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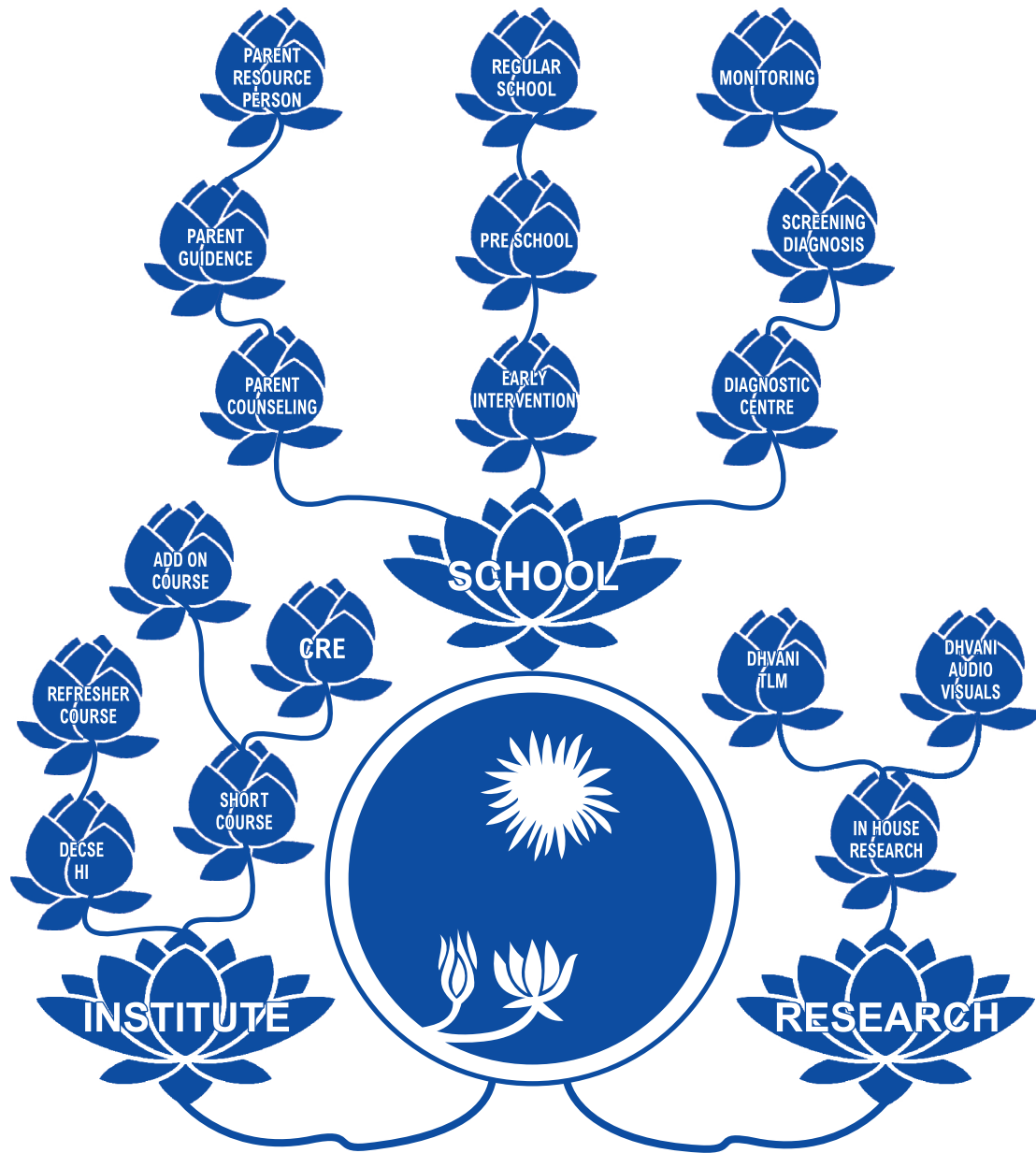
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Prayer

Let us be united ; Let us speak in harmony ; Let our minds
comprehend alike ; Common be our prayer ;
Common be the end of our assembly ;
Common be our resolution ; Common be our deliberations ;
Alike be our feeling ; Unified be our hearts ;
Common be our intentions ; Perfect be our unity.

