

## Accord School, Sricity

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Sricity was founded in 2008, with a mission to build a world-class smart city that would bring socio-economic development and promote entrepreneurship. The Accord School continued for the record eighth consecutive time as the no: 1, in the Co-Ed Day cum Boarding School in Tirupati, No:2 in AP, & NO: 25 In India, as per the rating on 12th October 2022, by the Education World India School Rankings 2022-23, was the one school that was the choice of this smart city, so that a world-class institution with a top-notch infrastructure that has a curriculum that focuses on building the skills in language arts, cracks the concepts in Math, Science & Social integrated with Sports, Performing & Visual Art is built for the benefit of the company executives and others in the vicinity.

A perfect brick was laid in the year 2019, for building the second branch of Accord School, at Sricity. COVID-19 built a wall unfortunately hindering the process but like the phoenix

*we sprang from the ashes, as the beacon of hope and brought a change here in this land.*

*The secret of the sauce is not the brick and mortar but the real motivation extended by our awesome threesome, our Management, the Chairman, Shri, Chandrasekar Reddy, and our Directors, Mr. Prashanth and Mr. Vivek.*

*The journey of setting a vision for this institution and constructing the curriculum and programs, as the building was being constructed, started at the visitor's center, at Sricity.*

*We started our official admissions for the academic year - 2021-22 from the cozy office space at the visitor's center.*

*Being the founder and Principal of the school, I am delighted and overwhelmed to nostalgically narrate the journey so far and take you down memory lane.*

*Gratitude cannot be in mere words for the warmth and support extended by every single person at the visitor's center. Every child who walked in mistook the visitor's center as the school. I remember our first bridge course started in the classroom space at the Trade Center, Sricity, which was shifted to the virtual mode within a week's time as there was a surge in April -2020.*

*We worked virtually but created a real impact as our teachers became the stars in every household in the vicinity. We were on a mission to spread the joy of learning, empowering all students with the 5Cs, Care, Communication, Collaboration,*

*Creativity, and Confidence to make their distinctive contribution in this diverse and progressive world.*

Our teachers had a virtual orientation in the month of May 2020. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, an eminent educationist, Member of, the State Planning Commission, and Dr. V.R.Devika, a Gandhian, veteran educationist with a vision to integrate traditional art, music, dance, and Gandhian philosophy with education were the resource people. We resumed classes in June 2020, with 112 students from KG to VII.

When the world was in the grip of gloom & darkness, we were spreading hope, courage, and the light of literacy. Our festivals, national and international days were observed virtually. The Canvas, LMS, had made a world of a difference and our students picked up their language, and aced their Math, Science, and Social concepts too by the end of the year.

We were invited by the resource person Dr. V.R.Devika, to participate in a virtual festival that celebrated the spirit of resilience and joy that had helped all of us through the eighteen difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was hosted by the Pathashaala Palar Center for Learning, part of the Krishnamurti Foundation of India on 26 September 2021. This festival's objective was to attempt to capture the stories of creativity, resilience, and endurance from class VIII and their facilitators across the invited schools.

Our students from Grade -VIII, the current ninth graders participated in the fest and presented their experiences during the lockdown in the most creative way and bagged the coveted first position among the listed schools. Accord School, Sricity's first recognition amongst top schools from Salem, Dindigul and Thiruvallur District of Tamil Nadu. Leela Samson a Bharatanatyam dancer was the Chief Guest and Dr. Sivagamasundari, Consultant, the State Resource Cell, Tamil Nadu, was the Guest of Honour of this fest titled "Kondattam".

A few glimpses from our Math Day with the name "The Man Who Knew Infinity" which is a name by which Srinivasan Ramanujan was popularly known as.

Gp Capt. VS Sridhar graced our Virtual Republic Day Ceremony on 26 January 2021. Students of Grades 11 & 12 from Accord, Tirupati, and the students from Grades 6 to 8 of Accord, Sricity, participated in this interactive session.

We haven't left any stone unturned though we had our constraints of training our students virtually. We stepped into the physical classrooms in February 2021, the National Science Day was our first event inside our school premises.

We worked on various themes from KG to Grade VIII. Parents also visited to meet our confident bunch of students and understand their flair in language and their temperament towards science.

