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Fouder-Director's Message



V-Excel has grown another year older—and with it, our reach, resilience, and resolve have deepened. From April 2024 to March 2025, we continued to walk hand-in-hand with children and young adults across the spectrum of cognitive and developmental challenges. Whether through our inclusive classrooms, vocational training centers, or therapeutic programs, we remained steadfast in our mission: to offer education, support, and dignity to every child who comes to us.

Our “no-turnaway” policy remains the cornerstone of our ethos. Regardless of background or ability, every parent and child who reaches out finds a place here. This year, that promise translated into hundreds of stories of transformation—like Gokulakrishna’s journey from vocational trainee to a confident employee at the Rane Group, or Rekha Vijaykumar’s evolution into a skilled, compassionate young woman through years of nurturing at KLC.

We also saw our children take the stage—literally. In March 2025, students from our Chennai centers brought to life an original play, *The Golden Fruit*, at Kalakshetra Foundation. It was a celebration of creativity, courage, and community, with even the most withdrawn children stepping forward to participate.

True progress is never instant. It’s built over time, through tireless work and the courage to stand beside those who live the challenges we seek to address. We know we cannot solve every problem—but through collaboration and compassion, we can accelerate real change for real people.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on social inclusion and generational impact. We are grateful to our donor-partners, our dedicated staff, and every volunteer who has walked this path with us. Somewhere in all this, I believe there is a divine sanction—a quiet force that propels us to do more, reach further, and dream bigger.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

With deepest gratitude,
Dr. Vasudha Prakash

About Us

V-Excel Educational Trust is a non-profit, non-discriminatory NGO committed to the lifespan education and empowerment of children and young adults with developmental disabilities. V-Excel was founded in 2001 by Dr. Vasudha Prakash, herself a Special Educator and Clinical Psychologist. She has an able team of experienced multi-disciplinary professionals comprising of special educators, therapists, counselors, skill trainers, among many others. VExcel has impacted over 85,000 individuals with special needs and their families across India. The Trust now has 21 centers, each offering a range of individualized, customized and contextualized developmental services.

V-Excel's mission is to make a difference in the world of disability. Its core philosophy is that every individual has the potential to learn; and so, V-Excel's program focus on abilities, not disabilities. With a goal of effective inclusion, V-Excel educates and empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to be dignified, independent, contributing members of mainstream society. The organization and its Founder have been recipients of many awards.

V-Excel is a unit of Sringeri Sri Sharada Peetham Charitable Trust, and is headquartered in Chennai, India.

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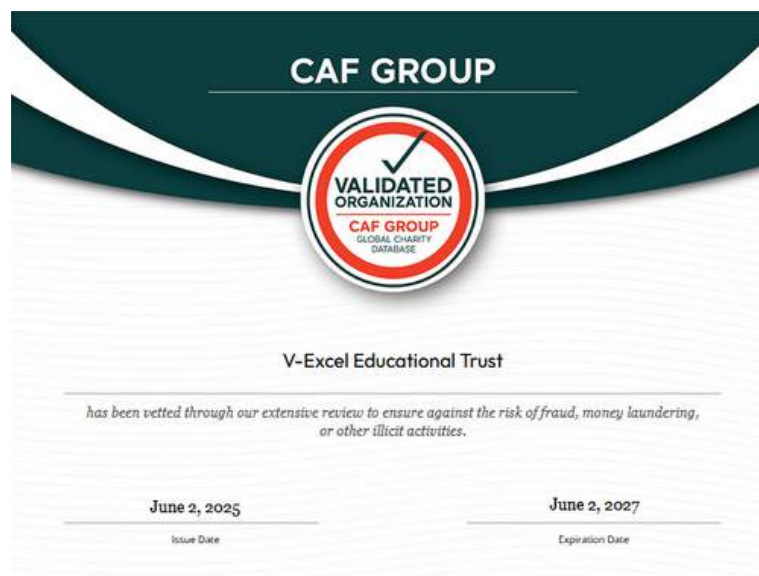
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About Us

V-Excel Educational Trust has been awarded the **GuideStar India Platinum Seal** for the sixth consecutive year.

GuideStar India Platinum (Champion Level) is a Seal issued after thorough due diligence of an organization for legal & financial compliances and a certification that the organization is transparent and holds itself accountable to not just its stakeholders but also to the general public.



V-Excel is also proud to be a **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) America validated organization**.

Organizations that have been validated by CAF International have completed an extensive application and due diligence process with one of the CAF International's Global Offices. The CAF International Validated Organization Badge is awarded to organizations that are structured and operated as nonprofit entities. This is confirmed by a validation process that goes far beyond a simple reliance on a foreign government database.

Vision and Mission

Vision

To promote the social inclusion and societal participation of individuals with intellectual and cognitive deficits, across all age groups, under an umbrella of resources and services.

Mission

- At V-Excel Educational Trust, we believe that every individual deserves the opportunity to thrive. Our work spans therapeutic interventions, inclusive education, vocational training, sports, and residential programs—each designed to support people with special needs across their lifespan.
- We are committed to raising awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder and other disabilities, fostering acceptance, and promoting inclusion at every level of society. Through global outreach, we share best practices and collaborate across borders to build a more compassionate world.
- Our initiatives include training for professionals, parents, and caregivers, advocacy for public policy reform, and research into effective treatment approaches. Together, we strive to create a future where dignity, opportunity, and support are not privileges—but rights.

Programs and Services

Early Intervention

Remedial Education

Special Schools

Counseling & Assessments

Teacher Training

Vocational Training

Placement Services

Outreach Programs

Professional Workshops

Consultations

Therapies



Key Funding Sources

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our funding partners, donors, and well-wishers whose generosity and belief in our mission have sustained and strengthened our work this year. Your support has enabled us to expand services, launch new initiatives, and reach more individuals and families across India. Whether through grants, sponsorships, donations, or in-kind contributions, each act of giving has helped us build a more inclusive and empowered future for children and adults with special needs.

