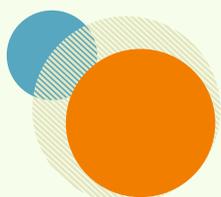
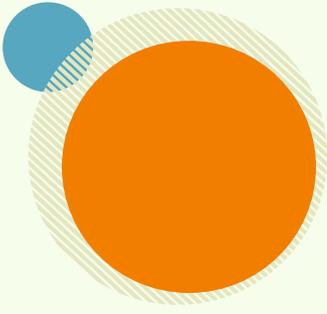


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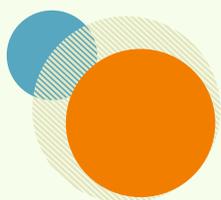




V-Excel has stepped into its 18th year! Our success in this sector is due to the work we do, the children and the individuals that we serve, our committed team of professionals, our Trustees, and all our active supporters. We sincerely thank you for believing in our work; it means a lot to us!



V-Excel is now recognized in the field of developmental disabilities as an organization that cares, educates and rehabilitates the special community it caters to.



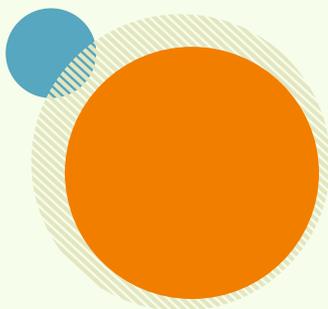
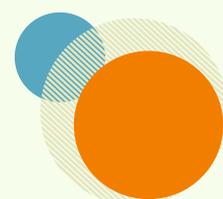
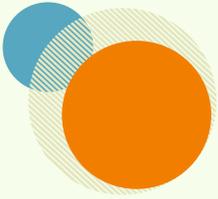


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About Us

V-Excel Educational Trust is an NGO that strongly believes in human potential, irrespective of age. We are driven by a strong belief and conviction that with appropriate education and empowerment, every individual's potential can be realized and skills developed for leading a meaningful life.

We are an organization that provides lifespan services to individuals with -

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Intellectual Disability
- Down Syndrome
- Attention Deficit (Hyperactivity) Disorder (ADD/ADHD)
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Behavioral and Emotional Disorders
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Other Developmental Delays and Disabilities

We provide a wide range of services such as Special Schools, Early Intervention strategies, Specialized Therapies (Occupational Therapy, Sensory Integration, Art, Play, Music, and Movement), Remedial Teaching, Vocational Training, Counselling and Assessments and Teacher Training. While Chennai is the hub of our activities, we also offer services in Tier II towns such as Tirunelveli, Srirangam, Erode and Pollachi in Tamil Nadu, and Nashik and Solapur in Maharashtra through our Satellite Centers.

The work we do is extremely resource-intensive and we have a committed multi-disciplinary professional team of special educators, therapists, counselors, and administrators, all working together for every individual's holistic development.

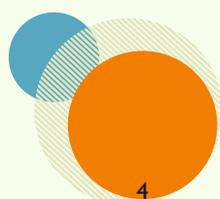
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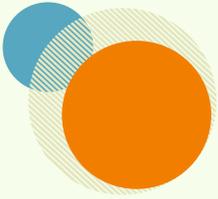
We are driven by best practices,
Bolstered by knowledge and conviction,
Dedicated to creating a society of
Compassion and inclusion,
Providing the finest services

Mission

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

- Facilitating the development and delivery of treatment therapies, educational programs, training, 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 intellectual disabilities and supporting effective treatment procedures for people with autism and other disabilities





Quality Policy

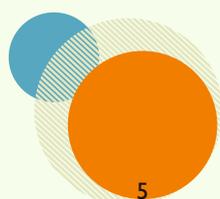
Our Quality Policy specifies that “all activities of the organization will be carried out in a systematic manner in accordance with defined and documented Policies and Procedures, will meet applicable legislative requirements, will be visible and auditable, and will ensure that the needs of Learners, Staff and Stakeholders are met.”

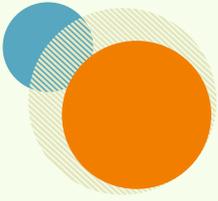
We realize that Quality is the responsibility of all personnel, and therefore we encourage quality culture within the organization by means of sharing information, including personnel in decision making and delegating specific Quality Management functions, to suitably skilled and competent persons.

Where deficiencies are found, corrective and preventative action are taken to ensure continual improvement of policies and procedures. The Quality system has full commitment from the Management.

Adherence to Good Governance

- Openness: Information is shared with all stakeholders, and reasons for decisions are made clear while maintaining confidentiality where necessary
- Integrity: Management committee members are not under any obligation to outside individuals or organizations which might influence their role
- Leadership: All principles are supported through leadership, respecting roles of the staff.
- Transparency: All activities and transactions, financial or otherwise, are dealt with utmost transparency
- Objectivity: Decisions are based completely on merit
- Honesty: Open disclosure of private/personal work that may present conflict of interest
- Accountability: Compliance with the law, and accountability for decisions and actions to funders, donors and the public





Message from Founder-Trustee



"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."
-Eleanor Roosevelt, 1st Chair of the UN Commission for Human Rights.

