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Founder-Director's Message



The end of any year brings with it an opportunity to reflect. This year, in particular, was highlighted by uncertainty, defined by fits-and-starts and a myriad of hitherto unforeseen challenges. Through all this we adapted and persevered and held our own.

We turned 19 this year and continue to have the faith, trust and blessings of so many donor-partners. I have always maintained that our continuity has also been shaped by a significant amount of divine grace. This year we adapted to the changing needs demanded by the lockdowns and mandates to keep our centers closed. We provided online education and services and there were very wll received. Our professionals also hosted webinars on several practical topics that brought the community together.

Building on what we did in years past, we delivered a phenomenal amount of good work during the year, nurtured partnerships, and touched several hundred lives of children with special needs and their parents. We took time to introspect, to tighten budgets, to strengthen our corpus through some difficult re-engineering exercises.

This Annual Report allows us, in a small way, to encapsulate the highlights and milestones of the year. We hope you are as inspired by them as we are. Thank you for your continued support, faith, trust and generosity.

Finally, as we navigate these uncertain times, our commitment to the child with special needs continues to guide us. I wish you and your family, safety and good health.

With immense gratitude,Dr. Vasudha Prakash

Organization Profile

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. V-Excel has impacted over 90,000 individuals with special needs and their families across India.

The Trust now has 13 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.



Mission, Vision & Objectives

VISION MISSION

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.

GOALS

TO: provide lifespan services, education, resources and opportunities for social inclusion to individuals with special needs.

FOR: individuals with special needs, especially those on the autism spectrum and those with mild to moderate intellectual deficits and cognitive disabilities.

SO THAT: we are able to promote social inclusion through the development of equal opportunities and resources between people with and without disabilities.

BY: providing an umbrella of vital services that are essential for any child with special needs, covering early intervention, schooling, counseling, therapies, vocational training, placements and promoting independent living skills. There is an inherent recognition that one size doesn't fit all and all programs are designed and tailored keeping in mind the individual's abilities.

V-Excel Educational Trust is committed to helping people with special needs fulfill their potential to lead positive, productive and rewarding lives, through:

- Facilitating the development and delivery of treatment therapies, educational programs, training programs, and sports programs and residential and independent living programs
- The development of global outreach programs that will facilitate the sharing of best practices and programs with the global community and beyond
- Understanding the nature of Autism Spectrum Disorder, raising awareness, and promoting the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities
- Creating awareness, dispensing credible information and striving for public policy initiatives to pave the way for lifelong individualized services
- Training volunteers, professionals, parents and caregivers in disciplines of disability
- Supporting research into the causes of special needs and into the effectiveness of treatment procedures for people with autism and other disabilities

Programs & Services

V-Excel Educational Trust offers lifespan services to persons with Autism, Intellectual Challenges, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities. The goal of the organization is to generate the awareness of, and the access to, education and rehabilitation for persons with special needs. Each program listed below is designed for the holistic development of special children/young adults and to help them become independent, gain confidence, and develop skills that will facilitate social inclusion.





Early Intervention for infants, toddlers and preschoolers to identify, remediate and prevent developmental delays and to foster healthy growth



Special schools for motor, self-help, cognitive, psychological and social development



Remedial Intervention provided for students with a disability to help them succeed in the general education setting



Teacher Training Programs



Vocational Training and Placement Services



Outreach Programs



Professional Workshops



Consultations, guidance and counseling for parents on a child's development

Fact Sheet



V-Excel was awarded the "Champion Level - GuideStar India Platinum" award for the 3rd straight year. This certifies the organization's transparency until the end of 2020. GuideStar India launched the GuideStar India NGO Transparency Awards to recognize organizations that practice and voluntarily demonstrate their transparency and accountability in the public domain. GuideStar believes that there is a need to have awards to illuminate the transparency level of civil society organizations to inspire greater trust in their work and garner support for their cause.

