

Chinmaya Vidyalyaya

Kundanbagh, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016

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Youth of the country – be prepared!

It is not going to be a rosy future.

You have to be pioneers of re-building the nation.

We might have got political freedom, but we have not psychologically relieved ourselves from the medievalism of our mind.

By a little rock & roll you do not become modern.

You become modern only after re-integrating the personality.

1st August – 5th August: Sanskrit Language week

Shravana Pournima day is celebrated as Hayagriva Jayanthi. The day when lord Vishnu in the form of a horse, retrieved the stolen Vedas from the demons is known as Hayagriva Jayanthi. This day is also known as the Sanskrit day or the Sanskrit Diwas. In our Vidyalaya, we have celebrated the week starting from 1st August as Sanskrit week (Hayagriva Jayanthi/Sravana Pournima being on 4th August).

Students from classes V onwards who have chosen Sanskrit as their second or third language, performed a few activities during the morning assembly under the guidance of Smt. Rashmi and Sri. Datta Sai sir. As part of the celebrations of this week, one of the days witnessed a group song while another day witnessed a group dance. All of us got to see a beautiful skit on one day while yet another day had the audience racking their brains for the answers of a few Sanskrit riddles, which were conveniently translated into English for the understanding of the audience.

Sanskrit, being the mother of all languages, and also supposedly the language of the Gods, is highly respected in our motherland. This respect has also been earned in our Vidyalaya. This kind of celebration is one of its kind, and we are glad to have a group of students being ably guided by their teachers, spreading far and wide the wings of this language.



Children rendering a group song



Students learning Sanskrit who participated in the group dance



Children quizzing the audience in Sanskrit



Sanskrit skit students with their mentors

3rd August: Gurudev's MahaSamadhi Day Observance:

Born on 8th May 1916 at Ernakulam in Kerala, Balakrishna Menon, went on to help with the freedom struggle of India. Working as a journalist with the National Herald newspaper, he wanted to put forth the wrong intention of saints, duping people dressed up in orange robes. His search for the truth led him to Uttarkashi to meet Swami Shivananda, where realization dawned on him that there is more to the truth than what we know of, hidden in the scriptures and Bhagavad Geeta. Then onwards, started his quest for the unknown, leading him to his guru, Sri Tapovan Maharaj, and the establishment of the Chinmaya Mission, now spread out in many countries of the world with 313 centres.

Such is our Gurudev, Pujya Swami Chinmayananda! He attained Mahasamadhi on the 3th of August 1993.

Lobby Board decoration



Tableau in Assembly :

Titled, "The Himalayan Hermit", students of Class X performed a tableau on the 3rd of August 2017, on the occasion of Gurudev's MahaSamadhi Day. In the Manusmriti, it is said that a man needs to be perfect in 10 dharmas, in order to attain perfection. Some of them are purity, patience, mind control, self knowledge, truth etc. We can state one example for each quality/virtue, but our Gurudev, Swami Chinmayananda is a combination of all these Dharmas. A combination of all these virtues makes one a global leader. Let us all contribute in our small way to the society by imbibing any of these virtues. Let us also learn from our Gurudev- the global leader, the art of imbibing all these qualities that makes him stand out, not only as a spiritual master, but also as a global leader in this society.





Mahasamadhi Day Celebrations in the assembly by Class X students

Paduka Puja in the ground floor lobby by council members:

Paduka puja was performed by the Vidyalaya student council members at the main alter under the guidance of Swami Saakshiroopanandaji. Children of Class X rendered a few bhajans.



Council Members performing Paduka Puja at the main alter on Guru Pournima day

Paduka Puja by students from Class I to X:

Students, right from Class I to XII performed the paduka puja in their own classrooms.





Children performing paduka puja in their classrooms on the occasion of Gurudev's Mahasamadhi Day

Bhajans in the temple:

The Dhyana Nilayam wore a festive look with the floral decorations and prayers offered to Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji. Vidyalaya students from Class X rendered bhajans in front of Lord Jagadeeshwara.



Bhajans rendered by Class X children in the Dhyana Nilayam on the occasion of Gurudev's Mahasamadhi Day – 3rd August 2017

4th August – 7th August 2017: Camp to Kolwan and NDA by students of Class XII:

44 students of Class XII accompanied by Hemalatha Teacher (PPT), Lavanya Teacher (TGT), P. Suneeta Teacher (PGT), Prasad Sir (PGT) and Krishnakanth Sir- Admin department visited Chinmaya Vibhooti at Kolwan.

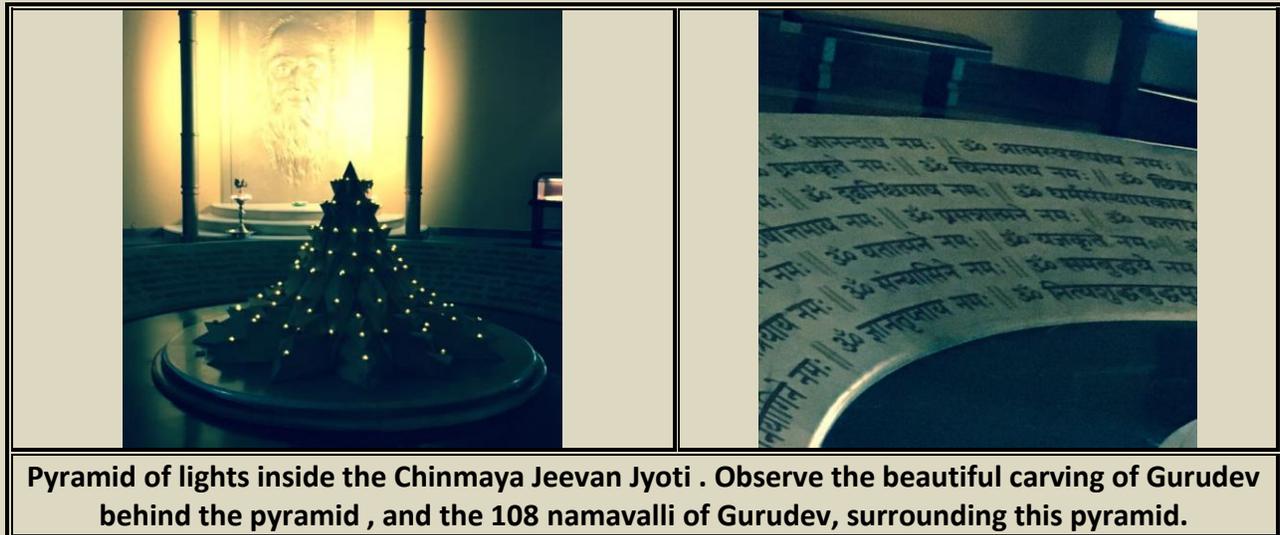
After an early visit to the Pranav Ganapathi Temple and the Chinmaya Maruti temple, inside the Chinmaya Vibhooti premises, everyone visited the Swanubhooti vatika and the Chinmaya Jeevan Darshan.

