

# Annual School Report – 2022-23

## I. Introduction

Bhaktavatsalam Vidyashram has been a frontrunner in the educational arena and has consistently incorporated a student-centric ethos, moulding resilient and well-rounded individuals. The institution has built on its successes and emerged as a leading educational centre bagging several awards.

We are pleased to present the annual school report, highlighting the remarkable academic achievements, co-scholastic endeavours, new initiatives, parent involvement, and sporting triumphs during the reporting 2022-23.

## School Achievements

In the previous years we have won several prestigious awards including “India’s Top 100+ prestigious school, Top CBSE school for “Holistic Development”; Excellence award for Leadership”, Second rank amongst Chennai Schools in the North Zone. This year we are happy to share that we have been awarded the “Effective Student Motivation” award by Education Today 2022 and the “Top Innovative Teaching School” award by Times Education Icon 2022. This is yet another feather in our cap as we strive to push the boundaries of excellence.

## II. Academic Achievements

### A. Overall student performance

Our students have excelled in various academic pursuits, showcasing exceptional performance and accomplishments. 100% pass rates and high grades demonstrate the dedication and hard work of our students and the committed efforts of our teachers. In grade 10, Sonam Acharya secured School First with 487 marks and the second and third ranks were secured by Abhiraj.S and Priya Varshini.C. Sonam Acharjya, Abhiraj.S Shyam Sundar.K secured centum in Maths in Grade 10. In grade 12 Science group Suvan.B scored the First rank with 477 marks followed by Kaaviyaa, Rohita S.A and Baladharshini.M. In Grade 12 Commerce group, Roshini.N secured the First rank followed by R.Varunika and Disha A. Our students have shown consistent academic growth and success overall.

### B. Academic competitions and accolades

Several students have participated and achieved commendable results in national and international academic competitions..

Students have displayed exceptional performance in core subjects, demonstrating their mastery of fundamental knowledge. Our students won the Certificate of Appreciation and Medals subject toppers of English, Science & Maths Olympiads conducted by SOF. Students from classes 3 to 12 participated CBSE expression Series painting competition on the Theme India Progress at 75. P.

### **III Co-Scholastic Activities**

#### **A. Intra-school Cultural activities**

Throughout the year, our school organizes a wide range of intra-school activities Cultural competitions national days, festivals, days of significance that engage students of all classes and encourage their participation in various creative and competitive platforms. These activities include: Rangoli and Deepam decorations Students showcase their artistic skills by creating beautiful rangoli designs and decorating diyas (deepams) during festive occasions. Kindergarten students engaged in hands-on projects and presentations, where they showcase their learning and creativity in a fun and interactive manner in the KG project day. Food Carnival, our Students explored the culinary arts by participating in a food carnival, where they prepared and present a variety of delicious dishes. Debates, Elocutions, and Recitation: competitions provided opportunities for students to improve their public speaking skills, express their thoughts, and enhance their communication abilities Ad-Zap. Students demonstrate their linguistic prowess by delivering eloquent speeches in Hindi and Tamil, highlighting their command over the respective languages. Students explore the world of performing arts by participating in mime and theater activities, enabling them to express emotions and narratives through non-verbal means. Engaging activities like shipwreck (a survival-based game), jewelry making, fire-less cooking, photography competitions, meme making, and other entertaining challenges that foster creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills are also conducted. These competitions are held on a weekly basis throughout the year, involving students from all classes. By encouraging participation across various disciplines, our school aims to nurture students' talents, boost their self-confidence, and promote a holistic approach to education.

#### **B Intra-school Competitions**

Several students have won competitions in story telling, speech, drawing, oratorical and other cultural competitions held at different schools in the city including Durgadevi Chowdhary Vivekananda Vidyalaya, San Academy and Dr. Nalli Kuppaswami Vivekananda Vidyalaya Junior College amongst others.