Fact Sheet

Date of Establishment : 29 Aug 2001 Registered as a Public Charitable Trust Registered under FCRA (Regn. No. 075901092)

> PAN: AAATV3623Q 12AA: 374/2001-02

80G: DIT(E) No. 2(445)/01-02

Donations to V-Excel Educational Trust are eligible for tax exemption under section

80G of IT Act

A unit of the Sringeri Sri Sharada Peetham Charitable Trust

Financial Auditors

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Key Funding Sources for the Year

























N. S. Educational Trust

Kalimark
K. P. Ganesan Memorial
Charitable Trust

R. Jhunjhunwala Foundation

Success Stories



V-Excel's trainee and alumnus, Deepa Ranganathan, from the Youth Empowerment Services unit, was married to S. Narayanan, in a ceremony held at Pallavaram, Chenna, on

It is a happy culmination of a long and arduous journey for Deepa. The entire V-Excel family wishes Deepa and Narayanan a long, happy and peaceful married life. Many of the staff worked with her, particularly the team in YES and the counseling team who helped Deepa navigate this process and stood by her all along.

Anagha's Story

Anagha joined the Nashik school five years ago at the age of 9. She was an obese early teenager with 75% Intellectual Disability and speech impairment who loathed physical activity at all costs. These led to secondary limitations like a protruding belly, lumbar lordosis and foot pronation that made it hard for her to run or jump.

Her diet was modified and household chores were introduced in her daily activities. Slowly, these activities were extended; she was made to wear weighted jackets and cuffs and modified shoes. She was able to endure a whole hour of physical activity without crying or resisting. Obstacle training was introduced to help overcome her fear of leaving her feet leaving the ground.

With repetition and practce, her behaviour and moods improved, her laziness reduced, she lost weight and was more cheerful. Now, Anagha can perform cardio exercises for 35 minutes and is being trained for advanced obstacle training on raised platforms and dynamic surfaces.

Akash's Success

A student from V-Excel's Bridges Learning Academy (BLA), Akash Manikandan, passed two exams, Maths and Tamil, of the State Board 10th Standard. When he joined BLA in September 2019 he was beset with low self-onfidence and a fear of the exams. His handwriting was poor and he had severe difficulty in writing. Initially, the staff worked with him to help recollect concepts of the subjects and made him aware of the strategies that he could use to learn. He grew confident and could orally answer questions. With concessions, he was given a scribe and extra time for the exams and passed them both. Parents and teachers have to work together for a child to blossom. Getting concessions for students who deserve them is important as it helps the child to become more confident and remain motivated.

The year was defined by the pandemic and punctuated by lockdowns. Services were disrupted and attendance from both staff and students was severely impacted.



V-Excel's team of counselors and psychologists offered free counseling support for any frontline healthcare worker.



With footfalls being adversely impacted due to the prevailing circumstances, the Early Intervention Unit conducted online screening camps to identify children with developmental delays.

V-Excel turned 19 this year and pledges to continue to strive to bring meaning and abundance in the lives of persons with special needs. With the student at the center, V-Excel promises a warm, sensitive and caring atmosphere and a commitment to work with clarity, compassion and creativity.

Without doubt, this was the most challenging years, thus far, in the history of the organization, but if anything, it has increased the resilience and drive of everyone involved to continue to give it their best and more.

In light of various issues surrounding COVID-19, V-Excel's counselling services were available via calls on WhatsApp and Skype, during the lockdown periods, at a minimal cost. Many people availed of these services.





Music for a Cause

Through many months of the pandemic and the lockdown, one of our staunch well-wishers, Sudeep Sangameswaran, Managing Director of Paques Environmental Technology India Pvt. Ltd., and a renowned singer, set aside his Sundays to sing for V-Excel and to use this as a platform to raise funds.

Many of the programs were compered by Mrs. Sudha Sudeep and by V-Excel's Trustee, Radhakrishnan Iyer.

"As one person, I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person. Music-for-a-cause has been a big agent all my adult life. I have therefore chosen these extraordinary times, to engage the music inside me with one cause that has always been close to my heart - service towards individuals, especially children, with special needs. Please lend me a helping hand, please spread this message, please donate as much as you can, as much as you want. In thanks, I promise to sing my heart out!"





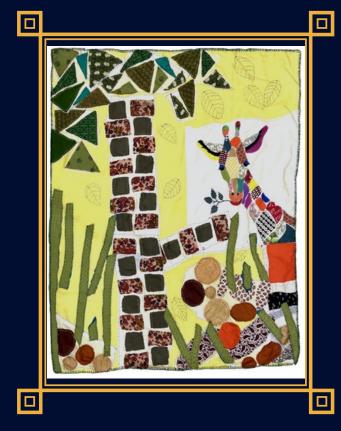


V-Excel signed Memoranda of Understanding with SNEH - Product Hub and with Vivikta - Natural Essentials.