I truly feel that every life is worth living wholesomely and meaningfully. Each one of us faces challenges as we walk the path of our unique destiny, but we are all entitled to the diverse experiences that come our way, especially those we choose to create for ourselves. Our children are to the world what stars are to the sky. They deserve to shine. All our students need is an encouraging platform and a guiding hand, and a compassionate heart. Together, we make our journey an experience to cherish.

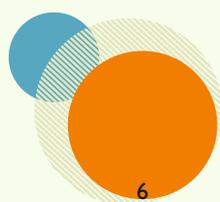
This year's highlights include the thematic Sports Day 'Around the world in eighty minutes' that brought forth the culture of various countries through drills and races; outstation trips - to Sreyes Farm, Tirunelveli and to Kumbakonam - that help build independent living skills; invitation to our Blue Sky Choir for performing at a Svantra event; participation in Seva Mela at Dakshin Chitra and Cottage Industries at Egmore where our young adults sold indigenously made products; and Summer Bazaar at our Chennai head-office premises. These are just a few of the several programs designed to interact with the community in our march towards social inclusion.

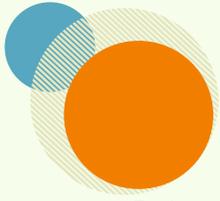
While we are proud of our many accolades (details in this report), we are humbled by the immense faith reposed in us by our partners - Rane Foundation for selecting us from over 300 NGOs in Tami Nadu and granting funds for a mobile food truck 'Tiffin Times'; Rotary Club Madras East (RCME) along with the Rotary Club of Romford and Rotary Club of Catarinaqui-Kingston for giving us a Global Grant for upgrading technology and infrastructure; Germany-based donor Yoga Vereinigung Rajagopalan E.V. (YVR), for donating a 25-seater school bus to us, among other supporters. A feather in our cap is the Advanced Champion Level Platinum Certification awarded to us by GuideStar India, a prestigious acknowledgement of accountability and transparency in our operations. This means a lot to us!

As we take strides in creating a more sensitive society for individuals with special needs, I would like to share a beautiful poem by our young men with Autism. They speak of themselves as 'I am another you' (see this poem in Significant Events) and awaken us to the reality -

"For in the end of it all, you search for love,
The only thing you know for sure
It's what we look for in every breath, in every look,
It's the only truth we know."

Dr. Vasudha Prakash
Founder-Trustee





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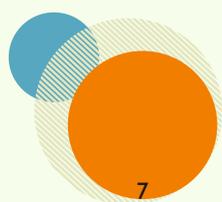
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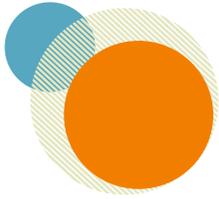
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Leadership Team

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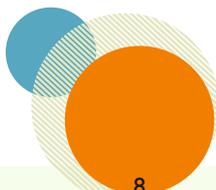
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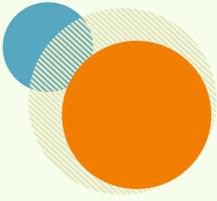
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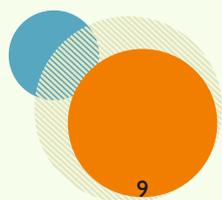
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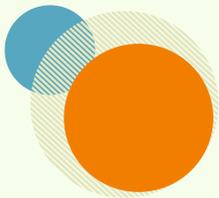
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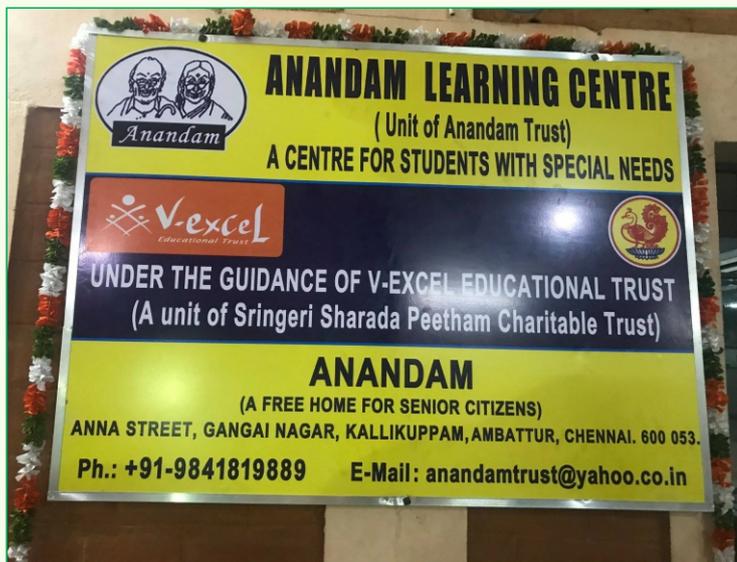
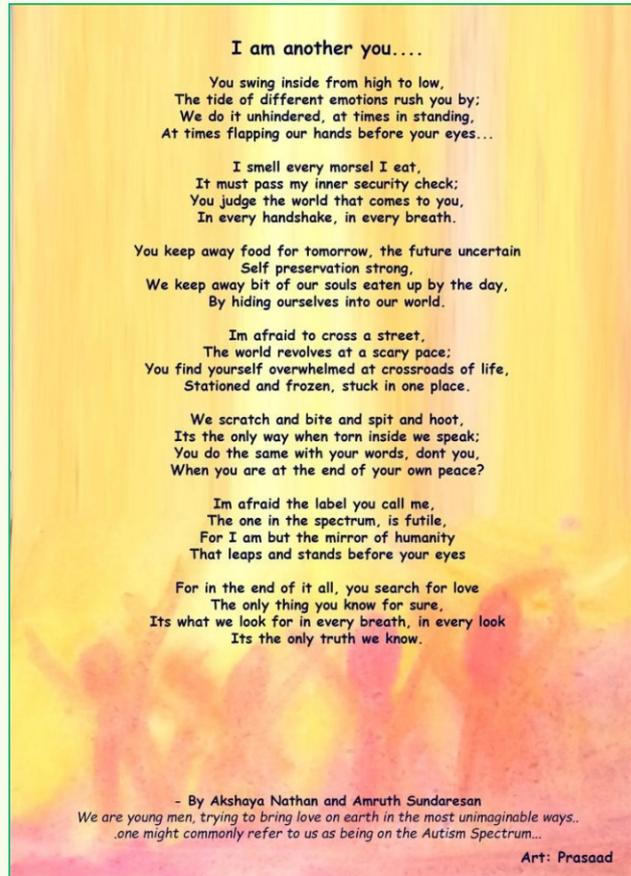


