



Valluvan Tamil Academy Annual Day 2025

Program Guidelines

All Annual day performances should promote school's educational and cultural objectives and adhere to our core traditional values. As we come together to celebrate our 15th Annual Day, we find ourselves guided by the timeless wisdom of the Thirukkural. This year's Annual Day theme draws inspiration from these ancient couplets - திருக்குறள்.

Only Tamil language related content is allowed. We request all the teams performing to adhere to the guidelines and timelines published below.

- Annual Day Committee 2025 has the right to review performance content for appropriateness and compliance with guidelines and recommend changes as required.
- Language/lyrical content/attire must be appropriate for all ages and should not be hurtful to any section of people/group/ethnicity.
- Annual Day Committee recommends variety in the performance types. Annual Day Committee reserves the right to request a change in the performance type if we do not receive a variety of program line ups.
- The total duration of the student's cultural performances in the Annual Day is planned for not to exceed 4 hours. Due to this time limit, all registrations will be based on first come first serve basis. If we reach capacity limit, we may have to close the registration sooner i.e., before the Registration End Date.

1. Important Dates

Annual Day information communication to all VTA members	Starting 3/11/2025
Open Annual Day Program Registration	3/12/2025
Close Annual Day Program Registration	4/10/2025
Content Submission deadline for all types of performances including Mp3, Song Lyrics, Scripts	4/23/2025
In-Person Mandatory Meeting: Program Primary Coordinator, Secondary Coordinator & Parents meeting	4/26/2025 (Room No 316 – 1:30pm – 3:00pm @ Rocky Run Middle School)
Last day to change ppt content and modify team (only if necessary)	5/3/2025
Last day to submit stage setup requirements	5/9/2025
In Person Rehearsal @ Rocky Run Middle School Mandatory	5/18/2025: 2:00-6:00pm -Cafeteria, Lecture Hall
Annual Day Event	5/31/2025: From 11:00AM to 9:00PM



2. Who can participate?

- **ONLY** Current enrolled students of Valluvan Tamil Academy can participate.
- Every student will be allowed only one performance on stage with the intention of giving a fair opportunity to all children.
- MC, Tamil Thai Vazhthu, VTA Song & Thirukkural Debate performers **can also participate** in Annual Day cultural programs.
- Student can participate **only** in one of the following in addition to Annual day cultural programs (Signups for the following will be sent via weekly communication email):
 - MC (Nilai 4 to Nilai 6) OR
 - Tamil Thai Vazhthu (Nilai 2 to Nilai 8) OR
 - VTA Song Performance (Nilai 4 to Nilai 8) OR
 - Thirukkural Debate (Nilai 7 and Nilai 8)

3. Registration and Team Requirements

- Minimum number of participants in a group is **per performance type**:
 - **Song : Minimum 6 students**
 - **Dance : Minimum 8 students**
 - **Skit/Drama : Minimum 12 students**
- **Following steps in the entire registration process needs to be followed:**
 - Registration will be through **my.valluvantamil.org**. Go to Cultural Events → Culturals → Annual Day Registration
 - **Adult Primary Coordinator** will register the entire team by first creating a Group Team Name in **my.valluvantamil.org**. He/She must enter Student IDs of all the participating kids (Student IDs needs to be provided by the participating parents). Backend cross verification will occur, and name of the student will get displayed at the end after submission. Please also specify the **Adult Secondary Coordinator** in the registration.
 - **Each individual parents of the group please provide your child's Student ID to the Adult Primary Coordinator. Student ID is available in my.valluvantamil.org**
 - **Adult Primary Coordinator** needs to input the song selection content – name of the song, specific lyrics if chosen from the song for the dance etc. in the text box available before submitting your team info in **my.valluvantamil.org**. **If you do not have this info while registering, send all the info ASAP post registering to annualday2025@valluvantamil.org to get your approval.**
- Registered parents along with Primary and Secondary Coordinator will receive all communication from Annual Day Committee team. It is the responsibility of Primary or Secondary Coordinator to respond quickly in a timely manner.
- Any errors or modifications need to be communicated via Primary Coordinator through an email to Annual Day Committee team: annualday2025@valluvantamil.org. Last day to change modify team (if necessary) is May 3rd 2025.



4. Program Content

During program registration, you will be asked to pick **A theme** and **The type of performance** from a list. Both have been listed below for your reference. Programs outside these themes will not be allowed.

Annual Day Committee will review the content and verify if the submitted content matches with the VTA approved themes before giving approval. **There will be a set number of slots allotted for every type of performance, and you will be asked to pick one of the available slots during registration.** Slots will be filled up on a first come first serve basis.

We strongly encourage non-movie content; movie songs should be only used if it complements the chosen theme. Please note that movie songs will be subject to additional screening.

To encourage a variety of performance themes, the ADC team may reach out to the coordinators to select a different theme.

