SAMSKAR KENDRA

Samskara means the impression or the impact of the action we perform with full awareness of its goals. When we perform such an action, a subtle impression is deposited in our mind field. Each time the action is repeated, the impression becomes stronger. This is how a habit is formed. It is clearly evident as to how our habit patterns subtly yet powerfully motivate our thoughts, speech, and actions. When our habit patterns become so ingrained they alter our thoughts.

Vivekananda Educational Society schools are the epicenter of such samskars. The schools extend their wings to cultivate such Samskaras through Samskar Kendras established away from its campus reaching people and places. The parents of the Vidyalayas are motivated to involve themselves along with the school to bring in changes in the society. These Samskar Kendras conducted on daily basis provide opportunities for its participants to build up on their dharmic values. Session on moral values, minor games help sharpen ones soft skills and tuitions for providing the educational support to the less privileged students.

During the year 2016 – 17 schools under Vivekananda Educational Society launched 16 such kendras (Chrompet – 14 centres & Kundrathur – 2 centres) in and around Chrompet, Pammal, Pozhichalur, Sirukalathur and Natham areas. The tailoring classes as well as typewriting classes for the girls and women help in building their confidence and also improve their economic status.

It is very essential to keep the temples in our locality clean and admirable. Karuna club students and the scouts and guides of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur were blessed with an opportunity to serve God through Uzhavarapani in the century old Jambukeswara temple and Balamuneswarar temple at Korattur.
Expansion is Life

Forty five years of expertise in the field of education has made various institutions to look upon Vivekananda Educational Society for guidance and support to run non-profit, service oriented schools. This year three new members have been added to Vivekananda Educational Society family.

SRI K. CHUNNILAL JAIN SWAMI VIVEKANANDA VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION SCHOOL, CHENGALPATTU.
The thirty three year old academic institution with a strength of 260 run by Chengalput Educational Society and Chengalput Educational Trust was taken over by Vivekananda Educational Society during 2016. The ambience created through the 2.33 acres of land with well equipped play ground, spacious and ventilated classrooms, library, Science and Computer Science labs facilitate the students to enjoy the teaching learning process. Under the guidance of Vivekananda Educational Society, the school strives to produce citizens with social commitment and high ethical values.

SINGARAM VASUGI VIVEKANANDA VIDYALAYA, VELAPPANACHAVADI
Swami Vivekananda’s vision of man making education and the need for schools to meet the demands of the society in building a nation based on values and trust has facilitated Vivekananda Educational Society to spread its wings across the city rendering quality educational services. Singaram Vasugi Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Velappanchavadi, started functioning on 2nd April 2017 with an auspicious note by way of Ganapathi Homam. Shri S.P. Singaram and Smt S. Vasugi the chief patron donors of the school joined hands with Vivekananda Educational Society to envision their dreams into action. The 38 cents of land and a building of about 9000 square feet have invited to itself 27 children at the pre primary level supported by a team of 4 teachers. The school aims to cater to the desires of the people in and around Nambal village. It is a child school of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chitlapakkam.
E.M. SUBRAMANIYA REDDIYAR
VIVEKANANDA VIDyalAYA, IRuVELPATTU,
VILLUPURAM
The new born child of Vivekananda
Educational Society started its journey on 14th
June 2017. The present strength of 70,
managed by five teachers is functioning in a
small place, painted colourfully encouraging
the children to learn happily. The school caters
to the educational needs of the first generation
learners in and around Iruvelpattu village,
Villupuram district. The school has created an
impact on the society where in the people
around the school have started to associate
themselves with the activities of the school
beyond academics.

Think - Tank of VES at work

Alumni March on

Improving students relationship with teachers has
important, positive and long-lasting implication
for the students academic and social
development. Students who have close, positive
and supportive relationship with their teachers
attain higher levels of achievement. Best teachers
are capable of maximizing the learning potential
of every student in their class. They understand
that the key to unlock the student potential is by
developing positive, respectful relationship with
their students, right from the first day of school.
The solid relationship with the students is
paramount in fostering success in academics and
life thereafter. The upbringing has placed them in
defence and administrative services of the
Government.

Captain V.Suriyanarayanan, Alumni,
Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chitlapakkam,
joined Indian Army as Lieutenant, now
serving as captain in Tezpur, Assam

Sri. T.P.R. Vasudevan, Alumni,
Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chitlapakkam
is serving the nation through Indian
Navy.

Lieutenant B. Manoj Kumar, Alumni,
Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, is a part
of 14 MECH INF (16 JAK Rif)
serving the Indian Army

Selvi L. Divya, Alumna, Vivekananda
Vidyalaya, Ambattur is an IAS officer,
serving as Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Social Justice and
Empowerment, Government of India at
West Bengal.
A PhD is the most valuable asset that an aspiring academician can have. PhD research helps to improve the abilities to understand and solve problems, increases confidence, makes one a better communicator and gain skills. It is a foundation that can lead to publishing of papers, awarding of grants and other kinds of recognition by the peers. Three members of Vivekananda Educational Society have received their Ph.D degree. Dr. N. Sakthivel, Physical Education faculty Vivekananda Vidyalaya Chitlapakkam, from Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University. Dr. R. JothiKarumari, PGT Biology, Vivekananda Vidya Kala Ashram, Pakkam from University of Madras and Dr. S. Deepa, PGT Biology, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, from St. Peter’s University.

Dr. R. Jothi Karumari, PGT Biology, Vivekananda Vidya Kala Ashram, Pakkam, Dr. S. Deepa, PGT Biology, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur and Smt V. Murugalakshmi, PGT Tamil, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chitlapakkam have to their credit, research papers published in different National and International Journals.

Central Board of Secondary Education conducted Capacity Building Programme at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, on 23rd and 24th June 2017. Around 46 teachers from Vivekananda Educational Society and other schools took part in the programme enthusiastically. Smt. Aruna Appasamy, Principal, Asan Memorial School and Smt. Nirmala Raghavan, Principal, Padma Seshadri Senior Secondray school, Nungambakkam were the resource persons. The two day programme focused on developing the four skills of learning a language. Sessions on reading, prose and poetry teaching, letter writing etc., proved to be useful. Writing skill was focused by briefing the participants about note-making, article-writing, speech, advertisement, poster making, notice, Invitation etc. A capsule on novel teaching was very helpful for the participants.
Career guidance is very essential for success. If you want to see your career moving in a right direction then career guidance is of utmost importance. Everyone wants to be successful but they do not get the right guidance to make right decision at the right time. Vivekananda Educational Society always believes in guiding its students in the right way. Career guidance fair was organized in various units of Vivekananda Educational Society, to motivate and guide the students to choose the right career. The new venture was explored by the students of classes 10, 11 and 12. Information pertaining to various career opportunities available in India with emphasize on Chennai, Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur districts were collected, consolidated and presented for the students to understand the options available before them. Apart from the students of Vivekananda Educational Society, many government and private school students also obtained optimum benefit out of the fair. A booklet consisting of different courses, eligibility, duration, various job opportunities etc., was distributed. The Vivekananda Educational Society website has a module dedicated to career guidance.

International Yoga Day

The grand celebration brought in an enthusiastic participation and practice of the common yoga protocol by 23,614 students, 1040 teachers and nearly 3000 parents of schools under Vivekananda Educational Society. The mission was taken up by 116 neighbouring schools including the government schools in and around Chennai. Each school took earnest efforts to invite neighbouring schools to participate in the same. The reach was far and wide and the numbers tally as 35000 students, 3000 parents and 600 teachers of other schools.

R. Hariharan, class X, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur participated in an event ‘21 June 21 min 21 sec 21 Asanas’ organized by Indian Young Olympian Federation in association with Patanjali College of Yoga and Research Centre, Kodambakkam, Chennai at JJ Indoor stadium, Kilpauk Chennai. His name is enlisted in the Asia Book of Records.

Sri Shiva Kumar, Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Central Ministry of Youth Affairs graced the occasion of International Yoga Day at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarpadi.

Students of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur participated in a yoga programme titled “Yoga Pradharshana” organised by Tamilnadu Yogasana Association, Thiruvallur and Evergreen Yoga Academy, Ananur.
Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that impacts reading and spelling abilities of children and causes struggle with their literary skill development. Encouragement, motivation and conducive learning environment help children with learning disability to enhance their learning skill. One to one teaching would be more fruitful in achieving the desired result.

Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur and Jothi Nagar have appointed special educators in order to identify and help children to overcome learning disability. Various remedial measures for the students with learning disabilities by the special educators under the supervision and guidance of Madras Dyslexic Association help them improve themselves.

