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FOREWORD

The Jains have made a very significant contribution in Tamil Nadu. The first migration of Jains from Rajasthan to Tamil Nadu dates back to nearly 200 years. These people not only did good trade and business with honesty and sincerity but also followed the principle of 'Live and Let Live' enunciated by Bhagwan Mahaveer by their generous philanthropy. They served the people of Tamil Nadu both in the field of health and education. The first educational institution was started 80 years back and today there are several educational institutions not only in Chennai but also in various districts of Tamil Nadu. The enormous services rendered by these educational institutions have remained mostly unnoticed, as there has been no effort to publish or bring out a consolidated report with full details of these institutions.

I am really happy to note that Sri Sugalchandji Jain has come forward to collect the information regarding the Educational Institutions run by the Jain community and publish them as a book titled 'JAINS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS'. The Jains India Trust has put in considerable efforts to collect statistics and details about each of these Institutions. It is gratifying to note that all the Institutions are run by Charitable Trusts or Societies. None of these institutions take capitation fees and all the institutions are maintaining a very high standard of education. The members of the community are not only good donors but have also proved to be very good management experts managing these institutions in an excellent manner.

I sincerely hope that all the Jain institutions will continue to render excellent service in the field of education at most affordable costs.

I commend the efforts of the Trust in bringing out this excellent book, which is cogent, concise and carries clarity. This book will act as a good reference book on the contribution made by the Jain community in the field of education in Tamil Nadu. It will also be a useful guide to all those who want to pursue good education in the state of Tamil Nadu.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Jains of Rajasthan who have made Chennai their home have been in the forefront of educational service. But owing to various reasons the educational institutions being run by them are not known to many of the Jain community, let alone the public – may be with a few exceptions like AM Jain College and D B Jain College. Jains view the establishing and running of schools and colleges and serving the community in other spheres as a religious duty, which each one of them is bound to undertake. In addition to founding schools by themselves they generously contribute to non-Jain and government schools and colleges. They have proved that a single community can make a significant contribution in the development of education in Tamil Nadu.

For various reasons the Jain institutions are not very visible among the well-known schools, in spite of doing excellent work. In order to give these institutions their due recognition, we, at Jains India Trust, decided to bring out this book providing comprehensive data about these institutions. This will not only bring awareness of these institutions among the public, but also serve as an inspiration to Jains and non-Jains in establishing new institutions. We also hope that this book would help the public in utilising the facilities available in these institutions.

This is our 2nd booklet providing details of educational institutions set up by Jains in Tamil Nadu. We have tried our best to include all the Jain educational

institutions of Tamil Nadu. We would be obliged if you bring to our notice any Jain institution that has been overlooked. We shall be happy to incorporate the information in our subsequent editions. We wish to reiterate that the purpose of this booklet is to give wide publicity to the good yeomen service our community is providing in the field of education. This will, as you can imagine, encourage many to emulate.

Most of us are aware that Jains also provide various services in the medical and healthcare sectors. We also plan to cover the facilities established by members of the Jain community in sectors other than education through similar publications in the near future. Similarly we would also be focusing on families and individuals who have contributed to these efforts.

We thank Ms. Jency Samuel for collecting the comprehensive information from the institutions and founders and for preparing the draft and for editing the 2nd edition. We thank the management of all the institutions and principals and other office bearers for having found time amidst their busy schedules for providing necessary information and interesting anecdotes. We thank all the school authorities without whose support we would not have been able to compile this book. We thank our staff members for their assistance in bringing out this booklet of information.

This 2nd edition carries additional details of the institutions featured in the 1st edition and includes 13 new institutions.

We gratefully acknowledge the following institutions for their support in bringing out the 2nd edition:

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- Sri Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Group of schools, Triplicane, Chennai
- Jain Vidhyalaya, Madurai
- Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College, Minjur
- J T C Jain Mission Group of Schools, Sowcarpet, Chennai
- MNM Jain Engineering College, Thoraipakkam, Chennai
- Sri Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya, Sowcarpet, Chennai
- R B Gothi Jain College for Women, Red Hills
- Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Group of Schools, International school and colleges, Vepery, Chennai
- Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College, Vellore
- Shree Goutamchand Kothari Jain Group of Schools, Royapuram, Chennai

On receipt of the book in 2004, a few highly placed civil servants in Tamil Nadu called me and congratulated me for this publication and said that it is laudable and remarkable that Jains in Tamil Nadu are managing so many institutions without capitation fee and on a non-profit basis.

May we suggest that all the educational institutions ensure a wider reach of this book so that it would benefit the community at large. We would be happy to receive your suggestions, feedback and additional information.

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INTRODUCTION

Agurchand Mansion, Galada Pharmaceuticals, AM Jain College. They are landmarks that a Chennaiite crosses often without pausing to think who or what is behind these fine Indo - Saracenic building, the pharmaceutical business or the spacious college.

The Rajasthan Youth Association's book bank project is unique and is a big draw with economically weak students. Mukti, Rajasthan Cosmo Club, Singhvi Charitable Trust are names one associates with free artificial limbs, free school books, and free spectacles respectively. Here again we spare no thought as to what drives these people towards such contributions to the society.

But there runs a common thread through the names and the works. Jain. The word 'Jain' brings to mind the white robes of the sadhvis and the stately structures of their white marble temples. The Jains are a minuscule presence in India - more so in Tamil Nadu. The Jains in Tamil Nadu account for a mere 0.12% of the state's total population of 72.15 million, as per Census 2011.

Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka have the largest number of Jains. In Tamil Nadu, Jains inhabit towns of trade and commerce. For,

a majority of them are into trade and finance. In Tamil Nadu, Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem, Madurai, Tiruvannamalai, Tindivanam, Kancheepuram, Sirkazhi, Madhurantakam, Kumbakonam, Cuddalore, Ooty, Coonoor are the places with a considerable presence of Jains. Jains also live in smaller numbers in many other places. During the reign of kings and zamindars, some served as tax collectors. While they were into trades of textile, jewelry and steel till a few decades ago, many of the younger generation hold professional qualifications now and are even into manufacturing. The business interests of the community have also widened - including travel, tourism, real estate, printing, software development, etc.

While their silent presence has added colour to the cultural ambience of Chennai city, their silent contribution has brightened many a life. In fact, compared to the community's strength in terms of numbers, their contribution to many a cause - especially in the fields of education and healthcare - has been enormous. Because they strictly adhere to the religious tenet of 'alleviation of misery' - which in reality translates into education and medical aid. According to Jain scriptures, there are four types of charity, namely, Shashtra Dan, Ahar Dan, Aushadh Dan and Abhaya Dan. The religious duty of educating the masses and giving them right values is known as Shashtra Dan. Ahar Dan is feeding the poor, Aushadh Dan is giving medical aid to the sick and Abhaya Dan is providing shelter to the homeless.

To fulfill Shashtra Dan, the Jains have established more than fifty educational institutions - a majority of them schools - and a few colleges, including engineering colleges. While most of these schools are in and around Chennai city, a few are functioning in Coimbatore, Ooty, Coonoor, Madurai, Vellore, etc.

Various trusts that help in managing temples, like the Sri Chandra Prabhu Jain Naya Mandir Trust run aaimbile kitchens where food without salt, oil, and spices are offered free of cost. This meal is taken just once a day, as a sort of a penance. These kitchens on an average, cater to 50 people per day which doubles or triples on Chaturmas and Ashtami days. Various charitable and temple trusts also run dharamsalas to provide shelter.

To fulfill Aushadh Dan, many free diagnostic centres and clinics are run in addition to free eye camps, free medical camps, etc. that are held frequently. The Jains believe in 'live and let live' policy that extends not only to human beings but all life forms. Hence when it comes to practising Abhaya Dan, the Jains provide shelter to animals also - in the form of pinjrapols and ghowshalas. Jains are proponents of vegetarianism and ahimsa and so they actively support the causes of organisations like Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), People for Animals (PFA) and Blue Cross.

While some Jains maintain their ties to their roots, some have totally assimilated themselves into their adapted homeland. But in terms of contribution,

though they do contribute to their adapted land as well as Rajasthan and Gujarat, the contribution is significant in Tamil Nadu.

As this book deals with the contribution of Jains to the cause of education, the following chapters talk about the contribution during ancient and medieval periods and in the 19th century.

CONTRIBUTION OF JAINS TO EDUCATION AND LITERATURE IN SANGAM PERIOD

Though Jainism spread to various parts of India when Mahavira sojourned in search of truth, Jainism took root in South India in the second century BC. Bhadrabahu became the head of Jaina church in 317 BC. He predicted a famine that would last for twelve years. To tide over this period, he decided to migrate to South India along with his followers. Historians and scholars also agree that the great famine of Magadha might have compelled Bhadrabahu to migrate south. He migrated with 12,000 followers and a royal disciple, Chandragupta Maurya. Though there is no recorded history of Jain presence in South India prior to Bhadrabahu's migration, Bhadrabahu is said to have sent forth his followers to spread the message of Mahavira and to be in communion with the other Jain scholars elsewhere. Besides, literary evidence states that Jainism spread from Ujjain to Deccan and further down south due to the efforts of Asoka's grandson Samprati. But there is no epigraphical evidence to substantiate this claim. Dr Ekambaranathan in his book '*Chozhar Aatchiyil Samana Samaya Valarchi*' says that after the

death of Bhadrabahu, his disciple Visakaacharya and other monks came to Tamil Nadu.

Jains were pioneers in many ways in the field of education. While the proponents of Vedic culture taught their students only in Sanskrit, education was not available to the outcasts. But Jains learnt Tamil so that they could educate the masses through their mother tongue. They taught many women too. These women scholars were known as *kurattiyar* and *manakkigal*. Inscriptions in Kalugumalai in Tirunelveli district bear testimony to this fact, where various names of such women student kurattiyars are found. They were taught religion, ethics, logic and medicine. According to *Naladiar*, a Jain work, there is nothing comparable to education as the medicine for all miseries in this world. *Naladiar* contains four hundred verses of four lines each. It is verse 132 that says that education is the only medicine for all ills.

Immai payakkumaal eeyakkuraivintaal
Thammai vilakkumaal thaamularakkaedintaal
Emmaiylagathum yaankaanaem kalvi pol
Mammar arukkum marundhu

இம்மை பயக்குமால் ஈயக் குறைவின்றால்
தம்மை விளக்குமால் தாமுளராக் கேடின்றால்
எம்மை யுலகத்தும் யாங்காணோம் கல்விபோல்
மம்மர் அறுக்கும் மருந்து

According to another Jain work *Arungala Cheppu*, even an outcast who is educated and enlightened is an equivalent of God. *Naladiar* too advocates a similar philosophy. Verse 136 says

Thoni eyakkuvaan thollai varunathuk
Kaanirkadaippattan entigazhaar – kaanaai
Avan thunaiya aaru poyattae nool katta
Mahan thunaiya nalla kolal

தோணி இயக்குவான் தொல்லை வருணத்து
காணின் கடைப்பட்டான் என்றிகழார் – காணாய்
அவன்துணையா ஆறு போயற்றே நூல்கற்ற
மகன்துணையா நல்ல கொளல்

The essence of this verse is that education breaks down differentiations in caste. With such an outlook on education, they were pioneers in mass education, education through mother tongue and women's education.

Jains along with Buddhists are mainly responsible for the evolution of Tamil script. Earliest inscriptions found in caves occupied by Jain monks are in Brahmi scripts. Tamil words were inscribed with Brahmi script. For the Tamil letters like ra, zha, etc. that did not have a match in Brahmi script, the monks created new letters. Various such inscriptions are found in mountain caves around the Pandia Kingdom's capital Madurai. During Chozha period Jainism flourished and Jain monks and scholars enjoyed royal patronage.

The very word *pallikoodam* in Tamil, which means school, has a Jain origin. The monasteries of Jains and Buddhists were known as *palli*. Koodam means a small room. As the monks taught their students in one of the rooms of their monastery, *pallikoodam* started denoting a school. The other schools of the Vedic culture were known as *thinnaipalli*.

The literary contribution of the Jains is quite vast. Though some of it were lost during religious aggressions against Jains, many have survived. Of the five great epics of Tamil, Silappadhikaram, Valayapathi and Seevakachinthamani were written by Jains. Seevakachinthamani was written by Thiruthakkathevar and Silappadhikaram by Ilango Adigal. Nannul, a Tamil grammar of later times was written by Pavanandhi Munivar, a Jain monk. Vajranandhi founded the Dravida Sanga in Madurai and undertook religious and educational activities. It was during this period that Jain monks and even ordinary citizens wrote many ethical works such as Naanmanikadigai, Inna Narpathu, Iniyavai Narpathu and Sirupanchamoolam. The period between 2nd century AD and 12th century AD is called the Golden Age of Jaina literary movement. During this period, Jains produced narrative literature, socio-political histories, historical biographies, poetry and technical works on astronomy, medicine, etc. in ArdhaMagadhi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada.

In Tamil Nadu, during the medieval period, Jains were concentrated in the surrounds of Madurai, capital of the Pandia kingdom. In 9th century AD, Chozha kings took over the Pandia kingdom and the frequent wars between the two resulted in the migration of Jains to north Tamil Nadu. That is how Jain temples and schools came to be established in Melsiddhamoor, Tindivanam, Ginjee, Arcot, etc. In Tiruppaanmalai near Arcot, the construction of a Hindu temple had been left incomplete. It was renovated and used as a sort of a residential school for women. Aristanemi's

disciple, Pattinikuratti managed this school. There are also evidences of schools for women in Pallimadam in erstwhile Pandia kingdom and Vedal in erstwhile Thondai kingdom. Shri Ekambaranathan, in his book, quoting epigraphic reports says that in the Vedal school 400 Jain sadhvis and 500 women had their education.

But the greatest contribution is the equal status the Jains accorded to men and women, ages before women's liberation was heard of. From evidences it is understood that Jain monks had male and female disciples, and sadhvis had men and women students. In educational and religious activities, they worked together. Though there is no recorded history of a certain period, the pioneering work done by the Jains is evident and is being carried on by the present generation.

JAINS' CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION IN TAMILNADU FROM C19

Centuries of observing the religious duties of the four dan have ingrained an unmatched generosity in Jains that it is no longer an acquired second nature but an innate trait. The pioneering work initiated by the Jain monks is being carried on by the present generation with the same fervour, if not more.

The present generation in Chennai traces its immediate ancestors' sojourn to the south to the early 1800s. The Galadas of T. Nagar and Sowcarpet have common ancestors who inhabited Nagaur in Rajasthan till 1515. Then they moved on to Kuchera. In the early

1800s, from Kuchera, a young Kaluram Galada trudged along on foot for six months to reach Madras. He had journeyed to prove his mettle to his family. And when he went back as a successful man, he proved to be an inspiration for other youngsters to follow suit. But some elders suggest that Kaluram Ratanlal Maloo might have come to Madras in the late 1700s. Because when Agurchand Chordia came to Madras, he was in the employ of the Maloos. But the successive generations of the Maloo family have again shifted base and no member of the said Maloo family resides in Chennai today.

Following the example of Kaluram Galada, seeking greener pastures, Agurchand Chordia - also from Kuchera trundled in a bullock cart to reach Bangalore in 1822. Then in 1825, he moved to Madras. For a while he assisted the Nawab of Arcot in collecting tax from villages. And here it should be mentioned that traditionally Jains have been in the money trade. The superintendent of the mint under four Chalukyan kings was a Jain. Irrespective of the king who ruled, very often Jains were in charge of the money and tax matters of the kings. This practice continued even during the British period. And so it was little wonder that Shri Agurchand Chordia came to be of service to the Nawab of Arcot. For his services, the latter made him the zamindar of Tiruttani, Puthur and Nagari villages close to Madras. When Shri Agurchand passed away, his son Shri Manmull Chordia - who had been serving as the deputy collector in Sambar district of Rajasthan before coming to Madras - handed over the villages to the East India Company. The company paid

a compensation of Rs 2 lakhs. This money was kept in a trust account in the High Court of Madras. It was this money that helped in establishing the Agurchand Manmull Jain College, according to Shri Parasmull Chordia, great great grandson of Shri Agurchand.

It is not necessarily that when a person contributed to the cause of education, he gave out of abundance. Shri Mohanmull Chordia's family in Nokha of Rajasthan subsisted only on bajra and buttermilk. But when he was adopted by Shri Manmull Chordia's son Shri Sohanmal and came to Madras, the materialistic wealth did not influence him. Rather it was his regard and reverence for his maternal uncle Shri Mangichand Bhandari that instilled in him a desire to be of service to the society, especially in the field of education.

Thus he played a major role in founding the Sri Swetamber Stanakwasi Jain Educational Society. Everyone who remembers the pioneering stalwarts of the S.S. Jain Educational Society does so with a kind of reverence. Even though Shri Mohanmull Chordia had no formal education – there were elders' anecdotal references to his scribble of a signature – his vision and planning capabilities stood the S.S Jain Educational Society in good stead. Earlier in 1919, he had helped establish and run the Sanathan Dharam Vidyalaya. Shri Lakshmichand Dadha was one of the founder-donors of the Vidyalaya. Shri S Lalchand Dadha served as the president of the Vidyalaya for nearly 20 years.

Shri Mohanmull Chordia also established a school in his hometown Kuchera. His remarkable growth in life and his contribution to the cause of education were appreciated and the Maharaja of Jodhpur, conferred on him the 'Palki Shiropa'. He was also awarded the civilian honour Padma Shri by president Shri V. V. Giri. His gentle manners made everyone, including his business associates and clients revere him as a godfather. So much so, that many of his associates in transport business donated liberally when he proposed the starting of Agurchand Manmull Jain College. It was due to his generous contribution that the AM Jain College took shape. He continued to contribute for the cause of education and other charitable works till his death in 1984. Now his heirs continue the tradition.

Shri Tarachand Galada, a descendant of the first migrant Shri Kaluram Galada, was a typical Gandhian who wore khadi and Gandhi cap. Shri Mohanlal Chordia of Mylapore - whose father Shri Jawantmull Chordia played an important role in the S.S. Jain Educational Society - recalled Shri Galada's fund-raising abilities. Shri Galada too played an enormous role in the shaping of the S.S. Jain Educational Society since he motivated members of the Jain community in contributing generously.

Shri Mangichand Bhandari took care of the planning of the buildings and the construction activities. Every day he would visit the Amoluckchand Galada School, AM Jain College and Ganeshbai Galada School when each was under construction.

Though the community as a whole contributed, Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Tarachand Galada, Shri Inderchand Galada and Shri Mangichand Bhandari can be safely called as the corner stones on which the successive generations- the pillars - have raised many 'temples of learning'.

The elders keenly felt the importance of educating women also. Way back in 1953, Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Mangichand Bhandari and Shri Roopchand Khimsura took the efforts to establish the S.S. Jain Kanya Vidyalaya, which is now being run by S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh as Mangikanwar Anraj Chordia Jain Primary School.

The contribution made by women of the Jain community is also commendable. While the women of the earlier generations lent a silent moral support to their husbands' endeavours, the present generation is involved in the running of the institutions. From 1980s onwards ladies like Smt. Sushila Bhandari, Smt. Pramila Dugar, Smt. Chandrakala Galada and Smt. Lalitha Bhandari have been playing an active role in the running of schools and hospitals. Secretary of Ganeshbai Galada Smt. Madhu Surana, having seen an adult literacy program in Jaipur thought of implementing the same here. That led them to starting a free adult literacy program for women in Mangi Kanwar Anraj Chordia School, where the women learn the basics of Hindi, English and Mathematics.