The Special Need Empowerment Hub (SNEH) brings together adults with special needs and also institutions that work with adults with special needs through a common platform. SNEH facilitates their productive engagement based on their skill set, thereby creating financial independence and dignity. SNEH's vision is to create a sustainable livelihood for adults with special needs through sheltered employment opportunities

Vivikta's products are made totally with natural ingredients and infuse energy for vitality. Sources from sacred texts and traditional secrets passed down from generations, these products are packed by the students and trainees of V-Excel.

Three quilts, designed and created by V-Excel's staff and students were exhibited at the India International Quilt Festival (IIQF) 2021. The uniqueness of this community quilting project was that it came alive at a time when social distancing was at its peak. Yet, it brought together students, families, and teachers together making it a completely inclusive activity. It is the first time that IIQF has entries by special students.



The mobile food truck *Tiffin Times* resumed its operations in November 2020. This vehicle was restructured to be a training, assembling, and sales platform for our young trainees being prepared for the hospitality industry. After many rounds of meetings and discussions a MoU was signed with Judie's Group who will be the operating partner for V-Excel.





With an 80 kg. tomato yield from Sreyes Farm, a short vocational project of preparing sauce from it was initiated. All trainees were involved in this project for three full days. The finished products were distributed to the trainees first, and then to all the teachers, staff and the balance were sold at the Sreyes Farm outlet at the Adyar premises.

Kocoatrait introduced the The Madras Collection, a sustainable and inclusive bean-to-bar, zero-waste, chocolate gift box! A set of 9 exquisite flavoured bars inspired by flavours of Tamil Nadu were a part of this collection. The individual chocolate bars come wrapped in eco-friendly, upcycled cocoa shell material. The wrappers are printed using water based ink at the Youth Empowerment Services unit of V-Excel. The wrappers also include artworks by differently-abled artists.





Throughout the pandemic and the ensuing lockdowns, V-Excel offered a series of webinars, on a variety of relevant topics. These webinars were conducted by professionals and subject-area experts.

The strict lockdown measures across the country to control the spread of COVID-19 had lasting the effects on children with special needs and their parents. Routines were disrupted and change was hard to accept. The teaching staff working ardently to create home-based activities and counselors were in constant touch with the students and parents on Skype and WhatsApp video calls.

V-Excel's inclusive Tarang concerts were conducted virtually and were livestreamed on social media. Several artistes lent their time to sing on various themes.





Across the organization, online classes were held. These covered functional academics, daily living skills, yoga, group counseling, social and communication skills, among many others.





Awards & Accolades





The Rotary Club of Chennai Royals (RCCR) conferred this year's Rotary Life Changer Award 2020 to two skill-trainers from V-Excel.

- Shanthi Nehru, Skill Trainer, Vocational Training Unit, Shastri Nagar and
- Yuvaraj Vijayaraghavan, Skill Trainer, Youth Empowerment Services, Mylapore.

The winners were announced in a virtual awards function held by RCCR.

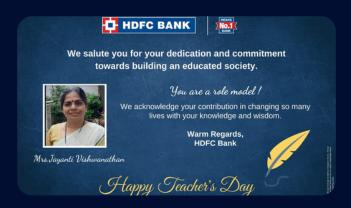
The Rotary Club of Chennai ECR conferred this year's Rotary Teaching Excellence Award to V-Excel's IT Manager, Ramesh Gopalakrishnan. He collected the citation and the award from Mr Deepak Sanghi, President Rotary Club Chennai ECR.





Ramanathan Shankar, a trainee at the Youth Empowerment Services unit was selected for a Special Art Award, in a poster-making competition organized by the United Schools Organization (USO) of India, New Delhi. He was in the awarded a medal and a certificate. Three other trainees also participated in the event.

On Teacher's Day 2020, Mrs. Jayanthi Viswanath, Regional Program Director, Nashik, was honored by the HDFC Bank, Nashik, for her dedication and commitment towards building an educated society.



Towards Social Inclusion



Balambiga Rajan, a trainee from the Youth Empowerment Services unit, was placed in the Aakash Fertility Clinic as a Front Office Assistant on 24 December 2020. She will be assisting the front office manager in filing, data entry, attending phone calls and passing messages to various departments in the hospital.

Before joining duties, she was counselled on personal grooming, personal hygiene and safety, job profile and social skills. Regular followups and continuous hand holding will be given to Bala till the time she settles down in her job.

