



## Valluvan Tamil Academy Annual Day 2026

### Program Guidelines

All Annual day performances should promote the school's educational and cultural objectives and adhere to our core traditional values.

This year's Annual Day theme is 16 types of wealth - **பதினாறு செல்வங்கள்**.

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 2026 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	<b>2/12/2026</b>
Open Annual Day Program Registration	<b>2/27/2026</b>
Close Annual Day Program Registration	<b>3/22/2026</b>
Open MC/Tamil Thai Vazhthu/VTA Song/Theme based debate registration. Registrations will be closed as soon as we reached capacity.	<b>2/22/2026</b>
Content Submission deadline for all types of performances including Mp3, Song Lyrics, Scripts	<b>3/27/2026</b>
In-Person <b>Mandatory</b> Meeting: Program Primary Coordinator, Secondary Coordinator & Parents meeting	<b>4/18/2026 (Room No 316 – 1:30pm – 3:00pm @ Rocky Run Middle School)</b>
Last day to change ppt content and modify team (only if necessary)	<b>5/4/2026</b>
Last day to submit stage setup requirements	<b>5/9/2026</b>
In Person Rehearsal @ Rocky Run Middle School <b>Mandatory</b>	<b>5/16/2026: 11:00 – 4:00PM -Cafeteria, Lecture Hall</b>
<b>Annual Day Event</b>	<b>5/30/2026: 11.00 AM to 9:00 PM</b>



## 2. Who can participate?

- **ONLY** Current enrolled students of Valluvan Tamil Academy can participate.
- **Alumni students interested in participating in the Annual Day programs, please reach out to Annual Day Committee via [annualday2026@valluvantamil.org](mailto:annualday2026@valluvantamil.org)**
- Every student will be allowed only one performance on stage with the intention of giving a fair opportunity to all children.
- 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 7) **OR**
  - Tamil Thai Vazhthu (Nilai 2 to Nilai 9) **OR**
  - VTA Song Performance (Nilai 4 to Nilai 9) **OR**
  - Theme Based Debate (Nilai 8 and Nilai 9)

## 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 10 students**
- **Following steps in the entire registration process needs to be followed:**
  - Registration will be through [my.valluvantamil.org](http://my.valluvantamil.org). Go to Cultural Events – Cultural – Annual Day Registration
  - **Adult Primary Coordinator** will register the entire team by first creating a Group Team Name in [my.valluvantamil.org](http://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](http://my.valluvantamil.org). **If you do not have this info while registering, send all the info ASAP post registering to [annualday2026@valluvantamil.org](mailto:annualday2026@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: [annualday2026@valluvantamil.org](mailto:annualday2026@valluvantamil.org). **Last day to change modify team (if necessary) is May 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.**



#### 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)	16 செல்வங்கள் சார்ந்த கதை சொல்லல்/நாடகம்
2	வாய்ப்பாட்டு/இசைக்கருவி (Song/Instrument)	குறளிசை (இசை கருவிகளுடன்), பாரதியார்/பாரதிதாசன் பாடல்கள், சும்மி பாடல்கள், நாட்டுப்புறப் பாடல்கள்
3	நடனம் (Dance)	பரதநாட்டியம், ஒயிலாட்டம், கரகாட்டம், மயிலாட்டம், பறையாட்டம், சும்மியாட்டம்

*To keep with the Annual Day theme (பதினாறு செல்வங்கள்), we encourage the teams to showcase the virtues of 16 types of wealth in the performances.*



## PERFORMANCE THEMES

Each theme below comprises of multiple types of wealth from the total 16 types of wealth.

(பதினாறு செல்வங்கள்: "பதினாறும் பெற்று பெருவாழ்வு வாழ்க" என்பது, கல்வி, நோயின்மை, செல்வம், புகழ், நன்மக்கள், தைரியம், வெற்றி, அழகு, அறிவு, பண்பு, இளமை, நீண்ட ஆயுள், நுகர்ச்சி, நல்விதி, பெருமை, மற்றும் ஆளுமை)

No	Theme	Examples
1	அறிவொளி - The Light of Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: கல்வி, அறிவு, நல்விதி</li> <li>- மனிதர்களின் சிந்தனை, படிப்பு, ஒழுக்கம் மற்றும் உயர்வு குறித்த நாடகங்கள் மற்றும் பாடல்கள்</li> </ul>
2	வீரமும் வெற்றியும் – Courage & Triumph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: வலிமை, துணிவு, வெற்றி</li> <li>- சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரர்களின் தியாகத்தைப் பிரதிபலிக்கும் நாடகம் அல்லது அவர்களின் பெருமைகளை கூறும் வில்லுப்பாட்டு</li> <li>- சிலம்பம் போன்ற வீர விளையாட்டுகளை போற்றும் நடனங்கள்</li> </ul>
3	வளமான வாழ்க்கை - Prosperity & Abundance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: பொன், நெல், நுகர்ச்சி</li> <li>- விவசாயத்தின் பெருமையைப் பேசும் நாடகம்</li> <li>- உழைப்பின் உயர்வை வெளிப்படுத்தும் கிராமிய நடனம்</li> </ul>
4	மாண்பும் மகத்துவமும் – Honor & Greatness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: புகழ், பெருமை, நன்மக்கள்</li> <li>- வரலாற்று சிறப்பு மிக்க தமிழ்/தமிழர் சார்ந்த பாடல்கள்</li> <li>- நல்ல செயல்கள் மூலம் பெறப்படும் புகழும் பெருமையும் நிலையான செல்வங்கள் என்ற கருத்தில் நாடகங்கள்</li> </ul>
5	அழகும் ஆற்றலும் - Grace and Strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: இளமை, அழகு</li> <li>- இளைஞர் உற்சாகத்தை வெளிப்படுத்தும் நடனம்</li> <li>- வெளிப்புற அழகை விட உள்ளழகும், இளமையின் ஆற்றலும் முக்கியம் என்பதை எடுத்துரைக்கும் நாடகம்</li> </ul>
6	ஆரோக்கிய வாழ்வு – Healthy & Long Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- உள்ளடக்கிய செல்வங்கள்: நோயின்மை, நீண்ட ஆயுள்</li> <li>- யோகா மற்றும் உடற்பயிற்சி கலந்த நடனம்</li> <li>- ஆரோக்கிய உணவு குறித்து விழிப்புணர்வு நாடகம்</li> </ul>



**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 # 10 Students
பாடல் / இசைக்கருவி	Song/Musical Instrument	Max 5 minutes only	Min # 6 Students
நடனம்	Dance	Max 5 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 **March 27, 2026**.
- All audio files should be sent in **MP3 format**.
- An in-person coordinator meeting will be held on **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. 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 **May 04<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. No exceptions.
- All stage preparation requirements must be submitted by **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.



## 7. Rehearsal

- In-Person rehearsals will be conducted this year on **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. 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 annual day guidelines, please write to [annualday2026@valluvantamil.org](mailto:annualday2026@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](mailto:help@valluvantamil.org) for VTA Board Review.