

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

Esteemed Chief Guest of the day, Shri T P Sreenivasan, IFS, Honourable Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kochi Kendra, CA Venugopal C Govind, respected Director, Shri E Ramankutty, Shri Vijayan Pillai, Director, NPOL, Shri. Biju Gopal, Chairman, SMC, NPOL other dignitaries, parents, well-wishers, staff and students.

Namaste and a pleasant evening to all.

Education is the movement from darkness to light. The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark.

It is with immense pride and pleasure that I present before this august gathering the **Annual Report** which showcases the activities and achievements of Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya during the academic year 2021- 22.

Academic excellence is desired by students, teachers and parents alike. It takes time, patience and practice to yield spectacular results. **In the SSE 2021**, 76 out of 79 students secured distinction, 3 secured first class and 29 secured A1 in all subjects. **The school topper was** Anagha P Rao with 98.8%. **To add to** the glory, 2 students each in Mathematics and Social Science and one student each in English, Sanskrit and Science scored centum.

In the SSCE 2021, all 84 students who appeared for the examination secured distinction, which is indeed a remarkable feat. 24 students secured A1 in all subjects. **Divyaroop Sahoo** emerged as the topper in Science stream with 98.2% and **Aravind V Ashok** and **Rakendu R** emerged as the toppers in Commerce stream with 98%. **Devabala S** secured centum in Chemistry.

Shikshan Bharati, the Education wing of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, has rated our school as 2nd among all Bhavan's Schools across India based on average marks scored in SSE 2021. **In the SSCE 2021**, our school is rated 8th in the Commerce stream and 7th in the Science Stream among all Bhavan's Schools across India.

44 students of our school have received the highly acclaimed Commendation Certificates from Shikshan Bharati for their stellar performance in securing more than 90% marks in all the 5 subjects in the SSE 2021.

Awards and Commendations

Awards help to boost morale and to aim and achieve bigger accomplishments.

- **Vice Principal**, Smt Sreedevi A, Shri Madhusudanan K A, Smt Mily Susan Paul, Smt Saritha C, Shri Sreejith C K, Smt Sreekala Krishnadas, Smt Devipriya B Pilla and Shri Manu Narayanan are the proud recipients of Teachers' Day Award instituted by IIHM.
- **Smt Mini Menon**, Teacher, Dept. of Social Science, won the coveted KCF Logic Best Teacher Award.
- **Smt Aleyamma George**, Teacher, Dept. of Computer Science, won the Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Memorial Teacher's Award for her contribution towards innovation in teaching.

Achievements to cherish in 2021-'22

Co-curricular activities are an essential part of school life and help in enhancing the learning process of students at school

- **In the Reading Day Competitions** organised by Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Panchkula, Krishnarpith Nettayikkodath of Std X bagged the 1st prize in Book Review and Parvathy Baiju of Std VIII won the second position in Caricature Making.
- **R Sriram Prasadh** of Std IX won the Sir C V Raman Commemorative Award for securing the **first position** in the Talentspire Science Scholarship Examination and received a cash award of Rs.50000/- and digital devices worth Rs.50000/-.
- **Our school emerged** as the champions and bagged the overall trophy in Srushti 2K21, the Inter-School Dance Fest organised by Bhavan's Munshi Vidyashram, Thiruvamkulam. **Bhadra Anoop** of Std II, Abdul Wajid of Std VI, Gourinanda Nettayikkodath of Std V, **Reshma Rajesh** Nair of Std XI, Gauri Nandana S of Std XI and Shreya Anil of Std X won prizes in various events.
- **Meenakshi** Rajesh of Std IX won the 1st prize for Patriotic Song Competition conducted by Akhila Bharatiya Poorva Sainika Seva Parishad.
- **Devadutt** B of Std XII won the 2nd prize in the event '*Kazoo*' in *PRATHEEKSHA*, the musical event organised by Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara.
- **In MAGNUM OPUS** - Model UN organised by Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Girinagar, our school won the runners up position. **V Tarun** of Std XI and Vishal Sekhar of Std IX were declared the Outstanding Delegates, **Meenakshi**

Nair K A of Std IX received an Honourable Mention and **Sravan Shanker** of Std IX received a Verbal Mention.