V-Excel's senior-most trainee, Vadyanathan (Vaithy), was 53 when he joined the Vocational Training Unit in 2016. He had OCD issues which were worked upon and eventually, he settled down at the unit. In April 2019, he graduated and was employed at the Sreyes Farm sales outlet on the same premises. At the outlet, he segregated vegetables and delivered orders to nearby homes.

During the lockdown, unfortunately, he lost both his parents. He has a brother in the USA.

Now Vaithy is 58, and the family after discussing with him decided to move him to the Viswa Shanthi Senior Home in Sriperumbadur. Vaithy was very happy and thrilled. The staff at VTU were especially gratified at the progress he had made with their help and guidance, and that he was now sufficiently empowered to take his own decisions in his life's journey.



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Parimal Pandit - Program Director - Counseling and Assessments
Lakshmi Sudhakaran - Program Director
Lekshmi Ramesh - Coordinator - Remedial Center
Gayathri Suryanarayanan - Center Coordinator - Youth Empowerment Services
Sivaprakash Balasubramaniam - AGM - Administration

Get Involved

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:

VOLUNTEER

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. To find out more about volunteering, click here.

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.

AS CORPORATES

- Strategic philanthropy through charity donations
- Cause-marketing initiatives
- Events and sponsorships
- Innovations and project solutions for children



Media

Women deserve to be honoured daily. But once in a year on Women's Day, they are revered the world over. This day is not a reminder for others to celebrate women. It is a day to remind women to feel proud of all that they have given to society and family. A day they let others pamper them; a day to be on the receiving end. At Adyar Times we picked enterprising women in our neighbourhood who are worthy of praise - the pearls of society, who in their own fashion enhance the lives of the less fortunate who need unconditional love.

Simple life, Great Joy

Margaret Buch is an 84 year young Wonder Girl from Besant Nagar. She is bubbling with energy and love which she shares with love which she shares with needy children in the society. She settled in Besant Nagar in 1970. Her career started as a Primary class teacher at St. Michael's in Gandhi Nagar in 1988 where she worked for 25 years.

She lives with her husband Buch who is 93. Margaret was a National level champion in Hockey and toured in Australia (believe me) in 1936!!! She had qualified as an artist at the School of Art in Bombuy.

She now imparts all





soons. Margaret: also teaches special kids at RASA in Mandareli.

It is indeed surprising that her services are voluntary and face. After lockdown when these places shut down, she has done heaps of hand work and all for sale. She neere handles cash. The money from the sale of her card work is paid to her as a cheque, favouring any of these organizations. It is a manting that she is not even proud of what she does. She just takes it as a part of life. There is a life leson sention citizens need to learn from her. "I have practically zero wants. No fancy food, just rice and dail and vegetables. I have enough noney for my simple living siyle and my medicines. Why do I need more noney, which will only complicate my life? I just want to help others and be useful to society. I only with more youngsters and ettered people take up voluntary service.

community service."
Her handcrafts are on sale. She is a resident of r Okot: Kuppam Road and can be con:acted at 0:4

Mrs. Margaret Buch, an incredibly talented craftsperson, has been a committed volunteer at V-Excel's Vocational Training Unit in Shastri Nagar for years now. She has trained many trainees in jute-bag making, bead work, making paper bags, chord jewelry, jute fiber products, and coasters among several other things. She has set exemplary standards for product quality. The Adyar Times featured Mrs. Buch in a piece to celebrate International Women's Day.

Teachers and trainees of V-Excel Educational Trust make masks. Donate your old bedsheets and clothes to this cause. June 30, 2020 - Mylapore Times



says "These masks are reusable and strictly adhere to the specifications received from the Ministry of Health and Family welfare. We wash the masks thoroughly and dry it under the sun before they are sold for Rs. 35 a piece. The masks also come with a pocket to insert a filter for additional protection".

bedsheets and clothes. The clothes must be washed, rinsed in Dettol, sun dried and

roned on high heat before it is dropped off. The fabric should be 100% cotton with a are meter) of 65 and above. Thick weave and bed covers with a thread count of 120 will also work.

The clothes can be dropped off 10/23, Sharada, Thiruvengadam Street, R. A. Puram. The masks can also be picked up from there, For orders contact Charumathi at 9840571731.

