



PUDHU VASANTHAM

A HOME OF HOPE AND LEARNING

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Introduction

Pudhu Vasantham Girls Hostel, run by St. Joseph's Development Trust (SJDT), is a vibrant home for 98 girl children from disadvantaged and marginalized backgrounds. Located in the serene surroundings of Murugathuranpatty in Dindigul district, the hostel offers a safe, structured, and nurturing environment where girls are encouraged to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

A Typical Day at Pudhu Vasantham:

A typical day at Pudhu Vasantham begins early at 5:30 a.m. as the girls wake up and begin their personal chores with support from dedicated caregivers. After morning prayers and a nutritious breakfast, the girls leave for their respective schools, transported safely via the hostel's own arrangements.

Children return from school in the afternoon and are welcomed with snacks. The evenings are structured with time for games, followed by guided group study sessions led by wardens and volunteers. A second round of individual study time helps the girls complete their homework and prepare for upcoming tests.

Nutritious Meals and Health Care

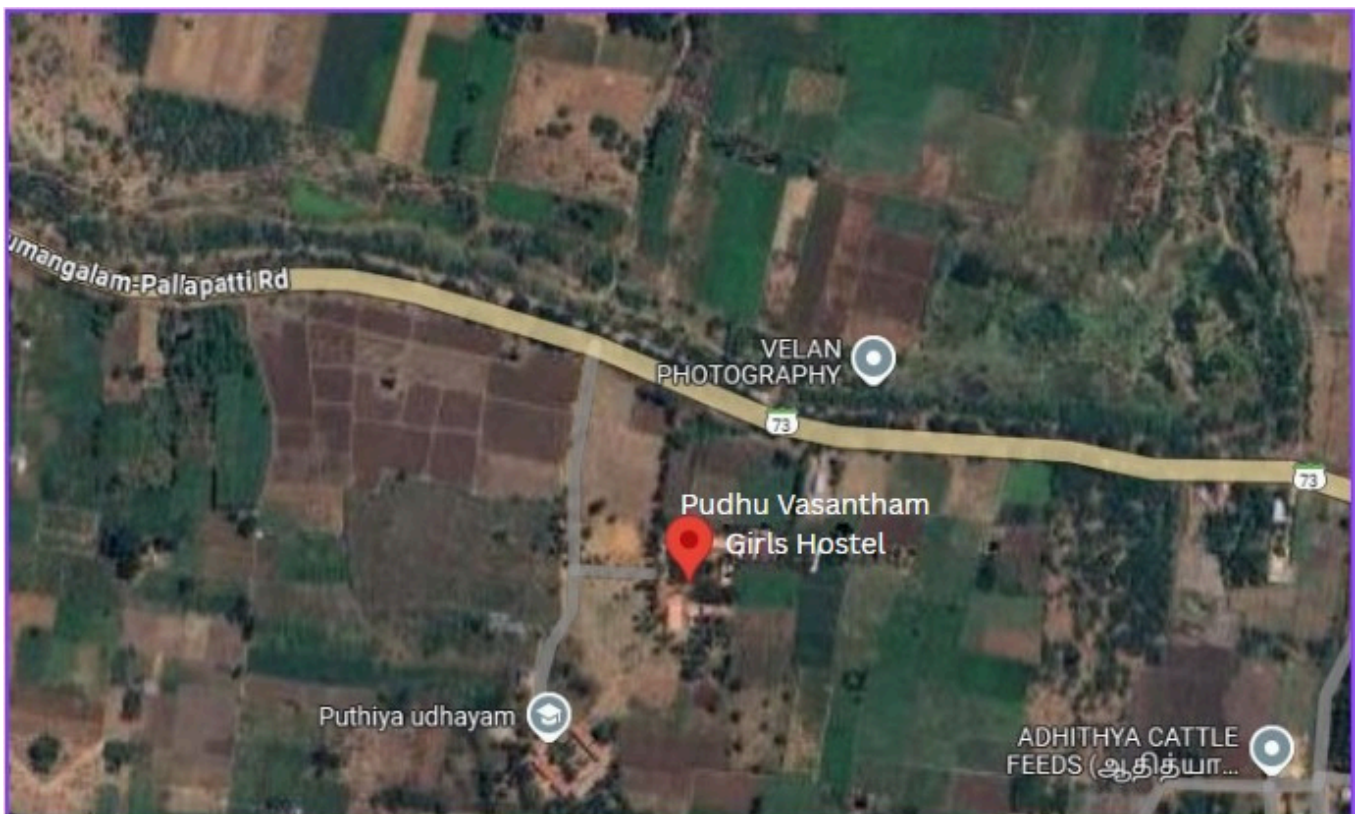
Three nutritious meals are provided every day, supplemented with eggs, fruits, and seasonal vegetables. Non-vegetarian meals such as chicken or fish are served weekly. The hostel maintains high hygiene standards and ensures clean drinking water. Regular medical check-ups are conducted, and special dietary needs are met with care.

