



NSN GROUP OF SCHOOLS

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A NEW BEGINNING

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR 1968 - 2018

"The sought is hidden in the seeker"!



Our inspirational guide and enlightened thinker
Late **Sri. N.S.N. Menon**
who designed the unique Cauldron for the
1st Asian Games
held in 1951 at New Delhi.



Late Sri N.S.N. MENON

To perpetuate whose memory the school was founded





NSN MENON

*A person much ahead of his time,
full of life, vigour and laughter,
a patriot, a sportsman, a towering
strength to those who sought him,
a beacon to those who groped in the
darkness, bold, enterprising, magnanimous,
a face that stood out in a crowd,
and above all a person who left an
indelible impression inspiring our
young minds by his august presence.*





Smt. LALITHA N. MENON

FOUNDER





OUR FOUNDER

We hold you in reverence
Aspire to emulate your perseverance
Amazed at your benevolence
Proud of your munificence
An educationist par excellence
You had the courage to lose sight of the shore
So as to discover new oceans long ago
In the midst of every adversity
You found an island of opportunity
With your unshakeable faith in the Almighty.
Your finest hour came about
When you worked your heart out
To establish this Temple of Learning and Transformation
Which stands as a testimony to your determination
What makes the NSN flag fly high
Is the power of wings you created without a sigh
We are in awe of your single-minded devotion
And inspired by your commitment and dedication
You stand tall as a person worthy of emulation
Indeed, you are a great source of inspiration!







NSN 50



When you throw a stone into a still water lake, you never know how far and how long will the ripples go... Similarly, when you build a purpose around an idea, you can never estimate the impact of it on humanity. Respectfully, celebrating the purposeful idea called NSN, which has shaped the heart, mind, character and the future of thousands of students for over 50 years.

Whether you want to be an engineer or a doctor or a pilot or a politician or an entrepreneur or a teacher or whatever... everyone is essentially a teacher's product. From the 'a b c d' to '1 2 3' to advanced knowledge... everything we have learnt is a teacher's gift in our life. Gratefully, celebrating the relentlessness and dedication of the teachers of NSN, who have been the torchbearers of NSN for over 50 years.

The noblest gift by parents is not what they leave FOR their children but what they leave IN their children. Right upbringing is the best of all gifts that parents can give their children. Reverentially, celebrating all the parents, who had gone beyond their means to gift the right education in the right school environment to their children. The trust of parents in the ways of NSN has been NSN's greatest strength for over 50 years.

Apart from academics, developing multiple intelligences in students and thus evolving them into holistic individuals is an educator's responsibility. Happily, celebrating NSN's role in developing students into multi-talented individuals than being a mere bookworm. NSN has been gifting this society with multifaceted individuals for over 50 years.

Rabindranath Tagore desired a world, "...where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls." Lovingly, celebrating NSN for its culture of relating to a student as a student, independent of social strata, religion, mother tongue, boy or girl... for over 50 years. An NSNite is an NSNite... period.

Lot of great initiatives has died in this world for want of able leadership. "Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, others will follow." - Bhagavad Gita 3:21. With a salute, celebrating the leadership and management team of NSN, for being the beacon and for leading by example for over 50 years.

NSN at 50, I dare say, this is just the beginning... NSN is more than a school. It is a culture.

Rev. *mahātrīa Rā*
Diviner of Infinitheism



भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति
VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that N.S.N. Group of Schools, Chennai is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year 2018-2019 and publishing its Golden Jubilee Magazine on 11th August, 2018.

Completion of 50 years is a major landmark in the odyssey of an educational institution. I am sure, the N.S.N. Group of Schools will continue to strive for imparting quality education and all-round development of its students. I extend my greetings and good wishes to students, teachers and all the staff members of the N.S.N. Group of Schools on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee Celebrations and wish them all success for their future endeavours.


(M. Venkaiah Naidu)

New Delhi
16th July, 2018.



தலைமைச் செயலகம்
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தேதி.....

எடப்பாடி K. பழனிசாமி
முதலமைச்சர்

வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி

காஞ்சிபுரம் மாவட்டம், குரோம்பேட்டை மற்றும் சிட்லபாக்கத்தில் இயங்கி வரும் என். எஸ். என் குழுமப் பள்ளி துவங்கி ஐம்பது ஆண்டுகள் நிறைவடைந்து, 2018-ம் ஆண்டு ஆகஸ்ட் மாதம் 11-ம் தேதி 'சிறப்பு மலர்' ஒன்று வெளியிடுவது அறிந்து பெருமகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன்.

என். எஸ். என் குழுமப் பள்ளி 1968-ஆம் ஆண்டு தொடங்கப்பட்டு, இப்பள்ளி தற்போது மூன்று கிளைகளாக சிறப்பாக இயங்கி வருவதோடு, 5000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவர்கள் இங்கு கல்வி பயின்று வருவது பெருமைக்குரியது. அனைத்துத் தரப்பு மக்களுக்கும் எவ்வித பாகுபாடுமின்றி கல்விப் பணியினை செவ்வனே ஆற்றுவதோடு, மாணாக்கர்களை கலைத்திறன், கற்பனைத் திறன், விளையாட்டுத் திறன் மற்றும் படைப்பாற்றல் போன்ற பல திறன்களை கொண்ட வல்லுநர்களாக உருவாக்கி வருவது சிறப்புக்குரியது.

இந்தத் தருணத்தில் இங்கு கல்வி பயில்கின்ற மாணவ, மாணவிகள் மற்றும் ஆசிரியர்கள், பணியாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எனது நல்வாழ்த்துகளை அன்போடு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்வதோடு, இந்தப் பள்ளி மேலும் பற்பல ஆண்டுகள் கல்விப் பணியாற்றி கற்பக விருட்சமாய் தழைத்திட இந்த பொன்விழா ஆண்டில் வாழ்த்துகின்றேன்.

K. பழனிசாமி
தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர்



தலைமைச் செயலகம்
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தேதி..... 13.08.2018

ஓ. பன்னீர்செல்வம்

துணை முதலமைச்சர்

வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி

பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் என்பது, மாணவச் செல்வங்களுக்கு நல்வழிகாட்டி, அவர்களை நற்குடி மக்களாய் மாற்றி, சமுதாயத்திற்கு அர்ப்பணித்திடும் அரும்பணியை ஆற்றி வரும் ஆலயங்கள் ஆகும்.

இதன் அடிப்படையில் Nurturing Students for the Nation என்னும் குறிக்கோளுடன், மாணவச் செல்வங்களை வழி நடத்தி உருவாக்கி வரும் குரோம்பேட்டை என்.எஸ்.என் குழுமப் பள்ளி இவ்வாண்டு பொன்விழாவினைக் கொண்டாடுவது அறிந்து மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்தேன்.

திட்டங்களை உருவாக்குவதும் அதனைத் திட்டமிட்டுச் செயலாற்றுவதும், அத்திட்டங்களை வெற்றி பெறச் செய்கின்ற வழிமுறையாகும் என்பதை உணர்ந்து, பள்ளி மாணவச் செல்வங்களின் இதயங்களில் நற்பண்புகளை விதைத்து, அவர்களை நல்வழியில் நடைபோடச்செய்து, ஒழுக்கமும் உயர் பண்பும் நிறைந்த வருங்காலத்தைப் படைத்து வரும் என்.எஸ்.என் பள்ளியின் பணி பெரிதும் பாராட்டுக்குரியதாகும்.

என்.எஸ்.என் குழுமப் பள்ளியானது, தங்கள் பள்ளியில் மட்டுமின்றி, பொது நலனைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு, சுற்று வட்டாரத்தில் உள்ள அரசு உதவி பெறும் பள்ளிகளிலும், பொது இடங்களிலும் கழிப்பறை கட்டித் தந்துள்ளது என்பதை அறிந்து மகிழ்ந்தேன். இந்த சமுதாயத் தொண்டு உணர்வு மற்றவர்களும் பின்பற்றத்தக்கதாகும்.

பொன்விழா கொண்டாடும் என்.எஸ்.என் குழுமப் பள்ளி மென்மேலும் உயர்ந்தோங்கி, சிறந்து வளர்ந்திட எனது உளமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துக்களை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

O. Panneerselvam

ஓ.பன்னீர்செல்வம்

பெறுநர்

பள்ளி தாளாளர்

என். எஸ் . என். குழுமம், நேரு நகர்,

குரோம்பேட்டை

சென்னை/ 600 044.



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நாள்

கே.ஏ. செங்கோட்டையன்
பள்ளிக் கல்வித்துறை அமைச்சர்

வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி

**“ஒருமைக்கன் தான்கற்ற கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
எழுமையும் ஏமாப்பு உடைத்து”**

குறள்..

சென்னையில் செயல்பட்டு வரும் என்.எஸ்.என். பள்ளி குழுவும் பொன் விழா ஆண்டு கொண்டாட இருப்பதை அறிந்து மட்டற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியடைகின்றேன்.

அனைவருக்கும் கல்வி வேண்டும் என்ற நோக்கத்தில் புரட்சித்தலைவர், புரட்சித்தலைவி அம்மா அவர்களுடைய கனவை நிறைவேற்றும் வகையில் இந்த ஆண்டு கல்வித் துறைக்காக மட்டும் அம்மா அவர்களின் வழியில் நடைபெறும் அரசு ரூ.27,205/- கோடியை ஒதுக்கீடு செய்து சமூகப் புரட்சியை உருவாக்கியுள்ளது.

மாணவர்களுக்கு 14 வகையான நலத் திட்டங்களை தடையின்றி வழங்கி இடைநின்றலை தடுத்து வருகிறது. மேலும், இந்தக் கல்வியாண்டில் வரலாற்றுச் சிறப்புமிக்க புதிய பாடத்திட்டத்தினை அறிமுகப்படுத்தி, பாடப் புத்தகத்தில் புதிய தொழில்நுட்பத்தில் குயிக் ரெஸ்பான்ஸ் கோடு (QR Code) மூலம் பாடத்தை விளக்கும் முறையையும், மாணவர்களை மதிப்பீடு செய்யும் முறையையும் இந்தியாவிலேயே முதன் முறையாக பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறையில் அறிமுகம் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது என்பதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

அந்தவகையில், ஏழை எளிய மாணவர்களின் கல்வி நலனில் அக்கறை கொண்டு இப்பள்ளி கல்வி சேவையில் மென்மேலும் சிறந்து விளங்கவும், விழா மலர் சிறக்கவும் எனது இனிய நல்வாழ்த்துக்களை உரித்தாக்குகிறேன்.

அன்புடன்,

(கே.ஏ. செங்கோட்டையன்)



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Date.....18.09.2018....

K. PANDIARAJAN

MINISTER FOR TAMIL OFFICIAL LANGUAGE,
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GREETINGS

Mission towards Novel India

The achievement of fifty years is definitely a major milestone in the life of an educational institution. N.S.N Group of school imparts education, moral and spiritual values, and discipline to build leaders who bring culture of peace and love which our society and country needs today. From very humble beginning in 1968 with just two students, the school has now grown leaps and bounds, and now stands tall and proud with 5500 students. I express my hearty congratulations to N.S.N. Group of Schools which has earned very considerable appreciation for imparting the ideals of academic excellence leading to the development of integrated personalities and inculcates HaRI values in children- Happiness Responsibility Integrity.

Non-academic activities of the school awakens individual potential to achieve holistic growth. It is extremely noteworthy that the institution works on the "being" and the "becoming" of students and lays stress on physical literacy, Swachh Bharat and make their students socially responsible and law abiding citizens. The institution considers it to be 'its duty to nurture its students as sensitive people with strong values, who will leverage their individual achievements to strengthen the fabric of the community, the nation and the planet'.

The School is known to have been discharging its duties in ample measure. I wish all success and a great future ahead. My best wishes and warm greetings to all the stakeholders of the School on this Golden Jubilee celebrations.

I also congratulate the Talented Students of this school who have excelled not only in academics, but also who made a mark in literary and cultural activities. I wish the school to successfully attain its vision "To take education Beyond and build a new India".

"Keep up the good work and reach the stars"

Warm regards,

(K.PANDIARAJAN)



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

PINARAYI VIJAYAN
CHIEF MINISTER

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No.785/Press/CMO/18.

25th July, 2018.

MESSAGE

I am happy to note that the N.S.N. Group of Schools, Chennai, is bringing out a Magazine in connection with its Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Hope the magazine would help enrich the creative talents of the students.

I extend my good wishes to the magazine and the academic fraternity there.

Pinarayi Vijayan

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27.07.2018

MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that N.S.N. Group of Schools, which are widely known for the standard of education and discipline, celebrate the golden jubilee year 2018-19.

The beginning of the journey of the school was very interesting wherein it commenced with just only two students in the year 1968. With supports of parents and faculties, the number of students rose to 5500 with 3 schools. The pinnacle of success of these schools is very evident from the fact that all these schools bagged the NABET accreditation from the Quality Council of India, New Delhi and thus carved a niche for themselves. The students on their parts excelled in all the activities and were honoured with Rashtrapathi and Rajyapuraskhar awards.

The success of an institution depends upon the support it receives from all sections of its unit. The management, teaching faculty and the continued encouragement from the parents made this feat possible.

I place on record my warmest greetings on this greatest occasion and wish the Golden Jubilee year-long celebration a grand success.

Best Regards

(A.K.VISWANATHAN).

To
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MESSAGE

What was started fifty years ago as a primary school by Smt.Lalitha Menon, has grown into a mighty group of schools, catering to the educational, cultural and social needs of over 5500 students. Not limiting its activities to education and sports, it has prepared its students to achieve national and international honors in many areas of human endeavor. It has made a mark in helping society monetarily and materially. Also, it has excelled in individual achievements in sports. The victory of student Tejaswini in the Asian Youth Para Games 2017 held in Dubai, points to the inclusive nature of the institution.

The school's first fifty years have been a continuous story of academic excellence and remarkable service to needy individuals and social groups

My best wishes to the founders, their staff and students for greater achievements in the years to come.


W. I. DAVARAM.



Dr. V. Shanta
Chairperson
Adyar Cancer Institute
Chennai

MESSAGE

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the NSN Group of schools under the leadership of the NSN educational trust, I have great pleasure in congratulating the trustees for their commitment to educate children build a school for children carrying the message of values and principles in life, of good living, good conduct and good thinking. Not just in action but in thought, word, and deed. As Dr. Abdul Kalam said, the teacher is the window to learning, knowledge and to generate creativity. A tree is judged by the fruit it bears “Yeta Raja, thatha Praja” – So also teachers and students. The brand of a school will be determined by its teachers and what the students are /achieve in life.



Dr. Sudha Seshayyan
Director Institute of Anatomy
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MESSAGE

It is heartening to note that the NSN group of institutions is turning 50 – not only a commendable milestone in the history of the institution, but a credible landmark in the history of Chromepet & Chitlapakkam.

The group of institutions has carved a niche for itself. It is indeed overwhelming to see students of the group emerging as wholesome human beings and responsible citizens.

The current high position of the group is consequential to the untiring efforts put forth by its mentors, Mrs. Chitra Prasad and her ever-smiling mother Madam Lalitha Menon. I sincerely believe in the sentiments expressed by the legendary visionary of this land, Swami Vivekananda that ‘education should make inner divinity blossom’. It is this blossoming that makes education special and any effort towards educating one or more, an extremely important duty. The NSN group has immersed itself unflinchingly in this arduous task and has been meticulously following its own set standards.

I wish the group all success and take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to Madam Lalitha Menon, Mrs. Chitra Prasad and all their colleagues for graciously effacing the intellectual profile of Chromepet, the place that is close to me and my heart.

I am sure the Golden Jubilee sheen would enrich the activities of the group and once again wish the group ever-increasing progress.



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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

A PROFILE

VISION OF THE SCHOOL

“To take education beyond and build a new India.”

The NSN Group of schools (Nedungayil Sankunni Narayanan) is managed by the NSN Education Committee (regd). The aim of the co-educational schools is to provide full, liberal and comprehensive education. Its object is to turn out young men and women with a keen sense of discipline, responsibility, initiative, self-reliance, integrity and loyalty.

The N.S.N. Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chromepet, had its origin as a Primary school which was started in 1968 by Smt.Lalitha Menon to perpetuate the memory of her beloved husband Late Sri N.S.N Menon. The school is managed by the NSN Education Committee registered under the Societies Registration Act 1975. It has since grown into a well established institution imparting education to around 1712 students in Chromepet.

It may be mentioned with legitimate and pardonable pride, that this school is the first private school in Chromepet to attain the status of a Matriculation and Higher Secondary School. The creditable results at the Annual Board Examination, the good performance of our students at the various inter-school competitions, both academic and general, their achievements in Sports, Scouting and Guides Movement, and Junior Red Cross activities have accentuated the good name established by the institution. We have the maximum number of Rashtrapathi (President's Award) and Rajyapuraskar (Governor's Award) Awardees in the Chengelpet District. The Scouts & Guides Movement in the school completed 25 years in 2009 & 2010 respectively. The Silver Jubilee celebration was held on 8th April 2010. The establishment of our school in this area has also contributed to a large extent

in developing this backward area which has now developed into a small township.

The growth of this institution has stood the test of time in its initial stages when the inhabitants of this area were mostly lower middle class people and today it can stand comparison with even some of the well established schools in city. The school celebrated its Silver Jubilee in the year 1993. It was presided over by the then Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dr.Chenna Reddy.

The N.S.N. Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Chitlapakkam, was started in June 2001. The new school building with a built-in area of 82,000 sq.ft. was inaugurated on 02/02/2002 by the former Union Finance Minister, Sri. P. Chidambaram. It has a strength of 1975 students. The school auditorium at Chitlapakkam was inaugurated by mahatria Ra (The Founder of Infinitheism Spiritual Foundation) on 16th July 2011.

The N.S.N. Memorial School, which is affiliated to CBSE, was started on 7th June 2012. It has classes upto Std.XI and has a strength of 1860 students. The school building was inaugurated by mahatria Ra, Founder of infinitheism Spiritual Foundation. The N.S.N. Group of Schools caters to more than 5500 students.

Thus, from a humble beginning it has now grown into three well established Schools with all round progress.

The NSN Group of Schools has received the NABET Accreditation from the quality Council of India, New Delhi, and has thus added another feather to its cap. We believe in Nurturing Students for the Nation. On the

lines of the Vision of the school, students are given varied experiences beyond academics, which has a great impact on their personality. The school has several unique practices that works on the Physical, Moral, Social, Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional and Aesthetic faculties of the child. What we instill in our children will be the foundation upon which they build their future.

The purpose of education is not just accumulation of knowledge and its translation into marks; the purpose of education is to assimilate knowledge into wisdom and apply that wisdom in the real world. Hence co-curricular and extra curricular activities are encouraged. This helps the students in developing creativity, communication skills, thinking skills and goes a long way in the development of the student's personality.

Our aim is not only to sharpen intellect, but also broaden perspective, widen outlook and horizon, deepen vision and insight strengthen human compassion, sympathy and understanding, bring grace and charm into the minds of our students making them noble in proportion, high and steadfast in aim, wide and tolerant in outlook, beneficent in intention with an innate regard and respect for the human personality and the dignity and worth of the human person.

"Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have." It is better to inculcate the habit of exercise and consciousness of health when one is young, than to correct after the damage is done. With so much change in the lifestyle of today's children, unless physical education is presented in a scientific and entertaining manner, it may remain just a 'free period' in their psyche. It is time to make exercise as important as a daily bath and brushing teeth!

The Schools have a well planned programme of physical education. These help in the cultivation of such basic qualities such as endurance, courage, decision making, resourcefulness, truthfulness, loyalty to duty and the common good. The schools are divided into four Houses. The schools

conduct a full-fledged intramurals every year.

Our students have performed exceedingly well in many of the inter-school competitions. They have also excelled in the field of sports and games by bagging many prizes in the Zonal, District, Divisional, State, National & International level.

Inter-house competitions are conducted under various Clubs.

Scholastic Clubs

1. Tagore English Club
2. Galileo Science Club
3. Veeramamunivar Tamizh Illakiya Mandram
4. Ramanujan Math Club
5. Charles Babbage Computer Club
6. Mastermind Quiz Club

Co-Scholastic Clubs

1. Prakriti Nature Club
2. Sruthilaya Fine Arts Club
3. Karuna Club
4. Samskruti Heritage Club
5. Fab & Fit Wellness Club
6. Bon Appetit Cookery Club

Students of Std III – XII have to choose one co-curricular activity.

- (1) Music (2) Dance (3) Karate
(4) Cubs & Bulbuls (5) Chess
(6) Silambam (7) Scouts & Guides
(8) JRC (9) Band (10) Yoga

Std.XII (Girls) : Compulsory self defence (Karate)

Girl Guides and Scouting form part of the extra-curricular activities, for Std.VI-VIII. The Rashtrapathi Award (President's Award), which is the highest award and the Rajya Puraskar Award (Governor's Award) are the awards a scout/guide could receive on completing the activities in the Movement and passing the test. We have the maximum number of Rajya Puraskar and Rashtrapathi Awardees in the district amongst the private schools.

The Junior Red Cross aims to inculcate leadership qualities and service mindedness

in the young minds. They are also motivated to help the poor and the needy. JRC stands for purity, love, peace and selfless service.

In order to prepare students to become global citizens we empower the students with necessary skills and knowledge. Students and teachers are exposed to the various cultural, social, political, economic and religious diversities in the world by bringing an international dimension to the curriculum. The NSN Memorial School (CBSE) received the International School Award from the British Council during the academic year 2014-2015 and both the Matriculation schools received it in 2015-2016.

We encourage Project based learning as it helps students to look beyond the textbook and gives them a hands on experience. Hence, students are encouraged to do projects on various topics, which in turn promotes self-learning.

Values are norms; goals are purposes that one chooses in order to give a sense of direction and meaning to one's life. They are the integrated forces that bring about wholeness in one's personality. The school aims at inculcating values in the minds of the young ones and concentrates on total personality development.

To initiate the attitude of accepting responsibilities, to develop organizing capabilities in our students and to foster healthy relationship between schools, we organize inter-school competitions, 'Kala Mela', 'N.S.N. Menon Athletic Meet', & 'N.S.N Menon Memorial Tournament'.

In order to acknowledge the vital role played by grandparents in a nuclear family set up we celebrate "Grandparents' Day" in our school year after year.

All the major festivals of India are celebrated in the school to inculcate the rich cultural values in the students.

"The fate of empires depends on the education of the youth" said Aristotle. Teacher is the

most vital single factor in the system of education. It is the teacher who matters most as far as the quality of education is concerned. The well-equipped teacher is a supreme factor in education. Efficiency is ensured by us with the progressive upto date teaching methodology. Teachers need new skills and capabilities, to respond to a wide range of demands. Professional development is best accomplished when it is ongoing.

Professional growth is very important for a teacher who imparts knowledge to the students. Hence teachers are sent for workshops and seminars to update their teaching methodology. In-house training programs are also conducted to work on their inner being. Solid technical skills are essential for students in an increasingly technology driven world. Hence, the present day teachers should be adequately equipped to teach these skills

Smart Class is set to bring about a revolutionary change in the way students learn in class rooms, increasing their interest in learning and academic performance.

All the classrooms have interactive boards designed to empower teachers with technology right inside classroom, turning them into a lively and vibrant learning platform for students. Teachers use videos, animation, live images and captivating graphics, to supplement the chalk and talk method. Subjects such as Maths, Science, Social Studies, Geography and even English are taught through the audio - visual medium.

Computer education is given to the students right from the Primary classes. The schools have well equipped computer labs. Computer Science is one of the subjects in the Higher Secondary level.

We have a Math Lab where concepts are caught and not taught. A math lab approach allows pupils to set up mathematical experiments for the purpose of discovering some mathematical principle, pattern or process. The emphasis is on learning

by doing. Children understand concepts through their active involvement in solving problems.

The schools have well equipped libraries covering all subjects that are relevant to the curriculum.

Some of our students have secured State/ District ranks.

Our student –

- 1) T.Vatsala secured the third rank in the state in English in 1992 in the Higher Secondary Examination.
- 2) R.Sangeetha stood first in the State in Tamil in 1993 in the Matriculation Examination.
- 3) K.Bhargavi, secured the third highest total in the state in the Higher Secondary Examination held in March 2003. She secured a total of 1185/1200.
- 4) S.P.Mahendranath, stood first in the Kancheepuram District, securing a total of 1171/1200.
- 5) R.Anusha stood first in the state in French in the Hr. Secondary exam held in March 2004.
- 6) T.Nilofer stood second in Kancheepuram District in 2005 in the Matriculation Examination.
- 7) T.Nilofer stood second in Kancheepuram District in 2007 in the Higher Secondary Examination (Tamil category)
- 8) R.Shobana stood third in Kancheepuram District in 2007 in the Higher Secondary Examination (Non-Tamil category)

We want our students to be fully integrated personalities when they leave the portals of the institution so that they are equipped with courage and confidence to face the challenges that confront them in life and live up to the ideals that are embodied in the Spirit of India, which like the Rock of Ages has stood the ravages of time.

We have tried to live up to our scholar President Dr. Zakir Hussain's idea of what educational institutions Ought to be - "not places for collecting and forgetting information but those for the discovery of knowledge and its use, not places of theoretical, intellectual one-sidedness, but of practical human many sidedness — not places of individual selfishness, but those devoted to social ends and purposes".

It is the endeavour of all of us connected with the institution to make our beloved school 'an ideal of what an educational institution ought to be —' a citadel of learning and discipline, a seedbed of character, a workshop of wisdom, a nursery of the nation, nurturing great hearts, strong minds, willing hands and true faith and a temple of culture dedicated to the development of the body, nourishment and enrichment of the mind, sublimation of the emotions and regeneration of the spirit.

The growth of the school has stood the test of time. This year marks the Golden Jubilee of NSN. The Journey of the school from 1968-2018 has been marked with Achievements and Accolades. We surge ahead with a heart filled with gratitude to the Almighty for showering His blessings on us. We look forward to a New Beginning, joining hands with our parents, to take our students to the pinnacle of glory. The day is not far off when NSN will become a world class educational institution!



FROM THE CORRESPONDENT'S DESK



The Golden Jubilee of a school is a matter of great joy for everyone connected with the institution, not only for those in the present, but even for those who were connected to it in the past. A school holds priceless memories for those who have left its

portals and made a mark for themselves in the world. NSN is one such school that has touched several lives and made a difference, as it also by and large caters to the underprivileged in society. While mentioning this, we need to understand under what circumstance the school was started. When the founder had a tryst with destiny, she did not stay put, rather, she picked up the threads of her life and moved forward in life. At a time when women hardly entered college, here was a lady who was a post graduate and also an entrepreneur.

The fifty year journey of NSN, has been punctuated with challenges in various forms. The undaunted spirit of the founder saw it through. Today's celebration is in a way the celebration of the spirit of this woman who never gave up in life. Many a valuable lessons have been learnt from her life.

NSN has always had the courage to stand by its conviction to enforce what is right, even when the whole world believed that a wrong committed by many was right. In the long run, right always triumphs over what is wrong. A new culture was thus born. NSN has always believed in an education that is man making. Hence a lot of stress is laid on working on the sensibilities of children, ensuring they are law abiding and contributing citizens, making learning happen beyond the classroom. A better society can emerge only if children are taught to look beyond "Me, mine & myself."

The main pillars of strength have been the teachers and parents of the school. When everybody else was chasing marks and focusing only on results, NSN was always chasing the big dream of building a new and a better world through its students. Hence it focused on the wholesome development of its students' personality, which meant that the school insisted on students being

morally upright, socially aware and spiritually rooted individuals. This objective of the school was ably supported by the parents through their implicit Faith in everything that NSN did. At this juncture I would like to thank the parents for their unflinching support.

With the invasion of technology, teaching is no more as easy as it was. Children are easily distracted, so the teacher has to be adept in ensuring that children stay focused in class. Moreover the pull from the world is very strong and its influence on children is undeniably great that the teacher has to necessarily win the trust and confidence of her students. That they have been able to, is amply evident from what the alumni of NSN have to tell about their teacher's influence in their life. I owe a big thank you to the teachers for taking the school towards its vision.

"To Take Education Beyond and Build a New India" is the Vision of the school. True to its Vision the school has been providing innumerable experiences for the students beyond the text book, beyond academics and beyond the classroom which helps them to grow into a wholesome personality. Education is not all about marks, rather it is more about preparing oneself for life. Though we live in a knowledge society, NSN is known for its uncompromising attitude towards Values & discipline, as it is as important as skill & knowledge. It focuses on the inner strength of the child, expansion of the mind, provides horizontal exposure and vertical expertise and enables the child to not only discover his potential, but to also discover himself in the process. In short, it works on the "being" as well as the "becoming" of the child.

NSN has always been a trailblazer. Its practices are unique. It has never been one in the crowd. It has always believed in the need for timeless wisdom and the implementation of the same in education, realising the fact that when everything about this world has changed, the wisdom of the past continues to be relevant to all Ages. The core of an individual is strengthened by the alignment with which he lives his life. It is our desire to provide such an education to our children. As mahatria once said, "An individual finds a Cause and carries the Cause forward. A time comes when the Cause starts carrying the individual forward. NSN is a Cause..." True to His words, the Cause called NSN is carrying all of us forward to build a better world!!!

ACCOLADES

The cause of NSN will gift outstanding holistic citizens to this world. NSN, in its own ways is causing a legacy in this world. The Message today "THE ABILITY TO PUSH YOURSELF" has been the central core value of all world class leaders. NSN is too close to my heart.

Mahatria Ra

Founder of Infinitheism

I congratulate the Principal, staff and supporting staff of the NSN Matric Higher Secondary School for the excellent work they are doing in the field of education. The academic performance of the pupil is excellent. Their achievements in the extracurricular, Co-Curricular activities are good and impressive. I particularly appreciate the effort of the Management in their extension of several benefit to the teachers. Enjoyed the evening and thanks.

Dr. Nirmala Thyagarajan

Joint Director of Collegiate Education

I am deeply impressed with the manner in which the institution is being run. Teachers and students are both conscious of their roles and from what I witnessed during my very brief span here, I was amazed at the teacher-student rapport and the earnest desire of the Management to get the best out of the students providing them with all facilities required for a high and successful and holistic development of the personality of the student. My earnest and sincere congratulations to the Principal and the Management in having built up such a wonderful institution. I pray it grows further to provide these students higher education.

Dr. N. Hari Bhaskar, IAS

Former Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary

Congratulations, Greetings, Appreciations to this Institution, Management, Staff and Students on this occasion of your 33rd Annual Sports Day. Great efforts, sincere sacrifices and blessings of the Almighty can go and grow heights of success and laurels in the society. Happy to see the school, is doing lots of services by way of opportunities and moments in the walks of students life in the society. I am delighted, thankful with all respects from my heart to the Management of the Institution

Mr. R. Natarajan

National Record Holder – South Asian Games

It was a pleasure to have been the chief guest at the Graduation Day of the Kindergarten students. The disciplined and enlightened conduct of the evening's programme by the kids and the enjoyable entertainment that followed spoke volumes about the quality training that the school is providing them, both in academics as well as in extra curricular activities. I have no doubt that the children will in the future, bring laurels to this prestigious institution. My best wishes to the students, faculty and Management

Mrs. Anita Sumanth

Advocate

It was a great pleasure watching the drill, dance and most remarkable school band, which, I believe is the best in the city. The large turn out of parents and the military discipline of students had impressed me. There is no wonder NSN Matric. Hr. Sec. School is one of the best in our city. I like to congratulate Smt. Lalitha Menon, Correspondent, Smt. Chitra, Principal and the staff for the high standard they maintain. I also wish them well.

Mr. C. Sylendra Babu, IPS

Joint Commissioner of Police

The dreams and sweat and toil of a great woman has been realized. This institution stands as a monument of her achievement. She has proven to herself and to others that tough times don't last but tough people do. She is a winner and wish she would achieve more to see her daughter nurture it and let it grow, develop and clearly establish their identity in the sea of schools. Devotion, Dedication, Determination ruled by discipline would yield that Distinction. My prayer for all of you.

Dr. Kannan Pugazhendi
Director – SPARCC

The whole gamut of events were awe inspiring. This day will be etched in my mind forever. I enjoyed every moment, wish I could be a part of this School. 'NSN' – Never Say No to achievement, hardwork and self reliance'. Kudos to my friend Mrs. Chitra for paving a grand way to a better India.

Mrs. Meenakshi Vijayakumar
Deputy Director – TN Fire and Rescue Services

This is a privileged occasion I had seen NSN school grow up and am really overwhelmed today. The Graduation Day of kindergarten section explicitly brought out the high set values to which the school is dedicated. Wishing all the best and all my heartfelt wishes for more and more achievements.

Dr. Sudha Seshayyan
*Director and Head of the
Department of Anatomy, MMC*

Extremely good administration, I am sure the school is a blessing for Chromepet, Chennai. I admire the vision, values and the leadership of the school to bring up children as good citizens of the country. I wish Mrs.Chitra and her team all the best.

Mr. M. Rajan
Director-ZEAL

It is a great pleasure to visit one of the best known and prestigious schools on the outskirts of Chennai. Built with love and devotion, NSN has grown into a mighty tree and today we inaugurate another branch – it's new building. I wish the school, the Management, teachers and students the very best in the future.

Mr. P. Chidambaram
Former Union Finance Minister

A day well spent with the founder-Correspondent, Principal, staff and students of the memorable school that has grown from a very small beginning 35 years ago and reached the pinnacle of academic excellence and all round development. I wish the School a great future.

Mr. W.I. Davaram
Director General of Police (Retd)

It was like home coming, my friend whom I have known since my childhood. I am honoured to be here this evening. All the students who took part in the programme did extremely well. I wish my friend Lalitha Menon, all my good wishes.

Mrs. Padmini Ramachandran
Actress

It was a great pleasure to be part of today's evening to celebrate Graduation Day of Kindergarten students. The school is doing yeoman service to the first generation learners apart from other students as this is part of the vision of the founder Mrs.Menon. The school is rocking under the stewardship of its Correspondent Mrs. Chitra Prasad who wants to take the school to the zenith of glory. I wish the school all the very best in its future endeavours.

Mrs. Minoo Agarwal
Principal, DAV Public School, Velachery

I am very much delighted to see a wonderful Sports day function. In particular the involvement of all the students in all the events. The way the institution involves the young buds in different activities will definitely bring the children to expose their skills in anyone interesting field which is more valuable. I wish good luck and congratulate the Principal for her efforts. With regards

T. Bala Vinayakam

President Tamil Nadu Throwball Association

It was an exhilarating experience to have spent a pleasant evening on the occasion of Annual Sports Day. Talent or success is doing what you know well and doing well whatever you do. This was best exemplified by this school which upholds values in education. My best wishes.

