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**CHINMAYA VIDYALAYA SR SEC SCHOOL, CHENNAI 92**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

My humble Pranams at the lotus feet of Puja Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda, Puja Guruji Swami Tejomayananda and Swami Swaroopananda.

Pranams to Swami Mitranandaji, Spiritual Mentor, Chinmaya Mission, Chennai.

Esteemed Chief Guest Dr. Archana Prasad, Principal, MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Shri.O.V. Nambiar, Zonal Director, Chinmaya Educational Institutions, Shri. C. Sathiyamoorthy, Director, Chinmaya Vidyalayas, Chennai Shri.N.Nagarajan, Correspondent, Chinmaya Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School, Virugambakkam, Principals and Vice Principals of other Vidyalayas, Members of the School Management Committee, Parents, Staff, students and other invitees. We are grateful for your presence today.

"Fifty years of growth, wisdom, and cheer, Our school's legacy, ever so clear.

Fifty years of memories we've sown; in this cherished place we've called our own.

Together we'll continue to strive hard,

The next fifty years, with Gurudev in our heart."

Fifty years ago, with an unwavering passion for education and an ardent desire to sow the seeds of knowledge, Gurudev set forth on a remarkable journey to establish this Vidyalaya that would become a beacon of enlightenment and a sanctuary of holistic growth. The journey of our school from thatched huts to big buildings is a story of hope, determination, and the power of education. Chinmaya Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School, Virugambakkam had its humble beginning in 1970, amidst the gentle embrace of simplicity and modesty.

Through the years, the school blossomed like a resplendent garden, its tender shoots nurtured by a team of dedicated educators who breathed life into Gurudev's noble aspirations. Today, our Vidyalaya boasts an impressive three-storey height abounded with a myriad of elegant classrooms and a wide range of facilities to support the academic, extracurricular, and social development of its students. These include an inspiring library with a vast collection of books, periodicals, and

other resources; computer labs with the latest software; science labs with cutting-edge equipment; art room, music room, craft room with ample supplies and a stimulating and enriching environment for young minds to flourish and learn.

Our outstanding accomplishments are exemplified by countless perfect scores, attesting to our unwavering dedication to the pursuit of perfection. We have also ascended to the pinnacle of All India rank list, basking in the radiance of distinction. Moreover, we have received the prestigious International School Award from the British Council, for our commitment to global education and cultural enrichment. The resounding applause echoes through time, as our school has been adorned with the coveted Karuna Hall of Fame award on countless occasions.

Amidst the winds of change and the ebb of time, our illustrious school set off on an eventful journey—50 years of unyielding dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence. Little did we know that this jubilant milestone would be marked by the unanticipated challenges of a global pandemic—Covid-19—a test of our resilience and evidence to the unbreakable spirit that defines us. Through unwavering perseverance, we triumphed over every challenge and ascended to this remarkable position.

With immense pleasure and a heart brimming with pride, I stand before you as the Principal of this noble institution to present the School Annual Report 2022-2023, a captivating chronicle of our collective journey through yet another remarkable academic year.

## RESULTS

Over the past year, our students have consistently excelled in their academic endeavors, showcasing their intellectual brilliance. I am delighted to announce that our students have once again exceeded our expectations and achieved outstanding results in their examinations. With determination and perseverance, they have secured top positions in various subjects, showcasing their academic prowess.

CLASS XII RESULTS - 123 students from Science and Commerce stream appeared for the CBSE class XII Board examinations in March 2023. Among them, 60 students secured above 90% and 118 students secured 75% & above.

ABHISHEK. K from Science stream topped the school with a score of 492 (98.4%) RAJASREE. P of Commerce stream became the second topper with a score of 484. ANUSH KRISHNA. S, SHIVA KARTHICK. R and R. SUJITH GOPI scored 483 and shared the third position.

Seven students secured centums in Informatics Practices and 2 students scored centums in Chemistry and in Computer Science respectively.