பேசாப் பொருளைப் பேச நான் துணிந்தேன்
கேட்கா வரத்தை கேட்க நான் துணிந்தேன்
மண் மீதுள்ள மக்கள், பறவைகள்,
விலங்குகள், பூச்சிகள், புட்பூண்டு, மரங்கள்
யாவுமென் வினையால் இடும்பை தீர்ந்தே,
இன்பமுற்றன்புடன் இணங்கி வாழ்ந்திடவே
செய்தல் வேண்டும் தேவ தேவா!

असतो मा सद्गमय ।
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृतो मा अमृतंगमय ।



**The Lotus represents knowledge.
The Sun dispels darkness of ignorance and makes the lotus bloom.
The school Balavidyalaya breaks the barrier of silence in
children's mind, initiates them to the music of sounds and
helps them communicate verbally.
Balavidyalaya Institute removes the misconceptions on the
capabilities of deaf infants and young children from the
mind of special schools and special educators and makes
them the ambassadors of oral education.**

“LISTEN FROM INFANCY & TALK FOR A LIFE TIME”

தாமரை அறிவின் அடையாளம்.
ஆதவன் இருளை நீக்கி உலகை ஒளி
வெள்ளத்திலாழ்த்தி தாமரையை மலர வைக்கிறான்.

பாலவித்யாலயா பள்ளி
குழந்தைகளை மௌனச் சிறையிலிருந்து விடுவித்து
ஒலியுலகத்தில் பேசி மகிழ வைக்கிறது.

பாலவித்யாலயா ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி நிறுவனம்,
சிறப்பு பள்ளிகள் மற்றும் சிறப்பு ஆசிரியர்கள்,
மனதிலுள்ள தவறான கருத்துகளை நீக்கி,
செவிக்குறையுள்ள குழந்தைகளின் திறமைகளை அறிந்து,
அவர்களை பேச வைக்கும் முயற்சியில்
ஆசிரியர்களை ஈடுபடுத்துகிறது.

**“மழலையில் கேட்டு
வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும் பேசு.”**

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56th ANNUAL DAY

56th Annual Report for the year 2025-26

It gives me a great pleasure to present the 56th Annual Report during the 56th Annual Day of the school.

Balavidyalaya The school for young deaf children is an early intervention center where we admit infants and young children with hearing loss when they are below 3 years old. Our youngest child till date continues to be 52 days old. Children are helped to develop language and speech using our DHVANI methodology. At the age of 3 they are helped to develop academic skills of reading, writing and numeracy. They complete our programme when they are 6 years old and join 1st standard in any regular school of the parents' choice.

All services in the school are offered fully free. The school is managed by Balavidyalaya Trust which is a not-for-profit organisation.

55th Annual Day celebrations

The 55th Annual Day of our school was celebrated on the 15th of February 2025 in our school's auditorium. Mr. Rabindranath Singh the Deputy Director Welfare of the Commissionerate of the Differ ently Abled – State Government of Tamil Nadu was deputed as our Chief Guest by Tmt. M Lakshmi the Commis sioner of the Differently abled – State Government of Tamil Nadu as she could not grace the occasion.



Mr Shohan Konchada one of our alumni now working as a Public Cloud Site Reliability Engineer at a multinational corporation shared his experiences till date.

Mr Sridharan the grandfather of Chanvi one of the children who left for the mainstream in April 2025 shared his journey with Chanvi.

Mrs S. Selvi received a memento for having completed 25 years of service.

The seven children who were leaving for integration recited nursery rhymes on the stage.

ACADEMIC YEAR

The school closed for summer holidays 2025 on the 17th of April 2025 and reopened on the 2nd of June 2025. We closed for navarathri on 19th of September 2025 and reopened on 6th of October 2025 and for Christmas on 19th December and reopened on the 5th of January 2026.

Admission in to our programme is all year round. This year we had 20 admissions till date. They include

14 children from Chennai

1 from Madurai

1 from Villupuram

1 from Krishnagiri

1 from Pune

1 from Sivagangai

1 from Kanchipuram

Prior to 2025 children were getting into class 1 in the mainstream when they became 5 years old. But now the New Education Policy requires children to be 6 years old to enter the 1st standard. As a result, we are mainstreaming the children only after they complete 6 years old to class 1. This year in April 2025, 10 children joined the mainstream. They include 9 who joined the 1st and 1 child UKG.