#### **C. Club activities**

At our school, students have the opportunity to be part of various clubs that cater to their diverse interests. The Astronomy Club offers star-gazing sessions and educational discussions on celestial bodies, while the Literature Club celebrates the world of books through poetry recitals and storytelling. Math enthusiasts gather in the Math Club to solve puzzles and participate in competitions, while the Nature Club focuses on environmental conservation through activities like beach and lake clean-ups. In addition to these clubs, students can also explore their interests in photography, music, robotics, coding, and more. These clubs provide a platform for students to engage in meaningful activities, develop their skills, and foster a sense of camaraderie with like-minded individuals.

#### **D. Community service and social initiatives**

Community service and social initiatives hold significant importance in our school, and we take pride in the contributions made by the Karuna Club and Interact Club. These clubs actively lead and participate in a variety of impactful initiatives throughout the year.

**Karuna Club:** The Karuna Club organizes visits to old-age homes, where students spend quality time with the elderly residents, bringing joy and companionship to their lives. They also spearhead the distribution of essential supplies to underprivileged communities, ensuring their basic needs are met. Additionally, the club organizes awareness rallies on important issues such as the importance of a junk-free and plastic-free environment, promoting sustainable practices for a greener planet.. The Karuna International Club in our school has been recognized and awarded as the best school for social-centric activities thrice, reflecting the dedication and impact of their initiatives on the community. This accolade serves as a testament to their commitment and successful implementation of meaningful projects.

**Interact Club:** Furthermore, the Interact Club, which has been an integral part of our school for over 30 years, operates under the parent club, Rotary Club of Ambattur. The Interact Club members actively engage in various social activities, collaborating with the Rotary Club to make a positive difference in society. Together, they organize campaigns and initiatives related to community health, education, and welfare. These community service and social initiatives not only instill a sense of responsibility and empathy in our students but also provide them with practical opportunities to serve and impact their local communities. We are proud of our Karuna Club and Interact Club members for their outstanding efforts in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

#### **E. Leadership and personal development**

##### **National Cadet Corp (NCC), Scouts & Guides, Road Safety Patrol (RSP)**

Regular training sessions are conducted for the NCC, Scouts and Guides and RSP cadets, instilling in them a sense of patriotism, duty to community and the value of service above self. Our students actively participate in all the activities set by the school as well as the organizations. They participate in regional camps and are trained to procure the highest rank of the Rashtrapathi Award in the Scouts and Guides. Last year alone a total of four students, won the Rajya Puraskar Award from the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Eight students won the Prime Minister's Shield and ten of our students have won the highest accolade of the Rashtrapathi Award from the Indian President.

##### **Student council**

At our school, the Student council members are selected through a rigorous process consisting of interviews and group discussions. After self-nomination, students participate in these evaluations to assess their leadership qualities, communication skills, and commitment to serving their peers, The Studentcouncil takes the initiative to address student concerns and voice their opinions to the school administration. Through their dedicated efforts, they contribute significantly to the overall development of the school community, fostering a positive and engaging atmosphere for all students.

### **Workshops some of the workshops conducted this year were**

**Cyber Crime Awareness:** In our ongoing commitment to students' well-being and personal development, we organized a series of informative sessions at our school. Grade 11 and 12 students recently attended a Cyber Crime Awareness session conducted by the Police Department. This session aimed to educate students about the potential risks of cybercrime and provided valuable insights on how to stay safe in the digital world.

**Fire Safety:** Additionally, we partnered with USHA FIRE for a safety awareness session, where students gained knowledge about fire safety protocols and preventive measures.

**Yoga and wellness:** In promoting holistic well-being, Grade 6 students were fortunate to participate in a rejuvenating yoga and meditation session facilitated by our trained yoga staff. This session allowed students to experience the benefits of mindfulness and develop techniques for relaxation and focus.

**Career Guidance:** Recognizing the importance of career guidance, Mr. JP Gandhi, a renowned career counsellor, conducted informative sessions for our Class 12 students many other well known academies volunteered in educating the students on the array of study programs available. expertise and guidance provided valuable insights into various career pathways, helping students make informed decisions about their future endeavours.