*(LIST OF TOPPERS IN DIFFERENT SUBJECTS WILL BE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN)*

I take this moment to extend my warmest congratulations to Abhishek.K of Class XII for securing the top position in NEET Exam with a tremendous score of 705/720. He was also placed in the 8th position among the top 10 rank candidates selected for the MBBS course under Government quota. He chose Jipmer Medical College, Pudhucherry to pursue his dreams. You have not only made your family proud but have also brought honour and glory to our institution.

Sujith Gopi joined IIT (Indian Institute of Information Technology) at Kancheepuram, Sanjeev Krishna enrolled in Thiruvannamalai Medical College and Dheekshi.S joined ESIC Medical college showcasing notable academic milestones.

Many congratulations to the students who have displayed outstanding performance and made it to the toppers list!

### CLASS X RESULTS

This year, the AISSE class X exam witnessed the participation of 157 students from our esteemed Vidyalaya, and it is with great pride, we announce that a total of 80 students achieved a stellar score of 90% and above, 140 students scored 75% and above and 155 students secured 60% and above. I take immense pleasure to announce that, Abhinaya. R and Abhirami. R, the twin sisters, with a whopping score of 493/500 became the toppers of our school.

With a score of 492 the second position has been bagged by M. Nandhini and the third topper is Nithyalakshmi. W with a score of 491.

As many as 13 students secured centums in various subjects. 6 students scored centums in Social Science and Mathematics respectively and 1 student in Tamil.

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This is an evidence to their hard work, dedication, and the exceptional education they received and the support and encouragement from our teachers and parents. All these are possible only because of the divine grace and blessings of Our Pujya Gurudev.

### OUT STANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF VIDYALAYA

Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Virugambakkam always believes in bringing about holistic development in children through Value Based Education. The Karuna Club of the school, in order to promote humane values in children conducts various activities like rallies, training programmes, inter-school competitions based on Karuna values etc. all round the year.

The tireless efforts put in by the Karuna club teachers of our Vidyalaya was recognised by the Karuna International by honouring them with the 'Hall of Fame' on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Our Vidyalaya got a special mention at the function organised by them at their Chennai Kendra.

### STUDENTS' OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.' These students have certainly demonstrated that they believe in their dreams, and they have worked hard to achieve them.

The Times of India (TOI) unveiled the "Unstoppable India Anthem," a musical celebration of the unstoppable spirit of India's youth, showcasing the nation's rise on the global stage. STEVEN SAMUEL DEVASSY of class XII, was one among the 21 young, exceptionally talented artists from across India who came together to craft a symphony celebrating 'Unstoppable India'. He received 'The Unstoppable Anthem Award' from our Honourable Education minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji and the legendary Music composer Shantanu Moitra ji on 16th October 2023.

He is also the proud recipient of the 'Outstanding Performer Award' from the International Women's Association . The award was presented by Nina Kothari, Chairperson of Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Limited and the daughter of the late Dhirubhai Ambani, the visionary founder of Reliance Industries on 4th

October 2023. Steven excels as a vocalist, live performer, recording artist and a drummer. His outstanding talents at a young age make him a source of pride for our school.

HARDIK CHERAN of Class X won the gold medal and qualified for the global event in the Maths Olympiad conducted in June 2022, a competition organized by Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad. He also won the bronze medal in the International Maths Olympiad.

DEEPTHI.A of class XI attended the "Techkriti open school competition" TOSC phase 1 exam conducted by IIT Kanpur in December 2022. She was shortlisted from among 15000 students from all over India for Phase 2. She secured ALL India 1st rank in phase 2 among 70 students at TECHKRITI Annual Technical and Entrepreneurial festival on 22nd Jan '23. She won a trophy and a free trip to ISRO.

Our school's Road Safety Patrol (RSP) students were given a remarkable opportunity to participate in the prestigious Republic Day Parade. Five students of Road Safety Patrol (RSP) of our Vidyalaya marched in the 73rd Republic Day parade at Saint George Fort, Tamil Nadu. ARUN KARTHIK of class XI led the RSP boys Contingent in the parade.

