



VELS VIDYASHRAM

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DARGA ROAD, PALLAVARAM



Principal's Annual Report Academic Year 2025–2026

Shri Gurubiyo Namaha!

Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life. Education is life itself. “A Journey that began 28 years ago 28 years of endless strive towards excellence is finally here Vels has come along way since 1998. Over the years the school has grown in various ways establishing itself as an outstanding institution in the Pallavaram area.

Reaching this milestone together has been truly humbling and full of gratitude. The success of any educational institution is determined by the impact it creates in young minds that are bustling with self-confidence, motivation and ever ready to take up challenges. The school encourages the students to learn about themselves and their constantly changing environment, while at the same time offering support and guidance as they practice decision-making and social skills. These are the minds that will one day grow to become the pioneers of this generation

Education is far more than the pursuit of academic excellence. It is the process of nurturing compassionate hearts, inquisitive minds, responsible citizens, and confident leaders. At Vels Vidyashram, we believe that every child possesses unique potential, and our mission is to create an environment where that potential blossoms into excellence.

This academic year has been a remarkable journey, filled with innovation, creativity, resilience, and countless moments of pride. Every achievement has been possible because of the unwavering support of our visionary management, the dedication of our teachers, the trust of our parents, and the enthusiasm of our students.

Institutional Excellence

Our institution reached new heights this year with prestigious recognitions that reaffirm our commitment to educational excellence.

Our respected **Arthi Ma'am** was honoured with the **Women Edupreneur Award** at the Times Education Icons 2025–26. This prestigious recognition celebrates visionary leadership and her relentless efforts in transforming education through innovation and compassion.

Adding to our pride, **Vels Vidyashram** was conferred the **National Excellent School Award**, recognizing our consistent pursuit of excellence in academics, co-curricular development, infrastructure, innovation, and holistic education.

Another proud milestone was the conferment of the **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan National Principals Award** upon me at the Edu Tech Expo 2025 held in Hyderabad. I accept this honour with humility and dedicate it to every member of the Vels family, for leadership becomes meaningful only when it is shared with committed educators and enthusiastic learners.

We were also delighted to receive the official charter for our **Interact Club** from the Rotary Club of Anna Nagar, strengthening our commitment to nurturing socially responsible leaders who believe in the noble motto, "**Service Above Self.**"

These recognitions inspire us to continue our journey with renewed commitment and greater responsibility.

Academic Excellence

Academic excellence continues to be the cornerstone of our institution.

Throughout the year, our classrooms evolved into vibrant centres of inquiry, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. Learning was enriched through experiential methodologies, interdisciplinary projects, digital resources, research-based activities, and competency-focused assessments.

We encouraged our students not merely to memorize information but to question, explore, analyse, innovate, and create solutions for real-world challenges.

Special emphasis was placed on developing critical thinking, communication skills, collaborative learning, and ethical values, ensuring that our students are prepared for the rapidly changing world.

Innovation and Technology

One of the defining achievements of this academic year has been our significant advancement in technology-driven education.

The inauguration of our **Artificial Intelligence Laboratory** marked a historic milestone in the school's journey towards future-ready education.

Students enthusiastically explored Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Coding, Machine Learning, Design Thinking, and Computational Skills through structured programmes and innovation challenges.

Our budding innovators brought laurels to the institution by securing:

- First Place in the ROBO Yugam AI & Robotics Expo Finals.
- First Prize in Idea Pitching at MIT.
- Outstanding participation in robotics programmes conducted in collaboration with reputed institutions.

These achievements clearly demonstrate that innovation is becoming an integral part of our learning culture.

Student Achievements

Every student achievement reflects countless hours of perseverance, dedication, and determination.

This year witnessed exceptional accomplishments across academics, sports, innovation, literature, arts, and leadership.

A moment of extraordinary pride came when **Ms. Vijayalakshmi Kandavel of Class XII (NIOS)** secured **15 Gold Medals in 15 categories** at the State Shooting Championship—an accomplishment that exemplifies excellence through discipline and determination.

Our students excelled in numerous prestigious competitions, including:

- CBSE National Archery Championship
- Bhagavad Gita Competition
- Sanskrit Oratorical Competition
- Scholar Quiz
- Blog Creation Competition
- Painting Competitions
- Climate Action Conference
- Young Innovators Programme
- Science Exhibitions
- Model United Nations Conferences
- Literary, cultural, and artistic competitions

Their remarkable performances continue to inspire us all.

Sporting Excellence

Sports remain an essential component of holistic education.

The **TMT Pushpa Isari Velan Memorial Inter-School Sports Meet** once again showcased the true spirit of healthy competition and teamwork.

