

PUSHPALATA VIDYA MANDIR
ANNUAL REPORT – 38TH FOUNDER'S DAY 2023

A very warm welcome to everyone! With great honour and pleasure, I welcome you all to this distinct occasion, the **38th FOUNDER'S DAY**, of Pushpalata Schools.

Respected Chief Guest of the day, Thiru **Dr. K. P. Karthikeyan, I. A. S.**, District Collector of Tirunelveli,

Cherished Chair Person, **Dr. S. Maragathavalli**,

Honoured Director, **Mr. V. Balasubramaniam**,

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

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to this very special event this evening and it is with great pride, I present the Annual Report of **Pushpalata Schools** for the academic year 2022-'23.

Ever since our significant start in 1986, our journey has been enterprising and challenging. The vision and dream of our founder, Thiru. Palai N. Shanmugam, has expanded the Pushpalata Educational Centre into four 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, and **MITRA** – A centre for autistic children. Today, Pushpalata Schools stands resolute with 5932 students, 361 teachers and 163 non-teaching staff under its wings. I would like to place on record my gratitude to our dear Correspondent, Mrs. Pushpalata Pooranan, who has carved the capstone through her ambitious leadership, perpetual obligation and interminable efforts.

I. BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS:

In **Senior School Certificate Examination 2023**, **Gautham Natarajan S.** scored the first mark with 491/500 followed by **Singaram M.** with 490. **Megakavi M. D.** and **Yukash Ram E.** have shared the school third rank, scoring 486. 2 students have scored centums in Chemistry, 1 in Mathematics, 1 in Biology and 1 in Computer Science.

Out of 266 students, 2 have secured above 490, 15 above 480, 44 above 470, 83 above 460, and 108 above 450.

In **All India Secondary School Examination**, **Soorya Narayanan S.** secured the top score of 493, **Anushka A.** and **Avanish Prabhakar** have secured the school second by scoring 491 and the third position is shared by **Aswanth N.** and **Prasanna Ankit Kumar R. J.** securing 490. 21 students have bagged centums in Mathematics, 16 in Tamil and 8 in Social Science. 159 students have secured A1 grade in Mathematics, 143 in Science, 131 in English and 114 in Social

Science. 103 out of 237 students have scored A1 grade in Tamil and 18 out of 30 in Hindi.

Out of 267 students, 5 have secured above 490, 42 above 480, 93 above 470, 126 above 460, and 151 above 450.

II. ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY TESTS:

JEE ADVANCED 2023

The Pushpalatans have once again proved their mettle in the most coveted engineering exam **JEE!**

Class 2022-'23 created a milestone with exceptional 99.9 percentile scored in JEE – Mains by 5 students. In **JEE Mains, Yukash Ram E.** with a score of **99.95 percentile** and **an epic score of 100 percentile in Physics** has added quills to the crown; followed by **Gautham Natarajan S., Bharath Raj S., Vignesh S. S., Sabarish S.** who have secured an **outstanding 99 and above percentile.** 52 students have thus cleared JEE Mains.

With tremendous pleasure we announce that **11 students** have cleared **JEE Advanced** with astounding performance. **Yukash Ram E.** secured **All India Rank – 643**, followed by **Akshaiyaa Shanmugasundara Velayutham, Gautham Natarajan S., Srivathsan, Sabarish S., Vignesh S. S.** and **Singaram M..**

We are extremely elated to declare the proud placements of our 2022-'23 batch in **the most coveted institutions:** IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Bhuvaneshwar, NIT Trichy, NIT Calicut, NIT Puducherry, IIIT Kanchipuram and IIIT Kottayam. Ilham Mira (Commerce student) has been placed in IIM Jammu.

NEET:

In NEET 2023, 2 of our students had scored above 650; 13 above 600; 20 above 550; and 29 above 500. **Bharath Raj S.** and **Divya Darsini S.** have shared the first-place scoring 656 followed by **Selvashridharan G.** with 651. 56 students have cleared NEET and are eligible to secure seats in reputed institutes.

COMMENDABLE PLACEMENTS

We feel highly elated as we applaud the achievements of our meritorious students of 2021-'22 who have found their admissions into esteemed institutions such as: JIPMER – Pudhucherry, Christian Medical College – Vellore, Madras Medical College, Stanley Medical College, Tirunelveli Medical College, Thoothukudi Medical College, Kanyakumari Government Medical College, Government Sivagangai Medical College, Government Ramanathapuram Medical College, Government Medical College Hospital – Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu Government Dental College and Hospital – Chennai, IISER – Kolkata, IISER – Thiruvananthapuram, Drexel University – USA, State University Of New York – USA, Anna University – Chennai, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management – Thanjavur, and Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College – Chennai.