Name of the child	Name of the school
1. Saisha .K	KV Central, Chennai
2. Agasthya Guhan .K	Blue Bird Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore
3. Chanvi T.S	Acharya School, Adyar
4. Vaishnav .M	Vian Veenai Public School, Coimbatore
5. Gokul .S	Kendriya Vidyalaya CLRI Campus, Chennai
6. Sanjanashree .V	Victoria Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Krishnagiri
7. Pavithran R	Vidhya Rathna Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai
8. Sudu Duti Vinshika	UKG in Lovedale School, Vizagapattinam
9. Nithyamaaran. N.V from the Tamil medium	Mary Immaculate School Kilpauk, Chennai
10. Kathija Thabasum from the Tamil medium	Chennai Primary School Lakshmipuram-Chennai

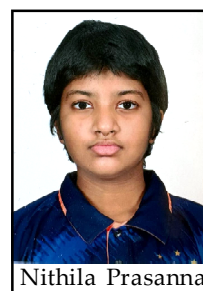
Our pattern of conducting meetings with the parents continued.

This year we decided to issue report cards to the children when they move up a level instead of at the end of the term. This would make it easier for the parent and teacher track the progress of the children. The format of the report cards was changed and new ones made. The parents are as always welcome to come and speak to the Administrative and Management team with their doubts and queries whenever they want.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Many alumni have passed board exams and got into colleges. Some have got into jobs and some have added feathers to their cap. The alumni who completed their tenth board exams include

1) Nithila Prasanna from the CBSE scores 96% and joins Maths with Computer science group in the same school.



Nithila Prasanna

2) Gubendran M from CBSE scores 85% and joins Computer Science group in Narayana PU College State Board in Bangalore

3) Monisha B.R from the State Board scores 90%

4) Jayaprakash from the State Board scores 65% and joins Commerce Group

5) Silmiya Dariga Beevi N scores 65%.



From the Twelfth Boards we have

❖ Niveditha Singh from CBSE scores 90% and joins B.Tech Indian Institute of Information Technology, Lucknow

❖ Sharini from CBSE scores 73% and joins B.Sc in College of Arts and Science, Thiruchengotte

❖ Kawin Y from the State Board scores 68% and joins B.Com

❖ Sandhiya S scores 62% and joins B.Com

❖ Sharan Kannah R scores 58% and joins B.Com



GRADUATES AND OTHERS

❖ Yash Kumar qualifies as the first IAS from our alumni and is now training in Missouri.

❖ Rishi Shivakumar completes M.Tech from IIT M and joins the R&D Division on Grunfos Chennai.

❖ Jaison Abishek completes B.Tech and works as a Data Analyst in VDart Trichy.

❖ Prashanth joins as a Junior Assistant in the Police Commissioners Office visits us and donates his first Salary.

❖ N.S. Akshaya completes her MBA from Sairam Engineering College and is now writing competitive examinations.



❖ Mariam finishes B.Sc Biotechnology.

❖ Agrima Agarwal completes BA. LLB Hons from National Law University Delhi and joins PG LLM in National Law School Bangalore and visits us.

❖ Ashmita Mitra wins the Best Researcher Award of her batch in BA and joins MA Public Policy in Jindal Global University

❖ Natasha Raheja completes MBBS and is interning in a Hospital in Chandigarh.

❖ Harini K gets a job in the sports quota as a junior Assistant in the Forest Department Guindy

❖ Prithvi Sekar wins the Runners up in the Singles as well as the Doubles Matches for the Deaf in Australian Open. He also wins prizes in various tournaments for people with typical hearing too.

❖ Sneha Ramu a swimmer is conferred a Youth Rekha Shetty Merit Award for Excellence in sports Vocation and Education by the Rotary International and MERF.

❖ Jasreen Singh wins four bronze medals in the ONGC games. She wins the third place in badminton singles, doubles and mixed doubles. She also wins the 100 meters running race.

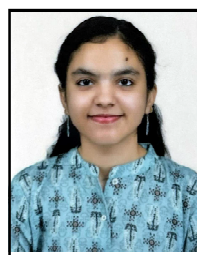
❖ Deepshika visits us and gives us a donation.

❖ Shalini Chalikonda visits us and spends some time with our parents talking to them.

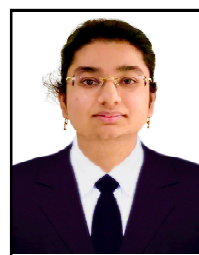
❖ Arun Raj visits us and spends some time discussing the options open to him as part of his career.