KART BUSAN and INKO Centre organized the KArt International Teenage Art Contest 2023, where S Neha of Class XII, earned the Bronze Medal for her drawing. Out of 18 contestants in the International Finals in South Korea held in August 2023, she was one of the standout performers. As part of their cultural exchange programme, she had the privilege of an 8-day visit to South Korea.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS - DARSHA.N of class II won 'The Most Talented Kid Award' at National Level for her overall participation in various competitions conducted by Navbharath Rashtriya Gyanpeeth in April 2022. She also won the III place in the Master Orator competition organised by Wizkids Carnival held in July 2022.

Wizkids Carnival organised a national level competition titled 'Wizkid Scientists' in June 2022 in which SHAAI NANDHUN. J.R of class II submitted a project on Germination explaining the process and stages of Germination of seeds and won the I prize consisting of a medal, cash prize and a certificate.

R. PRANAV of class IX emerged as the winner of monthly Marathon of India, a competition conducted by India Maths Genius - Monthly Marathon organised by Countingwell in the month of July 2022. He also received the 'Young Achiever Award' from Aram Seiyaa Virumbu trust and OXFAA University.

SAIKRIPA KARUNAKARAN AND NIRANTHARA. R of class VI won the I prize in the group dance junior category in 'PARAM – The Ultimate 2022 - All India Dance Competition organised by All India Dancer's Association (AIDA) in collaboration with OHM School of Dance, Calicut in August 2022.

AAKARSHANA RAJAGOPAL of class IV secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rank at International Level and received a Bronze medal in the competition conducted by Science Olympiad Foundation.

R. NISHKALA of class XII won the First place in the Duet category in the International Dance Competition - PARAM 2022 organised by All India Dancers Association.

SASEETH SRILOK MAJETI of class X participated in MCube Winter Open 2022 organised by World Cube Association and won the I prize in Rubik's Cube combo.

Bebras International Students Computational Thinking Challenge was organized in over 60 countries during the month of November 2022 in which our students - L. Rajalakshmi of class X received the 13th rank, Ananya.V of class VIII secured the 23rd rank and Akil Parthiban of class VIII bagged the 37th rank in the National Level.

LEAP AI Microbit Challenge was held in March 2023 in which Saseeth and Gokul of class X bagged the III position in the Innovators category.

Tamilnadu Police Traffic Warden's Association organised an Elocution Competition in which PRARDHANA SUBRAMANIAN of class XII bagged the I place.

INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS - Inter-school competitions are a great way for students to showcase their talents and abilities. This year too, the participation was huge and our students emerged as winners in many competitions, amassing numerous trophies for the school.

As a part of Science Day celebrations, Anna University, Chennai & Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology and Government of Tamil Nadu conducted various competitions for the schools in Chennai. Students of classes VIII and IX enthusiastically took part in various competitions and won 'The Best Performer Award 2023'.

Vishwa, Dhanvantram and Rohit Krishna of class XII won the III prize for their Innovative projects in the Computer Science project exhibition held at SRM University.

Bhavan's Rajaji Vidhyashram organised an inter-school football tournament in July 2023 in which our school secured the I place. Hari Vijay Raghavan of class XII was awarded the 'Best Player of the Tournament'.

'ASTRA' a cultural extravaganza was organised by Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram in which S Tanav, Karishma, Laya of class XII, Vishal and Aditya V of class XI bagged the I prize in the short film making competition.

Our school won the Overall Championship in 'JAAGRITI' an Inter School Cultural Event organised by Lalaji Memorial Omega International School. Our students won 5 Gold medals, 6 Silver medals and 4 Bronze medals.

An Inter-school Competition was conducted by Kola Saraswathi Senior Secondary School in which Neha.S of Class X received the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Oratorical competition and the school also received the trophy for scoring maximum points.

Kola Perumal School conducted 'KALA SAROVAR' - An Inter-School competition in which Narayan of class VIII bagged the I place in Code Craft, Pranav. V of class XII secured the II place in Techno fusion, Tejesvi and Hiya Ravikumar of class VIII received the III place in Retro artistry and Tejheswar and Steve Austin of class X bagged the III place in Bizwar. Our school also received 'The Best Performing School Award'.