Swanubhuti vatika, the brainchild of Guruji, Swami Tejomayanandaji is a garden where you may walk through to discover yourself . Through the many quotes on stones, the walkers keep walking to their realization. There is also a Dhyaana Vatika and a Vichaar Vatika- a helipad like raised platform for contemplation, alone or in groups.

Inaugurated on December 27, 2008, Chinmaya Jeevan Darshan (CJD) is an outstanding tribute and monument to showcase the teachings, life, vision and work of Swami Chinmayananda through an exquisite amalgamation of paintings, sculptures, photographs, quotations, and audio and video multi-media technology.

Later the group participated in a musical Workshop with Smt. Pramodini Rao, the director of Chinmaya Naada Bindu. Chinmaya Naada Bindu (CNB) is a residential gurukul for Indian Performing Arts dedicated to fostering classical music and dance forms of India through education, research and performance. Inspired by the vision to propagate India's Vedic heritage through the Performing Arts, CNB hones artistic excellence through world-class training by exceptional residential and guest faculty, and celebrates the creative spirit through prominent performance arts festivals.

The next day, all the students and staff got an opportunity to visit NDA – the National Defence Academy.



Pyramid of lights inside the Chinmaya Jeevan Jyoti . Observe the beautiful carving of Gurudev behind the pyramid , and the 108 namavalli of Gurudev, surrounding this pyramid.



Sudan Block – NDA- National Defence Academy- Pune



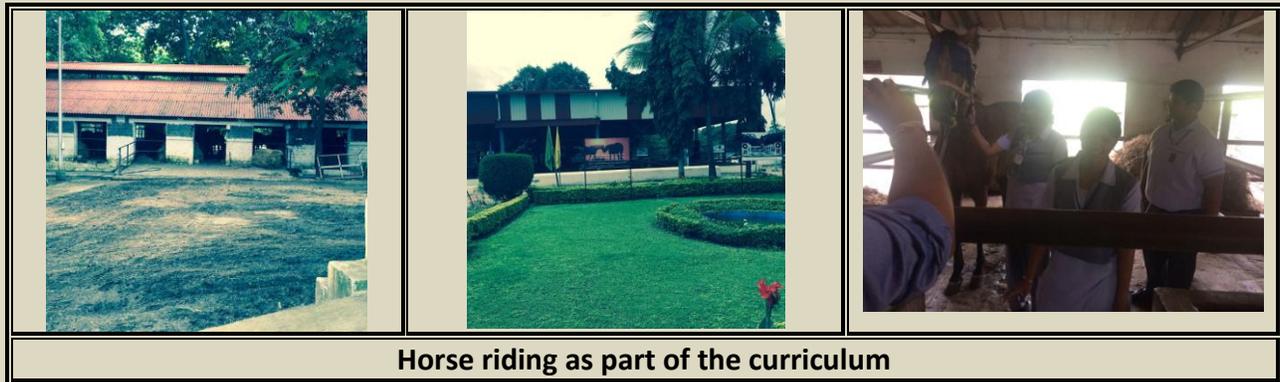
Explanation about "Gladiator". Models and exhibits of this particular wing of defence forces



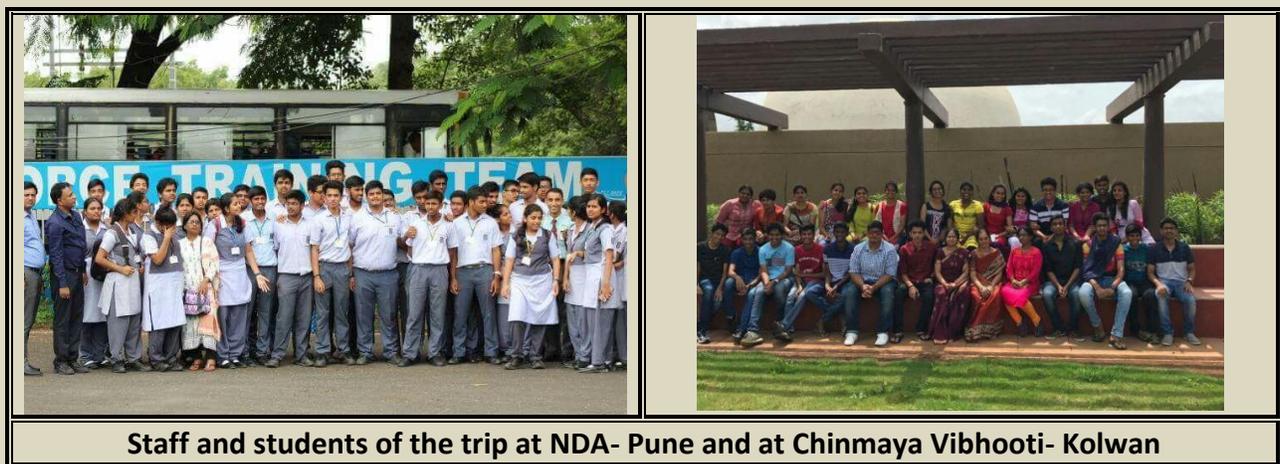
The canteen of the cadets of NDA

View of the entire NDA from this particular point

Horses are trained in the NDA for both, riding and defence purposes. A whole wing is dedicated to these noble animals. All the cadets are taught horse riding as part of their curriculum.