❖ Ahmed Riaz completes B.Com and visits us for career counselling.

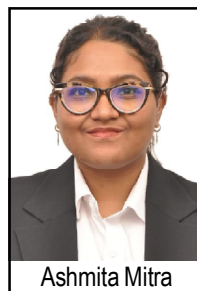
❖ Rithika, Sai Akash, Sanjana Marda, Ankita Sharma, and Archana Prabhakaran got married this year. We wish them all the best.



Mariam



Agrima Agarwal



Ashmita Mitra



Natasha Raheja



Harini K



Prithvi Sekar



Sneha Ramu



Jasreen Singh

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA GRANT

We would like to thank the Government of India – Ministry of social Justice and Empowerment New Delhi. We have received the grant in aid under the Deen Dayal Upadyaya Rehabilitation Scheme for the year 2024-25.

INTERNATIONAL DONORS

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to our regular international donors

- a) Gupta Family Foundation – USA
- b) Guru Krupa Foundation - USA
- c) ASHA for Education – USA

for their continued support We keep them abreast of our activities and growth and they visit us whenever one of their members visit India.

This year

- ❖ Dr Shashikanth Gupta & Ms Radhika Murari from Gupta Family Foundation,
 - ❖ Mr Ganesh Murthy, and Mr Vidyuth from ASHA for Education Minnesota Chapter with his mother
- visit us and watch us at work.



INDIAN DONORS

From India, we would like to thank

- a) Coromandel International Ltd for their continued support under their CSR project.
- b) Mr V. Balasubramanian IGP Engineers Pvt Ltd, our well-wisher for regularly generating annual donations and taking care of the transportation expenses of our school excursions every year.
- c) All our regular donors who include our well wishers, alumni and their parents.

OTHER DONATIONS

We would also like to thank

- ❖ The State Government of Tamil Nadu for the sanitary pads they gave the teachers and parents.
- ❖ Mrs. Malini Swaminathan - US a well-wisher. She has sponsored 15 hearing aids for the children and is willing to do so again this forthcoming year.
- ❖ Mr Vijayan V from Tab Tree for donating stationery for the children.
- ❖ Mr.Arumugam from Parvaiyutror Vaanavil Sevai Maiyam for his kind donation of biscuits and balls for the children to play.

ADDITIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT AND CHANGES IN STAFF

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Ritu Marda and Mrs Radha Shivashankar as trustees. They are parents of Sanjana Marda and Shyam Shivashankar respectively. We are sure they are going to help Balavidyalaya grow and support its working.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs G. Mahalakshmi. She has attained super annuation and retired from our services. We wish Mahalakshmi all the best in her retired life.

We welcome back Mrs K.Rm Valliammai who had taken a small break from our services and is now back with us.

We thank Ms. Nivedita the daughter of one of our alumna, and Mrs. Anusha Ramji for volunteering with us for a while.

We welcome Mrs. S Sudha and Mrs. K. Santhiya who have joined us. Sudha has joined us as a volunteer and Santhiya as a Teacher Assistant.

We wish Mrs. B.Varalakshmi our Teacher Assistant all the best as she has left our services.

INFRA STRUCTURE UPDATE

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Adyar and Mr. S.V. Veerramani of Fourrts India Laboratories Pvt Ltd for donating an 86-inch Neo-touch interactive flat panel camera with a mic for our Auditorium as part of their CSR Project.



WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

❖ We conducted a workshop on 'How to develop pre writing skills for the children in DHVANI' for the parents of the early intervention programme. The parents were given 5 activities and asked to role play the activities. After which a discussion ensued on various other activities that can be used to develop the skills in the children.



❖ We conducted a workshop on 'How to develop writing skills for the children in DHVANI' for parents of the pre school programme. The parents were asked to do the writing work of their individual children. Then we conducted a discussion on how the children could



be encouraged to write fast, the correct formation of writing, the questions that can be asked etc. The parents also raised doubts that were cleared.

❖ Our Honorary Vice Principal Dr Meera Suresh submits a paper on 'Project DHVANI by Balavidyalaya – A successful and scalable model for Oral Early Intervention of deaf and hard of hearing children' in the Global Coalition for Hearing Health. The paper was selected and she presents it in the International conference that was held in Boston – USA.



During the discussions she explains the contribution of Balavidyalaya as part of the Change Makers in WHO Hearing Care Group.

As part of the Conference she also attends a workshop on Early Intervention.

