



## Annual Report

# Value Education Trust



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Dear Friends,

The year 2021-22 has been an action-packed year for VET. While on the one hand, we made definite progress in spreading our wings across our state of Kerala, we also spent considerable time and effort to improving the systems and structures within the organisation.

The projects, whole-brain development of children of 10-12 years and development of mathematical proficiency in children of 13-14 years are ready for implementation in two schools, one in Ernakulam and the other in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala. We are privileged to partner with the Sacred Heart College, Thevara, Ernakulam in training their NSS volunteers as teachers to impart training to the children in a school in Ernakulam.

We are nearing the completion of the pilot version of the project, Career oriented guidance and counselling for children of 14-15 years belonging to a flood hit region in Alleppey District. Two schools in Ernakulam district have been selected to implement the project this year.

We will equip and empower 130 children this year to not only achieve excellence in their life and work but also become virtuous and responsible citizens of our Nation.

All our projects are pitched for developing the skills of children of 10-15 year and are hinged on activity-based learning. Our inhouse product development team has designed and developed the handbooks and workbooks for each of our projects. Our master trainers are certified by the National Skill Development

Corporation, Govt. of India to train children in using the abacus tool and Vedic maths techniques. This adds credibility to our resource materials.

The covid 19 pandemic continued to wreak havoc on people's lives, especially unskilled daily-wage labourers. We provided dry rations and hygiene kits to such families living in the flood hit areas of Ernakulam and Trivandrum district. 1024 dry-ration kits and 911 hygiene kits were distributed. 1030 families in 13 villages were impacted. We are grateful to our partners and supporters, who made this possible.

We also ran a successful online campaign on our website that gave information about emergency services in Kerala, including hospitals, ambulances, RT-PCR centres, oxygen refill centres and meal services.

We are grateful to each of you for having stood by us this past year. We look forward to the year ahead with great hope and anticipation. We believe in the power of education to bring transformation in the lives of our precious children. But, alone, we cannot accomplish it. Together, we can!

A big shout out to our well-wishers and friends who have invested their time, talent, money and other resources for our causes. Do visit <https://vet-impact.ngo/> to learn more about what we do.

Warmly,



Anne Samuel

## Board of Trustees

**Dr George Samuel**, Settlor. He is a Nuclear Scientist by profession and a promoter of value-based education for the past 50+ years.

**Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Samuel**, Managing Trustee. A Software Engineer by profession, she has 8+ years of experience working in the development sector.

**Mrs. Mini V R**, Director-Programmes. She has trained 200+ teachers during her 10 years of experience as a Master Trainer with an international skill development academy

**Mrs. Sajitha G Menon**, Director-Finance. A Software Engineer by profession, she has 8+ years of experience in training children to develop their learning skills.

**Mr. Reni K Jacob** A social activist, advocate and development professional, he is associated with various national and international programs, campaigns and movements. He worked with World Vision India and with International Justice Mission as Director-Advocacy and Director-Partnerships respectively.

**Mr. K. V. Samuel** A Medical Technician by profession, he is associated with several social welfare organisations as a consultant and advisor.

**Mr. Saji Abraham** A Logistics Manager by profession, he has diverse professional experience of 21+ years in disaster response, networking with Government agencies and vendors.

## About Us

Value Education Trust serves children belonging to under-resourced families in Kerala.

We help enhance the child's learning skills and mathematical proficiency and provide access to career guidance and counselling that help them choose professions based on their aptitude, competency, and skills.

We empower children for their best-fit careers and build sustainable models for community transformation with a model tested among 200 school children and improved upon through its learning.

## Our Core Objectives

- To guide the character formation of underprivileged children of 10-14 years.
- To improve the basic numeracy and learning ability of underprivileged children of 10-12 years.
- To improve the advanced numeracy skills of underprivileged children of 13-14 years.
- To improve the academic performance of underprivileged children of 10-14 years.
- To guide underprivileged children of 14 years to choose their best-suited career based on their aptitude, competency, and skills.

### Ready to Better their Learning Abilities!

Thirty children of grade 5 from disadvantaged family background, studying at St. Thomas Girls High School in Thevara, Ernakulam and 15 girls from a similar background, studying at Balikamadam school, Thirumoolapuram, Tiruvalla have been selected to participate in our project, "Whole-brain Development Using the Abacus Tool".

Learning to use the abacus will help the children enhance their skills of visualisation, listening, concentration, logical reasoning, memorising, and recalling, along with developing superior mental arithmetic abilities.



### Giving Wings to the Dreams of Our Children!

Ten students of grades 11 and 12 belonging to the flood-hit areas of Pattathanam and Kalangara in Edathua village of Alleppey District will complete a 10-month long project, called "Skilling for Academic and Professional Excellence" in June.

In addition to developing their soft, life, study, and career skills, they attended a psychometric test that assessed their personality, interests, and aptitude. The test was followed by individual sessions of career counselling which helped them to select their best-suited stream or subject and move toward the most suitable career path.