Together, we are transforming lives—and we are deeply grateful to have you by our side.

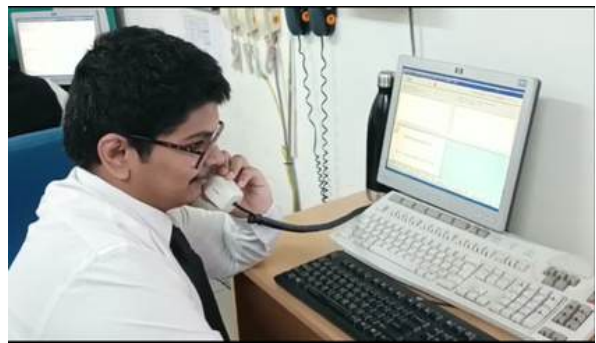


Success Stories

At V-Excel Educational Trust, every milestone is a testament to resilience, personalized support, and the transformative power of inclusive education. The 2024–25 year was rich with stories that reflect not just achievement, but the unwavering spirit of individuals with special needs and the compassionate ecosystem that surrounds them.

Gokulakrishna Subramani: From Shyness to Corporate Success

Gokula, a young man with mild intellectual disability, began his journey at V-Excel's vocational training unit in Mylapore. Initially timid and reserved, he blossomed through structured training in soft skills, grooming, and vocational development. Despite setbacks—including job losses due to the pandemic and company closures—V-Excel remained a constant source of support.



Today, Gokula thrives in a back-office role at the Rane Group of Companies, mentored by colleagues and embraced by his workplace.

Niharikaa Dinakaran: Confidence in Creativity

Niharikaa, a senior student at KLC, was selected for a six-month training program at Writer's Café after demonstrating poise and skill during her interview. Her journey reflects the growing opportunities for young adults with special needs in creative and service industries.



Success Stories

Arpith Ashok: Building Skills in Finance

Arpith began his internship at a Chennai-based CA firm, supporting back-office operations. This opportunity not only enhances his technical skills but also nurtures his social and communication abilities.



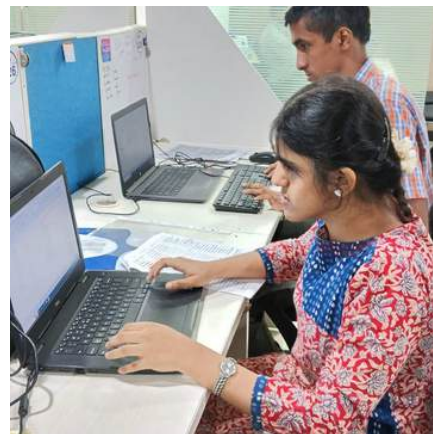
Ramanathan Shankar: Breaking into Agro-Finance



Ramanathan's journey from YES to a paid internship at Samunnati, an agro-finance company, reflects the growing recognition of neurodivergent talent in mainstream sectors. His role in back-office operations is a breakthrough for inclusive employment in finance.

Srinidhi Sekar & Hariharan Natarajan: Internships with Equitas

Following a visit by Equitas CSR representatives, Srinidhi and Hariharan were selected for internships after impressing with their skills and potential. Their journey exemplifies how corporate partnerships can open doors for meaningful engagement and growth.



Success Stories

Rekha Vijaykumar – is a 22-year young woman, who joined KLC when she was 10. She worked hard with her teachers in improving her skills, working on her emotional difficulties, showing interest in all activities of the class, becoming confident, taking care of her peers, leading, and helping them and the teachers. As she grew up, she excelled in all the vocational skills, be it cooking, stitching, candle making, carpentry, and worked responsibly and with precision in everything that she did.

She got an opportunity to be part of a training program at Writer's Cafe for 6 months. Her teachers and counselor supported her in overcoming the challenges she faced there. Looking at her work and assessing her skills, Writer's Cafe offered her a permanent job with them from June.



Akshaya Saravanan, a 29-year young woman, joined YES in 2018. She was diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. Despite academic challenges, Akshaya finished school until Class X. At YES, she was trained in several aspects of Printing and Documentation and in Culinary Skills. She exhibited a great willingness to learn and was able to follow instructions easily.

Akshaya interned at Writer's Cafe for 6 months and was absorbed as a full-time employee upon completion of her internship.

Program Highlights

The **annual townhall meeting** was held on 22 April and it was, a day of camaraderie, reflection, interaction, exchange of ideas, and the sharing of best practices. The day was structured with an agenda of fun, learning, food, bonding with creativity and presentation from each center. The theme was "Beyond Barriers" and every activity was planned keeping the theme in mind. The day included presentations, sighs, applause, wonder, laughter and pride in everything the organization does.



On April 20, the **Third Annual Day of V-Excel, Nashik**, began with the Marathi prayer 'Heech Amchi Prarthana,' followed by guest introductions and the traditional lighting of the lamp along with the inauguration of UDIT Rehabilitation foundation symbolizing a new era of hope and empowerment. The Ramleela performance by the students showcased various scenes, including the formation of the Ayodhya temple, Sita Swayamvar, 'Sita Haran' by Ravan, Hanuman Chalisa dance, and a depiction of the war between Ravan and Ram's forces.

The grand finale saw all students unite in a jubilant dance, echoing '*Bharat ka Baccha Baccha Jai Sri Ram Bolega.*'



Program Highlights

In a significant initiative to support children with special needs, Sri Ramanasramam partnered with V-Excel Educational Trust to launch the **Bhagavan Ramana Center for Specially-Abled Children (BRC-SAC)** in Tiruvannamalai on May 6th, 2024. This collaborative effort provides free special education and therapeutic rehabilitation services, encompassing early intervention for children aged 0 to 8, remedial education for those aged 3 to 14, along with lunch and transportation for children from lower socio-economic backgrounds.