❖ As the President of the National Convention of the Educators of the Deaf Dr Meera Suresh attends the Annual NCED Conference on 'Inclusive

Education through disability perspectives and research' in Pune. She chairs a session during the Conference.

❖ Dr Meera Suresh attends the Centenary Celebrations of Little Flower Higher Secondary School for the deaf.



❖ Dr Valli Annamalai the Honorary Principal and Dr Meera Suresh attend the Exhibition on Advanced Technology and Assistive Devices organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

❖ We continue to be members of WHO Hearing forum and Dr Meera Suresh attends virtual meetings conducted by them.

VISITORS

Internships

Students from NIEPMD come to Balavidyalaya in batches for fifteen days as part of their internship.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD VISITS

Students of various colleges and Institutes visit us as part of their field trip. They include those from

❖ Sri Ramachandra Institute for Higher Education and Research - Chennai

❖ MGR Institute of Special Education and Research - Chennai

❖ AWH College of Education – Kerala

❖ Hellen Keller Institute – Secunderabad

❖ Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities – Odisha

❖ National Institute for Persons with Multiple Disabilities – Chennai



❖ Students from MOP Vaishnav College for Women – Chennai.

❖ Ms. Varsha G. a M.Sc Audiology second year student talks to our parents and fills a questionnaire as part of her dissertation research study.

CELEBRATIONS

The children, parents and staff of the Early Intervention Programme went to Guindy Children’s Park on an excursion.



The children, parents, staff and Teacher Trainees of the Pre school Programme went to the Railway Museum on an excursion.



The parents are taken for the excursion once in three years to give them an awareness of how they could provide language to the children in various places. The children, parents, staff and trainees had a good time in the excursion.

The Management took the staff for an excursion to Madhuras Resort for a day long picnic.



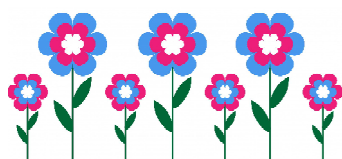
CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated Children's day, Teachers Day, Vinayaka Chaturthi, Krishna Jayanthi, Independence Day, Navarathri Golu, Saraswathi Puja and Christmas.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the almighty for a good year gone by. We continue to rededicate ourselves to our cause of helping infants and young deaf children listen from infancy and talk for a lifetime.

**HELPING INFANTS & YOUNG DEAF CHILDREN
LISTEN FROM INFANCY AND TALK FOR A LIFETIME.**



Pranav Nellainayagam Annual Day Speech

Hello Everyone,

I'm Somasundari mother of Pranav Nellainayagam. We (Somasundari and Nellainayagam) got married on January 2015 and we passed months and years heavy heartedly not getting pregnant until 2019. After a pregnancy confirmation, whenever we went to the clinic for medical assessment the Doctor used to say "your precious gift is growing well"

Like every mother I dreamed about my child and finally I got my precious gift on my hand at 18th of March 2020. We were on top of the world with happiness, his presence made us feel like a true family.

As per hospital protocol they did the new born screening and gave us the medical reports with few pauses saying he had fluid in both the ears so you have to visit an ENT doctor in a month. Considering the pandemic we wanted to avoid the hospital exposure so we asked the Doctor, whether the fluid would affect him in any way? she said it's pretty common in C-section deliveries. She also said with the fluid they were not able to provide the proper new-born screening report in terms of hearing, so they wanted to have this check-up within a month. Considering the pandemic, she said we could delay it a little.

So we finally did the ENT assessment on his 6th month. This time they informed us that the frequencies were not meeting expectations and they referred us to one of the top hospitals in this field. We took Pranav to the hospital. After assessing Pranav they confirmed that Pranav is a Hearing-impaired child. We kept visiting more Doctors and repeated the BERA test with a feeling "it will not happen to my kid". My husband started accepting the truth after his second BERA, though my mind completely ignored it and I was cherishing my new motherhood. By this time Pranav became 9 months old and we had to go to get his vaccination done. My husband spoke to Pranav's paediatrician Dr Meena Thiagarajan a Senior Paediatrician in Apollo Hospital about his BERA test and she reviewed all the reports and told us about Balavidyalaya. She asked us to get Pranav enrolled in the early intervention program provided by Balavidyalaya, as soon as possible.