Students from 21 esteemed schools in Chennai showcased talent and determination at the inter-school competition KURUKSHETRA by Chinmaya Yuvakendra, with 800+ participants. Our school excelled, securing the 1st place in Ad-zap and surprise event, 2nd place in Banner-making and Mono-acting, 3rd place in Best CEO event and Dance. We also won the best cheering school and

best participation school awards, culminating in the Overall Championship Trophy—a proof to our students' dedication and indomitable spirit.

ENVIRO 2023, organized by IWMA and SOF, took place on 29th and 30th July 2023 at IIT Madras. Around 20 schools reached the finals out of 125 schools participated in the event. Congratulations to M. Harini Nadar (super senior) and Akshara Karthik (junior) of our school for winning first place in poster making and Jam events. The children received Rs. 5000 cash award each for their achievements.

A resounding applause and my warmest wishes for a truly remarkable accomplishment by all!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS - Our students have a passion for sports, and they are always striving to be the best they can be. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we know that they will continue to achieve great things in the future.

Nandanan Mahendran of class VI, secured the third position in the prestigious OHVALE MINI GP World Series Championship in August 2022, making history as the youngest rider to achieve this remarkable feat. His outstanding performance has undoubtedly marked him as a rising star in the world of motorsports, and we congratulate him on this incredible achievement.

R. SUGANTHASHREE of class XII got selected for the State Team in U-19 Women's Cricket Tamil Nadu by Tamilnadu Cricket Association in September 2022. She also participated in prestigious women's trophies like Iron Lady, Queens premier League and won 'bowler of the series.'

GAUTHAM M.N. of Class VI clinched the Under 11 - Singles Badminton Championship at the Flying Feathers Academy.

SASHAANKH of class 8 secured the third place and a cash prize of Rs. 1000 in the Chess Tournament organized by Rooks and Knights Chess Academy.

MOHIT.S of class VII took part in Velammal International Fide Rating Rapid Chess Tournament in September 2022 and won the I prize and a cash prize of Rs. 2000/-



World Traditional Silambattam Association organised a National Level Silambattam open championship in which R. KRITHIKA of class V bagged the I prize.

The students received several prizes in the athletic events organized by KHEL SANGHAM. *(The list will be displayed on the screen)*

Our students actively participated in various sports events at the district, state, and national levels, earning numerous trophies and medals.

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GUIDING LIGHTS: CELEBRATING THE BRILLIANCE OF OUR TEACHERS As we unveil the pages of this year's Annual Report, we commence on a journey of recognition and gratitude, celebrating the unwavering dedication and brilliance of our teachers.

As the Principal of this exceptional institution, I am humbled to have been bestowed with 'The Teaching Excellence Award' on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by the International Association of Lion's Club – an award for the excellent leadership and meritorious service in the field of education. I firmly believe that this achievement is not solely an evidence to my efforts but a reflection of the collective dedication by our entire team of teachers.

Mrs. Sudha Gopalan (Teacher of Business Studies) was conferred with 'The Best Teacher Award' by West Chennai Sahodaya Cluster Schools for her remarkable service in the field of education, in a function held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. She is living a good life in retirement.

Smt. Chitrakala of the Tamil Department received 'Kalam-Leo Muthu 2022' award on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and 'Bharathidasan Award' with Rs. 25,000 cash prize and a rolling shield for her outstanding contributions in the field of education.

My heartfelt congratulations to our dedicated teachers for the well-deserved awards!

EVENTS: We are thrilled to present an array of exciting events that mark the essence of our institution's flagship celebrations.

CHINMAYA BALSEVAK PROGRAMMES: The Chinmaya Balsevak Programme empowers youth with timeless wisdom and values through Swami

Chinmayananda's teachings. Last year also, our Balsevaks took part in a multitude of selfless activities, making a positive impact and spreading goodness far and wide.

A blood donation camp was organized on 6th August 2022 by the Chinmaya Balsevak in association with Lions Club at our school premises.