Some women have taken up the cause of education after the death of the spouse so as to carry on the literacy torch lit by them. Smt. Sampath Bai Galada, wife of Shri Inderchand Galada is a typical example. Without an educational background, she contributed generously so that the generations to come would be benefitted through the Ganesh Bai Galada School, named after her mother-in-law and wife of Shri Amoluckchand Galada. Similar is the case of Smt. Gopikanwar, who not only donated after her husband Shri Surajkaran's demise to fulfill his wishes but also let her house be used to run the Terapanth Vidyalaya till the building was completed. Smt. Sayardevi of Tiruvannamalai inspired her sons to establish a school to perpetuate the memory of their father.

This shows that the Jains do not allow personal loss and grief to come in the way of their commitment. Because each name that is spelt in the cause of education has had his or her share of personal, physical and business problems. It is just that they do not let these problems hamper their philanthropic work that is uppermost in their minds. In fact, personal losses spur them more into sharing, as in the case of Shri Vijailal Kothari. When his four-year-old son Goutamchand passed away in a road accident, Shri Vijailal's father and his brother wanted to do something to perpetuate the child's memory. They had decided to donate a considerable amount of money in Goutam's memory within 24 hours of their loss. Now there are three institutions being run in his name. As Shri Kailashmull Dugar says, if one has the will and the determination one can set one's mind to doing anything.

The establishment of Research Foundation for Jainology is an initiative involving the Digambara and Svetambara sects of Jains. It was started in 1982 with the aim of creating awareness of Jain philosophy and tenets among the public. As the management of the foundation believes, the tenets help people in developing body, mind, soul and the spirit. It should be mentioned that the Jains are not just into propounding the Jain philosophy but those, which help us to become better beings. That is how Shri Krishnachand Chordia was attracted to the Tirukkural. Though he is a North Indian and Tamil is not his mother tongue, he was drawn to the Tamil language. He started writing verses when he was barely into his teens. He has presented many a paper, and has written books. His contribution to Tamil literature and his proficiency in Tirukkural brought him many awards and citations. With his unmatched contribution to Tamil, his presence is prominent in the Tamil literary scene. And since we are talking of the Tamil language, many Jains are proud of their proficiency in Tamil - for some like Shri Chaganmal Dhoka have studied in Tamil medium schools. Hence all the Jain institutions have Tamil as a language so as to assimilate better into their adapted land. The Research Foundation for Jainology also contributes to Tamil literature by publishing books - such as Chulamani written by Tolamoli Thevar of the Sangam period.

Another interesting facet is that the Jains are truly secular in their outlook. When the Madras University celebrated 125 years of educational service in 1983, the university decided to introduce new courses in

commemoration. When Shri Krishnachand Chordia approached the university on behalf of the foundation, the university agreed and a department of Jainology was created with an endowment of Rupees 15 lakhs from the foundation. The department offering MA, M.Phil, PhD, certificate and diploma courses attract many non-Jains. In fact, the first doctoral thesis of the department was by Shri B. Sekar, a Christian priest. The department has come into its own with the allocation of funds by University Grants Commission. Shri Krishnachand Chordia not only started the Department of Jainology but also persuaded the other religious heads to introduce courses on their respective religions and succeeded. So the departments of Christian Studies, Islamic Studies, Saivism and Vaishnavism in Madras university - the only university to offer five religious courses - owe their origin to the initiative taken by Shri Krishnachand Chordia.

In the same regard, Jains contribute only for the cause of education, by which the entire society, irrespective caste or creed will benefit. Thus Shri Mohanmull Chordia and Shri Lalchand Dadha were involved in running the Sanathan Dharam Vidhyalaya. Shri Lalchand Dadha founder of the Jain Medical Relief Society played an important role in starting the AM Jain College. He constructed buildings for a government higher secondary school in Phalodi and an auditorium for Sardar High School in Jodhpur. In addition to serving as a member of executive committee of National Girls' School in Triplicane in Chennai, he also made monetary contributions. Various philanthropic families have donated to numerous private and government

schools, some of which bear the name of the donors like the Badalchand School run by the Vivekananda Society.

The Jains not only join hands among themselves to establish educational institutions but also with non-Jains. The CL Baid Metha College of Pharmacy is one of them. Shri Hastimal Surana, whose father Shri Chainmal Surana established the Badankanwar Chainmal Surana Matriculation School in Royapuram formed such an association. Along with his non-Jain associates, he formed Mahalakshmi Educational Charitable Trust, which is running the Arcot Sri Mahaalakshmi Women's College in Villapakkam under Tiruvalluvar University. Started in 1999 in a 40-acre land, the college has been a beacon of hope for girls of Chennai's suburbs. Shri Hastimal also teamed up with a few others to form Vidyasagar Charitable Trust, which established a women's college in Chengalpattu. He emphasises on women's education for their emancipation. He also founded a Gothi Surana Educational Trust which now runs R.B. Gothi Jain College for Women.

Among those who have rendered service to education, there are two categories. People like Shri Mohanchand Dadha and Shri Ugamraj Mootha who contribute towards improvising the schools they established are happy to leave it to professionals to run the schools. And there are the likes of Shri Goutamchand Surana who would spend up to four hours each day in his schools, constantly striving to make it comparable to the best in the education sector. Associated with the BS Mootha Senior Secondary School, MNM Jain

Engineering College and DB Jain College, Shri Harish Metha would look into the minutest of details to offer the best education to students and also to make learning a happy experience. Shri Chaganmal Dhoka, who associated with Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya by chance, would visit the school every day so as to find ways to increase its standards. He preferred to shape each student so that he or she could stand on his own on completion of studies, instead of just producing good results in board exams. With this aim he has introduced various methods that have automatically brought in the results at the exams.

And then there are those who shaped the schools, themselves having had no or little education. Besides Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Tarachand Galada and Shri Mangichand Bhandari mentioned earlier, such contributions were made by the likes of Shri C.L. Metha. He, along with Shri Sukanmull Srisrimal Jain and Shri Kushalchand Galada raised the Bijairaj Sajjanraj Mootha Senior Secondary School. Shri Metha was born in Madras after his father came from Sadri. He studied only up to the fifth standard. But the service he rendered to the cause of education has no parallel. He was instrumental in starting DB Jain College, MNM Jain Engineering College, CL Baid Metha College of Pharmacy, BS Mootha Senior Secondary School and the Sanghvi Subhadraaben Chunnilal Ramdev Matriculation School. An honorary doctoral degree was conferred on him in recognition of his work.

While all the schools give importance to physical education, some have taken extra efforts. Shri Harish

Metha, Shri Gautamchand Surana and Shri Vimal Galada are the ones who can be bracketed in this category as having laid special emphasis on the physical development of the students. Dr.C.L. Metha with his active involvement in the Bharat Scouts and Guides was awarded the Silver Elephant Award in 1990. Shri Harish Metha followed in his father's footsteps and he received the same award in 2000.

Besides the individuals who involved themselves, numerous trusts are contributing in different ways. This is by way of supply of school uniforms, books, notebooks and school fees. Some of them give merit and merit-cum-means scholarships. Some contribute towards providing or upgrading infrastructure - like computer laboratories, library, teaching aids, classrooms, etc. A few create endowment awards to encourage students in their educational endeavours. The management of Sri Tarachand Galada Jain Vidyalaya has introduced novel concepts to make learning child-friendly as most of their students are from economically weaker section. The school helps parents to open bank accounts so that they can deposit small amounts and can use it later to pay the fees of their wards.

Many of the Jain schools have introduced special coaching for first generation learners and slow learners; this is in no way confined to Jains. As a matter of fact, though the schools are termed as 'Jain schools', most of the students of beneficiaries are non-Jains since, the schools do not collect any donation at all. Because Jains consider education as a service and there is no commercial interest in running the schools.

While other schools take in students depending on whether the parents are educated, in Jain schools, the educational or societal background of the parents are never checked except their ability to pay the fees of their children. Even in case of inability to pay the fees, the management bears it or scholarships are arranged. As Shri Sugalchand Jain mentioned, all Jain schools ensure that, no student is denied admission or is forced to drop out because of financial reasons. This has helped countless people, as people from working class are greatly benefited. This does not mean that the schools get students only from poor background. The repute of the school brings in children from all walks of life. The ease with which admission can be obtained brings in first time learners. The greatness lies in the fact that the schools strive and shape such students so that they measure up to the standards of the well-known schools. The standard of the schools can be ascertained from the fact that the Jains who have succeeded in spite of hardships - Shri Sugalchand Jain, Shri Kailashmull Dugar, Shri Vijailal Kothari, to name a few - are alumni of the Jain schools.

People like Shri Kailashmull Dugar come up with new methods and keep improvising on them to bring education within the reach of everyone. He started the Rajasthan Youth Association (RYA) in 1963, under the wing of which he started the Book Bank Project in 1964. When he was a student of commerce in AM Jain College, he found that not all students could buy books. As the library books had to be returned before the exams, the poor students would find it difficult to prepare for exams. He used to help a fellow student,

the son of a purohit. From his student days came the idea of starting the book bank project. The association decided to buy new books and loan them to students, which they would return on completion of their studies. The books could be reused up to four or five times. RYA let the students know of their book bank by meeting the heads of colleges and then putting up announcements in the notice board. Though everyone they approached was apprehensive of the project, the association members, headed by Shri Kailashmull Dugar decided to go ahead with the idea. So they started the project with Rs 7,000 and gave books to 25 students in 1964. Next year they gave books to 86 students. About fifteen to twenty people, including Shri S.R. Damani, Shri Mahaveerchand Bhandari and Shri Sarbathchand Chordia worked the whole day to distribute the books. They have perfected the system so well that now it takes just an hour to distribute books to 2,000 students. Then they decided to buy the books straight from the publishers so that they could get the same at a discount price. Till date more than 70,000 students belonging to all streams including arts, science, engineering, medical, law, etc. have benefited. Out of the total beneficiaries, 99% are non-Jains. At any given point of time more than 6,500 students would be using the books of the bank. The book bank covers almost all the colleges in Chennai, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram. Only a meagre amount is collected as deposit from the students. Seeing the success of the project, Shri Ashok Gehlot, then Member of Parliament, sought the assistance of Shri Dugar and implemented a similar project in Jodhpur. Shri Dugar, who is on the board of various trusts and organisations, is also involved with the S.S. Jain Educational Society,

Research Foundation for Jainology, etc. He has also played a great role in starting the Jawanthraj Tejraj Surana School and Pusibai Tejraj Surana School in George Town.

Speaking of contribution to education, the role Shri Sugalchand Jain plays is different. His father Shri Nathmal Singhvi had moved from Siyat in Rajasthan to Madurantakam and then to Chennai. He always lent a helping hand to those in need, at the cost of his needs at times. With such a benevolent father as a role model, Shri Sugalchand learnt early in life, the spirit of giving. Shri Nathmal had the habit of setting aside an 'anna' a day, for the cause of the needy. When a ten-year-old Sugalchand started visiting his father's shop, his father began setting aside two 'annas', one for himself and one for Sugalchand. Imbibing the importance of sharing at such a young age, his resolve was further strengthened by his uncle and a Jain sadhu. They suggested that he set a limit for his wealth, beyond which he would donate to the society. With that in mind Shri Sugalchand has founded various trusts to help those in need. He supports many needy children by giving them scholarships for their studies. He has constructed a school at his birth place, Siyat. But the one that needs special mention is Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation. The foundation has instituted four awards - for excellence in the fields of education; community and social service; non-violence and vegetarianism; and medicine. Each award has a cash component of Rs. 10 lakhs.

On the other hand, Jains' contribution to various causes have been recognised with many awards,

citations and responsible posts. Shri Lalchand Dadha and his family were honoured with the 'Hathi Shiropa' and his sons with the 'Palki Shiropa' by the Maharaja of Jodhpur. Shri Ugamraj Mootha has held positions in various trade bodies over the years. But the most important honour he received was the post of Under Sheriff of Madras at the age of 32, when Shri Sunderlal Nahata was the Sheriff. The youngest Jain to have held the post, it was in recognition of Shri Mootha's social standing and contribution to the society. Shri Ratanchand Savansukha of Team Trust has been conferred with 'Vijay Shree Award' by International Friendship Society of Delhi, 'Seva Ratna Award' by Centenarian Trust, and 'Best Citizen Award' by International Publishing House, Delhi and 'Best Educationist Award' by the Government of India. Shri Sugalchand Jain has received 'Rajasthan Sri', 'Sewa Ratna', 'Manav Mitra' and 'For the Sake of Honour Award' for his services in various fields. Shri Harish Metha served as syndicate member to the University of Madras, having been nominated by the governor and government of Tamil Nadu. The first Jain to be nominated for the post, it was in recognition of Shri Mehta's educational services and a desire to do more for the cause of education.

The next generation continues the pioneering educational service that their forefathers started. All the Jain educational schools and colleges are non-commercial institutions, and charge a minimal fee. All the institutions give equal importance to overall development of the students. While one school follows the ICSE syllabus, the others follow CBSE or the

uniform syllabus of Tamil Nadu. Some of the schools have retained 'matriculation' in the name since Tamil Nadu had a matriculation board earlier, in addition to a government's state board syllabus. After the state government introduced Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act 2010, the matriculation board was abolished. The schools that were under the matriculation board as well as the government and aided schools now follow the *samacheer kalvi* pattern of uniform syllabus across the state. For co-curricular activities, all the schools and colleges have subject-wise clubs such as science club, literary club, maths club, etc. For extra-curricular activities, the institutions have arts and performing arts programmes, besides Red Cross, National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Karuna Club, Eco club and the like. The institutions pay equal importance to sports and games. Through these and other measures such as skilling and counselling, the institutions ensure holistic development of the students to make them responsible citizens and future leaders. Alumni of the schools are successful in many walks of life.

Compared to the population of Jains in Tamil Nadu, their contribution to the cause of education is truly commendable. A brief about each educational institution run by them is furnished in this book.

SHRI SWETHAMBER STHANAKWASI JAIN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

One of the oldest associations in Chennai, Shri Swethamber Sthanakwasi Jain Educational Society, also known as the S.S. Jain Educational Society, has

eight educational institutions under its umbrella. Ever since it was started in 1926, generations of Jains and prominent Jain leaders have been lending their hands in nurturing the growth of all the educational institutions.

Whenever Jain monks such as Shri Tarachand Maharaj, Shri Krishnalal Maharaj and Shri Sowbhagchand Maharaj visited Madras, they emphasised the need to guide the younger generation. During spiritual discourses, they stressed that the youth could be moulded through education. They encouraged the Jain community to provide education to everyone irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Motivated by their words, Shri Mohanmull Chordia, with the support of Shri Inderchand Galada, Shri Jabarchand Galada, Shri Tarachand Galada, Shri Roopchand Khivsera, Shri Mangichand Bhandari and Shri Jaswantmull Chordia started the SS Jain Educational Society as the first step. While all the 25 members of the executive committee were from banking and business, Shri Jaswantmull Kumbhat was employed with the Southern Railway, a rarity then. The committee also had members from Villupuram, Tindivanam and Bangalore. Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Birdichand Marlecha, Shri Tarachand Galada, Shri Mangichand Bhandari and Shri Inderchand Galada were the founder-office-bearers of the Society.

The purpose of the Society was to manage the existing S.S. Jain Boarding School, establish and manage educational institutions, to establish boarding

schools, and to grant scholarships to deserving Jain students. The Society took over the Jain Gyan Patasala, which had also been established in 1926 and was being run by the elders of the Jain community. This school is now known by the name of Sri Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya.

As students from various places came to Madras for education, the Society decided to provide them a place of stay. In 1940, Shri Bhagchand Galada, son of Shri Tarachand Galada, who had been active in the freedom struggle movement pitched in. He gave his centrally located property measuring 33 grounds, to the Society at a very nominal cost. Shri Birdichand Marlecha also contributed generously to buy the land. Shri Jawantmull Chordia made a generous donation towards construction of the building. Along with monetary contributions from members of the community, the building for S.S Jain Boarding Home in Madley Road, T. Nagar was completed in 1942.

Shri Birdichand Marlecha also made a handsome donation for the maintenance and upkeep of the home. Depending on the economic status, some students were offered free boarding and lodging and some were charged only 50% of the fees. The S.S. Jain Boarding Home catered to 150 to 175 students every year.

In quick succession the society established Shri Amoluckchand Galada Jain School, Shri Tarachand Galada Jain Vidyalaya, Agurchand Manmull Jain College, Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain School and

the Shri Mohanmull Chordia Jain Industrial Training Centre.

As the concept of residential schools caught on and students preferred staying with relatives, the boarding home was closed down a few decades back. In its premises stand the Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women.

As of January 2022, there are 754 life members and 162 members in the executive committee of the Society.

Institutions under S.S. Jain Educational Society

- Agurchand Manmull Jain College
- Sri Tarachand Galada Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation School
- Shree Amoluckchand Galada Jain Higher Secondary School
- Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School
- Sri Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation School
- Shri Mohanmull Chordia Jain Industrial Training Centre
- Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women
- Agurchand Manmull Jain School

AGURCHAND MANMULL JAIN COLLEGE, MEENAMBAKKAM

As was the tradition in the Jain community, most students joined their family business right after finishing school. A few joined the Pachiappa's College, one of the prominent colleges of the then Madras. Shri Parasmull Chordia, Son of Shri Mohanmull Chordia evinced a keen interest in assisting others and helped Jain students get admission in Pachiappa's College every year.

Once when he took nearly ten students for admission, the then Principal Shri Narasimhan Iyer told him, "Instead of bringing so many students to me every year, why don't you start a college?" When Shri Parasmull brought this to his father's notice, he thought it over. Besides, her holiness Shri Sayer Kanwar Maharaj had exhorted the Jain community to establish a college of higher education during a spiritual discourse.

The casual remark by the college principal, coupled with the call by her holiness spurred Shri Mohanmull Chordia into action. And the seeds were sown for Shri Agurchand Manmull Jain College, named after Shri Mohanmull's great grandfather and grandfather respectively.

The college was inaugurated in June 1952, by the then Governor of Madras Shri Sriprakasa and it started functioning in the boarding home premises at T. Nagar. The visionary Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar, the then Vice Chancellor of Madras

University, advised the SS Jain Society to choose a large property close to a railway station. With a generous donation from Shri Mohanmull Chordia, the present premises in Meenambakkam were decided upon, to start the college. With the popularity enjoyed by Shri Mohanmull Chordia, many of his business associates and clients contributed generously. Cutting across caste and community lines, people donated not only for the cause of education, but also because it was for a cause close to Shri Chordia's heart. From Trichur to Thuraiyur, and from Nellore to Vellore contributions flowed. With contribution from Jain donors as well and with the supervision by Shri Mangichand Bhandari, the college was ready in 1954. It was a unique occasion since it was blessed by two stalwarts in the field of education. Dr. Sir Radhakrishnan, the then Vice President of India laid the foundation stone on the 3 January 1954. And Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar presided over the inaugural function.

Shri Mohanlal Chordia of Mylapore and Shri Kailashmull Dugar remember the ground work done by the first Principal, Shri Narasimhan from Andhra and the second Principal Shri A. L. Krishnan in establishing the college. The first Secretary of the college Shri B M Kumbhat also did exemplary work for the institution. In a fitting tribute, the college has raised the B M Kumbhat Memorial Block, which was inaugurated by Shri Ghanshyamdas Birla in 1964.

Spread across 40 acres, the college provides an ideal ambience for the students' development. Immediately on formation, the college gained a lot of reputation. With its reputation, easy access to public transport, and

the number of courses on offer, the college has been attracting a lot of students since inception. It ranks among the top research and postgraduate institutions.

The college boasts of multi-court stadiums for many indoor sports, in addition to a large playground for other sporting activities.

The buildings and other facilities offer inclusive access, with disabled-friendly ramps and lifts.

With a focus on making the campus eco-friendly, in addition to the trees and rainwater harvesting structures, as part of its energy transition, solar panels have been installed.