Around 35 children from the preprimary and the primary classes found to be suffering with learning disabilities during the academic year 2016 – 17, and they were entrusted to the care of special educators. A special timetable was created for these students and they were made to attend remedial classes during the specific hours and remain in their classes and learn with the other students during the rest of the time.

Auditory and visual stimulants and activities were used by the special educators to train these children. MDA officials made periodic visits to monitor and guide the special educators. Parents meetings were conducted to brief the progress of the child and to request the parent to provide a similar learning experience at home.

At the end of the academic year, it was observed that the students had shown improvement though the level varied for each child. A few students had improved remarkably and will not require the help of special educators. A year-end parents meeting was arranged to brief the parents and to instruct them about the kind of work that should be given to the students during the long summer vacation.

For the academic year 2017-18, around 40 children have been identified and they have been entrusted to the special educators for the one to one training required for their improvement. The resource room as it is referred, where the children are taken care by the special educators is a colourful room. Flash cards, word calendars, letter calendars, sound cards etc. help them learn the hard words and sounds. Maths tools and place value cards help them to learn the place value, addition subtraction etc. The bright and beautiful coloured picture cards help in the language development. Sand tracing boards and sand clock encourage the children to write fast. All these teaching aids make the room bright and interesting for the children to improve their learning and writing skills.
Goods and Service Tax, is a significant move which merges large number of Central and State Indirect Taxes into a single tax. It mitigates the cascading effect of indirect taxes and paves way for a common national market. The most important and significant part is that, it is a Destination Based Tax against the earlier Origin Based Tax. It means that GST becomes income of the respective Governments only at that time when the goods or services are consumed by the consumer. It will replace all indirect taxes levied on goods and services by the Indian Central and State governments.

GST - stock exchange

It will act as a boon for the company and business which often deals with multi-level tax levitation. It will boost the companies related to logistics which mainly deal with export and import due to ease in the process of faster delivery. The sector to benefit most would be Logistics, E-commerce, Automobile and FMCG (Fast-moving consumer goods)

The implementation of GST reforms will provide high operational benefit to the FMCG companies due to consolidation in manufacturing plants as well as warehousing. Administration is about sticking to the part while management is about adapting to dynamic change. Therefore, all of us should support GST and bring a positive change in the society and development of India.

GST Advantages

GST is a Value added Tax (VAT) which is proposed to be a comprehensive indirect tax levied on manufacture, sales and consumption of goods as well as services at the national level. It will replace all indirect taxes levied on goods and services by the Indian Central and State governments.

- GST is a transparent tax and also reduces number of indirect taxes like VAT, CST Service tax, Octroi, Entry tax, Luxury tax.
- GST will not be a cost to registered retailers therefore there will be no hidden taxes and the cost of doing business will be lower.
- Benefit people as prices will come down and the consumption will increase.
- Separate taxes for goods and services, which is the present taxation system, requires division of transaction values into value of goods and services for taxation, leading to greater complications, administration, including compliances costs.
- In the GST system, when all the taxes are integrated, it would make possible the taxation burden to be split equitably between manufacturing and services.
- GST will be levied only at the final destination of consumption based on VAT principle and not at various points (from manufacturing to retail outlets). This will help in removing economic distortions and bring about development of a common national market.
- Presently, a tax is levied on when a finished product moves out from a factory, which is paid by the manufacturer, and it is again levied at the retail outlet when sold.
- GST is backed by the GSTN, which is a fully integrated tax platform to deal with all aspects of GST.

VES TOPPERS

True success in life begins only when you make the commitment to excel.

1997 class X students of Vivekananda Educational Society took up the AISSE March 2017 examination out of which 346 students secured A+ in all subjects.

Class XII - 90 % of the students have secured first class and above. 55 % of the students have been placed under distinction and outstanding category.

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Vivekananda Educational Society schools contribute significantly to preserve environment by planting saplings and spreading pollution free air in the atmosphere. The Vidyalayas regularly involve students, alumni and parents to plant saplings in and around the school campus to keep the city clean and green; thereby making the world a better place to live in. Assembly programmes like skit, mime, speech etc were organized in the Vidyalayas to create awareness about World Environment Day.

Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Perambur, observed world environment week from 5th June to 12th June 2017 wherein numerous competitions creating awareness about the need for a clean and green environment were conducted. 173 students along with 20 teachers went on an awareness rally to Murasoli Maran Park and cleaned it later. Awareness regarding the ill effects of tobacco and its products was spread through sign boards, illustrations and rally.

Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur celebrated world environment day between 5th and 9th June 2017. 100 saplings were donated to the public in presence of Sri. Radhakrishnan, Assistant Commissioner of Police. The service not only inspired the local people but also brought in their voluntary involvement of tending the saplings.

Students of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur, Mathur, Korattur, Chitlapakkam, Ambattur, Thiruvottiyur, Jothi Nagar, Chromepet exchange their old notebooks and waste papers for stationary through “WOW”(Well being out of Waste) programme of ITC. Several tones of papers were given for recycling thus saving a number of trees and protecting the environment.

Environment and nature influences man from dawn to dusk. In today’s world nature has twin faces “beauty” on one side and adversities on another. It is in our hands to nurture nature with a deep sense of responsibility and reverence to mother earth.
Enrichment In-service training Programme first of its kind was designed under the guidance of Sri. M.N. Venkatesan, Secretary, Vivekananda Educational Society. The 10 day programme was held at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur between 17th and 27th April 2017.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri. T. Chakravarthy, Vice President, Vivekananda Educational Society. In this inaugural speech, he briefed the significance and the need for conducting this programme and motivated the teachers to participate enthusiastically.

209 teachers irrespective of their years of experience participated encouragingly to elevate their teaching capacity and to bring out the best in them. Sessions on the main subjects i.e., languages, Science, Mathematics and Social science by 29 senior and experienced teachers of Vivekananda Educational Society facilitated the participants to refresh their subject knowledge and also assisted them to keep abreast of the different teaching strategies that can be followed to keep the classes active and vibrant. Micro teaching sessions by the participants helped one to witness the outcome of the programme instantly.

Sessions on the soft skills, topics related to the roles and responsibilities of the teachers, child psychology, value based education, time management etc by the officials of Vivekananda Educational society and the sessions on teaching learning process, storytelling, preparation of lesson plan/teaching aids etc. by Principals of various units of Vivekananda Educational Society, helped them to sharpen their skills. Yoga syllabus helped the participants to refresh the mind, soul and the body.

During the valedictory session, Sri M.N. Venkatesan, Secretary, Vivekananda Educational Society addressed the participants and was happy about the feedback and further progress. The participants were presented a book ‘Sixteen facets of self realization’ to motivate teachers towards yoga.

Upasana Camp

Newly recruited teachers of Vivekananda Educational Society attended Upasana Camp at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvotriyur between 22nd May and 3rd June 2017. The teachers gained insight about the ideology of Vivekananda Educational Society and the various sessions by eminent speakers paved way for them to involve themselves whole heartedly in the work taken. Topics on the culture and tradition of Bharath, personality development, teaching learning process etc., proved to be enriching for the participants. Activities to improve their communicative skills, group discussion, song practice, sessions on Samskritham and SishuVaatika rejuvenated their spirits. The Shareerik session everyday kept them on their toes helping them relive their student days.
Summer camp is a platform for the children to explore and express their creativity. It provides extra training in physical and intellectual development of the students to bring out their hidden talents. The Vidyalayas conducted summer camp for classes III to VIII for a period of 8 to 10 days during March 2017. Students participated in various events like chess, silambam, drawing, spoken English, spoken Samskritham, spoken Hindi, Vedic Maths, music, yogasana, calligraphy, cooking, athletics, dance, tailoring, band and craft work. It was a special opportunity to strengthen their skills and physical fitness. They responded to the classes enthusiastically.

Vishesha Pradeepana

The programme for the toppers of XII standard in Half yearly was conducted for two days. 106 topper of class XII from Vivekananda Educational Society schools participated in the programme. 15 senior resource persons of various faculties from Vivekananda Educational Society handled the sessions. The students enthusiastically participated in the programme and their exam based doubts were clarified. Students found the tips to face the board exam with ease to be very useful.

