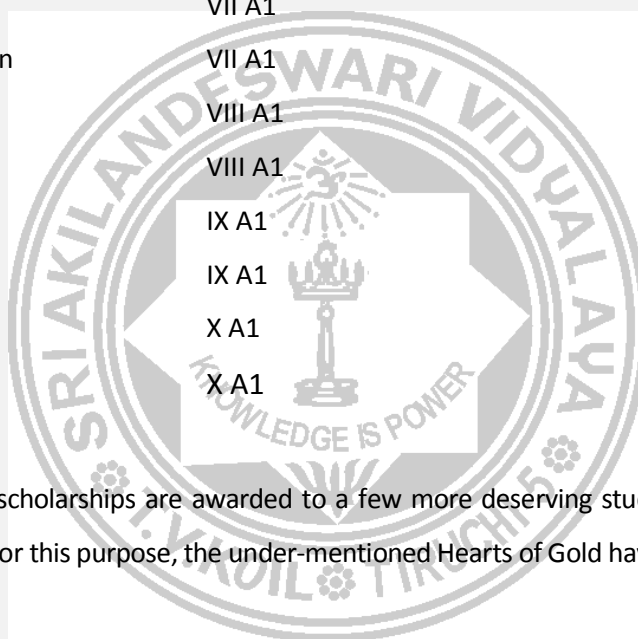
Dr P. Shanmuga Sundaram, Ganapati Nagar for excellence in Tamil.

Systematic hard work never 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 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.

B. Srivathsen	VI A
VR.PR. Solaiappan	VII A1
P. Srinivasa Raghavan	VII A1
S. Guru Shreyaas	VIII A1
T. Srivatsan	VIII A1
K. Dharini	IX A1
S. Sethuraman	IX A1
V. Akila	X A1
B. Savithri	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 K. Venkatesan,
- Shri B. Pattabhiraman,
- Shri D. Parthasarathy,
- Shri G. Gopala Kutti Sastry,
- Dr S. Sundaresan,
- Shri S. Sethuraman,

Smt. R. Veeramani,  
Smt. L. Saraswathi,  
Shri R. Vasudeva Reddiar,  
Dr R. Ravindran and  
Shri M.G. Srinivasan – Smt. Chandrika.  
Shri S. Margasahayam – Smt. M. Sundari  
Shri K.S. Ganapathy  
Shri K.V. Subbarao

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 the Culture India Quiz on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015, 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. G. Krishnaa and T.N. Sree Ganesh of Std. IX A1 got the third Prize.
- Thulasi Pharmacy, Tiruchirapalli conducted a handwriting competition in connection with the celebration of the Republic Day. Students from Stds. III to V, in large numbers, participated in the contest. V. Aadarshini of Std. V B, G.S. Bhavanisankar of Std. IV A and V. Ananth Krishna of Std. VI A secured the first, second and third prizes respectively.
- The Department of English, Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College, Srirangam conducted a Poem Recitation Competition on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015 in which S. Shruti of Std. VIII A1 bagged the first prize.
- R. Siddharth Krishna of Std. VII A1 received the consolation prize in the Mathematics Talent Search contest conducted by Anna Science Centre Planetarium, Tiruchirapalli.

- D. Rajarajeswari of Std. III B received the Certificate of Excellence in the Calligraphy Competition conducted by Gurukul Institute, Tiruchirapalli on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2015.
- R. Roopashri of Std. VIII C received the third prize in the district level vocal music contest organized by the Department of Regional Art and Culture Council, Tiruchirapalli in the month of June, 2015.
- Rasika Ranjana Sabha conducted a music competition for amateur artists in the month of June, 2015, in which the following students won prizes.  
V. Aadarshini of Std. V B secured the first prize in vocal music among the sub-juniors,  
E.S. Swetha of Std. IX A1 received three second prizes and one third prize in different categories of vocal music and A.K. Shruthi Ranjani of Std. X A won four prizes, three in vocal music and one in instrumental music.
- Whiz Kidz Academy conducted a drawing competition on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015 in which N. Ananthikaa of Std. V A got the third prize.
- The Old Students' Association of R.S.K Higher Secondary School conducted their OSCAR-2015, a competition styled cultural programme on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015. Students, in large numbers, participated in various competitions and won prizes.

Gnaan Yudh	:	J. Vishnu Priyaa M. Moshika	IX A1 IX A1	} first prize
Make it together	:	S.R. Harni M. Ruveshini	X B X B	} third prize
Play with clay	:	D. Kaniska	X A1	third prize
Fourth Estate	:	N. Harshini N. Sanjna	X A1 X A1	} first prize
Musync(Dance)	:	R. Sahana	X B	second prize
Aatral Kalam	:	V. Akila G.S. Nlvethini J. Divashini	X A1 X A1 X A1	} third prize
Vaadham Pudhidhu	:	V. Akila	X A1	third prize
Tamizhpuram	:	I. Kaviyaa S. Ragasudha	IX A IX A1	} second prize

Rachnathmakatha	:	A. Muthukarpagavalli	X A	third prize
Quest	:	J. Divashini R. Naveena	X A1 X A1	} third prize
Check mate	:	K.S. Niranjani S. Monish Ananthan J. Maisha Fathima	X A1 X A1 X B	} first prize

T. Raksana Ezhilarasi, A.B. Yuvankarrik, R. Egappan of Std. X A1, M.L. Divya Bharathi, R. Narasimhan, M. Aswath Ram of Std. X A, G. Harikrupa of Std. X B and N. Ajjei David, G. Thiirivigirama Abhishek, C. Arun Prasanna of Std. IX A won the first prize with a cash award of Rs.5000/- in Technical Exhibition.

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2015, Care International School conducted 'Young Scientist Search', a Science & Technology and Education event. Many students, along with the following prize winners, participated in the event.

R. Vanshitha of Std. V C,

G. Pretham of Std. VI A,

P. Srinivasa Raghavan and T. Subramanian of Std. VII A1,

K. Ashven, T. Rakshan of Std. VIII A1, R. Jayavanth and S. Prithviraj of Std. VIII A,

S. Vignesh Athreya of Std. VIII B and S.K. Vaidhya of Std. VIII A1.

We congratulate all these budding scientists.

- K. Keerthana of Std. VIII A1 received the second prize in the inter-school painting competition organized by Design School of Arts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2015.
- The Department of Posts conducted cultural programmes at the Regional and Circle levels, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015. R. Rahul of Std. VII A secured prizes in various music competitions with cash awards amounting to Rs.2750/-.
- Kokuyo Camlin Ltd. conducted an art contest on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015. A good number of students from LKG to Std. X participated in the contest and won prizes.
- An oratorical contest was conducted by Savithri Vidyasala on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2015 as part of their Founder's Day celebrations. V. Akila of Std. X A1 and K.G. Sri Akileshwari of Std. X A received the first prize in this contest. The competitors from our Vidyalaya romped home with the overall shield.

- 'Sanskrit Surabhi', various competitions in Sanskrit, was conducted by Srimad Andavan College of Arts and Science, Srirangam on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2015. A host of students participated in these competitions and won prizes. The prize winners are:

Sloka Recitation	L. Sivagama Sundari	of Std. IX A	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
	B. Savithri	of Std. X A1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	A.T. Rangapriya	of Std. X A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Drawing Competition	N. Harshini	of Std. X A1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
Music Competition	A.K. Shruthi Ranjani	of Std. X A	1 <sup>st</sup> prize
	Sujata Ganesh	of Std. X C	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize

As success succeeds success, the students of our Vidyalaya won the coveted overall shield consecutively for the fourth time.

- V. Aadarshini of Std. V B, B. Harish Narayan of Std. VIII A1 and E.S. Swetha of Std. IX A1 received the Certificate of Merit in Music awarded by Sangeeth Samraat in association with Abayam Creations and Sankara T.V., on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015.
- On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015, D. Giridharan of Std. V B and P. Hridaya of Std. IV C won the second and third prizes respectively in the oratorical and music competitions conducted by the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Tiruchirapalli.
- Swasthikaa Self-Improvement Centre organized *SwassFest, 2015's* music competitions, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2015. V. Aadarshini of Std. V B received the certificate of merit with a cash award of Rs.500/-, while S. Aniruuth of Std. III B received a certificate of appreciation.
- St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli conducted an elocution contest on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015, in connection with the birthday celebrations of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. J.Vishnu Priyaa of Std. IX A1 got the third prize in the contest.
- In connection with the National Postal Week Celebrations, the Department of Posts conducted a letter-writing competition on philately on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015. A.T. Rangapriya of Std. X A and P. Vishnu of Std. VIII A1 were the winners in the contest.



- Kamakoti Vidyalaya conducted a Gita Recitation competition on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2015, in connection with its Founder's Day Celebrations. N. Miruthikaa of Std. VIII A1 secured the second prize.
- P. Hridaya of Std. IV C received the Certificate of Merit for her participation in the Cross Word Puzzle contest organized by the Gokulam Magazine in September, 2015. She was one of the top 10 winners of the contest.
- V. Aakarshini and E.S. Swetha of Std. IX A1, R. Ananiyasri of Std. VII A1, S. Sreelakshmi of Std. VII B, V. Aadarshini of Std. V B and P. Hridaya of Std. IV C participated in the current year's edition of the music competitions organized by Sree Karpaga Vinayagar Isai Sangam, Tiruchirapalli, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015 and won prizes.
- An inter-school quiz contest in Sanskrit was organised by Sri Vidyatheertha Foundation, Chennai, and Sri Sringeri Sankara Math, in the months of October and November, 2015. The final round of the quiz programme was held at the Sri Sringeri Math on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015, on a very rainy day. Braving the downpour, a number of children participated in it to exhibit their talent. Questions pertaining to ethics, values and knowledge of the ancient religious history of the country formed the basis of the quiz contest named 'Punitha Bharatham'. In all, 200 teams participated in the preliminaries. 32 teams qualified for the pre-quarter; 16 for the quarter; eight for the semi-finals and four made it to the finals. The teams presented for the contest from our Vidyalaya won prizes till the quarter finals and the team consisting of A.T. Rangapriya, M. Sudha and B. Savithri of Std. X entered the finals and won the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 45000/-.

Let us give a big hand to the heroic trio.

- The Humour Club of Tiruchirapalli, in connection with the Children's Day celebrations, conducted Joke Cracking and Drawing competitions on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015. The following are the prize winners:

Joke Cracking competition : S. Keerthana of Std. X A1, N.C. Nadamayi of Std. III C,  
R. Jayavanth of Std. VIII A, R. Siddharth Krishna of  
Std. VII A1 and J. Hari Sankar of Std. IX A

Drawing Competition : R.K. Aroon Prakash of Std. II C, T. Sanjay of Std. II C,  
R. Vanshitha of Std. V C and M. Ruveshini of Std. X B

- L. Sreya of Std. X C carved a niche for herself in the National level Postal Cultural Meets, by winning prizes twice in classical dance at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh in 2013 and Guwahati, Assam in 2014. In 2015, November, at Dehradun, Uttarakhand, she secured the second prize in classical music. Sreya, the unrivalled exponent of both dance and music, deserves an unmixed applause for her admirable ascent.
  - Swathi Sridhar of Std. VIII C performed the Bharathanatyam for Poet Bharathi's song, holding a rose flower on each hand continuously for 8 minutes and thus finding a place in the Patanjali Book of World Records. Congrats Swathi for your awesome record.
  - Among the school sponsored contestants for the Sri Arunachala Akshara Manamalai Recitation Competition of Sri Ramana Sathsangam, held at National College Higher Secondary School, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 2015, S. Sayee Kruthika of Std.VIII A won the first prize.
  - P. Hridaya of Std. IV C won the first prize in the vocal music competition, in the Group 'A' category, organized by Saraswathi Vidyalayam, Tiruchirapalli, a school for classical music and dance in December, 2015.
  - Rajaji Vidyalaya, Tiruchirapalli conducted various competitions on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015 in connection with Rajaji's Birthday celebrations.
- V. Akila and R. Vaishnavi of Std. X A1 lifted the rolling trophy by winning the first prize in the Science Quiz competition;
- S. Kanmani Divya Rupa, G. Keerthana Sri, P.K. Gurupriyaa, T. Kurushivani, A.R. Kaviya and R. Lavanya of Std. VIII bagged the first prize in Choreomania;
- Dhakshna Satheesh of Std. III A got the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the fancy dress competition; and
- T. Subramanian, S. Samiksha, A. Megavarnan, D. Akkilesh Kumar of Std. VII and T. Rakshan and A. Anirudhan of Std. VIII received the third prize in Mime.
- Our Vidyalaya is proud of many budding writers and artists whose works receive critical acclaim. Newspapers and magazines reward them by publishing their works.