Our first batch of KG students graduated on 26 March 2022, and the Vice-President, of customer relations, Sricity, was our Chief Guest who did the honors of felicitating our Kindergarten graduates with the sashes and the certificates.

Our first year in a full-fledged physical infrastructure started on 6th July 2022, after the initial one-month bridge course in April 2022. The bridge course was to fix the lapses of the huge group who had lost their fundamentals victimized by the pandemic. Our efficient team of teachers knew the Herculean task at hand and we had war room calls often to work on our strategies.

The diagnosis revealed a lack of basic literacy and numeracy with writing skills that needed intensive care. With tireless work, we were able to shape the children from Grades I -VIII, put them on track, and make them practitioners of the English language within six months.

As the year of many firsts, we cherish the day we saw our kids in their designer uniforms from the revolutionary designers of uniforms from Bengaluru.

We constituted the four Houses namely, Mavericks, Vikings, Spartans, and the Wizards.

We participated in the 8th International Yoga Day celebrations organized by the Sricity Management at the Visitor's Centre on the 21st of June, 2022. We had a contingent of 35 students, 15 teachers and four admin staff, and the Principal who attended the programme.

“The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six as rightly said by Dr. Maria Montessori.

To bring awareness to the importance of Early Childhood Education we have set up an International Kindergarten that comprises three environments namely the Nursery IK-Level -1 & 2, after extensive research. We follow a culmination of Montessori, Te Whariki (the phar ri ke ), and Emilia's methodology. We have also integrated the techniques to gauge English Language Assessment Standards through thematic learning. We extend the practices across the Primary classes from Grades 1 to 5 to build their language skills pertaining to all four domains - Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Let's have a glimpse of our teaching and learning at our International Kindergarten classrooms. Our trained and experienced teachers who are experts in phonics are followers of the footsteps of Dr. Maria Montessori, a woman ahead of her time, who insisted on innovation and a child-centered approach to education,

World Nature Conservation Day was observed on 28 July 2022. Nature Conservation initiatives organized that week "Paper Bag Day" was held on the 30th of July, 2022. The students from Grades I to VIII made lovely paper bags.

Our first and the country's 75th Independence Day was celebrated in its true spirits.

The tricolour was hoisted by Dr. Devika, Founder and Managing Trustee of Aseema Trust - a non-profit organization.

The warmth and joy of Janmashtami were lit with the grandeur of the celebrations on the 19th of August, 2022.

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2022-23 was held on 27th August 2022. The ceremony was administered by the virtuous Vice President, of Customer Relations of Sri city, Mr. Ramesh Kumar. The solemn occasion of our first Investiture Ceremony put the office bearers of our first Prefectorial Board on the pedestal.

Telugu National Day was celebrated on 29 August to celebrate the birth anniversary of the legendary poet, Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy.

The Ganesha Fest was held on 30 August 2022 at our school's amphitheater with pomp and gaiety. Bhajans, talk on the significance of the festival and dance performance by our students marked the celebrations. Students from Kindergarten to Grade -VIII, the tweens and the teens indulged in making Ganesha idols using materials like Paper Mache (papjei 'mafei) , turmeric, and Maida dough to express not only their creativity but also their responsibility towards Mother Nature.

" Onam" was celebrated with loads of fun and gaiety by our students on the 10th of September, 2022. An Inter-House Pooka lam was held on the auspicious occasion.

Six of our students have qualified for scholarships in the International Reading Olympiad (IRO) in the reading assessment that was conducted by the Freedom App and Carnegie Mellon University last year. They also represent the 99th percentile or the top 1% of students from close to 200,000 students who read the most in the last year on the Freedom app.

Mr. Aadharsh, the CEO, Freedom App visited us on the 19th of September, 2022, to felicitate the scholarship winners who bagged a direct entry into the international round. Listed are avid readers of Accord School, Sricity.

1. Rethika Sri Mahi - Grade - II- A
2. Tanay Aanand - Grade - III - B
3. G. Aaradhana - Grade - IV - A
4. Raghuveer - Grade - V -B
5. P. Gayithri - Grade - VI - A
6. Karthika - Grade - VII

While the first and second graders brought the grandeur of the Dusshera festival live on the 23rd of September, 2022, the Kindergarten Dussehra celebrations were unveiled on the 3rd of October, 2022.