Sri. M.N. Venkatesan, Secretary, Vivekananda Educational Society in his valedictory address motivated the students to aim high and to visualize their success as a CBSE topper. He blessed the students to score high and shine bright in their life. Sri R. V. Ramalingam, Honorary Correspondent, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvottriyur; Dr. M. Veerachamy Joint Director VIERT, Sri K. Ponraman and Smt. P.V. Anuradha, Educational officers, Sri S. Ponpandian Academic co-ordinator, Sri S. Jagathala Pradathapan, Shareerik Co-ordinator and the Principals of Vivekananda Educational Society graced the occasion.

Deeksha Camp

Deeksha camp is organized every year exclusively for the students stepping into class X to develop their tolerance, forbearance, adaptability and prepare them to serve the society. Students take up service activities like medical camps, cleaning temples etc in the nearby villages and old age homes. They conduct various competitions for the children and adults, create environmental awareness by planting sapling and perform cultural show on conservation of water, avoiding plastics and waste management. Students are motivated and enriched culturally and morally through various sessions by eminent resource persons.
Winning Moments...

Competitions play a major role in motivating students to perform and excel and also offer a lot more reward than winning a prize. Competitions offer a chance for participants to gain substantial experience, showcase skills, analyze and evaluate outcomes and uncover their personal aptitude. Competitions also encourage students to adopt innovative techniques and develop their ideas and skills.

K.Vyasvahrun and Naveen Krishna, class VII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarpadi won the inspire awards and a cash prize of Rs.5000 at the District level exhibition and project competition conducted by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Nidisheswin, class VIII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvotrppur won the first place in the painting competition conducted by the Ministry of Water Resources, River development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.

S. Harish and G. Sai Prasanth, class XI, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chromepet, bagged the first place in the CBSE Science exhibition for Mathematics model on the topic ‘Mathematical solutions in everyday life.’

B. Hari Krishnan, class XI, and Sai Madhav, class IX, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chromepet, attended the National Cyber Olympiad competitions conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation and were placed fourth and tenth respectively at the Zonal level winning a cash prize of Rs.1000 each.

R. Pavithra, class VII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvotrppur, won the third place in the Junior Super Star programme conducted by Zee TV. She won a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000, a shield and a cycle.

S. Pradeepkumar, class X, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur won the first prize and a cash award of Rs.3000 at the CBSE National level Science exhibition held at Delhi.

M. Sai Ganesh, Class XII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvotrppur qualified to attend the National level camp of Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan winning a cash prize of Rs.3000 in the state level camp organized at Erode.

Sanganatham

To build world peace, develop pollution free environment, maintain unity and also to create awareness about sanganatham, mega conch blowing programme was organized at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Jothi Nagar. 1081 students from 10 neighbouring schools blew the conch for a significant span of time to create a divine ambience. The vibrations were experienced by the audience. A new record was created.
Physical Development

L. Vishal, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarupadi won the first place in II Indo-Nepal Muaythai Championship 2017 organized by Nepal Muaythai Association at Kathmandu.

SGFI
School Games Federation of India

D. Swedha, Class IX, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chrompet, Archery (category: recurve) won silver medal in the U-17 category.

Kishore girls team, Vivekananda Educational Society participated in yogasana competition.
M. Gayathri, class IX, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur secured 7th position in the individual performance.

P.S. Skrithik, class VII, S. Aisha, class IV and M. Varsha, Class II, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur, participated in the skating competition.

K. Rajkumar, class XII, and S. Kamalaa, class X, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur took part in Athletic events.

Kishore girls team, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur participated in chess.

Five plus three students of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, participated in chess and taekwondo competitions respectively.

CBSE Nationals

Super Senior Boys Kho-Kho team, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur were the runners. K.S. Ajaykumar, class XII won the best player award.

Super Senior Girls Volley Ball team, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarupadi were the runners.
V.M. Akshaya, class XI – Best attacker and V. Gayathri, class XI – Best Libra

M. Rajan, class X, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarupadi won the bronze medal in Taekwondo championship competition.

B. Keerthana, class VII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, won silver medal in Taekwondo – under 14 category.

Vidya Bharathi Nationals

Kishore girls team, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur, won the first place. Kishore and bala boys team of the same school won the third place in yogasana competition.

Kishore girls team, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Kundrathur, won the first place in chess.

R. Vignesh, class XII and A. Harirathan, class XI, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Vyasarupadi, won bronze medal in yogasana competition.

S. Naveenakumari, class VIII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, won bronze medals in 100 mts dash and silver medal in 200 mts running.