PERFORMANCE TYPES

No	Performance Type	Examples
1	நாடகம் (Skit/Drama/Play)	திருக்குறள் சார்ந்த கதை சொல்லல்/நாடகம்
2	வாய்ப்பாட்டு / இசைக்கருவி (Song/Instrument)	குறளிசை (இசை கருவிகளுடன்), பாரதியார் / பாரதிதாசன் பாடல்கள், கும்மி பாடல்கள், நாட்டுப்புற பாடல்கள்
3	நடனம் (Dance)	பரதநாட்டியம், ஒயிலாட்டம், கரகாட்டம், மயிலாட்டம், பறையாட்டம், கும்மியாட்டம்

To keep with the Annual Day theme (திருக்குறள்), we encourage the teams to showcase the virtues of Thirukkural in the performances.

PERFORMANCE THEMES

No	Theme	Examples
1	Valluvam - வள்ளுவம்	குறளிசை (இசை கருவிகளுடன்), திருக்குறள் சார்ந்த கதை சொல்லல்/நாடகம்/நடன நாட்டியம்
2	Tamil Culture & Arts - தமிழர் பண்பாடு & கலைகள்	கிராமியம், விருந்தோம்பல், பண்பாடு, அறம், கொடை, பாரம்பரியம், பரதநாட்டியம், ஒயிலாட்டம், கரகாட்டம், மயிலாட்டம், பறையாட்டம், கும்மியாட்டம், வில்லுப்பாட்டு, பொம்மலாட்டம், சிலம்பம்
3	Tamil History & Literature - தமிழர் வரலாறு & இலக்கியம்	அரசர்கள், சுதந்திர போராட்ட தலைவர்கள், சங்க இலக்கியம், புலவர்கள்
4	Save the Environment / Agriculture & Handicraft Industry - சுற்று சூழல் பாதுகாப்பு / உழவும் கைத்தொழிலும்	தூய்மை, விழிப்புணர்வு, உலகம் வெப்பமயமாதல், இயற்கை விவசாயம், நெசவு, மண்பாண்டங்கள்
5	Tamil & Science - தமிழும் அறிவியலும்	செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவு (AI), தமிழ் வளர்ச்சியில் தொழில்நுட்பம்

Note: Only **maximum of 2 teams** will be allowed to perform the same song or songs this year. Songs will be awarded based on first come first serve, if the song given is already taken, then Annual Day Committee will let you know.



5. Program Duration

All programs must strictly adhere to the below duration.

Program Type		Time Limit	Min # Students
நாடகம்	Skit/Drama/Play	Max 10 minutes only	Min # 12 Students
பாடல் / இசைக்கருவி	Song/Musical Instrument	Max 5 minutes only	Min # 6 Students
நடனம்	Dance	Max 4 minutes only	Min # 8 Students

6. Content Review and Setup requirements

- Please send the Mp3 song file/Skit content/any other content related to the program for review by **April 23rd, 2025**.
- All audio files should be sent in **MP3 format**.
- An in-person coordinator meeting will be held on **April 26th, 2025**. This meeting is mandatory, Primary coordinator, Secondary coordinator and all Parents of participating students should attend. This will be an opportunity to also discuss your stage requirements with volunteers. All Teams should attend in full strength. Those who do not attend the meeting will be considered as dropping out of the event and registration will be cancelled. In the event of unavailability of both coordinators either during the whole process or on the event day, they can designate an alternative parent representative and inform Annual Day Committee to get added to email communications well ahead of meeting day.
- No changes to song, dance or skit scripts will be allowed after **April 23rd, 2025**. **Do not make changes once ADC approves your performance contents.**
- Sending the content sooner will speed up the review process and eliminate last minute changes. **Do not wait until the deadline dates!**
- All final updates to the ppt content and team should be submitted by **May 3rd, 2025**. No exceptions.
- All stage preparation requirements must be submitted by **May 9th, 2025**.

7. Rehearsal

- In-Person rehearsals will be conducted this year. It is **mandatory** for Primary Coordinator; Secondary Coordinator and all Parents of participating students need to attend this meeting.
- In-Person rehearsals should use approved script,ppt and audio files ONLY. It should reflect all props, backdrops and costumes that are going to be used on stage on Event Day. All participating students should have their approved Costumes on – there will be no exception.



8. Event Day - On Stage

- No adults will be allowed in stage performances (except for MC or coordination tasks). All performance including background narration should involve students only.
- Only 60 seconds will be given for stage setup. We encourage the students to do their own setup and stage arrangements for the performance. Only Primary and secondary coordinators will be allowed on stage.
- Try to keep properties and arrangements simple enough for children to handle on their own.
- Program (Primary and Secondary) coordinators will be sent communication regarding event day logistics. All participating parents will be BCC'ed.

If the members have any questions or require clarifications regarding AD guidelines, please write to annualday2025@valluvantamil.org.

If any VTA member has a question and/or have an issue with ADC's decision/process, they can send the details to help@valluvantamil.org for VTA Board Review.