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Namaste and a warm good evening.

The distinguished guests at the dais, the honourable members of the Vivekananda Educational Cultural and Charitable Trust, The Vidyalaya Samithi, my colleagues, parents and my dear children.

Paying homage to the great Bhaskarji, founder and patron of Bharatheey Vidyanikethan schools, Kerala, visionary and the one who laid the foundation stone of SVNCS Kodakara, ayah Indira who was with the institution from the very beginning, Gouri Sankar of standard VII who had an early Communion with the God Almighty, members of Vidyanikethan family and the persons who made a mark politically and socially, let me present the annual report for the year 2017-18.

Saraswathy Vidyanikethan Central School Kodakara, the first endeavor of Vidyanikethan in the Thrissur district has completed 24 years in its journey. The school with its ISO recognisation functions on behalf of Vivekananda Educational Cultural and Charitable Trust Kodakara. The school which started with 2 teachers and 98 students has 1332 students and 59 teaching faculties and 45 supporting staffs. School has a rich library with thousands of books spacious playground, Yoga hall, well-furnished and well-equipped labs for Physics, Chemistry and Biology and separate labs for Mathematics, Social Science, Computer and languages.

It is a joyous moment for all of us to gather here for the celebration of the 24th Annual Day of the school. With due respect I take this opportunity to present before you the Annual Report for the academic year 2017-18.

The school reopened on June 1, 2017 (Thursday) after the summer vacation with the usual fervor. The X and XII results brought laurels to the school again with an excellent academic performance. In AISSE 2017, 25 students got full A1 and 22 students scored CGPA above '9'.

In AISSCE 2017, Devika T.R was the top scorer in the Science stream with 95% and Lakshmipriya was the top scorer with 93.6% in the Commerce stream. 28 students got distinction in the XII Board Exam. At the Anumodhana Sabha which was held on June 5, the shining stars were felicitated

Our students made a history not only in academics but also in the field of arts and sports . Let me share the happy news that Master Sabarikrishna K participated in the SGFI Athletics competition which was held at Rohtak, Haryana from Dec 18 to 23. He is qualified for the Semi-finals, which is a real feat. Hearty congratulation to Sabari and let us give him a loud round of applause and his mentor Sri Viju. In the District Sahodaya Athletic competition, we are proud to announce that SVNCS secured the 5th position. Three of our students won the Individual Championship awards – Sabaarikrishna K, Bidhyanand and Gourinanda P.S. The under 11 Category Championship was also won by the school team. The participants deserve admiration for their wonderful performance in keeping the school flag flying high!

Our students also made their mark in the Yoga competitions. In the State Yoga competitions which was held at Nandikkara Tharun boys & girls, Kishore Boys & Girls bagged the 1st prizes. Abhinand P.A, Ananthakrishnan Amritha Vipin and Nandana Raveendran bagged the Individual Champion trophy and 12 students (6 boys & 6 girls) got selection for the South Zone competitions.

It was wonderful performance in the State Kho Kho competition which was held at Perinthlmanna where 7 of our students participated. Devakrishna C.A, Devika T.P and Meenakshy Jayakumar got selection for the Zonal level competition.

In the National Football Tournament which was held at Kurushetra from Sept 15 to 18, 7 of the students participated in the South Zone team. The students need special appreciation for this wonderful achievement.

In The District level Science Exhibition which was conducted on Oct 14th in our school, SVNCS Kodakara won the Overall 1st position. The Thrissur district won the Overall 1st prize in the State level Science Fair with 313 points which was also hosted by SVNCS Kodakara. We appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Shemy Babu and Mrs. Sindhu K, coordinators for the smooth conduct of the competition. Sreeranjini C.S, Mahendh, Kailas K B and Meenakshy Jayakumar got the selection to participate in the Zonal level Exhibition held on Nov 19th at Pondicherry. Hearty congratulations to Sreeranjini C.S who participated in the National level competition which was held at Bangalore. We wish all the best to Sreeranjini in the year ahead. Congratulations to Science faculties of the school and thanks to Sreeranjini's mother.

In the District Arts Fest which was held at Sreeramakrishna School, Nandikara on Dec $1^{\rm st}$ & $2^{\rm nd}$, we secured the $2^{\rm nd}$ Overall Champions Trophy with 541 points. We are proud to say that out of the 94 students who participated in the district level, 64 students got selection for the State Arts Fest which was held on Dec $28^{\rm th}$, $29^{\rm th}$ & $30^{\rm th}$ at Sree Saraswathy Vdyamandir, Karikode, Kottayam. Our students performed extremely well and could secure the $1^{\rm st}$ prize in most of the competitions we had participated. Hearty congratulations to all the participants! Salute to the participants of Sanskrit Drama and Malayalam Drama who evoked applause from the audience and the judges too! Heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Saranya, Mrs. Deepa P and Deepa T for all their support and efforts!

Keeping with the Indian tradition the important days are celebrated.

The first celebration was on June 5th as the Environmental Day and it is our responsibility to make our children aware of the importance of Nature and environment we live.

Surabhi 2017 was celebrated on June 7th when the tiny tots entered the world of education.

Reader's Day was celebrated on June 19th with usual fervor. A trip to the SNOWSTORM Athirapilly was a farewell treat to the XII students which was held on June 20th.

A new campaign 'SANTHWANAM' was started from July with a motive to inculcate in the students the feeling of service and compassion towards the aged. Every child is made to donate Rs 1/- per week and the collection will be utilized for the welfare of such people. On Jan 3rd we arranged a programme for the aged ones in the Ward 11 of Cherukunnu. Gifts and medicines were presented and we could see their happy faces and feel their blessings!