Equitas graciously invited YES to participate in their **Summer Sale** on May 11, 2024, held at their location. The YES product stall welcomed esteemed visitors including Mr. John Alex, CSR Head, ED & CEO of Equitas Holding Ltd, and Dr. G.N. Hariharan, ED, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, alongside the Equitas CSR team. The products were well-received, contributing to a successful event. V-Excel is thankful to Equitas for this opportunity and looks forward to a strong and enduring partnership.



In May, seven volunteers from the **Grundfos Global Graduates** program visited V-Excel's Vocational Training Unit. After meeting the trainees, they joined small groups to learn beadwork, quilling, jute braiding, tailoring, block printing, and document scanning—skills taught by the trainees themselves. The volunteers also engaged in therapeutic games that supported coordination, focus, and attention. The experience fostered meaningful interaction, mutual learning, and a shared sense of joy.



Program Highlights

As part of **Hexaware's CSR Employee Engagement** program, a team of 12 enthusiastic volunteers and their families visited YES in May. The visit commenced with an orientation session focused on understanding special needs and adults with special needs. The volunteers brought thoughtful gifts of games and fruits for the trainees and actively engaged with them for around four hours through shared activities like conversation, singing, dancing, group art, and indoor games. The positive interactions continued during lunch with the YES team, where the volunteers shared their enriching experiences with the trainees.



Guru Seva Nirata Sri P.A. Murali, Administrator & CEO of Sringeri Math visited V-Excel in July. He came to V-Excel's head office, Sharada, took a walk-through of the entire building. He peeped into every room and spent time understanding the scope of the work that was being done.

On July 9, **V-Excel Pandharpur celebrated its first anniversary.** Guests of Honor included Smt. Rashmi Kaulware, President of the Inner Wheel Club District 311 and Headmistress of the Yashkirti Vidyalaya, Smt. Geeta Utpat and other Inner Wheel Club members. All the children were involved in the celebrations. The Inner Wheel club members donated sensory materials to the center.



Program Highlights

Despite being divided into teams (blue, yellow, black, and white), the V-Excel team experienced favorable weather as the usual Chennai heat gave way to overcast skies for their "**V-Excel Premier League (VPL)**". The energetic cricket match was played with enthusiasm. The meticulously planned event fostered a competitive yet spirited atmosphere among colleagues, reminiscent of a major tournament, filled with moments of quiet strategy and joyful celebration.



On August 2nd, 2024, V-Excel Educational Trust achieved a significant step towards its goal of expanding its reach to Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns with the inauguration of its 22nd center in Kolapakkam. This milestone was made possible through the initiative of RASEE Charitable Trust, with the support of Super Auto Forge, to provide free rehabilitation services to children with special needs in neighboring villages.

On August 10, 2024, **Disha, the parent forum** of V-Excel Educational Trust, was reinitiated at The Mylapore Club in Mylapore, with 30 parents in attendance. Following an invocation and the lighting of the traditional lamp, Ms. Charumathi Sriram, Coordinator of the Vocational Training Unit (VTU), welcomed the gathering and emphasized the significance of such support groups. Inspiring speeches were then delivered by Dr. Vasudha Prakash, Founder-Director of V-Excel Educational Trust, and the guest speaker, Ms. Radha Ramesh, Proprietor of Twin Twigs.



Program Highlights

V-Excel, in partnership with Sundaram Educational Trust, continues its thirteen-year tradition of presenting "**A Class Apart**" to mainstream schools in Chennai. This year-long professional development program, conducted over three three-day sessions, addresses the diverse learning challenges faced by neurodivergent individuals. Beyond skill development, the program aims to transform educators' perspectives, fostering an internal framework to navigate the daily complexities of inclusive classrooms. The first module of this year's program engaged 37 teachers from 22 schools in dynamic activities involving movement, painting, singing, listening, and speaking. Through these experiences, the teachers learned that learning is inclusive and leaves no child behind in the classroom.



V-Excel Nashik has received a **Certificate as a DISHA Implementing School**. The DISHA program, an initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, centers on early intervention and ensuring school readiness for children with developmental disabilities. This certification recognizes V-Excel Nashik's commitment to empowering students with special needs to reach their full potential.

Sangam '24, the **sports meet** hosted by V-Excel Educational Trust, was a significant success. Held at St. Bede's playground in Santhome, Chennai, over two days on August 22nd and 23rd, the event was the culmination of months of planning, including invitations to other institutions serving special children/adults and the organization of preliminary rounds at their respective premises. A total of 352 children and adults from seven special schools, including V-Excel, participated, with 160 participants engaging in activities on the first day. The efforts of each participant were acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Program Highlights

During the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer's inspection at OutReach, Pollachi, the accessibility and support systems for special students were noted as largely adequate, with specific mention of ramps, specialized teaching aids, and the use of individualized education plans. The officer identified areas for improvement, suggesting additional staff training and more inclusive classroom materials. The inspection concluded with recommendations aimed at enhancing overall inclusivity and ensuring adherence to accessibility standards. As a token of appreciation, the officer received a memento featuring vocational training products crafted by the school's special young adults.



OutReach, Pollachi celebrated its 8th anniversary on September 17. Reflecting on this milestone, Mr. Bala (Board Member) and Dr. Manju (Managing Trustee) expressed their gratitude to Dr. Vasudha Prakash, the guiding force of V-Excel, whose influence has drawn individuals like them to the organization since 2017. Today, the Outreach team remembers all direct and indirect patrons of V-Excel who have placed their trust in them and offered invaluable support during challenging times.

On a visit to the Youth Empowerment Center of V-Excel, Nashik, Shri Bhausahab Mhasu Narwade, an expert with 27 years of experience at Dr. Devendra Ohra Residential Matimand Vidyalaya in Sangamner, conducted a **seminar on Legal Guardianship** for parents of adults with special needs. The session, attended by all teaching and non-teaching staff and most of the parents, provided valuable insights into the legal aspects of securing the future of individuals with special needs. Shri Narwade interacted informally with the parents, sharing real-life experiences and explaining relevant legal clauses and the benefits of legal guardianship. The information he provided offered both teachers and parents a new perspective on this crucial aspect of planning for the wellbeing of their adult children with special needs.

