

*You are cordially invited to the  
12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Honouring Bala Shanti High School Academic Achievers*

Venue @ Shanti Ashram

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A decade ago, the **Bala Shanti Scholarships of Shanti Ashram**, decided to recognize high school (SSLC) academic high achievers. This was done with the goal of recognizing their hard work, honouring their success in the SSLC exams & nurtures their demonstrated potential to pursue higher education. On this day in the presence of peers and parents the awardees will receive the Bala Shanti, 'Scroll of Honour', the opportunity to participate in 6 follow-up interventions focused on health and financial literacy, to help them sharpen their life skills. They also become eligible for the career guidance programme offered by the Ashram in 2025-26. They will be awarded a high achievers medal and a cash award. These special scholarships are supported by **Sakthi Finance Private Limited, Bhuvana Dharmam Trust, Rotary Club of Punjai Puliampatti** and **the Children of Coimbatore through India Poverty Solutions 2024 Initiative**.

## Programme

09.00 am	Registration
09.15 am	Tour around the Ashram
09.30 am	Introduction to Shanti Ashram
09.35 am	<b>Session I Financial Literacy &amp; Children Savings Initiative:</b> Ms.Tamilvani and Ms.Aseena, Bala Shanti Programme
10.15 am	<b>Session II How educational empowerment changes one's life &amp; leadership?</b> Mr.Daniel Selvan, Senior Volunteer, Shanti Ashram

## Awarding Ceremony

11.00 am	Assembling at Aram Arangam
11.05 am	Interfaith prayer led by Shanti Ashram Staff Ms.Bagymary, Ms. Surya Prabha, Ms.Aseena, Ms.Bagavathi and Ms.Sujitha
11.10 am	Musical Interlude by Ms. Kriti, Student Volunteer, Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan
11.15 am	Voices from our Bala Shanti Scholarship Awardees: Hemanth, Hema, Jeevitha, Kavya, Deepansri, Harikaran
11.25 am	Celebrating two decades of the Bala Shanti Scholarships (2002-25 +) Ms.I.Monica Cristina & Ms.Manimegalai
11.30 am	Focus on Academic High Achievers Mr.G.Vijayaragavan & Ms. Jeeva
11.35 am	Honouring High School Rank holders First Place : <b>Ms. Grace Priyadarshini</b> , Suburban Matriculation Higher Secondary School Second Place : <b>Ms.S.Thiyasree</b> , Government Higher Secondary School, Alandurai Third Place : <b>Ms.C.Vaishnavi</b> , Government Higher Secondary School, Sundakkamuthur Third Place : <b>Mr.A.R.Gowtham</b> , Thiyagi NGR Memorial Higher Secondary School <b>Rtn.MPHF.P.K.Shanmugam</b> , Trust President, Saranalayam <b>Rtn.PHF.S.Hemalatha</b> , Past President, Rotary Club of Punjai Puliampatti <b>Rtn Y Mohamed Ibrahim</b> , President, Rotary Club of Punjai Puliampatti <b>Rtn Nirmala Devi</b> , Past Secretary, Rotary Club of Punjai Puliampatti
11.40 am	சிறப்புரை: 'குறையாத செல்வம் கல்வி ...!' Chief Guests Address, <b>Dr.Bhuvaneswaran.J.S</b> , Director, PSG Super Specialty Hospital, PSG Hospitals Distinguished Donor, Bala Shanti Scholarships for children since 2012 Followed by honouring 60 Academic Achievers from Government, Government-aided and Partner Schools
11.55 am	Voices from the awardees
12.00 noon	Honouring Volunteers & Staff for their dedicated service throughout this initiative <b>Ms.Sangeetha S</b> , Senior Manager CSR at Kumaraguru College of Technology <b>Volunteers: Mr.Adhtiya, Mr.Renuka Mr.Jash Jain, Ms. Muskaan, Ms.Kriti</b> <b>Rtn P Balaji</b> , Secretary, Rotary Club of Punjai Puliampatti <b>Rtn T.Kumara Senthil Raja</b> , <b>Rtn P.Balaji &amp; Rtn N T Balaganapathy</b>
12.05 pm	Wrap up <b>Dr.Kezevino Aram</b> , President, Shanti Ashram 'Manathil Uruthi Vendum' by Mr.Siva Subramanian, Student Intern, Shanti Ashram (Master of Ceremony: Adhitya, Muskan, Arunachalam, Amirthavarsini)
12.15pm -01.15pm	<b>Educational interventions for scholarship awardees</b>
01.30pm Lunch	
02.15pm - 4.45pm	<b>Educational interventions for scholarship awardees</b>