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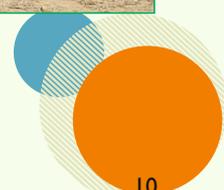


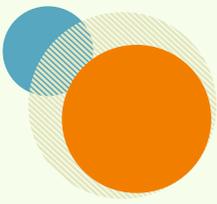
The month of April is celebrated the world over as Autism Awareness month. On 2nd of April, World Autism Day, students from our senior school wrote a poem, 'I Am Another You' which was shared with the general community. Social media and poster exhibitions included this poem, while newspapers wrote of the growing interest in the world of intellectual disabilities.

We inaugurated the 10th center of V-Excel, Anandam Learning Center, on 9th August at Anandam Old Age Home, Ambattur, Chennai. This Resource Center provides remedial services for around 50 school-going children coming from rural and semi-urban areas who have been assessed with learning difficulties. These students are part of the economically disadvantaged communities in the area, and are provided after-school supplementary education by senior citizens residing at Anandam.



Sports Day Celebration - The well-rehearsed and much-awaited Sports Day finally dawned on 16th February 2019. Two months of preparation and rehearsals culminated in a colourful display of dances, drills, races and other sports from all over the world. 'Around the World in Eighty Minutes!' was the theme, and all service units of V-Excel wove their games and races around it. The special school teachers and students explored the sports of Africa, Scandinavia, America, Cuba, Korea, Mexico, Philippines and designed their races around them. The costumes worn by the Austrian and Scandinavian dancers were authentic and were designed and tailored by our own teachers! The drills were colourful and were done to the tunes of music from each represented country. Every item of the event featured our children in colourful costumes signifying different cultures around the globe.





The parents, teachers and all staff and guests came together in a large dance and moved together singing "Havenu Shalom Aleichem", an Israeli greeting to say "May Peace be with you". The whole place felt like one big community and all units of V-Excel came together seamlessly in a remarkable display of team work and bonhomie.

The soft launch of our new initiative Tiffin Times, supported by Rane Foundation and Hotel Savera, was also a part of the Sports Day proceedings. We served sandwiches made by our trainees under the tutelage of Chef Rajnikanth from Hotel Savera. The food truck was driven around the ground for all to see. Dr. Vasudha Prakash, V-Excel's Founder, briefed the parents about this new vocation.

A facility named 'Sreyes Farm' has been developed by V-Excel's associate, ESVI Sarada Foundation, for providing farming experience and opportunities aimed at training our senior students towards independent living skills. These students are involved in different farm activities, which are very therapeutic and gives them a good learning experience. Weeding, sowing, watering, harvesting, and the construction of the cow-shed were some of the activities they have been engaged with, all under the able supervision of ESVI Sarada's Trustees, Mrs. Usha and Mr. Rajagopal.

On the 9th January 2019, 20 volunteers from Wipro visited V-Excel's Chennai centers. They were given a brief introduction to the organization and a short orientation on disabilities. They were also told about the do's and don'ts around special children to ensure that sensitivity and dignity were maintained. They observed the students and teachers sing together, learnt about various vocational activities, and interacted with our students.

Achievements

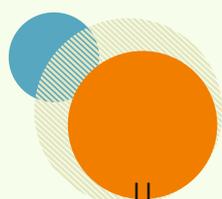
- 4th August 2018 was a momentous day for us. A graduation ceremony, was held at Hotel Savera, Chennai to recognize and honor 18 of our trainees who had been employed in various organisations or had gainfully engaged in set-ups run by special parents. The event showcased the capabilities and potential of the differently-abled and set new achievement standards. The Graduation Address was delivered by Shri Viji Santhanam, Managing Director Brakes India and Chairman, Sundaram Finance. He also presented the Certificates of Vocational Competence to the graduates. Other dignitaries included Ms. Nina Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Hotel Savera; Mr. Logabiraman Sekar, CSR HR Corporate, Hexaware Technologies; Dr. Sudhir Krishnamurthi, Senior Managing Director, Rock Creek Group and several members of our Board of Trustees and Advisory Board.