The students of classes VII and VIII organized a 'Food Mela' on August 17th and 18th, 2022, within our Vidyalaya. The substantial funds raised during the event were utilized to purchase stationery and other essentials for orphanage, as well as medicines for the elderly residents at Stree Seva Mandir. Similarly, sweets were bought and given out during Diwali to Stree Seva Orphanage with the funds generated from selling old newspapers and rice bags were distributed to temples for annadhanam during Pongal as part of their routine activities,

Maha Kumbabhishekam of Lord Srinivasa, Lord Pasupatheeswara, Devi Bala Tripura Sundari and Lord Ayyappa was performed on 17th June 2022 at Harihara Temple in the presence of His Holiness Swami Mitrananda. 2000 prasadam packets were prepared by balsevaks and distributed to the devotees. Many teachers and students whole-heartedly participated and selflessly served as volunteers.

Students of class VII visited the villages in and around Tamaraipakkam on 22nd and 23rd August 2022. Under the guidance of CORD members, students prepared azola pits and cleaned the temple as a part of seva activity.

In connection with the International Plastic Free Day, our Balasevak team organized a signature rally to promote the rejection of plastic bags on 23th September 2022. H.H. Swami Mitranandaji, our Acharya, endorsed this cause by affixing his signature. Notably, the school's Principal, Vice Principal, Correspondent, and parents joined this movement by adding their signatures. Each of our sevaks made and distributed 100 paper bags to local stores and pharmacies to promote eco-friendly choices.

In support of Tamil Nadu Government's "Meendum Manjappai " initiative, our sevaks made 100 cloth bags with the school logo which was duly signed by Swamiji. The bags were kept for sale during area yagna and the proceeds were used for noble causes. Surplus bags were generously donated to Chinmaya Publications in Chennai.

OTHER EVENTS: Chinmaya Mission in collaboration with Vidhya Bharathi officially launched the Social text books titled 'The Bharatiya History – Textual and Actual', for classes VI, VII and VIII on April 17, 2022. Subsequent orientation workshops were organized for Social Science teachers of middle school, focusing on the revised curriculum and innovative classroom approaches.

The students of our Vidyalaya performed a skit for GURU VANDHANA on 28th July 2022 at the Chinmaya Heritage Centre to expound the three Gunas- Rajas, Tamas and Sattva. The dance-drama was based on chapter 14 of the Holy Bhagavad Gita, Gunatraya Vibhaga Yoga. Honourable Correspondent, Principal, Vice Principal and a few teachers of our school also presented various chapters of Bhagavad Gita to the audience on the theme 'Go through Gita'.

The outgoing students of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were given a befitting farewell on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 respectively by our teachers from KG to class XII.

With great pride and warmth, our Vidyalaya graciously hosted the Annual Lunch on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2023. Outgoing teachers and the teachers who had completed 25 years of service were honoured for their sincere and dedicated service.

The KG Department was relocated to the Higher Secondary block on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Although it was our Golden Jubilee year with many festivities lined up, our Vidyalaya never missed the opportunity to commemorate various significant days and celebrations. These included a diverse array of observances, ranging from religious festivals like Ganapathi Homam, Guru Purnima, Maha Aradhana Day, Krishna Jayanti, Ganesh Chaturthi, Rama Navami, Gurudev Jayanti, Onam, and Navaratri to national festivals such as Viswa Vasundara Diwas, Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, and Republic Day. Furthermore, our annual events, such as the Investiture Ceremony, Sports Day, Matrudina, Mass Chanting of Vishnu Sahasranamam, Kindergarten Sports Meet, The Kindergarten Graduation Day and the Valedictory function of the computing club "Poorna Utsav," added vibrancy and enrichment to our school's calendar.

DEPARTMENT-WISE CELEBRATIONS Through the years, each department has been an integral part of this transformative voyage, and with immense

pleasure I would like to highlight the Department-wise Celebrations that happened in 2022-23 commemorating the five decades of excellence.

