

## ANNUAL REPORT - 2019

A very good evening to everyone gathered here!

Our Esteemed Chief Guest of the day, Srimathi Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, IAS., District Collector of Tirunelveli,

Our beloved Chair Person, Dr. Mrs. Maragathavalli,

Respected Director, Mr. Balasubramanian,

Distinguished Guests, Parents, Staff and my dear students of Pushpalata Schools,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to our Founder's Day this evening and I feel honoured in presenting the Annual Report of Pushpalata Schools for the academic year 2018-19.

Our journey has been long from our significant start, way back in 1986. The vision and dream of our founder Thiru. Palai N. Shanmugam has flourished the Pushpalata Educational Centre into five schools - Pushpalata Matriculation Higher Secondary School - the first to introduce Montessori system of education in Tirunelveli, Pushpalata Vidya Mandir - the first CBSE Senior Secondary School in Tirunelveli, Pushpalata British International School - the first IGCSE School in Tirunelveli, Pushpalata Primary School, MITRA - A centre for autistic children. Today Pushpalata Schools stand tall with 5152 students, 345 teachers and 181 non-teaching staff under its wings. I would like to place on record my gratitude to our dear Correspondent, Mrs. Pushpalata Pooranan, whose dynamic leadership and commitment has made the schools reach the peak of accomplishment.

Today, Pushpalata Schools has taken shape as guiding light in the Educational scenario for students, teachers and parents alike. I take this opportunity to lay before you the yearly updates of our academic and co-scholastic achievements, our activities and honours, of the academic year 2018 - 19. And I am indebted to God Almighty for all the bountiful success that we have frequently enjoyed.

### **I. BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

#### **PUSHPALATA MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL: CLASS XII RESULTS**

Rakesh N. is the school topper with 560, followed by Jeyanthi Lakshmi with 557 and Sakthi Devi A. S. with 556. Six students have scored centums in Computer Science and one in Accountancy.

## **CLASS X RESULTS**

Santhiya I. is the topper with 483, followed by Sriram Vignesh with 480 and Aruna A. S. with 476. One student has scored centum in Social Science.

## **PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR: CLASS XII RESULTS**

In the All India Senior Secondary School Examinations 2019, Siva Subramanian A. scored the first mark - 480/500 followed by Guru Vignesh A. M. - 479 and Hrileka K. B. - 478 marks. Shreya Pooranan has scored centum in Economics and Yogesh Kirubha S. in Informatics Practices. 65 students have secured A1 grade in English, 42 in Physics, 36 in Biology, 28 in Chemistry, 15 in Business Studies, 12 in Maths, 9 in Computer Studies, 6 in Economics, 5 in Accountancy and 2 in Informatics Practices.

## **CLASS X:**

Out of the 137 students who appeared for the Board exams, 128 have scored above 400/500. 92 students in Science, 76 in English, 74 in Social Studies, 72 in Maths, 26 in Tamil, 14 in Hindi and 1 in French have secured the A1 grade. 93% of the students have secured distinctions.

Kamala Arudhra and Shreyas Kumar Sinha are the toppers with a score of 490, followed by Asmitha S. with 489 and Amirtha Varshini V. C. with 488.

Kavya Shivani has scored centum in Maths.

Amirtha Varshini V. C., Velayutham, Madhumitta and Belinda Carol have scored centum in Social Science.

Kamala Arudhra, Shreyas Kumar Sinha and Shreyas Rao have scored centum in Hindi.

## **GRADE 10 IGCSE RESULTS: PUSHPALATA BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Pushpalata British International School has stepped into its 8th year with Class 12. In the first batch of Class 10 Cambridge Examinations, PBIS has secured one world rank and two National ranks.

Nivedha Sivakumar has secured 'Top in the World' rank in Mathematics with her centum and 'Top in India' rank with her 97% in Science. Sheena Abraham has secured 'Top in India' with her 97% in English. These children were honoured in a prestigious Cambridge Awarding Ceremony at Mumbai.