R. Nataraj

ADGP

A 'Cause' is founded by an individual and the individual carries a Cause. A time comes, when the 'Cause' starts carrying the individual. I think that's what is happening – the 'Cause' called NSN has started carrying all of us. Let us continue to be worthy instruments to this noble cause of NSN and play our part in putting India on Top of the World, and also building a new to better world. Loving you, always with the cause NSN. Excited to be alive.

Mahatria Ra

Founder- Infinitheism

My Children's Day here in NSN School was so special. Starting with their warm welcome to their support to TANKER Foundation. They are in the right place with wonderful people. My regards to Chitra Mam and all at NSN School. Wish all your endeavours a huge success.

Mr. R.S. Suriya

Actor

Thank you for inviting me to this wonderful school and beautiful campus. I was very impressed with the all round education that the school believes in your emphasis on sports and on community welfare needs to be commanded. Please keep up you excellent work and service.

It was a privilege to visit an institution crossing 40 years of hardwork and dedication. The environment interspaced with both academic excellence and cultural values is rare to find these days. I am happy that NSN is doing a good service in shaping up holistic individuals.

Mr. Gnani

Writer

I am delighted to be a part of the institution for the day, the Children's Day. The ethos of service above self incepted in the minds of the Children is really commendable. The standards set by the institution for education is high. I am happy to have been given an opportunity to be here today.

Dr. Shantha

Chairman, Cancer Institute

Indeed its my pleasure to give remarks of NSNMHSS Sports Day. The NSN Sports Day is a festival and it's a mini Olympics. I am very proud and have the pride to be the Chief Guest of NSN Sports day 2011-12. NSN is not a school, it is a Movement in shaping the young generation with overall development. Kudos to the Management.

Mr. P. Rajini Kumar

*Asst. Professor,
Tamil Nadu Physical Education
and Sports University*

Enjoyed being here for 2 hours with the children. Wonderful experience to sing along with them. I will cherish it through out my life.

Mr. Unni Menon

Singer

This time I am here to be a recipient of your love and support... not really as a "Guest". Every moment I am able to see God's working hand, helping hand, guiding hand in the hands of the wonderful people who come forward with kindness and sharing.... I saw His hand in yours today.... His love in you and His smiles in the smiles of all of you and in the smiles of my very special children who will benefit of oh much! From your great support Doubly great as it was truly timely..... HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY and GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU !!!

Dr. Ambika Kameshwar
Founder-Driector - RASA

Amazed by the excellent performance of the students. It is evident that the school gives the required importance to the holistic development of the students. My appreciation to the motivation of the teachers without which this would not have happened.

Mrs. Kala Vijayakumar
President – SSN Institutions

This school and Chitra's love for the children have a special place in my heart. Each and every child has a shine and glow and they will be able to bring out that Spark in their lives. They are in reality Mahatria's products. Congratulations NSN and love you loads Chitra. Anything for you, anything for NSN. Good Luck always.

Ms. Manisha Lohia
Founder - ispark

We need great citizens to build a great India. Students are future citizens. Very happy to see NSN creating future world class citizens. My best wishes

Mr. Murugavel Janakiraman
CEO – Bharat Matrimony

NSN Schools has a progressive and open vision. They prepare their teachers, parents and children to walk with them in their progressive vision. It is an educational Institution to watch out for in the years to come. Enjoyed being herewith the kids, immensely.

Dr. Vasudha Prakash
Founder – V-Excel Educational Trust

Teachers basically do God's work, for God creates and teachers re-create. A school is a "Temple of Transformation". It was an honour being here. It feels very special. Wishing the school Golden years. With love and my vibrations.

Mahatria Ra
Founder of Infinitheism

Everything is very divine in NSN. The atmosphere, the teachers, the students everyone is divine. There is a spiritual connect. The vibrations are inexplicable. It's like a temple and even once if you enter NSN you will smell roses, have the divine vibrations that Mahatria mentioned. I thank Smt. Chitra Prasad and the entire Management for the opportunity.

Mr. T.S. Ranganathan
Director - Giri Trading

Most professionally organised School Day function, I have ever attended. There was quality and attention to detail in each and every part of the programme. It is heartening to note the school focuses its activities in the overall development of personality of every student. The Leadership skills exhibited by the students in organizing is exemplary. My sincere appreciation to Ms. Chitra Prasad and her entire team. The school is a model institution and worthy of emulation by every school in the country.

Dr. K. Nirmala Prasad
Principal – M O P Vaishnav College

An Excellent Programme. The theme and the methods of portrayal are very well planned and designed. Wishing you all the best and long and successful year ahead.

Mrs. Bhavani Raghunandan

*Principal, Vidya Mandir
Senior Secondary School, Mylapore*

Within a span of an hour the program was organized so well. Each program, students performance was mind blowing. Appreciate teachers and the Management for the freedom to teachers to bring out the creative.

Mrs. Seema Ramachandran

Sr. Principal, JRK Matric.Hr. Sec. School

NSN Scouts and Guides Annual day Celebration has been amazing today. It is really great that this school has been promoting the spirit of Scouting and guiding to so many students. It is indeed a great achievement to have 138 president scouts and 500 and more Rajya Puraskar and a many number of Leaders in this institution. Hats off.

Dr. N. Paul Sunder Singh

Founder-Director, Karunalaya

I am so pleased to see the effortless display of talent of students of NSN Athletic Meet. Three dance performances are equally awesome. I congratulate the entire Management to this divine experience. Keep growing, keep glowing. Wishing you Most and More. His blessings will be there.

Mr. A.S. Kumar

*Management Consultant
Vision Point Consultancy (P) Ltd*

TIMELINE

NSN - A HUMBLE BEGINNING
1968-1969 - N.S.N. Children's School was started



1980-1981 upgraded as N.S.N. Matriculation School



1985-1986 upgraded as N.S.N. Matriculation Higher Secondary School



1993 – 1994 - N.S.N School Celebrated its Silver Jubilee



2001 – 2002 N.S.N. Matriculation Higher Secondary School was started at Chitlapakkam



**2010-2011 N.S.N. Scouts & Guides Movement
celebrated its Silver Jubilee**



**2012 – 2013 N.S.N. Memorial School, Affiliated to CBSE,
was started**



**2016 – 2017 N.S.N Memorial School
was upgraded to Secondary School**



**2017-2018 - NSN Group
of Schools has received
the NABET Accreditation
from the Quality Council
of India, New Delhi.**



EDUCATIONIST AWARD

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS T.NAGAR

This document does proclaim that

SMT. LALITHA N. MENON

has been selected for

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Born in Palani in 1933, **Smt. Lalitha N. Menon** is the founder of the NSN group of schools and a visionary who devoted most of her life for the cause of education. Till date, these schools stand as temples of learning and transformation, as a testimony of her unwavering devotion and single-minded vision.

Even her early years showed all signs of education being her calling, as she completed her M.A. Post this, she was a lecturer in the Dept. of Economics in the Ethiraj College for Women from 1955-1961.

Her finest hour came when she founded the first NSN school on 5th June 1968, and this day shaped her own destiny and along with her, the destiny of thousands of students whose lives she will touch with her timeless vision. Though her own life was not a celebration, she became the cause for others to celebrate their life, proving to the world the true spirit of a leader. Life was a series of challenges for her, but she fought against every setback and took charge of her own destiny. With resilience and courage in her heart, a determined will to persist, an



uncompromising attitude, anchored in her values, practical in her outlook, undeterred in her aim, and above all, with towering faith in her God, she stands as an epitome of a woman who could not be cowed down by fate.

NSN is an epitome of everything she stood for in education and values. She served as the Principal from 1968 - 1999 and as correspondent upto 2006, and in her own fearless style, had the courage to lose sight of the shore, to discover new oceans, amidst every adversity, she found an island of opportunity, and proved herself an educationist par excellence.

The NSN group of schools stands as a testimony to the courage of a woman who refused to accept defeat and persisted in her determination 'to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield". Each one of us can derive immense strength, belief and inspiration from her, whose life revealed that nothing should stop you from discovering humongous possibilities.

It is to such an exceptional educationalist with an indomitable spirit, as **Smt. Lalitha N. Menon**, that The Rotary Club of Madras

T.Nagar confers **"THE VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD"** on this day the 27th June 2018 for her contributions to the Indian education system. In so doing, it is the Rotary Club of T. Nagar Madras which is honoured.



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POPULAR ALUMNI OF NSN



S. Varadarajan
(1990 Batch)

S. Varadarajan has been conferred with several titles and awards and has for more than 20 years given solo concerts and travelled the world on several concert tours as an accompanying artist.



G. Nalinikanth
(1993 Batch)

G. Nalinikanth, who has been appointed as President & CEO, GE Healthcare, India & South Asia. He has put NSN on the world map through his efforts & perseverance. We wish him humongous success in his new assignment.



Dushyanth Sridhar
(2005 Batch)

Dushyanth Sridhar is a religious speaker and writer in Tamil and English on ancient Indian Hindu religious texts. He has learnt scriptures like Sri Bhashyam, Gita Bhashyam, Rahasya Iraya Saram and Bhagavad Vishayam. He has delivered many live discourses in multiple countries.



Parimalakanth
(2009 Batch)

We are very proud to share that he has entered the Guinness Book of World Records by winning the "Longest Drawing by an Individual!"

MY ALMA MATER (Articles of Alumni)



Sona Saxena Jacob

Year of Passing - 1991

Editor - Giant Wheel Magazine

O, ALMA MATER

How does one travel back in time and jot down memories?
 How does one encapsulate 8 years into a few hundred words?
 How does one capture the transition that shapes and moulds a person?
 In the words of Charles Dickens
 From his classic "A Tale of Two Cities" –
 That we studied in middle school – what a time that was...
 It was the best of times, it was the age of wisdom,
 It was the epoch of belief, it was the season of Light,
 It was the spring of hope and we had everything before us...
 Truly the best years of my life...
 My 8 years at NSN – that wonderful slice of life when the world was golden
 Like the laburnum flowers that lay like carpets in Chromevet...
 Great friends and peers, teachers and mentors
 Classes and labs, games aplenty, activities galore
 A safe campus to escape the realities of life...
 Excursions and camps, parades and games
 Girl-guiding, sports-meets, science exhibitions and more
 Days, months and years filled and overflowing...
 Secrets shared and confidences partaken
 Competitions won and hearts broken
 Islands of exhilaration in rivers of excitement...
 Opportunities and responsibilities, shaping and moulding
 Crafting a grown-up person out of a child
 Ready to take on the world – equipped and adequate...
 As a song, made famous by Mary Hopkins goes
 Those were the days, my friend,
 We thought they'd never end...
 But the truth is that they didn't... they live on in us...
 Like dulcet tunes... residing in the back of the head
 Or mellow memories... carried in the bottom of the heart...
 Thank you, NSN! And congratulations as you celebrate your 50th!



Upasana Ganeshkumar

Year of Passing - 2009

Upsc Counselor, Byju's - Byju's

"Resilience is getting up one more time" - Mahatma

In life the most valuable lesson I have learnt is the lesson on resilience. Every time life knocked me over I found the strength to get back up again. This wouldn't have been possible without the virtues taught by my parents and by my school, NSN matriculation higher secondary school. It was here that I learnt there is no shame in failure but only experience. It was here, I learnt that inner peace and happiness matter more than everything else in the world. School plays a very important role in anyone's life, for this is the place where your future gets shaped. I am one of the fortunate ones to have had the opportunity to study in a school that not only shaped my professional future but, my personal one too. This place was a safe haven to me because of the caring and knowledgeable teachers who, took more pride and care in our future than us. A few of whom I will never forget and will always be grateful to, especially Chitra mam. I have adored her and aspired to be her from the moment she taught us English in 8th grade. When I sit back and reflect, everything I stand for today I learnt in school. My environmental consciousness started the day Chitra mam implored the school to celebrate a smokeless diwali. My penchant for volunteer work came the day we raised money for our first social cause. My want to find a better work-life balance started the day when I knew we had our term holidays even during our 12th std. I have not achieved everything I want to but, I will continue to strive towards it. The strength to keep on going comes from the motivation that one day I will make my parents and my school proud. To every kid in school; "Enjoy your time here. This is and will be the most memorable time of your entire life!"



K. Parimalakanth

Year of Passing - 2009

Technology Analyst - Infosys Ltd

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"

Time runs so fast that 9 years have passed just like that, leaving my school. And happy that Golden Jubilee Year has brought me together to have something with my school. It's a great pleasure to see my school growing every year and has reached its Golden Jubilee year. Education helps the inner self to develop and blossom into a full personality. And I am delighted to say that NSN Matriculation Higher Secondary school has been offering splendid service in the field of education to the students who aspire for quality education. NSN is gifted with hard working Principal, quick-witted teachers and other potential faculties. Teachers get angry and punish but at heart, they are our well wishers. They become ideal examples for us. Discipline, cooperation and tolerance through school activities. In fact, the character is formed in the school. It was during school days when minds contain some youthful dreams which come true as we grow in age. School is the right place for the fulfilment of the youthful desires. And even when I was there, I was interested in arts/drawings.

And that interest has fetched me an identity, as Guinness World Record Holder. No educational institution can be devoid of cultural programmes. Fun and frolic must be interspersed with the academic schedule for the overall development of the students. And I still miss my NSN Annual days, which were source of great joy. All these have made my school life a very enriching experience for me. I am proud to belong to such a noble and worthy institution. The years constituting my school life are, without doubt, the best years of my life.

Recollection of the fond memories of those bygone days brings a smile to my face, even today. School life is a better life, and it was the high opportunity of our life which we had earned easily. After the school life, we are missing so many memories in our mind. School life was very joyful and happy experience for us. There was a lot of fun and education which acquire ethical principles of life. For all the students who are reading my lines here, school life is but a preparation to face the challenges that the bigger school called world will offer us once we are out of our schools. The schools therefore extra great influence upon us. They shape our character, mould our mental attitudes and fashion the basic principles of life, school life is a preparatory stage for entering public life. Your performance sets a benchmark, go set it once again. Sending you Good luck Vibes. Thank you.



T. Nilofer

Year of Passing - 2007

Senior Manager - HDFC Bank, Mumbai

I remember starting off this note with a fairly certain idea of what I wanted to convey. However, as all random mundane thoughts dissolve into oblivion, giving way to a flurry of charming reminiscences and deliberate mental detours, I am now left with a resplendent smile on my face, and a slightly intimidating realisation that it is not exactly easy to write about a place you spent half your lifetime growing up in. Isn't it amusing that a place you outgrew more than a decade ago has the ability to transport you to an altogether different world of endearing memories? My career has kept me away from Chennai for almost seven years now, and in the incredibly modest list I maintain, of things that help keep the bond with my hometown intact, my school has chiselled for itself an indelible impression.

What could possibly be so remarkable about a school that it warrants such an outpour of emotion, you may ask. Perhaps, it is the culture so deeply ingrained in the roots of the school that it cannot help but manifest itself in the myriad fruits it has borne over time! Or perhaps, it is the set of values that it swears by, values that have remained deep-seated over the years, values that have seamlessly seeped into anyone who has been fortunate enough to pass through its hallowed hallways! Or perhaps, it is the sense of gratification, of having been enlightened by teachers to whom one would forever feel indebted!

Oh wait, how could I not mention the beautiful bonds of friendship that were forged within the premises of this institution? Some of my friends are married, some have permanently moved out of the country,

some have kids who are old enough for Kindergarten; yet, with the alacrity that could put a five-year-old to shame, we continue to bask in the eternal glory of our childhood. Separated though we are by time-zones and oceans and boundaries and what not, we never let these inconsequential barriers come in the way of our seasoned affections!

If academic excellence were the only measure of success of a school, one would be hard put to pick from a burgeoning number of concrete constructions sprawling across the length and breadth of the city. As much as a school is expected to provide a strong foundation and serve as a platform for its graduating students to get into reputable institutions, it is a matter of dire concern if all it does is produce infallibly programmed humans that are happy seeking hackneyed careers, and forget to live, laugh, and love. I consider myself blessed, for being an alumnus of a place that did not fall prey to such an illusory quagmire of 'schooling'.

Now that I have rambled on about my alma mater to my heart's content, let me take some time to address the present set of students privileged to be a part of this institution. For those of you romanticising the notions of high-sounding success, let me burst the bubble of some widely dispersed myths. Forgive me for being blatantly brusque, but neither success, nor the lack of it, is permanent. Do not get me wrong; it is extremely important that you endeavour to excel in whatever you aim for, be it academics, sports, or extracurricular pursuits. But trust me when I say some failures in life are inevitable.

Learn to embrace failure, and try not to be too disheartened by it, for in failure, you come to terms with a self that is not just alarmingly vulnerable, but is also more accommodative of novel, and sometimes, even better possibilities. Failure is, in a way, a liberating process, because once you have failed, you have nothing more to be scared of; you are wiser-yet-warier, more learned-yet-grounded.

Having been a consistent topper myself, I never imagined I would come within striking distance of failure. And today, I cannot help but laugh at my younger, naive self for having harboured such ludicrously simplistic assumptions. The only extenuating excuse, perhaps, is that the conceptions of success I now labour under are diametrically different from the ones I had as a teenager.

For someone who once defined success within professional confines, I have now come to understand that perspectives change with time, and so do priorities. If you were to ask me today, I would say success is accomplishing anything and everything that can fetch you unbridled happiness - even if your definition does not concur with what is delineated as success by the society. Never give up on your heart's desires. Stand up, when you feel your rights are being infringed upon. If you were to dream somebody else's dreams, if you were to live somebody else's life, you are nothing but a humanoid machine, a rather servile shadow of somebody else's thoughts and feelings.

And lastly, I cannot emphasise this enough, but learn to be compassionate, considerate individuals. Having had the misfortune to come across people with despicable lack of regard for others' feelings,

I often wonder where our education system is headed, if it does not instill in the children of today the need to empathise with the less fortunate. Treat people with love and respect, and put yourself in their shoes before you let your mind arrive at ill-conceived judgements of their lives and actions.

Pursue love. Pursue health. Pursue happiness. I'm sure everything else will fall in place!

Wishing you all the best that life has to offer!

And wishing the NSN Group a zillion years of glory!



Ethiraj Srinivasan

Year of Passing - 2009

Big Data Engineer - Knorx, Singapore

Hi, I am Ethiraj Srinivasan from 2009 batch. I am working as Big Data Engineer at knorex, Singapore. I am from a lower middle-class family and the first graduate in my family. I did my masters at National University of Singapore and stood ahead in my academics and my profession. One of the main reason behind this success is my school. My School has taught me great values like hospitality, discipline, punctuality etc. When I was young I had stage fear. We had extracurricular class like public speaking. My teachers encouraged me to participate in competitions within and outside the school and completely broke my stage fear. As a result of which I won many competitions and it still helps me when I present my papers at International Stages. I am an inquisitive person and I keep asking questions during class and none of my teachers hesitated to answer me and they always helped me to improve my knowledge. Since I performed very well in my academics and extracurricular activities I was given 50% fees concession. I take this moment to thank my principal, Miss Chitra Prasad for supporting me in tough times. NSN has always been a place of encouragement. They not only award toppers of the class but also toppers of individual subjects which encourages students to perform better and create a healthy competitive environment. NSN also gives huge respect to alumni and parents, I would like to quote an incident. My higher education plan was taken in a short time and I had just 2-3 days was left to submit all the documents. I realized that I did not have any written proof for my scholarship. I was reluctant at the beginning to ask for a letter stating about my scholarship since it was about 7 years I passed out. But I made up my mind and rushed to the school. To my surprise, I was given the letter instantly. This shows how much NSN values alumni and their time. I am very thankful to my school and all the teachers. I am happy that NSN is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. I wish all success for the event and teachers for bringing up students with flying colours every year.





H. Akshara

Year of Passing – 2014
CA Finalist

I graduated from my school at the age of 16 and since then, I have walked into many organizations with different designations still none of the organizations described me well as my school did when I was just three as a “Student”, I have checked in a lot of concourses for variety of events still no concourse appeared to be so exquisite to me as my school arena appeared to my eyes when I was just 5 on my KG graduation, I have met a lot more personalities still I am yet to find a “person” who could take the relationship much beyond than expected as Guru did when I was only 13 and The fact remains the same even though I walked in the premises of my school wailing at the age of 3 and stepped out of the premises sobbing on farewell at the age of 16 because I somehow knew that wherever I go and how much ever rich I grow I would never be in a position to see a building so alluringly erected as my school because I was schooled not just in academics but also in reverence and gratitude for more than just a decade.



Karthikeyan

Year of Passing - 2009
Engineer - Mercedes-Benz Research & Development India
Bangalore

As you mark 50 years of success, you have every reason to be proud of your hard work and dedication. Many congratulations on your golden jubilee year and to everyone who has helped the institution to reach this mark. I always feel proud to say that I am an alumnus of NSN school. Whenever I achieve some success in my career and I get reminded of my school teachers and college lecturers without whom I would not have reached this far in my life. Intelligence and knowledge alone do not bring success. In addition, one has to be self-disciplined and has to possess moral values to become a successful professional. I strongly believe that my school has inculcated me with these values and has molded my character to become a good citizen and successful engineer. I am extremely grateful to all teachers, staff and the management of the school. I am certain that you will continue to provide such an education to the students and bring prosperity to the society. My best wishes for the future.





R. Supreetha, B.Com

Year of passing: 2015

Audit Assistant - Deloitte

MY LIFE AT NSN – HOLISTIC HEAVEN

“My school days were the golden days of my life!” As clichéd as it sounds, it is the indisputable truth. I still remember my first day at school. Donned in checked red shirt with a plain red pinafore and an ID card which just mentioned my name and class – LKG ‘B’, I cried my lungs out refusing to let go of my Grandpa who waved me goodbye. But, as days and months passed, doting teachers and delightful friends guaranteed me comfort. School became my ‘Second Home’. The foremost thing I admire about NSN is that it focuses on holistic development. Our school has been encouraging students to have horizontal exposure and vertical expertise.

There is not just a single straight line of academics but a complete triangle of academics, sports and extra-curricular activities. One of the policies of our school which has positively impacted me the most is the innovative idea of ‘Honesty Test Rooms’, where the exams are conducted without invigilators. This tests not only the knowledge but also the integrity of the students.

I shall attribute my flair in English to ‘Speak Only in English’ rule which our Correspondent has been constantly insisting over the years. I am ever grateful to my school for selecting me as one of the speakers of ‘Subject Plus’ initiated in the year 2013. It was indeed gratifying to address students on morals and values and creating an impact. In a nutshell, it was a two-way learning experience.

I take immense pride in confessing that our school takes the students on an academic voyage in a smooth sailing ship. Unlike some schools across the state, our school has never pressurized students on the grounds of academics. With the blessings of the Almighty and the constant motivation of our Correspondent and teachers I became the school topper in HSC Examinations.

With my entire childhood and adolescent years spent here, NSN has become an important part of my life. Having lived here for 14 golden years, there have been countless memories which I will reminisce and cherish forever.

I wish that this fine institution, now turning 50, shall prosper with exponential growth as it ‘Nurtures Students for the Nation’!





Anjali V.R.

Year of Passing 2015

Student

MY EXPERIENCES AS A STUDENT OF NSN

It is very pleasant to recollect my school days in NSN that was associated with cherishable memories.

FRIENDLINESS :

In NSN, I was able to communicate with heterogeneous group of students. This helped me to develop healthy relationship with everyone. Now, I have plenty of friends who would support and help me in good terms.

BRINGING OUT THE BEST :

In the beginning of the journey, I was scared and I had no courage to bring out the hidden talents of mine. I was also worried that I would never have a chance to show them. But as time passed, I was pulled out from my hidden world by my teachers. One of my best memories in NSN was participating in a singing competition held at Geetha Bhavan. We won the consolation prize in the competition and I was in seventh heaven. This was the very first time I came out of the class. I was also provided with various other opportunities to participate in other singing competitions.

HORIZONTAL EXPOSURE :

Every year in NSN, we have events like Cultural Meet, Annual Day, Sports day, Project Day, Club Day, and even many more. Students were allowed to participate in these events and showcase their talents. While I was studying in VII, I got a chance to enroll myself in the school's Annual Day Dance. It was a Kerala Folk dance. It was my first time participating in dance in NSN. Thus, at this point of my life in NSN I was able to show my dancing skills besides singing.

The teachers helped me to maintain a physical and mental balance with my studies as well as the other events. In NSN, we were instructed to speak only in English inside the school campus. This helped me to present seminars on different topics in the class and also to participate actively in various class activities. I was also given a chance to conduct the assembly in the absence of Student Council members. I was able to overcome my stage fear. I, in fact, loved to show myself up on the stage to announce or share something with my fellow mates. I was also allowed to give voiceover in the JRC Annual Day Skit. This line makes it clear that I also enrolled myself in the Junior Red Cross of my school. I've been a member for four long years. I still remember the teachers in charge Mrs. S. Meera and Mrs. Meenakshi. I also remember the mime my friends and I did in the JRC Annual Day and it was said that our program was the best among everything else.

As a JRC student, I have one more memorable moment. We were taken on a field trip to an old age home. We met many old grandmas. We communicated with them, danced for them and I sang songs with my friends for them. On that day seeing everyone out there at the Ashram

I took a strong decision that I will never leave anyone whom I know especially my parents in the ashram for any reason just because I felt the aching hearts of those grandmas'. This was indeed a heart touching trip.

AFFECTION TOWARDS ENGLISH STAFF :

Among all my teachers I felt much attached to my English teachers in every class. I was allowed to compere for the School's Sports Day for the Japanese Dance by my class X English Teacher named Mrs. Meera. It was one of my best experiences in NSN as I always dreamt to compere.

Once while I was in ninth grade I had the experience of recording my voice for a Tamil Drama. I played a really small role but I was excited when I was in the recording studios with my Tamil teachers Mrs. Gowri Raman and Mrs. Radha.

Besides this, there were also club competitions and sports. I've been the runner up in chess for two years and once in kho-kho. I always had a mindset that I shouldn't miss any opportunity I receive so, I always participated and gave my best in every competition I participated. Either I end up winning or gaining an experience for life.

INFINITHEISM :

WISHING YOU MOST AND MORE!

Here comes my favorite and the most valuable experience in NSN. INFINITHEISM! In my tenth grade I was chosen as one of the ten students to attend the Infini course. It was an eight session course, twice a week. I really enjoyed every session starting from the first day to the day of the graduation of the course. In each session we were always called upon the stage to talk using the mike to our peer group. This kept increasing my courage and I finally overcame all my stage fear at the end of this course. Apart from this, we also learnt many values of life which are needed to lead a successful and peaceful life. Attending this course really made me understand how blessed I am. It also taught me that I'm unique in the world having seven billion and more people. I felt a spot of optimism growing inside myself to become a star. We also had an opportunity of meeting Mahatria Ra which was a life time experience for me. We were asked to come to school by 5:30 a.m. on Sunday. Waking up before sunrise on a Sunday was really damn difficult but my spirit of enthusiasm chased away that difficulty. I've met him three times. Not everyone is blessed with this opportunity in life. Later, we, the Infini students were allowed to give the speech [THE WAKE UP CALL] which is an encouraging speech for the adolescent students. I was really glad to enroll myself in this. This speech consisted of two parts and I was given the second part. My partner was my friend Rachitha. We prepared it well and also practiced it in front of our teachers, Principal, and also the Correspondent. Though all other teams went to different schools to give that speech, myself and my partner missed our chance because of the Chennai rains that year. Later on we were allowed to deliver the speech to the girls of tenth standard students that year in the AV room.

I also experienced speaking in NDTV regarding 'Clean My School' campaign. While the channel staff asked us to speak, my Principal, Mrs. Radhamani, called out my name saying "Anjali, you will speak well right, go to them". I was over excited to hear words from her. It was just a two minutes speech but it was a memorable experience. I am blessed!

How can I forget the Children's Day celebrations held every year in NSN. We dressed as flowers, sat in the garden named NSN, and teachers as beautiful and colorful birds sang and danced for us to bloom joyfully with laughter. Just before a week or two before November 14 (Children's Day) we can notice the doors of the staff rooms locked from inside. I get really excited seeing that the teachers are preparing something special for us. I run all over to my friends telling them that the rooms are locked and the teachers are practising something for the Children's Day. We also pretend like we know nothing of what they're doing. That's the kind of joy we experience each year. And on that day (Children's Day) we shout and clap, excited to the core. We were on cloud nine. Enjoying Children's Day is a pleasure which we receive only in school. After schooling is over now this is the first thing I miss as no one is going to consider me as a child and celebrate Children's Day.

These are some unforgettable precious moments spent in NSN. Over all in NSN I had a friendly environment. People were always present at my side to nurture me. From here, I learnt how to adjust myself with the society. Qualities such as perseverance, sincerity, truthfulness, tolerance, discipline, and obedience were developed in me.

Apart from all these extra-curricular activities, I also concentrated on my studies. In spite of all these extra activities my teachers helped me to concentrate on studies and I scored 476/500 in my tenth standard public exams.

School life is a very important part of one's life, because it provides opportunities for academics and discipline. Besides these, the school life is a preparatory stage for entering public life. School plays an important role in widening the outlook of students. And NSN provided and trained me in all these aspects. It gave me joy and pleasure throughout the journey. I felt completely comfortable in NSN and how could anyone not feel being comfortable. I had a safe schooling.

When I had to change my school in the middle of my XI class due to personal issues, I literally cried for days asking my father not to change my school. I was put into another school in Neyveli. I never felt comfortable with neither this school nor the students here at the beginning but later on I remembered what I learnt in NSN, we should make out the best in what we have. There are many people who can't even afford to educate their ward but I've got parents who can afford to educate me. This is also a blessing in my life. So I decided to apply what I learnt in NSN and I made the best in this school too. If not the values I learnt in NSN it would have been really tough for me to go on.

I feel proud being a part of NSN. I feel completely grateful to write this article. Recollecting those memories was over joyful.

THANK YOU SO MUCH NSN!



Shamsiha

Year of Passing - 2010

Aeon Effects - Chief Operating Officer

MY CHERISHED MEMORY

What is more amazing than being asked by your teacher to write an article about your cherished memory of School. Not only have I been given the chance to express my gratitude, but also an opportunity to rekindle my memories of the time I spent at my school. Yes, it is 'My School', even though I'm just an alumnus sitting here typing on my laptop about my memories. The emotional attachment and love for my school have not faded away. All those memories of humor, fun, fear, learning, dreading, tears, farewell are coming right back to me. Most of all, what we remember are the joy and tears that we have shared with our teachers and friends. This is what stays in our minds.

Though I have loads of memories of school which I cherish, I would like to write about my memories of certain teachers and the experiences with them. Memories still vivid, most likely because they were more than just teachers. They not only taught their students with ease, but were also sympathetically attached with the kids as if they were of their own. This is why some teachers can never be erased from your memory. They have been characteristically cordial and good humored. At times informal to mingle with the children, but always insightful, imparting wisdom without ever giving the impression of being pompous or displaying erudition or superiority or even talking down, for which I can say I'm grateful for. For the nice person it has brought from inside of me. Often wishing to have all teachers just as your favorite ones. For sure, everyone has their favorites, because they say either like your subject or like your subject teacher. Even if you don't like your subject the fondness for your teacher brings out interest, even if it were a complex subject matter. To those teachers who we truly appreciate and are fond of, the feeling itself is crystallized into deepest respect and genuine affection and with it, interest in the subject of course.

I am glad that I have met such teachers at this school during my time there, both for my sake and for the image of other school teachers everywhere. If school gives you the basics of education, I think the teachers give you the basics of life and after teaching the same subject for several years, to new faces every year, the enthusiasm they have to teach never deflated, neither their patience with the ignorance of novices. I hope their energy and teaching stays forever young and as fresh as I remember. I thank them to this day for instilling the abilities in me, the encouragement, and for shaping me the way I am today. One such teacher, for me, and whom I wish to send special thanks, is to, my Tamil teacher and class teacher during my 10th standard, who was nothing less than a supportive mother to me, encouraging me no matter how bad I was in Tamil, supporting me when I became the ASPL, motivating me to become what I wanted to be. She was the true reason behind my interest to learn Tamil. I was very lucky to have been one of her students and I'm thankful for the opportunity she has given asking me to write this piece for the school, about my most cherished memory. Little does she know that she is one of my most cherished memories of school, my teacher Gowri Raman Mam.



Deepak

Year of Passing – 2017

Student – VISCOM - SRM University

I've had some amazing experiences during the course of 14 years in my school. Every single year there would be an incident that I would remember for the rest of my life. The academic year of 2013-2014 was one such year. One particular incident would go on to make a dent on how I look at school, responsibilities, and leadership.

To give you some context, ninth grade was the big iPhone X upgrade for us the students. Our school lives were revamped in another level-we got to wear pants! It wouldn't seem as big as I just made it sound but for us it felt like we are in the big boys league now. Which also added a little extra bravery in us.

At this point I'd like to let you know that my intention is not to diminish the school or its values. I do have a huge amount of respect to this school.

So back to the story. Right around the middle of the academic year, we heard that our class teacher was leaving the school. This upset many of the class students as she was their favourite teacher. A bunch of us decided to gift her a mug.

I was surprised to see huge boxes of gifts and a big cake being carried in. Apparently this was the "mug" that I contributed to. Anyways, the students of class 9 A threw a farewell party. We were all happy. We were having the time of our lives, since the last party we had inside the campus was during the fifth grade-the class parties, they were fun. Good old memories.

Long story short, we got caught. I think it was the party popper that one of my friends popped in the middle of a silent school hour, that gave it away. Not sure though. That day we were given a scolding of a lifetime, by almost everyone, right from the teachers to the principal and rightly so. I am pretty sure we broke at least one rule. We deserved it. Every bit of the scolding. I vividly remember my principal scolding the class leader for failing to do his job, and that hit me, pretty hard. I don't know why, but that particular piece of memory stands out from that day.

Right now, I am incredibly happy that I wasn't absent on that day, even though that was the first thought that popped up into my head the other day. If I were, I would not have learnt that it is important to be responsible, its important to face the consequences inflicted by our own actions. That day I did learn how a leader should not be. This experience turned out to be useful in the next three years, still is, and will be down the road.

I'm glad that we were caught.





Swathi Lenin

Year of Passing : 2015

Student – Mechatronics - SRM University

It's been three years since I walked out of school, but my heart is still etched with beautiful memories from my school days. Every time I walk past the school, I am hit by a nostalgic wave, that reminds me of the best time of my life. The bond that I share with NSN is something very special and deep, as I've spent 14 years of my life in this institution. The main reason for this emotional connection is the support that the management and staff of the school provided me throughout my school days. NSN played a vital role in building up a strong character and instilling moral values in me. Here, I learnt that education was not just about marks and exams. Rather, it was about preparing oneself to face the outside world, by developing life skills. I was lucky enough to be in the right place to realize this at the right time. And I am also thankful to the management for entrusting me with leadership duties and providing tremendous exposure, which laid the path for my entrepreneurship career plans. My special thanks to Mrs. Chitra Prasad, the Correspondent and Mrs. Radhamani, the Principal, for being the pillars of strength throughout my school life and all the teachers for putting their best efforts to teach us and make us feel comfortable. I am really glad and proud of the fact that my school has reached a new milestone by completing 50 years of service to education. NSN School, that started as a single school has now turned into a group of three schools known for their expertise in nurturing students for the future. Wishing the management, staff and students most and more for their future endeavors.



