

TEACHERS AND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF SARADA (TAPAS)
ANNUAL REPORT
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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A. BACKGROUND

1. In 2002, several parents took the initiative to form an association that could allow them to play a more constructive role in the activities and objectives of Sarada Kindergarten. The association intended to find ways to participate and support the kindergarten actively so that they could assist in inculcating the strong values of Sarada Kindergarten and allow children who leave Sarada to maintain their bonds of friendship and affinity to the school.
2. February 2003 saw the first meeting of some 15 parents and kindergarten staff. It was a humble beginning but the burning desire to create an organization which would be a pivotal support group for Sarada Kindergarten was too great to ignore.
3. The group registered as a society on 9th October 2003. On 29th August 2004, it was officially launched as the Teachers and Parents Association of Sarada (TAPAS) with much fanfare by our then Minister for Education Dr Tharman Shamugaratnam.

B. OBJECTIVES

From its inception, TAPAS has tirelessly strived to achieve its objectives which are:

- (a) To provide scholarships, prizes and financial assistance to students and teachers of the kindergarten.
- (b) To promote the welfare of the kindergarten, its students and teachers.
- (c) To facilitate the active interaction between the parents and students in various activities of the kindergarten.
- (d) To undertake various fund raising and other activities for the support of the kindergarten and/or association.
- (e) To promote the advancement and improvement of its members physically, intellectually, socially and morally.
- (f) To develop a true spirit of loyalty and love for the Alma Mater.
- (g) To secure the co-operation and active interest of pupils in carrying out the aims and objectives of the kindergarten.
- (h) To promote the ideals of true citizenship and to promote the feeling of comradeship among the races.

C. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Patrons of TAPAS are:

Swami Samachittananda	- President, Ramakrishna Mission
Swami Satyalokananda	- Manager, Sarada Kindergarten

The Management Committee (25 Nov 2022 - 2024) of TAPAS consists of:

Ms. Shantini Kumarasamy	- President
Mr. Giridhar Nayak	- 1 st Vice President
Mr. Ravichandran Subramaniam	- 2 nd Vice President
Ms. Kalavathi Periasamy	- Honorary Secretary
Ms. Gnaanasambanthan Lakshmi	- Asst Honorary Secretary
Ms. N. Pushpavalli	- Honorary Treasurer
Ms. Rennuka d/o Naranisamy	- Asst Honorary Treasurer
Ms. Sulochanah d/o Kanapathy	- Member
Mr. K. Muthusamy	- Member
Ms. Suchitra Vipin Chandran	- Member
Ms. Virgie R. Orlino	- Member
Ms. Shamala Rajendran	- Member
Ms. Alice Winata	- Member
Ms. Nirmala d/o Prabakaran	- Member
Mr. Satish Krishnan	- Member
Ms. Lavanya Shanmuganathan	- Member
Ms. Punam Shekhawat	- Member
Ms. Uma Samadarmam	- Ex-Officio (Principal)

The Honorary Auditors are:

Mr. Saravanan s/o Kumar
Mr. Veeramani

D. MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Membership Strength (as at 31st March 2023):

Honorary Members	Nil
Life Members	191
1-year Ordinary Members	32
3-year Ordinary members	288
Associate members	Nil

E. ACTIVITIES FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

1. 2022 Bursary Awards

On 27th February 2023, 4 students received bursary awards which were fully donated by the parents of one of our ex-students in the memory of their daughter. There was NO ceremony.

2. Workshops (Virtual Programs)

Three virtual programs were conducted:

30 th April 2022	Supporting Children's Development	– 27 families attended
21 st May 2022	Nurturing Lifelong Readers	– 26 families attended
10 th September 2022	Weaning Children off Digital Devices	– 52 families attended

F. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

An online TAPAS membership drive was conducted in February 2023. Some Nursery parents signed up as new TAPAS members during this membership drive and some parents signed up during the virtual programs.

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

TAPAS acknowledges with gratitude the invaluable support from all our donors, Ramakrishna Mission, Ramakrishna Old Boys' Association, volunteers, teachers and staff of Sarada Kindergarten, members and all well-wishers.

Our special gratitude is extended to Dr. Ponampalam's family for their continuous support of our TAPAS Bursary Awards.