

## Veerayatan Palitana



*'Jaha Jinalay  
Vaha Vidyalay'  
- Acharya  
Chandanaji*

*"Where there  
is temple, there  
should be a  
school."*

### Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir

Veerayatan made a firm resolve in 2017 to start **Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir Veerayatan Palitana ('TMVM')**, a school for the children of impoverished communities living in the villages in and around Palitana.

TMVM welcomes all with open arms - admission is without any distinction of caste, creed, race religion or socio-economic status.

### Our Educational Outlook and Activities

In the clean, crisp, open and spiritually calm environment of TMVM we try to ensure our children reach their full potential in whatever they do best.



This means providing:

**A quality all round education** - TMVM has the aim of providing quality education in academic subjects such as English, Science and Mathematics, but combining it with a moral and ethical **outlook** with respect for humans, animals and the environment as a whole as well as self-respect in terms of personal hygiene, good manners etc. We recognise that not all children have the academic capabilities but they may be good at other activities such as sports, art, music, yoga, etc. Our aim is to make their school days productive and enjoyable through a series of academic, sporting and cultural activities.



All children are provided with a nutritional meal. Children are allowed to eat as much as they want, as in some cases the children may not have received food at home. Our meals are supplemented with seasonal fruits and include favourite foods for children such as Pava, Upma, Dhokla and other healthy choices. We also provide filtered and cool water.

**School Essentials** - All school books, stationery, school bag, two sets of uniform, sports t-shirt, winter pants and sweaters, socks, and water bottles are supplied every year at the time of enrolment either free or at highly subsidized amounts.

## Our Achievements To Date

### Academic:

We have enrolled 315 children from 18 different communities in and around Palitana without discrimination as to caste or creed. Veerayatan Palitana bears 80% of the actual cost of educating the children. This year (2021-22) we are also providing a full scholarship to 32 impoverished children who cannot afford fees.

At TMVM, online education was provided during the Covid-19 pandemic in the best possible way. However, being a rural area and due to lack of technology, more than 65% of the children were unable to study at home effectively. As per government policy, all the children have been promoted to the next grade in this academic year and we will try our best to ensure that those children who are lagging behind are supported in their learning by creating extra tuition classes. We are, therefore, recruiting additional teachers.

## Social and Environmental:



Over 1500 trees have been planted around the campus due to the loving efforts of children, parents and teachers, helping to create a lush and green environment which is conducive to learning. Children have also been the ambassadors to plant trees after the terrible cyclone in 2021.

There is close co-operation and communication with parents to create a partnership to promote the welfare of children. Children are so proud to have the opportunity to attend TMVM that they have started a ripple effect and sought to bring change in others, as shown by the inspirational efforts of the following students attending the school:



**Namratta:** a student of TMVM, who has learnt the value of giving selflessly and each and every day after school she gathers all the children in her village and teaches them what she herself has learnt in school that day.

**Sana Fatema:** a very sincere and smart student who absorbs not only academic knowledge but also the values that are taught in school by the Sadhvijis. She has become our local ambassador for promoting vegetarianism and healthy diet. She and her family stopped eating meat soon after she joined the school. Now she makes great efforts in going around the community in her free time and promoting vegetarianism to her neighbours and friends.

## Growing Staff and Infrastructure

- TMVM has highly motivated, dedicated and trained staff to teach the children. Regular teacher training sessions have been instituted and are compulsory to further improve and widen the skills of the teachers.
- We have recruited additional teachers to support children in need post Covid Pandemic.
- We are in the process of setting up a Library, Science Lab and Computer Lab for well-rounded education for the children.



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