History

Pudhu Vasantham Girls' Hostel was inaugurated in 1998 with the solemn vision of providing a safe, nurturing, and infrastructure-rich residential environment for marginalized children. Since its inception, the hostel has stood as a beacon of care, stability, and structured support for girls in need of a dignified upbringing.

Location

Our Pudhu Vasantham Girls' Hostel is located in the serene rural surroundings of Murugathuranpatty, under Malaiyagoundanpatty Post, in Nilakottai Taluk of Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu - 624201.



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SHINNING STARS of Pudhuvasantham 2024 - 2025

STD	No. of children wrote the exam	No. of children pass the exam	Percentage %
10 th Standard	13	11	85%
11 th Standard	4	4	100%
12 th Standard	4	4	100%

Above 400/600 Marks Student

12th
std



Above 380/600 Marks Student

11th
std



Above 300/500 Marks Student

10th
std



Characterization:

Our Pudhu Vasantham Girls' Hostel primarily serves orphaned, destitute, semi-orphaned, and tribal girls from marginalized and underprivileged communities. These children, often from remote and hilly regions, are provided with a safe, nurturing environment, quality education, nutritious meals, and emotional support to help them thrive.

Staff:

Below are the dedicated staff members managing the hostel.

Pudhuvasantham Orphanage for Girls	
Name	Designation
Pathipoorana Mary	Chief warden
Ganeshan Dhanalakshmi	Warden
Antonysamy Evanjaline	Warden
Linga perumal Daisy	Cook
Alagar Lingaperumal	Cook
Narayana samy Rajendran	Day Watchman
Ponnaiya Pandi	Night Watchman

Cottage Living and Family Values

Fostering Family Bonds and Responsibility Through Cottage-Style Living for Girls in a Nurturing, Supportive Environment

The 98 girls are grouped into smaller family-like cottage units. Each cottage houses about 10–12 girls under the supervision of a caregiver. These small group homes promote emotional bonding, shared responsibilities, and a sense of belonging. Children engage in maintaining cleanliness, distributing meals, and supporting one another in studies and daily tasks.

Weekly cottage meetings are conducted, encouraging the girls to reflect, raise concerns, and appreciate one another. This model fosters mutual respect, cooperation, and responsibility—essential values for community living.



Our girls enjoy a joyful moment together in their cottage-style home.

Size of the Orphanage

Detailed breakdown of student numbers from Class 1 to Class 12

The children attend a mix of private and aided schools, covering education from Class 1 through Class 12. This diverse schooling approach ensures each child receives quality education suited to their needs, supporting their academic growth and overall development across all grade levels.

S.No	Class	Total Number of Children
1	Class 1	2
2	Class 2	2
3	Class 3	6
4	Class 4	3
5	Class 5	6
6	Class 6	12
7	Class 7	23
8	Class 8	15
9	Class 9	5
10	Class 10	14
11	Class 11	5
12	Class 12	5
	Total	98

Child Empowerment through Participation

Pudhu Vasantham actively promotes democratic participation through the Children's Parliament. Elected representatives from each cottage meet regularly to discuss issues related to food, studies, cleanliness, and games. A President is elected by the children themselves to lead the discussions. This initiative builds leadership skills, confidence, and responsibility, and ensures that every child's voice is heard.

Recreation, Sports, and Gardening

Children are motivated to take part in Extra Curricular Activities everyday



100 %

of our
children are
happy and
healthy

100 %

of our children
feel safe in our
care

After school, children participate in sports like kabaddi, kho-kho, skipping, and indoor games like carrom and chess. These activities not only improve physical fitness but also encourage teamwork and discipline.