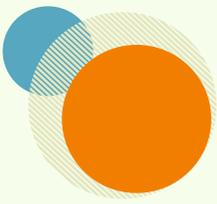


- Three of our trainees from our Mylapore center received job offers from Blue Lagoon Resorts. Venkatesan Sampathkumar, Karthik Ramani and Adithyamaresh Sivakumar were absorbed in different departments of the resort. They will be trained on the job and will have mentors to support them. We have sensitized the team.
- Another trainee from the Mylapore center, Adithya Sai Anand, was placed as Senior Executive at Hexaware Technologies (BPS – Thoraipakkam) on 25th February 2019. This was a welcome foray into the corporate sector.
- The first batch of students successfully completed the AIMS Media course, a vocational skills development program. A graduation ceremony was held on 19th June in the presence of parents and Dr. Maria Kapasi, Coordinator of AIMS. The students received their certificates after completing an 18-month training program in multimedia.



- Nine students participated in Javate, the annual cultural festival organised by Lady Andal School to showcase the talents of children with special needs. Most of our students won prizes and accolades.





- Two of our trainees work as interns in the Sreyes Farm. They go on Tuesday and return the next day. Vegetables from the farm are brought back for sale. Money handling is also a part of the training process.



- Trainees from our printing and documentation unit have started digitizing old student files dating back to 2008-09. The trainees are able to scan at least 10 files a week.

New Initiatives

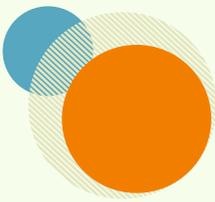
- 'Tiffin Times', a mobile food truck operated by young adults with special needs, debuted at the Springfest at Hotel Saveria on 1st March 2019. Our trainees made fresh vegetable sandwiches, handmade chocolates and three types of juices. The training for this menu was done under the guidance of Assistant Chef Rajanikanth. Though the menu offered was modest, the efforts of our trainees were highly appreciated.



- In July 2019, we launched a training program named 'The Heart of the Matter' for high-school teachers. Done in association with Kuruvila Jacob Initiative, this program gives teachers fresh perspectives on challenges faced by adolescents, and equips them to create emotionally resilient youth.

- September 5th, Teachers Day saw all the teachers of KLC having 'a day out of time'. They all came together to watch a movie together and then bonded over lunch.
- A group of 32 trainees and 10 staff members went on a 4-day experiential learning trip to Kumbakonam. Train travel was a first time experience for many, as was being away from the protective shelter of their parents. It was a practical lesson in social inclusion. Some made friends with their co-passengers while getting used to the constant movement of strangers getting on and off the train.
- The school trip to Tirunelveli from 21st to 25th March 2019 was a new experience for 47 trainees and 14 staff. There were educative visits to Pathamadai, the mat-weaving unit, and Kaladakurichi's appalam-making factory. A full day was spent at the Amar Seva Sangam at Ayakudi with visits to their spinal care center and vocational center. The trip ended with a refreshing soak at Papanasam waterfalls before the train journey back to Chennai.





Innovative Approach

- Independence Day - Old patriotic songs and similar new songs were sung with fervor by our trainees and staff. Students performed scenes like the Dandi March of Mahatma Gandhi. Our school children published a newspaper called The Indian Gazette, which was released by the Chief Guest, Mr. P.N. Vasudevan, Managing Director of Equitas. In his speech, he applauded the teachers and students for rendering a show par excellence which was very different from any he had ever witnessed.

- At the end of the summer camp, Bank of New York conducted a drawing competition on 27th April 2019. Our students participated, and won many prizes.
- Young trainees from our V-Excel Centers at Adyar and Mylapore attended 'Idhyaganam', a musical program organized by Rotary Club of Madras East on Wednesday August 22nd at Vani Mahal. This is a unique program where the club members invite all the organizations supported by them and entertain the participants with music, dinner and gifts. Thanks to Rtn. S. Sudhir of Rotary Club of Madras East and all the other members for organizing such a show.

The Indian Gazette

Hindustan Ki Ka

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Great Tragedy Causes Stirring Amongst Youth

The Bengal University saw rampant protests against the Partition of Bengal. The universal feeling was that differences were heralding among the teachers and this factionalism was causing a lot of disturbances amongst the student body.

Two students reported that it was most unpleasant and disturbing to be amidst this division among the faculty. There were constant violent outbreaks, non co-operation and great noisy protests, resulting in immaculate faculty meetings where the partition was discussed amongst the teachers.

Officials report that students wrote directly to Head of the University Sri Gita Devi was brought to resolve the disputes.

A student Govardhan G. Kailash commented, "It is tragic to see materialism creep into our everyday life. This materialism that is out of foreign rule made us realize our own selves with all of this came a great illumination of differences amongst ourselves. Our teachers realize that India is accepting and uniting of differences we hope the same can come out together."

-Special Correspondent E. N.

Local Farmer Challenges Agricultural Laws

Local farmer, Sri Pon Harish, has begun to grow his own crop on his land outside his house. The substance of life is completely within his own produce. Establishing the traditional crop, he is able to grow seasonal grain and vegetables at a level that doesn't break any ruling governing law.