Academics

The college offers many courses under the streams of commerce, science, arts, media and business administration. In 1971, postgraduate courses were introduced. It was upgraded as a research institute in 1982. With many of the faculty members to serve as guides, the college has more than 30 students pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D at any given point of time. Started originally as a men's college, it became a co-educational institution in 2003.

Moulding tomorrow's leaders

The college believes in a holistic development of students, as they are the future citizens and leaders. There are sessions to improve the communication and

soft skills of students. An entrepreneur development cell has been functioning since 2017, to nurture youth with ideas to take India forward in its development journey.

As part of co-curricular activities, each department has an association, besides service units including the National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Rotaract Club and Red Cross. The college has various options for sports and games. A counselling and guidance bureau functions in the college, where students get counselled about the issues they face. A separate grievance cell functions for the women students.

A placement cell with a wide network of corporate entities and service organisations helps hundreds of students get employed every year.

The college has various scholarships and tuition fee concessions for deserving students. Besides, the college recommends students for various external scholarships, like National Merit and Loan scholarship, defence scholarship, scholarship for the physically handicapped and a few others.

A health centre functions on all working days, where students get free medical consultation.

**SRI TARACHAND GALADA JAIN
VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION SCHOOL,
T NAGAR**

Back when the S.S. Jain Boarding Home housed many students, they had to commute to Sowcarpet every day to attend school. To cater to these students and others, the S.S Jain Society felt the need for a Hindi

medium school in south Chennai. So in 1948, a branch of the S.S. Jain Boarding School was opened in T. Nagar within the S.S. Jain Boarding Home Campus.

In 1954, the school was inaugurated as a full-fledged primary school by minister Shri M. Bakthavatsalam, and it was renamed as Tarachand Galada Jain Vidyalaya in honour of the contribution made by the Shri Tarachand Galada Trust.

Government recognition and grant-in-aid status were granted in 1955. With many philanthropists chipping in, the present three-storeyed building with modern amenities was constructed in 1973. To cater to the latest trends in education, a nursery section was started in 1985. To meet the changing needs, the school became an English medium one in 1990 and subsequently was upgraded to a high school.

Academics

The school's management follows some modern and creative approaches to make education enjoyable for the students. Most notable is the 'No Book Day' that is held once in two weeks. The students do not bring their books to school that day, but spend their time in outdoor learning, quizzes, field trips and games. Introduced in 2001, the 'No Book Day' is very popular among the children.

As most of the students are first generation learners from economically poor background, efforts are taken to educate them in non-academic areas too.

To inspire them, lives of great men are read out to them in the vernacular. The students are encouraged with motivation cards for various aspects like hygiene, discipline, punctuality, etc. The student with the maximum number of cards wins a prize.

Towards holistic development

One of their outdoor activities is the kitchen garden that attracts butterflies and small birds. The students have grown even corn and rice in the garden.

To groom the young minds towards an equitable society, the students visit developmental organisations and make cards for terminal patients. Such activities have made them more compassionate. The students contribute rice, dhal and oil, which are distributed to charitable institutions.

The students here are brought up with a secular outlook. For they are equally adept at Gita, Jain tenets, Tirupavai, Thirukkural, etc. And all festivals including Onam and Kolu are celebrated with much enthusiasm.

Special initiatives

The teachers are also encouraged with motivation cards. They are made to indulge themselves in games as a means of relaxation. These bring out the child in every teacher and paves way for a better bonding with the students.

As the parents are from a very economically weak background, the school has done its bit to make it easier for them to pay the nominal fees. When a mahila branch of a nationalised bank was opened in the vicinity of the school, the students' mothers were encouraged to start accounts. This helps them deposit in small amounts as and when they get money, enabling them to pay the added up money as fees for their wards.

The school fully utilises the potential and latent talents of non-teaching staff and some parents. The school assistant gives instructions on kolam, the peon doubles up as a cricket coach, the watchman from with a farming background gives tips in the garden, a home-maker mother takes mehendi classes, a father who is a plumber gives lessons in plumbing and so on. On the other hand, the newspapers and magazines and informal talks on entrepreneurship give the students a broader outlook.

This multi-pronged approach on academic, career and practical aspects of life, ensure that the students have an all-round development, something that was envisaged by the founders.

SHREE AMOLUCKCHAND GALADA JAIN HIGHER SEC. SCHOOL, SOWCARPET

One of the institutions to have come up before independence, this boys' school was founded on 12 June, 1940 under the banner of S.S. Jain Educational Society. It was started by a team of dedicated Jains, notably Shri Inderchand Galada, Shri Deepchand

Khimsura, Shri Tarachand Galada, Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Jaisinghlalbai, Shri Sirumal Khimsura and Shri Mangichand Bhandari. In recognition of the generosity of Shri Inderchand Galada in establishing the school, it was named in memory of his father.

As a young boy of 10, Amoluckchand Galada came with a relative to Madras from his hometown Kuchera village in Rajasthan. His son Shri Inderchand Galada who had his education in Saidapet rose to become one of the prominent bankers of his time and founded the Galada Bank Limited. A pious and generous man by nature, he spent his time and resources on education and medical relief. He was one of the founding fathers of the Shri S. S. Jain Educational Society.

Making a beginning in the same premises where it stands today, the main building of the school was inaugurated in 1946 and received government recognition and grant-in-aid status in 1947.

The notable feature of this school is that most of its alumni have become well-known traders and businessmen, providing ample employment opportunities for the local people. Shri Sugulchand Jain the brain behind this book is an alumnus of this school.

Academics

The school had Hindi, Tamil and English as the mediums of instruction. And Gujarati was available as a language option. Though Gujarati is not being taught as a language, the school is proud of its multilingual approach as English, Tamil and Hindi continue to be the mediums of instruction.

Started as a high school, it was upgraded in 1978 when the Government of Tamil Nadu chose it for the introduction of the 10 + 2 system or higher secondary courses.

The school management has always kept pace with development, such as introducing computer education in partnership with top-notch computer institutes, long before other schools.

The school boasts of a well-stocked library with 25,000 titles with about 1,600 rare Gujarati books being its pride.

Towards holistic development

To bring out and improve the talents of the students, the school has various co-curricular activities. The school holds workshops and personality development programmes for the students as well as teachers.

The school conducts inter-school cultural events and competitions, promoting a healthy competitive spirit among students of various participating schools.

The inter-school competitions for Galada Rolling Trophy for cricket and volleyball evince a keen interest and sporting spirit among the young students who participate with much fervour.

The importance given to sports has recently produced a state level boxing champion and a football player who competed in an international tournament.

Special initiatives

The school administration takes the staff on picnics to help them relax and shed inhibitions, increasing their efficiency and camaraderie.

To encourage the students in their academic, co-curricular and sports pursuits, various donors have instituted awards and prizes. With more than 30 endowment awards for academics and a few for sports, the school offers nearly 50 awards every year.

The students also contribute liberally for various causes. And various members of the old students' association too contribute generously to support the education of the economically weak.

SHRI MANGICHAND BHANDARI JAIN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, T NAGAR

Shri S.S. Jain Educational Society felt the need for a Hindi medium high school in South Chennai. As Shri Tarachand Galada School had only primary classes, the society decided to start a Hindi medium high school so that the students of Shri Tarachand Galada School could continue their studies in the high school. As Shri Hansraj Bhandari and Shri Inderchand Bhandari came forward to establish the school, it was named after their father Shri Mangichand Bhandari who was one of the founders of S.S Jain Educational Society. So on the 14 July, 1970, Shri Mangichand Bhandari High School was inaugurated in a rented building in Ramaswami Street of T. Nagar.

As the primary school functioned as a feeder school, Shri Mangichand Bhandari High School made a beginning with a considerable strength of 179 students, all of whom were Jains. In due course of time, the school received government recognition and grant-in-aid status. Shri Sayarchand Nahar and Shri Kailashmull Dugar were instrumental in getting the ground work done for the school to have its own premises. With further donations from the Bhandari family, a land was purchased at Madley Road and a spacious building was constructed.

The school was upgraded to a higher secondary school in 1988. To cater to the increasing preferences of parents and students, English as a medium of instruction was introduced in 1989.

The dual mediums of instruction and the courses offered, combined with the good track record of the school under has been bringing in more students. For now, of the student strength, only 7% are Jains, compared to the 100% in the beginning. The school celebrated its golden jubilee in 2020.

Towards holistic development

The school has produced 100% pass results in board exams for many years. In addition to academics, the administration ensures overall development through various co-curricular activities such as literary club, science and arts exhibitions, dance and music lessons, and field trips, besides sports and games.

The school has a multipurpose playground, modernised computer lab, model smart classroom and a well-equipped library to ensure holistic development. The management encourages students to plan and organise inter-school competitions regularly, honing their inherent skills.

Special initiatives

The management conducts training programmes for teachers to help them upgrade their skills to the changing systems and to keep them motivated in their work.

To encourage students in their pursuits, various trusts have formed endowment prizes. On the academic front, Sri Sumati Vishal Jain Endowment Trust, Madan Nahar Foundation Trust, Nemichand Mahavirchand Dugar Trust and Rajmal Amarchand Chajjer Trust have instituted awards for various subjects in the twelfth standard. Abhayraj Prize is given for the topper in eleventh standard and G.K. Shetty Prize and Gouthamchand Lodha Prize for the topper in tenth standard. For sports, Sayarchand Nahar Trophy, Duleechand Trophy, Jain Yuva Manch Endowment Prize and Jagdeyee Prabhavati Ramlakhan Tripathi prize are given. Amravati Ramkishore Tripathi Prize is given for literary accomplishment. Through Rajwanti Shripathi Tripathi Scholarship, school fees for the economically backward students are paid, benefitting countless students over the years.

**SRI BADALCHAND SAYARCHAND
CHORDIA JAIN VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION
SCHOOL, SOWCARPET**

The oldest Jain school in the city is Sri Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya. It takes the credit for being the first Hindi medium school and the first Jain school. The Jains in Sowcarpet joined hands together and founded a Hindi medium school on 29 September 1926, naming it as Sri Jain Gyan Patasala. It was managed with the contributions from members of the community.

When Shri S.S.Jain Educational Society was founded in 1937, it took over the school and renamed the same as the 'Jain Hindi Primary School'. As the demand for admissions grew, the society decided to expand the school. In 1953, it acquired the school's present building in General Muthiah Street. In 1955 it added more classrooms and a separate prayer hall. The school received government recognition and grant-in-aid status in 1957. The great philanthropist brothers, Shri Badalchand Chordia and Shri Sayarchand Chordia, sons of Shri Simrathmal Chordia from Nokha helped construct the new building with their monetary contribution. In recognition of their generosity, the school has been renamed as Shri Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya.

To cater to the changing educational needs of the society, kindergarten was introduced in 1984 and an English medium school in 1994.

Towards holistic development

The management and staff stress on the overall development of the child and have various co-curricular activities. Students start working on the computer and involve themselves in science, maths and other club activities right from kindergarten. The students are regularly taken on field and educational trips. The school conducts inter-school competitions, bringing students of many of the city's schools to showcase their talents.

Special initiatives

The management encourages the staff to upgrade their qualifications and skills. The staff attend orientation and personality development programmes, workshops. In the programmes help them mould the students in a better way. The staff members too go for field trips with those from other schools of the SS Jain Society.

To encourage the students Shri Ashok Kumar Mehta has instituted the Sri Sarjoo Devi Mehta Trust Endowment from which prizes are given for best performance in academics and co-curricular activities. Shri Devraj S. Jain has instituted Sri S.Devraj Mohani Bai Trust Endowment for proficiency in music and religion. Shri Shanti Kumbhat has instituted Smt. Chand Kumari Jaswantlal Kumbhat Endowment Award for best performance in dance and drama.

**SHRI MOHANMULL CHORDIA
JAIN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE,
MEENAMBAKKAM**

Shri Mohanmull Chordia, the founder president of Shri S.S. Jain Educational Society felt the need for a technical education institute to fill a lacuna. In 1984, the then secretary of S.S. Jain Educational Society Shri P. Bhandari and associate secretary Shri Kailashmull Dugar took upon the task of fulfilling the dreams of Shri Mohanmull Chordia. With able support from Shri Mohanmull's son Shri Parasmull, the Industrial Training Centre was started - adjacent to the AM Jain College - in Shri Mohanmull's memory in 1984 with a generous contribution from members of the community. The present building was inaugurated by the then vice president Shri R. Venkatraman in July 1986.

Academics

Established with the aim of producing skilled workers, the centre trains students who have completed high school education. Started with long-term courses to train youth as motor vehicle mechanic, refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic, electronics mechanic and draughtsman in mechanical and civil streams. The centre also conducts short-term courses in various disciplines such as motor rewinding, plumbing and the like. To equip youth in skills for the changing needs of the industries, laptop and mobile phone servicing, graphics, animation and solar panel assembling. All these courses equip the students for self-employment. The students regularly win competitions at the regional and national levels.

Towards holistic development

The well-stocked library helps the trainees improve their knowledge in various disciplines.

With the administration's encouragement in extracurricular activities, the students are equally adept at athletics and sports. They have won many state level prizes in track and team events. The centre too organises district level, regional level and state level sports for private and government industrial training institutes.

Special initiatives

The centre conducts like skills programs too, for the benefit of the students. The centre also trains people that reputed companies recruit and send for training.

Depending on the requirement of these companies, the centre brings in external experts as trainers if necessary.

The centre also has facilities for recruitment processes. Companies like Ford India Limited and St. Gobain Glass Industry send their applicants to the centre for assessment. The centre conducts aptitude test, manual dexterity test, interviews and group discussions. The entities that utilise the services of the centre for recruiting and training their personnel include government corporations, corporate companies and non-profit organisations.

SHRI SHANKARLAL SUNDARBAI SHASUN JAIN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, T NAGAR

The college, functioning under the S.S. Jain Educational Society, was established in 2005, with a generous contribution from Smt. Sundarbai Shankarlal Charitable Trust, of the Shasun family and other members of the Jain society. The college is affiliated to the University of Madras.

Academics

The college offers various undergraduate and postgraduate and M.Phil courses in arts and science streams.

To empower the students with interdisciplinary skills, besides employability, communication and like skills, the college offers various add-on and certificate courses.

With the encouragement and support of the administration, the faculty as well as students publish research papers regularly in reputed publications.

Towards holistic development

The college has various clubs and activities so that students can pursue exercises that interest them and help them hone their skills.

The physical education department is very active, helping the students stay active and healthy, besides helping many students win prizes in district and state level competitions. The archery team of the college has represented the country at international competitions.

Special initiatives

There are various cells to promote equality and inclusivity among students so that they can practice the same beyond the campus, and to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of students, among others. There are also counselling and placement cells, helping students get employed easily.

The college trains students who aspire for civil services. As the college was started with the kindness of many people, the administration inculcates the same sense of service in the students' minds. Towards this, there are many extension programmes in association with non-governmental organisations, government agencies and private companies, where students serve the community and learn in the process. One of the significant extension programmes is the adoption of Kaliyanur village in the outskirts of Chennai. Students have improved the infrastructure of the village and engage with the community by celebrating festivals with them. This social connect improves their outlook and helps them make inclusive decisions later.

AGURCHAND MANMULL JAIN SCHOOL, MEENAMBAKKAM

Shri Agurchand Manmull Jain School was started on 6 October, 2011, with four students and a single teacher. The foundation stone for the school building was laid by Shri Parasmull Chordia on 23 August, 2012. The school started functioning in its new building in 2014.

Shri Agurchand Manmull Jain School is affiliated to CBSE. The school helps young students transition from their home life to school through its Balvatika wing. Separate primary, middle, secondary and higher secondary wings help the management pay academic and administrative attention to each. Smart classrooms, an assembly hall surrounded by lawns and greenery and well-equipped labs and library provide the right infrastructure and ambience for the students.

Towards holistic development

With separate clubs for languages, science subjects, art and craft, dance and music, sports, martial arts and a literary club, the students are given the chance to hone their skills and excel in many co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Special initiatives

An audio-visual hall with a capacity to seat 200 people, helps students watch value-based movies and animations on leaders. Entertainment films screened once a month help them relax. With an inclusive

approach in its academic services, the school has provided disabled-friendly infrastructure including a ramp. In addition to outdoor and indoor sports facilities, the school has a synthetic skating rink.

TAMILNADU EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The Tamil Nadu Educational and Medical Foundation (TEAM Foundation) was founded in 1972 by founder-promoter trustees Shri C. Ratanchand Savansukha, Dr. C.L. Metha, Shri S. Sukanmal Jain, Shri Sundarlal Nahata and Shri R. Dayachand Savansukha. The trust was formed with the objective of providing quality education to the society in general and Jain community in particular. Started with the aim of offering educational services the trust now runs the Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain Engineering College, generally referred to as MNM Jain Engineering College, DB Jain College, and Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain School of Architecture. Since 2016, the trust has also been running the Lalchand Leeladevi Munoth Jain Medical Care centre, a state-of-the-art diagnostic centre, in the heart of Chennai city.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Dhanraj Baid Jain College

Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain Engineering College

Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain School of Architecture

DHANRAJ BAID JAIN COLLEGE, Thoraippakkam, Chennai

Set in a sprawling campus in the outskirts of Chennai, Dhanraj Baid Jain College, popularly known as DB Jain College, has been in the forefront of educational service for 50 years. It is truly a service; because, owing to the locality and nominal fees without any donation attracts a lot of first generation learners. About 90% of the students belong to the socially and economically backward classes and the college strives to help them join the mainstream.

Shri Seth Dhanraj Baid came to Chennai in 1903 from Lashkar in Madhya Pradesh. Within a few years, he established his business and in the 1930s and 1940s, he contributed generously towards the welfare of the society. Then he willed his entire property to be used for higher education, which resulted in the founding of the DB Jain College.

Academics

The college was started on 30 June 1972 with the now-obsolete pre-university Course or PUC. Now the college offers many undergraduate and postgraduate courses and has a separate research department with facilities for undertaking research towards M.Phil and Ph.D degrees. The college is affiliated to the Madras University.

Towards holistic development

The various clubs and activities of the academic

departments help the students participate in co-curricular activities and develop their skills.

Hailing as they are from a poor background, most of the students need extra motivation to sail through their studies. And the source of inspiration for the students is none other than their own faculty. Many of the faculty members are accomplished authors and experts. Some of the books written by the professors have been used as textbook by Madras University and other universities. The service-minded staff who run NGOs or associate themselves with NGOs set an example for the students to work towards an equitable society.

The college's sporting facilities and training have been helping many students shine in various tournaments including at the international level.

Given the excellent coaching and guidance of the staff, the placement cell has been helping students find employment in reputed companies.

Special initiatives

As many of the students are from economically weaker sections, the college administration takes all efforts to ease the financial strain on the students and their parents. Apart from scholarships from private trusts like Maharani Vidyavathi Devi Estate, the college arranges for state and central government scholarships and loans under various categories.

For the students who excel in academics and extra-curricular activities, Sri Champalal Savansukha

Charitable Trust, Sutti magazine, Kalyanmal Prakashmal Chordia Trust and Prakashmal Bhandari Trust have instituted various prizes. For sports and athletics Sri Ramano Rao, Thiagaradha, Surana and Dhanraj Baid Rolling shields and trophies for various team games have been instituted.

**MISRIMAL NAVAJEE MUNOTH JAIN
ENGINEERING COLLEGE,
Thoraipakkam, Chennai**

Set in a sprawling 20-acre campus in the outskirts of Chennai with abundant verdancy around, the college offers an excellent ambience for the students to pursue their studies.

The inspiration for the college came from His Holiness Guru Marudhar Kesari in 1980 during his spiritual discourses. He exhorted the community to start an engineering college. Later in the year, GuruDev Shri Roop Muniji Maharaj along with the disciples of late His Holiness Marudhar Kesari came on a padayatra to Chennai. He too urged the community to start an engineering college in Guruji's remembrance and to fulfil his dream. Dr. C.L. Metha, owing to his dedication and experience, was entrusted with the work.