## Shanti Ashram's Scholarships for Academic High Achievers

### About Bala Shanti Scholarships @ Shanti Ashram

The Bala Shanti Scholarships, inspired by Dr. M. Aram and Mrs. Minoti Aram, has been empowering vulnerable children since 2002. Over 23 years, it has awarded 17,756 children with academic scholarships across 50+ service villages. While every child with needs can apply for the scholarship, there has been an added focus on girls' education, first-generation learners, children from mother headed families, vulnerable children with special needs and families with chronic illness like HIV. Beyond academic scholarships, the programme offers holistic development through health check-ups, financial literacy, career guidance, and gender equality sessions. With transparent operations and community trust, the Bala Shanti Scholarships continues to break the cycle of poverty, nurturing confident and compassionate future citizens.

### Why we focus on 'Academic High Achievers'?

At Shanti Ashram, we recognize academic excellence as both an indicator of a child's potential and a pathway out of poverty. By identifying and supporting high-performing students in government and government aided schools—many from marginalized backgrounds—we invest in young minds that demonstrate perseverance, discipline, and promise. These students, despite facing enormous challenges, excel in their studies and deserve every opportunity to pursue higher education and meaningful careers.

High-achieving students often feel huge pressure and struggle a lot when they don't meet their own high standards, sometimes leading to anxiety, depression, or burnout. Our scholarship gives them caring mentors, emotional support, and tools like peer groups and stress management workshops to help them see low scores as chances to learn, not failures.

We help build resilience and confidence so they can bounce back and keep growing even after a stumble.

**Most of all we celebrate 'OUR CHILDREN' as a community for at Shanti Ashram – EVERY CHILD MATTERS!**

*A shining example is Aakash Raman Kutty, who, through this programme, earned gold medals in both B.Sc. and M.Sc. Mathematics and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Mathematics at IIT Hyderabad. He is one of the scholarship awardees at the prestigious CSIR JRF as well. His journey exemplifies the transformative potential of sustained educational support and community solidarity!*

### Our Unique Approach

- ✓ **By Children, For Children:** It is not just a scholarship—it is a structured path to dignity, development, and lifelong empowerment.
- ✓ **Holistic Support:** Beyond financial aid, our scholarship awardees receive following interventions like:
  1. Career guidance, 2. Educational tour to institutions of higher education 3. Stress Management & confidence building session 4. Financial Literacy & enrolment into the Children's savings initiative
  5. Transformational Leadership Programme 6. Dialogue with boy's entry pass.
- ✓ **Community Commitment:** Every scholarship awardee is encouraged to give back to their community, nurturing a cycle of empowerment and active peace building through volunteering.

### Transformative effect on ground

Over the past 12 years, our educational initiative has profoundly impacted government and government-aided schools in and around Coimbatore. Spanning 62 institutions, the program has empowered 521 students from under-resourced backgrounds to pursue higher education and achieve academic excellence. As we embark on the 12th phase this year, the Bala Shanti Scholarships continues to foster academic growth, instill confidence, and open new horizons for countless students, reaffirming our commitment to nurturing talent and building a brighter future. The value of each Bala Shanti Scholarship is INR.25, 000/-, which includes financial assistance along with six additional interventions.

***A Call to Continue** As life challenges deepen for vulnerable families, we reaffirm our commitment. Our scholarships are not just financial aid—they are a message to children that **they matter, they are seen, and their dreams deserve to be pursued.***

## Flow of the programme on 14<sup>th</sup> June:

