

Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, Tiruchirapalli 620 005

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Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, as an educational institution imparting elementary and secondary education, has faith in the merits of the traditional way of teaching and learning. The institution strives hard to provide such an education as it would help the learner acquire knowledge and make him/her wise as well.

'Non pareil, is wisdom', proclaims the Veda. 'Knowledge is Power' is the affirmation of our hoary tradition. 'Knowledge is a foolproof shield that keeps peril at arm's length and renders its wielder impregnable', assures the poet-philosopher Thiruvalluvar.

In order to create a congenial atmosphere in which such education thrives, teachers in this institution enjoy total academic freedom.

"In the school,

Teach him it is far honorable to fail than to cheat....

Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.....

Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough..."

These entreaties are part of the attributed letter of Abraham Lincoln to his son's teacher. These wise words that came from Lincoln, who rose from his humblest background to the highest office of the President of the United States, lead our teachers as the guiding light towards preparing the students of the Vidyalaya for a purposeful social life.

The students of the Vidyalaya enjoy living in the environment existing here and they consider the institution their home away from home. Teachers, as efficient facilitators, employ all the modern tools as well as ingeniously improvised ones in their teaching endeavour. Teachers of this institution are empathetic and, naturally, endear themselves to their students, culminating in commanding respect from them. They do not behave as masters of the occasion in the classrooms and hence reverence emanates spontaneously from the students.



100% results have been the mark of the Vidyalaya ever since the first batch of students took their Board Examination in 1981.

This could be achieved by progressively renewing our methods of teaching and learning. Chief among them are providing more learning materials than what is contained in the textbooks to every student, year after year. Besides the Formative and Summative Assessments made periodically, the students are classified in accordance with their levels of attainment in their studies and specialized techniques are adopted to groom their attitude and to raise the bar as regards their achievements.

Of the 144 students presented for the Board Examination, 44 have secured the highest Cumulative Grade Point Average 10, A1 in all the five subjects. Besides, 107 students have secured CGPA 9 - 10.

Subject wise, 84 secured the A1 grade in English, 76 out of 105 in Tamil, 20 of the 27 in Sanskrit, 4 of the 8 in Hindi, 55 in Mathematics, 65 in Science and 69 in Social Science.

We are proud to give the following top scorers the proverbial pat on the back.

V. Akila, N. Harshini, T. Rakshana Ezhilarasi, A.T. Rangapriya, M. Sudha, S.S. Karthik, V. Krishnakumar, A. Muthukarpagavalli, N. Sanjna, B. Savithri, A.K. Shruthi Ranjani, S. Thukkaram, J. Divashini, S. Hamsavardhni, S. Harchitha, O. Jayashree, D. Pooja, M. Thayanithi, D. Kaniska, G. Pranav, R. Vaishnavi, M. Amrithaa, P. Rengarajan, S. Vyaishnavi, G. Dhivya, Shreenijha Ramkumar, K.G. Sri Akileshwari, S. Sriram, S. Keerthana, E. Pooja, Sanjana Prakash, A.B. Yuvankarrik, G.S. Nivethini, N.R. Akshaiya, M. Aswath Ram, R. Sri Darshana, R. Naveena, K.S. Niranjana, M. Ramya, S. Tanuja, S.B. Vishwa Remuhi, S.M. Harshavardhini, D. Raghul, N. Sri Vishnu Varthan

Today, these 44 students are to be presented the 'Outstanding Academic Proficiency' award in recognition of their performance.

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 1592. 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.

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

Smt. V. Rohini, Former teacher of the Vidyalaya with a sum of Rs.50,000/-

Shir K. Subbaraman, Ganapati Nagar with a sum of Rs.1,50,000/-

We thank them, from the heart, for their generous contributions.

It is said of 'mercy' by Shakespeare that '*It blesseth him that gives and him that takes*'. The blessed philanthropists who wish to tend young children with the education that builds character, award them prizes every year.