These sessions underscore our commitment to providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond academics, equipping our students with essential life skills and knowledge necessary for their personal and professional growth.

### **IV. Sporting Achievements**

Our students won several top prizes and accolades at inter-school, district, National and International sporting events this year too in keeping with their winning streak over the years. Our students won top prizes in district level Chess competition, State level Skating, Yoga, Silambam, Archery, Karate and kickboxing competitions, National level Javelin Throw, Skating. Viganasa made our institution proud by securing the Gold medal at International Boxing Champion. Varshithan created a new record in Yoga and secured a place in the Golden Book of World Records.

### **V. New Initiatives**

The school has adopted an “active learning” pedagogy that focusses on building cognitive competencies and experiential learning.

#### **Skill development Courses:**

Our school places equal emphasis on co-scholastic activities, nurturing students' holistic development:

**Personality Development Session** by Coach Vijay (Grade 6 and 7): Renowned coach Vijay conducted a specialized personality development session focusing on speaking skills and extempore speech. This session aimed to shape and train students, enhancing their confidence and communication abilities.

**Soft Skills Training** by Skill Bench (Class 6 and 7): Skill Bench, an external coaching organization, delivered comprehensive soft skills training to our students. The program equipped students with essential skills such as effective communication, teamwork, and leadership.

**SUITS (Student university Industry Tie-up Scheme):** In collaboration with Bharatidasan University, we have launched SUITS, a software training course certified by the university. The university provided training materials, and our in-house teachers were trained to deliver the program. SUITS will enable students to skill up in various IT aspects, empowering them for future technological challenges.

**Financial Literacy Course (Grade 6 and 9):** In accordance with the CBSE syllabus, we have introduced a financial literacy course for students in grades 6 and 9. This course aims to equip students with real-life financial skills and analysis, ensuring their financial well-being in the future.

**NCVRT (National Council for Vocational Research and Training)** – We launched a one-year diploma program specifically designed for Montessori training. We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of the first batch, consisting of 30 dedicated students. The program has yielded commendable results, equipping aspiring Montessori educators with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their profession.

The NCVRT diploma program focuses on providing a comprehensive understanding of Montessori principles, methodologies, and classroom management techniques. Students engage in theoretical study, practical training, and hands-on experiences, all aimed at fostering a deep understanding of the Montessori approach to early childhood education.

## **VI Professional development programs for faculty**

### **Training workshops and seminars**

**CBSE Capacity-building Program:** Our school recently organized a series of enriching seminars and workshops for teachers, aimed at enhancing their professional development and teaching methodologies. In collaboration with the Centre of Excellence of CBSE, the nodal organization for educational excellence, we conducted a one-day online capacity-building program focused on subject-specific teaching methods. This seminar provided valuable insights and resources to further enhance the effectiveness of teaching across various subjects.

**Active-learning workshop:** We organized a workshop on innovative pedagogy and active learning, where teachers explored new approaches to engage students and foster a dynamic learning environment. This workshop emphasized the importance of student-centered learning, interactive activities, and collaborative problem-solving techniques.

**Design-thinking workshop on happy classrooms:** We conducted design thinking workshops with a focus on creating a happy classroom and effective class management tools. These workshops equipped teachers with strategies to create a positive and inclusive learning environment, promoting student well-being and engagement.

**Digital-competency workshop:** To support teachers in adapting to the digital age, we organized a digital competency training workshop. This workshop covered essential skills

such as creating impactful presentations using PowerPoint, utilizing digital aids for teaching, and integrating AI tools to enhance the learning experience. Teachers gained practical knowledge and hands-on experience in incorporating technology into their teaching methodologies.

These seminars and workshops reflect our commitment to providing continuous professional development opportunities for our teachers. By equipping them with the latest teaching methodologies, technological skills, and innovative approaches, we ensure they are well-prepared to deliver quality education and inspire their students to achieve academic excellence.

**Sahodaya West Chennai Cluster Event:** Bhaktavatasalam Vidhyashram was also privileged to host the Best Teacher Award ceremony 2021-22 for the Sahodaya West Chennai Cluster schools. We are honoured that our principal, Mrs. N. Vijayalakshmi is the current Chairperson of the West Chennai Sahodaya Cluster Schools.