When the TEAM Foundation decided to establish a polytechnic, Shri M. Lalchand Munoth, chairman of the trust gave a considerable donation to meet the initial expenses. Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain Polytechnic named after Shri Lalchand's father thus came into being

in 1984. With contributions from various quarters and again by Shri Lalchand Munoth, the polytechnic was upgraded into an engineering college in 1994 with the approval of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Academics

Started with three branches, the college now offers seven undergraduate and two postgraduate courses in addition to postgraduate management courses.

The well-equipped has membership in reputed institutions. This helps the students update their knowledge about latest international technologies.

The college encourages students to publish researches in journals, and present technical papers in seminars organised by other institutions. Many students secure university ranks too.

The academic training and the other facilities develop the knowledge and skills of the students, enabling them to pursue higher education in prestigious institutions in India and abroad.

Towards holistic development

Every student is assigned to a faculty who functions as the student's counsellor, guiding them in their academic and non-academic activities to mould them into better professionals.

On the extra-curricular front, various hobby clubs and subject-oriented clubs develop and hone the skills

of the students enabling them to participate in and win competitions in inter-college cultural festivals. In addition to indoor and outdoor sports facilities, the college has a well-equipped gymnasium.

Special initiatives

The most commendable of the college's initiatives is that, it does not collect capitation fee – as desired by its founder – which is a rarity in technical education.

Dr. C.L. Metha Book Bank loans textbooks. The college gives fee concession to deserving students. Jains India Trust, Dr. C.L. Metha Trust and Rajasthani Association also award scholarships to Jain students. The college also arranges for the government scholarships applicable to various categories of students. The C.L. Baid Metha Trust gives cash awards to the topper from each department and overall meritorious student from each branch. Encouragement is extended to the faculty also in the form of cash awards for their teaching methods and results.

For the career prospects of the students, the placement cell, with an additional office in Bengaluru, follows a three-pronged approach. While the language and personality division improves the employability skills of students, the alumni division provides the necessary interface between the industry and the institution, and the industry relations division helps the students get placed in companies.

The college has welfare schemes for the faculty as well as non-teaching staff members. In addition to a

dispensary, the campus has a medical centre set up in partnership with a well-established hospital.

**MISRIMAL NAVAJEE MUNOTH JAIN
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE,
Thoraipakkam, Chennai**

The Tamil Nadu Educational and Medical Foundation established Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain School of Architecture in 2012. The engineering college provided financial assistance and land to start the college.

The college offers 5-year B.Arch course. With established architects as faculty, technological facilities to teach designing, and a well-equipped library, many students become rank holders at the university level.

The study trips, regular interaction with industry experts, workshops to upgrade students in latest design technology and internship assistance get the students get placed immediately on completing the course.

**SRI SHWETAMBER STHANAKWASI JAIN
SANGH**

Many Jains settled in Perambur with the arrival of Shri Sadasukh Kochar in the early 1900s. From Khichun in Jodhpur district, he found his way to Ahmedabad, journeying on a camel. He then changed trains several times to reach Madras. With others following him, a sizable population settled in Perambur. In 1970, the community decided to start a Hindi medium school

and approached members of the Champalal Pagariya Trust.

Shri Champalal Pagariya had come to Madras from Sojat. His wife Smt. Chandabai expired at a young age. With no heirs, Shri Champalal continued his business till 1962 when he became very sick. Shri Amarchand Kochar, grandson of Khichun's first migrant Shri Sadasukh took him under his care. He nursed Shri Champalal Pagariya till his last breath in 1969. Earlier Shri Champalal had donated part of his earnings for social causes. The rest of the money was in Champalal Pagariya Trust's care.

When it was decided to start a school, to formalise the proceedings, Shri Amarchand founded the Sri Shwetamber Sthanakwasi Jain Sangh in 1971, with the active support of Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Pukhraj Bohra, Shri Dhanraj Jain, Shri Vasantraj Khatod, Shri Nemichand Vinaykya and Shri Hanuman Daffariya.

In 1972, Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya was founded with Shri Devilal Bomb from Udaipur as the headmaster. As the S.S. Jain sangh could not get government recognition for the vidyalaya, Shri Champalal Pagariya Jain Middle School was started in 1977 with major contribution from the Champalal Pagariya Trust. The staff and students of Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya were assimilated into the middle school and the former was closed down.

The S.S. Jain Sangh also runs a school in the same campus named after Shri Champalal's wife.

Institutions under the wings of the S.S. Jain Sangh:

Shri Champalal Pagariya Jain Hr. Sec. School

Smt Chandabai Pagariya Jain Matriculation
Hr. Sec School

SHRI CHAMPALAL PAGARIYA JAIN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, PERAMBUR

The Jains in Perambur decided to start a Hindi medium school in 1970. Trustees of the Sri Champalal Pagariya Trust and the Sri. S.S. Jain Sangh joined hands and purchased a land on Paper Mills Road. The Sri Champalal Pagariya Jain Middle School was started in June 1977. In 1979, the school was upgraded upto tenth standard. The management then started higher secondary streams in 1999. As there was a demand for a Tamil medium school, the management introduced Tamil as a medium of instruction in 1982.

With the school administration's encouragement, students take part in service-oriented activities and serve as volunteers often in blood donation camps and the like.

Be it participation in Independence Day celebration at the Marina in Chennai, Children's day celebration at Red Fort or Republic Day parade at Delhi, the school has been well represented.

Patrons encourage the students' endeavours in their own way. Shri Rikhabchand Bohra and Shri Parasmal Bohra have instituted scholarships for poor students. Shri Babulal Mutha has been awarding the school topper in tenth with a gold coin. From 1992, the Acharyamuni Anand Rishiji Maharaj scholarships are given to the economically weaker students.

**SMT. CHANDABAI PAGARIYA JAIN
MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, PERAMBUR**

As there was a demand for matriculation education through English medium, the management decided to open one in the same campus. With donations from members of the community and a major contribution from the Champalal Pagariya Trust, the high school was started in 1986 with due government approval. In memory of Shri Champalal's wife, it was named as Smt. Chandabai Pagariya Jain High School. Primary sections were introduced in 1991 and higher secondary in 1998.

In kindergarten, teaching is through play-way method and Montessori concept. A separate area with play equipment is demarcated for the kindergarten students.

Special initiatives

The administration has introduced some novel concepts to inculcate in the young minds, the importance of sharing, etc. To drive home this point, 'Sharing Day' is celebrated. 'Salad day' is celebrated to let children learn the importance of consuming fruits and vegetables. On Independence Day, primary children dress up as national leaders and go around the locality in bullock carts to bring awareness among the public. This is a big draw with the students as well as the public. The staff members have their lunch in their respective classrooms; this not only helps the children

bond better with the teacher but also allows the teacher to keep an eye on the food intake of the students.

The students actively participate in inter-school competitions and radio programmes. As part of learning to serve, they visit ghoshalas, veterinary hospital, rally for rainwater harvesting and zero garbage, plant saplings in public places and clean the nearby public park. And the management sets an example by donating blood, undertaking service projects among others.

The management encourages teachers too in various ways. As a means of relaxation, they are sent on picnics. The school conducts workshops and seminars for them, and encourages them to participate in those organised by other schools. Teachers have been recognised through awards by city clubs as well as the state government.

Shri Parasmal Bohra has instituted prizes for the rank holders in tenth exams and Shri Rikhabchand Bohra, Shri Gouthamchand, Shri Anil Bomb and Shri Mahaveerchand Daffariya have instituted prizes for twelfth standard rank holders. Shri Gyanchand Bohra has founded endowment awards in memory of his father Shri Motilal Bohra and brother Shri Sohanlal Bohra of Beawar. The management gives scholarships to many students under economic considerations. Recognising the work done by the school, some private organisations also sponsor the education of meritorious students.

SHREE JAIN MISSION SOCIETY

Shree Jain Mission Society was founded on 5 June, 1950, with the aim of establishing educational institutions, reading rooms and libraries. Shri Rishabdas Pragwat, a prominent, philanthropic, knowledgeable and scholarly member of the community, was instrumental in bringing together the Jains and forming the society. In addition to establishing the Jain Mission Primary School in 1950, the Jain Mission Society ran a library for 40 years in Mint Street. When Sri Chandraprabhu Jain Naya Mandir Trust was formed and a new Jain temple was constructed, the library was handed over to the trust. As many members of the Jain Mission Society being alumni of the school, it helps them steer the school on its development path.

Institution under the wings of Shree Jain Mission Society:

Shree Jethmal Tikamchand Chajed Jain Mission
Hr. Sec. School

Jain Mission Vidhyalaya

Jain Bal Kunj

**SHREE JETHMAL TIKAMCHAND CHAJED
JAIN MISSION HR. SEC.SCHOOL,
NARAYANA MUDALI STREET, SOWCARPET**

As learning through the mother tongue was preferred many decades ago, the school was started as a Hindi medium primary school in 1950 by Shri Lalchand Daddha. Named as Jain Mission Primary School, the school functioned in the society's building. In 1981, when the school moved to its present premises

in Narayana Mudali Street, it was named as Shri Jethmal Tikamchand Chajed Jain Primary School after the chief donor. It was then upgraded to a high school in 1985. The High school started receiving government aid from June 1985. In 1995, to cater to the changes in the education pattern, English medium was introduced. In 1999, higher secondary classes were started.

The school administration gives equal importance to academics and co-curricular activities. The management encourages students by instituting many prizes for toppers.

JAIN MISSION VIDHYALAYA, ANNA PILLAI STREET, SOWCARPET

Jain Mission Society started an English Medium School from kindergarten to class V in Anna Pillai Street. The school has introduced innovative teaching methods to equip the students in their education after school. To this end, the administration arranges for regular motivational speeches by well-known personalities who have achieved success in various spheres.

JAIN BAL KUNJ, ANNA PILLAI STREET, SOWCARPET

With the support and efforts of Uttam D. Jain, Shri Jasraj Jain, Shri Gowtam P Jain, Shri Jhummarlal. M. Jain and Shri Mahaveer Kumar C. Jain, the Jain Mission Society transformed a non-descript building in Anna Pillai Street into a colourful play school in January 2013. The design, play equipment, charts and the general ambience of Jain Bal Kunj help the children

not only learn the basics the fun way but also bring out the creativity in them.

RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR JAINOLOGY

The research foundation was established in 1982 as a non-profit organisation to promote education, culture, art and literature. It aims to foster awareness of Jain philosophy and tenets. It was established by involving both Svetambar and Digambar sects of the Jain community. Recognised as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, it founded the Department of Jainology in Madras University in 1983. The department offers a postgraduation course in Jainology, besides M.Phil and Ph.D research programmes. The research foundation then started a day-cum-residential school by name Jain Vidyaashram in 1996.

Another aspect of the foundation is that, it publishes some rare, ancient literature, Chulamani, for example and various books on Jainism, Jain philosophy, Jain inscriptions etc. The books are published in Tamil, Hindi, Gujarati and English.

Institution under the wings of Research
Foundation for Jainology:

Jain Vidyaashram

JAIN VIDYAASHRAM, PUZHAL, CHENNAI

If youngsters are given a good grounding when they are in school, the young minds are conditioned

and cannot be shaken off their roots and values as they grow. So Research Foundation for Jainology decided to impart a value-based and culture-based quality education to develop the body, enrich the mind, with a focus on character building.

Situated at Puzhal on the Chennai-Calcutta National Highway, the Vidyaashram is ensconced in a sprawling 10-acre property. The school, conducting classes from pre-kg to class XII is affiliated to the CBSE. The English medium school that started with even students in 1996 has grown to educating 3,000-odd students in 25 years.

As the school is a day-cum-residential one, the approach is a mix of modern education and gurukulam pattern.

While various clubs help the students develop their skills in art, music, science and the like, the indoor and outdoor sports facilities develop their fitness. This has helped the students win prizes at state level cultural and sports competitions.

SHREE CHANDRAPRABHU JAIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

With a commitment to social responsibilities, and a special interest in educational service, nearly 100 members of the Jain community joined hands together and founded the Shree Chandraprabhu Jain Educational

Foundation in 1997. The foundation in turn set up the college the same year.

Institution under the wings of Shree Chandraprabhu Jain Educational Foundation:
Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College

SHREE CHANDRAPRABHU JAIN COLLEGE, MINJUR

The college, named after one of the Tirthankars Shree Chandraprabhu, had an auspicious beginning on Vijayadasami Day in Minjur in 1997. It was started due to the joint efforts of 94 members of the Jain community. Started with 15 students in two courses together, the strength has grown manifold in 25 years. This speaks volumes for the reputation it enjoys in the locality.

The management, with the aim of making learning a pleasant experience has built the college in a sprawling campus away from the bustle of Chennai city. Yet it is well connected by road and rail so that commute is not a hassle for the students.

Academics

Though it was started as a men's college, recognising the need, the management made it a co-educational institution in 2002. The college offers 11 undergraduate and two postgraduate courses.

Towards holistic development

To mould the students as future leaders, the college arranges for motivating guest lectures by

faculty from top technical and management institutes, besides corporate companies. The topics are such that they cover the latest trends in the respective fields and guide the students towards their career path.

The management and staff encourage students to conduct and participate in various academic and non-academic activities. Providing their students the opportunity to computerize the library, rather than calling external experts is just one example of the kind of encouragement accorded to the students.

Professors mentor students assigned to them, thus guiding them beyond academics and through challenges, if any.

Since 2003, a career guidance cell has been improving the employability of students and helping them get jobs right before they completed their course.

The students are equally adept at sports and win competitions regularly.

Special initiatives

The administration runs a book bank for the benefit of economically weak students. More than 1,000 students have been able to study by borrowing books from the bank, without having to spend money on buying them.

With a well-equipped gymnasium, the college ensures the physical fitness of students.

While the college administration arranges for government scholarships under various categories,

the Sha Hazarimal Jasraj Sakaria Charitable Trust regularly awards merit-cum-means scholarships to many students.

While the college inculcates the essential values through various means, the celebration of Forgiveness Day is unique. The celebration includes an inter-collegiate elocution competition on the theme.

The college encourages the faculty to attend programmes to upgrade their skills, and has also started a study circle towards the same.

An Endowment Gold Medal instituted at Madras University in the name of Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College in 2014, awards toppers in the undergraduate Botany course.

TEJRAJ SURANA TRUST

Shri Jawanthraj had migrated from Kalavuna in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan. As one of the early migrants, he was associated with the SS Jain Educational Society. His son Shri Tejraj Surana who followed his father's footsteps, became a well-known social worker and philanthropist of Sowcarpet area. He always had the welfare and upliftment of society in his mind. To continue his activities in a focussed manner, he founded the Tejraj Surana Trust in 1972. The trust fed the poor, offered financial help for education and conducted eye camps. To Shri Tejraj Surana education was a great virtue. His dreams were fulfilled when his son Shri Pannalal founded a CBSE school by name Shri Jawanthraj Tejraj Surana Jain Vidyalaya in 1983, under the guidance of Shri Kailashmull Dugar, Shri Bhawarlal

Gothi, and Dr Balakrishna Joshi. In 2002, the trust established a matriculation school in the name of Smt. Pusibai, wife of Shri Tejraj Surana. The Trust started an Information Technology Centre in 1999, the courses being open to all.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Shri Jawanthraj Tejraj Surana Jain Vidyalaya & Junior College

Smt. Pusibai Tejraj Surana Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

**SHRI JAWANTHRAJ TEJRAJ SURANA JAIN
VIDYALAYA & JUNIOR COLLEGE,
PARK TOWN, CHENNAI**

Academics

Started as an English medium primary school in 1983 under CBSE stream, it grew to a high school in 1989, which was further upgraded to higher secondary in 1994. The kindergartensection follows the Montessori method of teaching. It has a separate, enclosed play arena that ensures fun and safety.

Towards holistic development

To equip the students to the changing trends in education, the school has modern computer, artificial intelligence, robotics and 3D printing labs. This enabled students to repeatedly win international robotics competitions. Classes on fashion designing, multimedia education, Abacus learning are also conducted.

In addition to an extensive collection of books, the library subscribes to many children's and science magazines, helping students assimilate information the fun way.

The teachers encourage the students to participate in various activities including sports and martial arts, to ensure an overall development. It also helps the students win prizes in interschool competitions organised by other schools in Chennai.

Special initiatives

The school has a modern audio tool, with a brand name Listen, that captures classroom sessions and helps teachers improve or adapt their teaching methods based on the tool's auto-generated feedback.

In October 2019, in partnership with Apollo Cancer Centres, the school started Apollo Pathshala for children undergoing cancer treatment.

The school conducts annual interschool competitions, in addition to an annual cultural fete.

The Vidyalaya conducted National Volley Ball Championship on behalf of CBSE schools at the turn of the millennium, where more than 800 students from various schools including three Gulf countries participated. The enthusiastic participation inspired the school management to open the Surana Sports Academy.

**SMT. PUSIBAI TEJRAJ SURANA
MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, PARK TOWN, CHENNAI**

The Tejraj Surana Trust decided to start another school, to mark the completion of 20 years of its educational service. With the experience gained from running the Shri Jawanthraj Tejraj Surana School, it was decided to start a school under matriculation stream. This resulted in the formation of Smt. Pusibai Tejraj Surana Jain Matriculation Higher Secondary School in June 2002.

The reputation that the CBSE school enjoyed brought many students to the new school.

Due importance is given to sports and co-curricular activities, wherein swimming, karate and horse riding are the optional sports activities. To enhance the students' talents, various clubs are active in the school. All the clubs activities are planned well ahead and printed in the school calendar to enable even the parents to be aware of the activities.

VIDYA JYOTHI TRUST

Shri Sugalchand Jain, a prominent businessman and philanthropist in Chennai started the Sri Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi group of schools under Sri Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Trust. As the Singhvi Trust carries out many service activities, Vidya Jyothi Trust was started exclusively to make education available to all. In all the three schools managed by the trust, the management sans teachers, meets the parents to hear their opinions and suggestions. This is done so that the parents have no inhibitions in voicing their views. An arrangement

that is welcome by the teachers too. Because there are hardly any criticisms but only accolades.

The staff of the schools who produce 100% result and those who bring about a good change in the educational standard of students are given cash awards by the management. The Trust has started another unit of toddlers' wing in Ponnappa Lane of Triplicane.

Recognising the need for a college to impart professional education, Vidya Jyothi Trust established Mahaveer Institute of Technology in 2014 in Jadan, in Pali district of Rajasthan. Regular undergraduate courses in arts and science were introduced in 2018.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

SJNS Jain Nursery and Primary School,
Big Street, Triplicane

SJNS Jain Vidhyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec.
School, G M Street, Triplicane

SJNS Jain Nursery and Primary School, Ponnappa
Lane, Triplicane

SJNS JAIN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, BIG STREET, TRIPPLICANE

The school had an auspicious beginning on Vijayadasami Day in 1984 as an English medium primary school under the Matriculation Board.

With a firm belief in a strong educational foundation in the early years, the management maintains a small student - teacher ratio so that the teachers can pay attention to each student.

The classrooms have a colourful and vibrant ambience, so as to stimulate the young students' minds. Various educational toys and equipment make learning fun for the kindergarten students.

Towards holistic development

The students are taken on regular field trips to enable practical observation and learning.

With a focus on holistic development, the school administration encourages students to take up any activity of their interest – be it martial arts training, arts and the like. Regular competitions help the students develop a healthy competitive spirit and also their skills. This helps them do well in inter-school and their annual competitions.

Special initiatives

For the Independence and Republic Day celebrations, a student's parents are invited as the chief guests, chosen by lots.