Furthermore, five of them are being given entrance coaching support that will help them crack competitive exams for professional degrees.

We plan to implement a similar project in Ernakulam district and will include 30 children in it.



### Vision

“virtuous and responsible citizens in the society”

### Mission

“to offer quality training for value-based skill development, which complements the primary and secondary education of underprivileged children in India to achieve effective learning outcomes, promote lifelong learning and exercise good citizenship.”





### Social Responsibility

Ready to be involved in activities that serve to meet human needs.



### People-oriented

Value people for who they are and be sensitive to their feelings.

## Core values



### Stewardship

Practice and promote a balanced attitude towards the use and management of resources.



### Credibility

Fulfil responsibilities promptly and thoroughly with integrity.



### Perseverance

Make progress towards the vision despite difficulties and hurdles.

## Math Geniuses in the Making!!

Thirty-five children of grade 8, will start attending Vedic Maths classes in June this year, as part of the project, “Developing Mathematical Proficiency”. The children belong to three areas namely the flood prone Puratheparampu colony in Eruvellipra, Tiruvalla in Pathanamthita District, Balikamadam Girls high School, a government aided school in Thirumoolapuram, Tiruvalla and St Thomas Girls High School, also a government aided institution in Thevara, Ernakulam.



By learning Vedic Maths techniques, they become enabled to do complicated calculations mentally and solve problems 10-15 times faster than those using standard methods. The ability to do mental calculations quickly will be a significant advantage when they take competitive exams after grade 12.

## “Emergency COVID 19 Services for Kerala!

We believe that giving the right information at the right time is crucial in saving lives!

So, we ran an online campaign that gave information about emergency services in Kerala, including hospitals, ambulances, RTPCR centres, oxygen refill centres, meal services and helpline numbers.

## Building Character in our Children!

The falling ethical and moral values in our youth is a cause of major concern for VET. We believe that this issue can be addressed to a



significant level if we are able to build our children’s character during their formative years. Therefore, character education is integrated into all our projects, and it involves training and mentoring the children to develop their personal and work values. Our teacher handbook and student activity workbooks are curated to inform, engage, and empower children to uphold good personal values and exercise responsible citizenship

## Bringing Back a Smile on our People’s Faces!

Through the project, ‘Feed The Needy’, we responded to the COVID 19 crisis that crippled people who are unskilled and survive on daily wages to meet their family’s day to day needs.



We provided dry ration kits and hygiene kits to 1030 families living in the flood-hit areas of Ernakulam and Trivandrum district. A total of 74 donors made this possible.



**A New Website, Up and Running!**

We believe that the road ahead for all NGOs like ours is to forge healthy partnerships with like-minded agencies and employ the services of volunteers to expand our mission.

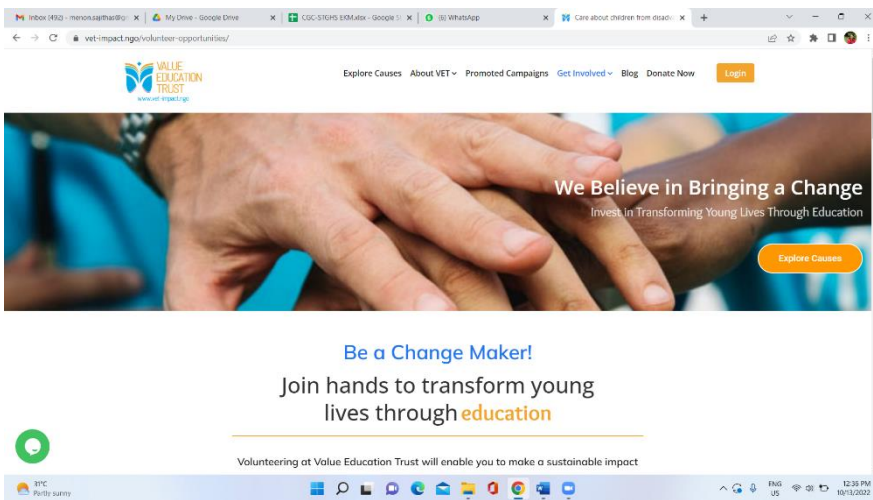
We have therefore re-deployed our website which now caters to the needs of potential donors and volunteers alike. Loaded with information on who we are, the causes we stand for and an integrated payment gateway, it engages potential donors and volunteers through blogs, testimonials, sponsorships, and volunteering opportunities.

Do visit <https://www.vet-impact.ngo> to know more about us and what we do

**Our Team, Trained and Certified!**

Our programme delivery team has been certified by the National Skill Development Corporation, Govt. of India to conduct Abacus and Vedic Maths classes for children.

VET has designed and published handbooks and activity workbooks for our various projects. The certification from NSDC has empowered our master trainers to impart quality training of our skill development programs to schoolteachers and volunteers.



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