Our students of Grades VI to VIII visited the IIIT campus on 11 October 2022, to get first-hand information on the exhibits of Space Science and Technology. It was a golden opportunity for our students to understand the nuances of the spacecraft, the technology behind its working

The Festival of Lights, “Diwali” was organized on 21 October 2022 at our school premises.

A day filled with fun and frolic for the students of Grades IV to VIII unfolded with a pleasant long road trip to MGM Dizzee World, an amusement park at Muthukadu, Chennai on 29 October 2022.

It is a time of the year when everyone dresses up in costumes, children go trick or treating, and carve Jack-O-Lanterns from hollowed-out pumpkins. Halloween Day was observed on the 31st of October, where we had costume parades and picked the best dressed to recognize the creative minds of our lovely moms.

Children from classes III-VIII, have celebrated Andhra Pradesh Formation Day on Tuesday, 01 November 2022. Kerala and Karnataka State Formation Day were also commemorated during the same event.

Children of Grade -VIII organized the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the National Unity Day on 8th November 2022.

Children's Day was celebrated with fun and frolic at our school on 14th November 2022. The teachers presented a bonanza with an array of performances to entertain their beloved pupil.

Bharathiyar Day was commemorated on the 14th of December, 2022, to pay tribute to legendary Tamil poet, Mahakavi Bharathiyar.

Theatre in Education helps children emote, develop empathy, and explore social issues in a safe and supportive environment. The students experience the power of verbatim and explore diverse perspectives.

Our students of grades VII & VIII had a five-day theater workshop from 12 to 16, December 2022, conducted by Dr. Namashivayam, a theatre professor from Thirunelveli. It is said "Architecture appears for the first time when the sunlight hits a wall". Likewise, we can assess their learning when they present the legend of Kannagi through the art form of this land, the Burra Katha when they present the act today on the stage under the colour "Black"

The school celebrated National Math Day on 22nd December 2022, at the school premises. The theme went by the name "The Legacy that Started with a Book". The school arena was decorated by various eco-friendly Math exhibits prepared by the students from Grades I-VIII. The cultural program was conducted by the students of Grades III -VIII.

Our Christmas celebration had all the vibes and hues of the most magnificent fest with the carols that reverberated from all the corners of our Amphitheatre. It was held on the 23rd of December, 2022.

Well, nothing can equal the happiness of seeing your wards overcome their struggles and blossom with their inherent strengths.

Two of our ace players Sarath Siddharth and Gagan Sandesh were selected for the All-India level football challenge where they represented and played as part of the AP team, at Nasik from the 26th to the 29th of December, 2022.

The Indian School Debating Society is a not-for-profit organization, powered by the Ramco Group of Companies, that aims to take competitive debating to students across India. Accord School, Sricity competed among 53 top schools in the country, with an all-girls team represented by Roehitha Sriraam, Priya and Neha Verma Jumpanna from Grade -VIII.

Though first-timers they gave a tough challenge to all their competitors and exhibited enormous courage to participate as the proposition in the first two rounds and as opposition in the fifth preliminary round. They deserve all attention and

proudly enter the records of Accord School, Sricity has the debutant debaters who have shown a lot of promise to win the ISDC at the national level.

## CLOSURE

We teach our children here at this campus to feel the wind under their wings so that it bears them where the sun sails and the moon walks.

We teach them first to think, second to believe, third to dream, and finally to dare  
We teach them to believe in themselves as our motto says.

Today's Annual Production "Varna Utsav" will showcase our philosophy of education, highlight the strength of our team of teachers who can turn a tongue-tied student to speak the Shakespearean language, where we have shown how we can make a cultural event with a lot of scopes for learning and expressing through various art forms. The anchors of both the first half and all the anchors of the pre-recorded production and the ones in the English Telugu and Tamil plays have memorized lengthy and challenging lines within days. We have also shown that entertainment is also possible through research and need not always be dependent on movie songs.

Let me rest by saying, Parents, we believe in your child's potential more than you do as we believe in believing in ourselves and stand by our motto.