Pranathi G.

Year of Passing : 2016

Student - M.A. - University of Madras

"School days are the best days of my life ! " Every NSNite would say it! Whenever I think of NSN, my mind is flooded with such amazing memories. NSN gave me such cozy environment and it still feels like my second home ! Today, I am what NSN moulded me into. It always gave me such great opportunities to break my boundaries and turn into a better person with better capabilities. NSN always believed in my potential more than me. NSN looks into each individual, recognizes their talent and gives them more and more opportunities to pursue it, build their foundation stronger, develop their talents and come out with amazing personalities.

NSN is never satisfied with just academics. It always wants its students to be all rounders. It provides them multiple opportunities to prove themselves in any field they want.

In my case, I was learning Carnatic music right from my childhood. NSN provided me an excellent platform to exhibit my talent. I was part of numerous inter school competitions and some national level competitions as well. It gave me plenty of opportunities to lead a group of other singers. We would perform for every single occasion at school.

NSN doesn't just concentrate on a single aspect of a student. If a person is good at something, NSN wants them to prove themselves in other aspects as well.

In my case, I never thought that I could be a good orator. But NSN made me use opportunities like giving motivational talk to other school students, that instilled in me the confidence that I was good at it as well.

NSN instills the preparedness to multi-tasking right from the school level. It teaches its students to stand above the crowd in every situation.

NSN always believes in holistic development. It nurtures its students so well and wants them to imbibe every good character to turn into a better citizen of the country tomorrow. Right from telling them how important nature is and to be an eco-friendly person, to making them understand the importance of gratitude towards their parents and family, NSN not only gives education, but also many amazing values for all walks of our lives!

While in school, we are encapsulated in our comfort zones, happily relying on our parents and teachers for every thought and action. Once we are out of school, we are completely in charge of ourselves. NSN makes every student efficient and ready to face the outside world with courage and confidence. It produces students to the world, who move ahead in their lives with zest and zeal! I congratulate NSN for celebrating its golden jubilee and wish many more successful years ahead!



Aravindhakshan R.

Year of Passing - 2017

Student- ICAI - C.A.

MY LIFE IN NSN

A place where I understood that school life should not be stuck with a bunch of books and exams. School life should be filled with all diagonals of emotions and spirit which would refine the life of every student. I literally dealt with all possible situations and opportunities where I also felt real happiness.

Understood the real purpose of my life and also got a wonderful opportunity to identify my hidden talents and abilities.

Life was not stable till I stepped into my high school education where I came across various opportunities and made it as building blocks for my career.

Feel blessed to be associated with such a glorious institution.

I am grateful to the school for my association with 'Infinitheism' which completely restructured my character, moulding me with great self-confidence and zeal.

Of course, we undergo certain rough situations during our teens. But, if we make the best of those situations, it would add humongous value to our career which I understood after my school life.

The best part of my school life was the "KalaMela" time, where we students literally forgot that we were students and worked together as a family even with the teachers. Definitely no one fails to crave for such life to come back and it will be an everlasting remembrance till the end.

Its very exciting that our school is celebrating “The Golden Jubilee” and I wish this year to be a memorable one for the existing buds.

I am always indebted to this noble institution which supported my life since I was three years old till my 12th grade and brought me up from nowhere to “The Best Outgoing Student”.

I will never forget those sparkling and everlasting memories and am looking forward to hear about more success stories from the school and wishing the very best for the upcoming years for its astounding glory!

S. Priyadarshini

Year of Passing - 2013

Ashoka University, Delhi - Admin Dept

MY JOURNEY AT NSN

I walked in to my first standard at NSN with eyes bulging out in all of the new sights that I spotted. My hand, that has now been accustomed to writing, searched for a hand almost throughout then- only to be clasped closely by my mother, sister and all of the people my first standard self can remember- Leema miss, Rose miss and a very special mentor – Bhaktavatchalam sir. Bhaktha Sir introduced me to the world of Scouts and Guides. The leadership training and values he instilled in me then, stays steadfast even now.

I always firmly believe that NSN has played home to all of my learning , growth and has been extremely understanding of my weaknesses. The formative years that I spent at NSN Chrompet and NSN Chitlapakkam helped me understand my strengths, my love for English and most importantly, I grew a lot when the action was criticized and not the person, every time I had a fall.

My warm regards has always been to the beautiful campuses that I grew up in, played truants, had my crushes and made lasting friendships in. NSN has taught me to find the silver lining in every disappointment. A class- shuffling happened in my seventh standard- it was one of the most difficult periods at first, but it made me understand how important changes are and how comfort zones are islands, meant only to get out of.

NSN made the stage fear that existed in me vanish- it was around my ninth standard that I started MC-ing for school events. I grew more comfortable with the stage and every time my feet trembled, peoples’ encouragement in my ability to articulate kept me going. I am indebted to Chitra mam, Sushmita mam, Pavitra mam and all of my English teachers, for the motivation. I grew up to become the School Pupil Leader during the final year at Chitlapakkam, because of the extra push I received, every time I worked hard. I get back to my correspondent every time there is a change of phase in my life, and I am humbled to be greeted with the same love, immaterial of the news I bring to her.

Whilst NSN honed my strengths, I also remember how non-judgemental my teachers were with my areas of improvement. There were various times, when I ran to the teachers, after a problem and ended up getting

back home with a toothy smile. I had a major period of confusion on deciding the stream I am inclined to pursue after my tenth standard, and I remember Radhamani mam being so understanding then. It goes without saying that her support is something that I am always grateful for.

On a personal note, my journey in NSN would be incomplete without my teachers and my friends. The guidance that I received from my teachers is immeasurable and I always cherish my phone calls with my school friends. Thanks to NSN, I was blessed to meet Khushbu Jain, who chose to sit next to me in my third standard and we became the best of friends later.

I am always deeply indebted to my mother, Ms. Jayashree Pritham, who takes single motherhood in her stride and whose thoughtfulness doesn't let both of her children to compromise on quality education and value system. I'd again take a moment to thank Chitra mam and everyone in my school for being so supportive to me in my growing-up years.

I wish and pray that every child receives the love and learning that I had been bestowed with, at NSN.

Thank you.



B. Arvind

Year of Passing - 2015

Student, Computer Engineering- Final Year - Crescent Eng. College

Driving through the Rajendra Prasad road after a very long time, I found dozens of kids, boys and girls wearing a school uniform which I have never witnessed. Struck by curiosity, I stopped my bike and watched a kid closer only to find him wearing the N.S.N logo on his shirt.

Reminiscing the olden, golden days of NSN, a sequence of unexplainable nostalgic memories flash through my mind. Yes, it is been more than 3 years. Still, we miss our school days. Our school days of jamming into the assembly on time, manoeuvring our body to rest for infinitesimal, trying to speak in English as frequently as possible, the late evening sessions by our beloved correspondent, the privilege to attend any cultural event, the responsible fun being in the Student Council, the breathtaking experiences during Annual day and Sports day, are still fresh in our memory.

Spending my childhood, adolescent and teenage phase at NSN was a boon because the morals, standards imbibed by our school is what makes the students lead a disciplined life and make us sound unique in our endeavors.

The freedom with which our teachers relate with us is evident from our relationship even after years of leaving the school.

To my knowledge, the students from our NSN are leaders in their institutions and their work places.

The magical place which has given us a zillion memories of friendship, laughter and craziness, the discipline it has taught, the knowledge sculpted upon us, the ever unquenching thirst of curiosity for learning, the quality to lead the crowd rather than following it, the unexplainable feeling we get every time we pass our school gate, the proud feeling when we call ourselves as 'NSNites', these things have shaped into us who we are and given us the feeling of 'wholeness' in our life.

11:11- Infini minute has become a routine and we effortlessly observe infini minute wherever we are.

If given a boon, I'd want to relive my NSN days in an endless time loop.



Rahul Ranjit

Year of Passing - 2016

Student, Electrical & Electronic Engineering - III Year - Loyola Eng. College

The school where I studied for 14 long years, a school that always makes me go beyond and moreover a place I miss a lot. NSN has always helped me in exploring my unknown boundaries. Being the SPL and the ASPL of the school changed my outlook towards leadership and I can proudly say that NSN didn't compromise on presenting me with opportunities to prove my calibre. Be it sports, cultural, academics or co curricular activities, the school was always top notch. The wonderful 14 year old journey came to a tearful end as I had to see other options in life and pursue my higher education, but I still remember the saying the school has always taught me...Your life is your responsibility!

I really want to be a school student in NSN again ! With lots of love and prayers for my school. God speed !



Rachitha

Year of Passing - 2018

Student - Electronics & Instrumentation - I Year - SRM Easwari Eng. College

Only transference of knowledge happens within the four walls of the class room. Lessons of life are learnt beyond the text books. Our school has always put in all the efforts to envision their children grow up in an environment that inculcates discipline, self-reliance, responsibility and integrity. N.S.N has provided us with a lot of opportunities to explore ourselves and has taught us to live beyond our own expectations. I studied in N.S.N from my first grade. My class teacher put up my name for an oratorical competition when I was in my third grade as I was very talkative. From that day I've never left the opportunity to participate in an oratorical competition. I consider myself very much lucky as I've always had the support of my teachers as well as my parents. I've always been the 'Teacher's girl'. I love to share my experiences and views with my teachers and they've also been available to help me. During my 10th grade I had the opportunity to be a part of the 'Infini-14' program. I could explore myself through this holistic experience. Now as an alumnus of N.S.N I have a lot of sweet memories and learnings associated with the school. Every student is a star and N.S.N has made the star sparkle in a cluster.



G. Beena

Year of Passing - 1990

Rosily Matric.Hr.Sec.School - Teacher

MY SCHOOL JOURNEY

Feeling very nostalgic when I am sitting to pen down tapping my memory back to 1977. Yes, that is the start of my school journey at NSN Children's School, Nehru Nagar, Chrompet. Have not seen another school or thought of shifting to another roof to complete my schooling. Had dreamt of even continuing the under graduation under the same roof when news of new premises reached our ears.

The growth of NSN from a thatched shed to multi-storeyed buildings with a good auditorium has been the hard work of the founder. When I took my children on their first day of schooling the classrooms where I studied 7th and 8th standard have now been converted as Pre Kindergarten block. Teachers who helped us see through Kindergarten and Primary were Ms Nalini, Ms. Nirmala John, Ms. Jagathi, Ms. Ambujam and Ms.Narayani. Proud to state that am still in contact with Ms. Jagathi who continues to me by mentor.

NSN even at that point of time was in the practice of encouraging students for all good habits primarily, for punctuality. The certificates for highest score, distinction good handwriting etc are fresh in my memory .They were printed in an ordinary paper green in colour with the remarks / signature of the founder and these are still my treasures. One good thing which I tried to train my hands, but failed, is the handwriting of our founder, it is more legible than a printed book.

After the school got recognised from Tamil Nadu Government, we had specialised teachers / subject expertise and among them none of the students could erase from their memories the classes of Mr. Azharia for Science (Biology), Mr. Raman (Physics), Mrs. Lucia George (History), Mrs. Lalitha Rajasekaran (English), Mrs. Kosalai (Tamil), Mrs. Revathy Chandrasekhar (Accounts and Commerce), Mrs. Sukanya (History) Mrs. Rani Muniraj (Maths). The extra efforts put in by Ms. Lucia George, Mrs. Lalitha Rajasekaran cannot be compared. The coaching which they imparted for the students of 10th standard is a vivid example of their commitment for work. One good example is that Ms. Lucia George gave each student a Xerox copy of all important dates and events collated from the text book on the first day of school re-opening which was a Bible for us. History, in the general opinion of students is a dry subject but no one who has attended the classes of Ms. Lucia and Ms. Sukanya will contradict the opinion as we would wait to hear them narrate the historical events with such chronological order that we rarely forgot the same. Jane Austen was introduced to us through our English teacher Ms. Lalitha Rajasekaran, the interest created for reading helps us even today.

Plus two was a different scenario, taking a new stream Commerce and Accountancy, Ms. Revathy Chandrasekhar was totally different, even in a commerce class we used to be given speed test every day to increase our capacity to finish the exams within a set time. This is where I started learning time management which is still being used for my personal and professional life.

Sports day is another memorable day in our school days. NSN made sure that all the students who studied in the school participated in different events and all were awarded a prize. It was in the year 1987 the school started to give medals to the winners, I still remember winning a gold medal in 4x100 meters relay and walked back home from the MIT ground proudly displaying the medal, till date it is safe protected by a glass container though many more medals followed.

After school, even during my college days and higher studies I used to miss NSN environment. We had a nostalgic feeling as students again when we had our silver jubilee reunion (1991 batch coming back to school after 25 years) on 15th July 2016. We thank the school authorities who gave us the permission to have the reunion in the school campus itself. The old batch mates all over the world assembling on that day at the school, which helped them to become good citizens, was a proud moment which brought tears to many of us. Hats off to our batch mates who worked day and night to contact us and we were privileged that our Founder Principal took time from her busy schedule to be part of that programme.

The values and morals which NSN taught me during the school days have helped me to climb the ladder in my professional career. I had inducted training and headed a HR team in an MNC. To devote more time for my family, took a break and as always been my cup of tea, have started teaching.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the school Management on completion of 50 years and pray to Almighty that the expansion of school should be to bring out good citizens with an all-round education model, and would love to see my children complete their college as well, under the NSN banner.



Bhagya Krishnamoorthy

Year of Passing : 2010

Indus Ind Bank - Trainer

NSN and ME

Greetings,

Education is the key to success and school has a big hand in shaping a student's life. And when it comes for a student who has migrated from a different location to a whole new place with almost zero knowledge about the language and culture, there is a lot of anticipation that comes along. Wondering whether one would really suit in, well, to my utter surprise in no time, I started believing that my new school is the best school ever. And why not, I have obvious reasons to prove how much I owe to this mega institution "THE NSN" for what I have changed into from what I was.

I had joined NSN in my 11th grade as an extremely introverted girl who had always shied away from public appearances. Then is when, this beautiful lady lifted me up and kindled the talent which I never knew I ever had. Yes, she brought up the Anchor, the Host in me! To everyone's surprise, how could a reticent person be a speaker! I owe a lot to this

magnificent lady Mrs. Chitra Prasad, who saw that talent in me which no one could ever imagine. That is when the journey from being, one amongst the audience to be the one to start and spark the shows as a Host, has never stopped. A magical touch of hers has turned all stones and has brought glories to the lives of my fellow alumni too.

She has always believed that everyone cannot be 99% achievers and has always focused on inculcating moral values and communication skills as that has been the top priority for the current generation and her guidance has made us give our best in whatever fields we are.

I am lucky and proud to be an Alumnus of NSN as I have been seeded with such a strong foundation that I believe to have a capability to make my mother proud.

I bow to you Mrs. Lalitha Menon, as you are our Iron Lady from whom the world must learn a lot and I wish that we daughters should be like you Chitra mam, so that we could fulfil our parents' dream so beautifully and glorify them. A true role model you are for all of us.

It will be unfair on my part if I fail to thank all the teachers who have never left any effort in shaping all the students and pushing them to achieve what they are good at and I have always had the best teachers ever.

When I look back at this institution, I see it all grown up to be a majestic pillar of education which has achieved laurels over the years and has shown several advancements in the method of teaching. Indeed, all the parents are very proud to be associated with it.

I whole heartedly congratulate NSN for stepping into the 50th year and we are waiting for more prestigious and glorious years to come.

Love to all.



C.G. Meera

Year of Passing - 2013

Student- Young India Fellowship - Ashoka University, Delhi

I passed out of NSN in the year 2013. Looking back I've just realized how almost half my life and most of my identity is tied to NSN - 15 years is a long time. One of the best things that being at NSN taught me was to be patient - that things will come to you when it has to. Be it friends or what subject you want to take in your plus two or even something as complex as who you want to be recognized as for the rest of your life.

NSN is where I began my journey. My 4th grade teacher in NSN was the person who inspired me to read and showed me the magic of the world of literature. What started as a hobby took me places I didn't dream of as a kid of Chromepet. I had the best of friends, some that have lasted till today. We also had the best of teachers. Most important of all, we made memories - each one oh so precious.

From the pillars to the corridors to the sports ground, every piece of the school holds an important and cherished memory.

There's a Robert Frost poem that goes "...miles to go before I sleep and miles to go before I sleep..."

Having traveled miles and miles away from home and with a long way further to go, I truly wish the best for NSN - my true home and to all the NSNites.

Three cheers for my alum!



Krishnen Maharajhun

Year of Passing - 2001

Essar Oil Refinery - Process Engineer

OPPORTUNITIES & INITIATIVES

Many feet would have trodden the rock, but it took the sculptor's eye to reveal the idol hidden within.

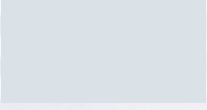
My dear friends, Yes, it took the efforts of my Alma Mater, to bring out my hidden qualities and raise me to what I am today. All the uncut diamonds, may not shine like the Kohinor, but numerous opportunities are opened up before each one of you. It is up to the individual to take-up the initiative and make optimal use of them.

Wayne Dyer says, "If You change the way you look at things, then the things you look at changes". My teacher taught me to look at life with a positive approach. I was made to focus on possibilities. I was nudged up to the podium, to give my maiden speech, my maiden stage performance, maiden debate, and my numerous FIRSTS, which I did not even know I possessed. My school taught me never to focus on problems but possibilities. As Bo Sanchez says, "Problems pull you down, possibilities push you up".

Major credit of my success goes to my training in Scouting, where we are taught to savour the fruits of selflessness, alertness, smartness and service with smile. Scouting paved the way as a stepping stone for my successful careers. Because of those Adaption to Changes, Initiatives and leadership qualities which were taught in scouting, my group discussions in college/offices, threw light on my real self, which were lauded by my superiors. The encouragement and quality time my teachers showered on me paved umpteen ways to build our future. The various extracurricular activities, be it cultural, sports, debate, social service activities, etc, heralded us into a colourful yet multifaceted personality. I wonder even if my children will reap such benefits as I did in my schooling.

NSN moulded me into a responsible citizen, by making me shoulder responsibilities like class leader, ASPL, SPL, Scouts troop leader and so many other initiatives/responsibilities. Yet it taught me humility. As Stephen Covey says, "The Key is not to prioritize your schedule, but to schedule your priorities". The school sculpts you morally, mentally and physically. The way you socialize, conduct yourself, run your family, treat your friends, are all part of upbringing from school.

ZigZigler says, "Effective communication begins with mutual respect, it inspires and encourages others to do their Best". This was taught by my beloved teachers. I owe everything I possess, be it good will or wealth, to my Alma Mater, who opened up the treasure trove of



opportunities from which I took the initiative to grab and make use of. Dear students, the opportunities are there for you too. Only make sure you make use the most of them. Time is precious, don't fritter it away.



Madhan Seshadri

Year of Passing - 1992

Tech Mahendra - Program Manager

அதிகாரம் நல்லாசிரியர்

அகர முதல எழுத்தெல்லாம் ஆசான்
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உற்சாகம் அள்ளித் தரும்

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உரைக்கச் சொல்வதே யாம்

கூட்டாய் வெளிநிறுத்துவார் நம்மை - சரியாய்
வீட்டுப்பாடம் செய்யா விடின்

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வகுப்பறிந்து பிரித்த தில்லை

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கிஞ்சித்தும் பேச மாட்டான்

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வினாக்களே விடை யானது

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குருவே தெய்வமெனக் கொள்



Muthu Abirami

Year of Passing - 2003

Advocate specialising in tax and corporate laws litigation

NSN - 50th YEAR - MUSINGS OF AN ALUMNUS

NSN is in its 50th year! Wow. I feel so proud for I too belong to this place. This is the place, which made me what I am today! I may not be on the who's who list today. But, my teachers made me realise that being a good human being is far more important than anything else. Not that I lack the academic credentials to feel proud about; but my teachers taught me that marks or academic achievements matter little in comparison to being a disciplined student / good human being. Every day, I strive to be a good human being and a disciplined professional.

My teachers are adept at spotting talents and nurturing them. They found a talent in the lazy chatterbox (Yeah! I was the chatterbox). They

identified that she can be a good public speaker, a good dramatist, a badminton player and what not. My teachers gave me the opportunity and the encouragement for participating in every extra-curricular activity - Tagore, Veeramamunivar, Shruthilaya, Babbage, Lotus and Blue Bells! The participation, winners and runners up certificates of inter school and intra school competitions are my prized possessions. One of the senior most and most respected advocates praised me for my all round personality when he saw all the certificates that I hold! I owe it all to my teachers. My parents never encouraged extracurricular activities. They wanted me to be a book worm! But, no regrets. That inadequacy was well compensated by my teachers.

I always have a special place in my heart for my language teachers and my accountancy and business math teachers, without whom I am nothing.

My language teachers always allowed our imagination to grow; both english and thamizh. Not once, they have asked us to memorise and write. They encouraged and appreciated own piece of writings - both on and off the syllabus. They are the best. Especially, our thamizh teachers! No words to express!

Gowri miss will invariably write my name for all Thamizh elocution / debate completions! Till date, I never miss an opportunity to go and speak in a forum - be it technical or social.

To be praised by Kosalai miss means, you have definitely done a good job. She has openly stated in class, "read aloud the stories like Muthu Abirami with intonation and pause". It is a "Wow" moment for me!

Revathy Chandrasekar miss will be the only 12th standard teacher who encourages students to read news paper along with board exam preparation. My mother once complained in a parent teacher meet that I spend an hour every day reading newspaper. Revathy miss told her, "This is what we are expecting from our children. Let her read". Till date, I never go to sleep without reading the newspaper.

Usha venkatesh miss is probably the only maths teacher who would make us flex our brain in solving a problem, without a paper and a pen. I will never forget her words, "Things that come in the TV would always keep coming even after your board exams. But your board exams will come only once". I remind myself this till date, whenever I feel I am wasting time in useless things.

Ramamani miss, Revathy miss (II standard), Nirmala miss, Shoba miss, Jyothi miss, Savithri miss, Ajeetha miss, Chitra miss (Tamil), Shobana miss, Chellamal miss, AP Vijayalakshmi miss, Dafni miss, Geetha Radhakrishnan miss, Shanthi miss, Suseela Mani miss, Meera miss, Susmitha gopinath miss, Sukanya miss, Renuka miss, Lucia George miss, Prasanna Premnath miss, Rani Muniraj miss, Padma miss, Mary Vasanthi miss, Helen Beulah miss, Sivakama Sundari miss, Neelakantan sir, Sasikala Naik miss, Lalitha Rajasekaran miss, Sridevi mam, PT sirs, Bhanureka miss, Guru driver and the captain of the ship, Chitra Prasad Mam - all of them moulded me. All of them had a great influence on me. I thank each and everyone from the bottom of my heart. I might have missed a few names, which my conscious memory failed to serve me. Nevertheless, subconsciously, I recollect

every one and thank them. I am grateful for all of them. There will be a day, when I will make all my teachers feel proud of me.

I came to NSN as a “vaayadi ponnu” in 1st standard (in the thatched roof school) and passed out as a confident, ambitious and cheerful girl in 12th standard (in the Chitlapakkam campus). This is the place, where I made some of my closest friends for life! This is the place, which is etched with nostalgic beautiful memories! Life that I lived in NSN is THE sweetest dream that I always yearn to go back to.

I wish team NSN THE BEST – I wish NSN to continue to sculpt good human beings!

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R. Dhianeswar

Year of Passing – 2016

Student - III Year, Sairam Engg. College

MY SCHOOL JOURNEY IS A SWEET MEMORY FOREVER

Let me start out with the motto of my school “KNOWLEDGE IS POWER”. My school is the same as its motto. The life which I had in my school is unforgettable. The lessons of life which were taught to me are still a big boon to me. It is one of the schools which teaches the students how to be socially connected with people. The memories which I had during my school days can’t be bought again. It’s very close to my heart and it gives goose bumps when I think of it. My school focused on my inter personal and intra personal skills. My school is known for imparting “knowledge and building communication skill”. The teachers are real role models who walk the talk. The teachers of my school were highly qualified and were able to connect with the students in a friendly manner. Every year, many events were conducted which served as a platform for the communication with the outside world. My school encourages the students in all their endeavors and gives full support until they achieve success. The learning pattern is quite different where we had interactive class sessions with smart boards which gave a good kick start for the out of the box thinking. My school prepared us for life. The courage and determination which I have now to tackle problems is all because of my school and this is the place which taught me everything and how to succeed in life.

NSN is not a name, it’s an emotion and a spark to achieve great heights in life.

My school is a History Maker and it is known for its divinity, creativity, knowledge and support.

“Good Knowledge is important, but knowledge with good character makes us bright even in darkness”

MY LOVE TOWARDS MY SCHOOL WILL REMAIN THE SAME TILL MY LAST BREATH



Swetha. L

Year of Passing – 2015

Student – MBA

The Golden Jubilee Year of NSN - 2018, seemed so far away when I was in school. I became a part of the NSN family in 2004 and my journey at NSN had been spectacular ever since. When I think about my time in NSN, the first thing that came to my mind is 'There is always something to look forward to'. Our school exposes us to so many activities, events and experiences which made coming to school very exciting. Monday blues used to be a myth. Academics is important but anyone can study from the book, memorize it and reflect it on the paper. Holistic Development is on a much higher level and I am very proud to say I am a part of an institution that aimed at Overall Development. Excellence is the Ultimate Goal in everything NSNites did

I believe NSN has prepared me for everything that is ahead of me in life. It has made me a self-driven and proactive person who is open to challenges. All the things that differentiate me from the people around me are the traits that I acquired in NSN. I was given various positions of responsibility, opportunity to attend several competitions and was guided by the greatest faculty team. I am thankful to NSN for everything it has ever given to me and my time in NSN is something that I will cherish forever.

It is possible and absolutely necessary for everyone to be a student throughout their life but I wish it was possible to be a student of NSN for life.



Dr. N. Sri Prathiba Mahalakshmi, MS (OG)

Year of Passing - 2005

Senior resident in MAPIMS, Melmaruvathur - Dept. of Gynecology

I studied in NSN from fourth standard to twelfth. The day i came to this school, I didn't feel new. The teachers were so friendly yet strict. I had freedom of thought and speech as in my home and the teachers knew how to regulate it in the right way. Till my seventh standard though I excelled in intraschool competitions I couldn't make it in interschool. But even when i lost faith in me, the school teachers, correspondent and principal didn't. The encouragement they gave, helped me overcome all obstacles and come out in flying colours. When I received the first shield I got in IIT campus from the correspondent, she told with pride in her eyes, "this is the beginning", and yes it was. Every person I met in my school is an inspiration for me till my last breath.

“ஈன்ற பொழுதிற் பெரிதுவக்கும் தன் மகனை சான்றோன் எனக்கேட்ட தாய்” - என்பது போல் இன்றும் தன் பிள்ளைகள் சென்ற இடம் தேடி அவர்கள் வளர்ச்சி கண்டு பெருமை கொள்ளும் தாய் உள்ளம் எம் பள்ளிக்கே உண்டு. ஒன்பது வருட பள்ளி நினைவுகளைப் பகிர இப்பிறவி போதாது.



R. Gopikrishna

Year of Passing – 2005

Current Employment :

Defence Research Development Organisation, Hyderabad.

Designation : Scientist

Hi, I am R. Gopikrishna, working as a scientist at Defence Research Development Organisation, Hyderabad. I am a 2005 passed out student of one of the best schools of Chennai, NSNMHSS. This is a very special place for me because I had all 14 years of my school life in the same school. I sat on the muddy floor under the thatched roof of LKG at Nehru Nagar, upgraded to the main building during my UKG and moved on to the NSN Annexe at Chitlapakkam during my 9th class. I grew along with the standard and success of this prestigious institution.

There are numerous memories which this school has given me in these 14 years. It had some of the best teachers, I got some of my friends for life in this beautiful place, which gave ample space and opportunities to socialize with everyone around. This school taught me how to speak fluently in Hindi, at the same time never stopped me from participating in Tamil competitions. Despite being a Hindi student, Gowri miss motivated me to participate in Varthai Vilayattu competition during my 9th standard. This was the encouragement students got, to explore every possible option. My first stage talk was in class 7, on the topic “Nothing ventured, nothing gained”. Like every other debutant on stage, I got stuck midway because of stage fear and I was almost on the verge of tears, when Mrs. Chitra Prasad came up on stage, relaxed me and suggested to read out of my notes. I have been on stages many times since then, but if I had not got that motivation on that stage, probably it would have been my last stage talk as well.

NSN was not only known for its academics, sports or extra-curricular excellence but also for its unique initiatives for the betterment of students. Kala Mela and Inter-school sports meet were two such events, which were initiated with the objective of bringing out the leadership and managerial skills in students. The exposure we got as students, I realized, was not available to many from other schools. NSN always competed with leading schools from the heart of the city and emerged triumphant many times. The school taught discipline, love, respect, patriotism, punctuality, right attitude and what not.

I remember the personality development classes we enjoyed on Saturdays, organized by an external expert team. I remember the morning assembly sessions, zero hours for Annual Day, and Sports Day practices, march past, Children’s Day celebrations, Teacher’s Day celebrations, farewell parties, Sanskrit classes, inter-school contests, excursions to Bangalore & Hyderabad and what not. I won’t be doing justice if I squeeze the beautiful memories of 14 years in this short write-up, but I am overwhelmed to refresh those fond moments as I pen down few of my thoughts here. NSN and its teachers paved the way for what I am today, for what many of my friends are today and I wish it continues to lighten up many more lives ahead by providing an overall learning experience, just the way the school did for me.



Varadarajan

Year of Passing - 1990

Violonist

It was in the year 1982 I joined 5th standard in our school. My sister Vasumathi joined 8th. We moved to Chromepet that year and there was no thinking twice. The only and the best option available to my father was NSN MATRICULATION SCHOOL. My father met Madam principal Lalitha Menon and she was kind enough to give us seats.

There was a great change in the school atmosphere. The previous I had studied upto 4th was kind of strict. NSN was such a pleasure. Coming to school was what I was looking forward to always, thanks to the management (I should say ONE WOMAN ARMY Lalitha Madam) teachers and friends.

Apart from academics the school taught us values. Fine teaching system and sensible methods were followed. The teachers put their heart and soul in lifting us. The Office staff were so caring and friendly.

Being a budding Violinist I was given ample opportunities to exhibit my talent. The rehearsal cum practice sessions leading to the annual day performances was what we were looking forward. Though I was not a sports person myself the sports day was fun filled in cheering our fellow house participants be it RR WL BB and DAFFODILS.

As we grew older we were maturing fast. If the classes gave knowledge wealth the prayer meeting gave me confidence and self belief. I was fortunate to lead these prayers for a long time. The annual day performances threw away the stage fear at a very young age. In my music concerts I'm confidence personified. This quality was identified nurtured and developed by our school.

I cannot thank the school enough for making me shine as a star. My special thanks to Madam Chitra Prasad for giving me this wonderful opportunity to reminisce about my NSN. Under her dynamic leadership the School has reached fantastic heights. The very fact that it is celebrating golden jubilee speaks volumes about the School.



Raja Veeramani

Year of Passing - 1996

Director, VISA @ Silicon Vallley, California

My name is Raja Veeramani. I studied in NSN and passed out of the school in 1996. Looking back I have so many wonderful memories of NSN. Till date I am still in touch with many of my NSN classmates. My sister, Malathi also, did her schooling in NSN and so does my niece Induja now, who is doing 12th grade in NSN. Like my family, there are many other families who trust NSN, generation after generation.

The moment I heard about the golden jubilee celebration, the first thing that came to my mind was, I was doing my 11th grade when the Silver jubilee celebrations happened and it has been 25 years already since then. Time does fly! Looking back, I can never forget all the field trips, Scouts and Guides lessons, sports day celebrations, even the Morning Prayer every day. I wish I can go back in time.

Today I am working as a Director of Engineering for Visa in Silicon Valley and I am here today just because of the foundation that I got during my school days from NSN. So many wonderful teachers helped me in every single step.

I was lucky for having so many wonderful teachers who helped me in my foundation and for many other students. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the teacher. I am sure, I am missing many names here. I sincerely do apologize for that.

The school was first started in a small campus, then the main building was built and Chitra mam took over and then the annex building was built as well. I really look forward for NSN group to open the NSN group of colleges as well in Chromepet.

Kudos on the golden jubilee celebrations and I will look forward for the platinum and the diamond jubilee celebrations as well.

Congratulations!!



C. Soundarya

Year of Passing – 2016

Student

Life is all about learning, school life is but a preparation to face the challenges that the bigger school called world will offer us once we are out of our schools. The schools therefore greatly influence upon us, they shape our character, mold our mental attitudes and fashion the basic principles of life. The Institution that prepares a student in every domain for a sound personality and high moral values is NSN school.

Deep are the impressions of unforgettable experiences and days in school. On my first day in NSN, our beloved Correspondent, Mrs. Chitra Prasad, had shared beautiful yet strong values, opinions and goals to us to bring out our infinite potential. I clearly remember, being a fresher in the school for higher secondary education, I decided that I want to be all that the school wants to see in the ideal student.

From being clueless about Infitheism, to becoming an Infini 14 and later becoming an ardent surrender to the unbeatable spiritual path our school let us grow beyond boundaries. Nothing can replace the blessing of being under the vibration created by Mahatria Ra, who has touched and moved my life to a higher level. I consider it to be god's plan to make me reach Mahatria Ra through NSN.

A good teacher is like a candle –consumes itself to light the way for others. In the world of NSN, I enjoyed being taught under teachers who taught me not only subjects, but also strong values principles. They all made learning more fun and joyful.

Amidst an education system, that kept insisting on consistent academic knowledge and performance, my school had never stopped me from exploring numerous extracurricularactivities and other opportunities, both inside and outside school.

Everyday was a learning in NSN. The two years I spent in NSN is what I consider my golden period and a turning point in my life. I thank our respected Correspondent Mrs. Chitra Prasad, our beloved Principal Mrs. Dimple, and all my loving teachers for making it a memorable stay for me in the school and for always leaving your doors open to guide and motivate us. The unreal positive vibrations I received from school is unparalleled and will continue to be.