V-Excel's vocational training unit encourages its trainees to grow home gardens; shares tips online April 21, 2020 Mylapore Times



Educational Trust in Mylapore is now encouraging its trainees to grow their

Home gardening was the topic of their recent online sessions where young adults with special needs were briefed on tips to grow veggies using items available at their homes.

rathri Suryanarayanan, vocational placement coordinator, V-Excel, "Following lockdown, we could not have re We chose home gardening as one of the activities as growing plants can be therapeutic to our trainees."

She says that around 18 trainees joined for the session along with their parents

trainees could use items available at their homes to grow plants like coriander, curry leaves, spinach and tomato.

for these plants. Some also said we could dry the neem leaves and use it as compost/ soil for the plant.

Gayathri shares that a couple of their trainees have already started growing veggies. "Within a few days, our trainees shared pictures of the little plants they had started growing on bottles, mugs and even on buckets. We felt very happy to see them,

The YES unit provides vocational training to young adults with special needs in areas like baking, confectionery making, basic computer skills and later offers them appropriate job opportunities. It is based in Luz Church Road, Mylapore.

V-Excel Educational Trust, an NGO for special children in Mandaveli is planning to make cloth masks to be distributed to patients visiting hospitals, pregnant women among others.

The NGO has collaborated with The Square Inch, a Chennai based quilting studio to make the masks,

Says Charumati Sriram of V-Excel, "We are in touch with the quilting studio for a long time. They have been teaching us methods to make coasters with different cloth materials. Now, they have sent us a video explaining the procedure to make the

She says that their teachers and parents of special children, who have a sewing machine at home have already volunteered to stitch masks. "After deciding on the kind of clothes and stitching procedure, we plan to start making masks."

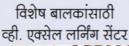
However, the team says that these masks are not for protection against COVID-19. *These masks act as a barrier/first layer of defence against any infection. Many people especially patients visiting hospitals for dialysis and pregnant women, daily wage workers, street vendors can use the cloth masks we make," a note from the quilting studio's Facebook page reads,

V-Excel to make masks for patients visiting hospitals, pregnant women April 20, 2020 Mylapore Times

Media

Online teaching for children with special needs July 6, 2020 Divya City, Solapur







विशेष पुलंगाओं अराज्यन्य को, एकोस तर्विण सेटप्की पुलंका साहिक वेचे २०१३ ता झाती. यून केवरीची हो मानव संस्था आहे. साहिक केचे २०१३ ता झाती. यून केवरीची हो मानव संस्था आहे. साहिक केचे आपने २०११ ता मंगे विशेष प्रत्य आपना पालंगाई परित्य के प्रित्य में १० त्यांत्र स्था अराज्य का अराज्य मुख्यानां आहे. रामात चांगांत्र प्रतिकाद पितासा. यून एक चांत्र प्रतु वे साम्याचे सांस्में श्रीती. मुम्लाविक कर १० पुने या साहिक द्यावानां में यून स्थापनां केवा आहे. रामात १० जूने सांध्रीय ताम पेडा आहेत. मुस्याचिता २० मूने व आठ विशेष क्षांत्र में सांस्में प्रत्य देव सांस्में प्रकृत कर्वती प्रतु प्रतु मानवाद वेंच्येचक ताल, शिवक देव सकतीत. १) मुस्योग क्षांत्र में सांस्में प्रतु सांस्में प्रसु सांस्में प्रकृत कर्वती कारम मुम्लवद वेंच्येचक ताल, शिवक देव सकतीत. १) मुस्योग क्षांत्र मानवादी स्थापनां सांस्माणका होत मुलंगों प्रीत्य प्रतु में मानवादी स्थापनां सांस्माणका होत मुलंगों प्रीत्य मानवादी वार्य प्रतु सांस्माणकाती प्रतु सांस्माणका होत मुलंगों प्रीत्य मानवादी सांस्माणकाती स्थापनां सांस्माणकाती हम्माणवीती प्रतिक्ष प्रतु मानवादी सांस्माणकाती स्थापनां मानवादीत हम्माणवीती प्रतिक्ष प्रतु मानवादी सांस्माणकाती सांसाणकाती हम्माणवीती हम्माणवीती प्रतिक्ष सांसाणकाती सांसाणकाती सांसाणकाती हम्माणवीत हम्माणवीती प्रतिक्ष सांसाणकाती सांसाणकाती सांसाणकाती हम्माणवादीत हम्माणवादीत सांसाणकातीती भागांत्र मानवादीता सांसाणकाती सांसाणकातीती सांसाणकातीत हम्माणवादीता हम्