III. AWARDS AND HONOURS

The Management, Staff and students of Pushpalata Schools take great pride and honour in announcing the Awards won by our schools in the last five years.

1. Pushpalata Vidya Mandir was conferred with the **Global Innovative School Awards (GISA) 2019** by BITS Pilani Dubai for the Scale of Impact in STEM, Brand Equity and Innovations.

2. Pushpalata Vidya Mandir has received the **V-Connect School Awards 2022** by Ananda Vikadan, having been identified as the best CBSE School in Tirunelveli that has made significant contributions to students' lives and the betterment of society.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

The new additions to Pushpalata Vidya Mandir infrastructure are:

1. The **Comprehensive Middle School Block** – has every facility to function independently with a Computer Lab, the Atal Tinkering Lab, an upcoming Library and Science Lab, and **Medha Hall** (Activity Room), all intact. The **futsal and basketball courts, Ahayam** – an amphi-theatre, close to this block, is an added advantage for middle school students.

2. **Annexe I A-Block** with a well-equipped **Montessori Lab** and a **brand-new play area** are added facilities exclusively for Kindergarten kids.

3. A brand-new **Sattva Hall** with refreshing and serene aura is a space for children to be engaged in varied educational and co-curricular activities.

V. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS:

Children have secured the coveted first places in **Aravind Eye Hospital and the District Science Centre** World Sight Day Quiz, **NLC India Ltd** Hindu Tamil Thisai Quiz, **MUTA** Nallasivan Centenary Mime contest, **SAC Mathfest Quiz**, **ISRO Propulsion Complex** World Space Week 2022 Quiz & Elocution, **Adhyapana School** Shri D. R. Iyer Memorial Maths Quiz, **Centrado Accelerating Imagination** Design Thinker 2022-'23, **SAC Chemflash 2023** State Level Interschool Chem Quiz, Model Making and elocution Competitions, **Nellai Neervalam & Rotary Club of Tirunelveli** World Rivers Day Drawing and poetry writing competitions, **District Science Centre & Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department** Child Labour Eradiction Awareness English Elocution, **PCRA Saksham** Painting and Essay writing **State Competition 2022**, **Ulaga Thirukkural Thagaval Maiyam** Thiruvalluvar Peruvizha Drawing, Tamil Elocution, Essay-writing, Memory Contests, **Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam** Thirukkural Drawing, **District Museum** Singing Contest commemorating Bharathiyar, **Tirunelveli City Young Writers' Association** Elocution contest, **Government Museum** Thirukkural Recitation, **Quantum Vault** EnviroQuiz (honoured with Argentum - Award of Emergence), **Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation** Kalaignar Karunanithi Centenary Year Celebration Drawing Competition, **Royal Australian Chemical Institute**, Certificate of High Distinction and Certificate of Credit in International Chemistry Quiz, **Tirunelveli Tamil VazharchiThurai** Poetry and Essay Writing contests and **Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani - Hyderabad Campus**

Young Entrepreneurs Bootcamp-22 - Pitching Competition.

VI. ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS:

PVM students have been able to seize the **1 positions** in **individual, doubles and team sports events**.

- **Levin Safoor Mydeen** has won the Gold Medal in CM Trophy Zonal Level - Tennis Single by **Ministry of Youth Affair & Sports, Tamil Nadu**.
- 1st place in **Asian Tennis Federation Genting Selangor Asian Under-14 Boys Doubles Tennis Championship Grade A 2022**.
- 1st position in the Asian Boys singles Under-14 category, organised by **Asian Tennis Federation**.

Children have achieved great altitudes in swimming tournaments:

Hidayah Fouziah S. M. has achieved commendable places in **Tirunelveli District Swimming Association District Swimming Championship 2022 for Girls, Tamilnadu State Aquatic Association 76th Senior State Aquatic Championship-2022, CBSE National Championship Inter-School Sports and Games Competition 2022-23, Rajkot; and 66th National School Games** at New Delhi.