## **II. ACHIEVEMENTS OF PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR IN PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY TESTS:**

It gives us great pride to inform you that all the 75 students who appeared for NEET 2019 have cleared the test, 31 students cleared the IIT JEE Mains, 3 have qualified in IIT JEE Advanced and many have secured seats in prestigious institutions such as Madras Medical

College, IIM - Indore, Stanley Medical College - Chennai, NIT - Trichy, Madurai Medical College, University of Kroningen - Netherlands, IISER - Thiruvananthapuram, MIT - Chennai, Tirunelveli Medical College, PSGTech. - Coimbatore, Loyola College - Chennai, Madurai Velammal Medical College, CIT - Coimbatore and SRM Medical College - Trichy.

### III. AWARDS AND HONOURS

The Management, Staff and students of Pushpalata Schools take great pride and honour in announcing that Mr. E Harrison Jebakumar, Principal, Pushpalata Matric. Hr. Sec. School was conferred with the Dr. Radhakrishnan Award 2018. He received this award from the School Education Minister, Mr. K. A. Sengottaiyan, in an event organised by the Tamilnadu government at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. This Award has brought great honour and pride not only to Pushpalata Schools but also to the entire Education District of Tirunelveli since Mr. Harrison is the only Principal of a Private School to have received this Award in 2018.

### IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

Pushpalata British International School's mini-theatre is the latest of the technological resources added last year. The compact, air-conditioned auditorium here is another new facility, where 200 people can be seated.

This year, a new wing, the Annexe III, has been inaugurated for the Pushpalata Vidya Mandir primary section.

### V. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS:

#### PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR

1. In the prestigious National Talent Search Exam conducted by NCERT, Asmitha S. was selected for the National Level.
2. In AAROHANAM, conducted by the Madurai Sahodaya Schools Complex, our children won prizes in 10 out of the 23 cultural competitions.
3. Our Class X student was one of the National finalists in the TCS-iON Intelligem, on-line competition, on **Ethics, Values and Life skills** and received 25 thousand cash prize and a silver medal.
4. Our school teams won prizes and trophies in St. Xavier's College State Level Cubane Chemistry Quiz 2018, RMKV Viswa Quiz, D. R. Iyer Memorial Quiz, Chennai Don Bosco KWIZIKL inter-school quiz competition, State Level Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar College of Engineering Quiz Competition, The Hindu Young World Quiz, National Engineering College State Level Quiz Competition, The Hindu National Insurance Company (NIC) Quiz, Puranava - 2018, *The Hindu* essay writing competition and the State Level Oratorical Competition on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address.
5. Our guides and scouts received the prestigious Rajya Puraskar Awards from the DEO, Tirunelveli.

## **PUSHPALATA MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL**

We won prizes in District Central Library Poetry Writing and elocution contests, Co-operative Society Essay Writing Competition and Tamil Elocution, Postal Department Quiz competition, 'ALL-ROUNDER' Suryan FM Inter-school Quiz Competition for Girls, Drawing & Painting Competitions conducted by National Engineering College, Co-operative Bank and District Science Center.

Our students won prizes in Vocal Music, Instrumental, Bharatha Natiyam and drawing competitions at the District Level Education Department Inter School Kala Utsav.

Our students were selected for the State Level Science Project Competition.

Our students have got the Merit Award in the Wall Painting Competition from our former collector, Mr. Sandeep Nandhuri, IAS.

## **PUSHPALATA BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Aswin Preethi and Raajshree of Grade 8 won the First prize in a State Level Quiz Programme, named Cubane, conducted by the Chemistry Department of St. Xavier's College and bagged the Rolling trophy.

## **VI. OUTSTANDING SPORTSACHIEVEMENTS**

### **PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR**

1. Children from various levels participated in the Swimming Meet conducted by Tamilnadu State Aquatic Association, Sports Development Authority Of Tamilnadu, SDR Rolling Trophy Tri District, Decathlon Madurai and Courtalam Saral Thiruvizha and bagged a number of prizes. Our students participate in the intra-school swimming meet enthusiastically.
2. In the MSSC Badminton doubles for boys and girls and Badminton singles boys, our students were runners.
3. Our student won the first place in the 4<sup>th</sup> National Open Karate Championship 2019, conducted by Shito Rhy Karate School, India.

### **PUSHPALATA MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL**

1. Our students won the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the District Level Chess Competition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the District Level Badminton Competition, District Level World Beaters Test in Athletics and District Level Throw ball Competition and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the District Level Athletic Competition.
2. Sivabalan N. received the Rajya Purashkar Award from the Governor of Tamilnadu.

## **PUSHPALATA BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

K. Prisha of Grade 4 was awarded an honorary Doctorate degree in Yoga as a recognition of her achievements, which include 31 World records, Guinness record, more than 100 gold medals through District, State, National and International yoga competitions, Young achievers' award in the year 2017 and again in the year 2018. Prisha has been recognised as the youngest 'most world record holder' in the world.

### **VII. COMPETITIVE EXAMS:**

Children have participated in various Olympiad exams in Maths, English, Hindi, Science, Computer Science and General Knowledge conducted by Silver Zone, Unified Council and Science Olympiad Foundation in the campus, which provide them sufficient exposure and preparation towards excellence.

## **PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR**

In all these Olympiads, children have been successful in securing very good scores. Among the participants, 93 won gold medals, 78 silver and 73 bronze.

166 students participated in NSTSE '19 and 30 children have received medals.

It is worth mentioning here that Tejasvini V. of Class XII has won the medal of distinction, and a cash award of Rs. 10,000/- in the International Company Secretary Olympiad, having secured the Zonal First position.

## **PUSHPALATA MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL**

236 students participated in the SOF Talent Exam in various subjects. 33 students brought laurels by winning Medals.

Among the participants in various Olympiads, 29 won gold medals, 9 silver and 9 bronze.

In Spell Bee, 8 students were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.

### **VIII. ANNUAL SCHOOL PROGRAMMES**

#### **1. 33<sup>RD</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY**

Mr. Akash, IAS, Sub-Collector of Cheranmahadevi, presided over the **33<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day**. More than 450 students participated in various cultural programmes on this occasion. English drama, Kite Festival dance, LED dance, Bharathanatyam, Mega dance and Tamil Drama were the important programmes.

#### **2. FOOD CARNIVAL**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Charity Carnival was observed by the Pushpalata Family to inculcate the spirit of giving among the students. Mr. G. Suguna Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tirunelveli, inaugurated the Carnival. The turnover this year Rs. 14,60,000/- (Fourteen Lakhs

and sixty thousand) and the amount was distributed among charitable institutions such as Avvai Ashram, St. Anne's Rehabilitation Centre, Muslim Orphanage Committee, Udhavum Ullangal Public Charitable Trust and Government schools in Palayapettai, Paraikulam, Rajagopalapuram, Sri Kanthimathiambal Girls Higher Secondary School and Ganesamoorthy School, Melapalayam.

### **3. 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS DAY**

Dr. J. Balasubramanian, Nephrologist at Kidney Care Centre was the Chief Guest of our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sports Day. The individual sports champions and the overall winning house were honoured.

On 26 January 2019, the 7th Annual Sports Meet of Pushpalata British International School was conducted. Smiley drill by the kindergarten, Food Chain drill by the primary kids, and Lezim drill by the Secondary students were the highlights. The overall sports championship was bagged by the Amethyst House.

### **4. MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2018**

Model United Nations was organised at Pushpalata Vidya Mandir to create awareness on how the United Nations Council functions. Sixteen member countries were represented by their delegates. The Human Rights Council was portrayed with the agenda of 'Promotion of Gender Equity and Empowerment of Women'.