SJNS JAIN VIDHYALAYA MATRICULATION HR. SEC. SCHOOL, G M STREET, TRIPPLICANE

As the school made a steady progress it was upgraded as a high school in 1987 and got government approval the same year. The high school was then shifted to its present spacious premises. The spacious and well-ventilated classrooms are in the ground and first floors. The basement has a library, arts & crafts room and an audio-visual room. The second floor houses the auditorium and laboratories. Higher secondary classes were started in 1996. As the strength

grew, the kindergarten and primary sections were shifted to another building.

Towards holistic development

The school lays stress on overall developments of the students through various co-curricular and service-oriented clubs and activities.

Yearly exhibition helps the students showcase their creative talents. The school conducts various competitions, which not only brings out the talents of the students but also helps teachers in identifying their talents for inter-school competitions. The staff plans all the competitions meticulously in the beginning of the year so that they are spread evenly through the year and the details are given in the school calendar. This helps the students to prepare adequately and in advance. The school also conducts inter-school oratorical competitions in English, Tamil & Hindi, besides other competitions.

With the encouragement of the teachers, the students have excelled in various state level programs and competitions organised by government departments.

Special initiatives

The management encourages staff to participate in workshops and seminars. It also encourages them with cash awards when they produce 100% results in their subjects and also when they make an average student score more.

SJNS JAIN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, PONNAPPA LANE, TRIPPLICANE

A toddlers' wing was established in a different locality in 1999. Given its rapid growth, and the demand for good educational institution that gave quality education at a minimal cost, it was upgraded as the second unit of the primary school.

The academic pattern and co-curricular activities are similar to that in the other two schools, with an emphasis on overall development of the students.

SREE S.S. JAIN MAHILA VIDYA SANGH

With the aim of educating the girl child, S.S Jain Kanya Vidyalaya had been established in 1953. Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Mangichand Bhandari and Shri Roopchand Khimsura were instrumental in founding the vidyalaya. The S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh was started in 1960 with the aim of upliftment of women in general and women's education in particular. Later the sangh took over the management of the vidyalaya.

Though the sangh was founded for women's causes, initially there were no women members. Only about 25 years after the sangh was established, women joined the S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh. Shri Sureshmull Dugar and Shri Ashok Galada persuaded Smt. Lalitha Bhandari - wife of Shri Mahaveerchand,

who is grandson of Mangichand Bhandari – and others to be a part of the sangh. Following her, Smt. Sushila Bhandari, Smt. Premila Dugar and Smt. Chandrakala Galada, daughter-in-law of Shri Inderchand Galada, also joined, and started taking active interest in the sangh and in the running of the Vidyalaya.

The adult literacy programme for women is the latest addition, Smt. Madhu Surana being the brain behind it. The Sangh office-bearers regularly visit the institutions to improvise on the existing facilities.

Institutions under the wings of the sangh:

Mangi Kanwar Anraj Chordia Jain Nursery and Primary School

Ganesh Bai Galada Jain Girls' Higher Secondary School

Chandanmal Abhairaj Nahar Jain Academy for Women

**MANGI KANWAR ANRAJ CHORDIA
JAIN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SOWCARPET**

The elders of the Jain community realised the importance of education for the empowerment and emancipation of women, long before feminism and women's equality were even talked about. Thus the Sree S.S. Jain Kanya Vidyalaya was established in 1953 with the sole aim of educating the girl child. With the efforts of the elders Shri Mohanmull Chordia, Shri Mangichand Bhandari, Shri Roopchand Khimsura and

Shri Madholal Sethia, the school started functioning in the Jain Sthanak at Mint Street in Sowcarpet. Later it was shifted to Veerappan Street in the same locality. In 1973, it was taken over by the Sree. S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh.

As the modern educational system necessitated, a nursery section was introduced in 1981. To cater to the growing demands of the locality, the girls' school was converted to a co-educational school in 1983.

The need for spacious premises was felt when the student strength increased. The magnanimous contribution of Shri Prithviraj Chordia and Shri Sumermul Chordia enabled the purchase of its premises in Nammalwar Street. In 1991, in honour of their parents, the school was named as Mangi Kanwar Anraj Chordia Jain Primary School. With liberal contributions from various people, the school building was constructed under the guidance of Shri Jabbarchand Bokadia. The school received approval from the government of Tamil Nadu in 1998.

Towards holistic development

Computer education, training in arts and crafts, dance, vocal music and moral science form part of the co-curricular activities. The activities of the clubs related to the subjects and competitions enable peer learning and also win inter-school competitions.

Special initiatives

The most extraordinary thing the school did to celebrate its 50th year of existence was to introduce an Adult Literacy Programme for women as a permanent project. For this project launched on Guru Poornima Day in July 2003 the school teachers underwent a training program conducted by the Government of India's State Resource Centre for non-formal, adult and continuing education. Many parents have learnt the basics of maths, Hindi and English from the programme.

The management encourages the teachers also to attend various workshops and refresher courses to keep them up to date.

The parent teacher association sponsors many prizes for sports day every year.

GANESH BAI GALADA JAIN GIRLS' HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SOWCARPET

Ganesh Bai Galada School pride itself since it was inaugurated by the former president Dr. Zakir Hussain.

When the S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh decided to start a girls' school, Smt. Sampath Bai Galada came forward with a liberal donation. The Galada family had been one of the pioneers who started a revolution of sorts in the sphere of education. Shri Inderchand Galada, one of the founding fathers of the S.S. Jain

Educational Society gave his time and resources and helped start the Amoluckchand Galada Jain School, which is named after Shri Inderchand's father. His wife, Smt. Sampath Bai, though widowed quite young and without an educational background, decided to carry on the torch lit by her husband. So she liberally donated to Mahila Vidya Sangh and the school is named in the memory of her mother-in-law Smt. Ganesh Bai Amoluckchand Galada. The initiative that she took has benefited numerous girls.

The school, started in June 1961 with 102 students functioned at Sthanak Bhawan and then at Thulasingham Street till it moved to its present premises in Mint Street. Originally started as a Hindi medium school, the management decided to add English medium also. The government granted permission to start English medium in 1989. So now the school offers Hindi and English as the mediums of instruction for high school. In 1978, the school was upgraded into a higher secondary school with English as the medium of instruction.

As there are no restrictions on the intake of students - in terms of educational background of parents, there are a few students who do not have the benefit of parental guidance. For such students and slow learners, the school conducts special study sessions after school hours.

Special initiatives

The school's performance and popularity have brought in many endowments. For the top scorers in

languages in both the board exams, Shri Viridi Chand Marlecha Award, Smt. A. G. Nirmala Swaminathan Award, Shah Hirachand Vagthji Chowhan Dantaraiwala Award are given. The top scorers in subjects in tenth standard are given the Shenoy Award and Smt. Ashaben Chandanmal Mutta Mandar Award. For the rank holders in tenth and twelfth, Sri Umraomal Sripal Surana Award, Smt. Vasanthi Ben Shantilal Sanklecha Mandarwala award and Pukhraj Mittubai Kothari award are given. Smt. Javi Ben Mohanlal Chowhan Dantaraiwala endowment, Sri Sokatchand Kheemchand Balwarwala endowment, Sri Mohanlal Rikhabchand Kankaria endowment, Sri R. H. Kankariya Dantaraiwala endowment, Sri BK Balwarawala endowment, Smt. Jamna Ben Saremal Mutta Mandarwala endowment and Sri Sayarmal Ballabhbai Anand Chordia endowment have been instituted. Smt. Kamala Mehta and Shri Sajjanraj Mehta Rolling Trophy are given to the best student of the year. For dharmic and moral values Smt. Ramadevi Goenka award is given. The Hindustan Hosiery house has instituted an award for the top scorer in dress designing. And in memory of the donor, her grandson Shri Vimal Galada has instituted the Smt. Sampath Bai Galada Rolling Trophy for cultural excellence among outgoing students in twelfth standard.

CHANDANMAL ABHAIRAJ NAHAR JAIN ACADEMY FOR WOMEN, SOWCARPET

The academy was formed with the aim of providing higher education for girls. It was found that many girls in Sowcarpet area wanted to pursue their studies after higher secondary education, but could not, because of various reasons including commutation problem. There

was no college in the Sowcarpet locality. So in 1995, the S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh started conducting classes from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm in the Ganesh Bai Galada School premises after school hours. Nearly 150 students started attending the classes.

The good response prompted the sangh members to construct a permanent building for the academy. Shri Bhawarlal Nahar who had served the S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh as president for 13 years made a liberal donation. The building was constructed under the guidance of Shri Ashok Kumar Mehta. Shri Nahar's grandfather Shri Chandanmal had migrated from Haryadana in Rajasthan and settled in Ooty. The family did jewellery business. As Shri Bhawarlal Nahar wanted to enter a profession rather than business, he came to Chennai with his brother and completed his CA. Along with his practice, he has been actively involved in the activities of various social service organisations. When the S.S. Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh decided to expand the Jain Academy for Women, Shri Nahar contributed generously. So when the academy was shifted to its present, modern five-storied building in 2001, the academy was named as Chandanmal Abhairaj Nahar Jain Academy for Women after Shri Bhawarlal's grandfather and father respectively.

For the freshers, the college life starts with an orientation programme that helps the students to familiarise themselves with the activities and the atmosphere of the academy. The college offers vocational courses including fashion technology, interior decoration, spoken English, tailoring, air ticketing, tourism management, Tanjore painting and

nursery training. The academy also offers job-oriented computer software courses. The computer courses, are open to women other than the academy students. In addition, coaching classes are conducted for many undergraduate and postgraduate courses under regular and Open University systems. The academy conducts various seminars, debates, cultural programmes, competitions and field trips.

Proficiency award is given to the topper in each department. The best student selected by the staff and students, is given the Roshni Award. Smt. Sarjoo Devi Award is given to the student who scores the highest marks in the exams conducted by the University of Madras. For the top scorer in commerce, Smt. Madanbai Galada Award and for the top scorer in psychology, Shri Loonkaran Lodha Award are presented.

SAAYARBAI EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST, VELLORE

The Saayarbai Educational & Charitable Trust was started to 'serve the society'. With the aim of providing quality higher and technical education and social service, the trust was formed and registered in 1998.

The trust founded Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College in 1999. It is planning to implement various out-reach programmes in the nearby villages. These include Social Forestry programme, Awareness programmes on various social and educational aspects

and development through self-help Mahila Mandals. As Vellore district has a high concentration of tannery and leather trades, the Trust proposes to offer Training on Tannery and Leather Works through the distance education directorate of IGNOU. IGNOU has identified the engineering college as its study centre for this purpose.

Institution under the wings of the Trust:

Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College
Maharishi Vidya Mandir

**Ganadipathy TULSI'S JAIN
ENGINEERING COLLEGE, VELLORE**

The college is named after his holiness Acharya Sri Ganadipathy Tulsi. The acharya worked towards the upliftment of the society and eradication of superstitions. The college is named after him so that it will act as a driving force in fulfilling his visions.

The college, which was established in 1999 with three engineering streams has grown to having six undergraduate engineering streams, besides postgraduation courses in business administration, information technology and computer applications.

The college functions in its own 27-acre property on an arterial road.

The college emphasises the overall development of the students, which it refers to as 'total transformation'.

To achieve this, the students are encouraged to involve themselves in various cultural programmes, games and the social service activities. Students take part in various outreach programmes of the Saayarbai Trust.

Special initiatives

The college has a tiered mentorship programme to steer students in the right path in academic as well as other matters.

The college arranges industry - institute interaction so as to get the students get acquainted with the industries and the work culture, improve students' industry-specific skills and to prepare the students for placement on completion of their course.

The administration conducts training programmes for students at renowned government corporations and corporate companies.

The administration inculcates necessary skills and basic requisites of international employment and higher studies abroad.

The college does not collect capitation fee at all. To ease the financial burden of economically weak students, the college arranges for government scholarships and loans under various categories. The management awards toppers in each branch.

As part of its sustainability measures, the college treats its waste water for reuse within the campus.

MAHARISHI VIDYA MANDIR, KANIYAMBADI

Maharishi Vidya Mandir was established as a unit of Ganadipathy Tulsi's Engineering College in 2020 in Nelvoy near Kaniyambadi.

Affiliated to the CBSE, the school offers kindergarten and primary classes. It functions in a sprawling 3-acre eco-friendly campus.

In addition to the regular academic and co-curricular activities, the school offers some creative learning and technological programmes including robotics, artificial intelligence, newspaper in learning, gate quiz and leadership academy.

In addition to arranging field trips and educational tours, the school encourages students to take part in Scouts and Guides, Junior Red Cross, Karuna Club and NCC.

The students are taught to practise transcendental meditation, bhajans and chanting of the Bhagwad Gita.

The administration gives equal importance to physical education, training them to participate and win in state and national level sports competitions.

VIDHYA SAGAR CHARITABLE TRUST

To educate those lagging in literacy and to disseminate knowledge, Vidhya Sagar Charitable Trust was formed in 2001. Inspired by Shri Iswar Chandra Vidhya Sagar, a scholar and reformer who championed the cause of women, Shri Chainmal Surana instilled the need for women's empowerment in the mind of his son Hastimal Surana. Recognising that education is the means to empowerment, Shri Hasthimal Surana started the trust. The institutions that the trust started in Chengalpattu are all named after the reformer.

Institutions under the wings of the trust

Vidhya Sagar Women's College

Vidhya Sagar Women's College of Education

Vidhya Sagar Global School

VIDHYA SAGAR WOMEN'S COLLEGE, CHENGALPATTU

Started in 2005, the college offers ten undergraduate and four postgraduate courses in the arts and science streams. It is affiliated to the University of Madras.

Special initiatives

The college provides scholarship to meritorious students and those who shine in sports.

In addition to the regular clubs like Red Cross,

NSS, etc. the college has a citizen consumer club which creates awareness about consumer rights, and to help consumers get justice if affected.

The college conducts job fairs, which helps hundreds of students get placed in service organisations and corporate companies every year. In addition, a placement cell arranges for trainings in various aspects to improve the employability of the students, and also facilitates placement.

The college offers 15 certificate courses to equip students with vocational skills and soft skills that would help in whatever career path they choose. Software testing, web designing, animation are some of the popular certificate courses.

VIDHYA SAGAR WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, CHENGALPATTU

This teacher training college was started in 2005 in Chengalpattu. It has NCTE approval and is affiliated to Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University. It offers two-year B.Ed course.

Special initiatives

The placement cell conducts training, career guidance, counselling and skill development programmes, and mock interviews to equip the students, and also arranges campus interviews.

VIDHYA SAGAR GLOBAL SCHOOL, CHENGALPATTU

Vidhya Sagar Global School was established in 2008 in a 20-acre campus in Chengalpattu. It follows the CBSE syllabus.

Subject-wise and co-curricular clubs, in addition to sports, help the overall development of students. Swimming, silambam, performing arts and skating are some of the off-beat activities.

Special initiatives

The school has an impressive computer lab designed to draw young students and make learning an exciting experience. The ultimate purpose is to equip them for their future as higher educational institutions and work places are becoming increasingly technology oriented.

A self-organised learning environment or SOLE lab helps students learn through a digital platform. One of the four schools in the entire state to have a SOLE lab, the school received the MS Innovative School Award. A robotics lab for the primary and middle schools helps students build robots and carry out the necessary programming.

UMRA KAVAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Umra Kavar Educational Trust was started in 2004. But the family that started the trust has been serving the

people of Madurantakam in Kancheepuram district for nearly 110 years. Shri Sowbagmal Sowkar constructed a maternity ward in Madurantakam's government hospital in 1955. His son Shri Dharmachand Sowkar restored a burnt temple car of a Hindu temple, and helped establish a fire station in the town.

As the locality was lagging behind in education, the family established Sowbagmal Sowkkar Girls Higher Secondary School in Madurantakam in 1971, where more than 3,000 girls are studying now.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Subham College of Education

Subham Vidhyalayaa Senior Secondary School

SUBHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MADURANTAKAM

Recognising the need for trained teachers, the trust started Subham College of Education in 2005, to offer B.Ed courses. M.Ed courses were started in 2009. An integrated B.A.B.Ed course was started in 2021.

The college has well-equipped laboratories and library. While the administration conducts workshops and seminars regularly, the students conduct various exhibitions.

Special initiatives

The students are trained in communication skills and counselling as well, to enable them to counsel children when they become teachers.

Through various programmes, the teacher trainees learn teaching through arts, learn about research tools,

stress management for better mental health, etc. so that they can be good role models to their students and assist in their holistic development.

SUBHAM VIDHYALAYAA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, MADURANTAKAM

Subham Vidhyalayaa Senior Secondary School was started in 2011, under CBSE. Given the school's consistent performance in board exams and focus on overall development, the school has become popular in a short span. Now more than 1,200 students study here.

Subject-wise club activities, laboratories, a well-stocked library and sporting facilities, and the dedication and encouragement of teachers, the students excel in studies and extracurricular activities and win prizes at various interschool competitions and public forums.

GOTHI SURANA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Shri Bhawarlal Gothi started the Gothi Surana Educational Trust, with the belief that 'educating a woman is educating a family'. A philanthropist who has received the Bhamashah Award from the Government of Rajasthan Shri Gothi decided to start a college to empower women through education. In addition to monetary contributions to various schools, he has served on the boards of many educational institutions.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

R.B. Gothi Jain College for Women

R.B. GOTHİ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, RED HILLS

Ratankanwar Bhawarlal Gothi Jain College for Women, popularly known as R.B. Gothi Jain College, functions in Red Hills in the outskirts of Chennai. It was started by Bhawarlal Gothi with the support of Chainmal Surana and Hastimal Surana who had already established ten educational institutions.

Academics

The institution offers seven undergraduate courses in the arts and science streams, and a single postgraduate course. The college provides and promotes skill-based and job-oriented courses to help the students become independent and career-oriented.

Special initiatives

In all the extra-curricular activities, the college offers a mix, such as classical and western dance, classical and western music, and yoga and zumba.

The college offers job-oriented short-term courses. Given the trend of use of applications in every sphere, the college conducts a short-term course on mobile app development programme for final year students. A placement cell trains the students in necessary skills and helps them find jobs.

JAIN TERAPANTH WELFARE TRUST

With the eleventh acharya of the Jain Terapanth Dharma Sect as their inspiration, the Jain Terapanth Welfare Trust started the Acharya Mahashraman

Terapanth Jain Public School to offer educational services.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:
Acharya Mahashraman Terapanth Jain Public
School

ACHARYA MAHASHRAMAN TERAPANTH JAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL, MADHAVARAM

Popularly known as AMT Jain School, the institute was started in 2019 and is affiliated to the CBSE. The kindergarten has a theme-based instruction to help students' learning and creative expressions. Learning combined with individual and group activities including story telling, role playing and creative projects, helps the children transition to the primary section easily. The primary section has various activities to address young minds' inquiry and exploration. Robotics, heritage club, literary club and eco club among others help the high school students develop their academic as well as co-curricular skills.

SRI JAIN SANGH TRUST, TIRUVOTTIYUR

Shri Nemichand Mootha and other elders of the community in Tiruvottiyur area founded Sri Jain Sangh trust in 1967. The Trust not only supports the economically weak of its school, but also others, by

supplying free uniforms and note books and bearing the school fees. A unique feature of the Trust is that, it gives free medical care to the students and staff by bearing medical expenses. This is done by an understanding with a nearby a hospital and Dr. Suresh, an alumnus of the school.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Sri Mahaveer Jain Higher Secondary School

SRI MAHAVEER JAIN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, TIRUVOTTIYUR

Named after Bhagwan Mahaveer, the school is functioning on the arterial Tiruvottiyur High Road. The school had its beginning as a primary school in 1966. Started as a Hindi medium school to cater to the Hindi-speaking populace of the area, the school was started with a single teacher and 15 students. The primary school received government recognition in 1977. The recognition brought in more students and it was upgraded as Sri Mahaveer Jain Middle School in 1978. As there was a demand for English medium education, the school introduced the same, and now Hindi and English mediums are available. Upgraded to include higher secondary classes in the academic year 1999, the school's strength has grown multiple times.