Dr. Meena Thiagarajan had visited Balavidyalaya and knew the organisation. We visited Balavidyalaya reluctantly. We spoke to the Vice Principal Meera mam and to the headmistress mam but nothing entered my mind because I couldn't accept that my son is a hearing impaired and I was in the world of trauma. My husband convinced me to let him attend this early intervention program. He told me to think positively and move on.

Balavidyalaya was at that time offering online classes due to the pandemic. With some courage we started attending the online classes. Pranav had delayed milestones he could not sit on his own until 1 year and 3 months. We did not understand the importance of the constant usage of hearing aids. We also could not understand Balavidyalaya's educational methodology as we felt it was tough to follow at first. However, the school guided us effectively on how to handle these issues.

Running the school during the pandemic was a remarkable achievement by Balavidyalaya, with their zero-tolerance policy for compromising costless, high-value education. While many regular schools closed due to financial constraints, this special school's mission drove them to stretch themselves and make it possible for every one of us. A special thanks to Balavidyalaya for that.

Soon after the pandemic, the school began to have face to face classes following all the guidelines provided by the government. Meanwhile my husband was proceeding for a cochlear implant surgery, so we were not regular to the classes. Before going for the cochlear implant surgery, we were advised by the hospital to take a BRAIN and SPINAL MRI. Again, one bigger storm hit us, he didn't have his cochlear nerve so the cochlear implant was not feasible in this situation. We repeated the MRI with lots of prayers and we ended up with the same negative results, that demoralised me completely and I had a Vertigo attack and I was in ICU for some days. By this time, I realised if I did not overcome this issue and proceed with positive approach it would not help me.

My situation forced me to accept Balavidyalaya's method of education, so we slowly stuck to it, and we put on a hearing aid as per the audiologist's suggestion. Gradually I witnessed progress in Pranav, and I regret not having followed Balavidyalaya from day one. I can see the effect of the delay of those initial 2 years that I missed.

Now Pranav is entering his 6th year. He has been with Balavidyalaya for 4 years blindly focusing on Balavidyalaya's DHVANI method of teaching. He understands speech and talks fluently, reads and writes very well too.

I want to share an incident – One fine day we went to a bank where there is a hearing-impaired employee, he did not notice us but one of his colleagues saw us. Since she was little familiar with sign language she tried communicating with Pranav in signs asking his name, he was puzzled and looked at me. Then I said he does not know sign language mam if you talk to him in English he will answer you. Then she asked him what his name was in English and he replied she continued questioning his school's name. "He said Balavidyalaya". She was very happy and a little shocked. She blessed him and introduced him to her colleague happily.

This was possible because of the training in Balavidyalaya. They are developing life skills in the children. They are helping us parents to become the resource person for our children in the mainstream.

This year our batch is successfully completing this early intervention program. We are very happy. We are sure Balavidyalaya will help us to face and conquer our difficulties in future too.

I would like to remember and thank our former Director mam Mrs. Sarawathi Narayanaswamy,

A mother who can think, who can work for her child is common, may be to an extent she may think of a child who is in her extended family but thinking of this community is really unimaginable. I thank her for giving us confidence and courage to approach the hearing loss in our children. Thank you mam.

Thanks to our Honorary Principal Mrs. Valli Annamalai mam. Though she is humble she has always been a Lion in the heart of Balavidyalaya's family, thanks for your expertise and guidance mam.

Thanks to our Honorary Vice Principal, Dr. Meera Suresh Mam - her rapid-fire spirit, bold and inspiring us all with her dynamic vibe. Thank you, Meera Ma'am, for your spoken English fluency classes too and training us in educating our kids.

Thanks to our Headmistress Dr. Subbulakshmi and Assistant Headmistress Mrs. Hemalatha who always welcome our kids with warmth, which make them feel happy and comfortable.

Thanks to Balavidyalaya's teachers, who happily extend their hands to our kids, Balavidyalaya's work will always be remembered and cherished throughout our lives.

Thanks to Balavidyalaya! Thanks is not really sufficient when it comes to Balavidyalaya's service, but I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks.

Also, Thanks to the senior parents, the peer parents and to the juniors.

I would like to thank various people I met after Pranav's birth because I strongly believe that the God is always there to channelize me through somebody starting from Dr. Meena mam and it continues till today.

Finally, I thank my husband, who always tried to mould and encourage me. Though it was tough in the beginning, it's fruitful at the end. Thanks a lot.

Once again on behalf of all the parents I thank everyone here.

