

## **K.S.N. SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, THIRUVANMIYUR**

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Good evening! K.S.N. Senior Secondary School in Thiruvanmiyur is a branch of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, which was founded under the Oriental Cultural Education Society of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, with the blessings of His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharya. The Indian Education Society took over the management of the school in 1972, and subsequently, in 1981, the Indian Education Trust took over the management. K.S.N. Senior Secondary School is the third school established under the aegis of the Indian Education Trust. The school offers Integrated Learning based on the CBSE curriculum.

We have proudly stepped into our fifth year, growing steadily in strength and making remarkable progress across all areas of development. This academic year marks a significant milestone as our first batch of Class XII students prepares to appear for the board examinations. It gives me immense pleasure to reflect on the achievements of our students over the past year, especially their commendable performance in the board examinations.

Vedha Kannan topped the Secondary School Board examination, securing 481/500. K Larannya secured the second position with 477/500, and J Deepika secured the third place with 476/500.

In English, the toppers are K Larannya, C Mrithula, and Vedha Kannan, each scoring 97 marks. J Deepikaa is the topper in Tamil with 95 marks. Soumya Gopalakrishnan topped Hindi with 92 marks. Vedha Kannan is the Mathematics topper with a perfect score of 100. In Science, K Larannya secured the top position with 95 marks. Thaneesha R is the Social Science topper with 96 marks. In Artificial Intelligence, both K Larannya and Vedha Kannan scored a perfect 100 and emerged as toppers.

At this juncture, I am happy to share that, starting next year, our management will present a cash award of ₹20,000 to the student securing the highest marks in the Class 12 Board Examinations—an inspiring initiative for our very first outgoing batch.

The investiture ceremony was held in July, and the Office Bearers and Club Secretaries were inducted in the presence of their parents. Mrs Sashirekha, Principal of Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Mat. Hr Sec. School graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Thyagaraja Aradhana, the commemorative music festival, was held in February as a tribute to Saint Tyagaraja Swamy. Eminent musicians rendered the Pancharathna Kritis with great devotion, which saw participation from both parents and students. KSN students also presented Thyagaraja Kritis in their solo performances.

We celebrated Margazhi Maha Utsavam in the month of January. The event began with the day's Tiruppavai, and our students' Bhajana Mandali rendered spirited bhajans and Namasankeerthanam, which were very well appreciated by the chief guest, Mrs. Gayathri Mahesh, a renowned Namasankeerthanam exponent.

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm, featuring a series of competitions across all grade levels to foster a love for the Hindi language. Activities such as poem recitation, storytelling, patriotic singing, fancy dress, speeches, and a Kavi Sammelan provided students with vibrant platforms to showcase their creativity, expression, and linguistic skills.

We celebrated VISHVA SAMSKRITA DINAM International Sanskrit Day in August with enthusiastic student participation through Subhashitam recitations, Gita shlokas, a Sanskrit pledge, a short speech, and melodious songs—reflecting their love for the classical language.

### **PROJECT EXPO**

- The Science Expo for Classes 1 to 5 was a vibrant display of creativity and interdisciplinary learning. Highlights included real-time projects like 2D to 3D image conversions in Math, interactive grammar games in English, and a captivating skit on the history of KSN by our students. Tamil exhibits celebrated the language's rich heritage, making the event a resounding success.
- Students of Classes 6 to 11 presented innovative exhibits and demonstrations in Science, Math, and Social Science, ranging from chemical experiments to mathematical models and historical explorations.

- As part of the Green School Initiative, students in classes 6 and 7 were introduced to organic farming through a hands-on project in partnership with Akshayakalpa Organic Farming. The initiative began with soil bed preparation and the setup of multiple cropping methods, offering students practical exposure to sustainable farming practices and environmental responsibility.
- Our students participated in the "Create A Rasika" (CAR) initiative by the Global Carnatic Music Association, led by renowned vocalist Smt. Nithyasree Mahadevan. The program is designed to nurture a deep appreciation for Carnatic music among young learners. As part of the initiative, CAR provided free passes for the December Music Season to our student volunteers, who served as proud Ambassadors of Carnatic Music.
- K.S.N. School had the privilege of hosting a Hindustani classical music recital by renowned vocalist Pt. Kumar Mardur, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. Students of Classes VIII and IX were introduced to the rich traditions of Hindustani music through his soulful performance.

### **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION AWARDS**

- In the International Hindi Olympiad foundation exam, many of our students received gold medals.
- Darsh Vignesh of Class VI was awarded the SOF Academic Excellence Scholarship for his outstanding performance in SOF exams in 2024–25. He received a trophy, citation, and ₹5000. He also secured Zonal Rank 3 in the International Social Science Olympiad (ISSO), earning a Bronze Medal and ₹1000.