Program Highlights

A standout moment in October was **TATTVA 2024**, an inclusive art exhibition curated by V-Excel's Youth Empowerment Services (YES) team. Held at Alliance Française on October 26, the event featured 178 artworks by 128 special artists from 11 special schools and three V-Excel centers.

With a professional gallery setup, corporate volunteer support, and select pieces auctioned, the exhibition blended creativity with community engagement. The result: 160 artworks sold, and a powerful celebration of talent, inclusion, and expression.



On Vijayadasami, October 12, 2024, V-Excel Educational Trust, in collaboration with Super Auto Forge, inaugurated a **new early intervention center at Unamancheri**, located on the Kolapakkam highway. This center provides services free of charge to children with special needs. The opening ceremony included a prayer, followed by consultations and assessments for children. Those children who were assessed and deemed eligible for interventions were invited to begin their therapy sessions the following week.

On October 16, 2024, a **mental health awareness session** was conducted for all teaching and administrative staff in Nashik by the school counselor, Smt. Pradnya Apte. The session centered on the well-being of teachers, highlighting the importance of identifying and managing their own stress levels. Teachers received guidance on strategies for maintaining mental health, reducing stress, and enhancing their overall well-being, with a strong emphasis on the necessity of self-care in their demanding professions.

Program Highlights

On November 5, His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam, **the revered pontiff of the Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham, graced V-Excel.** Prof. Anand Jagadeesan, Chief Functionary, V-Excel warmly welcomed His Holiness and expressed gratitude for his blessings.



During His Holiness' visit, the atmosphere was imbued with a sense of spiritual upliftment. The Jagadguru interacted with the children, showering them with blessings and words of encouragement. The Jagadguru's visit has further strengthened V-Excel's resolve to continue its noble mission. The institution remains steadfast in its commitment to creating a more inclusive society, where every child, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



V-Excel conducted a 5-day in-house training program for select participants from its satellite centres in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The workshop was designed to equip the members to understand the philosophy and background of curative education and get a practical insight into rhythmic movements, hand work sessions, circle time and finger rhymes, main lesson stories and vocational activities done in Chennai.

"Chandramouli: A Real-life Story of an Adult with Special Needs," a CBFC-certified short documentary film by V-Excel Educational Trust, premiered at PVR Sathyam Cinemas in Royapettah, Chennai, on November 16, 2024. The film chronicles the transformative journey of Chandramouli Ramadoss, a young man with special needs, highlighting his remarkable achievements through unwavering support and personalized care at V-Excel. The film's primary goal was to foster public awareness regarding neurodivergent diversity and promote inclusion within mainstream society.

Program Highlights



On November 29th, Charu Sriram, the Vocational Coordinator from VTU was invited to speak at the **Regional Parents Meet Conference** organized by NIEPMD in collaboration with Parivaar – National Confederation of Parents Organizations, South Zone. She addressed the parents regarding opportunities in open employment. The Meet was a gathering for parents to connect, share experiences, and learn about resources and support available for their children with multiple disabilities.

On November 10th, six trainees from YES, accompanied by one trainer participated in the inclusive Sargam choir performance held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Mylapore. The event commemorated the birth centenary of the late Sri M.B. Srinivasan and also marked the 15th anniversary of the Sargam Choir, led by Dr. Sudha Raja. The chief guest for the occasion was retired Judge Smt. Prabha Sridevan.



On December 5, 2024, **Bala Vidya Mandir (BVM), Adyar welcomed V-Excel students** for a vibrant afternoon of sports, music, and dance under clear blue skies. The warmth of BVM students—expressed through cards, gifts, and heartfelt messages—created an atmosphere of pure joy and acceptance.



As both groups sang along to “Tumbak-a-tumba” and V-Excel’s Blue Blue Sky Choir, initial curiosity gave way to genuine connection. V-Excel extends heartfelt thanks to BVM for their gracious hospitality and spirit of inclusion.

Program Highlights



On December 8, 2024, eight trainees from V-Excel's Youth Empowerment Services (YES), accompanied by Skill Trainer Divya Venkatesh and Center Coordinator Gayathri Suryanarayanan, proudly participated in the **Star Book of World Records Silambam Marathon** held at YMCA, Nandanam.

In a remarkable display of stamina and discipline, the group walked 5 kilometers while continuously performing Silambam routines. Their commitment and energy stood out, earning them a special moment on the dais where they were applauded for their enthusiasm, perseverance, and spirited participation.

In the customary **spirit of Christmas**, V-Excel's Blue Sky Choir delighted an audience of students from Grades 1 to 4 at the Tattva School, Chennai. The children enthusiastically sang along and interacted with Santa and the teachers joined in the dancing.



December 3rd marks World Disability Day, a time to honor inclusion, empowerment, and the diverse abilities within our communities. To commemorate this, V-Excel Educational Trust hosted its annual **December Bazaar**, transforming its premises into a vibrant hub of creativity and connection.

The event showcased handcrafted products made by trainees from across V-Excel's units, reflecting skill, effort, and pride. A standout feature was the "Games Cart" by the Early Intervention unit, offering therapeutic games designed for fun and engagement. Open to all, the space echoed with laughter as children and adults alike immersed themselves in play.

Program Highlights



On December 20 , **V-Excel Pandharpur organized a lively Bazaar Day** for the children of the center. The event was honored by the presence of the chief guest, Mrs. Shailaja Anil Savant. Volunteers from the Visionar's Group of D.H. Kavathekar Prashala, Pandharpur, collaborated with the V-Excel Pandharpur team to support the event.