Padmini M

Year of Passing - 2013

Content Writer – Lets Make Engineering Simple

If I could travel and go back in time I would definitely go to my school days at NSN. I would wear those beautiful uniforms, sing more loudly in school assembly, listen to the school bell again and again, roam around in big corridors, I would run around in playground happily sweating and playing, march around in the color party as a proud guide, cheer more loudly for our team during MMT, I would even try to dance more passionately during these programs, I would never forgive myself if I come back without hugging our beloved teachers and our Principal who cared for us like their own children and say “Thank you” for all that they have done for us.

The values that the school taught us are still in our veins. As the school was strict on punctuality I got so used that even till date I have never been late in my life.

Life was livelier those days. Even today if I tell someone that I was in the school choir, scouts and guides, hockey and things like that, most of them don’t even believe me because they think it was impossible to do all of this. I never knew that I was growing up holistically because everything was fun there. I would forever be grateful to NSN.

From the bottom of my heart I feel so happy for the golden jubilee of our school.

Sunil Jayaram

Year of Passing - 1991

Leading Cloud Practices for Tech Mahindra &

Co-founder of Chitlapakkam Rising, a Volunteer Group

I am a proud student of NSN and was in the class of 1991. If you are a student of NSN, I am pretty sure you would be good in Maths and you would have guessed my age by now. Lets not go there :)

I head one of the leading Cloud practices for Tech Mahindra. I am also a co-founder of a NGO named “Chitlapakkam Rising”, a volunteer group, striving to make Chitlapakkam better, the town I currently live in. I have had a fabulous journey so far after my school and college, covering many organizations across many countries.

I started my school life at NSN from 6th standard. After completing 5th std from a school in Pammal, my parents decided to shift from Pammal to Chitlapakkam, for one reason, to get me into a good school. They heard about this fabulous school called NSN in Chrompet and

they literally sold everything they possessed in Pammal to shift base to Chitlapakkam. I am glad they did that sacrifice for me. It was well worth it.

NSN gave me the best education, connected me with great friends and equipped me for the 'real life' ahead. The teachers we had were very passionate and made us cherish every moment in every class. I could vividly recollect how the English teacher taught us and how expressive she was in making us understand the poems. We fell in love with Physics and Maths because of the way it was simplified and taught. We received a very balanced dose of academics, sports and fun.

I was good in Maths, average in other subjects. I fondly recollect the Tamil exams. My teacher used to call out names in descending order of the score. 75, 70, 68, 65,... The back benchers use to wait with gasping breath with giggles and fear all at the same time.. 40..37..34.. It was fun! absolute fun! We did work hard to get better at it every time. :)

I am fortunate to have made many life-lasting friendships. Almost all of us are in touch. Some of us meet every Friday and you could spot us in one of the restaurants in Chromepet.

To my dear juniors,

Make friends. Make more friends. Chase your passion, but stay grounded and practical as well.



Dr. K. Bhargavi

Year of Passing – 2003

*Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine,
PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore*

As I sit down to pen this article, I hear my son rattling out there and Lo! Life has indeed come half a circle where I have started exploring playschools for him at this juncture of taking a trip down memory lane about my school days.

As I always mention, to me school and NSN are synonymous because the only school I ever went to is NSN, my alma mater. My mother being a working parent had enrolled me quite early and she still has the exemption certificate signed by Lalitha mam. I may have thrown tantrums back then, but then there was no looking back, For my school taught me not just academic lessons, but much more greater deeper lessons of life.

Even as I type this, I can smell the aura of Valedictory function days. I always admired the intense planning that went into naming the clubs- Veeramamunivar, Galileo, Tagore and so on.. and therefore I had a deep sense of satisfaction when I won an oratorical or essay or debates. And I can flaunt with pride that those extracurricular activities helped me hands down whenever there was a college event where I had to organize or host a function... thanks to Kala Mela days and SPL years. I guess from my batch, the torch was passed down to students to compere and conduct functions as presenters in annual day, sports meet and cultural. For me it was a huge opportunity, since in middle school I was always struck in awe when our beloved teachers were presenters in school functions - such diction and meticulous organization.

Mrs. Geetha Radhakrishnan, Mrs. Lalitha Rajasekharan, Mrs. Hajira Hilal, Mrs. Mary Vasanthi, Mrs. Kosalai, Mrs. Gowri Raman, Mrs. Sukanya and many gems.. No wonder, they all had fan clubs all over the school!!

One thing I always regret now as a doctor is that I never ventured into sports, despite the PT classes and the bus trip to annexe play ground. May be I was too lazy or was just not self motivated enough. (how I remember envying that pink dress which belonged to a different house, but secretly thanked God that I at least didn't get that too very bright uniform of red roses!). But while in school I was initially disappointed that I couldn't take home those prize cups and display them in my showcase, since they were awarded only to kids who excelled in sports. But much to my surprise, by 8th std they started awarding cups to proficiency prizes as well and thus I could lay my hands on a few!!

My memories of the school assembly-while in primary school it was a restricted Monday morning session to senior students alone. I remember peeping in to have a view from the 6B class room. However later on it became a daily affair in the Annexe hall. We used to have Thirukkural, news reading and talent display. Almost every day some kid or the other would have bagged a prize in inter school competitions. One of our chief guests, Mr. Alexander Mantramurthi had even exclaimed the trophy he saw in the morning in MCC was by evening brought home by NSN students. Such was our zeal and we were constantly motivated by teachers and principal to participate in inter school events.

Another special memory is that of annual day dramatics - MY FAIR LADY was flamboyantly staged by seniors and it was such a huge hit. Ever since I had secretly garnered a desire to bag a chance for a play. Years rolled by and I was already in 12th when Sasikala miss announced Julius Caesar's play for the Annual Day , but was instantly disappointed when guys alone were auditioned and rehearsals rolled on for a week. To my surprise I was summoned to the staff room the next week and asked if I could pull through the role of Calpurnia, Caesar's wife. I was only too happy to accept and it remains my only ever acting trial in stage till date.

Teachers were the pillars of our school. I shared a warm bond with most of them. They encouraged and kept me grounded when and where needed. I almost routinely kept in touch with most of them. However due to some personal setbacks, I have not been able to revive my earlier relationship with some of them of late. That's my constant regret. However needless to say they made me what I am today and eternally grateful to them for the same. I very fondly remember my personal conversations with Sasikala miss, Geetha miss, Judy miss and Mary Vasanthi miss in my high school finishing years. Thanks to facebook, I get to know them – see their recent photographs and that helps to instantly rekindle old memories. They were part of the weddings in the family and that's an honor we are too proud to have been bestowed upon.

Even though I have not been able to attend the alumni meetings regularly, I browse now and then and get to know school updates. Chitra mam has been too gracious in keeping me in the loop whenever major



events come up and It is so overwhelming to know that I have a place in her heart. Our school has come a long way in gloriously fulfilling the dream of our senior principal. It has played an indispensable role in bringing out the best of kids and nurturing them in basic life values. In this golden jubilee year, my sincere prayers to the Almighty for the road ahead, to fly high in the years to come and to grow from strength to strength and success to success-(my favorite phrase from our school calendar.)



Bindhu Govindan

*Year of Passing – 1995
House wife*

MY CHERISHED MEMORIES

Memories are beautiful
Memories are colourful
Memories are fantastic
Memories are majestic
Memories are good
Memories are sometimes bad
Memories are part of life
Memories influence life
Memories of School life are
Cherished as good times and small arguments with Friends
Cherished as appreciated and disciplined by Teachers
Cherished Moments turn to Memories
Time eliminates the bad and magnifies the good in life but does not erase
Memories are Cherished Moments



Sai Venkatramana

*Year of Passing – 2001
Solution Consultant & Sales - TCS*

NSN broke all stereotypes!

Firstly, it is a great joy to recount, relive and cherish those memories of schooling @ NSN as I get this wonderful opportunity to write this article. Many thanks! I am an Alumni from the batch of 2001, class XII pass out.

I was initially confused as to what to write. I cannot write some abstract topic nor can I write about our fun filled stories which you may not relate to. Nor can I write something that throws you off. (I can understand, as you do not know me and how it feels to read about someone who did his schooling 2 decades back) So, I am sharing my perspective of how NSN is an integral part of a student's success in life.

NSN is a crucial part of success I am enjoying in my career and personal life. It has given me a mental makeup and personality frame, which keep me relevant and ahead in race every day. I can speak to my success from NSN schooling through 4 phases.

Self-realization, Self-branding, Constant re validation and assertion and scalability.

Self-realization

I discovered my talents @ NSN. I knew I should stay a km away from sport related activities as I could only cheer and am below average in playing. I discovered my passion for writing poems, blogs, painting, dramatics, and oratorical competitions here. I can't talk enough of my English teacher who created my bonding with English. It started there. Every single teacher who taught us were not teaching, but creating a bond between us and the subject. These teachers have become an integral character in our memories.

Self-branding

Through numerous competitions and opportunities that were bestowed upon by our Principal, teachers and friends, I became a regular in representing brand NSN in inter-schools and in fact ended up creating my personal brand as part of personality transformation, unaware.

Constant re-validation

The most interesting aspect is perhaps the constant re-validation of my capabilities which is infact the success of NSN. Every time I kept pondering whether the success is short lived and if we confront a larger world, there will be better performers who may leave us behind or even outshine us. However, every time an NSN'ite wins, leaving behind many a renowned brands (of various institutions who you know), it re validates the fact that brand NSN is blooming! The stars at NSN can shine anywhere.

Scalability

Might sound like a typical rhetoric but I mean it. Today, I head solutions and part of business development and leadership in a reputed software consulting company of India. The strongest pieces of my skill set, which positions me here, were developed @ NSN. This proves the point that the essence of my learning has enough juice to scale and take me to heights for eternity.

So how all this breaks stereotypes!

You do not mandatorily need to be a school chain with 100 different branches across the city, or a powerful educational brand that is familiar in every household to create those stars of the society who will come out in 'flying' colours'. All you need is ability to impart not just knowledge but transform an individual and inculcate a strong value system.

I got this feeling when we competed against the best schools of Chennai back then in inter-schools and won, when I still carried with same vigor in my college, when I am still looked upon for strong customer facing roles in my organization today, when I still carry the optimism that if we wish something from our heart, the whole world will enable it.

So NSN broke all stereotypes in style.



Sriram Srinivasan

Year of Passing – 1996

*Sr. Program Manager,
Nokia Networks, Chennai.*

I am Sriram Srinivasan, father of Rohit Sriram (VI B) and Pranav Sriram (I B), NSN Memorial School. I studied in NSN from 1989 till 1996 (1996 12th standard pass-out)

“First my hearty congratulations to ‘my’ beloved Principal then, the legend Lalitha Menon madam to have achieved this remarkable feat - Golden Jubilee is no mean achievement. And my sincere congratulations to respected Chitra Prasad madam to have continued the same spirit and had taken the school to a whole new level.

I studied in NSN Chromepet, it was the only school then, now our school has grown a lot bigger. The school had few of the best teachers, to name a few - Tamil - Gauri madam, Geography - Gnanam madam, Maths - Rani Muniraj mam, English - Geeta madam, Physics - Anantharaman Sir, Biology - Azharia Sir, Lab assistant, Chandran & many others who inculcated values day-in and day-out and today I am working in a global multinational company in a good position all because of my school.

School taught me many good things and most important was punctuality, never was I late even once to school and even now not a minute late to any of my meetings !

I was not a topper, but then used to get within first 6-7 ranks in my class, we had rank system then. My school not only focused on studies but as well inculcating values to students, which I felt is also a very important thing. Simple things start from school like, keeping ourselves and our environment clean - using dust bins, respecting teachers/ guru and as well respecting others & elders, need of the hour is also respecting woman.

I still remember playing in the small ground nearby and we would be transported to the Chitlapakkam campus for sports day practice. Not to forget bus driver Jayaram (We used call him ‘Guru’) and when there was any excursion (one day trip), when he was there parents needn’t worry about their kids, such was the dedication shown. All lovely memories back then and I am all today because of my school.

All the best to Chitra Prasad madam and I am confident that she will take this school even higher and NSN becomes a trademark for quality education and imparting social values to students.



Meghna Menon

Year of Passing – 2018

Student

This is Meghna Menon, a student of NSN Chitlapakkam (Batch of 2018). I joined NSN in 2016 as a student in Commerce + Business Mathematics stream. Do find my write-up for the golden jubilee magazine and if possible, kindly mail an E-copy after it is printed, ma'am.

My journey at NSN has been a roller coaster ride that has mostly gone up, for me. The first couple of months, I found it really hard since I had just changed schools. I was dreading the fact that I might not fit in and will struggle to build my space in this new environment. With the talent fest organized for the new comers, I was certain that NSN will shower me with a lot of love.

NSN is the place for a person to shape his future. The values of discipline, punctuality and immense dedication are all a part of the school life I had at NSN. Before I joined the school, I remember a few friends of mine telling me that my two years at this school will mould me into a responsible person. Today, I tell that to all my juniors because every word of it is true.

This school makes me feel at home. I have, on multiple occasions, after completing my board exams, visited the school for official purposes. Every nook and corner reminds me of my school days, which now seem long gone yet so freshly etched. Now, I'm studying in one of the top colleges in the country doing my Bachelors in Social Sciences. And, the best part is, every bit of my character and my attitude to extend help to the underprivileged is something I learnt during my school days at NSN.

A proud alumni of NSN Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

Congratulations to the teaching and non teaching staff as well as all the students for being a part of the successful 50 years of NSN. Many more to come. :)



P.R. Jananee

Year of Passing - 2009

Co-Founder & Chief Creative Owl at Owlspire Creative Agency

My Second Home

The first memory I remember about my school -

Is the way we greeted "Go--od mo---rning, Mi--ss!" in chorus,

Waking all the sleepyheads in the class,

With all smiles,

Looking here and there,

Shooting paper rockets at each other.

Followed by the ever confident "present miss"

When the attendance is been taken.

As the curious minds wait for the zero hour,
 The bell rings,
 The restless heart wants to run out of the classroom door,
 But tied up with respect to the teacher present.
 Those moments taught us patience for life.
 Sometimes an OUT-standing student,
 Sometimes a rank holder by surprise,
 Sometimes a lazyhead,
 Sometimes the F-grade student,
 But the student in me never left.
 A tense day at school would be
 When the teacher enters the classroom
 And we scan her thoroughly for the fate-bundles -
 The answer sheets,
 Of the forgotten exams that we gave,
 A classroom filled with terrified faces,
 But then all is well when the marks are good.
 If not, that's a different story.
 The walls spoke thousand moments,
 They witnessed our lives unravel.
 That neem tree by the backstage,
 Is our strong old friend.
 Those aayammas with beautiful smiles,
 Lit our days up.
 Even when the blue shades
 Turned into yellow-green shades,
 The fragrance remained the same.
 It is the only place we cried,
 When the gates opened and closed as well.
 My school and the memories with it,
 Belongs to my heart and soul.



Deepika V

*Year of Passing – 2018
 Student*

Childhood forms the base for a pleasant adulthood. This is the phase in which one realizes he is unique, builds high self-esteem, learns to organize and priorities. I learnt all this at NSN. This esteemed institution has boosted my courage and enthusiasm by encouraging me through out. Teachers are friendly, approachable, guide and support us in all one activities. NSN has provided plenty of opportunities to bring out the hidden talents in the students. My fourteen years journey in NSN is memorable and unforgettable.

NSN nurtures the student's originality. I take great pride in being an NSN-ite. I will use all that I have learnt in NSN to uplift myself in life. NSN gives equal importance to education, sports and extra-curricular activities.

I can never forget JRC, Karuna club, Kalamela, my class room, French periods, computer lab, Library especially 'O' hours our anchoring mocks, competitions and visit to homes, field trips. I feel all these are my favorite moments in NSN. I miss my dear friends.

I wish that my school, NSN reaches greater heights and this temple of learning soon starts a college also. I am really grateful to thanks my Business Maths teacher for being a backbone and supporting me all through my high school days. She is my inspiration who shaped me into a great individual. I take this opportunity to thank her being a support not only for me but also for all my friends. She always says, "Don't study for the sake of studying, study to learn, it will always be a helping hand for you not only now, but for your whole lifetime". I can never forget NSN because it has always been my source of motivation.

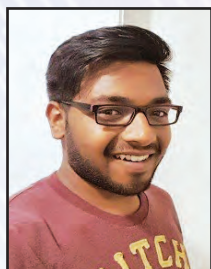
My school days in NSN be like,

First Day: Walked in alone crying with books in the bag.

Last Day: Walked out crying with a bunch of friends and loads of memories.

Today: Still crying with tears of happiness by remembering the people and the memories it created...

Schooling is just a word but schooling in NSN is an EMOTION.



Balasubramanian Rajasekaran

Year of Passing - 2009

Computer Vision and Machine Learning Engineer.

Denso Adas, Lindau, Germany.

Hello everyone, I am one of the seeds that NSN nurtured to become a blooming tree. I graduated in 2009 with major in Computer Science.

The field of Robotics has drawn my attention right from childhood which drove me to take up the inter-disciplinary Mechatronics as my undergraduate major at SASTRA University, Thanjavur. During my final year I got an opportunity to do my thesis at Örebro University, Sweden. This exposure and experience fueled my motivation to pursue Masters abroad.

I did my Masters in Robotics from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden and ETH Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich, Switzerland. Presently, I am working as Computer Vision and Machine Learning Engineer in the field of Autonomous Driving (AD) and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), at DENSO, a global Japanese automotive company. I am currently placed in Lindau, Germany.

"Early childhood education is the key to the betterment." – Maria Montessori

My journey in NSN was long (from Kindergarten to High school), memorable and indeed has been the key to my betterment.

“Free the child’s potential, and you will transform him in to the world.”
– Maria Montessori.

I believe every motivational activity that lets the child explore his potential steers his growth more natural and spontaneous. So did the School Clubs (Galileo Science club, Tagore English club etc.), Project days and interschool competitions. It not only provided us opportunities to discover and show cases our talents but also proved to be a platform for recognition and encouragement. This place has provided me a congenial atmosphere to explore my interests and steer my path to glory.

“Salutations to the Guru who with the collyrium stick of knowledge has opened the eyes of the one blinded by the darkness of ignorance.”

“Knowledge is Power”. Yes, this esteemed institution has taken along stride in dispelling ignorance and confusion from our mind and has carried us to great heights celebrating our uniqueness wherever we traversed.

“Intelligence plus character that is the goal of true education.” – Martin Luther King Jr

It is quite remarkable how we experienced the perfect balance between academic and extra- curricular activities here. Scouting was an integral part of my education / journey in NSN. I am a proud scout to proclaim that my active involvement in the movement has molded my character and helped me excel in both personal and professional life. Needless to say that camping has instilled in me great confidence which has enabled me to take my first step very boldly and firmly when I moved out of the country for the first time.

“The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life.” – Maria Montessori

I was very fortunate as I was guided and taken along the exorable journey by my revered founder Smt. Lalitha Menon, inspiring Principal Mrs. Chitra Prasad and beloved teachers who had encouraged me and made me experience the magic of life. I was taught to seize from every moment, its unique novelty and to contribute to it. I have learnt to do whatever I undertake with total commitment and joy.

NSN has nurtured my mind with quality thoughts helping me to face great challenges in life. It has been my TOWER of HOPE and FAITH leading me to unbelievable harmony and peace. They are responsible for who I am today. I am highly thankful to the NSN management for my growth and upliftment in life.

I will forever be Grateful...

THE GEN NEXT (Students' Articles)

STRESS-MATE!

One of the most common things seen in people today is DEPRESSION. There can be several reasons for us to be depressed like family problems, work pressure, unexpected happenings, financial burden and so on. The foremost reason for us to be depressed is STRESS. When we are pressurized with something, we end up feeling stressed. We cannot be relieved from stress unless we are out of the pressure. Stress and depression are interlinked. Few people consider taking pills, going for counselling and other methods to combat stress and depression. But the best remedy is spending some quality time with our loved ones. In this fast moving life, we forget to spend time and open up with our FAMILY. We always tend to forget all our problems when we are happy. Even a small thing, shared with our close people makes us feel relieved. We don't understand the fact that PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE. There is no point being so joyous without having people around to share the happiness. Only when we are in pain, we realize that we need somebody to give their shoulders to cry. But trusting people these days is yet another distress. We end up trusting wrong people which may make us feel more depressed.

Let me help you out with the basics of trusting people:

- ◆ For a change, don't go by the statement, "Trust none". Because you won't have anybody when you trust nobody.
- ◆ Have a very few trusted people. (You don't want to share all your pain with everybody, do you?)
- ◆ Trust somebody who will never leave you in life. (Mostly parents, siblings and family)
- ◆ Never say things to a third person which can be used to threaten you.
- ◆ Think twice before trusting anyone. (never depend too much on anybody)

If you get the right circle of people, you can get your life right for sure. So surround yourselves with positive people who intend to support your growth whole-heartedly. You will never feel the pressure if you divert yourself with people who can make you laugh and have a good time. Using gadgets may also substantially increase your stress rate thereby making you depressed all over again. Life goes right when our mind is right. We can always be stress-free by rightly choosing our TRUSTMATES.

HAVE A STRESS FREE LIFE!

Sai Sneha N.

XII – A

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

I LOVE BEING MYSELF

I love being myself. No matter what others think about me, I am who I am. I cannot be someone else and the same way no one else can be like me. But this doesn't mean I am right all the time. I know I make mistakes and I am wrong at times. No one is perfect in this world. So all we have to do is just accept the way people are, when we do so, life is pretty much easy.

I love to be unique and to create my own style in my own way. I prefer to stand one above the crowd than one among the crowd. It helps me embrace my life and savour the great moments.

The ultimate need of each and every single person on this planet is happiness. We go behind things in search of happiness while holding it in our own hands. By adapting ourselves to the society and changing ourselves for other's opinion, we have lost our happiness. But most of us pretend to be happy when we really are not. We have lost the true identity of ourselves, faking ourselves. According to me, being ourself will definitely give us immense pleasure. When each of us cheer being ourselves, we will definitely find infinite happiness.

So, start loving yourself, you'll start loving the people around you and automatically our life will be beautiful. Loving ourselves will lighten our hearts.

"If you cannot be the poet, be the poem"

Make your own life and most importantly just love the way you are.

Jessica Gerard

XI – B

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

It is interesting to step back once in a while and be able to see how the human mind works, even if it is our own. I began to take a deep interest in knowing how the mind works. Emotions and decisions happen continuously every single second of the day.

Being happy with your current situation represents the degree of satisfaction that can be relevant with your experience and practices. Happiness is earned and created.

I am unique. There is no other person on this planet who is exactly like me.

There is no one else! I would rather be!

My outlook on life literally changed after I learnt this. I had always relied on other people to make me happy in the past-friends, family and everyone. My uniqueness and special qualities such as being loyal, a good friend and a listener sets me apart from others and that is something to be proud of.

The blessings of being myself gives me immense satisfaction. When I'm feeling good about myself, everything else falls in place. I am a humble person and love to have a good time.

Be yourself; Believe in yourself

My love is alive, not because

I am loved; but because

I love myself!!!!

D. Vignesh

XII – B

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

WHY SHOULD WE LOVE-OURSELVES?

Perhaps this could be an answer to this question. "No one is going to love you for who you are, if you don't love yourself".

There are times when we emotionally break down. People use us. With time, people change. People may treat you like a tissue paper. But if you love yourself you will not let anyone take control of your life and decisions.

Love makes the world go around, but it all begins with you. If you want others to treat you well, treat yourself well first. "Self love is the key to life".

When I'm being myself, I am so cool that even ice cubes are jealous.

Now go and love yourself and do what your heart says. Others have to run their own race.

Nithya Shree B.

IX – C

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

Thin, tall or short however I am I LOVE BEING MYSELF. You may find a girl prettier than me, smarter than me and funnier than me but you will never find a girl just like me. You can hate, rate, stalk me, talk about me, but one thing will not change, you will never be me. People always make fun of each other. Yeah even I have made fun of many people. Even many people have made fun of me too. Now, I am a 12 year old girl. Many times I thought what if I would be in the place of this girl or that girl. I never loved being myself. I always wanted to be like this or that person. Then slowly I understood no one is perfect. Everybody has some weakness and problems. Now I learnt to love myself. Now I don't want to be like Alia or any of my cousins or friends. Now I LOVE BEING MYSELF. So, friends love being yourselves.

Tamana Jain A.

IX – C

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

There is no one in the world quite like you.
So it's very important to love yourself. From
your hair to your toes, you are special. All
the things you do, skipping and running in
the sun, moving and dancing in the grove,
cooking, drawing, hiding or living being
clever all they make you who you are. If
you trust yourself and love being you then
anything is possible. Children should be
empowered to have confidence and self-
esteem in themselves and to know that they
can accomplish anything when they believe
in themselves.

I love my toes.

And butterflies dancing on my nose.

I love being me

I love being free

There is no one else I would rather be.

Illakiya S.M.

IX – C

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

POEM

I LOVE BEING ME

When all the yesterdays are
Over in my head;
I love myself then;

I love myself away from the memories
And from past lovers and false promises;
I love myself when you know about my
scent,
I love myself today when you understand
my story;
I love myself again...

I can't rationally compare myself;
With any other boy i see,
Because i am not him and;
He is not me... i love myself...

If i don't love myself;
I will be chasing,
People who don't love themselves,
I love myself than others...
I love myself again...

Daniel D.

XI - D

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

MY FATHER IS MY HERO

Dad, you're my hero in so many ways,
And I am so grateful to you.

I have respect for the man that you are,
And the kind-hearted things that you do.

You have a heart "as big as an ocean",
A "Soft side" you don't often show,
All of your life you worked for our family,
You taught me And helped me to grow.
You were the man I knew I could lean on,
Who fostered a strong sense of pride,
The father who showered me with love and
affection,
And always remained by my side,
All of my life, Dad , I will be thankful,
That I have a father.... So true....
I never had to search for a hero,
The hero in my life is you.

Shriya B.

XII – B

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

My dad is my real hero because he is the most
special person in my life. He is a cameraman
in film industry by profession. At weekends
he loves to play with me the whole day. He
tries his best to keep our family happy. He
loves me a lot and always tries to cheer me
up whenever I am in a sad mood. He has
always taught me good values. He has gifted
me many things that I always wish to have.
I am his only daughter. He is an extremely
loving dad. I always enjoy spending time
with him. He does not allow me to go for
tuitions instead he personally sits with me
to get my doubts clarified. My dad is the
most precious gift of God to me. He is my
best friend. I can discuss everything with
him without any hesitation. Things that I am
hesitant to reveal even to my close friends,
can be easily discussed with my dad. Today
I am just 16 years old and at this tender age
my dad has taught me a lot of things that
people at the age of 20 fail to understand. He
has taught me what life is all about. I thank
God everyday for giving me such a loving and
caring father.

"LOVE YOU DAD"

Poojasri R.P.

XII - B

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

My father is an amazing human being and a great father. I look at him as my hero. He has been the pillar of support for the family. His dedication towards his work and his helpful nature inspires us to become a better human being. My father believes in leading a simple life.

My father is someone I look up to, whenever I need advice. Children are more attached to their mother and mostly share all their secrets with them. However in my case it is different. I share all my secrets with my father and go running to him whenever I am confused about anything in life.

My father is indeed my hero. He has inculcated good values and brought out the best in me. He is not just my father. He is my best friend and my hero. My father is very clear about the fact that family is his first priority. So even though he is always ready to help others and is extremely dedicated towards his office work, he does not ignore us. He involves us in many of his tasks instead of leaving us behind waiting for him. He takes us forward in such a way that we stay close to him and also learn from his good deeds.

My father has taught me how I must be ready to help those around us and how a little help from us can make a difference in other people's life.

My father is not just my hero but an inspiration for everyone around. Besides being a great father, a good husband and an obedient son, he is a very noble human being. He treats everyone alike and does not distinguish between anyone based on their caste, religion or social status. Everyone in our family, extended family and neighbourhood talks highly about him. Being extremely friendly and helpful, people come to him to seek advice as well as for help. They all know he has the solution for all the challenges.

Nithya Priya V.

XII - B

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

For each and everyone in the world their father is their hero. But for me it is more special. He is the one and only person to whom I can turn to at any time. Whenever I am sad he is the only person who makes

me laugh. He shouts at me, scolds me but I know that this is all for my good. His brave signature words "Wishing you a very happy day", makes everyone listen to him. His voice gives me confidence and makes me feel comfortable. When I speak to him my problems disappear. I am inspired by him as he is an all-rounder. When I used to call him "Appa" I feel that I am totally connected with him. Whenever I feel tired or upset, he always motivates me. I feel so proud thinking of his honesty and talents. He sacrificed so many things. He taught me the nuances of communicating with people. He made me to do my work with ease, from which I have learnt to do my work independently.

I am so blessed to have him as my father.

Shobhana K.

XI - A

NSNMHSS (Chromepet)

My Dad is the role model in my life. He is the most precious gift given to me by GOD, I believe. He is so special to me and he is my superhero even when thousands of our super heroes fight in the movies each day.

He is priceless and I love him so much. He is the best teacher, a well-wisher and even a good friend of mine

I sometimes envy his self-confidence and his positive outlook because he is a tough man when he has tough situations in life. Whatever life throws at him, he is always positive about it. I always wanted to learn that art of self-discipline from him.

I know from his childhood incident that, he was not as lucky as others and he wasn't born with a silver spoon. But he took care that I was born with a silver spoon or even a golden spoon, as a matter of fact. He was the fifth kid of the family and had lost his father early. He didn't even get to know the love of a dad. He was a bright student. He aspired to study medicine, but never got a seat in any medical college.

He got his Degree in Bachelor of Agriculture and was ranked no.1 in his ICAR Exam conducted by IARI Delhi. He was offered a scholarship, but never had the money to ever go and see the college which offered

him scholarship. He was an all-rounder, but never entertained a thought of going into entertainment sector, in his early ages.

He never complained and was always thankful to God that he was lucky. I envy his courage and sacrifice because he worked in an automobile company while schooling. I always feel jealous of his positive energy and enthusiasm even in times of stress.

I love his acting skills. I love the way he communicates and the way he tells stories to me. He is the author of his own life. He always believed in GOD and that tough times are not going to last.

He is my super hero....

M. Tharshini

XII - E

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

This is the first time I am writing about my dear dad, so I feel very much excited. I have a lot of things to say about him. Coming from a remote village and achieving so many things was definitely not a cake walk. My dad did a lot of hard work for even entering into a city college as he studied in Tamil Medium in a government school. He learnt English only during his college days. Now, he is the only person in his office to communicate with all his colleagues in foreign countries. He also travelled to many foreign countries. In this process of achievement, he was so selfless and helped many people working with him to build up their career. He never expresses his sadness. Instead, he knows only to spread happiness. The best thing that I like about my dad is that he is so innocent. I will try to be the best daughter to my great father. My father inspires me a lot. My father is my hero. I wish to dedicate this article to my lovable father and people who love their fathers just like me.

Dhanusha Priya P.C.

XII - F

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

My dad is my real hero because he is the most special person in my life. He is a very good cricketer, artist and chess player. He is a marketing manager by profession. During

weekends he loves to spend the whole day with us.

During weekends he works hard and spends maximum time working at his office. He tries his best to keep our family happy. He works hard to make money for our family. He loves me a lot and always tries to cheer me up whenever I am in a sad mood.

He has always taught me good values and does not spoil me by buying me all the things that I want. But at the same time he has gifted me many things that I always wished to have. My dad always tries his level best to make me a good human being.

My dad is a hero to me. He is funny, cool, adventurous and a smart human being. He is my best friend. The most important lesson that dad has taught me is to be disciplined and hard working in life.

He has taught me what life is all about. He has showed me the opportunities that exist in front of me. But at the same time he has left the decision upto me in terms of which path to choose. I thank God everyday for giving me such a loving and caring father. I also wish to see him in good health for the rest of my life.

S. Abarna

XI - D

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Fathers are special for their children. They become heroes for their children by the way they lead their life. I am very proud to tell that my father is my hero. "Hero is someone who has superpower". My father is a great and amazing human who leads a simple life. He is a mentor, role model, diligent worker, good friend and the best father I would ever get from God. He is the pillar of our beautiful family and sacrifices many things in his life. He travels with me in every moment of my life and shares all my emotions and becomes a part of it. He is not only fulfilling my needs as a dad, but also serves as a good son, perfect husband and a lovable brother. He is a hero in my life because even though he has lots of struggles in his life, he looks after me as a princess. He is the best human being in the world. Heroes need not have superpower but a pure heart with full of love, care and

affection can be a true hero in this world. I am blessed to be born in this world to get such an extraordinary human as my father. "I may find my prince, but my dad will always be my king". I proudly tell that behind the success of every great daughter is a truly amazing dad! The love between a Father and Daughter is forever and UNBREAKABLE!!!

Sudiksha S.

X – C
NSN Memorial

Is there someone in my life whom I look up to? Yes, it's my FATHER. He is punctual, polite, caring and extremely dedicated towards his work which I admire the most. Whenever I need advice, I turn to my father. I share all my secrets with him and go running to him whenever I am confused about something in life.

When someone asks me, who my inspiration is? I say, it's my Father. It's because he is a man of principles and a pillar of support to the family. He teaches me real values and how to be self-sufficient. I have learnt many things just by observing him. Whenever I lose confidence, he is there by my side to boost it up. He has undergone struggles and has sacrificed many things in his life to see me smile. He gives me moral support and always says "HARD WORK PAYS & LEADS TO SUCCESS" which I have experienced whatever mistake I commit, he forgives me. Whatever sufferings he undergoes, he never speaks about it. Above all, he never says NO for anything. I have a feeling of being so lucky to have such a father in my life.

Is there any happy moment everyday in my life? It's when my father knocks at the door in the evening. As he enters, there is so much excitement. Even when I am all grown up, I know, that I will be glad that I have my own, unique, friend, the one and only- who can make me smile under any circumstances- MY FATHER.

THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN
SUPERHEROES

Have never met my FATHER!!!

D. Varsha

XI - A
NSN Memorial

My father is my mentor, my hero and my best friend. He has been there for me at every step in life and supported me in all my decisions. He has taught me a lot. I look at him as my hero. He has been a pillar of support for my family. His dedication towards his work and his helpful nature inspires me to become a better human being.

He is appreciated for his hard working nature and has helped his department achieve many milestones. He also helps me in my academics. He always gave me moral support. Whenever I am upset. Whenever I need an advice I know whom I shall turn to. It is my father. I love my father very much. I share all things with him and go running to him whenever I am confused about everything.

Whenever I am unable to concentrate on my studies or am unable to choose which co-curricular activity to go for I know whom to ask. He knows me extremely well and is also worldly wise and thus gives advice keeping both his experience and my nature in mind. I love my father very much.

R. Soundharya

XI - A
NSN Memorial

IMPORTANCE OF BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Communication is vital to survive in the current societal condition. Communication, either verbal or non-verbal, plays an essential part in our life. We express our feelings and thoughts through communication.