THE CHINMUN, held from August 25 to August 27 2022, marked a successful return after a three-year COVID-19 hiatus, attracting participation from renowned schools and fostering diverse perspectives. THE VIJANADHARA Science Expo held on 28th and 29th October 2022 featured captivating quizzes, dance performances, and an innovative science exhibition. THE GANIT KALAKRITI in November 2022 offered activities like "Classrooms with Vedic Maths' ' and insights into Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science. THE CHILIT FEST, English Literary Festival, held on 2nd and 3rd of December 2022, showcased Shakespearean performances, student monologues, and inter-school debate competition titled 'CVV POLEMIC 2022'. The school's golden jubilee celebration reached a technological peak with TECH SRUJANOTSAV on January 11, 2023, where students showcased physical computing skills and incorporated motion capture in classical dance. The merriments continued with VAIAGAM THAZHUVIYA VANDAMIZH VIZHA, celebrating Pongal with renowned Pattimandram speaker Smt. K. Sumathy as the chief guest, showcasing Tamil culture through recitations, historical insights, millet-based food, and vibrant decor on 13th January 2023.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: The glorious Golden Jubilee celebrations of our Vidyalaya took place on 29th January 2023 at YMCA Grounds, Royapettah, Chennai. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R. N. Ravi, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Principals, Vice Principals and current senior teachers were felicitated, and the Governor presented 'Exam Warriors' , a book by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to the toppers of Classes 10 and 12. The Primary Annual Day 'Ekatvam' showcased common values from Thirukkural and Bhagavad Gita, and the cultural programme by senior students titled 'Valluvam' focused on the relevance of Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural highlighting its applicability to global issues. The event's grand success was a result of cooperation and active involvement of all.

CHINMAYA KALVI PAYILAGAM: We proudly highlight the remarkable contributions and impact of our Vidyalaya's Free Tuition Center, where education is accessible to all, fostering a bright future for the children of under-privileged sections in the neighbourhood.

In a celestial ceremony of profound significance, the esteemed Chinmaya Kalvi Payilagam was graced by the revered presence of His Holiness Swami Mitrananda on the auspicious day of 5th October 2022. With the divine blessings and wisdom of our Puja Gurudev, this sacred abode of learning becomes a sanctuary for nurturing exceptional minds and hearts with dedicated teachers to guide them. The center is running smoothly with a strength of 29 students and two competent teachers.

GURUDEV'S PADUKAS: In a heartwarming display of devotion, Gurudev's padukas and idol were reverentially brought to our school from Chinmaya Heritage Centre on 16th March 2023. Students, teachers, and parents joined in performing Puja for the divine padukas. Kindergarten students presented welcome cards, Pookolam, flower garlands and fruit salad as prasadam. The day featured a splendid procession, bhajans, Gita Antakshari, artistic expressions, storytelling, and paduka pooja. Parents and students added to the joy with soulful bhajans and a mohiniyattam performance. It was a blissful occasion, leaving a lasting spiritual impression on all hearts.

C20 EVENTS: The school organized a series of engaging activities to foster awareness about the G20. Students participated in a dynamic talk show, thought-provoking debates, informative presentations, and even a captivating play and dance performance.

The international C20 conference organized by Chinmaya Mission during May 2023 at Mahabalipuram featured a grand Golu exhibition. Our students played a pivotal role by contributing a diverse array of artefacts and souvenirs, and they also represented various nations, adorned in attire representing each country, while providing insightful explanations about the Golu. The event garnered significant attention, with parents in large numbers to witness the engaging presentation of the delegates. Neha. S of class XII exhibited her remarkable talent with pencil portraits of the dignitaries which was appreciated by all.

#### TEACHERS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES:

Webinars and workshops are great platforms for professional development, especially for teachers who play a crucial role in shaping students' lives.

The Puducherry Government has made a significant decision to implement the CBSE syllabus for Government High and Higher Secondary schools for the

academic year 2023-24. As a part of this transition, I had the honour of conducting orientation programmes alongside Mrs. Manjusha and Mrs. Vasundhara from the English Department. These programmes, held on the 18th, 19th, 29th, and 30th of May 2023, were designed for trained lecturers and graduate teachers. During these sessions, we provided valuable insights into the CBSE Syllabus and the National Education Policy (NEP), enabling a smooth shift from the state board curriculum to CBSE.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Mohan of Economics Dept. attended a two- day training programme on Recent Trends in Teaching of Economics at the Higher Secondary and Graduate level organised by the Centre for Liberal Arts and Science, Engineering and Technology (CLASET) ANNA UNIVERSITY on 1st and 2nd July 2022.