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शांभवीची अशीही बांधिलकी।

साभवावा असाहा बाध्यंत्रवार । कंपाये एच्यांति सुन मा संशोकी राज्यां ने अंतरात रावणें क्षेत्रक्रमा तिन घेडल तानारिक उप्रमान रावतिकार येतार. येदा संभावित आँतर अंतरात रावणें क्षेत्रता त्रावता तीतात्रता है मित्र रावतिती. वार्तित तीन रिक्षांत तमान तीता हवता राव्यांती मात्र तमा करून ती विद्यांत्रता राज्यांक्रस्तात राज्यांत्रता सुनी स्त्रीता तमात्रती संत्रित्य स्थावीत, येदा मात्रक, सांत्र कांत्रती स्त्रातीत्र रेखा स्त्री, पूता पार, वी. तीता राजारीती, अनुष्या अस्याद, प्रदेश स्त्रीत स्त्रीत स्त्रीत स्त्रीता स्त्रीत स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रात्मी, तसिन स्त्रमारण, निक्षाती स्त्रात्मीत्र स्त्रीत स्त्रात्म तीता स्त्रीता स्त्रातीत्र स्त्रातीत्र स्त्रात्म स्त्रीत्र स्त्रीत स्त्रीता स्त्रातीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीति स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीत्रीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीति स्त्रीतीत्र स्त्रीती

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A chocolate collection bursting with the taste of Tamil Nadu

From Panakam to Pongal, Chennai start-up Kocoatrait is pushing the bar on new flavours

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Chennal-based start-up Kocoatrait is pushing the bar
when it comes to chocolate
flavours! Imagine chocolate
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flavours! (green chilli
marinated in yogurt and
sun-dried): Panakam (jaggery-based cooling drink);
filter coffee and Malligai
(lasmine).

Kocoatrait's Madras Collection — a limited edition set of nine exotic flavoured chocolate bars - is inspired by local tastes. "The collec-

tion of sustainable beans to bar chocolate gift boxes is a tribute to the city of Madras," says L Nitin Chor-dia, Co-founder of the com-

dia, Co-founder of the com-pany.

The aim behind the limited edition collection, he says, was to be the most in-clusive and exclusive gift box and deliver to the audience the various flavours of Tamil Nadu in a manner that has never been done before— with chocolate as a medium. The box is priced at ₹3,450.

The other flavours in this collection are Sukku Malli

Kaapi (a concoction of herbs and spices); Kozhukkattai (traditional South Indian sweet dumpling); Sarkarai Pongal (a rice sweet dish made with moong lentils, ghee, Jaggery, cardamom and nuts); Panai Sarkarai (palm sugar) and Paneer Roja (rose water made with a special flower presents). special flower preserve).

Eco-friendly packs the individual chocolate
bars come wrapped
in ecofriendly upcycled cocoa shell
material. The
wrappers are

he wrapper has pictures of art forms like Bharatan-atyam and instru-ments

used in traditional South In

used in traditional south in-dian music. The nine chocol-ate bars come in a palm leaf-based reusable box. The wrappers also carry in-formation on nine sustain-ability initiatives originating in Chennai.

in Chennal.

These range from Arture:
Sustainable and wegan accessories with 100 per cent
plant-based materials; Papermelon: Sustainable jewellery and decor handicrafts
from up-cycled paper, and
Solar Suresh: An individual
who leads a life off the grid.

L Nitin Chordia, Co-founder, Kocoatrait, with the 'Madras Collection' of chocolates BIJOY CHOSH

Testimonials



V-Excel Educational Trust has been privileged to encounter and befriend many children and young adults and grown up people with Autism. We have had our changes in perspective in our first meeting with them. Who are they and why are we together with them in this lifetime?

And I use the word lifetime because for most of us teachers, parents, and friends from the community holding hands with our students is not just our profession but the work that we have chosen to do and the world we have consciously chosen to be a part of. Someone asked me recently why I straddle two cities and come to school I said simply – that here in this world, I get to witness a miracle everyday! My eyes are naturally open here and something 'not of this world' is happening all around me! Today as we look upon the world literally unified in their fight and stand against the virus, many stories come to my mind of how some of our students had spoken of these very times many years ago. They spoke of brotherhood and universal love and we wondered!