### **5. CURIO CITY 2018 - SCIENCE EXHIBITION**

Dr. A. Selvin Samuel, Retired Associate Professor and Head of Department of Botany, St. John's College, inaugurated the Science exhibition -*Curio City 2018*- put up by students of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir. A variety of projects covering every field in Science, Technology and Mathematics, were exhibited. The Robo World, Forensic Experiment, Smart City, Maths Around Us, Agriculture, Bio-Diversity, Tech-Zone and Planetarium were some of the exhibits.

### **6. CROSS CURRICULUM PROJECT**

Cross curricular learning this year in Pushpalata Matric. Hr. Sec. School was on the topic **Languages**. The information gathered by students on Chinese, Tamil, French, German and English languages were exhibited through charts, models and PPTs to make learning more interesting, breaking down walls between traditional topics of instruction.

### **7. READING WEEK**

Reading Week is observed every year in order to instil the importance of reading in the minds of students. The DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) concept is followed.

### **8. EDU-SPORTS PARTNERS LEAGUE**

The Edu-Sports Partners League (EPL) is conducted for Classes 6 to 9 in order to involve every child in the games with a purpose of improving upon their team spirit and leadership.

## **9. TALENT DAYS**

Talent Days for Classes 1 to 5 brought out the children's talents through cultural programmes on given concepts such as Importance of Water, Magic of Nine, Harmony, Imagination, Respect, etc.

## **10. MARGAZHI UTSAV**

Margazhi Utsav was observed for the seventh year, to uphold the Indian tradition and culture. Children participated enthusiastically in activities and competitions such as kathakalashebam, story-telling, fancy dress, making kolams, drama, recitation of Thiruppavaai and Thiruvembavai, Bharathanatyam, Carnatic music, role play of characters from Mahabaratham, etc.

## **11. CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMMES**

Several Career Guidance Programmes were organised for students of Classes XI and XII of Pushpalata Schools, which gave students a better view into what different careers entail and the steps that they need to take to get into such careers.

## **12. BIBLIOS**

*Biblios*, a story-telling festival, was conducted in Pushpalata Schools with many events and competitions such as Book quiz, Match-box city, Relay race, Master class with illustrator, swimming pool orchard, Puppet world, Newsroom, Pantomime, Scream and Queen of Sheeba at different venues in the campus.

## **13. PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**

Around 200 photographs, captured by Photography Club members, depicting nature and varied concepts were exhibited in the campus. Professor Dr. Ramakrishnan inaugurated the exhibition and explained about the skills used by the students in each of the exhibits.

## **14. CLASH OF PI**

319 students of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir participated in all the qualifying events of the Clash of Pi series - a Maths Online Quiz Contest, held every month. In the national level our school stands 14<sup>th</sup>, among the 800 leading schools in India. We stand 6<sup>th</sup> in the south zone.

## **IX. ONGOING STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **A. CHINMAYA VISION PROGRAMME**

Chinmaya Vision Programme is implemented in Pushpalata Schools to bring about the holistic development in our students, which includes physical, mental, intellectual and spiritual development, through activities integrated with our curriculum.

## **B. GROOMING PROJECT: KG TO CLASS V**

This new project focuses at creating disciplined future citizens, emphasising on corridor etiquette, greeting appropriate, rules for queues, dining decorum and interacting with domestic staff.

## **C. FIELD TRIPS**

Children at Pushpalata Schools have the opportunity to visit various places of historical importance, archaeological sites, research centres, industries and universities on field trips at regular frequencies, which widen their outlook about world and instil scientific spirit and patriotism.

## **D. MENTORSHIP**

The Senior Secondary staff of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, take up roles as the mentors for students. They are provided career guidance, psycho-social support and assistance in enhancing their personal and professional growth.

## **E. WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

Workshops and seminars are routinely conducted for students on various subjects by eminent guests from various walks of life.

Workshops and seminars on Brexit and Entrepreneurship Abroad, Health and Emotion, Financial Literacy Awareness, How to prepare for UPSC exams, Impact of merging of banks, Digital Business and E-Commerce, Wireless Robotics, Digital Revolution and Its Impact on Traditional Knowledge, Education through Music, Writers In The Making, Internet of Things were conducted.