Gardening is a weekly routine that offers children a hands-on experience with nature. They tend to vegetables, flower beds, and herbs in the hostel campus. The girls learn about sustainability and derive joy and pride from nurturing their plants.



of our children scored above average in
their academic assessments.

Moral Education and Extracurricular Activities

Nurturing Values and Talents Through Moral Lessons and Creative Activities Weekly

Every week, moral education sessions are held to instill values such as kindness, honesty, and respect. Storytelling, role-plays, and discussions help children understand right from wrong and build emotional resilience.

The hostel also offers various extracurricular opportunities like drawing, singing, dancing, storytelling, and debate. These not only help children discover their interests and talents but also contribute to their confidence and creativity. Periodic events like “Talent Time” give every child a platform to perform and shine.

Success Case Stories

C. Divya

Introduction:

By and large, when success does not happen, people get frustrated and finally get deeper inside the darkness of inferiority. But in the case of Divya, she never failed to apply her regular commitment and dedicated efforts in her life and refused to entertain failures and disappointments as barriers to her success.

The Situation of the child and her family before coming into Pudhu Vasantham:

Divya came from a small village, near our SJDT's head office at Genguvarpatti in Theni District. Her parents were very poor and they had two children. Divya, being the



11-years old C. Divya

eldest, had to share all the chores with her mother. The father was the only breadwinner in the family and he was a daily wager. He would do agricultural work here and there. The family had to feed the children and provide other necessities to them. His income was very meager and the children couldn't get their basic needs fulfilled with that little income. The parents tried their level best



C. Divya a college graduate

to find other part-time jobs, but they couldn't succeed. The parents felt pained as the children went to sleep without having taken anything. In this extreme poverty, they could not imagine education for their children. The parents feared that their child Divya would likely grow up poor and be more likely to repeat the cycle of poverty. But somehow they were convinced that education would be the only factor to change the life of their child Divya. But, finances were not enough to feed a family of four, let aside his dreams of pursuing higher education. "My parents wanted me and my younger brother to complete higher studies so that we don't suffer," said Divya proudly of her parents. Hence, Divya was accepted by SJDT and was placed into Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage under a sponsorship programme.

Divya's Development under the care of SJDT:

Divya studied in one of the Government schools in his village and was very fond of playing Kho-Kho. He was an average studying student when he joined SJDT in grade 6th in the year 2009. She resided in the Pudhu Vasantham orphanage and started her schooling happily. He says, "I was taught by Joselin Amma and she helped me clear my basic concepts. Slowly I started gaining interest in the topics taught and loved the tricks to solve mathematical problems."

Divya scored good marks in the Tenth Examination and had good grades in the 12th standard too. It was well of a surprise to her family and teachers and she wished to pursue Engineering from the esteemed colleges. SJDT provided her with all the required resources and support to continue the journey toward her dream despite the odds. Everything seemed fine for her at times but there were times that wouldn't let her pass easily. "When Divya started her engineering classes, she found it difficult to match the rhythm due to language differences and the pace of teaching. She became impatient and started losing hope. At that point, SJDT came forward and provided her a special tuition during the weekends so as to boost her self-confidence and enthusiasm. Joselin Amma and Flora, the warden there were ready to help her out in every way possible to keep her spirits high. Divya has made us proud by cracking the Engineering studies with flying colours.

Her Status at present:

Divya has made us proud by cracking the Engineering studies with flying colours. As of now, Divya is a technical supervisor in one of the manufacturing textile companies in Tirupur. She works there with much satisfaction and happiness. She fetches a handsome amount of salary and is able to contribute to her family's financial management. She is also providing a free tuition coaching classes to her village children. Her parents are indeed proud of their daughter's achievement and thankful for the services rendered by SJDT.



C. Divya as a professional

Conclusion:

“Her dream didn’t become reality through magic; it took sweat, determination, and hard work.” This was the aphorism that kept Divya going. Divya is ever grateful to for the financial support throughout her scholastic years and as of now she stands tall as a brave girl in the society.