- **Varun Shouri** of class IX bagged the 1st prize in District Yoga Championship, the 3rd prize in the State Yoga Championship and the 1st prize in State level Surya Namaskar Challenge. He also participated in the National Level Yoga Championship conducted by Yoga Federation of India.
- In **SWAPASYA**, the Tech-Fest organised by Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Eroor, Avani Krishna of Std V, **Kailas P S** of Std V, **Alphons Biju and Krishna Binoy** of Std X won prizes in various events.
- In the **Inter-School Hindi Elocution Competition** conducted by ISRO in connection with Space Week, **Kaarthika Kurup** of Std XII and **Aardra Nath P V** of Std IX won the 2nd prize.
- In the **Disenc De Product** organised by Chavara Darsan CMI Public school, the team comprising **Rohith G, Kishan V B and Kaarthika Kurup** of Std XII won the 2nd prize.
- **Master Nandan J and Master Gautam N Varma** secured First Consolation prize and a cash prize of Rs 500 in All India Bhavan's Virtual Science Exhibition 2021.
- In **SARGAM 2021**, the Inter-School Mathematics competition, conducted by Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad, our students won prizes in all the four categories. The winners are **Adithi Sajith** of Std II, **Nikhil Rajeev** of Std IV, **Ojiya K Frijo** of Std VII and **Neeraja Sunitha Nair** of Std XI.
- **Natasha Subhash** of Std IV performed blind folded, **skating** and solved floor puzzles - India's map and **World Map in 10 minutes** and was selected for the Asia Book of Records.
- **V Tarun** of Std XI won the 'Special Mention' award in the Model UN conducted by Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam, Chennai.
- **Manual K Mathew** of Std XII emerged as the topper with distinction in BSS KALAPOORNA 1st year exam scoring 170/200 marks.
- **Surya Vinod Nambiar** of Std XI won the 1st prize in Carnatic Music (General) Boys' Category in the All Kerala Carnatic Music Competition conducted by Sree Poornathreyeesa Sangeetha Sabha.

Moving on to the Quiz competitions:

- In **LABYRINTH ARCANUM**, the Inter-School quiz competition organised by Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad, **Krishnarpith Nettayikkodath** of Std X **Achyut Jagadeesh** of Std XII and **Sravan Shanker** of Std IX won prizes in various events. **Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya** won the Overall Championship trophy.

- **Krishnarpith Nettayikkodath of Std X** secured All India 1st position in Mind Wars State Battle Season 2 Quiz.
- **Achyut Jagadeesh** of Std XII won the 2nd prize in the district for the quiz conducted by ISRO.
- **In the Sastra Samasya** Inter-School Science Quiz Competition conducted by Vidyodaya School, Krishnarpith Nettayikkodath of Std X and Achyut Jagadeesh of Std XII won the 2nd prize.

Sports and Games

- **Hitha Maria Jose of Std VI** is the winner in the Under 13 singles and doubles category in **All Kerala** Badminton Championship. She is also the winner in the Under 13 singles and doubles category **in the State Level** Badminton Ranking Tournament Organised by Kerala Badminton Shuttle Association.
- **In the Ernakulam District** Athletic Meet, Gauri Krishna L of Std IX won the 2nd position in shot put. She also won the 5th position in shot put in the State Level Athletic Meet.
- **In the Ernakulam District** Athletic Meet, Naba Naishab of Std VIII won the 1st position in the 60m race and the 3rd position in 600 m race .She also bagged the 5th position in State Kho-Kho Championship and the 5th position in 60m race in the State Junior Athletic Meet.
- **In the sub junior** girls category Adithi Sajith of Std II secured the following prizes:1st position in the Kerala State Karate Championships and 2nd position in the Ernakulam District Karate Championship.
- **Rohit Rajesh Nair** of Std IV secured the bronze medal in Kata (sub junior boys category) in the Karate tournament organized by Ernakulam District Karate Association.
- **Harshvardhan** Brijesh of Std V secured the runners up position in Under 11 Category in the Kozhikode District Trials Badminton Championship.
- **Aswath Sajith** of Std V won the 1st position in Kata (Under10 category) and the 2nd position in Kumite (30+ kg Wt category) in the 2nd Kerala State Karate Championship, 2021 conducted by Karate Kerala Association.
- **Dharmik Sreekumar** of Std VIII won the 2nd position in the Ernakulam District Badminton Championship in the Sub Junior Singles Category and got selected in the District team. He won the 2nd position in the Inter-District Championship. He also got selected for the State Championship.
- **Barsa of Std VIII represented** the district team in the 44th State sub junior Kho- Kho Championship.
- **Alok** Jith Kollayi of Std XI won the 3rd position in the State Badminton Ranking Tournament in the Under 17 doubles category. He has also won the 3rd position in the State Badminton Championship in the under 17 doubles category.

- **Abhinav T** of Std XI won the 3rd position in the District Badminton Tournament.

Faculty Improvement Programmes

We believe that education is a never-ending process. Hence it is important for teachers to refine and update their knowledge. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has provided teachers ample opportunities to connect with leading experts and remain well-informed about the latest developments in the field of education.