The students participate actively in many clubs as part of their co-curricular activities. The school waives the fee for economically weak students, and provides books and uniforms.

RAJASTHANI JAIN SAMAJ EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Rajasthani Jain Samaj was established in 1967 by like-minded Jains who had settled in Madras. The Samaj undertook various cultural, social and charitable activities.

The members of the samaj decided to provide education to the poor and the downtrodden and hence started the Shri Rajasthani Jain Samaj Education Trust in 1976. Dr. C L Metha, Suganmull Srisrimal Jain and Shri Kushalchand Galada were instrumental in starting the educational trust. Shri Ugamraj Mootha, son of Shri Bijairaj after whom the school is named talks of the crucial role the three elders played in establishing the school. Right from collecting donations, to getting the infrastructure, from getting the compliance as per government rules, to appointing teachers, the three played a key role in establishing the school.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Shri Bijairaj Sajjanraj Mootha Girls' Senior
Secondary School

**SHRI BIJAIRAJ SAJJANRAJ MOOTHA GIRLS'
SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL,
WEST MAMBALAM**

The Jain Bal Mandir was started in 1970 as a play school even before the educational trust was formed. With a donation from Shri Kewalchand Khatod,

kindergarten classes were introduced. The school was named as the Vigyan Vichakshan Jain Bal Mandir, after the Jain sadhvis Vigyansiriji and Vichakshansiriji. It offered education through English and Hindi till 1996 when Hindi medium was dropped.

The Rajasthani Jain Samaj felt the need for a girls' school so that those belonging to the Jain community and others could have an English medium education. As the idea took shape, the Mootha brothers Shri Madanraj, Shri Ugamraj and Shri Mahavirchand made a monetary contribution and also donated the land that they owned in West Mambalam.

The brothers' great grandfather Shri Hazarimull of Balunda had trundled along in a bullock cart, with his family in tow and stayed at Hyderabad and Bangalore before finally settling down in Madras in 1858. Shri Hazarimull's son Shri Baneraj expired very young even when his son Bijairaj was a toddler. Bijairaj grew up to be a philanthropist and established a school and a boarding home in Beawar. After his demise, his sons found it fit to donate for a cause that was close to his heart. So the samaj, in recognition of the Mootha brothers' generosity, named the high school in memory of their father Shri Bijairaj and a brother Shri Sajjanraj as Shri Bijairaj Sajjanraj Mootha Girls' High School.

With a generous donation from Shri Khewalchand Khatod for the primary section. So on 10th June 1977, and Smt. Tumkubai Kewalchand Khatod Jain Primary School were inaugurated. With various donors like Shri Bhawarlal Bothra, Shri Sampatraj Kataria and Shri

Amoluckchand Rakecha pitching in, additional land was purchased and new classrooms were added. The school, later upgraded to higher secondary, is affiliated to the CBSE.

Towards holistic development

With the support of the management, especially Shri Harish Metha, extra-curricular and sports activities have received a boost. The school has literary, science, maths, computer, fine arts, crafts, Karuna and many other clubs and a children's corner for the primary school, the activities of which help the students develop their skills and talents. The clubs' competitions held help the students hone their skills. As a result the students win a lot of prizes in inter-school competitions, and many state level and national level prizes in various competitive exams.

The management has also been conducting various seminars on personality development, goal setting, exam strategies, career guidance etc. for the students.

Special initiatives

Workshops and trainings are conducted for teachers too. And they are encouraged to participate in seminars and orientation courses conducted by external agencies.

The school awards merit-cum-means scholarships to deserving Jain students. Various Trusts, donors and philanthropists have instituted endowment awards, numbering a total of forty, to encourage the students in their pursuit. With the enthusiastic attitude of the staff

and management and that of the students matching up, the school led by Ms. Nirmala is set on a course for higher achievements.

**DHANRAJ MISRILAL SURANA
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

The Dhanraj Misrilal Surana Educational Trust was founded in 1990 by Shri Ganpath Surana and his younger brother Shri Gouthamchand Surana with the aim of establishing a school. The school was established in 1990 and named after the founder's grandfather Shri Dhanraj and father Shri Misrilal. Shri Misrilal along with his wife Smt. Sushilabai had come from Kalavana in Rajasthan and had established his business in Tambaram. He was well known as a philanthropist in Tambaram. As he evinced a keen interest in the spread of education, the school is functioning as a tribute to him.

Institution under the wings of the Trust:

Shri Dhanraj Misrilal Surana Jain Vidyalaya
Matriculation School

**SHRI DHANRAJ MISRILAL SURANA JAIN
VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION SCHOOL,
TAMBARAM**

The school was started in 1990. The staff take efforts to educate the students not only in their curriculum but also in moral and spiritual values.

Towards holistic development

To bring out the creative talents of the students, literary association meetings are held every month. Various other programs are also conducted regularly. These include painting, elocution, essay writing, recitation, fancy dress, music competitions, talks on national leaders and scientists and cultural programs. The school also lays importance on physical education.

Special initiatives

When Ms. Meera Krithivasan became the principal, her commitment and dedication towards the school has prompted her siblings to institute awards at the turn of the millennium. Her brother Dr. Ramaraj of USA has instituted the T.A. Chandrasekaran Memorial Award in their father's name through which the outstanding performance of students in each of the classes from sixth to tenth standards are recognised. The principal's sister Mrs. Rajeswari Gopalakrishnan has instituted another award in their father's memory to encourage teachers. This fund is utilised on Teachers' Day in various ways.

Besides, the East Tambaram Educational and Charitable Trust Merit Award and Smt. Devaki Paramasivam Endowment Award are given to the top scorer in the board exams. Dr. Krishnamurthy, a neurosurgeon from New York has also instituted an award for the student with the best overall performance.

DADHA & CO GOLDEN JUBILEE TRUST

Shri Lalchand Dadha came to Madras in 1912, from Phalodi in Rajasthan along with his two elder brothers. In 1914, they established their pharmaceutical business – the well-known Dadha Pharmaceuticals.

Shri Dadha who was always contributing to the cause of education, played an active role in the S.S. Jain Educational Society. He was also associated with Vardhman Jain Sangh of Osian. He founded the Jain Medical Relief Society in 1950.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the pharmaceutical business, Dadha & Co Golden Jubilee Trust was formed in 1963 with family members as trustees. The Trust started Lalchand Milapchand Dadha Secondary School in 1977, with CBSE curriculum.

In 1975, Lalchand Dadha Memorial Trust was formed to run a state board school named the Balubai Dadha Higher Secondary School.

The trust has also contributed towards setting up Lalchand Milapchand Dadha College in Osian, Rajasthan. The college was started in 2014. A CBSE-affiliated senior secondary school in Phalodi, Rajasthan in 2020.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Lalchand Milapchand Dadha Secondary School

Balu Bai Dadha Higher Secondary School

LALCHAND MILAPCHAND DADHA SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHOOLAIMEDU

To perpetuate the memory of philanthropists Shri Lalchand Dadha and his son Shri Milapchand Dadha, the Dadha & co Golden Jubilee Trust established Lalchand Milapchand Dadha Secondary School. Shri Mohanchand Dadha was instrumental in starting the school.

The school had its beginning in 1977 with a student strength of just seven in sixth and seventh standards put together. Higher classes were subsequently introduced. Affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, kindergarten and primary sections were introduced in 1980 and pre-kg in the year 1989.

The nominal fee structure, good discipline and overall development of the student have brought in repute to the school in the locality. Hence people from all walks of life – from professionals to workers – admit their wards here.

Towards holistic development

Special labs for audio visual learning and computers help the students learn using the latest resources.

Learning by doing concept, upscaling of waste are some of the concepts that the students follow, helping them hands-on experience on various aspects.

With the encouragement and training given by teachers, the students have won laurels even in international competitions.

Special initiatives

As many of the students are first generation learners who cannot have any academic guidance at home, the school conducts remedial classes for them and slow learners. The free remedial classes conducted for an hour everyday benefits twenty percent of the students. The school is proud of the fact that private tuitions are against their policy and their teachers and parents adhere to that principle. High school students have special education sessions on electrical gadgets.

The school's standing has brought in a slew of endowments and scholarships. The P.S. Bantia Scholarship is given to the student who scores more than 75 % in all subjects in the tenth standard. The school management has also instituted scholarships wherein the students in high school who score more than 75 % are waived of their tuition fees. The Champaka Durairajan scholarship is on a merit-cum-means basis. For academic achievements, prizes are given through Venkatraghava Iyer, Elathur Chandrasekhara Iyer, Kuppani Bai, Sulochana Rangaswamy and Rathnamma Endowments. Parvati endowment prize is awarded to the best performer in cultural events. For kindergarten students, talent recognition is through Baby Charumathi Endowment, which was instituted by Lioness Vidya Ravichandran in memory of her daughter.

BALU BAI DADHA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHOOLAIMEDU

Balu Bai Dadha Higher Secondary School was established in 1999 by the Lalchand Dadha Memorial Trust to perpetuate the memory of Smt. Balu Bai, wife of Shri Lalchand Dadha.

Recognised by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the school comes under the State Board of Higher Secondary Education.

As the school is virtually an extension of Lalchand Milapchand School, sometimes the students participate in various club activities together. The students regularly take part in interschool competitions and win prizes.

To bring out the talents of the students, each month a class is given a topic on which they bring out a wall magazine.

Shri Sathyamoorthy Saiprasad Endowment rewards the topper in Science Stream and Shri Aswin Radha Endowment, the topper in Commerce Stream.

R. MISRILAL ANCHIBAI CHARITABLE TRUST

Shri Misrilal had shifted from Bagdinagar in Rajasthan and settled in Chennai nearly in the 1930s. His philanthropic son Shri Premraj and Shri Bhikamchand Lunkad along with their family members formed a charitable trust in 1996. To perpetuate the memory

of his parents, they named the trust as R. Misrilal Anchibai Charitable Trust and registered it in May 1996. The Trust immediately established the R.M. Jain Vidhyashram at Tiruvallur, a Chennai suburb.

Institutions under the wings of the Trust:

Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyalaya

Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyashram

Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyapeeth Matriculation Higher
Secondary School

SRMJV Montessori Training Institute

SRI R.M. JAIN GROUP OF SCHOOLS, TIRUVALLUR

Run by the R. Misrilal Anchibai Charitable Trust, the group of schools has Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyalaya, Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyashram and Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyapeeth under its banner.

The kindergarten section which is known as Sri R.M. Jain Vidhyalaya and the high school which is known as Sri R.M. Jain Vidyashram were started in June 1996. The Vidyashram, affiliated to CBSE, was started initially with classes from first standard to sixth and was gradually upgraded up to tenth standard. The CBSE affiliation was granted in May 2000. The R.M. Jain Vidyapeeth was started in 2001 and offers higher secondary courses under state board.

Well-equipped and technology-enabled laboratories help the students develop their language skills and enhance their subject knowledge. Students'

academic and extra-curricular talents and achievements are rewarded with cash awards, certificates and shields, besides gold coins to top scorers in board exams.

Apart from the school's cultural activities and interschool competitions, students take part in social awareness programmes. Students learn how to spin yarn out of cotton as part of citizenship training. With special forums and clubs for personality development, fine arts, chess, science, story-telling, etc. the students have won numerous academic and co-curricular awards.

The school has a special wing called SRMJV Centre for Teachers' Excellence to hone the skills of teachers with regard to academic and personality development.

SRMJV Montessori Training Institute trains those who are interested in following the Montessori method of teaching.

THE TERAPANTH EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL TRUST

Gurudev Shri Acharya Tulsiji and Acharya Mahapragyaji were the inspiration behind the Terapanth Educational and Medical Trust. The trust was registered as a public charitable institution on 15 October 1988. The very next year the trust decided to start an educational institution. With the blessings and inspiration of Poojya Gurudev Ganadipathy Tushi, Shri Anraj Gadhiya, Shri Pannalal Tatia, Shri Abeerchand Bhandari, Shri Parasmal Nahar, Shri Gouthamchand Sethia, Shree Chaganmal Dhoka and

Shri Pyarelal Pittalia worked in unison and started the Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya was started in Sowcarpet in 1990. Then in 1999, another unit of the school was opened in Pattalam.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet

Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Pattalam

**TERAPANTH JAIN VIDYALAYA
MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, SOWCARPET**

In Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya, life revolves around the central atrium. With classrooms on all sides, the atrium provides a cool yet bright ambience to this five storeyed building. Care has been taken to provide the children a welcome cheer, as in the case of handrails and kindergarteners' benches painted in bright primary colours. Anyone who walks in is met with a smile by the staff, making the visitor feel at ease with an unspoken assurance that the students are in good hands.

The school prides itself of very good infrastructure and facilities. Catering to many marginalised students, the fees are very nominal. A well-stocked library, a computer lab, which students start using from their first standard are some of the highlights. A donor has

endowed the school with a lift. The terrace is a delight for the children during physical education classes. Their co-curricular activities include dance, karate and skating. And they are taught meditation and breathing techniques too. Some donors have instituted 'Best Sportsman Award', scholarships, 'Best Student Award' for academic excellence and 'General Proficiency Award' for overall performance.

The teachers develop each student into a confident person who will be able to express himself or herself and hold her own. The performance of the school has brought many Best School awards over the years from many agencies.

The school is using modern technological development for educating the students. The library is well-equipped. In memory of Shri Khivraj Choradia, Smt. Bhavani Devi Choradia Charitable Trust has donated a considerable amount of money towards equipping the library better.

Special initiatives

An assessment of slow learners by an external counsellor helps teachers give them due additional coaching. The school follows a successful non-academic approach to improve the performance of slow learners by channelising their energy and mind towards studies. The counsellor monitors and reviews the progress of the students to change the approach if necessary.

To encourage the students in their academic and co-curricular interests, Shri Prakashchand Mutha Best Student Award and Smt. Premibai Pitaliya General Proficiency Award are given. Apna Club and Lions Club of Meenambakkam have been felicitating top scorers of each subject in tenth, eleventh and twelfth standards since 1999. Students and staff with 100% attendance are rewarded by the management. Shri Sunil Bokadia has instituted the Best Sportsman Award. The Anita Nahar, B.M. Dugar Charitable Trust, Oriental Research Trust and Shri Kamalabai Golecha Endowments are providing scholarships for the needy and the meritorious.

**TERAPANTH JAIN VIDYALAYA
MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, PATTALAM**

The Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya in Pattalam was started on 23 June, 1999. The school follows the common syllabus of the state. Though a third language is not mandatory under the state board curriculum, the school offers Hindi, besides Tamil as second language.

In addition to competitions for students to showcase their artistic and creative talents, and knowledge. The school conducts interschool competitions. Abacus and gymnastics training, and a 3D STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) lab are some special features, in addition to other co-curricular club activities and extra-curricular programmes.

The school has been conducting TJV Pattalam Interschool Cricket Tournament since 2015.

SHRI ANAND RISHI JAIN SOCIETY

The first Jain to make Tambaram his home was Shri Devichand Vinayakia, grandfather of the present secretary, Shri Uttamchand Vinayakia. He had migrated from Pattari Karmawas near Pipaliya in Gujarat. Soon others followed and settled in Tambaram.

Members of the Jain community put their philanthropic minds together and established Shri Anand Rishi Jain Society in 1977 for the cause of education and healthcare. The society founded Shri Anand Jain Vidyalaya in 1977.

Institution under the wings of the society:

Shri Anand Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation
Hr. Sec. School

SHRI ANAND JAIN VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAMBARAM

Started on 15 July, 1977 as a primary school with twenty students with divine blessings of Acharya Samrat Shri Anand Rishi, after whom the school is named and the blessings of Jain sadhvis Shri Kushal Kuvarji, Shri Promod Kuvarji and Shri Pushpa Kuvarji, the school has had an enormous growth.

The support of the management has ensured a negligible attrition rate. This helps the school administration have continuity in all their endeavours, and brings about success. The teachers' efforts not only bring them Best Teacher Award from development organisations and the state government, but also Best School Award. The school's initiative in early computer education also helped it win the state government's IT Literacy Award.

After getting government approval in 1985, the management upgraded it to a high school in 1985 and to a higher secondary in 1988. The school follows a child-centred teaching, enabling the students to imbibe their lessons faster.

Towards holistic development

The school conducts numerous literary, science, performing acts, creative, artistic and sports activities to ensure overall development of the students.

The activities in school sharpen the skills of the students to such an extent that they have consistently won awards in various competitions – such as for web designing, food adulteration and energy development – conducted by the state and national government departments and other entities. Students regularly win sports prizes also, including at state level.

Special initiatives

The management supports many economically weak children through its institutional scholarships.

The place that the school has earned for itself has brought in endowment awards from people who have had some connection with the school. The Amritha Puraskar, S.D. Kumar Award, Kodhai Memorial Award, Aditya Award and Prabhu Memorial Award have been instituted by donors for toppers in the board exams. For the rank holders in higher secondary exams Tulsi Puraskar, Govindarajan Memorial Award, Muralidharan Memorial Award, Raja Memorial Award and Bhadha Award are given. Shri K.V.R. Chary has instituted a general proficiency award for eighth standard.

CHAINMAL SURANA CHARITABLE TRUST

The trust was started by Shri Chainmal Surana in 1987 for service in the fields of education and healthcare. He had migrated to Madras as a boy of 15. A self-made man, he laboured hard till he could establish himself. The trust was lending a helping hand to the needy. Inspired by the positive impact of a boarding home in his hometown, he decided to start a school in Chennai. So he established a school in Royapuram in 1996.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Shri BC Surana Jain Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

SHRI BADANKANWAR CHAINMAL SURANA JAIN MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, OLD WASHERMANPET

Established by The Chainmal Surana Charitable Trust, the school is named after its founders Smt. Badankanwar Surana & Shri Chainmal Surana. Started as a primary school in June 1996, the school received government recognition in 1997 to run classes up to seventh standard. Subsequently it was upgraded as a higher secondary school. In addition to regular streams in higher secondary, vocational courses are also offered.

Towards holistic development

Though the school follows the state board curriculum which mandates learning only a second language, the school has an additional option of Hindi and encourages students to study the same.

The walls of the kindergarten sections in the ground floor are adorned with colourful paintings and posters. And the rooms abound with play equipment and educational toys. The spacious library with a sizeable collection of books has subscription to many science, infotainment and sports magazines.

While the school has the regular indoor and outdoor sports, kho-kho, kabadi and hockey, that are offered only in a handful of schools, have many students participating enthusiastically.

Special initiatives

The school, with the guidance of the management and efforts of the staff had a leap in academic performance in the initial years. As the performance and reputation increased, the management and individuals evinced keen interest in contributing their mite to the school. When Hemashri, an eighth standard student had to leave the school for personal reasons, the attachment she had for the school made her parents institute a shield. This rolling shield is given to the class that consistently maintains punctuality, discipline, neatness, grades, etc. throughout the month. The management has also instituted Sri Chainmal Surana Award for general proficiency and Smt. Badan Kanwar Award for the best sports person. For 100% attendance also the staff and students are rewarded by the management. To encourage students towards better performance, the management has introduced a scheme where tenth standard students who score above 90% in all subjects in all the exams throughout the year are given a 100% waiver on term fees the next year. Those with a consistent score of more than 80% are given 50% exemption in term fees and those with more than 70% score are given 25% exemption in term fees.