Language also plays an important role in this process and the diversity of a huge number of languages spoken across the world makes communication unique.

Learning a new language and communicating in that language takes a lot of effort. Though English is considered as the universal language, there are many countries which predominantly use their native language and knowing multiple languages increases the power of communication across the world.

A good communicator is a person who has mastered a language and is able to convey the facts in a proper manner. For a communicator to make a perfect job, their

tone, voice modulation, body language, use of local dialects are also very crucial factors to be considered.

Knowledge alone is not sufficient to reach great heights in life. Being a good communicator apart from being an intellect would help a person achieve even Herculean tasks and can help them grow ahead in life irrespective of their background.

One such inspiration for me to be a good communicator is the famous TV talk show host, Ellen DeGeneres, who conducts 'The Ellen show'. Her witty, yet powerful interactions with the celebrities in her shows, such as former US President Barack Obama, have attracted many people and have earned her the "People's Choice Award". She has shown how effective communication can reach the target audience well and has inspired me to become a good communicator.

Abirami V.

XII - F

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

Communication is a skill which plays a major role in our life. Without communication, our life is incomplete and imperfect. A good communicator is a person who speaks boldly, confidently in front of others. Communication is a vital life skill. Developing our communication skills will benefit us in all the aspects of our life, from our professional life to social gatherings. A good communicator should have eye contact with the audience while speaking and their body language also matters. Their speech should be impressive and motivating. Good communication is the oil that helps a machine to run smoothly. For example, Mahatma Gandhi is a good communicator and as his communication skills are very good, Gandhism is popular worldwide. If we want to succeed in our career, we need to know what we want, and how to achieve it. And we cannot do it without good communication skills. Being an excellent communicator, will help us to get a good job in our career and ensure a positive future. It will help us to stand out among other applicants and enable us to be a more effective employee. It will serve as a stepping stone to develop leadership qualities and career advancement.

Hence, communication skill is very essential for each and every person.

Aparna L.

XII - E

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

Communication is very important for every being. It is something through which we express what we think. So, how we express our thoughts also matters a lot and there comes the importance of being a good communicator. Communication is important during public speaking and it is very important at the work place.

The importance of communication skills cannot be underestimated. According to philosopher G.Krishnamoorthy, 'Communication is everything in life'. It has been known, that long before when language was yet to be invented, people used hand gestures, body language etc. to converse with one another. The lack of effective communication skills has a negative impact on the personal as well as professional life of a person.

A teacher, who is able to communicate well with students, can inspire them to learn and participate in class. Workplace communication can be improved by participating in facilitated workshop. Good communication is important to a sales person also because they are engaged in the task of convincing a buyer about the profits on investing in the product.

So, this art of transmitting information, ideas and attitudes from one person to another is so much essential in everyone's life. Communication is the process of meaningful interaction among human beings.

H. Sai Varsha

XI - B

NSN Memorial

APPLES AND ORANGES CANNOT BE COMPARED

Each person has his/her individuality. This is a universal truth. There are millions of people in this world, and yet, no two people are alike. One can only marvel at the vast diversity of

life forms on earth. All one can say on seeing such diversity is, 'Wow! Thank God, I am unique in spite of all these diversities' and 'I am special'. When one can think about his uniqueness, it then becomes an unnecessary burden to place on them to compare them to someone else who is an entirely different entity. This has become the major cause for stress in everyone - people get compared to someone, and work hard just to live up to the expectations by imitating them, and lose their entire individuality in the process. What everyone must understand is that they should focus only on being themselves, and never to fall into the trap of unfair comparisons. Just imagine, if an apple gets compared to an orange, both unique, useful and tasty in their own ways, and tries to change into an orange, then we would never be able to taste the sweet apple. On the other hand, if it is properly nurtured, it can become an apple that is not only tasty, but also one that can give rise to many more potentially tasty apples with its seeds. But, we live in such a competitively advanced world, where comparisons have become inevitable. We should atleast focus on fair and reasonable comparisons that they do not knock people down, but motivate them and fire them up so that they develop into individuals who are icons to the world. Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are great players, without a shadow of doubt. Only because they had each other to compete with, have they continued to evolve and improve themselves and improve football as a whole. Else, they would just have been ordinary players. So, even if we get compared, we should just focus on being and improving our self, and never try to imitate others. Thus, every person and organism is unique in their own way, and an apple can never be compared to an orange!

'Never follow the footsteps of others, create your own!'

Nishanth N.

XII - E
NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

'Apples and oranges cannot be compared' is true. This statement is true in real life. Each person has their own talent and way of living, they cannot be compared with one another. Everyone is unique in their own way, they should not try to live the lives of others or not to try to copy others. According to the statement, if apples & oranges cannot be compared because both have their unique taste, then in the same manner, if we compare our lives with that of others we would not have peace in our life. For instance a girl may be good in academics and wanting to become a doctor and another girl may be good in singing & aims to become a singer. Here we cannot compare the former with the latter. Comparison of one person's talent with that of another person may lead to lack of self-confidence, depression, lack of self-esteem etc. Therefore, everyone is beautiful and talented in their own way. Let's respect each one for their uniqueness.

B. Sreelakshmi

XI - B
NSN Memorial

BEYOND CHALLENGES LIES VICTORY

'Practice makes a man perfect'. Yes, it's correct. Without practice victory is impossible in life. Each man has a unique character and has to face challenges to succeed in life. Life is like a puzzle we should solve it technically and overcome the obstacles; ups and downs are common in life.

Many personalities like Sachin Tendulkar, APJ Abdul Kalam, have succeeded in their lives. We should take them as our role models. They too have faced many problems in their life. But their strong determination, self-confidence and self-motivation have led them to victory. We should take all the challenges in a positive way and succeed in life. Successful people face many problems in their life.

Luck is not the only reason for their success. It is their practice, unique character, positive attitude which made them popular in this world. So, we should have one aim and work tirelessly on that to achieve it. We must work

hard and overcome all the challenges in our life to make ourselves known to this world.

P. Deepalakshmi

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Success comes to those who dare and act the only thing standing in your way is yourself. All the power is within you, you can do anything and everything. Every moment is good to change everything. Don't be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try.

There are four ways you can handle fear. You can go over it, under it or around it. But if you put fear behind you, you must walk straight through it. Once you put fear behind you, leave it there.

Obstacles in life are like wild animals. They are cowards but they will cheat you if they can. If they see you afraid of them, then they are likely to chase you but if you look at them squarely into their eyes they will step back.

We should never, ever give up. Today may be a difficult period and tomorrow may also be a difficult period. But in future you will be successful, if you have faith. As soon as the fear approaches you, attack and destroy it. Right decisions come from the right question you ask yourself. Thus, victory lies beyond fear.

Manjushri B.

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Life is a struggle. It is a mixture of successes and failures. Nobody can be sure of their success all through his life. Failure can come in any venture and that too sometimes unexpectedly. There is no human being on earth who has not experienced struggle, suffering or failure. A person who loses heart after failure is a lost soul. But a person who takes failure in his stride and continues his efforts for success does succeed in the long run. Robert Bruce once said,

“Try try try again, if at first you don't succeed try try try again! Till at last you do succeed, try try try again”

All the great men of the world- the religious reformers, the scientists and others were men of great determination. They had to face great adversities in the fulfillment of their mission. But they persevered relentlessly and at last they were able to achieve their aim.

Life is not just a bed of roses; thorns are also a part of it and should be accepted by us just as we accept the beautiful side of life. In life, we find sometimes a man failing in one particular field. But he succeeds in some other field if he goes on trying to know where his real aptitude lies.

Thus life should be enjoyed but we should also be prepared to bear the pricks of pain, for beyond challenges lies victory.

Kushii D.J.

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TIME MANAGEMENT

Managing time is an important process in our day-to-day life. Time is not a pendulum which returns. Past time is past. We should plan the work or task and set the time to do it right. We should have the confidence in ourselves to do a task within a specific time. A proper planning system is very important. Performing a fixed task in a fixed time with proper planning is time management. Time Management is required in places such as school while writing exams, in games and so on... Time management also sometimes depends on our emotional state, that is, it depends on your mood or your interest in performing a task. Managing time will be possible only if you have passion towards the work you do. So friends, time is a very important factor of life. We need to manage it, to become successful in life.

Kaviya Shri K.

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Time management is the technique to use one's time efficiently so as to make the most of it. As easy as it may seem, it takes a lot of effort to master the technique. One who

learns how to manage time can achieve almost anything in life.

It is said that the first step towards success is efficient time management. One who cannot manage his time properly is likely to fail at almost everything he does. Efficient time management increases your productivity, improves your quality of work and also helps reduce stress.

Importance of Time Management

1) Greater Productivity

When you have a plan at place, all you have to do is implement it. You do not require to waste time in between tasks to decide what is to be done next and hence the level of productivity increases.

2) Raised Motivation Level

When you set targets, your motivation level is found to increase automatically. Targets inspire you to work harder and prove yourself.

3) Best Decision Making

Time management is all about planning. You evaluate all the pros and cons as you plan your work and this helps you make better decisions.

4) Increased work quality

When you know what you are expected to do during the day and also have a set sequence in which it is to be done, the planning part is already complete. All you have to do is concentrate on your work and this result in increased quality.

5) Reduced Stress

Time management helps you accomplish more tasks in less time and with lesser efforts. Thus it is a great way to combat stress.

Time Management Tips

Here are few quick tips to help you Prepare a to-do list every morning.

- 1) Prioritise your tasks
- 2) Define time to complete each of your tasks.
- 3) Keep a tab on your list and check the tasks as you complete them.

4) Take breaks in between your tasks.

5) Meditate for some time each day.

6) Eat healthy and take proper rest.

Conclusion

Time management is important for every individual. Whether you are a student, homemaker, business person or a working professional – if you are able to manage your time efficiently, you wouldn't be far from attaining your goals.

Navitha E.

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TIME MANAGEMENT IS REALLY LIFE MANAGEMENT

Time is one of life's most valuable possessions, as it is something you can never get back. Subsequently, one of the most essential life skills to master is 'Time Management'. After all, time management is really life management. Learning how to make every day count for something is the objective. But it demands ridding your life of procrastination and having a great deal of self-discipline.

Mastering time management does more than just increase productivity. It can yield important health benefits as well. When time is managed wisely, it minimizes stress and improves the overall quality of your life.

If you often find yourself run down by your daily workload or overwhelmed by the complexity of projects and tasks in your life, it is likely because you have not fully mastered effective time management. As the day flies by, you realise you're behind, or you are on schedule, only because you haven't put forth your best effort in hopes of completion.

Lay the Foundation for effectively managing your time:

Delegating the appropriate amount of time to get adequate sleep, maintain a healthy diet and exercising regularly are all essential elements to improve both focus and concentration. Making the time to create

a healthy lifestyle will help improve your efficiency throughout the day allowing for more time to complete other tasks.

Note: Postponing is the thief of time

Time is precious and once lost cannot be regained.

There is nothing more valuable than time.

Time stops for no man.

Vishnu S.

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THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES THE WORLD

We live in a modern world with advanced facilities and we enjoy our life with all the luxuries we want. There are millions of people living in this world. All of us on earth are equally gifted.

Though we live in a modern world with facilities and luxuries, still we are lagging behind in woman empowerment. Discrimination is still carried on from generation to generation. We are in the 21st century but women are not treated properly. Still some women struggle to satisfy their own needs. India got its freedom in 1947. But, still there are women who work as slaves in their own homes. Those days women were not educated, and they got married immediately after they attended puberty. They were just treated as a maid. These days, although girls are educated, they are not given freedom to fulfil their needs.

When a woman gets married, her life becomes a big task where she had to face all the challenges in her family. She has to survive in all conditions and when she is gifted with a baby, her task becomes more difficult. They face huge struggles to transit this period. They carry their child in their womb for ten months and give birth to them. They are not born to live a routine life, where they get married after their studies and become a mother. They are born to be successful. There are women like the great Muniba Mazari, the Iron Lady of Pakistan, who had problems and difficulties throughout her life but still survived. Women are a source of inspiration

to the society. Who said that women are just born for being slaves? They are the ones who rule their family sufficing everybody's needs. Women cannot only be maids and look after their household; they can also rule the world.

We are not living in the ancient days to be ruled only by the king. Nowadays there are many organizations for women empowerment, where women are counselled and trained for a successful life. There are women in the Indian Army who are ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of their country. In no way women lesser than men. When men rule the world, then why can't women? It's all our determination towards our goal. Women must be given opportunities in every field of work. They must not be discriminated. We have to maintain gender equality. The hands of women can not only rock the cradle they can also rule the world. "Behind every successful man there lies a woman" is a famous saying. Then why can't she lead a successful life???

Bright Mini Angel B.

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SAVE WATER

Water is the precious gift of God on earth. Life exists on the earth because of the availability of water. Itself being tasteless, odourless and colourless it adds taste, colour and a nice smell to the life of living beings on earth. It is found everywhere and is known as the elixir of life. It takes nothing from us but gives life to us. It has no shape but takes the shape of the container in which we store it. We find it everywhere in rivers, seas, tanks, wells ponds etc but we lack clean drinking water. However we need to conserve water as there is very less percentage of clean water. Without water, life is not possible on the earth. All the living beings like human beings, animals, plants, etc need water to grow, develop and live. Water is the only source of all lives here. We need water in all the walks of life from morning till night like drinking, cooking, bathing, washing clothes, watering plants, etc people working in different fields need water for different purposes such as farmers need water to grow crops, gardeners to water

plants, Industrialists for Industry work, electricity plants to generate hydroelectricity etc. So we should save clean water for the wellness of our future generations and healthy life of all living beings.

WE SHOULD SAVE WATER

Ashwini Priya

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“YES I CAN” IS THE MOTTO OF MY LIFE”

Before I proceed with the topic, I would like to say something about the story

‘The Hare and the Tortoise’. It is the most familiar story that we’ve heard from our childhood. In this story the Tortoise was brilliant and it did not do anything tricky to defeat the Hare. The only thing it had was faith and trust in itself, that ‘I can do’. Being over confident about himself, the Hare lost his title of being a ‘WINNER’.

You can be a ‘WINNER’, if you think, ‘I can do it’. It is the mantra of life. We should not be afraid of the task which is given to us, instead have a smile and face it, with positive attitude saying, ‘Yes I can’. But we should not, be overconfident (like a thug), it may pull us down from the path of victory. I keep motivating myself even when other people degrade me. We should not change our character for anything and for anyone.

Being ‘Yourself is your ‘power’. Taking failures in a positive manner, with a positive attitude, makes us to come out with flying colors. People, who are jealous of us, may degrade us, even when we achieve new heights of success. We must never mind that and always be with the person who supports us and motivates us, when we fail. We must be happy about being ‘ourselves’. It shows who we are. So, never say, ‘I can’t’, instead say ‘yes I can’ and keep moving towards your goal.

B. Abirami Nivedhitha

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MY DREAM CAREER

Many of us would wish to become engineers, pilots, singer, models etc. but I wish to become a doctor, who gives second life to his patients. From my small age itself, my aim was fixed and I would chant everyday “I want to become a doctor”. I have seen my grandparents visiting hospitals and seeing lots and lots of doctors. I have seen their difficulty in travelling to different hospitals. From then on, I thought that I should become a doctor and I should take care of my family members. I don’t want to be just a doctor who works in a big hospital and cures rich people. But I want to serve the poor and needy. Medical field is the best one, since one can learn new things everyday from different cases unlike other regular jobs.

The task of a doctor is equivalent to that of God in protecting people. A doctor needs to be kind, caring, softspoken, patient and knowledgeable. I wish to be one like that. Our population is increasing day by day and along with that poverty is also increasing. Hence, many of them should come forward and become doctors to serve the nation by serving its people. Each life is important and who knows, he may become a great person in the future. A doctor can keep many great men alive, who would serve the mankind. This is what I like the most in the profession. I want to live for others and serve the people than to live just for myself.

P.V. Ragavi

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HEALTH IS WEALTH

The age old popular saying Health is Wealth is a one- line treasure indeed. Health does not mean the absence of physical trouble only but refers to the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. Mahatma Gandhi says, “it is health which is real wealth and not pieces of gold or silver”. Even all the riches are less precious when compared to sound health. Having all the luxuries in the world does not fulfill its purpose when one is continuously ill, depressed or suffering from a major health complication. Good health is the secret of a happy man. Staying

healthy, for children, is vital for proper growth and development of mind and body as they need to focus in class and participate in field activities. Fresh air, sunlight, safe drinking water are very important elements for good health. Therefore one must not let one's health take a backseat in today's busy age where life is a rat race. While chasing material benefits, one must not forget to chase the goal of being healthy which is the real wealth and the key to lifelong happiness and an important resource of everyday life.

S. Sahithya

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EMOTIONS

There are two types of emotions a) good and b) bad emotions. We should control our emotions to be a successful person in our life. Emotions are revealed by us in day to day life. There are many ways to express our emotions. Music is one of the ways in which our emotions are being kindled. One of the most prevailing emotions is anger. Much before you hurt your world with anger, you hurt yourself with your anger. Emotions come from our heart and mind. So let us control our emotions and lead a peaceful life.

R.G. Akshaay

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MY GREATEST INSPIRATION IS...

My greatest inspiration is Zakir Hussain. He is a famous Tabla player and he is popular all over the world. He played Tabla in many concerts. He received many awards. His Guru was Ustad Rakha Allah. Zakir Hussain was a child prodigy in Tabla. He has mastered in Tabla. He can play different Taals on Tabla in different ways. He is also called God of Tabla. I like him because of his ability to play the Tabla continuously without taking a break. He became perfect because of his confidence and will power. He is my greatest inspiration.

S. Karthikeyan

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My greatest inspiration is A.P.J Abdul Kalam. He was a man who displayed humility and kindness even though he was the President of India. Here are some of the incidents that reveal how inspiring he was.

Fulfilling a Promise :

One day a scientist who was working under Dr. Kalam asked him if he could leave by 5.30pm to take his children to an exhibition. Kalam gave permission. However he was so busy with the work that he even forgot about it. And he came back home dejected and displeased meanwhile Kalam had taken his children to the exhibition and the children were also happy. From this we learn that we should always respect others feelings and help them whenever needed.

Humility :

Dr. Kalam was once invited as a chief guest to a function at IIT, Varanasi. Five chairs were placed on stage. Among them one big chair was reserved for him. He refused to sit on the chair saying that it was too big and politely asked the vice-chancellor to sit on it. From this we learn that the best of people is the one who humbles himself whenever his rank increases.

Kindness :

Once a Std VI boy read 'Wings of Fire' written by the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He was so inspired by it. He drew a nice picture of it, took a snap and sent it to his e-mail. The President thanked him in return.

Caring :

Some of the ISRO Scientists were returning from France after checking the communication systems of INSAT-4B at Paris airport the officers checked their passports and began to escort them. A senior officer asked them to access the VIP Lounge as their flight was scheduled after 3 hours. A.P.J Abdul Kalam had told the officers to take care of them. The scientists stayed in the lounge for 3 hours and later left for their flight. In spite of his busy schedule he took care of the scientist and ensured a successful mission for India at space.

As our beloved mahatria Ra always says "Extraordinary people are ordinary people who do everything in life with extraordinary

passion". Abdul Kalam is an ordinary person who had that extraordinary passion of building a new India through science. He always displayed values like Humility, Love, Happiness, Kindness, Responsibility etc. These qualities account for a legend and Abdul Kalam is one such legend. So he is an inspirational person for all of us.

P. Ganesh Ram

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The greatest inspiration in my life is my father. I love my father a lot but I am not expressive. He is a very disciplined, hardworking, honest, sweet, dedicated and handsome man. Generally all are more attached and comfortable and stick with their mothers than fathers. Fathers don't sing lullaby, they don't play with us, they don't feed us but he is the only person whose hands we search for when we fall. He is a very good coach who trains me to the competition called life. He never expresses his pain or sorrow to us. He is very silent and always thinks about our family. Whenever I am disheartened or dejected due to something, my father is the one to show me the right path, of course my mom too advises me. I always used to think that the best creations of God are my parents. Even if God converts the whole oceans into ink and all the land into paper, it is difficult to describe him. Most of the daughters' heroes and kings are their dads. He is the person who believes me a lot and wants me to be happy and live a comfortable life. I have never done anything great to my dad. I am sure I will fulfil his wishes. He is the person who groomed and nurtured me to be good in all aspects, a good citizen, a good student, a good sister etc. The only thing I can do to make my father happy is that I will ensure that I follow the right path and always do right deeds and be in a position to help others and for the cause of the society. I want to be a good daughter and show my reverence, gratitude and love to my dad all my life. I am sure he will be the king of my life forever and I will be his princess. "I love you Dad".

U.S. Sutharshana Gayathri

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When we ask most of the people who is their hero they would reply the three letter word "MOM". My greatest inspiration is my mother because she describes who I am and where I am. Women have many roles in their life. In that the divine one is mom. Every mother in this world is very precious. In today's generation children are not respecting their parents especially their mother. But we don't realize that our mothers are our pillars or backbone. Without realising that we are wrong, we speak rudely which hurts her. I wanted to share a small incident that happened in my life. One day I had a dream of losing my mother. I was studying in Std III at that time. I thought that it would happen that time. I was very scared and after school I used to go at the back of her when she was doing work. Then when I was studying in Std IX. I once scolded her saying that I don't want her. I went to school and recalled that dream. Actually she has undergone heart and lung transplant. I was thinking the whole day and wanted to ask sorry to her. After I went home, I wanted to tell her that I am sorry. She was smiling and heartily welcoming me inside. She did not show her hurt at all. I started crying and hugged her and said sorry. A mother will not show her feelings to anyone. Her child may be either good or bad, but it does not matter to her. She will love her children with unconditional love. So friends do not hurt your mother. It's like hurting yourself.

R. Soundharya

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I BELIEVE IN MYSELF

"YGB – You Got to Believe". If we want to become successful in life, first we have to believe in ourselves. For example, when I was learning to ride bicycle in fourth standard I got hurt many times. But I didn't lose my belief. At last I reached my goal. Ordinary people, when they hold on to extraordinary beliefs become extraordinary people.

As Mahatria says,

"As you sow, so you reap.

As you think, so you become,

Your beliefs create your reality".
So always believe in yourself....

R. Sumaiya

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TIME IS THE MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE WE HAVE

Time is the most precious resource we have. We have to utilize the time in the right way because once time is wasted, it cannot be regained. Don't waste your time thinking of what others will think about you when you are right. If you are right and if you believe in yourself even God cannot stop you. Don't waste your time in thinking about your past instead you can try to rectify the mistakes. As Mahatria ra says that "A time for everything and everything in its time". Every work should be completed within the given time. For example, The farmer sows the seeds in a particular season to increase the production of crops. In the same way we should utilize our time in the right way in order to increase our knowledge.

R. Sharulatha

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Even though technology has developed so much there is no scientific invention to save time. "Time once lost is lost forever". We can buy many things with money. We all know the famous quote "Time is Gold". What I think is with money we can even buy gold but what about time? We can't get it. So time is an incomparable thing.

Now-a-days we are living in a business minded and money-minded society. Even the businessman and high society people are running behind their work in order to get highly paid. They don't focus on their family. As time moves on their youth can't be retained again. So think only about the present, don't worry about the past or future events. Focus on your goals and work on it on time.

Think wisely
Use the time wisely

E. Kaviya

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The word "Time" is very precious, once gone it cannot be replaced. Even if one minute is wasted it cannot be regained. So it is called as "Precious Minute". Every minute in our life is very precious. A minute may seem to be a very short time, but when you consider it as sixty seconds, it is long enough. Make the most use of every second.

"Time is more valuable than money" this is a proverb that gives us a gist of the importance of time and if we learn this, our way to success cannot be stopped by anyone. Thus the previous minute is not in our hands. The present is in our hand. So utilize it so that your life becomes more valuable like time.

N. Abinaya

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FITTING IN.... PLEASING OTHERS OR PLEASING MYSELF?

I can frankly tell that I have a personality of pleasing others and pleasing myself. But we should not have the personality of pleasing ourselves because it does not fit to live in a society. If we have this personality we don't gain friendship with others. We should not always think 'I' and 'mine'. We should think 'We' and 'ours'. We should have a personality of pleasing others because it increases our network and helps us to progress increasingly in our life. It is a good personality to be followed. But we should not always think of pleasing others. We should sometimes think about ourselves because no one can do our work like us. So, I don't say that we should not be social but I say that we should know our limit to be social.

S.V. Vicraman

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NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

THE POWER OF SELF-REALIZATION

Yes, this dominant world with busy people hardly gives us any time to think. We are so much fussed about our own problems and our work that we fail to understand ourselves in the process. Have you ever had this feeling that you don't belong to where you are right now? Have you had the thought that you could have been in a better position if you had been different from others? Very few people have the time and thought for this. So, what is wrong in being different? Is it not okay to be different?

It was late but she couldn't stop looking out through the window, a beautiful autumn night. A normal person would admire the beauty of the fall but she kept staring at the shabby alley. Bloodshot eyes full of pain and tears, she started to think about herself. She was a fierce little girl. A complete extrovert with a slight touch of humour. Is she a type of person with whom you would want to be? Of course! (she said to herself). But what had changed? She had no clue if thinking about this would make any difference but she continued to think. Pillows overheard her thoughts. It came straight to her rescue saying, "You are not alone in this room. Not now. Never." She hugged the pillows tightly and thought, 'I wish everybody is happy'. She was the type of person whose happiness was dependent on others' joy. Suddenly, the most optimistic girl I knew started doubting herself.

Just like the tears of the phoenix, she found her tears healing her wounded heart. She was different. As days passed, she became one of those quiet girls in the class. She started loving the silence in solitude than the hubbub of people. Just because she liked being alone in her own different thoughts didn't mean she deserved all the unpleasant treatment from people. When everybody gossiped around, she sat composed with her story book. When everybody lied, she stood by the truth. She was isolated, humiliated and hurt by everybody for being so. At first, she convinced herself saying, "I am different and it's okay to be different". But as her days grew unfortunate, she couldn't take it any

longer for she kept weeping quietly in her room every night to her pillows. The poor girl started compromising on herself. She came to a point where she thought she had to lie, gossip and pretend like somebody she was not, to be accepted by people.

Something about her restrained her from changing into such a person. Luckily, she didn't change for others. People accused her of being different. They told her she was stubborn, arrogant and so on. Nobody appreciated her goodness. She excelled in academics, sports and extra-curricular activities. Everybody envied her. They wanted to suppress her but they failed. She was strong in her self-motive. She was driven by her heart which constantly said, "You are different and it's okay to be different". She realized one thing for sure that they cannot steal away her strengths, her talents, potentials and abilities. She realized no matter how much people hurt her, she can always be as happy as she wants and that happiness is always hers. She knew nobody can steal her happiness. She found her magical self with clear thoughts and came back to reality staring at the shabby alley.

Life is all about that difference. You know you can choose to be who you are but the question is, will you be someone your heart says or will you pretend to be someone else? If you are going to be yourself, you stand above the crowd. If you are going to pretend to be someone else, you stand with the crowd. It is okay to be different. Not everybody is the same. It does not matter if people accept you or not. What really matters is you have to accept yourself and that is when you find a spark in your life like the gleam of a glow-worm. Life is all about happiness and you find happiness only by being yourself. Every new day is a fresh beginning. It is never too late to begin your journey. Journeys can be tough and exhausting but be sure you are going to reach an amazing destination and you will emerge with flying colours as the most hubristic and optimistic person in life.

Sai Sneha N.

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Infinithesism provided a unique experience for our students through Infini 11 & Infini 14, which had a humongous impact on them. The courses are specially designed by Mahatria to enable children to shine at school, at home, with friends... IN LIFE. It prepares a child to be a BIG MATCH PLAYER.

INFINI 11

My learnings...



INFINI 11 - NSN Chromepet

Do my work as best as I can.

- S. Vrishab - VII A

Be punctual, unique and rare, to break my inhibitions and be a good communicator.

- J. Srimathi - VII C

Modify me into a best student, break my inhibitions and be a good communicator.

- A. Latha - VII A

Become a good communicator, to be honest and come out of my inhibitions.

- Varshini Murali - VII C

Be a good communicator, be one above the crowd always and to follow 'BADAM' for a Healthy Life.

B- Break fast

A- Avoid Junk Food

D - Drink Water

A - Add colour

M- Moderation

- R. Monica - VII B

Keep learning, keep building and keep growing.

- Naram Sethu Harsha Vardhan - VIII B

Keep growing in my life Most and More in every way.

T. Naren Kausig - VIII B

Eat at the right time, live my life in this way and not any way

Not be Greedy

Be one above the crowd

- J. Srisha - VII B

Be honest, confident and take initiatives.

- R. Nithila - VIII C

Be bold when I have to give a speech, to respect elders and to arrange my things in the correct place.

- S. Prameela - VII C

Respect elders, be one above the crowd and not one in the crowd.

- Sruthiva. SU - VIII C



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I will follow the schedule you had given.

I will break my inhibitions.

I will be one above the crowd.

- P V Keran Rohit - VI A

A place for everything and everything in its place and a time for everything and everything in its time.

- J. Yaswanth Prasath - VI C

I will be a good communicator, I will be one above the crowd and I will be good in friendship.

- S. Pooja - VI B

I will be somebody in my life and I will be one above the crowd. I will live my life only in this way and not in anyway.

- R. Divyasri - VII A

For the rest of my life, I will be a better person. I will be one above the crowd.

- R.S. Anandita - VI B

B – Breakfast

A – Add Colours

D – Drink Six Glasses of Water

A – Avoid Junk Food

M – Moderation

- S. Abinaya - VII B

I have learnt what it takes to be a good communicator.

Clarity of voice

Tails drop

Avoid mannerisms

Eye contact

Facial Gymnastics

Leave your hands free

- S. Yalini - VI B

I will always love my parents and respect them. I will be genuine, sincere and a good listener.

- E. Gayathri - VII B

I will break my inhibitions and will always be happy to be myself.

- R.V. Roshinie - VII C

To be a good friend I will be

A good listener

Genuine

Sincere

A good communicator

- S. Mohammed Afraz Kanmi - VI C

I will follow BADAM and I will believe

I am rare

I am unique

I am original

- G. Paramaguru - VII C

I will be genuine, sincere and take initiatives.

- M. Shwetha - VIII C

I will take up many responsibilities.

- S. Abarna - VIII C

I will overcome my stage fear and I will participate in all the activities.

- M. Nadeem - VIII C

I will help others anytime in the right way.

- C. Hashnika - VIII C

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We should live our life in "THIS WAY" not anyway.

- Athira Anish - VII A

Desire abundance of everything and not just that, but also wish the world most and more of everything.

- M. Anupallavi - VIII D

Everybody has intelligence. But the way you direct it is the real play.

- Sreekesh .S - VII B

Without a give-up there is no go-up.

- P. Varnika - VIII D

A place for everything and everything in its place; A time for everything and everything in its time.

- Karthika Baskar - VII C

I practice "BADAM"- exercising daily, brushing the teeth twice a day.

- A. Jeshnavi - VIII D

We have to believe in ourselves.

- Vibilian - VII C

We must break our inhibition, there is nothing to fear.

- Amritha Anish - VII A

Celebrate everything in life and be enthusiastic.

- Varsha K.V. - VIII A

Everything in life is infinite (abundance)

- Sushmithaa .P - VIII D

To be one above the crowd and not the one lost in the crowd.

- Vaishali .S - VIII C

Live life fearlessly.

- Poorna Pushkala S.S. - VIII D

Feel like a hero in the right way.

- Trilingeswar. B.K. - VIII C

I am rare. I am unique.

- Dharshan. K.V. - VIII D

INFINI 14
My learnings...



INFINI 14 - NSN Chromepet

It does not matter how much I have,
but what really matters is what I do
with what I have.

- Madeshwaran - IX A

I will surely take initiative in all aspects
and be one above the crowd.

- B. Veena Vidhushini - X C

I can change myself if and only if I
change what goes into my mind.

- S. Mouleswaran - IX B

I will clarify my expectations.

To maintain a healthy self-image and
a healthy self-esteem.

- V. Vibha - XI A

I understand relationship is not built
on agreement, but it is built on my
understanding.

- G. Swathi - X A

I will live such a life that I will be one
above the crowd in all that I do.

- G.P. Harish Govind - XI B

I will direct my intelligence in the right
way and stand one above the crowd.

- C. Frank Varunan - X B

I will celebrate myself and I will also be
the cause for celebration.

- J. Srimathi - XII A

I can and I will.

- V. Sandhiya - XII A

I will work out of my happiness and
not for happiness.

- R. Mehavarshini - X C

I won't laugh at others expense.

- R. Shreyas - IX A



INFINI 14 - NSN Chitlapakkam

I understand more than the problem,
it is my reaction to the problem which
hurts me more.

- Subhashini R - XI B

YGB mantra which stands for "You got
to believe in yourself".

- Adishree Ajith - XI C

ASK mantra which stands for Attitude,
Skill, Knowledge.

- Yashoswathi S - XI B

I can change myself if and only if I
change what goes into my mind.

- Gayathiri M - XI C

I will be a noble hearted and also an
able-minded person.

- Sachita S - XI C

I will vaccinate myself from exquisites.

- Riduvarshini S R - XII C

I will speak the right word at the right
time.

- Monesh C - XI D

I will celebrate life and also be the
cause for celebration.

- Akshitha Subash - XII C

I understand that we must have the
aspiration to become an inspiration
before we expire.

- Sri Ram P - XI D

I will be enthusiastic in my life. I
understand fear of calamity hurts me
more than the calamity itself.

- Prathima Lakshmi - XII D

I understand if I am tough on myself,
life will be infinitely easy on me.

- Varsha Vigasini S - XII C

I understand it does not matter how
much I have, but what really matters
is what I do with what I have.

- Tharshini M - XII E

I will do things out of wrong and right
and not out of pain and pleasure.

- Nakshathra R - XII C

I will admit myself immediately when
I am wrong.

- Candes Judeline Perreira - XII C

Formula does not care who applies it,
when applied correctly, it gives correct
results.

- Haritha K - XII E

INFINI 14 - NSN Memorial

Happiness, Relationship and Proper diet are three important aspects of life.

- N.S. Theertha - IX C

If I am tough on myself, life is important to me and only me and I must have control over it.

- S. Omkhar - X A

If I am tough on myself life will be infinitely easy on me.

- R. Geet Malik A - X A

With Consistent Directed Self motivated, Intelligent Effort we can achieve our success.

- K. Sri Boomija - IX D

Be different from others and stand one above the crowd.

- H. Madhu Gayathri - IX D

Live a systematic life and have a healthy self image

- Vijayashree. S - IX A

Live a systematic life and not live in any way.

- P.K. Sanjana - IX D

Be somebody in the world and also be one above the crowd.

- Ashwatha. S.S - X C

Be inspired and not influenced.

