

VOGA Canada 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My dear Vembadians,
Reflecting back on this year I am overwhelmed with mixed emotions of **Gratification**, for having had the opportunity to serve my school that shaped the primary stage of my life **Fulfillment**, of having completed each event very successfully bringing together as many Vembadians as possible; **Pride**, for being able to walk away with my head held high having served with integrity and accomplishing my mission of taking VOGA to a greater height and **Disappointment** due to the unhealthy factions within.

That said I am very grateful to the 2025 committee who stayed with me through thick and thin, upholding the values of VOGA, and helping to deliver on our agenda for the year. Memories of our accomplishments and the wonderful teamwork that helped us to bond, make lasting relationships and paving the way to help make this world a better place will remain with me forever. Any personal disappointment will hopefully pale into insignificance over time.

Our past presidents and committee members have carried the torch thus far and now it is up to the newer members to take it further forward. I urge you to have an open mind, get involved and serve VOGA with a view to uniting all Vembadians and to continue to foster goodwill, volunteerism and unity. When you dare to do right, there's a supreme power that will help you to succeed, as it did for me.

My sincere wishes to the new committee and to all our members. Any less than doing the right thing is an insult to our organization and to our much revered school.

With God's blessings,

Devaranee (Bubby) Mohan, President. VOGA Canada 2025



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Recent Highlights

VOGA Canada 2025 Saraswathi Pooja - 28/09/2025

Vembadians came together again in big numbers for our Saraswathi Pooja celebrations, held on 28th September at the Armadale Community Centre. The event started with some devotional songs, followed by cultural events, arathi by everyone and Mrs. Nadarajah’s eloquent description of the significance of Navarathri. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to unite again, celebrate the religious event and the huge spread of prasadam that was offered. We thank all those who attended and those who extended help.



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Recent highlights- Saraswathi Pooja



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Recent highlights

VOGA Canada Speaker Event 2 - Estate Planning 101 by Shruthi Raman LLB, LLM - Oct. 19, 2025 via zoom

Shruthi very effectively and efficiently presented to VOGA members:

- The what, why and how of Estate planning
- Why difficult conversations are necessary
- Preserving your legacy with confidence
- How to avoid leaving complications for loved ones

It was very well appreciated by those who attended the session and the take home message was **“Learn, Plan, Protect and Preserve”**

VOGA Canada 2025 Christmas Carol Party – 6/12/2025

We are delighted that our Christmas Carol Party, held on 6th December, 2025 at the Armadale Community Centre went off very well, with good attendance, delicious and plenty of food, beautiful singing by the choir, a meaningful message delivered by the pastor, a jolly old Santa bringing cheer and joy to the kids and adults and plenty of toys received for the toy drive. It was one last opportunity for Vembadians to unite and enjoy each others' company in 2025.

Everyone present and a few others very generously donated towards our VOGA Cyclone Ditwah Relief Fund, amounting to \$. 2,160.00 . It was a great way to kick off Christmas festivities and to share our blessings with those who have been impacted by the Cyclone.



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Merry Christmas



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VOGA CANADA 2025 – AT A GLANCE (8 events)

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JOIN US FOR AN INSIGHTFUL ONE-HOUR SESSION, WHERE WE'LL EXPLORE PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO NAVIGATE LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS WITH RESILIENCE AND CONFIDENCE.

February 26, 2025 at 8pm EST via Zoom

Zoom details will be sent before the session

Take a moment for yourself! Learn | Reflect | Reset | Recharge

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FREE ADMISSION

VOGA SPRING MASALA

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 | 10AM - 4PM

Join us for a vibrant day with family and friends!

Mary Ward Catholic School
3200 Kennedy Rd, Scarborough, ON M1V 3S8

Explore a variety of business vendors offering clothes, and more. Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks will be available for purchase!

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VOGA PICNIC FAMILY & FRIENDS

SATURDAY JULY 26th, 2025
10 AM - 5 PM

73 Colonel Danforth Park, Toronto, M1C 1P8
(Picnic Area 1 - South)

Join us for a fun-filled picnic and create lasting memories!
Food and refreshments will be served

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VOGA CANADA INVITES YOU TO

Celebrate the Life & Legacy of

MISS. SAROJINITHEVI THARMALINGAM

Join us as we reflect, remember and celebrate a life that inspired so many

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025 | 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Council Chamber Of Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

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VOGA Canada Presents

DINNER DANCE 2025

We request the pleasure of your company at our annual dinner dance.