"I am well within my rights to grow my produce. Working with my own soil, with my own hands grows me no bigger satisfaction. I believe this Swadeshi Movement needs to start within each home for our basic tasks like bathing, cooking, cleaning. Once we can take care of ourselves, we can build a community. The biggest fallacy of our times, is not making our own selves capable. In India we all know how to exist in a community, but no one can hold his own individual light in the brotherhood. That is my biggest struggle and task."

-Special Correspondent A. Karthik

New Law Passed By British

No one is to accept more than 3 feet space in the local markets as per new orders passed by the British Raj. Each community and religious group has been separated and fixed according to the colour code that will be placed in the market to ensure no communal riots. Any disruption and deviation from the layout would result in immediate imprisonment.

-Staff Reporter and Map, Prasad S

The Way Forward

Nehal Khan, leader of Free Hearts and with new plans for the Independence Movement, "Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine," he said. "This is my only request. Believe in words and we find a way out of our suffering." The people of Bengal cheered on this unanimously. "I shall bridge this gap. Let our voices rise," Mr. Khan added. "Beyond this open to suggestions."

Professor Aravind Karthik suggested distributing local newspapers to the people on 15th August, with a rose each. "Let words speak of brotherhood, so British or Indian may find peace."

Govardhan Gopal Kailash, a top student leader suggested miniature dresses to recreate Gandhi's inspiring Satyagrah. "Let everyone participate free independent human." More or less will be taken up for discussion later.

-Massor Ali

Unique Ritual Among Women In Rajasthan

Narmada, a local woman from Jodhpur has begun to gather a momentum of women warrior tribes of Jodhpur. Women between the ages of 13 to 21 have stated an Andolan called, "Hindustan Mein". Accustomed to marrying at the age of 13, these women have begun a new kind of marriage.

"We are marrying our country," Narmada shares. "If I can inspire the women of this tribe to really meet and play to the best and honor of their own soil, need..."

Calling Operation Love Members

With coming changes of the Bengal partition a unanimous vote needs consent for all future plans. Jun Baba Sri Sabari and Meenakshi V have called for immediate discussions.

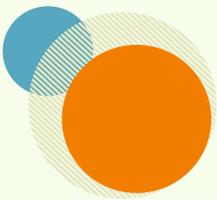
Note: This meeting is a peaceful discussion amongst friends. No weapons of violence allowed. Voting will be done by means of finger prints.



- Christmas cheer – The Senior School students of KLC staged 'The Christmas Miracle' at the Olcott Memorial School. The concept and the script was decided and performed by the students themselves. Parents of these students were invited to watch the play. The play was written by Hari Prasad, one of our students, with a little help from Raghu, one of our teachers. Parents enjoyed the play which highlighted several social lessons. Ms. Neha Bharadwaj and Ms. Puja Bhalla, performed an hour-long program of Christmas songs and carols.



- Holi was celebrated in KLC but with a difference. Keeping in mind, the scarcity of water in the city the students themselves opted for having a waterless Holi. Celebrations included playing with coloured flowers, eating colourful food, and dressing up in vibrant colours.
- Summer Camp: With the guidance of V-Excel Remedial Center, a summer camp was conducted around the theme 'Trees'. Innovative fun activities involving understanding and interacting with nature were the hallmark of this 5-day summer camp.



Awards and Recognition

- V-Excel Educational Trust & Grundfos Pumps India Pvt Ltd. together bagged the MCCI TAFE CSR Awards 2018 for Project Thozhi, a project involving the production and distribution of low-cost sanitary napkins as a vocational developmental opportunity for persons with special needs. These CSR Awards recognise highly impactful CSR Projects implemented collaboratively by Corporates and NGOs. V-Excel received a citation and a cheque for an innovative and inclusive concept.



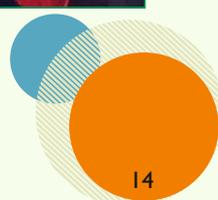
- V-Excel Educational Trust is now ISO 9001:2015 certified for 'Providing Lifespan services for persons with cognitive and intellectual disabilities with an aim of promoting social inclusion'.

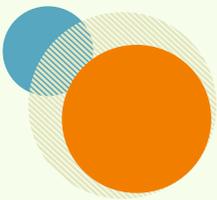


- V-Excel was awarded the Advanced Champion Level - GuideStar India Platinum Certification Award 2018. This has been an upgrade from the Gold Certification that we had received for the past two years. GuideStar India certifies NGOs based on their level of transparency and public accountability after a rigorous due diligence carried out by their team of certification experts. Due diligence is based on verifying financial and legal compliances through a thorough scrutiny of registration documents, tax returns, FCRA returns, audited financial statements and auditor's reports, public disclosures on our portal, reporting key facts to stakeholders as per our Annual Report disclosure template and confirmation of third-party site visits and references.



- The V-Excel family congratulates our teacher-parent Mrs. V. Pon Rajam, on being the recipient of Sri Arunodayam's Special Mom Award 2019. Pon Rajam is a mother of two young adults with autism. Her positive approach towards life, her sincere efforts in learning to do what it takes, and her dedication makes her a role model for many parents.





- Dr. Vasudha Prakash was felicitated by The Bengal Association of Chennai. This was a Woman Entrepreneur Award for those who made a difference to society.