Horse riding as part of the curriculum



Staff and students of the trip at NDA- Pune and at Chinmaya Vibhooti- Kolwan

7th August 2017: Visit to RajBhavan on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan:

25 Vidyalaya students and three teachers visited the Telangana State Governor, Sri. E. S. L. Narasimhan Garu at Raj Bhavan for the Rakshabandhan celebrations. They took this opportunity to tie a Rakhi on our esteemed Governor's wrist and seek his blessings.



Vidyalaya students and teachers visiting the honourable governor at Raj Bhavan



Board decoration in the first floor lobby on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan

Janamashtami celebrations in the Vidyalaya:



Board Decoration on the occasion of Janamashtami and Independence Day

In the Morning Assembly:

On 11th August, the morning assembly time saw a lot of characters from the Bhagavatham moving around and blessing everyone .

Primary students put up a small tableau titled “The enlightened lineage”; which spoke about the ancestors of Krishna; and the three devoted janmas of Vasudeva, because of which he and Devaki were chosen to be the parents of Lord Mahavishnu in the Dwapara Yuga. The journey of the new born baby across the river Yamuna to Gokul, the celebrations at Gokul, and the other Krishna Leelas at Gokul including the one of lifting the Govardhana mountain, eating mud, playfully breaking the pots, the Raasa Leela, and finally the Krishna Arjuna Samvadana in the form of rendition of the Bhagavad Geeta were all showcased by the primary children.

		
<p>Vasudeva carrying the newborn across the river Yamuna</p>	<p>Jo Achyutananda Jo Jo Mukunda.....</p>	<p>Govardhana Giri dhariGopala Krishna Murari</p>
		
<p>Raas Leela</p>	<p>Dasha Avatars</p>	

 <p>Krishna Arjuna Samvaade</p> 	
<p>Stage set for the avatars of Lord Vishnu</p>	<p>Newspaper clipping of our Vidyalaya students</p>

Swami Saakshiroopanandaji watched all the proceedings on the stage and later blessed all the participants.



Dashavataras with Swami Saakshiroopanandaji



All the participants with Swami Saakshiroopanandaji



Sree Krishna Sharanam Mama....

15th August 2017: Independence day Celebrations:

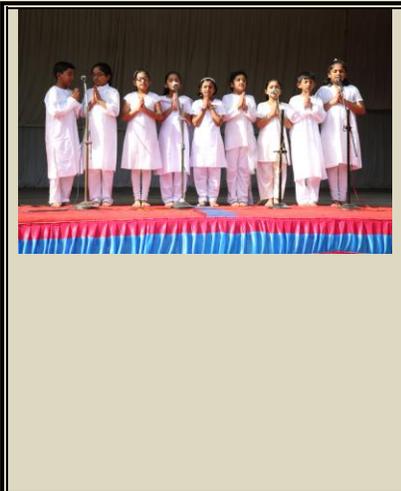
The Nation's 71th Independence Day was celebrated in the Vidyalaya with a lot of patriotic fervor. The chief guest for the day was Sri. B.S.N. Reddy garu- Treasurer of Chinmaya Mission Hyderabad. The dignitaries were escorted to the Vidyalaya ground by the pilot march students and were welcomed with saplings.





Dignitaries welcomed with saplings

Invocation, including the entire text of the Vande mataram was rendered by children of Class V. Principal madam - Vani Maam welcomed the audience, and quoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has invoked the Quit India Movement again, in order to encourage countrymen to use the same spirit to wipe out problems like corruption, communalism, terrorism, casteism, poverty, as well as dirt forever from the country by 2022. He requested people to take a pledge to throw these evils from root, out of the country and create a “New India” . Vani Madam invited a class XII student, Chi. Yashodhan to take this new pledge “Sankalp Se Siddhi”. The entire audience repeated after him.



Invocation by primary children



Welcome address by Principal Madam



Flag Hoisting by the chief guest and other dignitaries



Dignitaries and audience taking the national pledge



Chi. Yashodhan leading the audience by taking the “ Sankalp Se Siddhi” pledge



Patriotic Sanskrutam song about Bharat Mata, accompanied by freedom fighters and national leaders

The Investiture Ceremony wherein the newly elected student council members were officially invested with their responsibilities was also held on this day.



Three students who won awards at the 2nd Sanskrit National Olympiad were felicitated at this programme. Chi. Debanshi Dwibedi (Class IX) stood first and was awarded a medal, a trophy, a tablet, earphones and a certificate. Chi Arul Menon (Class IX) stood 15th and was honoured with a certificate, a medal, and a Hindi-English-Sanskrit picture dictionary at this Olympiad exam held in January 2017. Chi. Sai Nandini of Class VIII stood 8th in this exam and was also awarded a certificate, medal and a Hindi-English-Sanskrit picture dictionary.

It is indeed very heartening to note the revival of Sanskrit- the mother of all Indian languages; and notice the impact that it is having on the next generation. Congratulations to these children. We hope you reach greater heights in bringing fame and accolades to this language.