They are Shri C. Gopalakrishnan of M/s Sakthi Time & Co., Trichy,
M/s Allahabad Bank, represented by its Senior Manager,
Dr P. Shanmugasundaram, Ganapati Nagar,
Shri N. Sivakumar, Ganapati Nagar and
Shri K. Padmanabhan, Woriur, Tiruchirapalli.

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 the tuition-fee-free Merit Scholarship every year. The outstanding performers during the current year are the following:

- S. Shreya of Std. VI A
- G. Pretham of Std. VII A
- L. Smrithi of Std. VII A
- P. Srinivasa Raghavan of Std. VIII A1
- A. Sheetal of Std. VIII A1
- S. Shruti of Std. IX A1
- S. Kanmani Divyarupa of Std. IX A1
- T.N. Sree Ganesh of Std. X A1
- N. Ajjeidravid of Std. 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,
Shri M.G. Srinivasan – Smt. Chandrika,
Shri S. Margasahayam – Smt. M. Sundari,
Shri K.S. Ganapathy,
Shri K.V. Subbarao and
Shri K. Subbaraman.

Cocurricular activities take their rightful place in the overall development of the students, encouraging them to participate in all competitions, inside and outside the school.

Now we pass on to the glittering list of prize winners in various competitions held during 2016.

- Amruthavarshini Carnatic Club of NIT, Tiruchirapalli conducted a Carnatic solo music competition in which R. Roopashri of Std. IX C got the second prize. She also received the third prize in the district level vocal music contest organized by the Department of Regional Art and Culture Council, Tiruchirapalli in January, 2016.



- 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. S.S. Vishal Kumar and V. Rajalakshana of Std.VI, B. Gowtham and A. Mithilesh Raghav of Std. V and VI. V. Kathyayini and S. Ashwika of Std. IV secured prizes.
- The Department of Tamil, Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College, Srirangam conducted Thiruppavai and Thiruvembavai Recitation Competition in January, 2016. K.L. Dharun Shreenivas of Std. X A1 received the second prize.
- S. Joshma of Std. X A received the special prize in the Chithram Art Contest jointly organized by the CARE School of Architecture and Youth Exnora International, Tiruchirapalli District in February, 2016.
- Rasika Ranjana Sabha conducted a quiz competition in music in June, 2016. R. Ananiasri of Std. VIII A1 and E.S. Swetha of Std. X A1 received the second prize while V. Aakarshini of Std. X A and S. Divya Sri of Std. VII B got the third prize. Besides, R. Ananiasri got the third prize in vocal music.
- The Old Students' Association of R.S.K Higher Secondary School conducted their OSCAR-2016, a competition cum cultural programme in July, 2016. Students, in large numbers, participated in the programme and won many prizes.
 - S. Ragasudha and I. Kaviyaa of Std. X A1 bagged the first prize in Mey Mayakkum Tamil.
 - C. Arun Prasanna, N. Ajjeidraavid, N. Prathvi, K.K. Baraniram, S. Sashang, B. Suriyaprasaad, S. Sethuraman, M. Smruthi, S. Lakshya and S. Haridharan, all of Std. X bagged the first prize in Techno Mania.
 - G. Krishnaa and T.N. Sree Ganesh of Std. X teamed and won the first and third prizes in Sports quiz and General quiz respectively while the team of K. Ashven and S. Ramprasath of Std. IX received the third prize in Sports Quiz.
 - N. Prathvi, K.K. Baraniram, S. Sashang, H. Srrikhar and S. Haridharan of Std. X got the second prize in Comic Book and 3D Modelling.
 - In the Costume Designing and Face Painting contests, N. Ajjeidraavid and S. Akash of Std. X received the second prize.



M. Smruthi and S.K. Mahizhini of Std.X received the second prize in Vivadha Medai.

Short movie, Vaarthai Vilayattu, Kalakapovadhu Yaaru, Creative Writing, Ship wreck and FIFA are the other events in which our students got the third prize.