Thank you all! Have a cheerful evening.

Speech by Tanvi Hemani

Good Evening Everyone, It is truly an honour to stand here today — not just as an alumna, but as someone whose journey was shaped by this very ecosystem of belief and patience. All this is only and only because of The Almighty.

On paper, my story may sound like that of a “model student.” I scored 446 out of 500 in my Class XII board exams, topping three out of five subjects. I have been an artist, a basketball player, a state-level painting champion, and a dancer trained in both classical and western styles. But what makes my journey meaningful to me is not the achievements — it is the path I took to reach them.

I was born with profound hearing impairment. At seven months old, my parents discovered that I had significant hearing loss. That moment changed everything for my family. They had to make difficult, life-altering decisions. When they learned about Balavidyalaya in Chennai — a school dedicated to helping deaf children develop verbal language skills — they relocated from Kolkata to Chennai so I could receive the right support at the right time. Those early years were about building foundations — learning to listen in ways beyond sound. I was trained to lip read from a very young age. I learned to sense vibrations in my surroundings — a skill that later helped me in dance and even in understanding environmental cues during emergencies.

When I transitioned into mainstream education at Sherwood Hall, there were uncertainties. My parents worried about how I would adapt socially. I struggled initially with language and communication. But what made the difference was not just my effort — it was the support of my teachers and mentors.

At 11, I received my first cochlear implant. With therapy and consistent effort, my listening and speaking skills improved significantly. But more importantly, my confidence grew. I would especially like to acknowledge my teachers and parents, whose guidance during my higher secondary years helped me navigate both academic and personal challenges. With the right encouragement, I realised that limitations do not define potential — mindset does. I immersed myself in academics and extracurricular activities. Basketball taught me teamwork. Painting gave me expression. Dance taught me rhythm without relying solely on sound. Each of these experiences shaped me beyond textbooks.

After school, I pursued a Bachelor of Visual Arts at Stella Maris College — my first step toward formally embracing creativity. But I wanted to push myself further. I

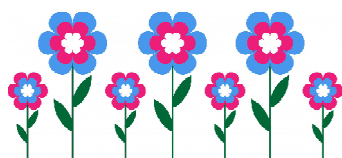
applied to the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad — one of India’s most competitive design institutions — and was fortunate to be selected. Moving to Ahmedabad for 2.5 years was another transformative chapter. It was the first time I lived independently, in a new city, surrounded by a new culture, new people, and new expectations. There were moments of self-doubt. There were communication challenges. There were days when everything felt overwhelming. But there were also incredible friendships, supportive mentors, late-night studio sessions, creative breakthroughs, and immense personal growth. In January 2026, when I stood at my convocation as a proud NID graduate, I wasn’t just receiving a degree — I was celebrating resilience. If there is one thing I have learned through every stage of my life, it is this: challenges are not roadblocks; they are redirections. They force you to develop skills others may not need to think about — patience, observation, adaptability, empathy. And those skills become your strengths.

To the students here today — your journey may not look like anyone else’s, and that is perfectly okay. Comparison is easy. Persistence is powerful. Focus on progress, not perfection. Seek help when you need it. Build a support system. And most importantly, believe that you are capable of more than your circumstances suggest. I stand here not because my path was easy, but because I chose not to stop. Because my parents chose Balavidyalaya. Because my Balavidyalaya teachers chose to invest in me. Because my friends chose to support me. Success is never a solo journey. It is built on community and courage.

Thank you for allowing me to share my journey. I hope it reminds you that no challenge is too great when you combine perseverance with purpose and constant gratitude to The Divine.

Thank you.

HELPING INFANTS & YOUNG DEAF CHILDREN LISTEN FROM INFANCY AND TALK FOR A LIFETIME.



Early Intervention Programme – English



Front row – L to R Uday Bhartari, E. Rudhra Shree, R. Mirithikaasri, M. Shasvik,
M.R. Fasmina, D. Viyan Ritwa, B Kabilesh

Back row - L to R S.B. Kiruthvik, V. Kavinaya, L. Janusri, P. Jeevanthika, A. Areeba, D. Diya Madhulika

Early Intervention Programme – Tamil



Front row L to R - Nithin Sai, B. Mahendran

Back row L to R - G.Tejas, B Mithran, T. Mubhasree, Mohommad Ilhan

Preschool Programme - English



Front row L to R – P. Pranitha, A. Mathivarnisha, N. Nithran, Medhasvi Pulluru, V. Tamizhini, S.Lithish, J. Jhanvi, N. Senganthal