Our students excelled in football, cricket, archery, kho-kho, silambam, athletics, and various inter-school tournaments, winning championships and bringing honour to our institution.

These accomplishments remind us that sports teach invaluable life lessons—discipline, resilience, leadership, perseverance, and respect.

Cultural Celebrations

Education becomes meaningful when knowledge is complemented by culture and creativity.

Our Annual Day, "**Vibhinnatha Vaibhav – A Harmonique Annual Day**," beautifully celebrated India's rich cultural diversity through music, dance, drama, and artistic expression.

Events such as **Aarambh**, the Japanese Tea Ceremony, Harvest Festival, Navaratri, Onam, Krishna Jayanthi, Christmas, Republic Day, Independence Day, Children's Day, Yoga Day, Bharathiyar Day, National Reading Day, Mathematics Day, Science Day, and numerous cultural programmes enriched the school environment with joy and learning.

These celebrations enabled students to appreciate traditions while embracing global perspectives.

Experiential Learning

We strongly believe that learning extends beyond classroom walls.

Educational excursions and field visits provided students with opportunities to experience history, culture, science, nature, and technology firsthand.

Students visited museums, parks, heritage centres, medical colleges, libraries, marine ecosystems, historical sites, and educational institutions, transforming textbooks into real-life experiences.

Such experiential learning nurtures curiosity, observation, and lifelong learning.

Kindergarten – Building Strong Foundations

Our youngest learners experienced a joyful year filled with creativity, exploration, and discovery.

Programmes such as Colour Week, Storytelling, Bubble Day, Water Splash Day, Community Helpers Day, Jungle Adventure, Fire Safety Drills, Fruit Salad Day, Readers' Day, Pre-Primary Day, and the KG Convocation created memorable learning experiences that laid a strong foundation for their future education.

Watching our tiny graduates confidently receive their graduation caps remains one of the year's most heartwarming moments.

Career Guidance and Student Well-being

Preparing students for successful futures extends beyond academic preparation.

Career counselling sessions, aviation guidance programmes, adolescent education, cyber safety workshops, mental health initiatives, environmental awareness programmes, and personality development sessions equipped students with the knowledge and confidence to navigate life's challenges.

Our commitment remains steadfast—to educate the whole child, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and ethically.

Leadership and Social Responsibility

At Vels Vidyashram, leadership is nurtured through action.

The Investiture Ceremony, Student Council Elections, Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls, Interact Club initiatives, Youth Parliament, environmental campaigns, tree plantation drives, cleanliness programmes, drug awareness campaigns, and numerous community outreach programmes empowered students to become responsible citizens.

Service learning remains one of the strongest pillars of our educational philosophy.

Faculty Development

Behind every successful student stands an inspiring teacher.

We continuously invested in faculty development through Capacity Building Programmes, Continuous Professional Development Sessions, Micro Teaching Workshops, Innovative Pedagogy Training, Stress Management Programmes, POCSO Awareness Sessions, Health and Wellness Workshops, Department Presentations, and Induction Programmes.

Many of our teachers received prestigious Best Teacher Awards from distinguished educational organizations, reflecting their commitment to excellence.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every member of our teaching fraternity for their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication.

Partnership with Parents

Parents are our strongest partners in education.

Throughout the year, orientation programmes, counselling sessions, parent workshops, interactive meetings, and regular communication strengthened the bond between home and school.

Together, we continue to create a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired.

Looking Ahead

As education rapidly evolves, we remain committed to preparing our students not only for examinations but for life itself.

Our vision is to nurture learners who possess knowledge with humility, ambition with compassion, intelligence with integrity, and success with social responsibility.

In the coming years, we aspire to strengthen our initiatives in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Research, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Sustainability, Global Collaborations, and Experiential Learning.

We shall continue to inspire every learner to dream boldly, think critically, lead confidently, and serve humanity with compassion.

Words of Gratitude

I express my deepest gratitude to our Honourable Chairman, Pro-Chancellor, Secretary, and the entire Management for their visionary leadership, constant encouragement, and unwavering support.

My sincere thanks to our dedicated Vice Principals, Coordinators, Teachers, Administrative Staff, Non-Teaching Staff, and Support Staff whose collective efforts make every success possible.

To our beloved parents, thank you for your trust, cooperation, and confidence in our institution.

And finally, to our dear students—you are the heartbeat of this institution. Your enthusiasm, creativity, determination, and achievements inspire us every single day.

Conclusion

As I conclude, I am reminded of the words of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam:

"Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts, and thoughts result in action."

At Vels Vidyashram, we believe that every dream deserves an opportunity, every child deserves encouragement, and every success begins with the courage to learn.

Let us continue this journey together—with hope in our hearts, wisdom in our minds, and excellence in all that we do.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.