Chi. Aashrita of Class I has participated in the U-7 Telangana state Chess Championship 2017 held on Aug 13th and Aug 14th 2017 at Begumpet Chess School, Hyderabad. She won 2 out of 5 rounds, and was placed 17th in this category. She will now be representing the state at the National Level to be held in Vijayawada in September 2017.

<p>Chi. Debanshi of Class IX being awarded for standing 1st at National level Sanskrit Olympiad</p>	<p>Chi. Arul of Class IX being awarded for standing 15th at National level Sanskrit Olympiad</p>	<p>Chi. Sai Nandini of Class IX being awarded for standing 8th at National level Sanskrit Olympiad</p>	<p>Chi. Ashrita of Class I who will represent Telangana during National Chess Championship.</p>

Children of Class IV rendered a telugu patriotic song. There was also a mime show titled “Retro- Days prior to Independence”. A hindi patriotic song by students of class IX and X, a GST related skit, a patriotic group dance by students of Class X and a patriotic song written and composed by our own students, along with the orchestra were all part of the cultural activities presented during these proceedings.





Jhanda Ooncha Rahe Hamara- Vijayee Vishwa Tirangaa Pyaara

17th August 2017: Visit to Shilparamam:

24 students of Class IX accompanied by art teacher –Smt. Sapnakumari and P.T Sir- Sri. Suresh Ganti visited a workshop on eco-friendly Ganesha making and lake conservation in Shilpa Kala Vedika, Madhapur on the 17th of August 2017. This was conducted by GHMC. This is an excellent initiative by GHMC, wherein students were taught how to make ecofriendly Ganeshas and were encouraged to use them in the future as well. Students from various schools and colleges attended this workshop and everyone was given a Ganesha idol.



Vidyalaya children attending a workshop on “Eco- friendly Ganeshas” and “Lake conservation” conducted by the GHMC

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations in the Vidyalaya – week starting from 25th August:

The elephant headed God was welcomed into the Vidyalaya with great devotion and faith.



Ganesha idol in the Dhyana Nilayam

Boards in the Ground floor and the first floor lobby were decorated , welcoming the Lord.



On 29th August Classes XI and XII performed Ganesha puja at the main alter.



The entire Vidyalaya , from Classes I to X performed the Puja in their classrooms.



26th August 2017: Participation in K-Circle Quiz Competition:

Ten students of Class XII, accompanied by our Library teacher, Smt. Suchitra Dwivedi participated in a Quiz competition organized by K-Circle Quiz Club, a premier quizzing organization of Hyderabad held at Hyderabad Public School (HPS), Begumpet.



Vidyalaya students who participated in the K-Circle Quiz Competition at HPS, Begumpet

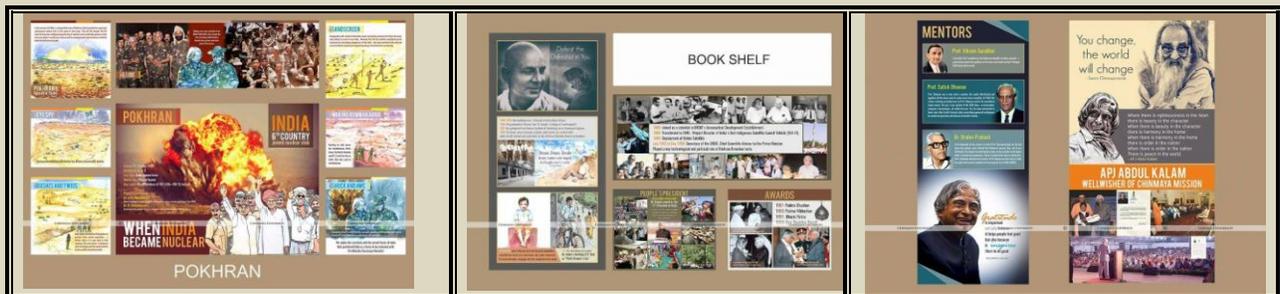
28th August 2017: Kalam Sandesh Vahini (KSV) – Vision 2020 visits Chinmaya Vidyalaya Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Spanning 81 days, visiting 16 states, two yuva veers and two bus drivers relentlessly travelled since 27th July 2017- the death anniversary of Dr. Kalam in the Kalam Sandesh Vahini . This bus will complete its trip on 15th October 2017- the birthday of Dr. Kalam. KSV- the brainwave of Swami Mitranandaji, is a project for a few students of the Chinmaya University, as part of a youth empowerment programme.

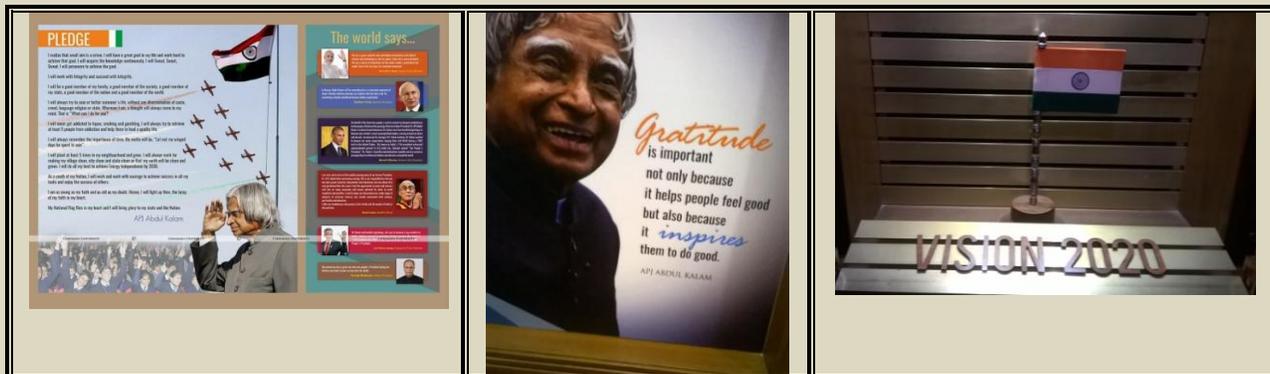




This is a bus representing the life of the great scientist, Dr. Abdul Kalam, with five different panels inside. The first panel is of Pokhran- the nuclear tests conducted in 1998. The second panel is about the life of Dr. Kalam from his younger days, his aspirations, his studies, and his journey through life. The third panel was about all the scientists of India, right from ancient times to modern times. The fourth panel was about satellites, the contribution of India to the Space, and its own security. Also highlighted was Dr. Kalam's significant contribution to this module. The fifth panel was Vision -2020, the dream of Dr.Kalam to see India as a developed nation by the year 2020.