## **VII. Parent Initiatives and Engagement**

At our school, we strongly believe in fostering a strong partnership between parents, teachers, and the school community. We actively encourage parent involvement and invite them to various events throughout the academic year.

Parents are invited to participate in a range of engaging activities such as the Rangoli competition, where they showcase their artistic skills and creativity. They also actively participated in our Traditional Food and Games Carnival, celebrating cultural diversity and enjoying traditional cuisines and engaging in traditional games.

Sports events provide an opportunity for parents to cheer on their children and witness their athletic achievements. They play an integral role in supporting and encouraging their children's sportsmanship and teamwork.

During the KG Project Day, parents joined us in exploring the different kinds of houses, witnessing their children's creative projects and presentations. Additionally, they were invited to enjoy a staged street play, which showcased important social messages through captivating performances.

Special events like Grandparents' Day and storytelling sessions further strengthened the bond between generations. Parents joined us in celebrating the wisdom and love shared by grandparents, fostering a sense of family and community within the school.

On Vijayadasami day, we conducted the Aksharabyasam ceremony, a traditional practice to initiate young children into the world of writing. Parents actively participate in this auspicious event, witnessing their children take their first steps in acquiring knowledge and education.

**Parent-Teacher Association:** The parent community is an integral part of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). They actively participate in PTA meetings, where they provide valuable input and contribute to the development of the school.

Regular meetings between teachers and parents are conducted to update parents on the child's progress and seek feedback. We are happy with the high engagement that our parents offer the school and the involvement that they have in the learning journey of their children.

We highly value the active participation of parents in our school events and initiatives. Their presence and support contribute to the holistic development of our students and create a warm and inclusive learning environment.

### **VIII School management committee**

The School Management Committee plays a crucial role in the continuous improvement and development of our school. Their valuable insights and feedback help shape our initiatives and ensure the overall enhancement of the learning environment. Here are some key areas where the committee has provided valuable input:

**School Painting:** The committee has actively participated in discussions regarding the beautification of the school premises through painting initiatives. Their feedback and suggestions on color schemes, themes, and artwork have helped create a vibrant and visually appealing learning environment.

**RO Water Facility:** The committee has provided insights on the installation and maintenance of RO water purifiers within the school premises. Their guidance ensures that safe and clean drinking water is easily accessible to all students, promoting their health and well-being.

**Skill Training:** Recognizing the importance of skill development, the committee has emphasized the integration of skill-based training programs into the curriculum. Their input helps identify relevant skill sets and appropriate training methodologies, empowering students with practical skills for their future endeavors.

**Math Lab Initiative:** The committee has actively supported the establishment of a Math Lab, recognizing the significance of hands-on learning experiences in mathematics. Their insights and recommendations have guided the selection of interactive materials, tools, and resources to create an engaging and experiential learning environment for students.

**Sports:** The SMC has taken significant initiatives to promote sports and enhance digital learning at our school. Their efforts have resulted in the introduction of free sporting opportunities for karate, athletics, and football, creating a conducive environment for students to explore their athletic potential. These sporting activities are available both in the morning and evening, providing flexibility and encouraging active participation among students.

**STEM Lab:** The SMC has proposed changes in digital learning by introducing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Lab in the middle school. This lab serves as a dedicated space where students can engage in hands-on experiments, explore scientific concepts, and develop their technological and mathematical skills.

The School Management Committee's involvement and feedback reflect their dedication to the school's progress and the holistic development of students. Their collaborative efforts contribute to the implementation of effective strategies and initiatives, ultimately enhancing the quality of education provided at our school.

We take pride in the remarkable achievements and initiatives undertaken during the reporting period. These initiatives and activities are a testament to our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals. We extend our gratitude to the students, faculty, staff, parents, and the wider school community for their unwavering support and dedication. As we look ahead, we anticipate another year of academic excellence, holistic development, and sporting triumphs.