- S. Rishi Nandan - IX D

I must base my decisions on right and wrong, not on pain and pleasure. I must not operate for happiness, I must operate out of happiness.

- M. Gayathri - IX B



My Association with NSN (Parents' Articles)



Congratulations on NSN SCHOOL Golden Jubilee!
Here we started! S. Pavithra UKG, 2007-2008 Xth STD ... NOW XI STD.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of any "Temple of Learning" is a joyous occasion. It is a memorable point of time that NSN School is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year in 2018. I feel proud that I had the privilege to be associated with the school for more than twelve years. In the 12 years we were happy to say that my daughter was at this wonderful school, she got the right kind of exposure and open discussions with teachers that helped her to realize what she was passionate about. I am very happy for my ward, she was well looked after in school and learned a lot of things, progressing every day. The school pays great attention on imparting value based education, NSN encouraged students to participate in community welfare and environment protection activities like tree plantation. They also have a yoga session at school. It really helps.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure."

From the above quote I have always believed in my daughter's Journey in NSN from Nursery school singing "Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall" to Secondary student who followed the "path of Infinitesimal" and learnt to be Disciplined, Respectful, Knowledgeable and has grown as a well-rounded personality. Thanks to NSN Memorial school for the Life Transformation of my ward.

When I recollect my old memories, to choose the school for my ward in 2007 to put her in nursery, it was a moment of dilemma that often happens in the life of many parents... BUT we are so lucky that we found NSN School.

This school is a "Temple of knowledge" with a large focus on Discipline, Knowledge, Love & affection.

We are sure about that...

She Entered as a child and, will exit as an individual with holistic growth!!!

Her academic journey has been so good and wonderfully transformative. Thanks to the NSN



Teachers and staff who motivated all the students to reach the stars.

Really appreciate the NSN TEAM for their slogan...

"Nurturing Students for the Nation."

Greetings and good wishes to the Correspondent, Principal, Vice-Principal, students, teachers and all the staff of NSN SCHOOL for the success of the Golden jubilee celebrations.

Subramanian. S

F/o S. Pavithra, XI A
NSN Memorial School

NSN, a school known for its icon of Decorum and Punctuality! We being a parent are always worried about cultivating good etiquette, dignity and culture in our child. But we were fortunate enough to find a perfect place as NSN is synonymous to our home in bringing up our child in a secure environment with demeanor.

The school is not only playing the role of building a knowledge base for our child, but also in shaping them to blossom in the future. Along with the studies they also give equal importance to extra-curricular activities and sports. They provide guidance to parents for the proper upbringing of their child. We have an open speech by the correspondent each year at the beginning of the academic year where we are told the way we should bring up our child, the right things to teach our child at that age. They enlighten us with the ways to make our child a responsible person in the society.

As my child started growing in her pace, we could see the school cultivating in her slowly all the important aspects necessary for her life, one of them is punctuality. The school declares a day as "Punctuality Day" and ensures that all the children reach school on time. They also encourage the parents to make their child be punctual by congratulating them on the success of the Punctuality Day. The school very strictly implements the rule of students being punctual to school.

The school very well makes sure that the children realize the proverb "Respect Your Teachers, because

you are able to read this only because of them.” They celebrate “Guru Vandanam”, by making the students traditionally pay their respects to their Teachers.

The school celebrates “Environment Day” in which they educate the children about the importance of environment and its resource. They motivate parents to teach their children about the importance of planting sapling and protecting them for the benefit of the future of living beings and also preventing resources from getting extinct. We could see my child implementing the same by not wasting water at home and also trying not to waste food.

Another important day the school highlights is “Healthy Day”. The school requests the parents to teach them the importance of staying fit and encourage children to exercise. Also, to encourage the same, the students are requested to send photos of Parent and Child exercising and staying fit together.

Along with cultivating good habits in children, they also guide us to keep our children safe. They advise parents to pick up kids on time from the school so that they can be safe guarded from strangers. We are also advised not to make our kids wear any type of ornaments, so that it does not become the reason for crisis to befall on our child. Also the schools take care of their safety in various ways. They gather all the details about the private van and auto drivers from the parents of the children commuting to school. We are also given advises to be followed for the goodness of our children like using steel utensils for lunch box instead of plastic, using steel bottle to drink water instead of plastic, etc.

Along with staying fit, they also encourage good food habits. They have a pre-defined set of snacks time table that we need to give for our children for snacks time. The school strictly follows the “Healthy Snacks Time Table”. Their responsibility does not only stop with setting rules, but they do see that the students don’t get junk food and stay healthy. Also they have educated the children the effects of having frozen and junk food. Due to which we could see them advising us not to have junk and frozen food as it is bad for health. What else do we want other than our child being sensible!

“Earth Hour” is observed an hour a week. And the school authority has explained to the children the importance of saving resources. For an hour there is no electricity used, so the children don’t use fans and lights. Understanding the same when at home, my child takes care that there is no light or fan working when not in use, and also encourages us to do the same.

In this modern world the chilling fear for a child’s parent is their safety, both physically and mentally. There are many unseen and hidden dangers in this world wearing the mask of goodness. We are in a situation to educate our children in being aware of even the sweetest thing in the world. But the school authority also shares our burden here. At the early stage of their life itself, in a very understanding way, they are taught the difference between the “Bad touch

and Good touch”. They are trained not to speak to strangers and when other students are in danger they should do all that is possible to alert others and get help.

Another important day that is observed by the school is “Karuna Day”. This day encourages everybody to be completely Vegetarian. Hence children realize the importance of vegetarianism and also develop humanitarian attitude towards animals. They are given insight on how healthy vegetables are. We can go on listing the good things that the school does in its own way for our children... We see our child growing each and every day with new values which will make our child’s future secure and healthy. The journey in NSN has been really very valuable for my kids and as a parent, for ourselves as well.

Anto Felisa & Adenshia Felisa

P/o Trishma A Mon
NSN Memorial

H. Priyadharshini

Year of Passing: 2008
M.Sc, Psychology



I am happy to inform you that My first daughter H Priyadharshini, who studied in NSN from LKG to XII std has bagged University 1st Rank in B Sc Psychology (student of Dr MGR Janaki College for Arts and Science for Women).

The convocation was held on 19th Dec 2013 and she received the degree certificate and rank certificate from University Chancellor, Madras University, Mr K Rossaiah. Photograph taken on this occasion is attached herewith.

Madam, at this juncture, I would like to thank each and every one of you personally because without your guidance and blessings this girl would not have touched this height.

I only handed over a clay to you and you have moulded it properly. Now the child is really doing well at PG level.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Radhamani and Mrs Susmitha Gopinath for their guidance and support when the child was really in need of it.

Hats off to you all.

R. Varalakshmi

M/o H. Priyadarshini

THE ACHARYA (Staff Articles)

THE CAUSE CALLED 'NSN' – MY INSPIRATION

I stepped into this career of teaching in school, not knowing anything about school teaching but I still took it up because of the inspiration and positive vibes I received from this personality, who was the Principal of the school and had conducted the interview for my recruitment, Mrs. Lalitha Menon, our beloved founder. When I met her for the first time I didn't know anything about her hard work, sacrifices etc. But a 5 minute conversation with her made me feel, I should be the best teacher in my life. That was the magnetizing personality of this great legend. The calmness with which she spoke, her soft but firm voice, her straight looking eyes and dignified body language, all of this was enough to understand that she was a lady with stuff and she started inspiring from then on. Later on, slowly from her daughter, who later became the Correspondent, I started knowing more about her sacrifices, her faith, her grit and belief, her values, determination, commitment and sincerity, love for humanity, love for everyone around her. As I heard more and more about her she kept growing in my eyes. Her struggle as a single woman, standing bold to face the challenges that people around her created, her attitude of never asking 'why me God' of all her troubles, instead always thanking Him for everything, raised her to the highest altar which made my surrender deeper. Don't know whether anybody like her will be born in future, so I thank my Almighty for giving me the blessing to be associated with a legend like her.

I express my deep felt gratitude to NSN for having me here during the period of this living legend.

And now when this great institution is celebrating its golden jubilee under the able guidance of her daughter, Mrs. Chitra Prasad, who has inherited all the qualities of her Mother. I stand as a proud member of this family, praying for abundance of growth for this institution with all its values intact and to stand as a testimony of determination and faith.

The Correspondent, Mrs. Chitra Prasad, my mentor, is the powerful force behind this institution now, taking it forward to scale high, to create benchmarks for itself, to ensure a glorified status for the NSN group of schools and to put it on the world map.

All the members of this family will stand together with these two great women to make this possible, with the blessings of the Almighty, which is bestowed in abundance on this 50 year old institution. Blessed to be a part of this great Cause called NSN!

Radhamani
Principal
NSN Memorial

TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST, BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO

There are four kinds of people; those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, those who wonder what happened and those who don't know that anything happened. Life is difficult and comes to us in the form of a series of challenges and the attitude with which we choose to face those challenges determines whether our life will be a burden or a pleasure.

“Think positive and find fuel in failure.”

If we turn over the pages of history and The Second World War, we will find that there were many people who survived the concentration camps. If we analyze the reason, we will understand that our attitude and perception towards life's experiences and challenges makes all the difference. The key to success is constant reinforcement. Things are happening so fast today that we barely find time to stop and check if we have the right attitude, every time we face a problem.

The winner's mindset can be internalized by reading inspirational books, listening to motivational talks and keeping good company so that we can respond to our next challenge instinctively. We must decide whether we will allow our life to be governed by daily mundane activities or do we choose to live life according to principles and values. We need to make a choice- whether we will just react to life or live life in a proactive manner. Tough people are those who make a conscious decision to live their lives in accordance with principles and decisions they make. They have important goals and dreams and are committed to achieve them despite all odds.

“When the going gets tough, The Tough get going.”

Sachin Tendulkar had to face many obstacles to reach the position of World No1. Batsman. Yuvraj Singh fought the dreaded disease cancer and bounced back as a fit sportsman. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, came from a village in Rameshwaram, but went on to become the President of India and one of the pioneers in the field of Science and Aviation. We need

heroes to get motivated and have a purpose in life. Just pause for a moment to think what made these heroes. People who succeed under all circumstances are set apart by their personality, ability, enthusiasm, discipline, determination and the willingness to learn from their experiences.

Patience to let things follow their own course, accepting situations as they are, willingness to introspect, simplicity, giving up Ego and belief in a Higher Power are the most important characteristics of people who have the Winner's Attitude. We must learn to live life the way it comes. Things will not work according to our wishes and liking, but we must trust the process and wait to achieve the goal. When the situation demands us to give up, we must hold on with grit and determination and accept other's views. We must be able to identify our strengths and weaknesses and work on them. Things must be kept short, sweet, simple and concise. We must celebrate our growth and not grumble about our problems. Above all, we need to have complete faith and devotion in a Power greater than ourselves. We must believe that all of us have unlimited potential to succeed in life. We must realize our self-worth and learn to appreciate the beauty of life. We must recognize small achievements and celebrate them. Life has many things to offer us in abundance. The only thing we need to do is to look at life positively.

“When white light passes through a prism, there is more than just white light. There is an entire rainbow of colours waiting to be noticed.”

Anjana Rajesh

English P.G.T.

NSNMHSS (Chitlapakkam)

MY SHANTHIKETAN – THE HAVEN OF PEACE & JOY!!!

“Under the greenwood tree,
Who loves to lie with me,
And turn his merry note,
Unto the sweet bird's throat
And loves to live in the Sun
Seeking the food he eats

And pleased with what he gets,
Come hither, Come hither, Come hither:
Here shall he see
No enemy
But Winter and rough weather”.

This is a song sung by Auriens in “As you like it”. The short scene extol the beauty of the

Woodland life. When I think of ‘Shanthiniketan’, these lines haunt my mind repeatedly and my heart leaps up in joy and ecstasy.

My ‘Shanthiniketan’ – is the canopy which provided me wonderful moments - full and complete which seemed to be the song of the Divine. The remembrance of a well spent life makes life sweet.

Let me first offer my respects to the founder, Smt. Lalitha Menon who is wedded to this Institution working relentlessly with a missionary zeal. Her empowering persona, nobility and steadfast character inspire awe and reverence. The growth of this institution is a reflection of her vision and wisdom and of her unyielding selfless desire to see such an Institution in place. This legendary personality is a noble and tireless crusader known for her astounding humility. Her unflagging service to a cause, a lifetime in itself, speaks about her enduring selflessness. “The Climb may be tough.... But the view from the top.... is priceless”.

The Utopian dream of our founder is excellently planned and executed by Mrs. Chitra Prasad, our beloved correspondent, whose untiring persistence, courage, conviction deep commitment and unwavering faith have made this Institution a holy sanctum spreading divinity and bliss.

Her tremendous stride into the realm of human achievement calls for great admiration and appreciation. Those who believe in our ability do more than stimulate us. They create for us an atmosphere in which it becomes easier to succeed. Such a unique personality is Mrs. Chitra Prasad who has had a universe impact in my life.

I am highly thankful to all the enlightened thinkers for their inspirational guidance.

“A calm sea has never made a skillful mariner!”

Many sessions conducted by great personalities have helped me strive for excellence. Their amazing resourceful and effective strategies had enabled me to work successfully against negative convictions and work towards perfection some inspiring and motivational talks have helped me to face all the challenges and feel more confident to turn the stumbling blocks into stepping stones and realize the worthy goal of life. Setbacks are inevitable in life but it is the bounce back ability in us which helps to reach the pinnacle of glory.

The values and tireless wisdom expounded in the simplest of words are indeed a great awakening on holistic living and the experience is unbelievable. The journey of life is beautiful and every moment of this God given life is a celebration. Without celebration, our lives will be dull and meaningless.

My experience in this esteemed Institution has restored in me great hope and trust leading to unbelievable harmony and peace. We, as teachers, have put in great efforts and given our best for dispelling confusion and improving our efficiency to uplift the wonderful creation of the lord – celebrating the uniqueness of the children who are entrusted to our care. Let us allow the buds to bloom through the natural process, enabling them to experience the experience of growing years and making their growth more natural and spontaneous. Limitations cannot limit us. Great going. God be with us!

I take this opportunity to thank the management whole heartedly for my effectiveness in both my personal and professional life.

The beauty of life is that it is unpredictable. Let us drop the chattering of our minds and flow with the miracle of life with alertness and deep respect. Let us rejoice in our uniqueness and keep our happiness circulating in each moment of life.

Seize from every moment its unique novelty and contribute to it. Life is a mystery and many things are beyond our comprehension. "If you serve the universe, the universe will serve you!" let us hug each moment of life and nourish our connection to the universe!!!

Lalitha Rajasekaran
NSN Staff

MY JOURNEY IN NSN

NSN has always been the catalyst in nurturing students and staff and gives horizontal exposure and vertical expertise to bring out the best in each individual. A person who enters NSN is thrown open to a window of opportunities which enhances them holistically. The activities in NSN are planned with a Kaleidoscopic view to instigate the learners to unravel their pursuit of excellence in life. It facilitates to whet the student's appetite for desiring abundant knowledge, enriching their skills thereby making their potential count.

As I walk down the memory lane, I visualize a plethora of responsibilities which are entrusted to me with confidence that I too can make a difference in the students. My journey in NSN is filled with nostalgic memories – bonding with students, building relationship with colleagues, learning experiences in organizing events, training students for compering and subject plus, Staff Empowerment Programs, Leadership

Sessions, NABET Accreditation and the list continues.

"Momentary happiness and moments of happiness are the easiest gifts we can give our loved ones"

NSN fills its stakeholders lives with abundance by surpassing their expectations. The Physical, Spiritual and Emotional well being of staff and students are being taken care of. On behalf of the NSN family, let's make a commitment to endeavour to create happy moments for our dear students and parents.

NSN – true to its name, Nurtures Students for the Nation, who stamp the mark of excellence and make us proud and happy. It also gives immense satisfaction to the staff when students make it big in their lives and stand unique. I owe my due respect to the legendary Founder, Smt. Lalitha Menon, who turned stumbling blocks into stunning success and my gratitude to our beloved Correspondent, Mrs. Chitra Prasad for always being a pillar of strength and support to the Staff and Students of NSN.

With the chosen blessings of the Almighty, I am sure NSN would surge ahead with zest, zeal and vigour to scale great heights and stamp its mark as an epitome of institution that creates holistic citizens.

S. Meera
Vice Principal, Incharge - Primary
NSN Chromepet

I JUST SIT AND REMEMBER.....

"Thou still unravished bride of quietness
Thou foster child of silence and slow time"

John keats, brought life into an urn that was created from a stone and made an artist, who did not communicate through words. Today, this masterpiece stands evidence to "a mother's dream" that turned into a vision.

How shall we praise.....

How shall we measure her greatness....
When the sun, that had brightened her life, had set and left her shivering in the cold and

dark, a small spark had strengthened this wonderful mother to create history in the field of education and become enmeshed in the hearts of so many people around.

There is no other treasure a mother can value other than having a daughter who has an irreproachable character. Mrs.Chitra Prasad, our beloved correspondent is like a curve of light through a scattered mist. She has lifted the spirits of her mother's vision

with her prismatic presence and brightened up the name and fame of her family.

I will never miss this opportunity to tell the world that our correspondent is a priceless gift to her family as she is wonderful and incredible. Love is a combination of admiration, respect and passion. With one, you are par, with two, you are world class, with all the three you are experiencing heaven.

For me NSN is more than a dream. My passion for being a teacher was dormant as I had the priority of taking care of my family. In the middle of every difficulty lies an opportunity and I am blessed to be a part of this 'temple of learning'. The beautiful things in life are not 'things' but people, places and memories. Though nature and priorities stood between me and the school, I understood the current situation was not my final destination. When I left the school in 2012, I missed the serene atmosphere like the stars that miss the sun in the morning skies. Eagerness, willingness and memories kept lingering. Its hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember.

Unbelievable! Once again I am in my dreamland.

Good times, smiles, laughter, crazy friends and amazing students brought to light the dormant passion to a marvelous glory.

Here I learned to be strong and stand alone. Nothing can substitute experience. After everything, I know the reason why I am here and that reason is greater than me. With great faith in God, I will carry on beyond what I can, in pursuit of courage, on the purpose of my journey.

This year marks the accomplishments of 'a great mother' and at this moment, let us pledge together to stand and cheer the perseverance and determination of the revered 'NSN Menon family' for having strengthened; inspired and kindled the beam and blazes of thousands of people around.

Let this sacred journey continue.....

Usha Sankar
PGT English

HAPPY PARENTING

"Mom, put on the alligator", and I would invariably put on the indicator, with a smile on my face, looking at my 5 year old through the mirror, all buckled up on the rear seat of the car. I never corrected him. It didn't matter if he said "indicator" or "alligator"- He had communicated! I enjoyed his cuteness. Now he is 13. I always wonder why am I not able to enjoy his mistakes? Why am I not able to see his innocence in his adolescence? Is it because he has grown an inch taller than me and has his own opinion on things that happen and to me "innocence and growing" do not go hand in hand?

Such thoughts kept frequenting me till one day when my son asked me "Mom, why are they even debating whether a man needs to be punished for raping a 5 year old!" on seeing the great debate on TV. This time, I smiled with a sense of satisfaction that my child will be a "real man" who will respect

women. I often wonder if a centum in Maths or Science would satisfy me to this extent.

Parents should, I feel, indulge in 'small talk' with children other than the stereotyped "Did you eat"? "Did you finish your homework?" "Did you study?"

Enjoy every moment with your child. Smile at their mistakes; enjoy their innocence, no matter how old they are. Don't just sit to make them study but spend even their study break time with them. Play a quick game of UNO, badminton or maybe even go for a quick swim with your child. Bonding with your child today is more important than just ensuring he scores good marks. Such bonds are for life time. Let's be happy parents than anxious ones.

Happy Parenting

Dimple
Principal In-Charge

MY EXPERIENCE IN NSN

I stepped into this mighty institution in the year 2006 as a primary teacher, after which my life has changed totally. NSN focuses not only on its students but also on teachers, prepares individuals for life. I came as a raw material, but I was molded, shaped and groomed by NSN. Every experience in NSN contributed to my growth personally and professionally. Lot of opportunities and responsibilities were given to prove myself. Every individual who steps into NSN grows personally and professionally within a short duration of time. I also grew in NSN. My father would always say that if not in NSN you would not have grown. NSN has invested so much on me which every individual associated with me right from my parents, relatives, friends, colleagues, well-wishers could see evidently in me and have mentioned to me. There were incidents where I was in awe of myself, because it was NSN that brought to light that I'm capable of I am very fortunate to be in this "Temple of Transformation". I did not get an opportunity to work with our founder Smt. Lalitha Menon, but heard a lot from the old teachers, Alumni and their parents. There are lots of lessons which can be learnt from

her life. The important lesson I learnt from her life was to face challenges courageously. Even when everything in life goes wrong, strong faith in God and in our self can change everything in life. My correspondent, Mrs. Chitra Prasad, is my strongest pillar of strength. Her words of appreciation were a motivating factor which helped me to move forward in my life. The trust she had in me brought a different outlook to my profession. She is a selfless woman who always thinks about what more can be given to the children and teachers. She shares all her learnings from all dimensions. Since I was at the receiving end I became rich in my thoughts. My mentor, Mrs. Radhamani, was a driving force in every step I took. My service in NSN continued because of her. She motivated me to move forward whenever I was stuck with challenges. I thank the Almighty for having given me an opportunity to work in this Institution. I stay blessed to be in NSN. My prayers for the school to celebrate Diamond jubilee, Platinum jubilee and so on.....

Kavitha
Principal

A number before zero adds value to the number; God has given the blessing of serving in NSN to achieve success in my life. NSN has enabled not only the students but also teachers to bring out the innate talents. Maths is my favorite game and teaching students to practice numbers is my passion. NSN has laid a strong foundation for my potential and this is my temple of learning. Our founder is my source of inspiration. She is a precious gem to be admired and respected. I owe my success as a Maths teacher to Mrs. Chitra Prasad, our beloved correspondent. I am proud to be a part of this great institution that has given me a strong recognition as a Maths teacher. Twenty nine years of my teaching career in NSN has turned my life beautiful. My long cherished ambition to get

education from the best school was a dream but it came true when my son became an NSN-ite. Our correspondent's session for standard XII not only brought transformation in the students but also in me. I understood growth needs transformation, transformation needs change, change needs transition and transitions are never comfortable. Maths being the core subject and application oriented, I had to work hard to get the students' focus. But they are my back bone and I feel elated when they score good marks and settle well in life. I thank our founder and our correspondent for giving me the opportunity to be amidst students and this is 'paradise' for me.....

V. Meeradevi
Math PGT

Dear Reminiscence

Hope this epistle of mine will bring back the cherished memories as I entered this institution with a mixed feeling in 1985. It was exciting to be with our founder Mrs. Lalitha Menon, an epitome in the field of education, a soft spoken lady yet firm in her own decisions. Thirty two years of rich experience as a teacher in NSN has given me holistic growth. It makes me ponder and ask 'Is it me who has nurtured students to be good citizens? Like the mother who takes pride in watching the different stages of her child's growth I too was excited to participate in the inauguration of NSN Chitlapakkam. I saw the school getting upgraded to a higher secondary school. It was a wonderful experience working under a revered mother Mrs. Lalitha Menon, a dynamic leader Mrs. Chitra Prasad, a perfect guide Mrs. Radhamani and a young

motivator - Mrs. Kavitha, every day has been a day of experience and learning.

My passion for teaching and the school made me say, 'No going back'. As I move slowly into the golden jubilee of NSN, never in my dream did I think that I will be celebrating the golden jubilee with the school. From the encouragement, motivation and the continuous training through many activities I recall the famous message YGB – You Got to Believe.

Pray and awaiting the Platinum Jubilee.

This is Sukanya Subramanian signing off and wishing NSN reach the pinnacle of glory!

S. Sukanya
TGT

MIND OH MIND!!!

As the River ever gushes forward
Not sure what she paneths for
Determined to plunge eccentrically deep down
Never painful but forceful to fall from the pinnacle
Caressing and romancing with the pebbles
Nourishing the greenery on the banks
Fairing and Fuzzing, Accelerative and Advancing
Embossed with the memories and never turning back
Spreading deep down into the magnificent ocean
She attains her jubilant Euphoria
Calm....Tranquil....Peace.....!!!

Mary Nivya Johnson
Student Counsellor

IN AWE OF NSN

We are at our very best, and we are happiest, when we are fully engaged in work we enjoy on the journey toward the goal we've established for ourselves. It gives meaning to our time off and comfort to our sleep. It makes everything else in life so wonderful, so worthwhile. - Earl Nightingale

My journey in NSN is one such great experience. Work has become Worship. Joining NSN was the turning point of my life and from then onwards no turning back. NSN not only nurtures students who are under its care but also nurtures the teachers. NSN makes you realize that there are humongous possibilities. You not only

develop professionally through the various in-service training programs but also transform personally into a better person. At NSN everyone has a chance to grow and dream big. One's abilities, skills and talents is identified and sharpened.

It is a blessing to be a part of a serene environment, among positive people who strive for excellence. I started as a primary teacher in the year 2010. I would proudly say that NSN has created me into the person I am today. I was a beginner in all aspects of teaching in school but have transformed from a caterpillar to a butterfly, nurtured by the dynamic heads of the vibrant institution. As our correspondent madam used to say if you hand over yourself to NSN, it would take you through a journey which will mould you into a champion, provided you are open to change. Right now my past looks like someone else's past. NSN never forgets to recognize the people who are willing to go through uncomfortable transitions for the desired change. Every day is a new beginning where you will get a chance to discover yourself.

The day in NSN begins with an Oath that reminds me that I am a teacher not by chance but by choice. It made me see every day as a chance given to make a difference in the lives of children. NSN gave me an opportunity to realize my role as a nation builder and made me believe that I can play an active part in building a new India. At NSN you welcome the day positively with Mahatma Ra's thought for the day followed by the song "Life is beautiful...". How shall I miss....the HaRI values, Oath of Originality, Infinitesimal @ 11:11, the Good finder badge, Thanksgiving Day, Happy to help group, Swachh Bharath Campaign, Eco-friendly Award, Social contribution, Earth hour, etc that sows the seeds of values in the minds of the young citizens of India. I can keep writing pages and pages to share my thoughts and still feel I have not shared enough about my NSN. I am privileged to be a part of a Golden Jubilee celebrating institution that marches forward with a vision to build the nation.

Helen. P
VP [HS]

LEARNING AND GROWING

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort".

"Success is doing what you want to do to make yourself happy". I wanted to become as a teacher from my childhood because of the inspiration of my great teachers. I joined the NSN family in the year 2007 as a beginner.

"Empty pocket (mind) teaches you a million things in life". More than a teacher, I should say, NSN equipped me as a great learner. In no school will they allow a new teacher to handle class 10. But NSN gave me a chance to prove myself to the fullest. The results of the first set of students gave me a great pleasure and I felt that I had proved myself.

At the outset, I should mention that, in those days we were asked to present a demo in front of our correspondent every term. It was a very happy moment for me as I was appreciated by her, stating that my class was

lively. It was a great stimulus for me that I am also skilled.

"One small positive thought in the morning can change the entire outcome of your day"- The morning Oath time changes my mindset for the day. The thought, my Principal says, everyday makes me so motivated and prepares me for a new beginning.

NSN not only trains children, but also the teachers by giving a chance for us to attend so many workshops. One among them is the Inward journey, which had a tremendous impact on me. I must say, that it showed me the other side of my personality and helped me take a journey within myself, to be aware of my emotions, empathy, self-esteem and assertiveness etc., The workshops that I have attended have made me realize that teaching is not only to enlighten the subjects but also to face the outside world to achieve greater things in life.

The club activities which are conducted for children are also the lively experiences for me to engage and learn. The EXNORA club had a great impact on me and helped me involve myself in environmental issues. The ISA projects encourage me to think globally. These projects not only develop the creativity of children, but also that of the teachers. As our Correspondent says, it adds a feather to our cap.

Another golden opportunity given by God to prove myself was to serve as the Accreditation coordinator for NABET. There are no words to express my gratitude to NSN since it helped me to recognize the different capabilities I have and to discover my hidden talents.

It made me be more ambitious to set goals, not because I am happy with who I am, but I enjoy the experience of rising above my perceived limitations and discovering new levels of my capabilities.

Now the biggest dream of mine is the implementation of the system and to achieve the vision of the school.

Teaching is a great way to keep learning and working in N.S.N is the greatest way to keep learning.

“Thank you NSN for helping me to shape my life!”

Leema Roslin. P
Teaching Staff

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Teaching is a noble profession that shapes the character, caliber and future of an individual. “If people remember me as a good teacher that will be the biggest honour to me” – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. My day in NSN starts with salutation to Dr. Kalam which keeps reminding me throughout the day the nobility of the teaching profession.

My journey in NSN as a teacher has been a remarkable and an unforgettable one. With baby steps I have completed 7 years in this institution. My journey in this esteemed institution started under the guidance of my superiors, with warm and friendly team mates. Throughout this journey not only have I grown as a professional, but also as an individual. I have made good friends and worked under charismatic leaders. The institution being driven by a woman as a leader, not only made me feel comfortable, but also inspired me to grow. Feeling fortunate enough to be a part of such an awe – inspiring institution which I have always found, committed to excellence.

The mantra of our institution is “always keep the student in you alive”. This means, we

need to be innovative, we need to transform ourselves to become more agile and open to challenges. “Attitude is the smallest thing which makes a big difference”. NSN cultivated a positive attitude in me that helps me to handle even difficult situations with ease.

I still believe that, if I can make a student smile, who feels he/she has nothing to smile about; if I can teach a lesson that clarifies a concept; if I can boost a child’s self-esteem and instill confidence in him; if I give a child the chance to share his feelings, then, I feel I have made a difference. NSN has taught me to make a difference in a child’s life.

“It doesn’t really matter who I used to be. All that matters is who I have become”. When I entered NSN I always feared what others will feel. Now I just introspect myself and see what I feel. Thanks to NSN for what I’m now. Feeling proud to be a part of the Golden Jubilee institution.

S. Saradha
TGT

அனுபவச்சாரல்

ஈர் பன்னிரண்டு ஆண்டிற்கு முன்
என். எஸ். என் குடும்பத்துள்
என் அடிச்சுவட்டைப் பதித்தேன்.
அன்புத் தாயுமாய், அருமை தாளளாருமாய்
விளங்கி நின்ற சீர்மிகு முதல்வரால்
எமக்களித்த அறப்பணி
இப்பணிக்கு என்னை அர்ப்பணிக்க என்னுள்
இணைந்ததோ பலகரங்கள்
தொடக்கம், இடைநிலை என இரு நிலைக்குள்
என் பணியைத் தொடர்ந்தேன்.
மீண்டும் இடைநிலை, உயர்நிலை என உயர்ந்தேன்
மாறா உளத்தொடு மாற்றங்களை ஏற்றேன்.
தளர்வுகள் வந்தாலும் தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் நின்றேன்
உணர்வுகளால் ஒன்றியோர் துணிவினை ஊட்டினர்
உலகளாவிய மொழியின் உன்னதத்தை உணர்ந்தேன்
ஓரளவு உரைக்க எழுத இன்றளவும் முயல்கிறேன்
இயன்றவரை காலந்தவறாக் கடமைதனில்
இன்றுவரை எமை வித்திட விழைகின்றேன்
பொறுப்புடன் எம்பணியைத் தொடர்கின்றேன்
ஈர்ப்புடன் செயலாற்ற முனைகின்றேன்
கனிவுமிகு மாணவமணிகளின் மனந்தனில்
பரிவுமிகு பண்பினளாய் வலம் வந்திட
துவளா உளத்தொடு மாறா உவகையோடு
எம்பணி தொடர்ந்திட, இப்பள்ளிதனில்
பல்துறை வளர்ச்சி எந்நாளும் பல்கிப் பெருகிட
பரம்பொருளை மலர்க்கரத்தால் பணிகின்றேன்,

அ. சித்ரா
தமிழ்த்துறை



சில துளிகள்



இந்நாள் வரை

என் பணிஅனுபவம் இருபத்தேழாண்டுகள்
 இப்பள்ளிக்குச் சேவை செய்ய நெடுநாள் அவா.
 கிடைத்ததோ...
 பள்ளி தொடங்கிய நாற்பதாம் ஆண்டில்
 மகிழ்வுடன் ஏற்றேன்; வியந்தேன்;
 அன்பான ஆசிரியர்களுடனும்
 முத்தான மாணவர்களுடனும்
 என் பள்ளிப் பயணம் தொடங்கியது.
 அனுபவத்தை அள்ளித் தந்தது.
 கல்விஎன்பது.....
 படிப்போடு முடிவதன்று;
 அதற்கும் மேலே என்பதை
 அறியவைத்தது.
 படிப்புடனும் ஒழுக்கத்துடனும்
 மாணவனின் திறனறிந்து
 வாய்ப்புகள் அள்ளியள்ளி
 கொடுக்கப்பட்டு
 ஊக்கப்படுத்தப்பட்டு
 மாணவர்கள் மூலம்
 நம் தேசத்தை உலக அளவில்
 எடுத்துச் செல்வதையேக்
 குறிக்கோளாகக் கொண்டு
 எம்பள்ளி செயல்படுகிறது.
 பல மாணவர்களை
 முன்னிறுத்தியும் உள்ளது.
 இப்பள்ளியின் பொன்விழா ஆண்டில்
 நானும்ஓர் அங்கமாகப்
 பயணிப்பதில் மட்டற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன்.
 மென்மேலும் இப்பள்ளி சிகரத்தை எட்ட
 அன்புடன் வாழ்த்தும்

இரா. இராதா
 தமிழாசிரியர்

என்.எஸ்.என்.பள்ளி-குரோம்பேட்டை.

புன்னகை

தென்றலுடன் பூ மணமும் சேர்ந்து வந்தும்
தேயந்திருந்த தாயுள்ளம் சிலிர்க்க வில்லை!
முன்றிலமர் பூவையினக் குரலைக் கேட்டும்
முடக்கமுற்ற அவளுள்ளம் நிமிரவில்லை!
இன்பநிலா வான்வெளியில் விரைந்து வந்தும்
இணைந்தோட அவளுள்ளம் துடிக்கவில்லை!
தன்னருமைச் சிறுமகனின் புன்சிரிப்பில்
தாயுள்ளம் மகிழ்ச்சியால் புன்னகைக்கும்.

தேன்சிந்தும் மலரிடையே நீந்தி வந்த
தென்றலவன் எண்ணத்தைத் தீண்டவில்லை!
வான்நிறைக்கும் தாரகைகள் வாழ்த்தி நிற்க
வந்தநிலா தலைவனையே மயக்கவில்லை!
கான்பிறந்த சந்தனமும் அகிலும் கூட
காளையவன் எண்ணத்தை மாற்றவில்லை!
மான்விழியைக் கொண்டவளின் புன்சிரிப்பில்
மயக்கமுற்று தலைவனுள்ளம் புன்னகைக்கும்!