SHREE MAHAVEER JAIN KALYAN SANGH TRUST

The Jains residing in Choolai area pooled in their resources in 1966 to start a school, named Shree Jain Bala Vidyalaya, in 1966. They formed the Shree Mahaveer Jain Kalyan Sangh Trust to run and upgrade the school in an organised manner. Shri Gautam Vaid, son of Shri

Pannalal Vaid, contributed to the development and management of the institution under this trust.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Vidyalaya

Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for Women

Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Gurukul

Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Arts and Science College, Nallur

GURU SHREE SHANTIVIJAI JAIN VIDYALAYA, VEPERY

In the 1960s everyone preferred a convent-education, since the convent schools were known for students' discipline and quality education. The Jain institutions that were functioning were Hindi medium schools. As Jain children too preferred to study in English medium schools, the Jains in Choolai area, under the guidance of Shri Pannalal Vaid established Shree Jain Bala Vidyalaya in 1966, to provide quality education at affordable costs. This was also the first English medium school started by Jain organisation in Tamil Nadu and also the first Jain school affiliated to CBSE.

After functioning in a room of Choolai Jain temple, in the house of Shri Kasturchand Kochar's and in rented places, the school was shifted to its present location in 1972. This property on Veperiy High Road had belonged to the American Baptist Mission Church - the Telugu Baptist Church still exists adjacent to the campus. After some chance events, Dr Louis F. Knoll

of the Baptist Mission not only arranged for the sale of the property but also handed it over even before receiving the entire payment. This enabled the trust to shift the school, which by then had been renamed as Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Vidyalaya.

In 1973, the school was affiliated to the CBSE. The school's academic achievements have led to it receiving NCERT National Awards for its 'Life Oriented Education Programme' and 'Learners Evaluation and Assessment Programme'.

Towards holistic development

The school's technological teaching tools include video, radio, multimedia, and LCD projector, housed in a separate audio-visual hall. The school has a special library for juniors and an independent computer centre for primary children. The kindergarten section has a modern playway activity centre with the latest educational aids and toys.

The school has categorised the education into scholastic, developmental and co-curricular programmes. Scholastic is based on the syllabi. Developmental includes physical, audio-visual, health, art and value educations. Co-curricular activities include creative writing and public speaking.

The management awards gold and silver medals to toppers. Staff members are also awarded for attendance and 100% results. The school has been giving hundreds of scholarships to the needy from 1970 onwards under the Protshan Vriti Scheme.

GURU SHREE SHANTIVIJAI JAIN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, VEPERY

The college, named after the famous saint Guru Shri Shantivijai of Mount Abu - popularly known as 'Abu Ke Yogiraj', was inaugurated on 30 January, 1990, the 100th birth anniversary of the guru.

Started with two courses namely B.Com., and B.A. in corporate secretaryship, the college now offers seven graduate and two postgraduate courses.

Each department conducts seminars, guest lectures and intra-collegiate events that infuse elements of fun and creativity into academic concepts - like 'Corp-toons' through which the students explain complex corporate concepts in a humorous way. The activities are spread throughout the year that each month, the students have something to look forward to. The college also conducts inter-collegiate cultural festival every year.

Special initiatives

The administration has set up a Students Service Cell to guide students about higher studies and career prospects. Orientation programmes, preparatory sessions for competitive exams, industrial visits, internships and guest lectures are conducted to prepare the students in their career. It also arranges placement drives and helps final year students find employment easily.

As the college is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, which is a global non-profit organisation, the students learn to be team players, develop communication and entrepreneurial skills and use the skills not only for themselves but also for the society.

The college has an entrepreneurship development cell to develop the skills of students who are inclined towards starting a business.

The administration encourages faculty in upgrading their qualification and knowledge. They are encouraged to present papers and pursue their doctoral studies under faculty improvement programme.

The management gives gold medals to university rank holders and department toppers. Students with more than 85% are also given medals. It has also instituted awards for 100% attendance by staff and students. The lecturers producing 100% result are also awarded gold medals.

**GURU SHREE SHANTIVIJAI JAIN GURUKUL
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NALLUR,
CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT**

Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Gurukul, generally referred to as GSS Jain Gurukul, was started in 2017, as the golden jubilee project of Shree Mahaveer Jain Kalyan Sangh Trust. The school functions in spacious classrooms located in a 16-acre campus in the outskirts of Chennai.

The school follows CBSE syllabus, and reinforces it with a curriculum developed by inhouse academic experts. This blended approach, which also uses subject-specific kits and visual aids, develops their knowledge and gives them a hands-on learning experience.

Towards holistic development

To improve students' social and communication skills, in addition to team spirit, the school arranges cooperative learning sessions, maths and science camps, and theatre-in-classroom programmes.

In addition to regular subject-related club activities and extra-curricular programmes, the students can take part in some unique pursuits such as astronomy and sculpting, and sports pursuits such as cycling and skating.

Special initiatives

The school has a student exchange programme, so that students can understand and value different cultures and learn from them. Global exposure also helps them learn from different academic systems.

The student-teacher ratio is ten, so that the teachers can pay equal attention to each student.

The school coaches students for competitive exams for technical college education and also for civil services.

The organic garden, fruit orchard, herbal garden and plant museum help students learn the basics of agriculture, enjoy nature, be one with nature and learn from it.

**GURU SHREE SHANTIVIJAI JAIN ARTS
AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, NALLUR,
CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT**

In commemoration of the golden jubilee of Shree Mahaveer Jain Kalyan Sangh, and the silver jubilee of GSS Jain College for Women, Vepey, the sangh started Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Arts and Science College in Nallur near Mahabalipuram in 2019.

Located in the outskirts of Chennai and spread over a five-acre campus, this co-educational institution provides quality education to students from the surrounding villages.

The college offers three UG courses. The institution is fully funded by Shree Mahaveer Jain Kalyan Sangh.

SRI MARUDHAR KESARI JAIN TRUST

In 1989, Guruji Shri Roop Muniji Maharaj and Guruji Shri Sukan Muniji Maharaj visited Vaniyambadi during a padayatra. During their discourse they not only spoke of spiritual matters but also of social responsibilities including women's emancipation through higher learning.

To give shape to the cause, Shri Kanyalal and eight ardent devotees of Shri Marudhar Kesari joined hands and started Sri Marudhar Kesari Jain Trust in 1993.

Shri Marudhar Kesari originally known as Jain Muni Mishrimal was a versatile personality, with many

literary and philosophical compositions to his credit. The trust and college were named after him.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women
Bhagwan Mahaveer Dayaniketan Jain School

MARUDHAR KESARI JAIN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, VANIYAMBADI

The Marudhar Kesari Jain College was started in 1994, with the blessings of Shri Mayilai Swamigal, Shri Champalal Singhvi and Kanyalal Talesra to offer quality education to the economically weak rural women. Set in a 25-acre sprawling campus of sylvan surroundings in a valley facing the Yelagiri Hills, this college provides a pleasant atmosphere for the girls to pursue their education.

Academics

Offering two courses in the beginning, the college has grown to offering 16 undergraduate and 13 postgraduate courses. Eight departments have M.Phil research programmes and six departments have Ph.D programmes. Though Vellore District is considered backward, the students, most of whom hail from the rural surrounds have attained many university ranks, because of the efforts of the faculty.

To support the education of rural and economically backward students, the college is associated with the distance education wings of Mother Teresa Women's University, Tamil Nadu Physical Education

and Sports University, University of Madras and Institute of Company Secretaries of India. The college has won various awards for outstanding academic achievements.

Towards holistic development

The management and staff take all efforts to provide an overall development to the students. The facilities include well-equipped, air-conditioned computer science laboratories and a microprocessor laboratory. The college has courts and facilities for Indoor and outdoor games.

In addition to curriculum-based seminars and book exhibitions, workshops and special courses on personality development, training to improve communication skills and prepare for competitive exams are conducted.

The facilities and encouragement from the staff have helped the students win many prizes in cultural and sports events at district level.

Special initiatives

A bridge course at the start of the first semester helps students transition from their lessons in school to gain a basic knowledge of the undergraduate course they opt for.

The college also offers six-month certificate courses and a one-year diploma course for girls with a high school or higher secondary education. These courses help the girls find employment as social activist, fashion designer, librarian and the like.

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER DAYANIKETAN JAIN SCHOOL, VELLORE

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Dayaniketan School is one of the handful of schools in Tamil Nadu that follows the ICSE syllabus. The seeds for this school were sown by a visionary Shri Rugjee R. Kanyalal Jain. He studied and analysed the principles of educational psychology of international schools. With many students going abroad for higher studies, he wanted to provide education that would not only be comparable to the one abroad but that which would also be recognized by universities abroad. As the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi is the board whose curriculum is on par with the “O” & “A” level exams of the British boards and as its certificates make entry into foreign universities easier, he decided to opt for ICSE syllabus. With the excellent infrastructure and standards, the school received ICSE affiliation in 2002.

The school had its beginning as a primary school in 1996 and was named as the Dayaniketan Jain school, ‘Dayaniketan’ meaning abode of grace. It initially functioned in a rented building in Gandhi Nagar, Vellore. When the school moved to its permanent premises, it was renamed as the Bhagwan Mahaveer Dayaniketan Jain School. It was upgraded to a high school in 2004.

Various inter-house club activities are held every week. With regular co-curricular and sports activities, the students win many prizes in inter-school

competitions and sports. The students grow medicinal plants in a garden. The management has instituted various rolling shields to recognize students' talents in their academic and co-curricular activities.

DHIVUBAI INDERMALJI CHARITABLE TRUST

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Haran Dhivubai Indermalji Jain Matriculation
Hr Sec School

HARAN DHIVUBAI INDERMALJI JAIN MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MADURAI

Started in 1989 by the Dhivubai Indermalji Charitable Trust, the school has made a name for itself in Madurai. Shri Bagadawarmal Jain started the school as a service project and named it after his parents Shri Indermal Haran and Smt. Dhivubai Haran. Started as a primary school, government recognition was received in 1991. With recognition and repute came demand and the school was upgraded year by year and the first set of higher secondary students appeared for their board exams in 1996.

Focused on the overall development of students, the management has introduced various co-curricular activities. This and sports coaching have enabled the students to win inter school competitions and in sports meets at the district level. Students who score more than 85% in the tenth board exams are given complete fee exemption in higher secondary.

COIMBATORE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The association was started by a group of philanthropic North Indian businessmen, many of them Jains, in 1964. It was started, as a welfare organisation without any religious identity to cater to the social welfare needs of the Coimbatore public. The association, under the leadership of Shri Kanaklal Abhaichand and Shri R.G. Bhuradia, established a school by name Shri Nehru Vidyalaya in 1964. During its silver jubilee celebrations in 1989, it started an arts and science college, Shri Nehru Maha Vidyalaya.

Institutions under the wings of the association:

Shri Nehru Vidyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

Shri Nehru Maha Vidyalaya College of Arts and Science

SHRI NEHRU VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, COIMBATORE

The school is named after the evergreen 'chacha' of children Shri Nehru, and established to cherish his memories and fulfill his visions.

The school had a small beginning with 11 students. Started as a primary school in 1964 in a warehouse, the school was gradually upgraded and is presently a higher secondary school with more than 2,500 students. The school received CBSE affiliation in 1972.

With many a request from parents, it was shifted to the matriculation board in 1982.

As the management stresses on overall excellence, teachers are selected with utmost care for appointment. This has resulted in various state ranks in individual subjects as well as in total scores in board exams throughout the years.

With a well-stocked library and subscription to many magazines, the staff members encourage students to develop their reading habits.

The students regularly win prizes at district, state and national levels in chess, table tennis, cricket, kabaddi and badminton among others.

Special initiatives

More than ten present and past teachers of the school have written text books for schools.

Uyir – Kutty Cops is a programme for students in third standard to eighth standard. This inculcates the importance of road safety in the young minds. Thalir is a programme to ensure overall development and create ‘social leaders’ by nurturing their social intelligence.

SHRI NEHRU MAHA VIDYALAYA COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE, MALUMACHAMPATTI, COIMBATORE

With the aim of furthering the educational services they were offering, the Coimbatore Welfare Association established Shri Nehru Maha Vidyalaya College of Arts & Science in 1989. Catering to the aspirations of the students in the vicinity and beyond, the college, located in a 50-acre campus in Malumachampatti near Coimbatore, has had a remarkable growth.

The college had its beginning in 1989 with three undergraduate courses. The college now offers 19 undergraduate courses and eight postgraduate courses; the latter were started in 1994. The college has subsequently been upgraded into a research institution, offering M.Phil and Ph.D programmes.

Apart from the regular curriculum, nearly 20 short-term vocational courses are offered. These include job-oriented software courses and business foundation courses.

In addition to this each department organises training in medical transcription, mushroom cultivation, food processing, etc. which will benefit the students in their higher studies and in their career choice.

Special initiatives

While the legal literacy cell equips the students

about their legal rights, the IPR cell, educates and trains students about intellectual property rights to protect their research inventions. The placement cell has been consistently helping students find employment.

Towards making the campus environment friendly, the management follows many sustainable practices including paper-less administration, plastic-free campus and energy efficient electrical fittings. The college has a strict waste management practice. The biodegradable waste is turned into vermicompost, and metal, wood and e-waste are sold to recyclers. In addition rainwater harvesting, the campus has a treatment plant to recycle waste water and use it within the campus.

The management recognises meritorious academic achievements of students in each department and rewards them with gold medals and cash awards. It also provides institutional scholarship to deserving students in the undergraduate courses. Besides, the college arranges for government scholarships under various categories and also scholarships from private institutions.

SRI JAIN SHIKSHAN SANGH

In the 1940s and 1950s, those who wanted to study in a Hindi medium school had to travel long distances to go to AG Jain School in Sowcarpet. Many like Shri Vijailal Kothari could recall their trip to school every day. His grandfather had come from Lohawat Marwar more than 150 years ago and the family settled down in Madras. Bearing the commuting problem in

mind, the Jain elders in Royapuram and surrounding localities decided to start a Hindi medium school in north Madras.

So in 1960, with the initiative taken by Shri Lalchand Marlecha, Shri Jawanthraj Kothari, Shri Misrimal Surana, Shri Kanniah Lal Ranka, Shri Umraomal Marlecha, Shri Punamchand Golecha, Shri Shivraj Khatod, Shri Deepchand Mehata and Shri Ghisulal Parmar, Shree Jain Hindi Vidyalaya was started in 1960. The school functioned in a building owned by one of the sangh members, Shri Umraomal Marlecha. It subsequently came under Sri Jain Medical Relief Society. As the strength increased, the need for bigger premises was felt. To register the school building and to undertake the other formalities, a registered society by name Sri Jain Shikshan Sangh was formed in 1968. The sangh runs three institutions.

Institutions under the wings of the Sangh:

Shree Goutamchand Kothari Jain Primary School

Shree Goutamchand Kothari Jain Hr. Sec. School

Shree Goutham Jain Nursery & Primary School

SHREE GOUTAMCHAND KOTHARI JAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROYAPURAM

Shree Jain Hindi Vidyalaya was started in 1960 not only for the Jains but for others as well who might be interested in studying in Hindi medium. With funds

from the sangh, land was purchased and with donations from the community, buildings were constructed.

During the construction of the new building, a four-year-old student Goutham Babu, son of Shri Vijailal Kothari of the school met with a fatal accident. In his memory, his grandfather Shri Jeswanthraj Kothari and his paternal uncle Shri Tarachand Kothari made a donation. The Sangh led by Shri Lalchand Marlecha decided to rename the school as Shree Gouthamchand Kothari Jain Primary School and the kindergarten was named as 'Goutham-Shishu Varg'. In 1973, the school received government recognition and aid. Now it has been renamed as GK Jain Kidzee.

SHREE GOUTHAMCHAND KOTHARI JAIN HR. SEC. SCHOOL, ROYAPURAM

As the strength of the students in primary School increased, the sangh decided to upgrade the school further. Shri Jeswanthraj Kothari and his son Tarachand Kothari contributed generously. The school was named as Shree Gouthamchand Kothari Jain High School. It was further upgraded as a higher secondary in 1997.

Special initiatives

Other than the management's contribution, various donors have instituted endowments to encourage the students. Shri Manakchand Udayraj Trust, Shri Gouthamchand Kothari Charitable Trust, Shri Sampathlal Bafna Trust and Shri Madanlal Kothari recognise the top scorers in SSLC exams. Shri Tarachand Kothari Memorial Award, and Shri Mishrilal Bohra Trophies are given to the top scorer

in SSLC and HSSLC respectively. Shri Deoraj, Shri Nemichand Dugar Charitable Trust, Sancheti Motors, Shri Champalal Rathod, Dhanraj Baid Charity Trust and Shri Nemichand Ashok Kumar Sethia have instituted prizes for best performance, excellence in arts and crafts, literary field and sports. In 2003, Mahendra Kumar Jewellers, Samatha Electronics and Jain Printers contributed towards endowment. Shri Shantinath Bhagwan Jain Shwetamber Mandir Trust and Shri Champalal Ashok Kumar Nimani provide scholarship to economically weak students. The management also gives free uniforms to hundreds of students. The Rajasthan Cosmo Club also makes contributions to support the needy.

SHREE GOUTHAM JAIN NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROYAPURAM

As the focus shifted towards educating children through the medium of English, the sangh felt the necessity to start an English medium school. Thus was formed the Shree Goutham Jain Nursery and Primary School. With classes from pre-KG to fifth standard, the school follows the state board syllabus. The school received government recognition in 1999.

SRI SHANTI VIJAI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Sri Shanti Vijai Educational Trust was founded and registered in 1991. The founder of Sri Shanti Vijai Jain schools, Shri Balchand Batchavat came on horseback from Phalodi in Rajasthan. With support and inspiration from his wife, he established the schools over a period of years. Though the first of the five schools under the

trust was established as early as in 1928, the trust was founded later to bring the schools under one umbrella. Shri Batchavat, Shri Premraj Golecha, Shri Nathmal Vaid and Shri Anopchand Jobakh were instrumental in forming the trust. The management supplies free uniforms and books and waives fees for the deserving. Also to encourage toppers in subjects and sports, the management awards medals and cash prizes. Some donors like Shri N. Krishnamoorthi and Ms. T.M. Mitchiammal have also instituted endowments.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Sri Shanthi Vijai Primary School, Ooty

Sri Shanthi Vijai Nursery & Primary School,
Ooty

Sri Shanthi Vijai Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Ooty

Sri Shanthi Vijai Girls' Hr. Sec. & Primary School,
Coonoor

Sri Shanthi Vijai High School, Masinagudi

SRI SHANTHI VIJAI PRIMARY SCHOOL, UDHAGAMANDALAM

The primary school was started in the pre-independence era, way back in 1928. The brainchild of Shri Balchand Batchavat, the school was started as a Tamil medium one with just ten students. With such a humble beginning, the school has grown to a strength of more than thousand students.

The school received recognition in 1928 and follows the state board syllabus.

SRI SHANTHI VIJAY NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL, UDHAGAMANDALAM

The latest addition to the stable of schools managed by the Sri Shanti Vijay Educational Trust, the Sri Shanthi Vijay Nursery and Primary School was started in 2002.

This being an English medium school and the reputation enjoyed by the other two schools have brought in a considerable number of students. Maintaining uniformity in their standards, the management has introduced the same facilities here, as in the other schools.

SRI SHANTHI VIJAI GIRLS' HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, UDHAGAMANDALAM

Named after Guru Shri Shanti Vijai, the girls' school was started as a high school in 1954. Founded by Shri Balchand Batchavat, the school was started with Tamil as the medium of learning. Later, as English emerged as the preferred medium, the school introduced the same in 1972.

The school has produced state and district ranks in board exams. The students have also received prizes at district level sports. The management too recognizes them with prizes and awards. It also offers scholarships to deserving students.