Gita Bhalla, Associate Program Director

The YES team has done a stupendous job during the pandemic by conducting online sessions. Not only were the sessions very well designed to suit the participants with various skill sets but also the teachers made the interactions very engaging and ensured that the trainees' interest levels never dipped. The session duration the types both skill development, computer basics, therapy, etc. were really customized and apt. Hats off to YES instructors in making this difficult time for our children enjoyable and also helping to adapt to the new norm. Sincere thanks. The teams efforts reinforces that if one door closes another opens

The first day we (me, the parent and Siddharth, the trainee) completed three back-to-back 3 Zoom sessions. We feel as if we have achieved a lot. Attending itself gives us such a feeling. I can understand the effort and passion with which you are preparing and arranging the classes.

Truly blessed and indebted to you. Hope and trying our level best to do justice to the effort and help given to us by you (although at times feeling a little bit complex of not able to do things perfectly)

Mrs. Partibhan

Mr. Ravi

Financials

Balance Sheet

Assets as on	31-03-21	31-03-20
Fixed assets	1,19,97,618.47	1,38,09,457.15
Investments	-	-
Loans and Advances	5,04,846.00	7,34,846.00
Cash and Bank Balances	3,52,52,959.78	2,09,53,691.60
Other Current Assets	11,50,086.00	18,68,456.92
Excess of Expenditure over Income (if any)	-	-
Total Assets	4,89,05,510.25	3,73,66,451.67

Liabilities as on	31-03-21	31-03-20
Trust / Society / Shareholder Funds	-	-
General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	2,41,05,212.37	3,21,81,023.86
Corpus and Endowment Funds	1,36,20,000.00	1,00,00,000.00
Restricted / Earmarked Funds	-	-
Grant Balances	-	-
Loans and Borrowings	5,77,200.00	5,70,700.00
Current Liabilities and Provisions	15,87,289.30	26,90,539.30
Excess of Income over Expenditure (if any)	90,15,808.58	-80,75,811.49
Total Liabilities	4,89,05,510.25	3,73,66,451.67

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year ended	31-03-21	31-03-20
Donations	3,14,63,446.67	4,06,24,086.00
Consultations and Counseling	4,38,800.00	15,77,707.90
Interest Income	17,83,739.47	14,74,243.26
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	80,75,811.49
Total	3,36,85,986.14	5,17,51,848.65

Expenditure for the year ended	31-03-21	31-03-20
Employee Benefit Expenses	93,06,055.00	1,65,37,032.00
Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	22,92,483.70	29,35,294.50
Other Expenses	1,30,71,638.86	3,22,79,522.15
Excess of Income over Expenditure	90,15,808.58	-
Total	3,36,85,986.14	5,17,51,848.65

For V-Excel Educational Trust

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Authorised Signatory

Place: Chennai Date: 25/11/2021

For V-Excel Educational Trust

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Looking Ahead

This was a year defined by lockdowns and disruptions in routines and services. V-Excel extended itself admirably throughout, although attendance, at times, was sketchy and our services operated in fits and starts. The pandemic gave us the time and space to introspect and to look at our personnel. We did a fair bit of housekeeping, thanks in large part to the active involvement of our core team led so ably by our trustee Mr. G. Rajagopal.

With fewer staff and fewer children, we merged some of our units ensuring greater sustainability. While virtual programs were consistently offered, the realm of special education will only thrive when there is personal interaction between teacher and student. We will look forward to having everyone back in the office space, while following strict safety protocols and hygiene mandates. The vaccines have brought us hope and assurance of a silver lining. While a new year sense of 'a fresh new start' will, justifiably, be missing, we still look forward to the year ahead and to achieve as much as possible.

Our work will continue, thanks to excellent partnerships and committed donors. Their trust and faith in the work we do will translate into lives have been positively transformed, families helped and communities strengthened.

We have ambitious targets for 2021–22 within the new frameworks and we will have to strive harder while remaining committed to improving our services. This year we will be:

- Focusing on conducting free screening camps
- Visiting regular schools to explore the possibilities of setting up resource rooms
- Continuing to reach out to our NGO partners and donor companies
- Promoting inclusion in schools in keeping with the Government's New Education Policy (NEP 2020)
- Implementing tighter fiscal policies leading to a healthier corpus

The road ahead will be fraught with hitherto unseen challenges, but through collaborative efforts, and always keeping the special child at the center, we will surmount all obstacles.

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From all of us at V-Excel
Thank You!