In the field of Physical Education, sports and games, our students have participated and won prizes in inter-school tournaments at the local, district, state and even national levels.

S.V. Dhiraj of std VIII A in Karate, G. Yashwanthi of VI A in swimming, M. Srinidhi of VIII A and A. Ganesh of VIII A1 in Chess - to name a few champions.

Two units of Scouts with 157 cadets and two units of Guides with 136 cadets along with 20 Cubs & Bulbuls are operative in the Vidyalaya under the Leader Trainer Pre Alt Mrs. V. Chitra. During the year, 36 Scouts and 12 Guides have been awarded the Rajya Puraskar Award. The Vidyalaya is justifiably proud to have groomed, among others, 6 exceptional Guides who have been conferred with the Rashtrapathi Award this year. Kudos to these 6 Guides!

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, Ganit Week, Vigilance Awareness Week, Adolescent Education, Value Education, Road Safety Week, Consumer Awareness Week, World Aids Day, World Disability Day, World Environment Day, World Food Day, World Tourism Day, International Day of Preservation of Ozone Layer, Birthday celebrations of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Bharathiyar, Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, Dr B.R. Ambedkar, M. Visvesvaraya, M.S. Subbulakshmi and others. The students undertook field visits to places of archeological interest and also organized competitions during National Days. They also participated in various competitions such as National Financial Literacy Assessment Test, Green Olympiad, Universal Postal Union Letter Writing Contest, Heritage Quiz Contest and Group Mathematics Olympiad. The participants were awarded certificates by the CBSE for their meritorious engagements.

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.

Prizes are awarded to the winners of intra-school competitions in co-curricular activities every year. These prizes, 327 in number, were awarded to 214 students yesterday. The General Proficiency prizes to 178 students are to be awarded today.

Prizes are awarded for cent per cent attendance every year. There are students who have attended school without missing even a single day for, more than 8 years.

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.

To commemorate the completion of 4 decades of useful service of the Vidyalaya, certain infrastructural developments have been made adding to the existing facilities.

A permanent shed measuring 60'X50' at a cost of about 16 lakh rupees to accommodate about 600 persons, has been erected in front of the stage in the KSV Enclave of Education.

The existing computer lab has been doubled, both in size and the number of machines, with better furniture and lighting facilities at a cost of about 10 lakh rupees.

A tennis court in clay has been laid at a cost of 3 lakh rupees.

I place on record the service rendered by Shri N. Ramarajan to this institution from the time of its inception.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not make mention of my indebtedness to Thiruvalargal Prof. S. Kuppuswamy, T.M. Theagarajan and P. Balasubramanian, for their voluntary service to the institution. Besides, Prof. V. Mani and Prof. P. Natarajan have been one with us in all our activities. I avail myself of this opportunity to thank them and place on record their selfless service to the institution.

We are aware that education is not defined in terms of marks scored, grades awarded, medals and trophies garnered or prizes won. Infrastructural facilities alone cannot be the yardstick for measuring its meaning. Education is a process and its true aim is man-making. And every effort of the Vidyalaya is towards attaining this supreme goal.

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.