Parents played an active role in assisting their children with preparations, while the student volunteers worked alongside the children, promoting inclusion. Together, they strategized on effective sales techniques for the children's products. Local community members were invited to attend Bazaar Day to offer encouragement, interact with the children, and support their efforts through purchases.

V-Excel Erode initiated a tuck shop within the school, operating every Thursday. The pre-vocational students prepare fresh and healthy snacks, along with other products such as turmeric powder, paper bags, and colored diyas. With the assistance of trainees, the students are now able to measure and pack the items themselves. This initiative has been successfully implemented and has received positive feedback from parents.



In December 2024, seven trainees and two trainers from the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) unit were part of the **inclusive choir group, 'Sargam'**, and performed at several events across different venues in Chennai. On December 6th, they performed at the inaugural function of Margazhimatram, in Mylapore.



On December 10th, the choir performed at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Mylapore, then on December 13th at the Sankara Vidyashram Auditorium in Thiruvannamipur and their final performance for the month was on December 28th at Sri Hariharan Hall in Adyar. Throughout these programs, the YES choir group collaborated with the members of the Sargam Choir, led by Dr. Sudha Raja, to perform a repertoire of devotional, Carnatic, and patriotic songs.

Program Highlights



At a two-day conference held at IIT Madras in January, V-Excel's team of special educators, led by Associate Director Gita Bhalla, along with Neha Bharadwaj and Puja Bhalla, conducted a **three-hour participatory workshop** on "**Inclusion in the Early Years.**" This workshop was part of a series of upskilling sessions and seminars featuring experts from the Indian Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (IACAM) and the education industry. The series aimed to share knowledge on researched alternative teaching methods, classroom inclusivity, and related themes.

On January 5th, a panel comprising of child psychologists, educators, researchers, and policymakers was convened to discuss and share insights on addressing often overlooked challenges and potential solutions within the education sector, among other pertinent topics. Ms. Lavanya Ashok, the Early Intervention Coordinator for VExcel in Chennai, was a member of this panel.



At #COSTAA2025 held at the IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai on January 8, 2025, Dr. Sudha Raja of Sargam Choir delivered an inspiring lecture demonstration on "**Choir Pedagogy and Accessibility.**" During her session, she highlighted the therapeutic benefits of music and shared her experiences in training individuals with special needs. Ms. Gayathri Suryanarayanan of V-Excel Educational Trust also contributed by sharing the inspiring journeys of trainees within the inclusive choir.

Program Highlights

On January 18, 2025, V-Excel Educational Trust hosted an insightful **Disha parent forum meeting** at Sharada, their Head Office in R.A. Puram, Chennai. The forum, themed "The Next Chapter – Transition Planning for Success," brought together 70 participants, including parents and members of the V-Excel team. The session was expertly led by Ms. Gayathri Suryanarayanan, the Center Coordinator of V-Excel's Mylapore center. During the meeting, parents openly shared their personal experiences, the challenges they face, and the specific areas where they require support. The attendees included parents of trainees who have already secured employment and those whose children have opted for either exclusive or inclusive community living arrangements. Heartfelt stories and effective strategies for navigating challenges were shared, providing valuable insights for all present. Dr. Vasudha Prakash, Mrs. Usha Rajagopal, and Mrs. Jayadevi Jayaprakash, also addressed the gathering. They shared their suggestions and recommendations regarding crucial aspects of transition planning.



Dr. Vasudha Prakash was appointed to the Tamil Nadu Government's Committee for Research on Disability. This appointment marks a significant step forward in the pursuit of a more inclusive society within the state.

Trainees from the Vocational Training Centre in Nashik participated in a **road safety awareness session** at the Traffic Education Park. Miss Shilpa, a senior trainer, led an engaging PowerPoint presentation, explaining crucial safety measures such as the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, and the dangers of using mobile phones while driving. The trainees actively explored the park's traffic signals, road signs, and pedestrian crossings, providing them with practical, hands-on learning. The session further reinforced key safety concepts through the use of informative videos and real-life demonstrations highlighting the significance of zebra crossings, footpaths, and subways.

Program Highlights

Oviya Sangamam, a vibrant art exhibition, was held at Semmozhi Poonga, Chennai, on February 2, 2025. Organized by the Indian Art Factory, this special event showcased the remarkable talents of young artists from five institutions, including YES (Youth Empowerment Services) from V-Excel Educational Trust and other special schools. Their artworks highlighted the creativity, passion, and boundless imagination of these young individuals.



V-Excel celebrated the **15th anniversary of Tarang**, with a notable performance featuring Kalaimamani Dr. Ghatam Karthick and the "HeArtbeat Ensemble." The event's aim was to promote the integration of individuals with special needs into an inclusive society, allowing them to experience the beauty of the creative arts and benefit from the therapeutic effects of performing arts in special education. The event was thoughtfully curated by Usha Suresh and her team, in collaboration with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, ensuring that Tarang continues its mission of bringing the magic of music to those who can benefit from it the most.

The Rotary Club of Madras Temple City organized a **Wellness Carnival** at CP Art Centre on Sunday, February 23, 2025, bringing together a notable group of experts, organizations, and advocates for physical and mental well-being. A significant highlight of the carnival was an insightful panel discussion focused on "Sane Teens." Ms. Gayathri Suryanarayanan, the Centre Coordinator at YES, contributed her expertise to the discussion, particularly addressing the unique challenges of adolescence faced by individuals with special needs. Her perspective enriched the conversation, fostering greater understanding and awareness among the audience.



Program Highlights

Thanks to the generous support of the Inner Wheel Club of Madras, facilitated by EcoKonnectors Trust, the tailoring program at V-Excel's Youth Empowerment Services (YES) received a valuable upgrade with the donation of a new sewing machine. On February 25, 2025, Ms. Shamantha Reddy (President), Ms. Ruchita Saraogi (Secretary), along with Ms. Sumithra Srikant and Ms. Ganga Sridhar from EcoKonnectors, visited the YES center for the official inauguration and a guided tour. This enhancement will enable trainees to expand their skills and create a wider range of handcrafted products.



Voices Unseen: Bridging Gaps; Building Hope

Hosted by a consortium of NGOs, with V-Excel leading the way, a unique one-day conference for the disability sector was held on February 1, 2025 at the E Hotel in Royapettah, Chennai.

The objectives of the conference were to:

- identify challenges
- encourage collaboration and networking
- facilitate knowledge sharing
- highlight innovations and needs
- support and empower parents and caregivers
- recommend a set of parameters, norms, and standards for
- governmental consideration
- highlight the process of getting recognition and obtaining
- legal guardianship, and
- act as a bridge between governmental agencies and PwDs

Seventy-seven organizations participated. This included 74 NGOs and 3 corporates and a total of 169 participants.

Program Highlights

V-Excel Solapur's annual day celebration, marking the culmination of the academic year, took place on February 1st at Nirmal Fadukale Sabhagraha. The event was graced by guests Ritu Rathi and Nihar Bhurte. This year's theme, Krishna Leela, showcased the birth of Krishna and his playful interactions with friends through various performances, including dance sequences set to Krishna songs.

The children were dressed as characters from these narratives, delivering an outstanding performance on stage. The annual day serves as an occasion for the school community to unite and celebrate the students' efforts and the teachers' dedication. The event concluded with the distribution of snacks to the students.



V-Excel Learning Center along with Navjeevan Children's Multispecialty Hospital, Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) all based in Pandharpur organized a **one-day Autism Awareness Program** for doctors and physicians. The program was organized by pediatrician Dr. Shital Shah of Navjeevan Children's Multispecialty Hospital in Pandharpur. V-Excel's Founder-Director, Dr. Vasudha Prakash, was one of the speakers.

V-Excel Educational Trust, Nashik, proudly celebrated the remarkable **achievements of two of its students at recent state-level competitions** in Nagpur. Ms. Anamika Pendharkar demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill, securing first place in the Women's Category (ID) at the State-Level Swimming Competition held on Sunday, March 23rd. Adding to this proud moment, Mr. Kuber Mankar also achieved first place in the fast walking competition for the Multiple Disability category at the State-Level Sports Meet on March 22nd.



Program Highlights

On the auspicious day of Gudi Padwa, V-Excel Nashik celebrated a significant step forward with the **Bhumi Pujan (ground-breaking ceremony)** for its future school, located on newly acquired land. The sacred ceremony commenced with Mr. Dilip Kulkarni and Mrs. Alka Kulkarni from Mumbai leading the rituals as the main Yajmans (hosts). The puja was graced by the presence of esteemed donors, Mrs. Uma and Mr. Suryanarayan. Honoring the occasion were V-Excel Committee Members Mr. Jayant Bhatambrekar, Mr. Krishnakumar Rao, and Mr. Jagdish Gilda, alongside the guiding force behind V-Excel, Founder Director Dr. Vasudha Prakash. V-Excel's Regional Director Jayanthi Vishwanath and Coordinator Mrs. Sunita Vaidya were also present.



Field Trips

A group of 35 students and staff from YES, Chennai, recently experienced the "**Local '24' Art and Design exhibition at the Lalit Kala Akademi.**

Curated by Ms. Aishwarya Manivannan of Maisha Studio, the exhibition featured artworks by 16 of her students, centered around themes of connection and interactive learning.



The exhibition presented a diverse collection of around 100 pieces spanning fine art, painting, drawing, installations, sculptures, film, photography, fashion, and product design, all created by 16 talented individuals aged 16 to 23. Maisha Studio generously sponsored the transportation and refreshments for the YES visitors, who each received an artwork bookmark as a memento of their visit.



On July 11th, a group of 25 trainees and 13 trainers from YES visited **Kanchipuram**. Their trip included a visit to the Ayyampettai Weaver's Cooperative Society, where they observed traditional silk and cotton weaving. The group then proceeded to the Manimandapam of Jagadguru Shri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal at Orikkai.

At the temple and gurukulam, the YES team distributed small bags of notebooks and stationery, to the gurukulam students. In return, the gurukulam students chanted mantras, including the Dhanvantri Slokam, for the wellbeing of the YES trainees. The YES team had lunch at the Orikkai temple's Bhojanaalayam. The highlight of the visit was an audience with the Kanchi Mutt Peetathipathi Sri Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal, who showed great interest in the organization and blessed the group.

Field Trips

The vocational students at KLC explored the inspirational story of Joan of Arc through a **trip to Pondicherry**. Carefully planned to encourage listening, observation, drawing, and real-world engagement beyond the school environment, the students visited the garden and Notre Dame Church, where Joan's statue stands.



Their day involved navigating traffic, managing hunger, practicing independence at hotels, observing silence at church, enjoying the beach freely, showing reverence at an artists' village, and encountering diverse people, sounds, sights, challenges, and joys.



On July 20th, a group of 14 students and 12 staff from V-Excel Erode visited the **Mettur Dam** to expose students to real-life situations, fostering critical thinking, social and communication skills, teamwork, and community building. Their visit included a jaggery production unit where staff explained the making process. At the Mettur Dam, they experienced pleasant weather, viewed the dam from the viewpoint and higher levels, and observed the significant water flow due to rains. The group enjoyed packed food and snacks, visited a park where the children played, and explored the aquarium within the park.

On Vijayadashami, October 9, 2024, in Srirangam, a visit to the **Sankara Mutt** located at T.V. Koil took place by invitation. The group visited both the Sankara Mutt and the adjacent Panchamukeshwarar Tripurasundari Amman Temple. During the visit, the trainees received bags, notebooks, sketch pens, and prasadam. The trainees reportedly enjoyed the day and conducted themselves well.



Field Trips

As part of their annual planning process, which includes a trial overnight stay before the main trip during the academic year, VTU Adyar organized a **local overnight stay** for ten new trainees at their familiar center. This yearly project aims to observe the trainees' Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and identify any potential challenges to ensure a smooth experience during the annual trip. The trainees stayed overnight at the center on December 6 and on the following morning, they followed their usual routines and continued activities at the center.



The staff from the Early Intervention - Vocational Rehabilitation Center (EI-VRC) embarked on an **experiential trip to Trivandrum**, where they visited the Different Art Centre, an initiative by the renowned magician, Mr. Gopinath Muthukad.

This center focuses on educating and empowering children with various disabilities, broadening the scope of training beyond magic to encompass art forms such as music, dance, drama, cinema making, painting, and skills in diverse musical instruments. The Different Art Centre has nurtured the talents of approximately 200 differently-abled children, showcasing their abilities to the wider world. The visit provided a wonderful and insightful day for the EI-VRC team to experience the center's impactful work firsthand.

Field Trips

From February 5th to 8th, 2025, the trainees and staff of the Vocational Training Unit (VTU) Adyar enjoyed a memorable **outstation trip to Ooty**, filled with learning, laughter, and connection. Their itinerary included visits to the vibrant Botanical Gardens, where they appreciated the beautiful color combinations of the flora, and the serene Ooty Lake, where they experienced the joy of boating. They also enjoyed walking across a hanging bridge, exploring Doddabetta Peak, and watching the captivating musical fountains.

Visits to local chocolate, tea, and varki (crispy vegetarian snack)-making factories provided interesting insights into these processes, while the intricate beauty of the Thread Garden left everyone in admiration. A highlight of the trip was the magical Ooty Mountain Train ride, which took them through tunnels and picturesque valleys.

Beyond the sightseeing, the trip fostered a sense of connection, as everyone embraced nature and enjoyed each other's company, reinforcing their sense of belonging. A particularly serene experience was their visit to Isha Yoga & Adi Yogi, where the trainees seamlessly integrated into the peaceful and meditative atmosphere.



Field Trips

The YES team embarked on their **annual outstation trip** for 2025, flying to **Visakhapatnam** (Vizag). A group of thirty-four individuals, comprising 21 trainees and 13 staff members, traveled on an IndiGo flight to Vizag on February 17, 2025, and stayed at the Landmark Hotel. Over their three-day stay, they explored various attractions, including Kailasagiri, the Simhachalam temple, Rushikonda Beach, RK Beach, VMRDA Park, the Sea Harrier Museum, the Tupolev Aircraft Museum, and the INS Kursura Submarine Museum. They also took a scenic long drive to Lambasinghi, the nearest hill station, where they enjoyed a relaxed visit to a strawberry farm, a flower garden, and picturesque viewpoints.



Camps

APRIL 2024

- ✓ Summer Camp - KLC, Chennai
- ✓ Summer Camp - Pandharpur
- ✓ Summer Camp - Erode
- ✓ Free Assessment & Counseling Camp - Solapur
- ✓ Summer Camp - Solapur
- ✓ Free Screening & Assessment Camp - Pollachi
- ✓ Free Eye & Ear Screening Camp - Pollachi
- ✓ Free Medical Camp for Children - Ambattur

MAY 2024

- ✓ Summer Camp - KLC, Chennai
- ✓ Summer Camp - Ambattur

JUNE 2024

- ✓ Screening Camp at Cathedral Free Primary School
- ✓ Sensitization Session at Cathedral Free Primary School

Camps

JULY 2024

- ✓ Screening Camp at Olcott Memorial School
- ✓ Sensitization Session at A.K.G. Public School
- ✓ Screening Camp at C.P.S. Kallikuppam School

AUGUST 2024

- ✓ Screening Camp at Reddiarpatti Government Primary School, Tirunelveli
- ✓ Sensitization Session at Reddiarpatti Government Primary School, Tirunelveli

DECEMBER 2024

- ✓ Free Dental Camp - Solapur

JANUARY 2025

- ✓ Parent Training on ABA - Solapur
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Awareness Program - Ambattur
- ✓ Faculty Development Program - Pollachi

MARCH 2025

- ✓ Lectures on Preparation for Puberty and Adolescence - Solapur

Celebrations

Celebrating festivals plays a vital role in fostering inclusivity by providing shared experiences that transcend individual differences. These events create opportunities for people of all abilities and backgrounds to come together, participate, and feel a sense of belonging within the community. Festivals often incorporate diverse traditions and customs, allowing for the recognition and appreciation of varied cultures and perspectives. By actively involving everyone, including those with special needs, in these joyful occasions, we promote understanding, break down barriers, and cultivate a more accepting and cohesive society where everyone feels valued and included. Festivals and national holidays were celebrated with gusto and fervor in all the branches of V-Excel



Celebrations



Awards & Accolades

Lekshmi Ramesh, Unit Head of Early Intervention and Remedial Services, was honored with the **Rotary Excellence Award for Special Children School Teachers** by Rotary International District 3233. This prestigious award recognizes selected teachers throughout the Chennai district for their tireless dedication and positive societal impact. The award ceremony took place at the Ethiraj College Auditorium in Egmore, Chennai.



Dr. Vasudha Prakash and V-Excel Educational Trust were honored with the **Trailblazer Award by SciArtRUs**, in recognition of their visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to creating meaningful change. This prestigious award celebrates the tireless efforts of the V-Excel team, the resilience of its students, and the steadfast support of all those who champion the cause of inclusive education.

The Information and Resource Centre (IRC), a unit of Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, in collaboration with Rotary Bangalore (West), organized and conducted Kalaangana 2025, a cultural festival encompassing art, yoga, dance, and music for differently-abled children. As part of the celebrations held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, the organization bestowed a **Lifetime Contribution Award** upon Dr. Vasudha Prakash. The award ceremony took place at the Vidya Vihara Hall in Basavanagudi, Bangalore. The Chief Guest for the event was Padamashree Dr. K.S. Rajanna, the Former State Commissioner for the Government of Karnataka.



Awards & Accolades

OutReach Special School, Pollachi, received the prestigious **Community Rehabilitation Award** in the category of Organizations Empowering Persons with Disabilities. This recognition was presented by Dr. Shymala Naveenatha Krishnan, Chairman of Pollachi Municipality, and acknowledges their dedicated work in supporting individuals with disabilities through direct intervention and Government school adoption programs since 2017. This award serves as a significant motivation to continue pushing boundaries and striving towards their vision.



Professional Pathways

Gayathri Suryanarayanan, the Center Coordinator of YES, successfully completed a 10-week online course on CSR Funding. The course was organized and conducted by ImpactYog and Metapram



Gayathri also successfully completed the Associate Certification in Gestalt Psychology through the Anil Thomas Fellowship Program. This 60-hour virtual program, held from August 15th to 18th, 2024, involved self-exploration, therapy sessions, and a written integration. Moderators evaluated the participants based on these components, and scoring was determined accordingly.

In addition, Gayathri successfully completed a triple certification course from the Asian College of Teachers. This course includes Post Graduate Diploma in Special Education, Certificate in Teaching and Certificate in Counselling for Teachers.

Uma Swaminathan, an Experiential Learning Consultant at V-Excel's Vocational Training Unit in Adyar, was invited to share her expertise on the significance of arts in inclusive education. Her presentation offered valuable perspectives on the transformative impact of artistic engagement. This participation was part of the Indian Theatre Arts for Integrated Development (ITAID) Project which receives support from the Tamil Nadu Government and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.



Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

Assets as on	31-03-2025	31-03-2024
Fixed assets	1,04,95,947.58	1,03,47,438.58
Loans and Advances	6,21,846.00	5,95,846.00
Cash and Bank Balances	7,65,86,534.10	7,27,89,796.53
Other Current Assets	6,09,940.04	6,00,745.47
Total Assets	8,83,14,267.72	8,43,33,826.58

Liabilities as on	31-03-2025	31-03-2024
General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	6,88,17,071.57	5,48,38,827.99
Corpus and Endowment Funds	2,25,96,839.00	1,52,20,000.00
Current Liabilities and Provisions	2,64,348.00	2,96,755.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure (if any)	-33,63,990.85	1,39,78,243.58
Total Liabilities	8,83,14,267.72	8,43,33,826.57

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year ended	31-03-2025	31-03-2024
Donations	4,78,15,785.00	5,92,76,555.80
Interest Income	57,53,282.00	42,91,023.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	33,63,990.85	-
Total	5,69,33,057.85	6,35,67,578.80

Expenditure for the year ended	31-03-2025	31-03-2024
Employee Benefit Expenses	3,96,52,123.00	1,70,06,580.00
Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	15,56,577.00	16,15,289.23
Other Expenses	1,57,24,357.85	3,09,66,465.99
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	1,39,78,243.58
Total	5,69,33,057.85	6,35,66,578.80

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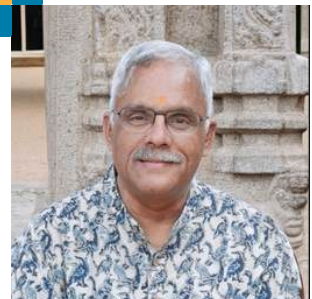
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Each Trustee brings a wealth of experience—from managerial leadership to organizational strategy. Their varied perspectives enrich our decision-making and strengthen our ability to respond to evolving societal needs.

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AS INDIVIDUALS

Join us to be part of a movement for change. Be an advocate for the rights of individuals with special needs.

There are a number of ways you can show your support:

- **VOLUNTEERS** Our volunteers work 'behind the scenes', supporting the work of our members and helping with our administration. You don't have to be a member to volunteer with us.
- **DONATE** Donations are vital to our work. Your gift to us is an investment in hope. Each year we help hundreds of families from all over India cope with the effects of Autism, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD), and other developmental challenges. Thanks to the generosity of donors, so many children will regain limitless possibilities, so many families will regain hope, and so many who previously felt hopeless will learn to open doors they never knew existed.
- **FUNDRAISE FOR US** Having a disability or raising a child with a disability can be challenging. At times it can be stressful, especially because special needs often translate to additional expenses that are foreign to most people. But people in your network may step forward to help, but may not know what you need, and they can't get involved if they aren't asked. Beyond the simple ask, you want to make it easy, and there is nothing easier than contributing online.

Get Involved

Partner with Purpose: Corporate Engagement for Inclusive Impact

Join us in creating a future where every child—regardless of ability—has the opportunity to thrive. As a corporate partner, your organization can drive meaningful change while aligning with values that matter to your employees, customers, and stakeholders.

Here's how your company can make a difference:

- **Strategic Philanthropy** - Support our mission through charitable contributions that reflect your commitment to social responsibility. Your donations directly fund programs that empower children with developmental challenges and support their families across India.
- **Cause-Marketing Collaborations** - Amplify your brand while championing a cause. Co-branded campaigns and product tie-ins can raise awareness, inspire action, and showcase your company's values in a powerful, authentic way.
- **Event Sponsorships & Engagement** - Sponsor or co-host events that celebrate inclusion, raise funds, and build community. From art exhibitions to awareness walks, your presence helps elevate visibility and impact.
- **Innovation & Project Solutions** - Bring your expertise to the table. Collaborate with us on tailored projects that address real-world challenges faced by children with special needs—whether through technology, design, infrastructure, or service delivery.

Let's Build a Legacy of Inclusion

Together, we can create scalable, sustainable solutions that transform lives. Partner with us to make your corporate social responsibility truly count.

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Many of you have walked alongside us for years, not just as benefactors, but as true partners in this meaningful journey. Through your contributions, you've helped us build a more inclusive and empowered future—one life at a time.

Thank you for being part of our story.



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