- **Principal**, and Vice Principal attended various sessions. To name a few, All India Bhavan's Principals' Training on Pedagogical Leadership, the workshop on 'Nurturing Creativity in Classrooms' by Sahodaya Group of CBSE Schools.
- All teachers attended the following sessions: **'Treatment & Precautions** to be taken during Covid 19 pandemic' by Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala, **a workshop** on Climate Change organised by Climate Change India Society, a session on Universal Brotherhood Day -2021 conducted by Ramakrishna Math, Vyttila, **'Awareness on Cancer and Its Early Detection'** organised by Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad, **'De-stressing During Stressful Times'** by Dr U Vivek, MD (Psychiatry), Renai Medicity organised jointly by CHAITHRAM, Emotional Support Centre & Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, **'Postural Awareness Training'** by Dr Arunkumar T, Convenor, Indian Association of Physiotherapists, **a live webinar on Cyber Security** organised by Kerala CBSE schools' Sahodaya Complex, **an Educators'** workshop organised by WWF India on 'Sustainable Waste Management' by Sri Raju Kavil, CEO, Thanal and **the 3rd Kulapati** Dr K M Munshi Memorial Oration by Hon. Chief Justice (Retd.)Shri Thottathil B Radhakrishnan on 'You are Your Own Witness - Truth and Conscience'.
- **Bhavan's Research** and Development Centre conducted the following training programmes for teachers. 'The Art and Science of Questioning' by Sri G Balasubramaniam, Former Director, Academics, CBSE and 'How Teachers Can Support Students' by Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, Senior Consultant, Gastroenterologist, Sunrise group of hospitals, Kochi.
- **A workshop on IBM Open P Tech** program was organised for the Class teachers of Std VI to XII in the virtual platform.
- Teachers handling classes from IX-XII attended a workshop on 'MCQ' by Smt Latha S, Vice-Principal, Bhavan's Munshi Vidyashram, Thiruvamkulam.
- **A workshop 'ARISE - to the Power of Parenting'** was organized **for teachers** and parents of the students from Std VI to IX by Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi.

Student Empowerment Programmes

Student Empowerment Programmes enable students to realize their potential in a variety of settings beyond the classroom.

Students of class XII attended a Counselling/Motivation session by Smt Saloni Priya,organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kochi.

- JCI Kakkanad Cyber City organised a training session on ‘Career Pathways for classes IX, X & XI. The Guest Speaker was Shri V K Krishnakumar, (National Trainer & JCI Director).
- **Students of classes VIII to XII** attended the following webinars: ‘Creating Awareness Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking’ by Shri Jayaraj P K, C I, Excise, KSCB, Attingal, Guild webinar on ‘Enhancing Future Skills’ and a ‘National Webinar on Booming Careers in Science in the Post-Covid Era’ conducted by Amrita Center for Nanosciences.
- **Students of Std XI and XII** attended a webinar organised by IIM INDORE on the IPM course offered by them and a webinar on ‘Information Security as a Career Option’ by Shri Renju Varghese, Vice President, SISA Information Security Ltd.
- **A webinar on Vedic Maths**, ‘Back to the Future’ by Ms. Charanpreet Kaur was organised for the students of Std I to V.
- A webinar on ‘Developmental Changes in Teenagers’ was organised for the students of classes VII to IX. Dr Saroj Menon, Retd Professor, Gynaecology, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Delhi, was the Guest Speaker.
- **A webinar on 'Sports - Passion and Profession'** was arranged for the students and parents of classes IX to XII in the virtual platform. Shri Sriram Somayajula, Performance Analyst, Delhi Capitals, was the guest speaker.
- **Students of Std VI and VII** attended an ATL session on 3D modelling conducted by Bhavan’s Vidya Mandir, Girinagar.
- A workshop on Artificial Intelligence for the students of classes IX & X was organised by Sankalp World Championships in association with Microsoft.
- In connection with the World Tourism Day, Dr Mitra Sateesh, Asst. Prof at Govt. Ayurveda College, Tripunithura and a passionate traveller, addressed the students about the importance of observing World Tourism Day and shared her experiences in travelling.
- **An orientation session** for students of Std VI to XII on 21st century skills was organised by IBM Skills Build.
- **A series of webinars were** conducted Dr U Vivek, Consultant Psychiatrist for students and parents of Classes I to V and VI to XII jointly by Chaithram Emotional Support Centre and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- A few students attended the workshop conducted by Spic Macay on music,

dance and traditional crafts from 10th October to 14th October.

- Students of Std XII Commerce stream attended a career guidance session on the topic ‘Career as Company Secretary’ organised by ICSI, Cochin Chapter.
- **Akash Institute**, in association with Bhavan’s Varuna Vidyalaya conducted a session on Career Counselling for the students of classes VII to XII.
- As part of the celebration of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’, 56 students of Std XI along with 6 teachers got an opportunity to visit the NPOL facilities on 24th November 2021.
- **A Covid Vaccination** Drive was held in the school for students of Std IX to XII.

