



Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, Sankar Nagar, Kalady

Principal's Report for the Academic year 2023-2024

Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, nestled in the serene town of Kalady, the birth place of Adi Shankaracharya, established in June 1992 under the aegis of His Holiness, Jagadguru Sree Sankaracharya Sri Bharathi Theertha Maha swamingal and His holiness Sri Sankaracharya Sri Vidhu Sekara Barathy Sannidanam of Sree Sarada Peetham, Sringeri. Our institution is proudly managed by the Adi Sankara Trust, led by Sri K. Anand, the Managing Trustee of Adi Shankara Group of Institutions, and Senior Principal Dr. Deepa Chandran, a distinguished recipient of the prestigious President's National Award.

From play class to higher secondary levels, the institution offers a well-rounded curriculum that seeks to develop students' social responsibility and cultural awareness. However, what sets Sree Sarada Vidyalaya apart is its unwavering commitment to spiritual and cultural activities. These activities are not merely extracurricular; they are an integral part of the school's ethos. The institution organizes events, seminars, and workshops that impart moral values and develop a vision for a great future.

Sree Sarada Vidyalaya has not only equipped its premises with well-equipped labs and AI facilities but has also achieved a significant milestone in the state by inaugurating a state-of-the-art, fully air-conditioned theatre. This pioneering initiative, featuring modern facilities and 95 seats, includes a cutting-edge 4K projection system for an enhanced cinematic experience for the students.

In a significant development, Sree Sarada Vidyalaya has been accorded the esteemed status of a Sainik School by the central government. This recognition by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) stands as a testament to the institution's commitment to holistic education and character development. It marks a new milestone in the institution's journey, and it is set to become the second Sainik School in the state.

I stand before you today with immense pride and joy as we reflect upon the extraordinary accomplishments of Sree Sarada Vidyalaya in the academic year 2023-24. This year has been nothing short of spectacular, filled with triumphant tales in both curricular and extracurricular spheres.

Academic Performances

In the realm of academics, we have etched a golden chapter in the history of Sree Sarada Vidyalaya. Our success in the CBSE board exams has been unparalleled, with a remarkable 100% pass rate in both Class X and XII. The achievements of our students in the various streams are truly commendable.

Sravan Nandan Pandala secured an outstanding 98% in the science stream, Ayisha P S excelled with 96% in humanities, and Rahul Ratheesh Kumar shone brightly with a 96% in commerce. Moreover, the majority of our students have demonstrated exceptional performance, scoring above 80% and there has been a remarkable improvement in the full A1 score compared to last year.

In Grade 10, our children have delivered exceptional performances, and we take great pride in acknowledging the following outstanding students who have secured the top positions:

Nandana PremKumar

Niranjana R

Lisbet Johnson

Nishita Hanmant Pawar

Jude Jose

Anjana M R

Neha Manoj

Shivani Shaiju

Congratulations to these high achievers for their dedication and hard work. Their success is a testament to their academic excellence and sets a commendable standard for the entire school community. Well done!

HSG RAJYAPURASKAR AWARD

Beyond academic excellence, we have been honored with the presence of the honorable Governor of Kerala as part of the HSG RAJYAPURASKAR AWARD ceremony, where the awards were presented to deserving recipients.

Robotics and AI

Our foray into Robotics and AI has also been remarkable, our senior students secured first prize in Robo Soccer conducted in association with Digital Tech LuLu iconnect . We also bagged first prize of Robotics and Space Quiz organized by IHUB Edu Tech and second prize for Line Following Robotic competition.

Sugama Hindi Scholarship Examination.

Ayame Sarath of Class IV secured First Rank in District Level Sugama Hindi Scholarship Examination.

Vikram Sarabhai Science School Quiz

Proud moment for Sree Sarada Vidyalaya. Ansha M of Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, Kalady, Kochi of class 11 secured first prize for the chandrayaan quiz held in Vikram sarabhai science school on 7/10/23. She received prize from our nation's hero ,ISRO chairman, Dr S Somanath.

WHIZKID 2023 Quiz

Meha Fathima of class 11 and Noel baby of class 8 participated in WHIZKID 2023, All Kerala inter school quiz competition and reached quarter final round conducted by ACV channel.

District Level Youth Festival – Kochi Metro Sahodaya

Cultural prowess is another area where our students have excelled. Participating in the district-level cultural Kalotsav organized by Kochi Metro Sahodaya, our students clinched the first position in Oppana, Margamkali, Thiruvathira, Mime and Duffmutt.

State Kalotsav – Host School

Sree Sarada Vidyalaya hosted the State CBSE Kalotsav with exuberance, offering a platform for students to showcase their talents in diverse competitions. The event was meticulously organized, featuring spirited performances that celebrated the cultural richness of the school. Students engaged in friendly competition, expressing creativity across various disciplines, fostering holistic development.