SRI SHANTHI VIJAI GIRLS' HR. SEC. SCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOL, COONOOR

The girls' school in Coonoor was started in 1964 and received government approval the same year. Under the guidance of Shri Balchand Batchavat and with contributions from philanthropists, the buildings were constructed. The school follows the state board syllabi. The management has instituted awards and scholarships for the talented and the needy.

SRI SHANTHI VIJAI HIGH SCHOOL, MASINAGUDI

The school was started in 1968 and received government recognition the same year with Tamil as the medium of instruction. The management offers scholarships on a merit basis as well as for the economically weak students.

GUJARATI SEVA SAMAJ EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Gujarati Seva Samaj Educational Trust under the wing of Gujarati Seva Samaj was formed in 1978. It was the result of the efforts taken by Shri G.P. Sangoye, Shri R.M. Lalan, Shri J.L. Shah, Shri Arvind D. Shah, Shri G.K.Vora and Shri Tilokchand. The Trust established Sha Dargajee Heerajee Jain Vidyalaya in 1979 as a service project. Then in 2015, the trust founded the Jain Vidyalaya.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Sha Dargajee Heerajee Jain Vidyalaya Matric & Hr.
Sec. School
Jain Vidyalaya

**SHA DARGAJEE HEERAJEE JAIN VIDYALAYA
MATRICULATION & HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, MADURAI**

Gujarati Seva Samaj Educational Trust started the school as an educational service project in 1979. It was started as a primary school and was named after the chief donor Shri Dargajee Heerajee. The school initially functioned at Sellur in Madurai. With government recognition, the school was upgraded to a high school in 1984 and higher secondary school in 1987. As the strength increased, the trust purchased additional premises and the school functions in Tiruppalai now.

A major attraction of the school is its swimming pool, where girls and boys are coached separately. In addition to extra-curricular activities the students also undertake various service projects.

The management encourages top scorers of board exams with cash awards.

JAIN VIDYALAYA, MADURAI

Jain Vidyalaya, started in 2015, follows the CBSE curriculum.

Towards holistic development

In addition to the labs for each subject, the school has various creative and performing arts programmes.

In addition to regular team games, the school teaches skating, fencing, gymnastics and traditional games such as silambam and mallakhamb. While the students can choose a game of their choice, swimming is mandatory. The school boasts of a Olympic size pool.

Special initiatives

Image Minds is a special programme where children learn visual arts, animation as well as fashion designing and app development. This also helps students identify their future career. Skill Angels is a online programme run in partnership with a private design lab, to enhance the creative thinking and cognitive skills of the young minds. The school introduced the Leader in Me in 2018 helps the students develop their leadership skills. The kitchen garden helps the students learn about agriculture and the importance of consuming healthy food. Jain Vidyalaya has an Honesty Shop that sells various stationery items. As the name indicates, there is no one manning the shop. The price of each item is listed. The students buy any item they want and drop the money in the cash box.

SRI SAYARDEVI DHANMULL SOWCAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Shri V. Dhanmull Sowcar, after whom the trust is named was a well-known philanthropist of Tiruvannamalai. To perpetuate the memory of this illustrious person, his four sons, Shri Sampathraj

Sowcar, Shri Vijayaraj Sowcar, Shri Dharmichand Sowcar and Shri Drejmull Sowcar founded a family trust by name Sri Sayardevi Dhanmull Sowcar Educational Trust. Their source of inspiration and guidance was their mother Smt. Sayardevi. The trust that was founded and registered in 1981, started Sri V.D.S. Jain School immediately as the trustees believed in the words 'Imparting education is service to God'.

Apart from running the school, the trust distributes notebooks, uniforms and scholarships, and pays the fees of many school and college students. The trust has also donated towards infrastructure development of Shanmuga Industries Government Higher Secondary School and Municipal Boys Higher Secondary School.

SHRI V. DHANMULL SOWCAR JAIN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, TIRUVANNAMALAI

Making a beginning as a high school in 1981, the school had a steady growth with upgradation to a higher secondary school in 1986. The school received government recognition and aid in the same year of inception. Established as a Tamil medium school, the management introduced English medium classes in 1986 due to a great demand and request from parents.

In addition to regular co-curricular and sports activities, the management introduces lifeskill and personality development and communication skills programmes, based on the suggestions of parents and teachers.

The management gives free uniforms, free books and notebooks and fee concessions to deserving

students. Since students from the surrounding rural areas leave home early to come to school and as they are economically weak, they are given a nourishing traditional drink. Class toppers are encouraged with various prizes.

SHRI VARDHAMAN CHARITABLE TRUST

Shri Vardhaman Charitable Trust was started in 1990. It was the result of efforts taken by Shri M. Bhawarlal Jain, Shri M. Sajjanraj Jain, Shri G. Mahaveerchand and Shri R. Parasmal Jain. It was registered as a charitable trust in 1995. The aims of the trust were to establish an English medium school for the benefit of rural students, to promote and advance the educational, medical, social and moral welfare of the public in an inclusive manner.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Shri Vardhman Jain Matriculation School

SHRI VARDHAMAN JAIN MATRICULATION SCHOOL, VIRINCHIPURAM, VELLORE

The school was started in 1992 as a primary school in a rented building. Situated in Virinchipuram, a village close to Vellore, the school has had a commendable growth. The school now functions in its own building. Shri Vardhaman Jain Matriculation became a high school in 1997 and received government recognition in 2002.

In addition to syllabus-based and co-curricular club activities like abacus practice, the school conducts a yoga certificate course for the students. The school has a special audio-visual room to make learning easier through visual aids and concepts.

Students are also taken on educational tours and field trips. They participate and win prizes in competitions and sports - the notable one being the zonal level prize in running race.

Special initiatives

Though a third language is not mandatory under the state syllabus, Hindi, as a third language was introduced in 1998. To improve their language proficiency, the administration encourages all the students in the seventh standard to write the Prathmic exam and those in the eighth standard for Madhyama exams, conducted by the Hindi Prachar Sabha of Chennai.

A trustee of the school rewards the SSLC topper with a gold coin and each section topper with a silver coin. Philanthropists pay the fee for economically weak students. The management is planning to upgrade the school further by adding higher secondary courses.

SRI VISAGACHARYAR EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Sri Visagacharyar Educational Society functions in Ponnur Hill, one of the popular Jain pilgrimage centres.

Institution under the wings of the trust:
Sri Mahavir Primary School

SRI MAHAVIR PRIMARY SCHOOL, PONNUR HILL

The school was started in 1999 as a residential school to cater to the needs of orphaned and needy students. Education, boarding and lodging is provided free to all the students.

Currently the school educates 85 students, from LKG to class V.

GURUKULA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Started in 2017 by Shri Deepak Kumar and his family, Gurukula Educational Trust functions with the aim of developing young minds into knowledgeable and caring citizens who would create a better and more peaceful world. To this end the trust works with schools, governments and international organisations. One of its platforms to develop the young minds is the Infini school.

Institution under the wings of the trust:

Infini International School

INFINI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KANCHIPURAM

The school is located on the banks of Palar River near Kanchipuram. Infini offers education as per the CBSE curriculum. In addition, it offers LearnBest, a programme that offers inquiry-based learning, and a unique life skills programme.

In addition to digitally equipped high tech classrooms, Infini has a well-equipped digital laboratory and a library.

Special initiatives

The school has 3-step fitness policy by ensuring that the infrastructure is compliant with safety standards. Professionals are invited to train the students, parents and the faculty on all safety aspects. The safety protocols extend to the school's transport facilities too.

The school is focussed on sustainability, and hence plastic use is avoided, waste is recycled and LED lights are used.

To ensure that the students have nutritious food, the school takes the help of a reputed nutritionist to plan the menu. Under this programme called the Divine Cook, food that is completely organic is served to the students. A 2-acre farm is part of this programme, where organic vegetables and grains are grown.

K CHUNNILAL PRASANAMAL MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Shri K Chunnilal Gadiya had moved from Melawas in Rajasthan to Chengalpattu in 1896. One of the few successful businessmen of his times, he passed away in 1951. In 1953, his widowed wife Smt Mehtab Bai adopted K C Prasannamal, son of Smt Amrit Kunwar and Shri Kalyanmal Chordia of Jodhpur. The adoption was facilitated by Shri Kalyanmal's nephew Shri Mohanmull Chordia.

With a keen interest in empowerment through education, Shri Prasannamal offered services to the Hindu and Christian educational institutions, by being a member of the school management boards and also be donating generously to develop necessary infrastructure. When the need arose, he offered interest-free loans for the cause of education. He helped many needy students too on his own.

With a desire to give back to the town where his family had lived for more than 100 years, Shri Prasannamal purchased more than two acres of land and helped start a school. Run by the Chengalpattu Educational Society, the Chunnilal Jain Vivekananda Vidyalaya was started in 1996.

With the desire to start a school on his own persisting, Shri Prasannamal bought another land in Chengalpattu. His dreams remained unfulfilled when he passed away in 2007.

Later his brother Shri P M Chordia and his nephew Shri Badan Raj Bhandari impressed upon his sons Shri Surendra Kumar and Shri Jitendra Kumar to start a school and fulfil their father's dream. Heeding the elders' advice, the duo started K Chunnilal Prasannamal Memorial Educational Trust in 2008, and subsequently schools under this trust.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:

Prasan Vidya Bala Mandir Matriculation Higher Secondary School

Prasan Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School

**PRASAN VIDYA BALA MANDIR
MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY
SCHOOL, CHENGALPATTU**

The school was started in 2009 and has got state government recognition.

Education at the school goes beyond the curriculum. Through its multi-layered programmes, the school develops language skills, creativity, emotional and intellectual development of the students.

**PRASAN VIDYA MANDIR SENIOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL, CHENGALPATTU**

Affiliated to the CBSE, Prasan Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School was started in 2014. The kindergarten section follows a special curriculum to enhance students' cognitive development, motor skills, logical thinking, etc.

To ensure overall development of students, the school has various forums for the art forms including theatre and literature. The students learn their responsibility towards the society through various programmes and commemoration of national and international days of importance.

As part of the school's effort to ensure the students' health, periodical health screening is conducted. Regular awareness activities inculcate the importance of eating the right kind of food at the right time.

GT EDUCATIONAL TRUST

GT group of Institutions works towards the holistic development of students by providing quality education through latest technologies and innovative techniques with moral, spiritual and scientific approach.

With a belief in giving back to the society, the founder Sanghvi Kantilal Doshi created a trust through which he gave many underprivileged students the opportunity to learn and develop into good future citizens.

Institutions under the wings of the trust:
GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir
GT Vidhya Mandir

GT ALOHA VIDHYA MANDIR, NEELANKARAI

GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir was established in 2010, and is affiliated to CBSE. The school focusses on concept learning and offers a balanced blend of activities for holistic development.

Well-designed and spacious class rooms offer a pleasant learning atmosphere. In addition to the science labs, the school has computer science lab, robotic lab and the like, helping students stay abreast of the latest in scientific developments. Robotics is offered till class VIII, based on an indigenously developed curriculum. The library has Kindle e-readers too.

Keen to teach children the importance of money management, the school has made financial education a part of the curriculum. Besides the regular arts and science club activities, there are other clubs for heritage, integrity and photography.

A counsellor helps the students get through difficult emotional phases and learning difficulties. Career counselling sessions are held for students in high school and higher secondary sections.

GT VIDHYA MANDIR, VADAMADURAI, TIRUVALLUR DISTRICT

GT Vidhya Mandir, situated at Vadamadurai in the outskirts of Chennai, aims to provide world class education to the first-generation learners in and around the area. It is affiliated to CBSE.

The residential school is situated in a 7-acre campus. Labs and state-of-the-art facilities help students to learn beyond their curriculum. The school implements innovative ways and has already seen results of the new courses and pathways. Two student invented a cost-effective solar boat and received the Young Scientists Award from Indian Institute of Technology.

The school not only focuses on the key subjects but also reinforce interdisciplinary themes like global awareness, financial, economic, entrepreneurial, health and environmental literacy. Students develop skills like creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.

The students can pursue traditional as well as modern extra-curricular activities that include archery, skating, karate, silambam and music among others.

Appendix A – Tabulated Data

Name of Institute	Year of Inception	Student Strength as of 2004	Staff Strength as of 2004	Student Strength as of Dec, 2022	Staff Strength as of Dec, 2022	Jain student strength as of Dec, 2022
Shri S S Jain Educational Society						
Agurchand Mannull Jain College, Meenambakkam	1952	2253	80			
Sri Tarachand Galada Jain Vidhyala, T. Nagar	1948	406	28	370		8
Shree Amoluckchand Galada Jain Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet	1940	755	38	436		18
Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Hr. Sec. School, T. Nagar	1970	580	48	503		6
Shree Badalchand Sayarchand Chordia Jain Vidyalaya, Sowcarpet	1926	587	29			
Mohammud Chordia Jain Industrial Training Center, Meenambakkam	1984	240	28			
Shri Shankarlal Sunderbai Shasun Jain College for Women, T. Nagar	2005			3585		357
Shri Agurchand Mannull Jain School, Meenambakkam	2011					
Tamil Nadu Educational and Medical Foundation						
D.B.Jain College, Thorappakkam	1972	1753	99			
Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain Engineering College, Thoraiappakkam	1984	1509	284			
Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain School Of Architecture Thoraiappakkam	2012					
Sri S S Jain Sangh						
Sri Champalal Pagarriya Jain Hr. Sec. School, Perambur	1977	462	22			
Smt. Chandabai Pagarriya Jain Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Perambur	1986	895	43			
Shree Jain Mission Society						
Shree Jethmal Tikamchand Chajed Jain Mission H.S.S. Sowcarpet	1950	610	36			
Jain Mission Vidyalaya, Anna Pillai Street, Sowcarpet						
Jain Bal Kunji, Anna Pillai Street, Sowcarpet	2013					
Research Foundation for Jainology						
Jain Vidyashram, Puzhal	1996	600	45			
Shree Chandraprabhu Jain Educational Foundation						
Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College, Minjur	1997	996	58			

Name of Institute	Year of Inception	Student Strength as of 2004	Staff Strength as of 2004	Student Strength as of Dec, 2022	Staff Strength as of Dec, 2022	Jain student strength as of Dec, 2022
Tejraj Surana Trust						
Sri Jawantraj Tejraj Surana Jain Vidyalaya & Junior College, Park Town	1983	1079	70			
Smt. Pusibai Tejraj Surana Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Park Town	2002	200	20			
Vidhya Jyothi Trust						
Sri Jadvabai Nathmal Singhwee Jain Nursery & Primary School, Triplicane	1984	423	24			
Sri Jadvabai Nathmal Singhwee Jain Vidhyalaya Mat. HSS, Triplicane	1993	283	20			
Sri Jadvabai Nathmal Singhwee Jain Nursery & Primary School, Triplicane	1999	579	33			
Shree S S Jain Mahila Vidya Sangh						
Smt. Mangikanwar Anraj Chordia Jain Primary School, Sowcarpet	1953	543	29			
Ganesh Bai Galada Jain Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet	1961	728	32			
Chandanmal Abhairaj Nahar Jain Academy for Women, Sowcarpet	1995	101	16			
Saayrabai Educational & Charitable Trust						
Ganadipathy Tulsis Jain Engineering College, Vellore	1999	700	76			
Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Kaniyambadi	2020					
Vidhya Sagar Charitable Trust						
Vidhya Sagar Women's College, Chengalpattu	2005			1765		5
Vidhya Sagar Women's College Of Education, Chengalpattu	2005			200		2
Vidhya Sagar Global School, Chengalpattu	2008			1028		23
Umra Kavar Educational Trust						
Subham College Of Education, Madurantakam	2005					
Subham Vidhyalayaa Senior Secondary School, Madurantakam	2011					
Gothi Surana Educational Trust						
R.B. Gothi College For Women, Red Hills				870		8

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Jain Terapanth Welfare Trust Acharya Mahashraman Terapanth Jain Public School, Madhavaram						
Sri Jain Sangh Trust Sri Mahaveer Jain Hr. Sec. School, Tiruvotiyur	1966	830	36			
Rajasthan Jain Samaj Educational Trust Sri B S Mootha Jain Girls' Hr. Sec. School, West Mambalam	1977	1675	99	3229		240
Dhanraj Misrilal Surana Educational Trust Shri Dhanraj Misrilal Surana Jain Vidyalaya Mat. School, Tambaram	1990	658	41			
Dadha & Co. Golden Jubilee Trust Lalchand Milapchand Dadha Secondary School, Choolaimedu Balu Bai Dadha Higher Secondary School, Choolaimedu	1977 1999	771 81	41 15			
R. Misrilal Anchibai Charitable Trust Sri R M Jain Group of schools, Tiruvallur	1996	1253	80			
Terpanth Educational and Medical Trust Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet Terapanth Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Pattalam	1989 1999			1811 1263		270 66
Shri Anand Rishi Jain Society Shri Anand Jain Vidyalaya Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Tambaram	1977	1771	80	1625		89
Chainmal Surana Charitable Trust Badankanwar Chainmal Surana Jain Mat. Higher Sec. School, Old Washermentpet	1996	777	44			

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Shree Mahaveer Jain Kalyan Sangh Trust						
Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for Women, Vepery	1990	1500	64			
Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Vidyalaya, Vepery	1966	1200	70			
Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Gurukul International School, Nallur	2017					
Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain Arts And Science College, Nallur	2019			160	22	
Sri Marudhar Kesari Jain Trust						
Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi	1994	802	70			
Bhagawan Mahaveer Dayaniketan Jain School, Vellore	1996	199	24			
Dhivubai Indermalji Charitable Trust						
Haran Dhivubai Indermalji Jain Matriculation HSS, Madurai	1989	550	78			
Coimbatore Welfare Association						
Shri Nehru Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore	1964	1960	76			
Shri Nehru Maha Vidyalaya College of Arts & Science, Malumachampatti	1989	1385	128			
Shree Jain Sikshan Sangh						
Shree Goutamchand Kothari Jain Primary School, Royapuram	1960	120	9			
Shree Goutamchand Kothari Jain Hr. Sec. School, Royapuram	1974	350	26			
Shree Goutham Jain Nursery & Primary School, Royapuram	1987	300	17			
Sri Shanthi Vijai Educational Trust Jain Schools Association						
Sri Shanthi Vijai Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Udhagamandalam	1954	1887	40			
Sri Shanthi Vijai Primary School, Udhagamandalam	1928	1007	25			
Sri Shanthi Vijai Nursery & Primary School, Udhagamandalam	2002	288	5			
Sri Shanthi Vijai Girls' Hr. Sec. & Primary School, Coonoor	1964	1210	35			
Sri Shanthi Vijai High School, Masinagudi	1968	120	9			

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Gujarati Seva Samaj Educational Trust						
Sha Dargaji Heeraji Jain Vidyalaya Matriculation HSS, Madurai	1979	842	100			
Jain Vidyalaya, Madurai	2015					
Shri Sayardevi Dhanmull Sowcar Educational Trust						
Shri V Dhanmull Sowcar Jain Hr. Sec. School, Tiruvanamalai	1981	3200	85			
Shri Vardhaman Charitable Trust						
Shri Vardhaman Jain Matriculation School, Virinchipuram, Vellore	1992	700	35			
Sri Visagacharyar Educational Society						
Sri Mahavir Primary School, Ponnur Hill	1999			85	10	
Gurukula Educational Trust						
Infiniti International School, Kanchipuram	2017					
K Chunnial Prasannamal Memorial Educational Trust						
Prasan Vidya Bala Mandir Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu	2009			765	40	13
Prasan Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Chengalpattu	2014			1285	79	29
GT Group of Institutions						
GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir, Neelankarai	2010			920	100	25
GT Vidhya Mandir, Vadamadurai, Tiruvallur District	2014			362	44	

NOTE: The current strength of students and staff could not be ascertained for most of the schools.

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