Celebrations

Celebrating events and festivals in school is an integral part of learning and essential for building respect and understanding for each other’s customs and traditions.

All important days and festivals were celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Environment Day, Yoga Day, **Gurupoornima**, **Ramayana Week**, **Independence Day**, Teachers’ Day, **Gandhi Jayanti**, Children’s Day, Onam, **Navaratri**, Kerala Piravi and Christmas added colour and vibrance to school life. **On these days great personalities** addressed the students during the assembly.

- **An investiture ceremony** was held in the virtual platform. The newly elected members of school parliament for the academic year 2021-2022, Nandakishore Menon of Std XII, the school Head boy, Kaarthika Kurup of Std XII, the school Head girl, Junior Head boy, Junior Head girl, sports captains, **captains** and vice captains of various houses donned the mantle of leadership, ready to discharge their duties.
- **The school organised SNEHARPANAM**, a function to felicitate the gifted writer, Smt Latha E Menon and the acclaimed singer Shri Manu Narayanan of the Dept of Fine Arts, for their achievements in their respective fields.
- **INSIGNIA 2K21**, the Inter-School Literary Fest was conducted in **the virtual** platform. Twelve schools from in and around Kochi participated in the literary fest. **Shri Manoj** Kurur, renowned poet and lyricist, was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function.
- **A Merit Evening** was organised by the school to felicitate the Toppers in SSE and SSCE 2021. Dr R V G Menon, Former Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Kannur, was the Chief Guest.

House and Club Activities

To develop the innate talents of students, various co-scholastic activities and inter-house competitions were conducted as part of **house activities**. Competitions such as Ramayana Parayanam, quizzes, paper presentations, elocutions, **theme-based** painting and drawing competitions were conducted during this academic year.

A **roof vegetable** garden was set up in the school. **Staff and** students contributed towards this initiative enthusiastically.

A **Birds Club** was initiated in the school with the view of **promoting** interest in birds, conservation of nature and the environment.

Community Outreach Programmes

As part of the initiative ‘Edumission Varuna’, our **school took** part in the ‘Smartphone Challenge’ organised by St. Mary’s HSS, Vallarpadam and handed over **10 mobile phones** to the necessary students of St. Mary’s HSS, Vallarpadam.

National Cadet Corps

This year 50 students of our school have enrolled as cadets in the 21 Kerala Battalion of the NCC. Cadets attend regular online classes and webinars which are essential to inculcate in them the values of **discipline**, duty, punctuality, and self-confidence. Online parade is conducted for them to keep them highly motivated. Out of the **50 cadets**, **20** will appear for the ‘A’ Certificate examination to be held on 29th January 2022.

Parent Teacher Association

The Parent Teacher Association has played a supportive role in the activities of the school. This year the PTA has provided funds to upgrade the water filters in the school to water purifiers. **The PTA sponsored** the certificates for the Merit Evening organised to felicitate the toppers in SSE and SSCE 2021, certificates for the winners of Varuna Fest competitions, trophies for INSIGNIA 2K21 and prizes for the Annual Day.

School Library

Our school library is a treasure house of books and provides an ideal environment to develop the reading habits of students. It is enriched with all the latest publications in Arts, Science, literature, fiction and non-fiction titles. Every year new titles are added to it. **To make** students utilise the library to the maximum, our school has come up with a Virtual Library. **All our students** and staff are also members of the National Digital Library of India.

Resource Room and Counselling

The resource room continues to provide help to children who need special care and attention. The well-trained counsellor and teachers help the students with their emotional, psychological and educational needs.

Acknowledgements

I would like to place on record our sincere gratitude to all those who have been guiding, appreciating and directing us to tread forward to scale the heights of glory.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our Chairman CA Venugopal C Govind, Director Shri E Ramankutty, Research Coordinator and Education Officers of BVB, Kochi Kendra, for their timely guidance and support and for setting high expectations for our students and educators.

My sincere thanks to Sri Vijayan Pillai, Director, NPOL, Shri. Biju Gopal ,Chaiman, SMC, NPOL, Smt Mini Manoharan, Chairperson , SMC, BVV, Members of the School Managing Committee and PTA Executive committee, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and well-wishers for reposing their unparalleled trust in us and providing their whole-hearted support in all the activities of school.

I count it my privilege to thank my team of dedicated teachers and non-teaching staff whose dedication and commitment helped us to scale the heights of glory.

Above all, I thank the Almighty for the plentiful blessings. With His blessings, we are certain that we can take this institution to greater heights in the years to come.

Thank you.