- V-Excel was awarded the inaugural Rane Pioneer of Change Award on 3rd November 2018. The project proposed was for 'Tiffin Times', a mobile truck which will train our trainees in culinary and other hospitality related vocations. Dr. Prakash Natarajan, our Managing Trustee, received the medal, certificate and the cheque on behalf of V-Excel. Through 'Tiffin Times' we hope to create an impact in society by training young special adults towards employment and social inclusion.



- Indian Overseas Bank had its 82nd Foundation Day on 10th February 2019. The bank recognised and honoured customers and people who have positively impacted the society. V-Excel was one among them. IOB sponsored medals and head caps for all our students for our upcoming Sports Day.

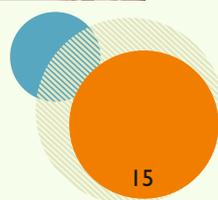


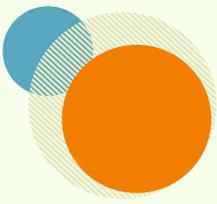
Community Support

- We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our Germany-based donor, Yoga Vereinigung Rajagopalan E.V. (YVR), for donating a 25-seater school bus to us.



- V-Excel Educational Trust was presented with the Global Grant by Rotary Club Madras East (RCME) along with the Rotary Club of Romford and Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston. Through this Global Grant, Rotary has supported V-Excel's Project E3 - Empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Enrich the vocational programs, and Enhance the infrastructure. Through this initiative, we have established a complete Smart Class set-up including state-of-the-art infrastructure, audio-visual equipment, laptops, tablets, application tools and software.





Social Inclusion

- Blue Blue Sky Choir- For the third consecutive year, our choir was invited to perform at 'Svatantra', an annual musical festival at the Youth Hostel, Indirangar, Chennai. The choir was also invited by the Madras Kids Education Revolution Summit on 20th January 2019 at the prestigious IIT auditorium where the audience included 600 students and their mentors from Teach for India of the Times of India group. On 7th December the choir performed in MCTM School.
- Tarang – Tarang has become a regular and eagerly awaited monthly program with popular artistes like Sai Sisters, Unnikrishnan, Saketharaman, Uthara Unnikrishnan, Mahanadi Shobhna and many others. The idea was to bind those with special needs into an inclusive society, to give them the joy of experiencing the beauty and harmony of the creative arts, while promoting the healing and the therapeutic effects of the performing arts in special education. We thank each and every singer and musician who has performed for us.

- Participation in Sale Mela - Our products were exhibited at Dakshin Chitra Craft Mela from 19th to 30th September.



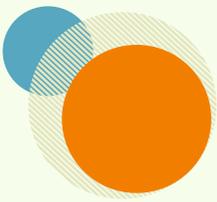
- Various jute products made at our Vocational Training Unit were displayed and sold at Cottage Industries exhibition held at Egmore for 10 days from 5th February. One of our trainees, Saravana Prabhu managed our stall at the exhibition organized by Equitas Bank at Spencer Plaza, Mt. Road, Chennai, for the entire day under the guidance of Mrs. Kantha Narasimhan, our skill trainer.



In the News

- V-Excel's placement initiative through vocational training programs were featured in The Deccan Chronicle and covered the journeys of three of our trainees – Chandramouli Ramanathan, Ankit Bhootra and Vijayasathy Sampath.





- Summer Bazaar at V-Excel - An exhibition and sale of products made by our vocational students over the year was on display at our R.A. Puram building.

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THIS WAS A UNIQUE BAZAAR IN MANDAVELI

By Preeti Srivatsan

April 15 morning.
V-Excel Educational Trust, a special school based at Thiruvengadam Street, Mandaveli, is buzzing with activity.

Soft music floats around the entrance to the campus. The special students who got skilled here are singing their favourite songs. At one corner, a few people are buying fresh vegetables on sale. At another corner, girls wait for their turn as the mehndi artist works intricate patterns on the palm of one girl who is enjoying the effort.

This is a carnival-like atmosphere. At the stalls set up on this campus, there was something for everybody, from home-makers to professionals. And all that was on display were made by the special students of V-Excel.

Gita Bhalla, the principal of the special school at V-Excel, Kaleidoscope Learning Center and the trust's executive director, says, "The products of students at three units, Kaleidoscope Learning Center, the youth empowerment services and the vocational training unit were displayed at this bazaar. Over 60 students, who have been skilled for a year now had something like 100 items to offer."

The items on display included jute bags, gift items, candle holders and decorative mirrors. There were a few unusual works - a memory board where you can hang memo notes and photographs and art and literature work of the students were also on display.

Says Gita, "Every year, we host such an event on a small scale. We have an exhibition, class-wise, to show to the parents what the students have been working on. This year, the children had made quite a few items, so we decided to have a bazaar."

A couple of parents, whose children have graduated here, have started self help groups. Items made by these children - like *idli podi*, *paruppu podi* and fashion jewellery - was also on sale.

In some ways, this bazaar pumped up the spirit of the students as well as their guardians as much as it connected with the community.

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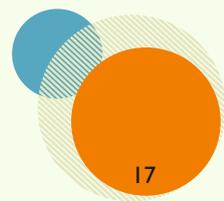
Impact in the Community

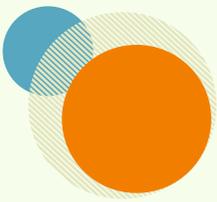
- In the conventional set up, our children are always 'beneficiaries'. However we know and believe that they can be 'givers' and 'doers' too. On one such occasion - Kerala Flood Relief operations - our older students, with staff support, pooled in efforts to collect various necessary items for relief. They were also joined by candidates from our teacher training program. 38 boxes were sent it to Kerala through Pudiya Thalamurai at Ekkatuthangal.