The participation of students from different schools added vibrancy, making the Kalotsav a memorable celebration of talent and camaraderie. Sree Sarada Vidyalaya's commitment to cultural enrichment shone through in this exceptional and unforgettable event.

Hosting the state CBSE Kalotsav 2023-24 from November 24 to 26 was a crowning achievement. The festival, a convergence of talent and culture, saw participation from around 8,000 students across the state. The esteemed Kalotsav logo was unveiled by the dynamic actor Padmasri Sri. K Mohanlal, and the Youth Festival was graced by renowned silver screen actress Navya Nair, with the valedictory function being honored by Ms. Rejisha Vijayan, a State Award Winner.

As per the policy of NEP 2020 by CBSE, we focus on 360- degree multi-dimensional progress of a child. Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, Kalady, remains steadfast in its dedication to education, values, and culture. As we take on new roles and responsibilities, we stay true to our mission of nurturing holistic development while preserving the rich cultural heritage of our region. We stand as a beacon of quality

education, moral values, and cultural awareness, aiming not only for academic excellence but also to instil a strong sense of morality and ethics in our students.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our students, teachers, and staff for making the year 2023-24 truly spectacular. Together, let us continue to shine as a guiding light for the future generations.

International Yoga day and World Music Day

We were honored to have Sri. K. P. Bhasakara Menon, Vice President of the Indian Yoga Federation, as our chief guest, adding a distinguished touch to the occasion. Together, we celebrated the power of yoga and the universal language of music, fostering a sense of unity and well-being that will resonate within us for years to come.

International Day Against Drug Abuse

On the significant occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse on June 26, 2023,, our school, hosted a transformative event. Renowned artist Tini Tom graced us as the chief guest, emphasizing the power of artistic talents to combat the floods of drug abuse. Through symbolic acts like releasing hydrogen balloons, and a poignant symbolic "my show" burning, we rallied together to raise awareness among our children.

Environmental Day

World Environment Day was celebrated by conducting various activities. Saplings were planted in the campus.

Investiture Ceremony & Merit Day

The Sree Sarada Senior Secondary School proudly hosted its Investiture Ceremony and Merit Day Celebration on June 22, 2023. The distinguished chief guest for the occasion was none other than the acclaimed film star, Major Ravi. On this day, we not only recognized the outstanding achievements of our students during the previous academic year but also witnessed the investiture of the school's new leaders. Over 700 students from classes 6 to 12 graced the event, joined by the proud parents of both the newly appointed Cabinet members and the deserving awardees.

Together, we celebrated a day of academic excellence and leadership, fostering a spirit of accomplishment and pride within our school community.

NCC Passing Out

The passing out parade of the cadets of NCC unit for the year 2021-2023 of Sree Sarada Vidyalaya Kalady was held on June 22 at 09:30 am at the school ground. Major Ravi SM received the salute of the NCC cadets.

Meet the Author

On the 90th Birthday of M T Vasudevan Nair, our children had an opportunity to spent a day with the great author, screen play writer and film director M T Vasudevan Nair.

Sarada Fest

The Sarada Fest, launched on July 20, 2023, witnessed a grand inauguration by the renowned playback singer, Sri Sannidhanandan. The event showcased a myriad of competitions, and participants who emerged as finalists were honored with certificates and prizes, adding an extra layer of joy and accomplishment to this vibrant celebration.

Sports Key Events and Achievements:

1. Inter-House Basketball Competition (July 14, 2023): A significant event in our sports calendar was the Inter-House Basketball Competition on July 14th. This competition was inaugurated by our Senior Principal, Dr. Deepa Chandran, along with Deputy Principal Mrs. Manjusha Viswanath and Vice

Principal Mrs. Rekha R Pillai. The day began with a friendly match featuring our lady teachers and female students, followed by an intense house match competition.

2. Inter-House Chess Competition (July 20, 2023): Chess enthusiasts at Sree Sarada Vidyalaya showcased their strategic prowess in the Inter-House Chess Competition, on July 20th which was inaugurated by our respected Deputy Principal, Mrs. Manjusha Viswanath, and Vice Principal Mrs. Rekha R Pillai. Over 140 students participated in this thrilling house competition, demonstrating their intellectual and tactical abilities.

3. Basketball Tournaments:

Our school made its mark in basketball by participating in the Toch-H Public School basketball tournament. Niranjan B and Sivapriya T.S earned recognition as the best players, receiving medals in the Six Toch-H Centenary Cup for boys and the 18th Cager Inter-School Basketball Tournament for girls. Additionally, our school achieved the honor of being the best participating school, securing the 4th position in the Royal Gambit All Kerala Inter-School Chess Tournament, organized by Rotary Cochin Royal in association with Rajagiri Public School, Kalamassery.