‘ஓவென்றே யொலிக்கின்ற காற்றின் ஓலம்
ஓங்கார மிட்டாடும் கடலின் சீற்றம்
‘சோவென்றே வீழ்ந்திறங்கும் அருவித் தோற்றம்
சோலைகளில் பண்பாடும் குயிலின் கானம்
‘வாவென்றே ழைக்குமிளந் தளிரின் கூட்டம்
வான்கண்டே மகிழ்ந்தாடும் மயிலின் ஆட்டம்
பூவெங்கும் தேனுண்ணும் சுரும்பினங்கள்
வேகமாய்த் தாவியோடும் புள்ளிமான்கள் கூட்டம்.

கவையோங்கும் கிளைதனிலே குலவும் கிளிகள்
கால்தூக்கித் தவஞ்செய்யும் வெள்ளைக் கொக்கு
சுவையான தேன்சேர்க்கும் தேனிக்கூட்டம்
சுகமான ஒலியெழுப்பும் ஆற்றின் நாதம்
இவற்றிலெல்லாம் மக்களுக்கு இன்பமில்லை.
இலக்கியத்தின் சுவையுணர்ந்த புலவருக்கோ
இவையனைத்தும் இதழ்விரித்து இயற்கையன்னை
இளமுறுவல் காட்டுகின்ற புன்சிரிப்பே!

ஏரோட்டி நிலந்தன்னைப் பண் படுத்தி
ஏற்றங்கள் பலகூடி ஒலியெழுப்ப
நீர்பாய்ச்சி நிலமகளைக் குளிரவைத்து
தீங்கான களைதனையே களைந்தெடுத்து
கார்மேகக் கருணையினால் பயிர்களெல்லாம்
கதிர்வீசி அசைகின்ற தோற்றங் கண்டால்
ஊர்வாழ உழைக்கின்ற உழவருக்கே
உதட்டோரம் மலர்ந்திடுமே புன்சிரிப்பு!

பசி வந்தால் புன்னகைகள் மலர்வதில்லை!
பாரினிலே ஈதொன்றும் புதுமையில்லை!
புசிப்பதற்கு உணவுமட்டும் கிடைத்து விட்டால்
பூவுலகில் இன்பத்திற் கிணையே யில்லை!
பசி வந்தால் பறக்கின்ற பத்தைக் காக்கும்
பார்புகழும் உழவர்களின் புன்னகையை
இரசிக்கின்ற மனப்பாங்கை வளர்ப்போம் என்றே
விருப்புடனே உரைத்திட்டால் மறுப்பார் யாரோ?

புலவர். கோசலைபத்மநாபன்

என் பள்ளியும் நானும்

நினைவென்னும் பூமங்கை நெஞ்சோரம்கொஞ்சி வந்தால்
வாழ்வே இன்ப வசமாகி விடும்
முப்பது ஆண்டுகால அனுபவத்தைச் சில நொடிகளில்
சொல்வது என்பது மிகமிக அரிது.
தேர்ந்து சிலவற்றை இங்கே பகிர நினைக்கிறேன்.
அறிவில் தேர்ச்சி, மனதில் முதிர்ச்சி, ஆன்ற பொறுமை,
அஞ்சுவது அஞ்சுதல், சொல்லில் பணிவு,
சொக்க வைக்கும் பேச்சாற்றல்
இவற்றில் ஒன்றும் என்னிடமில்லை.
காலடி வைத்தேன் இத்திருக்கோவிலுக்குள்
மாதிரி வகுப்பு எடுக்கச் சொன்னார்
முதல்வர் திருமதி.லலிதா மேனன் அவர்கள்.
கொடுத்தது ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு தலைப்போ தமிழகம்
தொடங்கினேன் அதன் எல்லைகள் கூறி
“வரைபடம் வரைந்து விளக்கலாமே” ஒலித்தது ஒரு குரல்

அடுத்த நொடியில் என் பதில் தெறித்தது
 “வரையத் தெரியாது எனக்கு
 எழுந்து வந்து வரைந்து கொடுத்தார்.
 “இப்போதுவிளக்கலாம் என்றார் இதமாக.
 இப்போது நினைத்தாலும் உடல் சிலிர்க்கிறது.
 என்னால் முடிந்ததைச் செய்தேன் தெளிவோடு.

அடுத்த கட்ட நேர்காணல்
 அறையில் தனிமையில் முதல்வரோடு
 அன்பாய் ஒலித்தது அத்தாயின்குரல்
 “இன்றுமுதல் நீ இந்தக் குடும்பத்தின் அங்கம்
 ஆர்வமாய்ப் பாடம் கற்பிக்க வேண்டும்
 அறிந்ததைக் கூறி அறியாததை விளக்கு
 வகுப்புப் பிள்ளைகள் நீ பெற்ற பிள்ளைகள்
 என்ற நினைவை நெஞ்சிலே நிறுத்து
 உந்தன் செயல்கள் செம்மையாய் அமையும்
 என்று மொழிந்த இத்திருவாசகம் இன்று வரை என் உயிர்வாசகம்
 10-6-1988 அன்று தொடங்கியது என் பணி
 என்.எஸ்.என் தவிர வேறொன்றும் தெரியாது
 இல்லம் திரும்ப மனமே வராது
 விடுமுறை நாட்கள் வெறுமையாய்த் தோன்றும்
 வீட்டில் கடமைகள் ஆயிரமிருக்கும் - ஆனால்
 மனமோ பள்ளியை விரும்பும்
 மாணவர் முகங்களைக் காணவே துடிக்கும்
 புதிதாய் இன்று என்ன செய்யலாம்?
 என்றே தினமும் ஏங்கித் தவிக்கும்
 தோதாய் அமைந்த ஆசிரியர்களின்
 ஊக்கமொழி எனை உந்தித் தள்ளும்
 கனவிலும் கூடப் பள்ளிக் காட்சிகளே விரியும்.
 பால பாடத்தை நன்றாய்க் கற்றேன்.
 அனுபவம் சிறந்த ஆசான் அன்றோ?
 ஓலைக்குடிசை நிலையும் மாறி
 கட்டிடம் பெறவே தலைநின்றது என்பள்ளி
 “உனக்கு மட்டும் இருஇடப்பணி என்றார் என்னை அழைத்தே!
 “சற்று தொலைவிலே தொடக்க வகுப்புகள்
 காலையில் இங்கே மதியம் அங்கே!
 மிதிவண்டிப் பயணம்முடியுமா? உன்னால்?
 என்றே கேட்டார் பரிவுடன் என்னை



உடனே ஏற்றேன் தயக்கமின்றி.
 நிதமும் பணியில் முழுமை கிடைத்தது.
 அடுத்த வருடம் அடுத்த நிலைக்கு என்னை உயர்த்தினார்.
 ஒன்பதாம் வகுப்பை உவந்தே தந்தார்.
 தொடக்க நாளில் என்னை அழைத்தார்
 “ஒன்பதாம் வகுப்பு உயர்நிலை வகுப்பு
 வளர்ந்த மாணவர் தோழராய் இருப்பர்
 கற்பிக்கும் முறையில் மாற்றம் வந்தால்
 தோழமை தொடரும் நலமும் சேரும்
 புரிதல் இருந்தால் புதுமை காணலாம்
 உன்னால் முடியும் உயர்ந்தே நலம் வழங்கு
 என்ற உற்சாக மொழிகள் இன்னும் மறக்கவில்லை.
 மாணவர் நல்ல மாணவர் ஆனால்.....
 நான் தான் திணறித் தவித்தேன் நடத்தி முடிப்பது சவாலாய் இருந்தது
 கேள்விக் கணைகள் ஆயிரம் வந்தன.
 விடைகளைத் தேடி என் அறிவும் வளர்ந்தது.
 ஒவ்வொரு வகுப்பாய் உயர்ந்தேன் மெல்ல
 அத்தனை வகுப்பிலும் கற்றலும் தொடர்ந்தது
 பணியிடைப் பயிற்சிகள் நிறைய உண்டு
 அனைத்திலும் பெற்ற மேன்மைகள் அதிகம்.
 இப்பள்ளி சேர்ந்தே நானும் படித்தேன்
 ஆசிரியப் படிப்பை நன்றாய்க் கற்றேன்
 மாணவர் நலனே என்நலன் என்பது மட்டும் மனதில் நிலைத்தது.
 வெள்ளிவிழா கண்டது என்பள்ளி
 கல்வி அமைச்சர் வந்தே வாழ்த்தினார்.
 ஒற்றுமைக்குச் சான்றாய் நாங்கள் நின்றோம்.
 பலநிலைப் போட்டிகள் நடத்தி முடித்தோம்; வென்றே நின்றோம்.
 இன்று என்பள்ளி பொன்விழா காண்கிறது. கண்கள் பனிக்கின்றன.
 நானும் என்பள்ளியின் ஓர் அங்கமாய் நிற்கிறேன்.
 நினைக்கையில் நெஞ்சம் பூரிக்கிறது.
 காசு கொடுத்தால் கல்வி கிடைக்கலாம். ஆனால்.....
 தன்முனைப்பு, துணிவு அதை யார் தருவார்?
 என் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு இப்பள்ளி கொடுத்தது.
 எல்லா வகையிலும் தனித்துவம் பெற என் பள்ளி உதவியது.
 தலை நிமிர்ந்து நான் நானாயிருக்கிறேன்
 எனப் பெருமிதத்தோடு சொல்லவைத்தது
 என்பள்ளி என் உயர்வுக்கு மட்டும் கரம் கொடுக்கவில்லை.
 என் பிள்ளைகள் உயர்வுக்கும் வழிவகுத்தது.

என்.எஸ்.என். என் குடும்பம் என்று
முதல்நாள்முதல்வாசொன்னது
இன்றுஎன்குடும்பத்தில்உண்மையாப்போனது.
இப்பள்ளியுடன்என்உறவுபிரிக்கமுடியாஇன்பஉறவு.
தாயும்மகளும்போல்வளர்ந்தஉறவு.
மானசீகமாய்வளரும்உறவு.
மற்றவர்அறியாகள்ளஉறவு.
பலபிறவிகள்தொடரும்நல்லஉறவு.
இனிஒருபிறப்பிருந்தால்ஏன்
எத்தனைபிறவிகள்இருந்தாலும்
இப்பள்ளியின்ஓர்அங்கமாய்வரவேண்டும்என
இறைவனைவேண்டுகிறேன்.
இத்தோடுஅமைகிறேன்!
மழையைவேண்டும்சாதகப்பறவையாய்மீண்டும்
ஒருஇன்பவசந்தத்திற்காகக்காத்திருக்கிறேன்!



கௌரி இராமன்
தமிழாசிரியை

ஆலய தேவி

எங்கள் ஆலயத்தின் தேவியே
உம்மை தழுவும் போது
நெஞ்சமெல்லாம் ஆனந்தம்
அன்னம் போல நடை நடந்து
மெல்லிய இசையாய்
நீங்கள் வரும் போது அழகே
அதுதான் வயலின் இசை
முடியும் என்று தொடங்கி
முடிந்தது உம் சாதனைகள் பல
ஆனாலும் உன் முயற்சிகள்
கோபுரமாய். மலையாய் சரித்திரத்தில்
இடம் பிடிக்கின்றது, இன்றும்,
உங்கள் ஆலயத்தில் அத்தனையும் அழகு
குழந்தைகளின் அறிவுக்கும், திறமைக்கும்,
வளர்ச்சிக்கும், காலத்திற்கேற்றார் போல்

கல்வி கொடுக்கும் கல்வித்தாயே.....
எந்த குழந்தையும் இந்த ஆலயத்தில்
கல்வி கற்று வாழ்க்கையில்
ஜொலிக்காதவர் இல்லை.
கடவுள் கட்டளை கல்வி
தரும் சரஸ்வதியாய், பலரை
காக்கும் பார்வதி தேவியாய்
நீங்கள் இருக்க வேண்டும் என்பது
நெகிழ்ச்சியான தருணங்கள் பல
நெஞ்சம் நிறைந்த தருணங்கள் பல பல
எங்கள் அன்புத்தாயே.....
எங்களை அணைத்துக் கொள்
உம் பொற் பாதங்களின் ஆசியுடன்

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அரை நூற்றாண்டிலும் அசைக்க முடியாத கம்பீரம்

மாணவர்கள் மதியொளியாக
ஆசிரியர்கள் ஆழ்கடலாக
பெற்றோர்கள் பெருவெள்ளமாக
திகழ்கின்ற இப்பள்ளி
அரை நூற்றாண்டை தொட்டாலும்
அரை நொடியும் தளராத உற்சாகம்
இப்பள்ளியில் பயின்ற மாணவ ஒளிகள்
திறமையிலும், கல்வித் தேர்ச்சியிலும்
மதியொளியாக ஒளிக்கின்றார்கள்.
இப்பள்ளியில் பணிபுரியும் ஆசிரியர்கள்
அறிவிலும், ஆற்றலிலும்
ஆழ்கடலாக ஆர்பரிக்கிறார்கள்
இப்பள்ளியைத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்க பெற்றோர்கள்
பெருமையில் பெருவெள்ளமாய் பெருக்கெடுக்கிறார்கள்.
ஆசிரியர்கள் புள்ளி இட,
மாணவர்கள் பூக்கோலமல்ல பூங்காற்றையே வீசவைப்பார்கள்.
ஆசிரியர்கள் வட்டமிட்டால்,
மாணவர்கள் அதில் திட்டமிட்டு வெண்ணிலவையேச் சுட்டு வைப்பார்கள்
ஆசிரியர்கள் கோடு வரைந்தால்,
மாணவர்கள் அதை விண்கலமாக்கி விண்ணிலே எய்திடுவார்கள்.
என் பள்ளியில் வீசும் காற்றுக்கும் இதுவே விதிமுறை,
கர்வத்திற்கு இடமில்லை
கனிவிற்கே முதலிடம்
அகந்தைக்கு இடமில்லை
அறிவுக்கே முதலிடம்
திமிருக்கு இடமில்லை
திறமைக்கே முதலிடம்
எனவே இப்பள்ளியை நான் இழப்பது நியாயமில்லை
ஏற்பதே நன்னயம்,

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கல்விக் கண்

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வாழ்க்கையின் உச்சநிலை அடைய
சாந்த மனமுள்ளவளுக்கு
“கற்றல் மனித வளர்ச்சி
கற்பித்தல் அட்சய வளர்ச்சி”
என்று உணர்த்தியவரே நம்
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கல்விச் சீர் பரவி
அழியாச் செல்வம் பெற்று
இமயம் போல் மிளிரும்
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அன்புள்ளம் சிவானந்தி

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எனது வாழ்க்கைப் பயணத்தில் ஏற்பட்ட திடீர்த்திருப்பமே, மதுரை மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள வத்தலக்குண்டு என்னும் சிற்றூரில் பெண்கள் பள்ளியில் பணி புரிந்து கொண்டிருந்த நான் சென்னையில் உள்ள குரோம்பேட்டை என். எஸ்.என். பள்ளியில் சேர்ந்து பணிபுரிய நேர்ந்தது. 1982 ஆம் ஆண்டு உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளித் தமிழாசிரியையாகப் பணி நியமனம் செய்யப்பட்டேன். மெட்ரிகுலேசன் பள்ளி என்பதை சென்னை வரும் வரை நான் அறிந்ததில்லை.

அமைதியான சூழல். ஆம். ஆர்.பி. ரோடில் அன்று தனியாக நடந்து பள்ளிக்கு வரவே அச்சமாக இருக்கும். ஆள் நடமாட்டமே இருக்காது என்று சொன்னால் நம்புவீர்களா? ஆம். நம்பித்தான் ஆக வேண்டும். அப்போது என்.எஸ்.என். பள்ளி தென்னங்கீற்றுக்கள் வேயப்பட்ட ஒலைக் குடிசைகளால் ஆன

வகுப்பறைகளுடன் ‘சாந்தி நிகேதன்’ பள்ளிபோல் தோன்றியது.

L.K.G வகுப்பு முதல் பத்தாம் வகுப்பு வரை மட்டுமே இருந்தது. ஆறாம் வகுப்பு முதல் பத்தாம் வகுப்பு வரை தமிழ் கற்பிக்கும் ஒரே தமிழாசிரியையும் நான்தான். நான் மட்டுமேதான். ஏனெனில் ஒவ்வொரு வகுப்பிலும் ‘A’ section மட்டும் தான் இருந்தது. பள்ளியின் முதல்வர் அறையும் பள்ளி அலுவலகமும் ஒரு கட்டிடத்தில் இருந்தது. ஆசிரியர்கள் அமரும் இடமும் அலுவலத்தில்தான். பேசுவது கூடக் கேட்கும் தூரத்தில்தான். பள்ளி முதல்வர் திருமதி. இலலிதாமேனன் அமர்ந்திருப்பார். எல்லாம் ஒன்றுக்குள் ஒன்றாக இணைந்திருந்தது.

பள்ளியின் வரவு செலவுக் கணக்குகள் பார்த்தல் - மாணவர்களிடம் கல்விக்

கட்டணம் வசூலித்தல் என அமர்ந்த இடத்தை விட்டு அசையாமல் அத்துணைப் பணிகளையும் திறமையுடன் செய்யும் ஒரே அலுவலக நிர்வாகி திருமதி. ராதா வாரியார். பள்ளியின் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சியில் அவருக்குப் பெரும் பங்குண்டு. திருமதி. இலலிதா மேனனின் நம்பிக்கைக்குரியவராய் விளங்கினார்.

அந்த ஆண்டுதான் முதல்முதலாக பள்ளி வாகனமாக ஒரு வேன் பள்ளி மாணவர்களை அழைத்து வர வாங்கப்பட்டது. அதன் ஓட்டுநராக திரு. ஜெயராம் நியமிக்கப்பட்டது பள்ளிக்கு கிடைத்த பெரும்பேறு என்றே கூறலாம். மாணவர்கள் மீது அவர் கொண்ட பாசமும் பற்றும் இன்றளவும் அவரை 'குருஜி' என்று அன்புடன் அழைப்பதன் மூலம் உணரலாம்.

அதன்பின் எத்தனையோ பேருந்துகள், வேன்கள், ஓட்டுநர்கள் வந்தாலும் சுற்றுலா செல்லும்போது அவரது பேருந்தில் வருவதையை விரும்புவர். அவர் பள்ளிக்குக் கிடைத்த பெரும்பேறு.

இதுபோல் அப்போது பணியாற்றிய ஆசிரியர்களும் ஊதியம் கருதி மட்டுமே உழைக்காமல் மாணவர் முன்னேற்றம் கருதி முழு மனதுடன் கற்பித்தனர். அக்காலப் பெற்றோர்களும் ஆசிரியர்களைக் கண்கண்ட தெய்வங்களாகவே மதித்தனர். தினந்தோறும் பெற்றோர் - ஆசிரியர் சந்திப்பு கருத்துப்பரிமாற்றம் - பாராட்டுகள் - குறைகள் அரங்கேறும். குறிப்பிட்ட நாள், நேரம் என்று கிடையாது.

இன்னுமொரு சிறப்பம்சம் என்னவெனில் திருமதி. இலலிதா மேனனின் மூத்த மகள்கள் இருவரும் பள்ளியில் பணிபுரிந்தனர். செல்வி. ஆஷா அலுவலகப் பணிகளில், செல்வி. பீனா ஓவியக்கலை ஆசிரியையாகப் பணியாற்றியதுடன் நில்லாமல் பள்ளியில் நடைபெறும் விழாக்களில் மாணவிகளுக்கு நாட்டியப்பயிற்சி அளிக்கும் நடன ஆசிரியையாகவும், பள்ளி நேரம் முடிந்த பின்பும் உற்சாகத்துடன் கற்பிப்பார்.

சகோதரிகள் இருவரும் சக ஆசிரியர்களிடத்தில் எந்தவிதமான வேறுபாடும் கருதாமல் உண்மையான அன்புடன் பழகினர் - பணியாற்றினர். ஆசிரியர்கள் ஆண்டு இறுதியில் சுற்றுலா செல்லும்போது தங்கள் வீட்டிலிருந்து தாங்களே சமைத்து எடுத்து வந்து உணவு பரிமாறுவர். ஓணம் பண்டிகையின் போதும் இது தவறாது நடக்கும். இது பாராட்டப்பட வேண்டிய விஷயங்களில் ஒன்று.

பள்ளியில் ஆண்டுதோறும் நடைபெறும் விழாக்களின் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகளும், விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளும் விமரிசையாக நடைபெற்றாலும் கல்விகற்பித்தல் - தேர்வுகள் - மதிப்பெண்கள் என்பதை மையமாகக் கொண்டே பள்ளி சற்றும் விலகாமல் செயல்பட்டது.

1968-ஆம் ஆண்டில் என்.எஸ்.என், சிறுவர் பள்ளியாக தொடங்கி 1981-இல் மெட்ரிகுலேஷன் பள்ளியாக மலர்ந்து 1985 ஆம் ஆண்டு என்.எஸ்.என். மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியாகத் தன்னைத் தரம் உயர்த்திக் கொண்டது. என்.எஸ்.என். பள்ளியின் வரலாற்றுப் பாதையில் - வளர்ச்சிப் பாதையில் இந்நிகழ்வு ஒரு முக்கியமான மைல்கல் எனலாம். ஏனெனில் பள்ளியில் மாணவர் சேர்க்கை கணிசமாக உயர்ந்தது. பள்ளியின் உள் கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகளும் பெருகின. ஆசிரியர்களின் எண்ணிக்கையும் அதிகரித்தது. காலச்சக்கரம் சுழன்றது. குழந்தையாக இருந்த என். எஸ்.என். பள்ளி வாலிப்பருவத்தை அடைந்தது. ஆம் 1993-ஆம் ஆண்டில் வெள்ளிவிழாக் கொண்டாடியது. அதற்கு அன்றைய தமிழகத்தின் ஆளுநராயிருந்த மேதகு சென்னா ரெட்டி அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக வந்து சிறப்பு செய்தார். என். எஸ்.என். பள்ளி என்னும் மகுடத்தில் ஒரு மாணிக்கம் பதிக்கப்பட்டது.

பள்ளி மட்டுமா வளர்ந்தது? திருமதி. இலலிதா மேனனின் கடைசி மகளான செல்வி. சித்ரா மேனனும் கல்லூரிப் படிப்பை முடித்து விட்டுப்

படிப்படியாகப் பள்ளி நிர்வாகத்தில் தன்னை இணைத்துக் கொண்டார். தனியே பாரம் சுமந்த தன் அன்னைக்குத் தோள் கொடுத்துச் சற்று இளைப்பாறச் செய்தார். விழுதுகள் வளர்வது மரத்தைத் தாங்கத்தானே.

முதுமைக்கு ஓய்வு. இளமைக்கு உற்சாகம். ஆம். 'இளங்கன்று பயமறியாது' என்னும் பழமொழியை நினைவூட்டின அவரது செயல்கள் "பழையன கழிதலும் புதியன புகுதலும்" காலத்தின் கட்டாயமன்றோ! அதன்படி பள்ளியின் நடைமுறைகளிலும், பள்ளியின் விழாக்களிலும் பெருமளவில் மாற்றங்கள் நிகழ்ந்தன.

"தாய் எட்டடி பாய்ந்தால் குட்டி பதினாறடி பாய்வது தானே முறை" அதுதான் நடந்தது.

"சிங்க நடை போட்டு சிகரத்தில் ஏறு சிகரத்தை அடைந்தால் வானத்தில் ஏறு"

என்னும் பாடல் வரிகளுக்கேற்ப தடைக் கற்களையே படிக்கற்களாய் மாற்றியமைத்துப் பள்ளியைப் புதிய பாதையில் - புதிய பாணியில் நடத்திச் சென்றார். அரசுப் பொதுத்தேர்வில் அதிக மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்று மாணவர் தேர்ச்சி விகிதம் ஆண்டுதோறும் 100% அதன் விளைவு பள்ளியில் மாணவர் சேர்க்கை அதிகரித்தது. வகுப்புகளின் எண்ணிக்கை உயர்ந்தது.

வரலாற்றில் நாம் படித்திருப்போம். ஓர் நாட்டின் அரசன் தன் மகனுக்கு இளவரசனாகப் பட்டம் சூட்டினால் தந்தை தனக்களித்த நாட்டின் எல்லையை விரிவு படுத்திப் பெருமை சேர்ப்பான் என்று. அதுதான் இங்கும் நடந்தது. ஆம்

'மகன்தந்தைக் காற்றும் உதவி இவன் தந்தை எந்நோற்றான் கொல்லெனுஞ் சொல்.'

என்னும் வள்ளுவரின் வாய்மொழி வாய்மை மொழியானது. திருமதி.இலலிதா மேனன் அவர்களின் நெடுநாள் கனவும் நனவானது.

பிரம்மாண்டமான வடிவில் வகுப்பறைகள், ஆய்வுக்கூடங்கள், கணிப்பொறி

கூடங்கள், பெரிய நூலகம், விரிந்து பரந்த விளையாட்டுத்திடல் என இயற்கையோடியைந்த சூழலில் கல்லூரிக்கு இணையான கட்டமைப்பு வசதியுடன் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட பள்ளியைக் கண்டு ஆன்றோர்களும் சான்றோர்களும் வியப்பில் ஆழ்ந்தனர். வியந்து பாராட்டினர். அப்பள்ளிக் கட்டணத்தைத் தொடங்கி வைக்க அன்றைய மத்திய அரசின் நிதியமைச்சராய் விளங்கிய உயர்திரு ப.சிதம்பரம் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராய் வருகை புரிந்தார். குரோம்பேட்டை ஆர்.பி.ரோடில் ஊன்றிய விதை சிட்லபாக்கத்தில் விருட்சமாய் விரிந்து பரந்தது,

திருமதி. இலலிதா மேனன் அவர்கள் தனது இளமை வாழ்வில் நிகழ்ந்த துயரச் சம்பவத்தால் சாதாரணமான பெண்களைப்போல் வீட்டிற்குள் முடங்கிக் கிடந்திருப்பாரேயானால் குரோம்பேட்டையில் இப்படியொரு கல்விப்புரட்சி - வளர்ச்சி நிகழ்ந்திருக்காது. அதற்கு மாறாக

"நல்லதோர் வீணை செய்தே - அதை நலங்கெடப் பழுதியில் எறிவதுண்டோ? சொல்லடி சிவசக்தி என்னை சுடர்மிகும் அறிவுடன் படைத்து விட்டாய் வல்லமை தாராயோ இந்த மாநிலம் பயனுற வாழ்வதற்கே"

என்று பாரதியாரைப் போல் அன்னை பராசக்தியிடம் வேண்டிப்பெற்ற வரத்தால் இப்படியொரு கல்வி நிறுவனம் தோன்றியது.

அவரது அமைதியான தோற்றமும், கம்பீரமான நடையும், ஆளுமைப் பண்பும் பாரதப் பிரதமர் அன்னை இந்திராகாந்தி அவர்களையே நினைவூட்டும். தனது வாழ்க்கைப் பயணத்தைச் சிறப்புற நடத்தி வெற்றி பெற்றதன் மூலம் பள்ளியில் பணிபுரியும் ஆசிரியைகளில் பலருக்கும் ஓர் முன்னுதாரணமாக (Roll Model) விளங்குகிறார். தனக்குப் பின்னும் தனது கனவை மெய்ப்படுத்தும் வண்ணம் தன் இளைய மகளைச் சிறப்பாக உருவாக்கி

தந்தை மகற்காற்று நன்றி அவையத்து
முந்தி யிருப்பச் செயல்.

என்னும் ஐயன் வள்ளுவனின் குறளுக்கு
இலக்கணம் வகுத்துள்ளார். இவருக்கு
'வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது' வழங்கி
கௌரவிக்க வேண்டியது நமது கடமை -
சமுதாயத்தின் கடமையுமாகும்.

சிறப்புமிக்க இப்பள்ளியில் இருவரின்
தலைமையின் கீழ் 30 ஆண்டுகள்
பணி புரியும் வாய்ப்புப் பெற்றதனை

எண்ணிப் பேரு உவகையும், பெருமையும்
கொள்கிறேன். இன்று வரை இப்பள்ளியின்
பயணத்தில் நான் இணைந்துள்ளேன். என்
வாழ்க்கைப் பயணம் முழுவதும் இப்பயணம்
தொடர வேண்டும் என்பதே எனது ஆசை.
இறைவனருள் கிட்டின் பயணம் இனிதே
தொடரும். இனியும் தொடரும். பயணங்கள்
முடிவதில்லை.....

புலவர். கோசலை
தமிழாசிரியை

ஆசான்

மாதா, பிதா, மறு உருவம் படைத்த பின்,
தெய்வம் எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் என தெரிந்த பின்,
மூன்றாம் உயிராம் ஆசான் என அறிவே
நீ அறிந்து கொள் !

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சாரீரத்தால் உவகை சொல்லும்
ஆசான் பணி அல்லால்
எத்துகை, நின்றாலும், நிலைத்தாலும்,
தோன்றாது இப்பூவுலகில் நன்மையே,

ஈசனே எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் சமமென
செவி சாய்க்க,
எல்லா உயிரும் சமமே என
செவியில் உய்க்கும் ஆசானே,
ஈசனுக்கு சமமென நான்
உரைத்தேன் !

R.S.Vichithra Sathya



என்.எஸ்.என். -

உடன் எனது பயணம்

வேருக்குப்பெருமை
சேர்த்திடவிழுதாம்
இப்பொன் மகள் எடுக்கும்
ஒருவிழா
இப்பொன்விழா
வள்ளுவனை மெய்ப்பித்து
பாரதியைக்கைப் பிடித்து
குளிர்தூரியனாய்
மாணாக்கர் ஒளிர்ந்திட
தாரகைகள் கைக்கொண்டு
எங்கெங்கு காணினும்
சக்தியடா என
இக்குவலயத்துமிசை
தெண்டனிட்டுரைத்தி(ட்)ட
நற்றாய் வழியே
நடையிடும் நீவிரே
யாதுமாகி நின்றிட்டீர்
என உரைத்திடத்
தொடர்கிறேன்
நானும்.....

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கணவருக்காக ஒரு



பள்ளி வளாகத்தில்...

மணமாகி நான்கே வருடங்களில், கணவர் திடீர் மரணமடைந்துவிட்ட...

ஷாஜகான் தன் காதல் மனைவி மும்புஜாக்காக தாஜ்மகாலை கட்டினார் என்பது உலகமே அறிந்ததுதான். அந்த அன்புக்கும் காதலுக்கும் கொஞ்சமும் குறையாமல், தன் கணவரின் நினைவாக ஒரு கல்வி ஆலயத்தையே உருவாக்கியிருக்கும் அன்பு மனைவியின் கதை இது!

திருமணம் முடிந்து, ஏகப்பட்ட கனவுகளுடன் எர்ணாகுளத்தில் (கேரளா) உள்ள புகுந்த வீட்டுக்குப் போன லலிதாவை, கையில் வைத்துத் தாங்கினார் கணவர் மேனன். கண் நிறைந்த கணவர்; கை நிறைய வருமானம். மகிழ்ச்சிக்குக் குறையில்லாமல் தான் போய்க் கொண்டிருந்தது வாழ்க்கை. அன்பான தாம்பத்தியத்தின் அடையாளமாக அழகழகாக மூன்று பெண் குழந்தைகள்!

கிட்டத்தட்ட சொர்க்கத்தில் மிதந்து கொண்டிருந்த லலிதாவுக்கு, சற்றும் எதிர்பாராத ஒரு தருணத்தில்

'சொடேர்' என உச்சியைத் தாக்கிய பேரிடியாய் விழுந்தது. அந்தச் சம்பவம். ஒரு நாள்... ஒரே ஒரு நாள்தான்... 'உடம்பு சரியில்லை' எனப் படுத்தார் மேனன். பரிசோதித்த டாக்டர்கள் 'சைலண்ட் அல்சர்' என்றார்கள். சிகிச்சை ஆரம்பித்து, முதல் டோஸ் மருந்து கூட உடலில் சேராத நிலையில்... லலிதாவையும் குழந்தைகளையும் தவிக்க விட்டுவிட்டு, மேனனின் உயிர் பிரிந்தது.

புகுந்த வீட்டில் ஆதரிக்க மாமியாரோ, மாமனாரோ யாரும் இல்லை. குழந்தைகளுடன் சென்னையிலுள்ள பிறந்த வீட்டுக்கே திரும்பி வந்தார் லலிதா. அப்போது, முதல் குழந்தை ஆஷாவுக்கு மூணு வயது. மூன்றாவது குழந்தை சித்ராவுக்கு ஒன்பது மாதம்.

அம்மா, அண்ணி போன்ற பிறந்த வீட்டு சொந்தங்கள் தந்த ஆதரவில், கணவர் மறைந்த துக்கத்திலிருந்து சிறிது சிறிதாக வெளியே வந்தாலும், அவர் முன்னே மிக

கொடுமான சுனாமியாக பயமுறுத்தியது எதிர்காலம்.

தனியாக தான் தவித்த அந்த இறந்த காலத்திலிருந்து, இன்று சென்னை - குரோம்பேட்டை என்.எஸ்.என். மெட்ரிகுலேஷன் பள்ளியின் நிறுவனர், தாளாளர் என்று சிகரம் தொட்டிருக்கும் நிகழ்காலம் வரையிலான நினைவுகளில் இங்கே பயணிக்கிறார் லலிதா.

பெண்கள் தமது கணவரோடு கூடி வாழும் காலத்தில், எல்லா சுகதுக்கங்களுக்கும் காரணம் தமது ஒற்றுமையே என்பதை உணரவேண்டும். எந்தக் காரியத்தில் ஒற்றுமை குறைகிறதோ, அந்தக் காரியத்தை செம்மைப்படுத்தி ஒழுக்க வேண்டும்.

இப்பறம் இனிக்க...



"கையிலே நண்டும் சிண்டுமா மூணு குழந்தைங்க. பிறந்த வீட்டையோ அப்பா கிடையாது. அம்மா, அண்ணன் குடும்பத்தோட ஆதரவு இருந்தாலும், நாம அவங்களுக்கு பாரமா இல்லாம, ஏதாவது வேலைக்குப் போகணும்னு எனக்கு தோணிட்டே இருந்துச்சு. நான் படிச்ச எம்.ஏ. டிகிரியும் கல்யாணத்துக்கு முன்னால எத்திராஜ் காலேஜ் லெக்சரரா வேலை பார்த்த அனுபவமும் எனக்கு கொஞ்சம் தைரியத்தைக் கொடுத்துச்சுன்னு சொல்லலாம். ஆனா, என்ன பண்ணதுன்னு தெளிவான முடிவு எடுக்க முடியாம இருந்தேன்.