Middle row L to R – Yuvan Aravindh, S.K.Aayanh, J Kavan Kumaran, P. Harsha, A Haadhiya Thasneem, M.Diya Nandhita, J.Sai Sri, B.Harshavardhini

Back row L to R - N.Rehan, G.Valavan, S.S.Harishanth, B.Saffiyyah, S.Harshita, N.Pranav, R. Athiyan Sabari, Maarif Hussan, Aahil Garg

Preschool Programme - Tamil



H. Lohith Sai, H.Kavin, D. Nethra, K. Yuvashree, S. Yoga Vishalakshi.

Integration - English



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Integration - Tamil



L to R - D.Nethra, S.Yoga Vishalakshi.

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Dr. S. Subbulakshmi, Mrs. Hemalatha**
Standing L to R – M.Valli, Deeksha Chettri, G. Anandhi, R. Kalaivani



The Lotus represents knowledge.
The Sun dispels darkness of ignorance and makes the lotus bloom.
The school Balavidyalaya breaks the barrier of silence in children's mind, initiates them to the music of sounds and helps them communicate verbally.
Balavidyalaya Institute removes the misconceptions on the capabilities of deaf infants and young children from the mind of special schools and special educators and makes them the ambassadors of oral education.

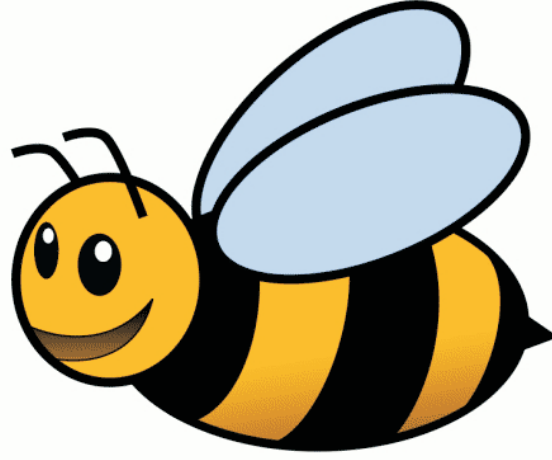
“LISTEN FROM INFANCY & TALK FOR A LIFE TIME”

தாமரை அறிவின் அடையாளம்.
ஆதவன் இருளை நீக்கி உலகை ஒளி
வெள்ளத்திலாழ்த்தி தாமரையை மலர வைக்கிறான்.

பாலவித்யாலயா பள்ளி
குழந்தைகளை மௌனச் சிறையிலிருந்து விடுவித்து
ஒலியுலகத்தில் பேசி மகிழ வைக்கிறது.

பாலவித்யாலயா ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி நிறுவனம்,
சிறப்பு பள்ளிகள் மற்றும் சிறப்பு ஆசிரியர்கள்,
மனதிலுள்ள தவறான கருத்துகளை நீக்கி,
செவிக்குறையுள்ள குழந்தைகளின் திறமைகளை அறிந்து,
அவர்களை பேச வைக்கும் முயற்சியில்
ஆசிரியர்களை ஈடுபடுத்துகிறது.

“மழலையில் கேட்டு
வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும் பேசு.”



Bumble Bee & Balavidyalayans

According to Recognized Aerotechnical tests, the Bumble - Bee cannot fly because of the shape and weight of his body in relation to his total wing area.

The Bumble-bee doesn't know this. So he goes ahead and flies anyway.

According to Recognized theories children with Hearing Impairment cannot speak.

Bala Vidyalayans don't know this. So they go ahead and speak anyway.

கருவண்டும் பாலவித்தியாலயா குழந்தைகளும்

விமான அறிவியல் கோட்பாட்டின்படி கனமான உடம்பும் மிக மெல்லிய இறக்கைகளும் உள்ள கருவண்டால் பறக்க இயலாது. ஆனால் கருவண்டிற்கு இது தெரியாது. அது பறந்து கொண்டதான் இருக்கிறது.

அறிவியல் கருத்துப்படி செவிக்குறையுள்ள குழந்தைகளால் பேச இயலாது. ஆனால் பாலவித்தியாலயா குழந்தைகளுக்கு இது தெரியாது. அவர்கள் பேசிக் கொண்டதான் இருக்கிறார்கள்.