Please join us for an evening of sumptuous dinner, variety of entertainment and vibrant & upbeat music to dance the night away to your heart's content

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 6:00 PM

Markham Convention Centre
30 Ironside Crescent, Scarborough

For tickets priced at \$80 and inquiries, please contact
vombadiogacanada@gmail.com

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

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Armadale Community Centre
2401 Denison St., Markham, Ont. L3S 1G3

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 | 3pm - 6pm

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Estate Planning - 101

An insightful one-hour Zoom session with Shuruthi Raman, LL.B, LL.M

OCT. 19, 2025 at 2 pm via ZOOM

Learn | Plan | Protect | Preserve

What You'll Learn:

- The what, why, and how of estate planning
- Why difficult conversations are necessary
- Preserving your legacy with confidence
- How to avoid leaving complications for loved ones

Zoom details will be shared before the session

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Christmas Carol & Dinner.

Join us for a magical evening filled with holiday joy and festive cheer!

Armadale Community Centre
2401 Denison St. Markham, Ont. L3S 1G3

Meet Santa Claus | Holiday Crafts | Christmas Carols | Surprise Gifts | Delicious Dinner

Saturday, Dec 06 2025 5 PM - 9 PM

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THE SOCIAL IMPACT

Following is the impact of our efforts through 2025

. Needy A/L students of Vembadi - Scholarship Fund (\$2,000)

VOGA Canada had committed to assist 26 selected A/L students with their tuition fees. 10 of them were fully financed and have completed in December 2025. There is now a balance of LKR. 492,800, and another LKR 407,200 will be required to assist the remaining 16 students to complete in December 2026.

[VOGA Canada 2025 fulfilled this financial obligation of Can.\\$ 2,000 \(LKR. 407,200\) approximately.](#)

. Donation to Fred Victor, a Canadian charity

As a gesture of appreciation we made a donation of \$. 2,200 to Fred Victor, towards alleviating homelessness and hunger in Canada



. Christmas party Toy drive

Vembadians who attended our Christmas party on 6th December donated generously towards our toy drive.

Usha Chandrakumaran handed over the toys to Richmond Hill Fire Fighters for distribution, which was very well received.



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. Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka

A sum of \$. 2,100 was collected in support of those badly impacted by Cyclone Ditwah that devastated Sri Lanka. With the help of Rishi Thondunathan, a re-nowned social worker in Sri Lanka, 65 dry ration care packages were distributed in a very badly affected remote tea estate in Nuwara Eliya .

The remainder of the funds will go towards providing school supplies to children who have lost their homes. This can be actioned only when the schools reopen after the 22nd of January 2026. A report will be provided at that time.

Donor	Amount (LKR)
4x ජිව්ව	360/-
2x ලක්ෂ්	540/-
5000 ලක්ෂ්	40/-
1x ජිව්ව	235/-
1000 ලක්ෂ්	120/-
1000 ලක්ෂ්	120/-
2000 ලක්ෂ්	20/-
2000 ලක්ෂ්	230/-
2000 ලක්ෂ්	165/-
Total	3000/- one family
1 Family 3000 x 66	198000
Transport	10000
Total	208000



VOGA 2025 PRIDE PROJECT - REVITALIZING COMPUTER LABS AT VEMBADI -

Vembadi Principal Ms. Grace Thevarajah, reported the urgent need for 4 well equipped computer labs for fostering innovation and preparing our students for future challenges.

After allocating approximately \$.2,000 to complete the Scholarship Fund for Advanced Level students in Vembadi and a further \$. 2,000 in the account for the next committee, the remainder will be allocated for the specific purpose of revitalizing one computer lab and will be held in the restricted fund as cashable GIC until we are ready for the project. Hopefully this will become a legacy project for VOGA Canada.

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DEEP APPRECIATION

Our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to everyone who played a role in making this year meaningful and impactful.

- Many members, especially the committee of 2024 who supported us in countless ways with special mention of our immediate past President Jeeva Santhakumaran and Suganthi Navaratnam for going the extra mile.
- Our sponsors and donors, whose generosity helped us create a positive impact in the lives of the vulnerable
- Our teachers and the senior members who encouraged us and made every effort to attend our events.
- Jaffna Central College OBA for their brotherly support
- Our families and spouses for their unwavering support

As we close this chapter, we do so with humility, gratitude and pride in what we have built together. May we carry these connections, lessons and shared purpose into the new year – with renewed hope and unity