The prize winners are:

Short Movie: K.S. Arvind, B. Shriman, A. Bharranidharen, A. Nithish and R. Eashwar of Std. X

Vaarthai Vilayattu: T. Rakshan and S. Yogeeshwara Vignesh of Std. IX

Kalakapovadhu Yaru: P. Beskey, H. Srikhar and R. Rangesh of Std. X

Ship Wreck: M. Moshika

Creative Writing: M. Moshika and R. Jishnu of Std. X

FIFA: T.K. Aditya Saran of Std. IX

In July, 2016, CARE International School conducted the 'Young Scientist Search', a Science & Technology and Education event. The following are the prize winners.

M. Karthick, G. Thirivigirma Abhishek and S. Srinandan of Std. X A1 bagged the first prize in Reverse Engineering;

R. Sruthi, N.S. Aswin, S. Ragasudha, SN. Harinivas of Std. X and S. Thiruvankadam, R. Kalai Aarasan of Std. IX won the first prize in Light – Action – Sound;

G. Pretham of Std. VII, M. Guruprasaath and P. Srinivasa Raghavan of Std. VIII received the second prize in the Quiz competition.

- R. Jishnu of Std. X A1 received the third prize in the Essay Writing competition organized by the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India in July, 2016 in connection with the Guru Poornima Day.
- An Essay Writing competition on the importance of copper vessels was conducted on the premises of the Vidyalaya by JCI Trichy Youth Exnora International, Tiruchirapalli in July, 2016. Students from Stds. VIII to X participated and the toppers were awarded prizes.
- M. Swati Nagu of Std. IV B secured a special prize in a drawing competition organized by NTV in July in connection with the death anniversary of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.



- R. Vishal of Std. III A received a cash award of Rs.3000/- in the Bharathidasan Padalgal oppuvithal competition held in July, 2016 organised by Murasoli Arakattalai, Chennai.
- Design School of Arts conducted Drawing and Painting competitions in August, 2016 in which M. Nakshatra of Std. VIII A, S. Chirsty Laura of Std. V A, R.K. Aroon Prakash of Std. III C, J. Harshadhha of Std. II C, and R.A. Layaa of Std. III C secured prizes.
- In the Spell Bee contest organized by Trichy Round Table and Trichy Ladies Circle in August, 2016, R. Ananiasri and S. Pragathi of Std. VIII A1 got the second prize with a cash award of Rs.1000/- each.
- ‘Sanskrit Surabhi’, competitions in Sanskrit, was conducted by Srimad Andavan College of Arts and Science, Srirangam in September. A host of students participated in these competitions and won prizes. The prize winners are:

Sloka Recitation	V. Aakarshini	of Std. X A	1 st Prize
	E.S. Swetha	of Std. X A1	3 rd Prize
Creative Writing	S. Kiran Srivatson	of Std. IX A1	2 nd Prize
	R. Jishnu	of Std. X A1	Consolation
Quiz Competition	R. Jishnu & L. Sivagama Sundari of Std. X A1 1 st Prize		

For the fifth time in succession our school won the much sought after overall shield.
- Kamakoti Vidyalaya, as part of their Founder’s Day celebrations, organized oratorical and Gita recitation competitions in September, 2016. N. Miruthikaa and S. Shruti of Std. IX A1 bagged the first prize in the Gita recitation competition while M. Moshika of Std. X A1 got the third prize in the oratorical competition. The participants lifted the overall shield.
- In the GRD Talent Test, a general aptitude test, conducted by PSG Alumni Tech, Coimbatore in October, T.N. Sree Ganesh and G. Krishnaa of Std. X A1 were the toppers in the State and the District Centre levels respectively.
- Swasthikaa Self-Improvement Centre organized *SwassFest, 2016’s* music competitions, in October, 2016. V. Aakarshini of Std. X A1 bagged the first prize while V. Aadarshini of Std. VI B got the second prize in vocal music.