Divya's growth over the years At Pudhu Vasantham



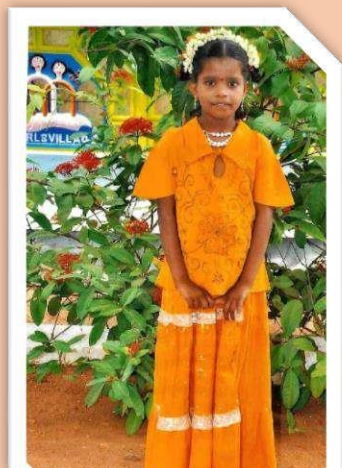
Achiammal

Introduction:

Time and again, there are few who have risen, tackled all odds, and worked with determination to come out of the cycle of poverty. Achiammal has joined that rare category. We present here her beautiful story.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Achiammal comes from an impoverished family. Her father was a daily wager on the agricultural farm. His income was insufficient to manage the family. He didn't get a regular job and he did only get seasonal work. Oftentimes, he remained at home



9 Years Old Achiammal

unemployed. In addition to this, he also indulged in drinking and gambling. Most of his earnings were being wasted on his bad habits. In the course of time, he became a drunkard. Her mother had to manage all the needs of the family with a limited income. They went to bed with empty stomachs on many nights. But in reality,

the parents could not afford their three children's education. The parents decided to stop Achiammal

from going to school as she is a girl. This is the mentality still alive and kicking in that region. They allowed their sons to school regularly. Achiammal was on the verge of being stopped from attending school. Fortunately, her

situation was referred to St. Joseph's Development Trust and was accepted into Pudhu Vasantham Children's Orphanage.



Post-graduate Achiammal

Achiammal's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Achiammal was brought to Pudhu Vasantham when she was nine years old. She found wardens' support during her stay at Pudhu Vasantham Children's Orphanage inexplicable and amazing. She developed a wonderful relationship and friendship with other children which enabled her to forget her past life and move ahead in life. The diverse

community experience at Pudhu Vasantham was valuable to her academic success in the school. She formed study groups with other students and often sought advice from senior girls and wardens. Some wardens had a positive impact on her educational experience. She says, “Each one of them showed me extra care and time through the years and I really enjoyed the way I was able to grow in a way that allowed me to study and learn on a deeper level”. She placed herself to the point where she could accept all the hurdles that she was going to take. She has an understanding that it is okay to fail but is willing to get up again. She knew there were people there to support her. She was indeed happy that she was accepted in love even when she failed. This experience motivated her to become a strong person. She did well in her studies both at school and college.

Achiammal's Status at Present:

With her successful completion of an M.A. degree in Tamil literature, she became a competent person to teach in the school. But her parents arranged a marriage for her and she is a married person now. Her husband owns a grocery job on the main road leading to Dindigul. Achiammal is a teacher now, working in the Matriculation School. She is delightful and very happy about her present life.



Achiammal with her Husband

Conclusion:

Achiammal was indeed resilient and took the courage to bounce back by taking risks despite adversity and initial setbacks coming from a poor family background. It was an outstanding example in the case of Achiammal in reaching heights in her life. She was elated to utter her words of thankfulness to SJDT and her sponsor for a wonderful opportunity to live and shine at Pudhu Vasantham.

Achiammal's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage



Conclusion

In conclusion, Pudhu Vasantham Girls Hostel stands as a nurturing and empowering space where 98 underprivileged girls receive not only shelter and education but also the care, guidance, and structure necessary for holistic development. The hostel's child-centered approach, rooted in values like responsibility, cooperation, and leadership, ensures that each girl grows with confidence and dignity. From disciplined daily routines and evening study sessions to sports, gardening, and vibrant celebrations, every aspect of hostel life is thoughtfully designed to support the physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being of the children. Through the combined efforts of caregivers, teachers, and the children themselves, Pudhu Vasantham continues to be a safe and inspiring home where young girls are equipped to dream, learn, and lead with hope for a better future.

At Pudhu Vasantham, we envision a world where every individual lives with dignity, purpose, and joy. Together, let us continue building inclusive futures—where ability is celebrated, not limited. Your support helps us turn possibilities into realities.

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Pudhuvasantham
Children Activities
Photos
2024 - 2025



Children Having breakfast



Children enjoying evening snacks



Children at Games



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Children during the evening study



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Children Leaving for School



Children Returning from school



Children's Parliament



Children at Swing



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Children at Gardening



Children with Executive director





Smiling faces of our children