- Many students received certificates of Zonal Excellence and Merit certificates for their outstanding performances in the International Maths and Social Science Olympiad and National Science Olympiad.

Not just in academics, our students continue to excel in various extra-curricular activities, bringing laurels to the school through their talent, creativity, and spirited participation.

- D. Shiva Niranjana of Class 11 was awarded a fellowship by KRUU to attend the Krea Summer School 2025. He participated in “Building Blocks,” a five-day intensive module on Entrepreneurship. Rooted in Design Thinking, the programme guided students from problem identification to pitching real-world solutions. It was an inspiring experience that fostered innovation and entrepreneurial skills.
- At the APL Model United Nations Conference, Aditya Padmanabhan was awarded Best Delegate for his outstanding leadership. Vedica Sriram and Sidharth Srinivasan received Special Mentions, and Shivnarayan Kannan earned a High Commendation for their strong performances and active participation.
- At Chettinad Vidyashram MUN, Pranav C and Tanmayi Saladi received Verbal Mentions for their commendable participation and effective contributions in committee discussions. Their achievements reflect the school’s continued emphasis on global awareness and effective communication.

- Shivnaraen Logendra of Class 10 secured second place and a cash prize of ₹3000 in the quiz competition held as part of ENVIRO 2025—a collaborative event by IWMA, SOF, and the National Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology at the University of Madras.
- Our students from Classes 11 and 12 secured the Second Place in the Light Music competition conducted as part of the Shraddha Sangamam Cultural.
- Shreyas L of Class 8 and Anjana M of Class 7 secured second place at the prestigious Scrabble Tournament held at MCC School in October, competing against participants from 28 schools.
- In an engaging inter-school Scrabble competition against Sankara Adyar, students of Classes 7 and 8 showcased exceptional wordplay and strategic thinking. Their outstanding performance earned them a total of five prizes.
- A mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranamam was conducted in coordination with VISWAS in August. Vathsalya Murali of LKG and Sai Shravan of Class III won prizes in the Recitation Competition conducted by VISWAS later in the year.
- The preliminary round of the Gita Chanting Competition was held in October in collaboration with Chinmaya Mission, with the participation of around 60 students from L.K.G. to Class 9. Two of our students, Sahana of L.K.G. and Harshitha of Class I, won prizes in the inter-school finals organised by the Mission.
- We hosted Balotsava 2024, organised by Samskrita Bharati in November. Students participated in events such as Fancy Dress, Singing, Subhashitam Recitation, and Quiz. Their commendable performances earned several prizes, bringing laurels to the school.

- At the prestigious TiE Pioneers Conference held in January, Nikash Pravin of Class VI impressed the audience with his project titled “Air Pollution – Experiments and Solutions”, earning a cash prize of ₹2500. He also had the opportunity to interact with Mr. Anil Srinivasan, co-founder of KRUU, as part of the platform’s initiative to connect young innovators with industry leaders.

We take pride in the budding student authors of our school who have showcased remarkable creativity through their writing.

- R. Anirudh of class V has published his first book, 'True Friendship', as part of the creative writing opportunity provided by BRI Books, the world’s leading children's creative writing platform. He has also been nominated for jury awards for his second book, Two Birds on an Adventure, in both the Pioneer and Final League categories.
- Samanvita of class IX authored and published three books—Protector, Detached, and The Carnival Conundrum—through Bribooks. Her works earned Best-Selling Author Awards at both the school and city levels. Samanvita was further recognised among the Top 40 Bestsellers in the country.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS**

- The first IET Intra-School Football Tournament was successfully conducted in June at our premises. KSN is also hosting a chess tournament in August. This initiative, led by our management, aims to encourage sports and promote sporting spirit among the three schools.

- At the Tamil Nadu State Women's U-15 Cricket Team selection by TNCA, based on her performance in Round Robin matches and state-level camps in Chennai and Trichy, Diksha Harish of class IX, an aspiring cricketer and trained fast bowler playing for the Chennai Super Kings, was selected to represent Chennai.
- On 21st June, our school celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being. Around 700 of our students from classes 1 to 12 participated in the mass yoga session that featured asanas, pranayama, and meditation to promote inner peace and focus.
- In October, KSN students participated in the inter-school competition hosted by Sankara Mithran and excelled in Chess, Table Tennis, and Football across junior, sub-junior, and senior categories, securing 6 Gold and 11 Silver medals.
- At the World Raw Powerlifting Federation event in the 52 kg weight category, Anjana of Class VIII secured first place in Bench Press (42.5 kg), Squat (87.5 kg), and Deadlift (100 kg).
- At the 6th International Silambam Championship held at Chennai, S. Advaitha Shri of Class V secured second place in the individual category.
- At the 3rd National-level Silambam Open Championship in Otrai Kambu, Smritha B of Class VIII won first place, and Sucharitha B of Class IX won third place.
- At the Speedy Inter-Club Badminton Tournament, Bhairavi Sabari of Class X secured Gold in the Open Category.