4. CBSE Participation: Sree Sarada Vidyalaya students actively participated in various CBSE sports events, including Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Football, Kho-kho, Skating, and Yoga. Their dedication and performance were commendable.

5. Individual Achievements: We are proud to announce some outstanding individual achievements. Chaithra Lal P secured the first place in the girls' under-14 category CBSE South Zone II Chess competition held at Delhi Public School, Bangalore. Furthermore, Anandhanarayan K won a bronze medal in the athletic meet conducted at Sree Narayana Public School, Ernakulam.

Professional Development Programmes : Sree Sarada Vidyalaya is committed to the continual enhancement of staff knowledge. We actively promote participation in various professional development programs organized by CBSE and external organizations. As part of our initiative, we have hosted numerous workshops through the Capacity Building Programme organized by CBSE. Additionally, our teachers regularly attend workshops conducted by CBSE to further enrich their skills and knowledge.

6. NAKSHATHRA 2024: A Glorious Evening of Culture

On February 2nd, 2024, the Sree Sarada Vidyalaya School Auditorium hosted Nakshathra 2024, a delightful cultural event from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Biju Janardanan, PTA President, welcomed everyone, setting a warm tone for the night. The Chief Guest, Ms. Sarayu Mohan, inaugurated the event, marking the beginning of a dazzling showcase. Key speakers included Sri K Anand (Managing Trustee, Adi Sankara Trust) and Dr. Deepa Chandran (Senior Principal, Sree Sarada Vidyalaya), offering valuable insights. Nakshathra 2024 was a night that celebrated talent, culture, and community unity. The memories created will surely linger on, inspiring future cultural endeavors within the school community.

7. SANKARA PURASKAR 2023

On the afternoon of February 3rd, 2024, the Sree Sarada family proudly convened to commemorate the Sri Sankara Puraskar 2023-24. The event unfolded with a serene invocation by Sarada Varshini, setting a harmonious tone. Kumari Rukma Mannampilly, Head Girl delivered an impactful opening statement.

The ceremonial illumination, graced by the presence of Chief Guest Sri. K Somanath, Chairman of ISRO, added a touch of brilliance to the celebration. Sri. K Anand, in his vision statement, articulated the guiding principles behind the Sri Sankara Puraskar. Notably, the ceremony included the felicitation of students who excelled in a Space Quiz, showcasing the commitment to recognizing General Knowledge . The interactive session allowed students to engage with the esteemed Chief Guest, fostering a spirit of curiosity and inspiration. The Chief Guest's acceptance speech and Dr. Deepa Chandran's prime address provided intellectual depth to the event, highlighting its significance.

8. Malayala Manorama Kutticolor

The Kutticolor competition, organized by Malayala Manorama in collaboration with Sree Sarada Vidyalaya Sainik School, took place at our campus. We were privileged to have Mr. Jyothis Mohan, IRS Additional Commissioner of Income Tax and Dr. Vaibav Saxena, IPS District Police Chief of Ernakulam Rural, Kerala, as our esteemed guests. With over 900 students participating from across the district, the event was a resounding success.

9. Kindergarten Sports Day

The sun shone brightly on the colourful playground as laughter and excitement filled the air during the annual Kindergarten Sports Day celebration on 20/02/2024. Parents, teachers, and little ones alike gathered to witness a day of fun, games, and friendly competition! The event was inaugurated by Mr Rojomon, Sub Inspector Kalady Police Station.

In the heart of the Kindergarten Sports Day celebration, beyond the medals and accolades, lies a testament to the spirit of childhood – where every leap is a victory, every stumble a lesson, and every smile a reminder of the boundless potential that resides within each and every child!

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the driving forces behind our school's success. Special thanks to Sringeri Mutt, Guruseva Dhurina Padmasree Dr. V. R. Gowrishankar and Managing Trustee Sri. K Anand, whose unwavering support as our leader is the cornerstone of our achievements. A sincere appreciation extends to our GM, Sri. N Sreenath, whose guidance has been pivotal in transforming our endeavors into success.

Recognizing that every accomplishment is a collective effort, I commend our dedicated team, supported by Smt. Manjusha Viswanath, Mrs. Rekha R Pillai and all teaching staff for their crucial role in coordinating seamless teamwork.

A big thank you to PTA members, led by Sri. Biju Jananrdhanan, for their very instrumental and foundational support in all the activities of the school. I take this opportunity to whole-heartedly recognise their contributions extended to us for the smooth and successful conduct of State Kalotsav .

My sincere thanks goes to our office staff and non-teaching staff led under the leadership of Mr Pushparaj, your 24x7 efforts are truly appreciated. My deepest thanks to our wonderful students for their cooperation and enthusiasm, and to the parents for their invaluable support and guidance. Together, you all make our school's success possible, and I am truly grateful for each contribution.

Dr. Deepa Chandran
Senior Principal