நாலே வருஷங்கள்தான் என்கூட

கல்வி ஆலயம்!

சிகரம்
தொட்ட
கதை!

இருந்தாலும், பல யுகங்கள் வாழ்ந்த சந்தோஷத்தைக் கொடுத்த என் கணவரோட திடீர் மரணம், என்னை ரொம்பவே வாட்டி வதைச்சிட்டிருந்தது. அதிலேர்ந்து மீண்டு வர்றதுக்காவது எனக்கு ஒரு டைவர்ஷன் வேண்டியிருந்தது.

மூத்தக் குழந்தைங்க ஆஷாவையும் பீனாவையும் ஸ்கூல்ல சேர்த்திருந்தேன். அவங்களுக்காக ஸ்கூல் பக்கம் போய்ட்டு வந்துட்டு இருந்தப்ப, அந்த ஸ்கூலோட ஹெச்.எம்., தெய்வம் மாதிரி எனக்கு ஒரு யோசனை சொன்னாங்க. 'உங்க ஏரியாவூல உள்ள குழந்தைங்க படிக்கிறதுக்கு நல்ல ஸ்கூலே இல்லையே! நீங்க காலேஜ்ல வேலை பாத்தவங்கதானே! சொல்லிக் கொடுக்கற அனுபவம் நல்லாவே இருக்கும்னு நினைக்கிறேன். நீங்க ஏன் ஒரு பள்ளிக்கூடம் தொடங்கக் கூடாது?'னு கேட்டாங்க.

அப்போ அதைக் கேட்டு எனக்கு சிரிப்புதான் வந்தது. 'நானாவது... பள்ளிக்கூடம் தொடங்குறதாவது?'னு முதல் நினைச்சேன். ஆனா, அந்தக் காலத்துல சரியான பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் இல்லாத நிலை. அதுவும் குரோம் பேட்டை மாதிரி புறநகர்ப் பகுதிகளைப் பத்திக் கேட்கவே வேணாம்.

லலிதாவின் கையில் அப்போது நுண்மும் சிண்மமாக மூன்று குழந்தைகள்!

தீவிரமா யோசிச்சப்ப, 'ஏன் நாம தொடங்கக்கூடாது'னு தோணுச்சு. 'வேலைக்கு வேலையா இருக்கும். குழந்தைகளுக்கு படிப்பு சொல்லிக் கொடுத்தது போலவும் இருக்கும். எல்லாத்துக்கும் மேல என் கணவர் இறந்த துக்கத்தை மறக்கணும்னா இதுமாதிரி ஜீவனுள்ள விஷயம் எதிலேயாவது என்னை ஈடுபடுத்திக்கணும்'னு முடிவு பண்ணேன். அதுமட்டுமல்ல, என் கணவரோட நல்ல மனக்கு நான் செலுத்தற அஞ்சலியாவும் இது இருக்கும்னு நான் நம்பினேன்.

அம்மா வீட்டுலயே ஒரு பக்கமா, சின்னதா, 1968-ல நான் ஆரம்பிச்சதுதான் என்.எஸ்.என். மெட்ரிகுலேஷன் ஸ்கூல். இதுல என்.எஸ்.என்.ங்கிறது என் கணவரோட இனிஷியல்தான்!

ஸ்கூல் ஆரம்பிச்சப்ப ரெண்டு, மூணு பசங்கதான்... நான் ஒரு ஆள்தான் டீச்சர். ஐந்தாவது வகுப்பு வரை அதைக் கொண்டு வர்றதுக்கே ரொம்ப கஷ்டப்பட்டேன். சொல்றதுக்கு சுலபமா இருக்கும் 'ஸ்கூல் ஆரம்பிக் கிறது'ன்னு. ஆனா, நடைமுறையில அதை செயல்படுத்துறப்போ நான் பட்ட கஷ்டங்கள் இருக்கே...! ஸ்கூல் இருந்தது அம்மா வீடுங்கிறதால வாடகை மட்டும்தான் இல்ல. மத்த எல்லாத்துக்கும் நான் தனி மனுஷியா அலைஞ்சேன். அதுக்கு இடையில பி.எட். படிச்சப் பாஸ் செய்தேன்.

ஸ்கூல்ல பசங்க அதிகமா சேர்ந்ததும், ரெண்டு டீச்சர்களை வேலைக்குச் சேர்த்தேன். பசங்க தர்ற ஃபீஸ்லேர்ந்து அவங்களுக்கு சம்பளம் கொடுத்தேன். நாலு வருஷம் கழிச்ச ஸ்கூலுக்குன்னு சொந்தமா ஒரு இடம் வாங்கி,

எளிமையான கட்டடம் கட்டி, அங்கே போனோம். சொந்தமா பள்ளிக்குன்னு இடம் வாங்கினப்ப அதுக்கான அப்ரூவல்லேர்ந்து, பள்ளிக்கு அங்கீகாரம் வாங்குறதுவரை... ஒண்ணொண்ணுக்கும் போராட்டம்தான். ஒரு கையெழுத்துக்கு நாலு வாட்டி நடையா நடக்கணும். அவங்க வரச் சொல்றப்ப எல்லாம் ஃபைலைத் தூக்கிட்டுப் போகணும். வெற்றிங்கிறது சும்மா வராது இல்லியா?

சில வருஷங்கள்லயே, ஆரம்பப் பள்ளி, உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளியாச்சு... அப்புறம் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியாச்சு.

லலிதா

ரெண்டு மாணவர்களோட ஆரம்பிச்ச என்.எஸ்.என்., இப்போ ரெண்டாயிரத்து ஐந்நூறு மாணவர்களோட வெற்றி நடை போடுது" என்று சொல்லி முடித்தபோது லலிதாவின் முகத்தில

பெருமிதம், சந்தோஷம், ஆயாசம் என்று ஒரு உணர்ச்சிக் கலவை.

அறுபதாயிரம் சதுர அடியில் விசாலமான கட்டடம், பரந்து விரிந்த மைதானம், ஆய்வுக்கூடம், நூலகம் என பிரம்மாண்டமாக நிற்கிறது அவரது பள்ளிக்கூடம்.



குடும்பத்தினருடன்...

லலிதாவின் மூன்று மகள்களில் மூத்த மகள் கொச்சியிலும், இரண்டாவது மகள் அமெரிக்காவிலும் இருக்க, கடைசிப் பெண் சித்ராதான் இப்போது பள்ளியின் முதல்வராக இருக்கிறார். தனக்குப் பின் பள்ளியைப் பொறுப்பாகக் கவனிக்க ஒருவர் வேண்டுமே என்பதாலேயே, சித்ராவை தன்னைப் போலவே எம்.ஏ., பி.எட். படிக்கவைத்து, பள்ளி மேற்பார்வை நுணுக்கங்கள் அனைத்தையும் கற்றுக் கொடுத்து, வளர்த்திருக்கிறார் லலிதா.

"என் கணவர் நினைவா நான் ஆரம்பிச்ச பள்ளிக்கூடம் இது. காலகாலத்துக்கும் அவர் பேரை சொல்லிக்கிட்டு இருக்கணும். வருஷா வருஷம் பொதுத்தேர்வுகள்ல நூறு சதவிகிதம் தேர்ச்சி, மாநிலத்தில் முதல் இடம்னு பல பெருமைகளை எங்க பள்ளி வாங்கி முன்னேறிட்டிருக்கு. எல்லாம் என் கணவரோட ஆசீர்வாதம்!" என்று சிலிர்த்த லலிதா.

"இதை ஒரு பள்ளிக்கூடமா மட்டுமே நான் நினைக்கலை. என் கணவர் பெயரை காலம் பூராவும் சொல்லிட்டிருக்கற ஒரு நினைவுச் சின்னமாதான் பார்க்கிறேன். பள்ளி உருவில் என் கூடவே அவர் இருக்கற மாதிரி உணர்றேன். நாலு குழந்தைகளுக்கு படிப்பு சொல்லிக் கொடுத்து முன்னுக்குக் கொண்டுவர்ற இந்தப் புனிதப் பணியில அவர் என்கூடவே இருந்துட்டு வர்றாருனு ரொம்பத் திருப்தி. இதுபோதும் எனக்கு" என்று பரிபூரண நிறைவுடன் கூறி, நிம்மதிப் பெருமூச்சு விட்டார்.

- பிரேமா நாராயணன்

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TESTIMONY of FAITH

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Lalitha N Menon

Most people crumble in the face of difficulties, struggle and tragedy. Most people lose their faith in God, become cynical, lose their zest for life, and end up living because they are still alive. Meet this wonder woman who, despite everything, never asked "Why me?" Meet the courageous Lalitha N Menon.

Once, a king wanted to recruit a suitable person for an important post. He decided to put his court to a test to select the right candidate. Many wise men and powerful courtiers offered themselves to be tested. "My dear courtiers," said the king, "I have a challenge and want to see who amongst you offers

the correct solution to this challenge." He led all of them to a huge door, bigger than any door they had ever seen till then. The king started speaking, "Here, you are all standing before the heaviest and hugest door in this kingdom. Who amongst you is capable of opening it?" A few strong courtiers just shook their heads. The

remaining strong people too, after taking a close look at the door, regretted their inability to open the same. A few who were counted among the wise too closely examined the door and said that they couldn't even think of opening it. After the wise men also expressed their inability, almost the entire court agreed that the door

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could not be opened at all. It was then that one of the viziers walked up to the door. He examined the door with his eyes and fingers, and tried many possible ways to open it, and at last gave the door a hefty tug - the door opened. The door had been left ajar, not shut completely. What was needed was nothing but the courage to act with boldness. The king said, "I am pleased to select you for the post in the court, for without relying on what you heard and saw, you put your own faculties and power into action and risked the test."

What happens to your day when you learn that your maid servant has not turned up for the day... how do you feel when you are sick and no one is available to nurse you... when you have to go alone to the doctor and buy your own medicine... what happens to you when you have a bad day at work... a bad meeting, an irresponsible act by an employee, a decision that backfired, and you return home to find that there's no one to hear your grouse... no one who'll understand what you are going through... How

would you react if your source of strength, your joy, your only anchor was abruptly snatched away from you? What would you do if the person who had pledged to have you, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, is taken away at the start of a journey that you think is going to be an eternal odyssey? While many get perturbed over trivial issues in life, only a few stand up and face the real challenges and emerge victorious. They accept challenges for what they are. They believe that the challenge is just a closed door, that there's another one that's open somewhere, and sometimes it is just left ajar. All you have to do is find it and push it open. **Lalitha Menon's** life is an example of her faith that God always keeps one door open. Meet Lalitha Menon, 'the chosen one', a personification of courage, conviction and perseverance.

Can you tell us how you came to the field of education?

I was born on February 28, 1933 at Palani in Tamil Nadu. With my father working for the Railways, I

had the opportunity to travel and study in different places. I did my Intermediate course at Ethiraj College, Chennai and then joined Pachayappa's College, Chennai for my Honours in Economics. My father passed away around that time. After finishing my Honours degree, I worked in Ethiraj College as lecturer for five years. That's when my tryst with education began. After my marriage I had to resign my job, as my husband was running a welding and fabrication business in Kerala. Three years into a very happy marriage, life dealt me a very cruel blow. My husband, N. S. N. Menon, succumbed to a sudden illness, leaving our three little girls and me in dire straits. I had no knowledge of my husband's business. As Menon's parents had died much before our marriage, I had no one to turn to for support. It was then that K. Balaje, my sister-in-law's son, took us into his care. We moved to Chennai and lived with him for four years. He and his wife were like



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foster parents to my daughters. I was sitting at home wondering what to do, but I knew that I had to wait for my daughters to join school before I could get started. Teaching was the only thing I knew, but I wasn't keen on going back to Ethiraj College. It was the Principal of 'Bala Gurukulam', where my daughters were studying, who sowed the seed for N.S.N. School to be started. She suggested that I put my Honours Degree to use and start a school. Till then, I was under the impression that starting a school was the Government's prerogative. I then moved to my mother's house in Chromepet and started a school on 5th June, 1968 in the memory of my late husband.

What was the response like? Who supported you in your endeavour?

I started the school with no support other than the moral support of my mother. I started it with practically no investment - all I did was put up a name board and insert a small advertisement in the paper. On the first day, I had only two enrolments. Yet I continued undeterred, and by the end of the year, we had 36 children studying with us. Within three years of my starting the school, my mother, my only support also passed away. The only thing that kept me going was my faith in God.

How did the school progress?

We started as a primary school and slowly upgraded ourselves. As we grew in strength and size, we realised that we would need our own building. In 1974, we bought a

small piece of land and constructed our main school. We got recognition from the Government and started IX standard. The first batch of students from our school appeared for the X standard examination in 1982, and in 1985 we became a full-fledged Matriculation Higher Secondary School. Now we have classes from Pre-kg to the VIII standard in our main school, and our annexe functions up to the XII standard.

Running the school must have been very demanding. How did you balance between teaching and administration?

For quite some time, I was teaching all subjects except language. Since I was in the teaching line earlier, I enjoyed teaching. Of course, working as a lecturer in a college is different from teaching young children. But there's so much to learn from the questions children ask. For the satisfaction one derives from teaching, I prefer to call it a vocation rather than a profession. Despite my love for teaching, due to administrative demands I had to slowly withdraw myself from it and concentrate on running and expanding the school, as those areas needed my personal attention. Once my daughter qualified herself, I started grooming her to take over from me, which she did in 1996. Since then, I have been operating in the role of a Correspondent.

What was the most defining moment for you?

Every moment since I started the school has been a special moment for me. A significant achievement

was the celebration of our Silver Jubilee in 1993-94. Considering the path we treaded, it was no mean feat. The most defining moment of my career, however, was the day when our new building was inaugurated. In 1989, we had bought 4.5 acres of land with the intention of constructing a school with complete infrastructure. As we did not wish to resort to any external borrowing, we had to wait till we created our own corpus. The fruition of my dream of many years happened in the year 2002, with the inauguration of our annexe. It spans 60,000 sq.ft. and stands proud, second to none in this area. It has a sprawling campus and the entire infrastructure needed, including an auditorium for our children. It was a very fulfilling and rewarding moment that swept away with it all the trials and tribulations I had faced until then.

It is my firm conviction that academic excellence alone is not sufficient to face the challenges ahead. The purpose of education is not just accumulation of knowledge and its translation into marks or grades; the purpose of education is to assimilate knowledge into wisdom and apply that wisdom in the real world. Hence, we prepare our students for all-round excellence.

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Life has dealt you ruthless blows in succession by taking away so many of your loved ones one after another. How did you tackle them?

By nature, I am bold and courageous. I have always believed that when God closes one door, He opens another and there's always a better way to live. From the day I started the school, building a school of this stature was my goal, and all through my goal was never out of my mind. Even during times of adversity, I never gave up hope. I never lost confidence at any stage. The words of Jawaharlal Nehru: "Success often goes to those who dare and act. It seldom goes to the timid," have been proved right in my case. Life has never been easy for me. I've had more than my share of challenges, but I have never lost my faith. Though initially it was traumatic, passing through all the difficult times eventually turned out to be rewarding. Whether it was the death of my father, the sudden premature death of my husband, the initial struggle with the school, the untimely death of my mother, the juggling act between the children and the school, I never gave myself an easy way out. There was no other option but to move on. There was no time to lament over fate, to cry or brood. The future kept guiding my present.

What reasons do you attribute to your success?

I wouldn't call it my success; I would prefer to call it the success of the school. In the initial years, only children from economically weaker sections joined our school and

hence, I had to balance between charging low fees and running the school and my family. Most of the students, whose parents were illiterate, were first-generation students from their families, and English as a language was new to them. During those days, we didn't have trained teachers and it was a real challenge for me. Imparting education to those children was a challenge for all of us. However, the teachers did a wonderful job and because of the quality of education provided, the school slowly but steadily earned a name for itself in the society. Then people belonging to middle class and upper middle class also started sending their children to us for admission. Basically, it was teamwork. If at all I can take credit for something, it was motivating the teachers and keeping their spirits high. We were like family members. We shared a very good rapport. I was very friendly with them, never wanting to sit on a high pedestal. I devised my own methods of teaching, for which I earned the co-operation of the teachers, and fortunately the students also relished the methods. Parents started gaining confidence and students from other schools were drawn to our school.

Looking back, how do you feel?

In retrospect, I feel I have done something useful for society. The school started by me as a homage to my late husband has come up very well and will perpetuate his memory. Our students have settled in various parts of the world, and a few of them make it a point to come and meet us whenever they come to Chennai. This speaks volumes of

their gratitude for their teachers. In the academic field, our school has earned a very good name. Everything is in place. Our school building is second to none in this area. We have well equipped laboratories for physics, chemistry, biology and computer science. Last year, one of our students secured the third rank at the state level. For the past three years, our students have been securing the first rank in the district. Majority of our students pass out in first class or distinction, and more than 85% join professional courses. It is my firm conviction that academic excellence alone is not sufficient to face the challenges ahead. The purpose of education is not just accumulation of knowledge and its translation into marks or grades; the purpose of education is to assimilate knowledge into wisdom and apply that wisdom in the real world. Hence, we prepare our students for all-round excellence. To help students develop creativity, communication skills, and analytical skills, and to develop their overall personality, many extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are encouraged. We have six clubs that train the children in various skills and organise competitions to sharpen them. Our students, trained by these clubs/associations, participate in various competitions that give them a lot of opportunities and confidence in life. They also bring laurels to the school.

Besides, our students are encouraged to participate in various social activities. Every year, we ask our students to bring a handful

Simply great

of rice and dhal, which we give to orphanages and old-age homes. To initiate the attitude of accepting responsibilities and to develop organising capabilities in our students, we organise the 'Kala Mela' and the 'Kiddies Sports Meet' for children from other schools in this area. 'Kala Mela' is a cultural and sports event and the 'Kiddies Sports Meet' consists of sports events for children of K.G. classes. Both these events are organised by our children, and they play host. We also believe that not just parents, even grandparents play a vital role in shaping the character of a child. In recognition of this, we celebrate grandparents' day every year.

The school provides free education to a few students who are good in studies but come from economically backward sections. The school has various welfare schemes for the staff, including free education for one child of every teacher who has put in a minimum of three years service. We want our students to have holistic personalities - academics, behaviour, sports, etc. I can see all-round growth in more than 25% of our children. My aim is to make it 100% to ensure that the flag of N.S.N. flies high in all respects. All my daughters are well settled in life. I still continue to be the Correspondent of the school. Giving education to children, shaping their character, and showing them the right path gives one a deep sense of fulfilment.

We then asked Chitra Prasad, Lalitha Menon's daughter and the present Principal of the school, to

say a few words about her mother. She said, "She is very sincere and possesses a rare mental strength. My earliest memories are of her dedication and commitment to the school. She built the school with a missionary zeal. Every evening she would discuss the school affairs with us. All three of us had a fantastic childhood. We never missed our father. Our mother was in fact more of a father to us than a mother. She was a great provider. She could have easily compromised on many things, but she didn't. As children, we never wondered where everything came from. We never understood what she was going through, perhaps because of the facility with which she managed her affairs. But now, as an adult, I find it hard to fathom how my mother grappled with those situations, single-handedly. Since its inception, she has been living and breathing N.S.N. The school is her fourth child. As a mother and a Principal, I am now able to understand the enormity of hardships she would have faced in bringing us up and building the school. She is a phenomenal woman. She is my role model. I do not have to search for a role model in the outside world. Her life is a huge book of lessons for us. In fact, everyone can learn something from her life."

There can't be a more befitting tribute to this simply great lady than what her one-time teacher, subsequent colleague and later Principal of Ethiraj College, Prof. Nurjahan Qadir, had written on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of N.S.N. School: "I write to tell you

Just for laughs!!!

When asked her name, a little girl would reply, "I'm Mr.Sugarbrown's daughter."

Her mother told her that was the wrong way to answer. She must say instead, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown."

The preacher spoke to her in Sunday School, and asked, "Aren't you Mr.Sugarbrown's daughter?"

She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

how proud I am of my dear student, colleague and a noble friend in all which aspects you have always been close to my heart. During the days of founding the school, in the golden memory of your late husband, and during the teething years of the growth and development of your institution, I have watched you with warm admiration. Now, looking at your full-fledged school, its building and its excellent academic achievements growing over the years, and celebrating the Silver Jubilee this year I am thrilled. The noble service you are dedicated to, to enlighten and educate the children of Tamil Nadu in the remote area of Chromepet and giving them good all-round education, I am sure it is to you a rewarding spiritual experience."

Having met her, listened to her, watched with fascination the institution... the culmination of her dreams and ambitions, seen in her eyes her love for her students, felt in her heart her relentless urge to provide, gathered from the story of her life her unflinching faith and unflagging enthusiasm to surge ahead, to move on, to keep learning... we came back realising the power of ONE.

In her own words, "Once a teacher, ever a student."



- sourced from *Infini thoughts*

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- 1998 - 1999** : Our students contributed a sum of Rs.1,75,000/- to “Dew Drops” – Home for the aged, Porur.
- 1999 - 2000** : The year 1999 was declared as ‘The year of the Older Persons’. Our children collected a sum of Rs.1,74,080/- for Helpage India. This was the second highest collection in Tamilnadu and our school was given an award for the same.
- 2000 - 2001** : Our students contributed a sum of Rs.35,000/- towards the Army Welfare Fund for the Kargil Victims. It was our way of Saluting the brave soldiers who died fighting for the Nation.
- 2001 - 2002** : As a gesture of service to society, our students visited ‘VISHRANTI’ an old age home and contributed 750 kgs of Rice. They collected old clothes for the victims of the Gujarat Earthquake and also for the orphans at Udhavum Karangal.
- 2002 - 2003** : Our Students visited “Banyan” a rehabilitation centre for the mentally ill and contributed 170 kgs of dhal, collected from our school students.
- 2003 - 2004** : Our Members contributed 740 kgs of rice collected from our school students to Udavum Karangal, an orphanage.
- 2004 - 2005** : Our students collected 1600 kgs of rice which was donated to the following homes.
- Shri Saradha Sakthi Peetham, Old Perungalathur, Chennai – 63
 - Baba Gurukulam, Pozhichalur
 - Babuji Home for the Aged, Chitlapakkam
 - Sathyanarayana Charitable Trust, Nemilicherry
 - Sivanandha Orphanage, Kattangalathoor



THE CHIEF MINISTER'S PUBLIC RELIEF FUND FOR THE VICTIMS OF TSUNAMI



The Management, Staff and students contributed a sum of Rs.1,50,000 to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund for the Victims of Tsunami. Old clothes were donated to 'Udavum Karangal' and 'Baba Gurukulam' for orphans and destitutes.

2005-2006 : Our students collected 6 bags of rice which was donated to the following homes.

- ◆ Shri Saradha Sakthi Peetham, Old Perungalathur, Chennai – 63 (Apples, Rice, Dhal, Sweets & Crackers)
- ◆ New Life Centre – Sanatorium (Rice, Dhal, Sweets & Apples)
- ◆ Baba Gurukulam, Pozhichalur (Apples, Rice, Dhal, Sweets & Crackers)
- ◆ Adyar Cancer Institute – (400 Apples)
- ◆ Vishranthi – (200 Apples & sweets)

TANKER FOUNDATION



2006-2007 : With the support and co-operation of the parents, our students raised a sum of Rs.3,19,087/- for TANKER Foundation which offers medical aid to the poor kidney patients at a subsidized rate. Mr.R.S.Suriya (cine actor) who is the goodwill

ambassador of TANKER Foundation visited the school on Nov. 14th and personally thanked the students for their contribution. He also appreciated the students and their parents for their magnanimity.

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR

2007-2008 : Students were urged to celebrate a smokeless and pollution free Diwali. The students also contributed a sum of Rs.1,32,679/- which was donated to five orphanages and old age homes. The Scouts, Guides and the JRC volunteers went to these centres and distributed sweets, fruits, rice, dhal, stationeries, toiletries etc to the poor and the needy.



2008-2009 : Students raised a sum of Rs.5,60,205/-. To make this year's Children's Day a special and memorable one, they sponsored around 300 abandoned children on a trip to MGM, providing them lunch and snacks and gifting them school bags, stationery etc. The school donated Rs.1,50,000/- to 'The Banyan', a rehabilitation centre for the mentally ill homeless women



Rs.50,000 to 'Ray of Light Foundation' which provides treatment to children afflicted with cancer, Rs.25,000/- to Vishvadaan Educational and Charitable Trust and Rs.25,000/- to Larencece Charitable Trust. The school also donated washing machine,

Plasma TV, Water heater, Wet grinder, Ceiling fans and bedsheets to three orphanages; Baba Gurukulam, Pozhichalur, Shiri Saradha Sakthi Peetam, Old Perungalathur and Good Life Centre, Tambaram.

CANCER INSTITUTE



2009-2010 : The school raised a sum of Rs.5,50,000. A sum of Rs.3 lacs was donated to RASA, an organization which treats children who are mentally and physically

RASA



challenged through dance therapy. A sum of Rs.2.5 lacs was donated to the children's wing of Cancer Institute, Adyar.

AVVAI HOME



INDIAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



2010-11 : Students raised a sum of Rs.6.15 lakhs. A sum of Rs.2.05 lakhs was donated to each of the following organisations.

2011-12 : Students raised a sum of Rs.6.65 lakhs which was donated to each of the following organizations :

AALAYAM



CHENNAPURI ANNADANA SAMAJAM



THE SPASTICS SOCIETY OF TAMIL NADU



1. The Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu
Rs.3,50,000/-
2. Chennapuri Annadana Samajam
Rs.2,00,000/-
3. Aalayam, Home for abandoned children – Rs.1,15,000/-



2012-13 : Students raised a sum of Rs.7.50 lakhs which was donated to

- World Vision – 3,50,000
- Tree Guards – 4,00,000 (1111 sapplings were planted by the students in and around Chitlapakkam and ChromePET).

SRI AIYASWAMI AIYAR HIGH SCHOOL



2013-14 : Students raised a sum of Rs.8,76,294/-, Management contributed Rs.1,23,706/- = Total Rs.10,00,000/-, which was donated to Sri Aiyaswami Aiyar High School, Chennai -44.



2014-15 : Students raised a sum of Rs.9,13,580/- which was donated to World Vision India. The donation will be used to provide Sanitation & Drinking Water facilities in two/three Government Schools. A sum of Rs.15,000/- was donated to Good Life Centre, Tambaram, a Home for abandoned children.

**SWACHH BHARAT PROJECT OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
SHRI NARENDRA MODI**



2015-2016 : Students raised a sum of Rs.10,15,800 which was used to construct fifty toilets for the under- privileged under the Swachh Bharat Project of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.



2015-2016 : The school also donated 1000 blankets, rice bags and supplied food to the poor and the needy during the Chennai Floods

2016-2017 : Students raised a sum of Rs.10,53,991/- out of which

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR



- 1) We donated a sum of ₹ 5,25,000/- to M/s. Lawrence Charitable Trust, Chennai.
- 2) We spent a sum of ₹ 2,14,723/- and set a Library in Govt. Adi Dravidar Welfare High School, puliyanthope



- 3) We have contributed ₹ 1,68,000/- to pitt mac vocational centre, puliyanthope towards purchase of Computers, Sewing Machines etc.
- 4) We provided lunch for 2500 students to Sevalaya, an orphanage amounting to ₹ 1,25,000/-, Go Green Project - ₹ 21,268/-



2017-2018 : Students raised a sum of ₹ 11,00,000/- out of which

- 1) We built 28 toilets for the under privileged in and around Pallavaram and Chromepet
- 2) We constructed 12 Toilets for Aiyyasamy Aiyar, a Govt. Aided School in Chromepet by spending a sum of ₹ 3,00,000/-
- 3) Also we spent a sum of ₹ 1,00,000/- towards constructing 3 toilets in Kumaran Kundram Temple

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The Correspondent met the Kerala Chief Minister

Shri Pinarayi Vijayan

on 1/10/18 at the Kerala secretariat and handed over a cheque for Rs.17 lacs, which was contributed by our students & staff towards the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

ASIAN YOUTH PARA GAMES - DUBAI 2017 100 MTS BREAST STROKE SILVER MEDALIST



Tejaswini S R (XI E)

XVII – National Para Swimming Championship 2017 conducted by **Paralympic Committee of India**

200 m Individual Medley – I Prize
100 m Breast Stroke – I Prize
100 m Butterfly – I Prize

Tejaswini S R (XI E)

Asian Youth Para Games Selection held at Delhi.

100 m - Breast Stroke: Gold
100 m- Butterfly: Gold
200 m - Individual Medley: Gold
100 m - Free style: Silver.



A. Sivabharati and E.T. Ramkumar of Std. IX have excelled themselves by bagging the first place in the International Intel Science & Engineering Fair held in Los Angeles, U.S.A. They have won 75% Scholarship given by ASU - WALTON (Arizona State University) in

the category of Sustainability solutions. Other 3 awards I Place - Sigma XI - Scientific research honoured I Place - MONSANTO - Innovation in Plant Science II Place - USA - ID - Global Development in Innovative Sciences.



INNOVATION PROTECTION UNIT - CSIR has awarded II Prize to A. Siva Bharathi of Std. X for his innovative method entitled "Innovative Method of Raising

Rice Seedlings by An Economically Viable and Ecologically Sustainable Method". He received the award from the Honourable President of India.



Harini S. of Std XII has won the First Prize in the District level, State level and South region level Carnatic Music Competitions conducted by the

Government of Tamil Nadu. She was awarded the “KALAI ILAMANI” Award on 13.8.17 for the Year 2015-2016

Our Student **S. Mohana Priya of Std. XI** Received the Rashtrapati Award from the President of India



Our Student S. Jessica Gerard of Std.XI, Received the Rajya Puraskar Certificates from the Governor on behalf of Chengalpet District



BEYOND THE CLASS ROOM

MEETING WITH DR. KIRAN BEDI, LT. GOVERNOR OF PUDUCHERRY



**A meeting with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Mr. Edapadi Palaniswami**



**Students and Staff went on a Himalayan Trek to Chanderkhani Top at
12500 feet in May 2018**



Street play on the occasion of “International Day
Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking”



SCHOLASTIC CLUBS

**Tagore English Club - Guest Lecture by Mrs. Usha Sunder
on “Tips to become a creative writer”**



VEERAMAMUNIVAR TAMIZH ILAKIYA MANDRAM



Ramanujan Math Club - Guest Lecture by Mrs. Vijaya Chandrashekar
on “How to use Vedic Maths”



Guest Lecture by Mr. Siva Kumar for the Galileo Science Club students



MASTER MIND QUIZ CLUB



A demo on Hardware by Mr. Edwin for the Charles Babbage Club



CO-SCHOLASTIC CLUBS

FAB & FIT WELLNESS CLUB



SAMSKRITI HERITAGE CLUB



KARUNA CLUB



SRUTHILAYA FINE ARTS CLUB



PRAKRITI NATURE CLUB



BON APPETIT COOKERY CLUB



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

JRC



SCOUTS & GUIDES



KARATE



SILAMBAM



BAND



YOGA





KG ACTIVITIES



DECORATING MY CLASS MASCOT



BUNNY STUDENTS WATERING THE PLANTS



RECEIVING CERTIFICATE FOR PUNCTUALITY



ZAKAT BOX FOR RAMZAN BY KG CHILDREN



COLOUR DAY – BLACK & WHITE



OTHER ACTIVITIES

INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT NSN CHROME PET



INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT NSN MEMORIAL



INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT NSN CHITLAPAKKAM



N S N MENON MEMORIAL ATHLETIC MEET



N.S.N. MENON MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



N.S.N. MENON MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT – THROW BALL





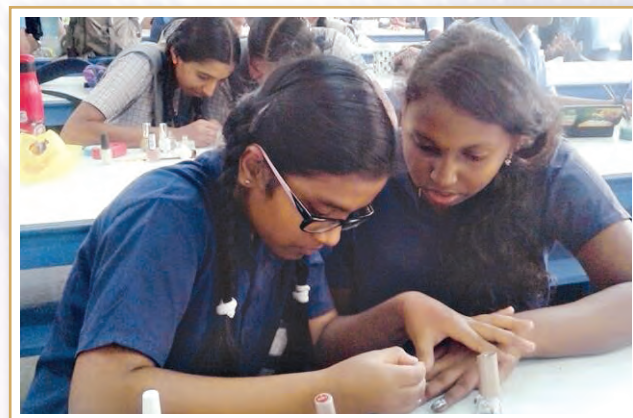
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FACE PAINTING



NAIL ART



RANGOLI



KALA MELA - VALEDICTORY



TEACHERS' DAY PHOTO



SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

49th HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY



49th PRIMARY ANNUAL DAY



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION DAY



GURU VANDANAM



XII GRADUATION DAY



GRANDPARENTS' DAY



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – N.S.N. MEMORIAL



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – NSNMHSS



SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

GO GREEN PROJECT – PLANTING 1111 SAPLINGS



WALL PAINTING IN RURAL AREAS



TEMPLE CLEANING



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS



NANMANGALAM FOREST CLEANING



MOTIVATIONAL TALK



STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

INFINI 11



INFINI 14



Leadership Program for the Student Council by
Mr. G.N. Radhakrishnan & Dr. Sheela Ragavan



Motivational Talk for the Students of Std IX & X by
Mr. T.S. Ranganathan, Director, Giri Trading Agency Pvt Ltd



**Motivational talk for the students of Std XI & XII by
Mr. Murugavel Janakiraman, CEO - Matrimony.com Ltd.**



HANDWRITING WORKSHOP BY Mr. LEO FERNANDES



SESSION BY CORRESPONDENT



SESSION BY PRINCIPAL - N.S.N. CHROMEPET



SESSION BY PRINCIPAL - N.S.N. CHITLAPAKKAM



SESSION BY PRINCIPAL - N.S.N. MEMORIAL



SESSION BY STUDENT COUNSELLOR - N.S.N. CHROME PET



SESSION BY STUDENT COUNSELLOR - N.S.N. CHITLAPAKKAM



STAFF EMPOWERMENT

INWARD JOURNEY



INTERACTIVE BOARD TRAINING



WORKSHOP ON MATH LAB MANIPULATIVES



WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



WORKSHOP ON CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT



ELT WORKSHOP



WORKSHOP FOR CLASSROOM, LESSON PLAN & TOOLS



WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING COMMUNICATION SKILLS



WORKSHOP FOR ASSESSMENT IN MATHS & SCIENCE



ORIENTATION FOR PRIMARY ENGLISH TEACHERS BY RATNA SAGAR



ORIENTATION FOR KG TEACHERS BY CHRYSALIS



WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING READING ABILITY



SCOUTS & GUIDES TRAINING CAMP FOR TEACHERS



INFINI DAY



Students created an Awareness amongst the public against the use of powered two wheelers by school students without license