Our Gurudev, Swami Chinmayanandaji as an inspiration to Dr. Kalam ; and Dr. Kalam - a well wisher of Chinmaya Mission, both with mutual respect and understanding are two pillars for us at Chinmaya Vidyalaya. Who will take this vision forward? Look into the mirror, and that person shoulders this responsibility. As teachers, we have to inspire our students and teach them ethics to follow the righteous and scientific path laid down by both, Gurudev and Dr. Kalam. As students, the pioneers of the next generation India, the onus lies on them to bring this vision to life. Let us express our gratitude to both these great masters.



28th Aug -1st Sept: Telugu Vaarotsavaalu – Telugu Week Celebrations:

Telugu-“the sweetest of all Indian languages” as stated by Rabindranath Tagore, is one of the oldest languages in the world and has been voted as the 2nd best script in the world by International Alphabet Association after Korean.

28th August to 1st September saw very melodious , and a few very majestic, very righteous mornings in our Vidyalaya.

The very first day took us into Vizayanagara Saamrajyam into the court of His Majesty, Sri Krishnadevarayalu. The eight masterpieces, or the eight precious people in his Durbar who have taken the kingdom to very great heights in history, came alive bringing this glorious heritage into our Vidyalaya.



Children rendering a few lines from Annamacharya and Tyagaraja Keertanas



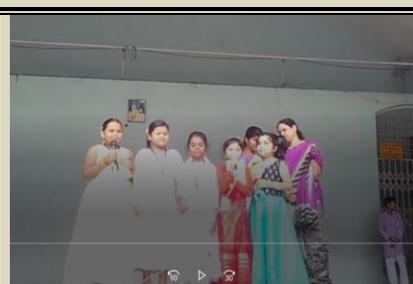
Ashta digghajalu ---in the court of Sri Krishnadevarayalu ---Nandi Timmanna, Tenali Ramakrishna, Ramaraja Bhushanudu, Alasaani Pedanna, Malanna, Doorjaati, Pingali Surana and Ayyalaraju Ramabhadrudu

Ashtadiggajalu- the collective title given to the eight telugu poets in the court of Emperor Sri KrishnaDevaRaya . During his reign, Telugu literature and culture reached its zenith. In his court, eight poets were regarded as the eight pillars of his literary assembly. This court of poets was also called as Bhuvana Vijayam.

Everyday, following this day has brought alive the vibrance of this great soil - the traditional songs, festivals, the regional goddess, the folk and tribal songs.