A workshop on Financial Literacy was organised for our teachers by CBSE as a part of the Teacher Enrichment programme. This happened in our school premises on 29th August 2022. The two-hour-long workshop titled BASICS OF FINANCIAL AND RETIREMENT PLANNING was headed by Sri Rajamani, an auditor by profession. Many teachers from nearby schools also attended the programme.

Mrs. Manjusha of English Department attended a capacity building programme on NGF and Physical Literacy at Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram on 9th September 2022.

Our Physical Education teacher Mr. Lenin took part in the seminar conducted by IPLA on the topic "Promoting Physical Literacy " on 9th September 2022.

An insightful session was conducted for the teachers by the school counsellor, Smt. Jayashree, on 22nd September 2022. The primary objective of this session was to inform teachers about the different types of learning issues children face and stress the importance of effective early intervention in such cases.

Our Vidyalaya celebrated World Heart Day with an aim to create awareness about Cardio-vascular diseases. Dr. Mahadevan, famous cardiologist addressed the teachers on 23rd September 2022 regarding heart attack, strokes and other CVDs.

A web training programme on the topic "Early years of Behavioural Development" was organised by Bharath Sahodaya on 21st October 2022 for KG and I and II handling teachers.

I had the privilege of hosting webinars under the topic 'Decoding the Class 10 English Question Paper – Part I and II' on the 7th and 28th of November 2022. These informative sessions were attended by English teachers from classes 6 to 10 and were organized by Teacher Magi in collaboration with Smartail.

### WORKSHOPS BY CHINMAYA EDUCATION CELL

An induction programme was conducted by CCMT Education cell for teachers of Chinmaya Vidyalayas, Chennai on 3rd June 2022 presenting an in-depth understanding of the core values and principles of the Chinmaya Vision Programme and its integration with academics. The programme was spearheaded by principals and Vice-Principals of Chinmaya Vidyalayas, Chennai and Smt. Elavarasi, Vice Principal, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Virugambakkam also actively took part in the programme. She was invited to conduct a two-day training programme for nearly 600 Government school teachers of Assam and to provide training for B.Ed students at Ernakulam on various aspects of CVP.

Our management, in collaboration with the Madras Dyslexic Association, organized a workshop to identify dyslexic children and implement effective strategies for their support. The workshop spanned six sessions, from November 2022 to February 2023, engaging Primary and Kindergarten teachers.

Every year, professional development programmes are organized and successfully conducted for teachers across all Chinmaya Vidyalayas in Chennai. These subject-specific workshops encompass a range of topics, including Integrating Art in the Curriculum, Innovative Pedagogy for Experiential Learning, Essential Information and Media Technology Skills, Framing of Competitive Questions, Setting of Question Papers etc. These sessions are thoughtfully led by experienced resource people, enriching the teachers' capabilities.

### STUDENTS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES:

We proudly showcase the tangible results of our enriching student programmes. These initiatives have not only contributed to academic excellence but have also nurtured critical thinking, and personal development among our students.

National Reading Day and International Yoga Day were celebrated in the month of June 2022.

The Ambulance Man Badge Camp was held on 25th June 2022 at Chinmaya Vidyalaya Sr Sec School, Anna Nagar. 15 of our school Scouts and Guides attended the one-day camp.

A one-day workshop on “An Introduction to Internet of Things” was organized for the students of classes 9 and 10 by SRM Easwari Engineering College on 23rd July 2022.

To commemorate the iconic historic movement of India’s 75 years of Independence, Shri Shankarlal Sundharbai Jain College organised a programme to create a World Record titled “Be a Part of the World Record” on 12th August 2022 in which class V students took part and 75 facial masks representing different freedom fighters were worn by the students and they all took national pledge.

Students of classes VI to VIII were taken to Heritage Centre in batches on 10th October 2022, to view the GOLU, conceptualized and created by Chinmaya Mission, Chennai which was an attempt to bring the glorious Indian history through the Indic lens.