Staff Training

- A five-member team from our Chennai, Erode and Nashik centers attended the three-day Global Autism Convention (GAC 2018) conducted by Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA) Charitable Trust, Bangalore. The convention provided a platform for researchers, educators and professionals to present and discuss the latest happenings in the disability sector.





- Sreyes Farm Vegetable Outlet was inaugurated at our Adyar center, by Mr. and Mrs. Rajagopal in March 2019. Vaidhyathan, a trainee from our Vocational Training Unit was inducted as an employee at the outlet. He will be accompanied by another trainee, on a rotational basis, as a part of the training program, supervised by a teacher. Vegetables are received directly from the farm and sold to the public at this special outlet.



- December 3rd, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, is a day when we consciously work on raising awareness among citizens. In the morning our students, teachers, and parents participated in a walkathon at Thiruvanmiyur Beach, arranged by Nandavanam. In the evening, we performed a short street play at Nageshwara Rao Park, highlighting the need to increase sensitivity and understanding of persons with disabilities.



Satellite centres

- We delivered an order of 375 goody bags for RTR (Run T. Nagar Run) supported by Lennox International. While the bags were made ready at Vocational Training Unit at Adyar, the screen-printing on them and mug printing were done at our Mylapore



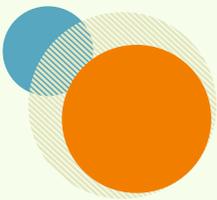
- Srirangam**
- Our satellite center at Srirangam, Abhyasa Kendra, has moved to new premises on 14th November 2018. Students from Sri U.Ve.Velukkudi Krishnan's Paathshala performed the puja and vedic chanting. All the trainees, teachers, staff and parents attended the puja.



- Samagra Siksha (Tamil Nadu -TN) organized a State level orientation program on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016 and it was anchored by Dr.T. Santhanam. It was attended by Principals of all leading schools across the state. V-Excel's representative, Mrs. Meera Suresh briefed the audience about the organization and the courses offered by the Academy for Training and Excellence.

- Apart from weaving, training in tailoring is also being imparted, as part of the pre-vocational training.





• **Nashik**

- Ms. Jayanthi Viswanath, our Regional Director and Head of the Nashik Satellite Center, was felicitated on January 3, 2019 on account of Women's Liberation Day celebration.



• **Solapur**

- Our Early Intervention Center shifted to new premises on 1st June 2019. The new building was inaugurated by Dr. Suneel Godbole, Developmental Paediatrician, Pune.



- A Visit by His Holiness Shri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji - The visit of His Holiness Shri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji to the Nashik center on 10th January 2019 was a uniquely divine and a joyous experience for all the staff and special students of Nasik center. His Holiness visited all the classrooms in the school and blessed the students and distributed fruits to all of them. He observed the children very keenly and enquired about the lessons, activities and therapies being imparted to them. Later, he listened to the students sing a bhajan and chanting of Ramraksha Stotra.

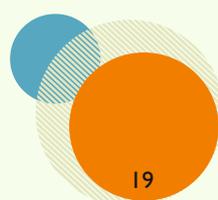


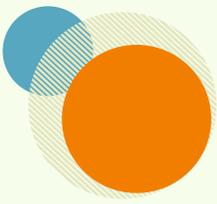
- The Center Head for Solapur, Shri Gopal Jahagirdar, has been awarded the "Adarsh Shikshak Puraskar" by Siddh Sung Pratishtan. He was one of the eight chosen awardees who were bestowed this honour on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

• **Pollachi**

- On 5th and 6th December, our students participated in the Inter-schools Paralympics competition. Seven children won the first or second prizes in various competitions like book-balancing, soft throw ball and kick-ball. On 23rd December, our students participated in the Nashik District-level Sports Meet and won prizes there.
- Saksham, a National Organization working for the welfare of the disabled, felicitated five employees of V-Excel Nashik Center with awards, in connection with International Day for Person with Disability 2018.

- To inculcate values of empathy among children, an interactive session with Mr. Sukumar, a social activist, Kunjipalayam, was organized in our center on 4th February 2019. Children were given a brief introduction about the social activist who serves 250 homeless people in Pollachi by providing them with one course meal daily and gives dress materials along with medicines. Our children donated the newspapers to pack the food items and contributed a small sum. Children learnt the value of empathy and they promised to help the needy.

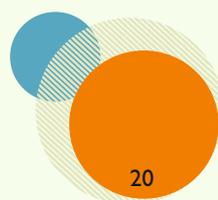




- Rohini Swaminathan, a native of Pollachi, serving as International GIS Consultant at World Food Programme at Italy, and with a highly credible international work profile including United Nation, NASA and World Health Organisation, visited our center in March 2019. She was happy that such good remedial services were being offered in a small town like Pollachi. She interacted with our children and motivated them. Children were shown Ms. Rohini Swaminathan TEDx video.