Children have won first prizes in **Tirunelveli District Swimming Association State Level Swimming Championship and MSSC Zone II Swimming and Chess tournaments; CB Sportz Foundation Tamil Nadu State Level Team Chess Tournament; Kovai Chess Mates 17th KCM International Open Fide Rated Chess Tournament; MSSC Zone II Girls & Boys Hand Ball, Girls Throw Ball & Basket Ball, Badminton Singles and doubles; Tirunelveli District Badminton Association Championship for Girls Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Boys Doubles; Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu Tirunelveli District - District Level Anna Cycle Race 2022; 3rd Tamilnadu Girls NCC Battalion, Tirunelveli CATC cum DTE RDC Training 1 Drill Test; Tenkasi District Yoga Association District Yoga Contest State Selection Tournament 2023; and IVth Tamilnadu State Open Archery Championship 2023** Thoothukudi District.

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, which provide them sufficient experience and preparation towards distinction.

1. **Soorya Narayanan S., V. Mukesh Kumar and Karthick Laxman P. S.** have been placed in the top hundred position from Chennai region of CBSE in the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2022.

2. **Top International Ranks & Zonal Ranks** have been bagged by our children in the SOF International Mathematics Olympiad - Zonal Excellence and SOF National Science Olympiad Zonal Excellence.

3. In **SOF International Mathematics Olympiad** Karthik Laxman P. S. secured the **International Rank 12**; in SOF National Science Olympiad, **International Rank 1** with Certificate of Outstanding Performance, cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-; in SOF

International Social Studies Olympiad, **International Rank 8.**

4. In the **Commerce Teachers' Foundation 14th International Commerce Olympiad 2022-'23**, **R. Harshitha** won the **I place** with a 99.30 %.

5. In the **National Standard Examination in Junior Science (NSEJS – 2022) – Level X**, conducted by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers **Karthik Laxman P. S.** is placed in the National Top 1% of the 21392 candidates from 835 centres in India and qualified for Indian National Junior Science Olympiad INJSO – 2023, conducted by IAPT & Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.

6. In the **AMTI 54th National Mathematics Talent Competitions – All India Level**, **Karthik Laxman P. S.** secured the **2nd place** in Sub - Junior category.

7. Six of our students have secured distinction at the **National level TERE GREEN OLYMPIAD 2022.**

8. Outstanding performances at KAMP - National Assessment for Scientific Temperament & Aptitude - NASTA in the year 2022: **Soorya Narayanan S.** and **Harikrishna A. S.** are District toppers. **Karthik Laxman P. S.** is the State Topper, presented with The **Critical Thinker Award.**

9. 7 Students from PVM have been identified in the **Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM)** - national level competitive examination. The 1st place was secured by **Sarabesh Nathan Thirunavukkarasu**, both in the State level and in the VVM National Level Camp Examination 2023 - South Zone, conducted at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram.

10. PVM students have accomplished significantly in **ATL projects:**

a. First place in **Design Thinker 2022-23** tinkering competition

b. One among the **top 25 teams** - Student Innovator Program category - for the best Innovative project in **ATL Tinkerpreneur Bootcamp 2022.**

c. **13th position among 2500 projects** in **ATL Space challenge 2021**

VIII. ANNUAL SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Each year, the entire school as a unit, functions to discover new ways of involving and establishing relationships with its stakeholders, yet very mindful of our core values implanted throughout every learning programme.

The following are evidences of the togetherness that we have exhibited:

1. FOUNDER'S DAY

Thiru. Vishnu IAS, esteemed District Collector of Tirunelveli presided over the **37th Founder's Day** celebration. More than 300 students participated in the programmes. School toppers were awarded medals for their remarkable performances.

2. Children's Day, the **76th Independence Day** and the **74th Republic Day** were observed with great reverence, keeping in mind the personalities, martyrs and patriots. 280 students visited the MITRA School and five Corporation Primary Schools in Tirunelveli and assisted the children to make interesting crafts on

Children's Day. Each observance kindled pride and patriotism in the children.

4. 34th ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports Day was presided over by Dr. Abu Thamby. The individual champions, the overall winning houses, and a deserved athlete, were honoured. The display of march past, Martial arts, Nature drill, Harvest festivals of India Parade, and the unique float entitled 'My India, My Pride' are worth mentioning.

5. TALENT DAYS

Talent Days of PVM Classes 1 to 5 were on the themes *Music, Sports, Dolls as Toys, Trails of Tamiraparani and Civilization*, respectively. Each theme was well-depicted by the little ones through various performances.

6. LITFEST 2022

The first edition of **Pushpalata LitFest** was organised for students of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir. Eloquent and persuasive authors like Ms. Kavitha Mandanna, Ms. Devika Cariapa, Ms. Vidya Mani, Ms. Vijayalakshmi Nagaraj, Ms. Asha Nehemiah, Ms. Lubaina Bandukwala, Mr. Vikram Sridhar, Mr. Vishnupuram Saravanan, Mr. Chandramohan and Ms. Rathy conducted multiple sessions on various topics for all grades.