- At the 4th Sub-Junior National Due Ball Championship held in Nagpur, S. Abinеш of Class X won Bronze representing Puducherry, while R.M. Ambika and Pranav C of Class X represented Tamil Nadu.
- At the 4th Athletic Meet held at Nehru Stadium, organised by Reserve Bank Staff Quarters School in June, KSN students participated in sprints, relays, long jump, shot put, and discus, securing 10 Gold, 8 Silver, and 12 Bronze medals. The team also earned a special honour by being declared the Overall March Past Winner, reflecting their discipline and coordination.
- At The Gaudium All India Gymnastics Competition – Level 2 in July, Deshna Shyam of Class VI delivered an outstanding performance by winning 1 Gold (Floor Exercise), 2 Silver (Table Vault and Balancing Beam), and 1 Bronze (Uneven Bars).
- At the 1st State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament and the 4th State Ranking Tournament, Kashika S of Class V reached the quarterfinals and pre-quarterfinals.
- S Sasi Kumar, our physical education teacher, has been chosen to coach the Indian Men's team at the 1st South Asian Dueball Championship to be held at Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

- The first edition debate of the Voice and Verdict Club was held in February. The event witnessed a stimulating exchange of ideas between the two teams and was intellectually engaging.

- The Shrishti WWF-Eco Club organised a program for Wildlife Week for classes VI to VIII. A creative pebble painting competition on "wildlife in urban areas" and a guest lecture by WWF volunteers marked the week, promoting awareness of wildlife conservation.
- Darsh Vignesh of Class 6 and Sahana Kannan of Class 7 won second prize in the state-level WWF Quiz Challenge, standing out among 120 schools for their teamwork and environmental awareness.
- Our school proudly represented Tamil Nadu at MCOP5 with student delegates Anjana M. and Deepikaa J., along with teacher delegate Ms. Abarna K. and a group of enthusiastic students, and continues its sustainability commitment through participation in MCOP6 this year.
- To mark World Environment Day, the Eco Club of KSN organised the Trash to Treasure Fest for Classes 6–8 and the 1-Minute Green Film Fest for Classes 9–12, showcasing students' creativity and environmental awareness.
- Our school secured the 3rd position in the Best Heritage Club Awards instituted by INTACH, recognising our passionate efforts to preserve and promote our cultural legacy.
- Our students won awards for Best Direction, Best Story, and Best Concept in INTACH's FILMIT program, which explores filmmaking through themes of Indian culture and tradition.
- In the Spell Bee competition conducted by Humming Bird, R.B. Advait of class III secured the Zonal championship and received a gold medal and a cash prize.
- DEAR Day (Drop Everything and Read) was observed in June to initiate reading habits among the students as a part of the Neojanam Literary Club.

- Continuing this year, the Phenomenon-Based Learning (PHBL) initiative, based on Finnish methodology, integrated Math, Science, Social Science, and English for Classes 6 to 9 around the theme “Resources in Connection with Energy,” promoting collaboration, critical thinking, and experiential learning.

### **TEACHER AWARDS**

- Ms Soya C.K. received the prestigious Acharyamani Award from the Chennai Sahodaya Schools Complex in recognition of her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to the institution’s growth and core values.
- Ms Anitha Muralidharan from the Mathematics Department was honoured with the Best Teacher Award by the Chennai Sahodaya East Cluster in September in recognition of her exemplary teaching, dedication, and commitment to student success.

### **TEACHERS’ TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- Our school hosted a workshop on “Ethics and Integrity” in December 2024, organised by COE Chennai. The session enabled teachers to explore strategies for fostering academic and emotional growth while promoting trust, respect, and compassion in the classroom.
- Our Management organised a three-day residential leadership development programme by the Jyothirdhar Movement, where leadership teams from all three schools engaged in interactive sessions on self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and purposeful leadership.