- Sree Karpaga Vinayagar Isai Sangam, Tiruchirapalli conducted competitions in vocal and instrumental music for school students under various categories in October. Our students participated, in scores, in all categories and won many prizes.
- The Department of Posts conducted cultural programmes at the Regional and Circle levels, from the 7th of November to 11th of November, 2016. R. Rahul of Std. VIII A secured the first prize in the carnatic style vocal folk music competition.
- In the Aqua Regia Science Quiz conducted by the TIME Institute, Tiruchirapalli in November, 2016, Madhuvanthii Sankar of Std. VIII A1 received the special prize with a cash award of Rs.1000/-.
- The Tamil Nadu Brahmin Association conducted various competitions in connection with the Children's Day celebrations. Students, in large numbers, participated in various competitions and won prizes.
- The school sponsored contestants, for the current year's edition of the Sri Arunachala Akshara Manamalai Recitation Competition of Sri Ramana Sathsangam E.S. Swetha of X A1, and P. Hridaya of Std. V A won the first and second prizes respectively.
- Rajaji Vidyalaya, Tiruchirapalli conducted various competitions in December, 2016 in connection with Rajaji's Birthday celebrations.

S. Pragathi, A. Sheetal, S. Rangapriya, R. Ananiasri of Std. VIII and R. Vishnu Priya and A.A. Aditi of Std. VII bagged the first prize in the vocal music competition.

S. Christy Laura of Std. V A won the first prize in painting competition;

S. Sashang and S. Sethuraman of Std. X A1 secured the second prize in Science quiz, T.K. Aditya Saran and PL. Nachiappan of Std. IX A1 secured the second prize in Mathematics quiz,

C. Ramakrishnan of Std. X A got the second prize in Declamation contest and

M. Smruthi of Std. X A1 received the third prize in Solveer - Velveer.

The students won the overall rolling shield as well.

- To create awareness on philately, the Department of Posts conducted a quiz competition in December, 2016.



B. Suriyaprasaad, T.N. Sree Ganesh, G. Krishnaa of Std. X,
S. Ramprasath, K. Ashven, S. Arvindh Lakshman, of Std. IX and
M. Guruprasaath, T.N. Srikrishnan, P. Srinivasa Raghavan of Std. VIII won prizes.

The prize and praise won outside the school has been the result of the competitive spirit carefully developed through myriad opportunities created inside the school. Every year, hundreds of prizes are awarded to the winners of the intra-school competitions in co-curricular activities. This year's prizes, 320 in number, were awarded to 206 students yesterday. The General Proficiency prizes to 178 students are to be awarded today.

In the field of sports and games too, the institution calls the shots in training the students to take the plunge in Volley Ball, Shuttle badminton, throw ball, tennis, kho-kho and table-tennis. With pardonable pride we can quote numerous instances of our students receiving accolades in the state, national and international competitions in chess, quiz, karate and archery. The laurels they have brought to the institution stand testimony to this. Here is a sample. Last week, in Mughalsarai, U.P., Srayaneeya K Kumar of Std. II and P.S. Sivakaruppanandh of Std. VI A participated in the CBSE sponsored national level inter school sports and games archery competition. Besides being the youngest participant in the under 14 category, Srayaneeya K Kumar won a place of honour. Hail Srayaneeya! In the same category among boys, P.S. Sivakaruppanandh proved his merit. Congrats Sivakaruppanandh!

With this duo, mention must be made of R. Nimish of Std. VI B who got the second prize in the state level chess competition held at Namakkal in February.

The Vidyalaya's girls' teams won runner up positions in the Kho-Kho and Volley Ball tournaments organized by the Rock City Sahodaya School Complex, Tiruchirapalli in July and August, 2016. In athletics also, our girls' relay team won the 400 metre relay in the under 14 and under 17 categories.

S.V. Dhiraj of Std. IX A took part in Tamilnadu State Level Open Karate Championship organised by JSKA, India. He was placed second in the Kata Team. He also won silver and bronze medals in the Kata and Kumite events in the Tamil Nadu State Rural Competitions held at Bharath College, Thanjavur in September, 2016.



In the Inter DoJo State Level Competition organised by the International Rose DoJo-Mixed Martial Arts and Sports Federation, Tamil Nadu in November, R. Adharsh of Std. IV A and A. Tejashwin of Std. III C got the third prizes in gymnastics in the under 10 and 8 categories respectively.