IX. OBSERVATIONS

1. VIBHAV 2022

PVM organised 'Vibhav 2022' – a Media-Com interschool festival where 175 students from 15 schools participated and showcased their vibrant thinking, exceptional talents and won prizes.

2. ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXPO – 2023

At the Annual Photography Expo-2023 more than 150 photographs were displayed exhibiting the skills in photography of children from PVM and PMSS and their perceptions.

Distinguished personalities are also remembered on their special days.

X. ONGOING STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

1. CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMMES

Career guidance is provided on a regular basis for senior students through sessions by Educational Consultants **PVM** to explore and plan for future and to reflect on their ambitions, interests, abilities and the various career options available after schooling.

2. THEATRE IN EDUCATION

Theatre in Education is a part of the scholastic enterprise in Pushpalata Schools with an effort to integrate learning with theatre / performing art.

3. VALUE EDUCATION

PVM Heartful Community, apart from the regular **kindness campaigns** and **cleanliness drives** on alternate weeks, participated in various **care for environment** projects. The Pushpalata Schools endorse Eco-friendly environment through **Say No to Single-Use Plastic, Use Cloth Bags Campaign** by issuing 6000 Cloth Bags to staff and students.

4. SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Numerous seminars and Workshops have been organised for students of Pushpalata Schools. **Dr. Arul Vijaykumar, Mr. Hari Prathan, Mr. Rhenius, Mr. Sultan Hameed, Ms. Menaka Raman, Ms. Nancy Raj, Mr. R. S. Rajesh, Ms. Sudha Murty, Mr. Mohammed Javid, Dr. Mohanasundar Radhakrishnan, Mr. Ravi Subramanian, Mr. Sankarnarayanan Sriram, Mr. Vikram Sridhar, Ms. Joan** have enlightened our children in varied fields.

5. SCOUTS & GUIDES

50 Scouts & Guides of PVM have qualified for the **Rajya Puraskar Award**. They have participated in a human chain organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides - Tirunelveli, to create environmental awareness.

6. NCC

The exclusively disciplined **PVM NCC battalion (5 TN BN)** has been displaying active involvement in Annual Training Camp and other camps and has been awarded certificates of merit for their unity and cooperation. This is the second year of the initiation of NCC on the PVM campus.

XI. INNOVATIVE CURRICULAR INITIATIVES:

Innovative Initiatives at PVM constitute Pushpalata Reading Programme, STEM Teaching, Coding, Write Right, Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) activities, Thinking Classrooms, and Design Thinking & Artificial Intelligence. Each of these tools are meant to bring about a finer change in the way the child learns.

XII. KINDERGARTEN

The kids at kindergarten have their own share of learning-cum-fun on the campus coupled with hands on experience. The **KG Annual Sports Day, LKG Montessori Day, and KG Graduation Days** were observed with great enthusiasm and show.

XIII. CELEBRATIONS

Abundant celebrations beautify the campus. Every child has magnificent memories of having been a part of the very many celebrations every year, beyond religion and culture. They are fond memories for every child: Christmas, Pongal, Diwali, Onam, Navaratri, Bakrid, Holi, Janmashtami, Eid-al-Fitr, Vidhyarambam, World Music Day, World Heritage Day, National Postal Week, World Kindness Day – each has its zest, perfume and shade displayed when the celebration is in progress.

XIV. TEACHER EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

The educators and mentors have attended innumerable webinars and workshops online, conducted by the school and those conducted by the CBSE, Microsoft, Google and various Sahodayas.

Gratitude is due to the many people who had had a hand in the school's success.

It is astute to acknowledge the robust scaffolds - our dear Chair Person, **Dr. S. Maragathavalli**, and our revered Director, **Mr. V. Balasubramaniam, Mr. Pooranan Balasubramaniam**, our patron, and our correspondent, **Mrs. Pushpalata Pooranan**.

My gratitude is due to the dedicated team of teachers – the friends, philosophers and guides – who have created brilliant citizens and made amazing results.

I also direct my appreciations to each one of you who has walked along with us, holding hands – every scholar, every parent, every educator and every non-teaching workforce – who has generously provided his or her best efforts towards the growth of this institution.

As I end my report, I extend my earnest gratitude to the Almighty for helping us come this far, enabling us to work towards meaningful service. With an elated heart, I hope that the current year and the years to come will unfold the most delightful moments for us!

Thank you!