Compering children, in traditional attire

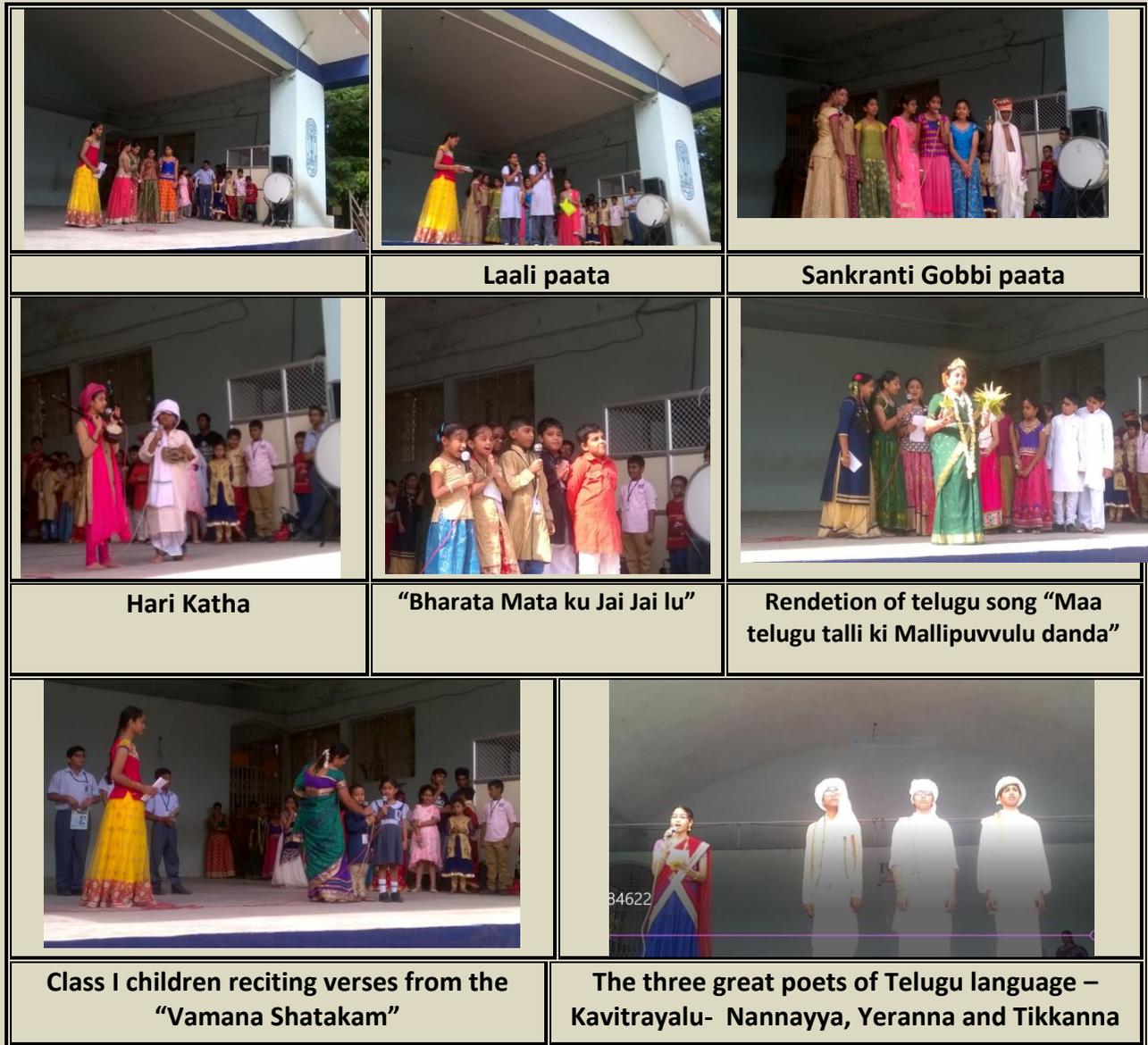


“Pillalara paapallara” song rendition by students of primary section .



“Telugu jaati manadi, ninduaga” song rendition by students of secondary section.

The age old traditional rendition of a story from the mythology in the form of a song and its explanation : the Hari Katha was taken up by the students and Gurudev’s journey of life, since his birth till the formation of Chinmaya Vibhooti was explained by them in the form of a Hari Katha. The three great poets, Kavitraylu; Nannayya, Yeranna and Tikkanna also came onto stage and blessed the audience. The audience was also enthralled by the skits presented by the secondary section of students.



Explanation in this beautiful language Telugu, also stated as the Italian of the East, was provided by the compering children for each and every item presented in this week. Wonderful showcase of talent put up by the students , very ably guided by the telugu teaching staff!

“Saevus” Olympiad Exam:

Wildlife institute of India, in collaboration with “classmate” held the “Saevus Natural Capital Olympiad” on the 31st of August 2017. Children were supposed to prepare to answer questions on science, geography, general knowledge, mental ability and a few more topics. 288 students from Class III to Class X participated in this exam.

28th – 30th Aug 2017: Admin Inspection by CCMT.

Sri. Mohan Ranganathan, deputed by CCMT- EC visited our Vidyalaya for an admin inspection. He also addressed the students during the morning assembly time.



Awareness Programme by P&G:

On 26th August 2017, P&G conducted an awareness program for hygiene to be followed during the menstrual cycle in the form of a 10 minute video presentation. This was attended by the girls of Classes VI and VII and some of the teachers dealing with them.

Classroom Activities:

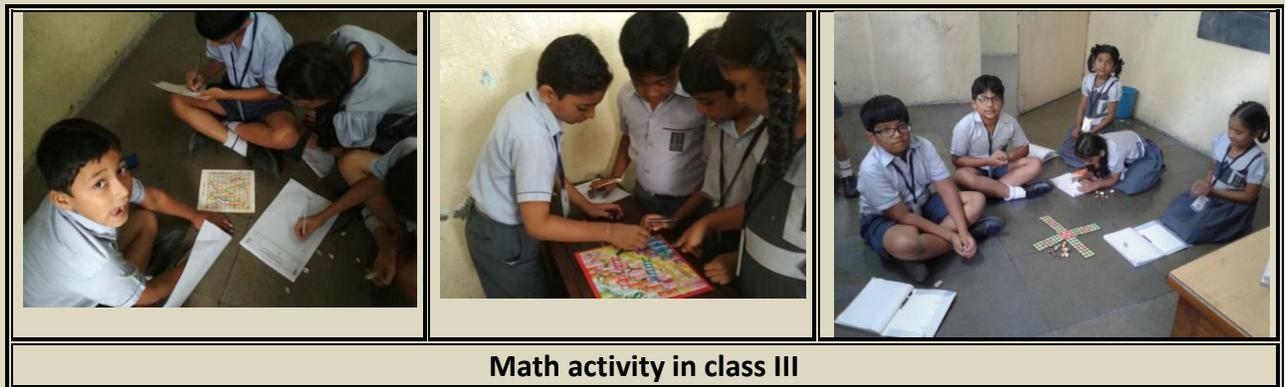
English Activity in Class VII:

“Gopal and the Hilsa fish “ is a story of how a man , Gopal, very cleverly escapes punishment from the king. Students of Class VII learnt this story by enacting it out and having a lot of fun in this process.



Maths Activity in Class III:

Class III children learnt the concept of additions and subtractions by playing snake & ladders



Math activity in class III

Math activity in Class I:

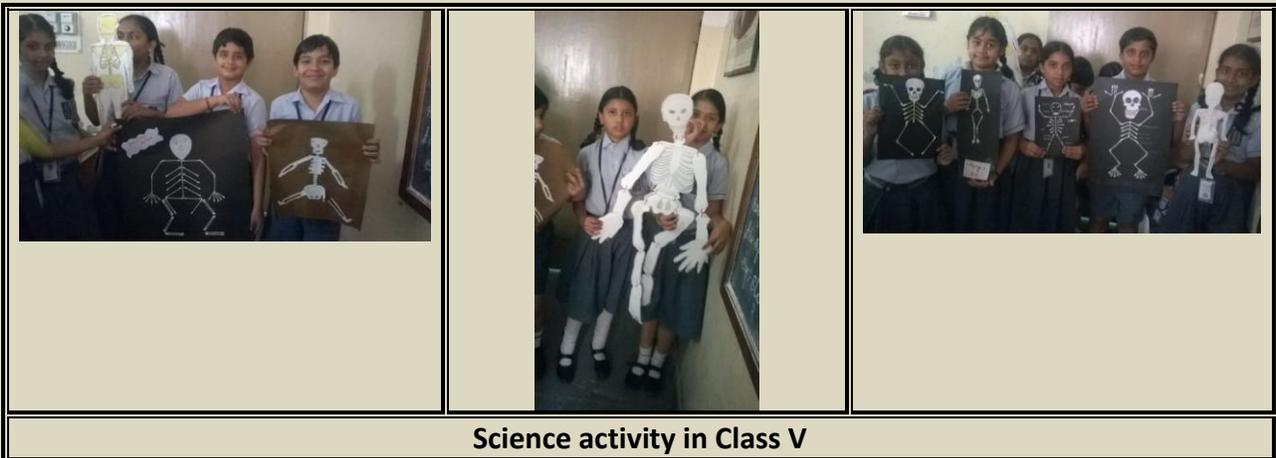
Children of Class I learnt quick addition by playing with dice.



Math Activity in Class I

Science activity by students of Class V:

Class V students learnt about the human skeletal system by way of making a model or chart.



Science activity in Class V

Kindergarten Section:

Family Day by LKG:



Raksha Bandhan Celebrations:

Bandhan- the bond between brothers-sisters, and in our Vidyalaya, between brothers, between sisters, between teacher and student, between every single person in the Kindergarten section was celebrated by tying Rakhees on the wrists of every child of LKG and UKG.





Kindergatren children celebrating Raksha Bandhan

Janamashtami Celebrations:

The birthday of Lord Krishna was celebrated in the Kindergarten wing by the presence itself of so many little Krishnas' and little Radhas' and Gopikas'. The little tiny tots came dressed up in their finery, all set to break the Matkis and steal some Makhan. They transported everyone to Vrindavan as the little Radhas paired up with little Kanhaiyyas to have a Raas-Leela.



Kindergarten children enjoying Janamashtami

Audience consisted of all other children dressed up in their traditional finery and also Swami Saakshiroopanandaji who later blessed these little children.



Swamiji blessing the Kindergarten children

Independence day celebrations:

The 71st Independence day saw freedom fighters in the Vidyalaya Kindergarten section, with Jhansi Ki Rani Lakshmibai, Indira Gandhi, Sarojini Naidu, Subhash Chandra Bose, Chatrapati Shivaji



Green Day in LKG:

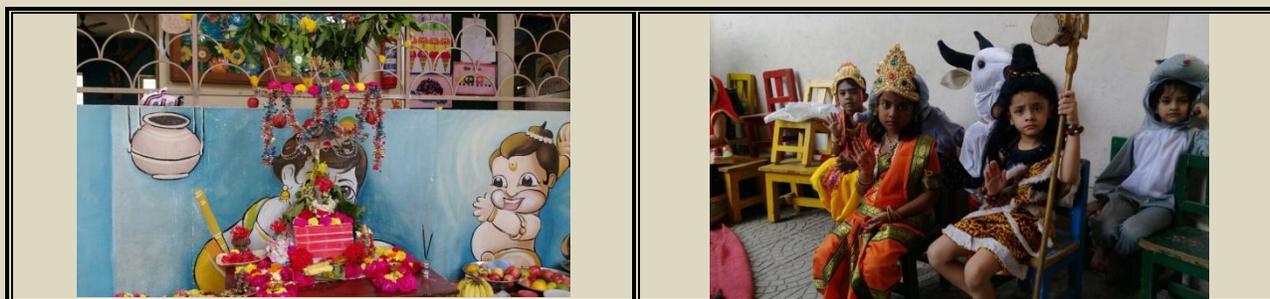
Lower Kindergarten became eco friendly with green-green green everywhere. Teachers and children alike, were dressed up in green colour clothes. They were taught about green objects and green things in nature and around us.





Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations in Kindergarten:

Kindergarten section staged a small skit depicting the birth of Lord Ganesh. How the little boy came to have an elephant head, was also explained to the children.



<p>Mother Parvathi creating a little boy for guarding the entrance</p>	<p>This Gana is stopping Lord Shiva from entering Mother Parvathi's chambers</p>	<p>A big fight develops, and at the end of it, the face of an elephant is attached to the slain boy's body. Thus comes Ganesh.</p>

All the children also performed the traditional Ganapati Pooja. The occasion was graced by Swami Saakshiroopanandaji.



Sishu Vihar teachers and students doing Ganapati puja

Paduka Pujas:

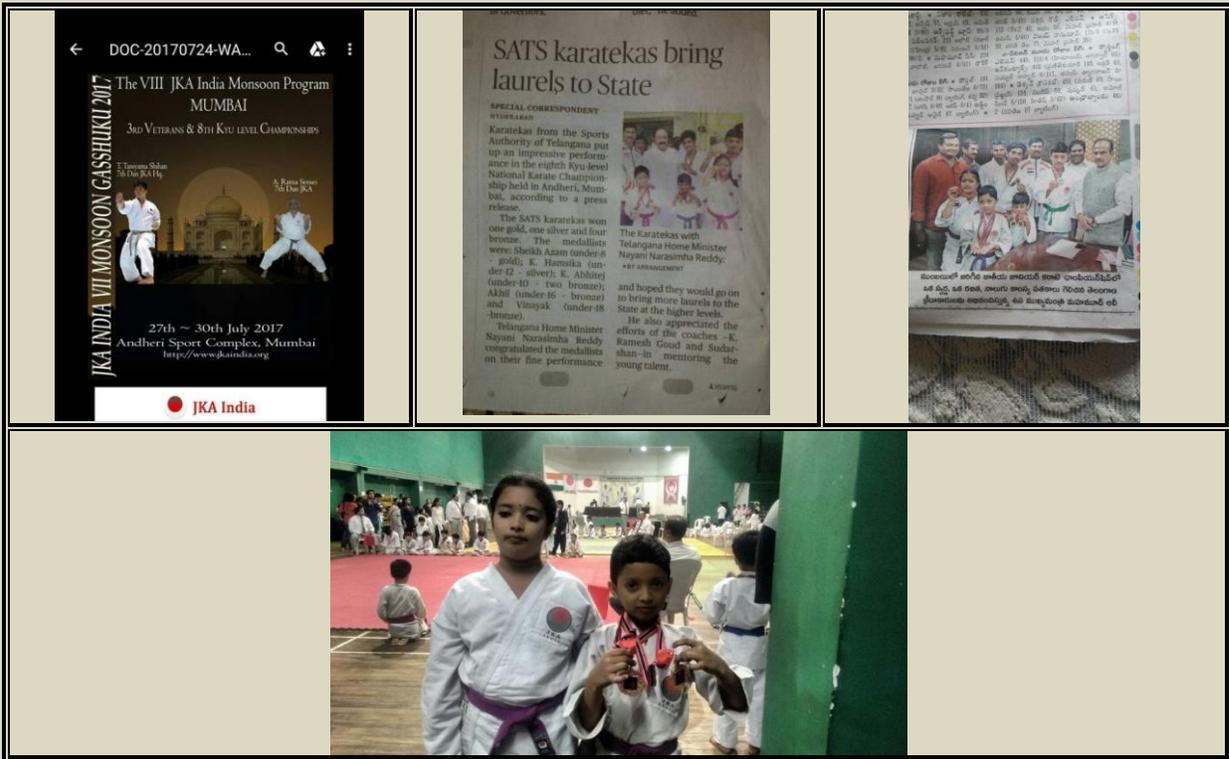


Paduka Puja by students of Class VII A on 18th August 2017

Other awards and Laurels:

Chi. Hamsika Kura of Class V and Chi. Abhitej Kura of Class IV participated in a karate tournament organized by the Japan Karate Association of India in Mumbai from the 28th to 30th of July 2017.

Chi. Hamsika won the silver medal in the Kumite category while Chi. Abhitej won two bronze medals in the Kata category and the Kumite category.



Chi. P. BhavyaSree of Class IV participated in a Kuchipudi Dance performance in 'Padakavitha Pitamaha ' Sriman Tallapaka Annamacharya 609th Jayanthi Celebrations held at Ravindra Bharathi , Hyderabad on 16th August 2017. The programme was organized by Aknila Bharata Kuchipudi Natya Kala Mandal and performed by the students of Kuruganty Radhika Garu.

Ananya Bharati of Class X participated in a dance programme organized by the residents of Sundar Nagar in their community hall on the occasion of Ganesha Navaratri on 30th August 2017. This was under the guidance of their Guru, Smt. BalaTripura Sundari garu.



Chi. Bhavyasree of Class IV

Chi. Ananya Bharati of Class X

CCA Competitions:

CCA Competitions were held for primary classes and secondary classes on Fridays and Saturdays respectively. These are activities conducted as per the festivals and events occurring in that particular month.

Primary			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	23 rd August 2017	I to V	Eco friendly Ganesha making





Eco friendly Ganesha making by students of Class III, IV and V

1st prize awards for Rakhee making for classes 1 to 3 given on 8th Aug by Jyothi maam.



1st prize winners of Rakhee making for classes IV and V

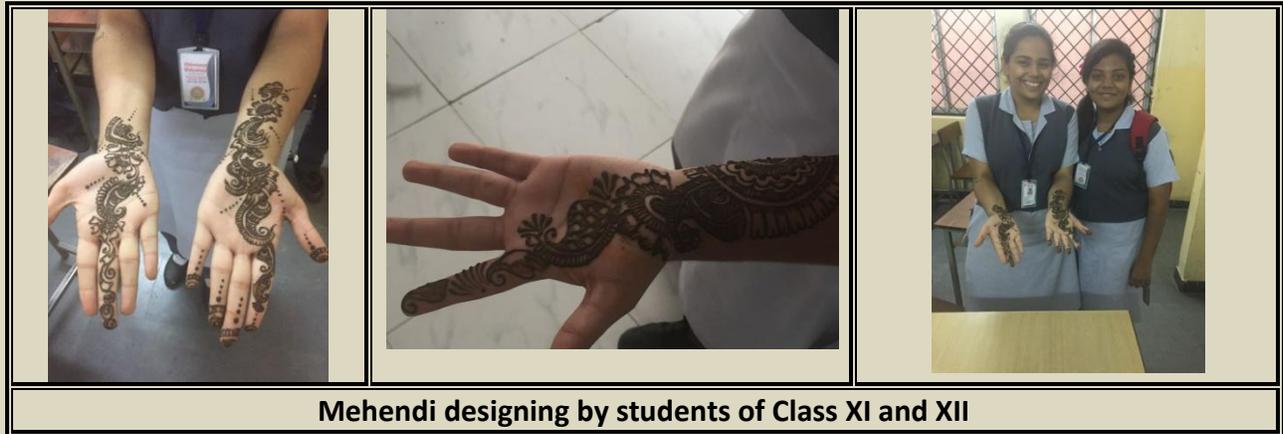
Middle School			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	5 th August 2017	VI, VII, VIII	Rakhee Making
2	26 th August 2017	VI, VII, VIII	Eco friendly Ganesha making



Eco friendly Ganesha making by students of Class VI and VII

High School			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	5 th August 2017	IX and X	Group Dance themed "Patriotism"
2.	26 th August 2017	IX and X	Creative Advertisement

Senior Secondary			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	31 st August 2017	XI and XII – Science and Commerce	Mehendi and Tattoo designing, Floral decoration for ONAM.



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