Sports Days and School Days are stellar occasions when almost all the students of the Vidyalaya participate in one event or the other – a distinguishing feature at that.

Bharat Scouts and Guides has a strong presence in the Vidyalaya. In the current year, the Vidyalaya has two units of Scouts with 160 cadets and two units of Guides with 146 cadets, in addition to the 61 Cubs and 46 Bulbuls.

Chosen from among 327 cadets who participated in the district level pre-test camp held on our school premises, 12 Guides participated in the test camp at Salem and are awaiting results for the prestigious Rashtrapathi Award. Likewise, 16 Scouts are to participate in the test camp at Salem. We are glad that 6 Guides namely, M. Nivetha, A. Sarikha Sharumathi, A. Atchaya, S.G. Ashiga, S. Shakshi and G.K. Magna have been selected for the Rajya Puraskar Award.

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, National Education Day, Constitution Day, Road Safety Week, World No Tobacco Day, World Astronomy Day, World Oceans Day, International Day of Yoga, World Environment Day, World Day against Child Labour, World Space Week, International Day of Preservation of Ozone Layer, Consumer Awareness Week, World Aids Day, World Disability Day, World Food Day, World Tourism Day.

Our students undertook field visits to a few places of archeological interest and agricultural farms. Intra-school competitions of various kinds were held on National Days. They also participated in various competitions such as Green Olympiad, the 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, Adolescent Education Programmes, O-Lab Training Programme, Gender Sensitivity Programmes, Workshops on Leadership Skills, Motivation and ELT, on the effective implementation of CCE, conducted by empanelled agencies, identified by the CBSE. 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.

As for the infrastructure of the school, the new additions are the desktops and laptops in the computer laboratory, library and the office. They are state of the art with internet connection with Wi-Fi. Printers have also been made available to make copies of books and journals in the library.

The open terrace of Shri. K.G. Narayanasami Iyer Block has been covered with a canopy and the sides over the parapet wall have been closed with welded mesh. This has been done to accommodate three table tennis boards and the requisite equipment for a few other indoor-games. The adjoining rooms have been set apart for the Mathematics Lab and for the exhibition of arts and craft work done by the students. The area is to be named "Hall of Arts, Crafts and Indoor Games". This hall has been erected at a cost of more than 12 lac rupees.

With various events of success and joy came the sudden demise of Shri G. Srinivasan, the Vidyalaya's senior most Assistant, at the age of 58. He grew with the institution for 39 years. He worked heart and soul for the institution spending 24 hours a day in the Vidyalaya for several years continuously. The fact that even his marriage with Mrs Swarna was solemnised on the premises of the Vidyalaya highlights his unassailable attachment with the institution. With a heavy heart, we gratefully remember him today.

The Vidyalaya has attained the present reputable status by the unstinted loyalty of such members of the staff, non-teaching and teaching. The proof of the Vidyalaya's service to the society is the ever-increasing number of our alumni who work the world over in various capacities as doctors, engineers, lawyers, auditors, architects, scientists and what-you-desire to be. The affinity of these former students towards their alma mater stems from the intellectual and emotional relationship they had developed with the



faculty. These distinguished products of the Vidyalaya show their love and affection by visiting the institution whenever they come to any part of South India.

It is but natural for any human being, young or old, rich or poor, man or woman, to aspire for a happy life. Happiness is but a mental condition. Hence it varies with individuals.

Well and truly, wealth earned through righteous means brings real happiness to an individual. A person of character alone can earn wealth through such means. Self-confidence and humility help one to build character. This humility could be earned only through learning. That is, true education gives humility and wisdom.

The Vidyalaya yearns to provide its students this true education that would fill them with humility, character and wealth and make them happy men and women useful to themselves and to the society.

विद्या ददाति विनयं विनयाद् याति पात्रताम् ।
पात्रत्वात् धनमाप्नोति धनात् धर्मं ततः सुखम् ॥

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.