In association with the Department of Police, a drug awareness programme was conducted for class XI students on 17th October 2022. The students presented a skit depicting the consequences of drug use. Mr. Ravi, Sub Inspector of K10 Police station, lauded the students for their awareness initiative.

On account of International Girl Child Day, a session on puberty awareness was conducted by Mrs. Rekha from Rotary Club on 19th October 2022 in which girls of classes VI to VIII participated and got benefitted.

An annual dental health checkup was conducted in our Vidyalaya for students of all classes on 16th November 2022.

Home remedies are traditional and natural treatments passed down through generations to alleviate common ailments using readily available ingredients. Paativaihiyam, an informative event was organized in our Vidyalaya on 30th November 2022. Mothers and Grandmothers of classes 3, 4 and 5 students explained and exhibited the homemade remedies for various ailments.



Mazhalayin Mozhiyil Madhavanin Naamangal was conducted on 9th August 2023 by Visva Vishnu Sahasranama Samsthan which included a mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranamam by all the students of Vidyalaya.

A Seminar on 'Self Development' was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for the students of classes VIII, IX and XI. The workshop was organised by Sri Vidyatheertha Foundation on behalf of Sri Sringeri Saradha Peetam to commemorate Adi Shankara day.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS -- Our students ventured on enriching field trips that served as invaluable learning experiences, ensuring holistic development in their academic journey. Classes I and II explored the Chennai Railway Museum, while Classes III to V had a blast at VGP Marine Kingdom. Classes VI and VII enjoyed an educational trip to Pondicherry, and Classes VIII and IX had a fun-filled adventure in Vellore, igniting inquisitiveness and creating lasting memories.

ONGOING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Beyond the regular hours of academia, a symphony of vibrant activities and boundless creativity comes to life in our vidyalaya. Our school is a bustling hub of diverse activities, where every student finds their niche and passion.

**1.COMPUTING CLUB ACTIVITIES:** The Chinmaya Computing Club (CCC) was inaugurated on April 21, 2022, coinciding with Alan Turing Day. Workshops on AI, Virtual Reality, Game Development, Robotics, and IoT fostered technological skills in students. As a part of after-school activity, specialized training for the Bebras Challenge was given to students to enhance their problem-solving abilities.

**2. SCIENCE CLUB ACTIVITIES:** The Science club was inaugurated on 27th July 2022 for classes VI to XII. The Science Club's after-school activities offer students a unique opportunity to delve into the world of science through experiments, discussions, and collaborative projects.

**ALUMNI ACTIVITIES:** The "Chinmaya Alumni App" was grandly launched on October 26, 2022, at the Heritage Centre, in the esteemed presence of His Holiness Swami Mitrananda and Shri. B. Viswanath, a proud alumnus of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Taylor's Road. Distinguished alumni from different cohorts of Chinmaya Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School, Virugambakkam,

convened to present a musical ensemble in honour of the school's illustrious Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

CONCLUSION: “Hand in hand, we stride into the future, where possibilities are limitless and dreams become our reality”. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide quality education, nurturing character, intellect, and creativity in our students. We have already completed a few major celebrations this year, including Sports Day, Maha Aradhana Day, Chinmun and Khel Mela, all of which were grand successes. As we look forward to the rest of the year, we are excited to plan and execute even more remarkable events and celebrations.

To conclude on a note of deep appreciation, I, as the Principal, would like to extend my profound gratitude to Pujya Gurudev, the revered guiding light of our institution. I am equally grateful for the unwavering support and mentorship of Swami Mitranandaji, whose presence is a source of inspiration and strength. Furthermore, I express my heartfelt appreciation to Shri. O.V.Nambiar, Zonal Director, Chinmaya Educational Institutions, Shri. Sathiyamoorthy, Director, Chinmaya Vidyalayas, Chennai, Shri. N. Nagarajan, Correspondent, Chinmaya Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School, Virugambakkam for their invaluable contributions. Their dedication, expertise, and commitment have been instrumental in our collective success.

Our dedicated teachers, sub-staff, supportive parents, and diligent students also deserve special recognition. Thank you for being the pillars of our progress and for your continued support in our mission to provide quality education.

Hari Om and Thankyou.