Gurupuja was celebrated on July 10^{th} and on this occasion retired were felicitated. It was a touching moment for all of us.

Another project which started this academic year is 'Integrated Coaching for Class XI' by Professors Academy. They are the pioneers in the field of coaching for IIT/NEET and the other competitions.

The auspicious month of Ramayana Maasam started on July 17th and various competitions marked the month long celebration. Exhibition on 'Dashapusham' was arranged by the students of HS Section......an informative treat for many!

For the art lovers Lalithakala Academy conducted a 3 day Chitrakala training camp in the school on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd. 40 students actively participated in the programme.

The school became a part of the 'Madhuram Malayalam' programme of the Mathrubhoomi publications on July 24th. Dr Justin Paul, currently a faculty member at the University of Washington Foster School Of Business, USA was the guest on this occasion. He performed an inspiring interactive session with the students.

It was a special day for SVNCS on July 29th when three projects were flagged off

Inauguration of the 'Saraswathy Kalamandir' – by Sri Anandhu P.M(alumni and a promising cine-artist). The students get training in co-scholastic activities like Chess, Karate, Taekwondo, Skating, Theatre, Chenda, Kalari and also Music, Dance, Handicraft etc.

The **Foundation Course** by eminent resource persons for the students from classes 8 & 9 who are aspiring for competitive exams like IIT/JEE/NEET/ etc. It was inaugurated by Sri Kiran T.A, Asst Commissioner Central Excise

And the **Talent Seeking and Development course** for the students from classes 5 to 7 giving them life experiences and preparing them to face the world. They will be equipped with effective communication skills, analytical reasoning, public speaking etc.

We have introduced a few specimen formats which helps to create more discipline and transparency in the school proceedings i.e to send the absentee information to the parents, daily school report by teachers, class diary maintenance regarding the happenings in the class , weekly follow up on English speaking, Teacher's evaluation by the students etc.

The Sanskrit day was celebrated on Aug 11^{th} . Dr A. Girija, Dept of Vyakarna, sree Sankara Univeristy Kalady was the chief guest. An exhibition was also inaugurated on this day.

The national flag on Aug 15th was hoisted by Mr. K Sethumadhavan, State Organizing Secretary of Purva Sainik Parishad. On this day retired defense personnel were felicitated. Rakshabandhan & Arabindo Jayanti was also celebrated with usual fervor.

Onam celebrations on August 30th is a day of celebration for the students and staff alike with the Maveli.....Pookalam......Pulikalli......Appams.....Payasam etc.

There was a workshop demonstration of the art form Kuchipudi by Ms. Payal Ramachandani on September 13 which was organized by ATMA and SPICMACAY.

The School Arts Day was inaugurated on Sept 19th by Mr.Sobin Mazhaveedu.

A programme 'Acharya Devo Bhava' was organized by Sri Sathya Sai Organsation on Sept 28th and the students offered flowers and sought the blessings of the teachers.

Another important day for us is the Mathru Puja which was held on Sept 29th – the Navami Day. Mrs. V.T. Rema teacher was the chief guest and she enthralled the audience with her speech. Brahmashri Jayaraj Potti, the former Chief priest of Sabarimala Malikapuram temple conducted the solemn proceedings.

In connection with the Gandhi Jayanti, **The Day of Cleaning** was organized in the school on October 3, 2017 (Tuesday). The students, faculties and members of Mathru Samithi and Welfare Committee participated in the cleaning programme.

The BVN Science Fair was held on Oct 14^{th} . The chief guest was Sri K.K. Gopalakrishnan, Mechanical Engineering Faculty member of SCMS Karukutty. SVNCS Kodakara won the Overall 1^{st} Trophy. We also conducted the State level Exhibition with success.

We fondly remember Sri Bhaskarji, Visionary Bharatheeya Vidyanikethan who left us on Oct 21st. We promise to uphold his ideas & dreams forward!

We have lost some of the members of Saraswathy family. Master Gaurishankar, student of Class VII, Sri Subramanian M M (father of Ms Akhila of class X), Sri Suresh V V (father of V.S Mitra of IX), Smt Sajitha (mother of Aadith, class V). Lets pray for their souls to rest in peace

The Tour programme for class X students to Mysore & Coorg and for Class XII to Chikmagaloor & Coorg was a thorough enjoyment.

Various talent competitions are conducted regularly by the school and other professional institutions to bring out their hidden talents and nurture these buds to bloom. We took part in the social campaign of MR vaccination and are thankful to our parents for their whole-hearted support.

One of last events of this academic year was the entertaining KIDS' FEST NOOPURAM which was held on Dec 8^{th} , inaugurated by the child artist Ms Prarthana Sandeep.

With this Annual Day celebration we come to the finale of this eventful year. I am thankful to many for their support in this journey.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Directors of Vivekananda Educational Cultural and Charitable Trust Kodakara, the members of Vidyalaya Samithi who have been a constant guiding light to us.

There are no words to express my gratitude to the members of the Mathru Samithi & Welfare committee who are with us in all our successes. Special mention to Mrs.Suma Shaji (President Mathru Samithi) and Mr.Saji P (President, Welfare Committee) for their support.

Let me convey my whole-hearted gratitude to Mr.Satheesh T.K., Manager, our Senior Vice Principal Mrs.Seema G Menon, Vice-Principals Mrs.Geetha P & Mrs.Mini Subhash, Mrs Radhika M.R,staff Secretary, Programme Coordinator Mrs. Shemy Babu. Last but not the least , to all my teaching & non teaching staff for their support & co-operation, and the parents the students who co-operate with us in its journey ahead.