- The newly inducted teachers participated in an orientation and training program held at the Indian Education Trust office, RA Puram campus, facilitated by Mrs. Mita Venkatesh, our academic advisor, and Mrs. Priyanka from the HR team.
- Ms Prabha Prakash and Ms Krishnaveni attended the workshop on school accreditation conducted by NABET, a constituent board of the Quality Council of India.
- Our Maths teachers attended a workshop at IIT Madras on “Enhancing Pedagogical Practices in Mathematics Teaching and Learning” by Mr. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer, a Sankara alumnus, offering valuable insights into boosting student interest and conceptual understanding.
- Ms Hema Iyer and Ms Vedavalli of the Hindi Department attended a workshop by Madhuban and Full Marks, focusing on interdisciplinary teaching, theme-based learning, and cultural engagement.
- English teachers Ms. Vidya Satish, Ms. Saranya Devi, and Ms. Arthi attended the Collins Language for Literacy workshop in November, led by Mr. Rajeevan Karal. The workshop focused on the evolving traits of 21st-century learners.
- Ms Vidya Satish and Ms Soya, along with Ms Gunashree and Ms Lakshmipriya, participated in two KRUU onsite workshops this year. The sessions fostered reflection, collaboration, and innovative thinking, focusing on shared educational goals and project-based learning.
- Our Tamil department teachers attended a workshop organised by the Tamil Nadu Government. Focused on NEP-aligned methods, the session provided strategies to make Tamil teaching simpler, more engaging, and effective.

- Sanskrit teachers Ms. Meenakshi and Ms. Sathyabharathi attended a two-day Samskrita Bharati workshop on integrating science into Sanskrit, innovative teaching methods, and the organisation’s educational philosophy.
- Our IT educator, Ms. Dheepaa, attended Cambridge’s “Coding for Tomorrow” ICT workshop in July, which focused on coding concepts, problem-solving, creativity, and logical thinking through interactive sessions.
- Ms Sangavi, our art teacher, attended an NEP-compliant art workshop organised by Laxmi Publications and led by NICCE Advisor and Trainer Ms Munmun Lahiri.
- Our management strongly supports the overall well-being of teachers—not just in academics but also in health and fitness. A dedicated gym and exercise room have been provided on campus, where staff members regularly engage in gym and corrective exercise sessions to maintain physical wellness.
- In addition to this, teachers from KSN have joined a marathon group comprising educators from all three IET institutions. They actively participate in marathon events across the city, fostering fitness and bonding within the teaching community.

### **THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY AT KSN**

- Our official website now features KSNCHAT, a Gen AI-powered chatbot that provides instant answers to parent queries—ranging from admissions to school timings—ensuring quick and easy access to information.

- Our ERP, SCHOOL CANVAS, has been enhanced beyond Notifications and Report card to include Digitised Admissions, Gate pass automation, Visitor Management system, etc.
- Our teachers have been trained in Gen AI tools like ChatGPT, Copilot, and Claude, which they now regularly use for lesson planning and assignments. Microsoft Power Apps is also widely adopted for streamlining functional processes.

### **RESOURCE ROOM FACILITY**

- To foster inclusivity in education, K.S.N. has established a well-equipped Resource Room to support students with learning difficulties. The facility features state-of-the-art infrastructure and is staffed by dedicated special educators, ensuring personalised attention and an inclusive learning environment for all students.

### **IMPROVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS**

- The NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) programme, common to all three schools under the Indian Education Trust, is centrally operated from the NIOS centre at Sankara, Adyar. This initiative offers flexible, inclusive, and learner-centric education, catering to students pursuing professional sports, creative fields, or those requiring alternative academic support.
- We have introduced the Karadi Path language learning program in our school this year for Classes I, II, and III. This discovery-based approach creates an immersive English environment enriched with Indian contexts, making language acquisition more engaging and accessible for young learners.

- KSN has introduced two dedicated after-school sports coaching programs on campus. A certified coach from Chennai FC leads the Football training, while the Sports Village team handles basketball coaching—both initiatives aimed at fostering holistic athletic development among students.
- As we move forward into the new academic year, guided by the unwavering support of our Management, we embrace new opportunities and challenges with enthusiasm. We are excited to launch our first inter-school cultural event, Darshaneeyam, this August. Initiatives like the KSN Model United Nations, the Debating League, and the proposed Interact Club reflect our continued commitment to holistic development and student engagement.
- With the blessings of the Almighty, we continue to progress with purpose and positivity.

We deeply value the continued support and active involvement of our parent community in every step of the school's journey.

We also acknowledge the dedication and sincere efforts of our staff, whose contributions are vital to the smooth functioning and growth of the school.