Success stories

- Monika's journey in V-Excel began in June 2018. She was previously studying in a mainstream school, and had difficulty coping with the pressure and expectations of that school. The school could not understand her individual needs and cater to them. Her struggle worsened, and sadly, she had to drop out of 11th standard. She came to V-Excel with low self-esteem, eyes filled with sorrow, with absolutely no hope for her future. The team at V-Excel welcomed her warmly on a promising note. She was given counselling, and art therapy to improve her self-confidence. She was admitted in at Bridges Learning Academy, a unit of V-Excel Educational Trust. She started preparing for her 12th Grade NIOS (National Institute for Open Learning) Exams. The teachers gave her intense one-on-one training. She slowly opened up and cooperated well. She completed her exams in first attempt! She is now studying her first year Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in a college at Chennai. Monika is now a confident, cheerful and motivated student. Monika's parents are overwhelmed by her improvement. They have recorded their immense gratitude to V-Excel. The journey has been fruitful for both the student and the ever-dedicated team of teachers.
- A young 14-year old boy in the Autism Spectrum, with innumerable sensory issues and delicate health, was in pain and agony, violent, screaming, biting, crying and was having a meltdown. He was sent to the sandpit play area where he could be left alone to calm down, but the agony did not subside and he could be heard throughout the school. Watching him from the window, our Counselling Department Head, Parimal Pandit, began to sing a soft song and the shouting stopped. She could enter the space of violence and he began to hold himself together. The stress, pain, torment on his face was soon replaced within a few minutes by peace, calm and a look of being safe. It was almost like watching the stormy sea slowly subside into a peaceful lake. He began to swing and at the end of two songs, looked around, smiled deeply, and let out a big sigh. She could leave him alone at the end of a few songs and he was calm the rest of the afternoon. This is not one exceptional story. We see it happen day after day with music and children - obsessions and violent behaviour subside, peace reigns, incoherent and repetitive speech stops, and harmony prevails in the subtle space of music.
- Sabarinathan, 12 years of age, was attending a regular school but was not benefitting in any form. He was also being labelled a misfit in the class. He then came to our Bridges Learning Academy where he started showing interest in studies and his verbal skills improved significantly. Apart from academics, he has also grown in confidence. We are proud to share that he is a Level 2 Champion in skating and has participated in a 7 km. marathon. A commendable growth indeed!
- Divya, our special educator, shares her learning with a very enthusiastic and happy tone; for her it is no less than achieving a gold medal. Harshitha, one of her students, does not sit in one place and has a very low attention span. When Divya initially narrated a story "The Sun" to her without using any material. When asked, Harshitha was neither able to remember nor recall the story. The teacher then used, a few animals, sand, some cloth to represent the sun and other play material to make the story livelier and more visual. Harshitha was glued to one place and was also able to recall the story even after a week. This was a classic example of the quote by Ignacio Estrada, "If a child can't learn the way we teach, then teach the child the way they learn".



Balance Sheet FY 2018-19



V - Excel Educational Trust
No 10/23, Thiruvengadam Street, R A Puram, Chennai, Tamilnadu - 600028.
Balance Sheet as on 31 st March 2019

Particulars	Note No	31.03.2019		31.03.2018	
Corpus and Liabilities					
Corpus Fund			1,00,00,000.00		1,00,00,000.00
Capital Fund		3,17,72,443.55		3,53,96,485.00	
Less : Transferred to Corpus Fund				(50,00,000.00)	
Add : library Books				25,00,000.00	
Less : Auto Sweep account				(9,97,440.00)	
Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure		4,08,580.31	3,21,81,023.86	(1,26,601.45)	3,17,72,443.55
Non - Current Liabilities			5,94,700.00		4,64,200.00
Long term Liabilities	1	5,94,700.00		4,64,200.00	
Current Liabilities			13,08,607.30		7,97,453.00
Income received in Advance					
Outstanding Expenses	2	13,08,607.30		7,97,453.00	
Accounts Payable					
Total			4,40,84,331.16		4,30,34,096.55
ASSETS					
Non Current Assets			1,52,83,674.95		1,39,74,979.35
Fixed Assets	3	1,44,78,828.95		1,32,45,583.35	
Long term loans and Advances	4	8,04,846.00		7,29,396.00	
Current Assets			2,88,00,656.21		2,90,59,117.20
Receivables	5	3,78,000.00		-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	2,68,66,886.29		2,79,69,476.50	
Short term loans and Advances	7	15,55,769.92		10,89,640.70	
Other Current Assets					
Total			4,40,84,331.16		4,30,34,096.55

Notes to Financial Statements

For V-Excel Educational Trust

J. Anand
Authorised Signatory

For V-Excel Educational Trust

Aravind Kumar
Managing Trustee

As per our report of even date
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Place:Chennai
Date: 19.10.2019

Managing Trustee

Income & Expenditure FY 2018-19

V - Excel Educational Trust
No 10/23, Thiruvengadam Street, R A Puram, Chennai, Tamilnadu - 600028.
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2019

Sl No	Particulars	Revenue Income	Capital Income	Total
	Income	5,01,62,868.38	26,80,729.00	5,28,43,597.38
	Total	5,01,62,868.38	26,80,729.00	5,28,43,597.38
	Applications of funds for the objects of the trust	Revenue Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	
		5,28,05,662.07	46,98,378.00	5,75,04,040.07
	Total	5,28,05,662.07	46,98,378.00	5,75,04,040.07

For V-Excel Educational Trust

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