Pushpalata Matric. Hr. Sec. School students had the privilege of attending workshops and seminars on Train your thoughts towards success, Future for You and Self-Confidence and Clarity of Thoughts.

## **X. KINDERGARTEN**

### **A. KG SPORTS DAY**

The Kindergarten kids observed their Sports Day on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. March past, star drill, clap drill and yoga were performed with an adorable perfection.

### **B. GRADUATION**

Kindergarten Graduation ceremonies felicitate the UKG graduates and celebrate the culmination of their pre-school years and the beginning of new experiences to come.



On 16 August 2018, Pushpalata British International School observed its first Secondary Graduation and the 6th Primary Graduation. On 29 March 2019, PBIS celebrated its 7th KG Graduation.

## **XI. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR FROM MITRA**

R. Shireesha, M. Suhaila and R. Kasiram have completed the secondary course through NIOS. M. Suhaila and R. Kasiram have been admitted for the Senior Secondary course.

The District Collector, Mrs. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish inaugurated the vocational unit at the Mitra School with the installation of two weaving handlooms and a baking unit to bake gluten-free cookies and cakes. The intention of the vocational unit is to equip the children with a trade for their livelihood.

A District level Continuing Rehabilitation Educational programme was conducted by the management for rehab professionals in South Tamilnadu.

The District level sports meet for the differently-abled was held on 14 November at Anna stadium, presided over by the District Collector, Mrs. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish. Children performed a drill with such coordination and participated in the activities conducted with enthusiasm.

B. Srijan won a prize for his remarkable participation in a drawing competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at the Centenary hall, Tirunelveli.

Children also won prizes at the Zonal level for their excellent performance in the Special Olympics conducted at Sivakasi.

## **XII. TEACHER EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

Our teachers have the benefit of developing their professional capacities throughout the year through workshops, conferences, seminars and in-house training sessions and to be equipped for today's classrooms.

Health and Emotion, Read to Lead, Role of Phonics, Universal Values, Multi-disciplinary Learning, Chinmaya Vision Programme, Fire Safety, Competence Vs. Performance, Understanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Children, Innovation in Social Science Pedagogy, Overcoming Maths Phobia, Narrating a Story and Strategies in Effective English Teaching are some of the workshops the teachers at Pushpalata Schools have attended.

## **XIII. EMPATHY AND CHARITY**

Empathy and Charity are part and parcel of the Pushpalata family. Children bred here have generous hearts that can empathise to be able to stretch out their helping hands to those in dire need or danger.

## **1. GAJA RELIEF**

Things worth Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five lakh rupees) donated by children of Pushpalata Schools were distributed to the people of Madukkur Panchayat, in Thanjavur District.

## **2. PRAYER FOR PULWAMA MARTYRS**

Special prayers for the martyrs of Pulwama were observed at various levels, in reverence for the soldiers who lost their lives in the Pulwama District of Jammu and Kashmir.

## **3. KERALA FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

Rs. 5,00,000/-, contributed by students of Pushpalata Schools for the Kerala Flood Relief Fund, was handed over to the District Collector, Mrs. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, I.A.S.

It is now time to conclude this report. At this juncture, I would like to express my gratitude to our Chair-person, Dr. Mrs. Maragathavalli, our Director, Mr. Balasubramanian and our beloved correspondent, Mrs. Pushpalata Pooranan for their wise and untiring support to work with fervor, dedication and perseverance.

I also extend my gratitude to every one of you who has walked along with us, hand in hand - every student, every parent, every teacher and every non-teaching staff - who has contributed his or her best to make it possible for us to bring to shape this establishment of excellence to what it is today.

Let me conclude by conveying my earnest gratitude to the Almighty for blessing us bountifully and hoping for yet another **WONDERFUL YEAR!**

**Thank you!**