



Arunachala
Village School



Annual Report 2021 - 2022



I am delighted to reach out to you all via this newsletter, and I hope you are all doing well and staying safe during these difficult times of the pandemic.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020-2021 academic year was completely offline. As the pandemic continued, the micro classes were extended to the 2021-2022 academic year. However, in comparison to last year, we were able to conduct more extensive and effective micro classes this year. After 18 months, we were ecstatic that schools were finally reopened by the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

The second wave was very frightening in India, with exponentially increasing covid cases and death rates. I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the selfless AVS teachers who volunteered with the government and went door to door screening across the town. I express my appreciation for going above and beyond their educational responsibilities.

We will be always eternally grateful to the Almighty that we did not lose a single life due to the pandemic from the AVS family, and that no staff member was infected despite their extensive field work.

My warmest thanks to all the donors who stood by us and continued your support despite the tough times of the pandemic. We are forever indebted to your love for the children of India.



G Madhan Mohan

OVERVIEW

2021 - 2022

2021 - 2022 was no lesser than a roller coaster ride. Even though the year started few stumbling blocks due to the prevalence of covid, the official announcement for reopening of educational institutes brought in loads of happiness and excitement. The year had few impediments as the school was functioning again after a long gap. However, team work and dedication helped us to pull off fruitful results.

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A GLIMPSE OF THE YEAR

The major achievement of the year was that none of the kids and the staff were affected by covid. Everyday activities were carried out without any hinderance, abiding to all the covid regulations .

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MICRO CLASSES DURING THE PANDEMIC

The previous year's micro classes were carried over into the current academic year, but in greater numbers. The Micro classes were more organized and efficient this time, as the challenges of the previous year have upskilled us with a lot of fresh ideas and approaches.

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THE REINSTITUTION

Reopening of school after a long gap was two folded, had its own challenges and merits. Arrangements were made in compliance with all the covid protocols. The health and safety of the students remained as the prime objective.

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THE RE-FORMULATIONS

This year has bought in substantial amount of ideas to overcome the challenges in an innovative and effective way . Team work and continued dedication served as the key factors for success.

A GLIMPSE OF THE YEAR

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

- The academic year begins with the successful inauguration of micro classes in two additional villages.
- Consistent efforts to adhere to the prescribed safety measures resulted in the good health of all students and employees.
- This year, students have read **1,456 books** from the library.
- Successful implementation of a one-hour daily intensive reading skill development program.
- There was no decrease in student strength during the year.

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STUDENTS



115



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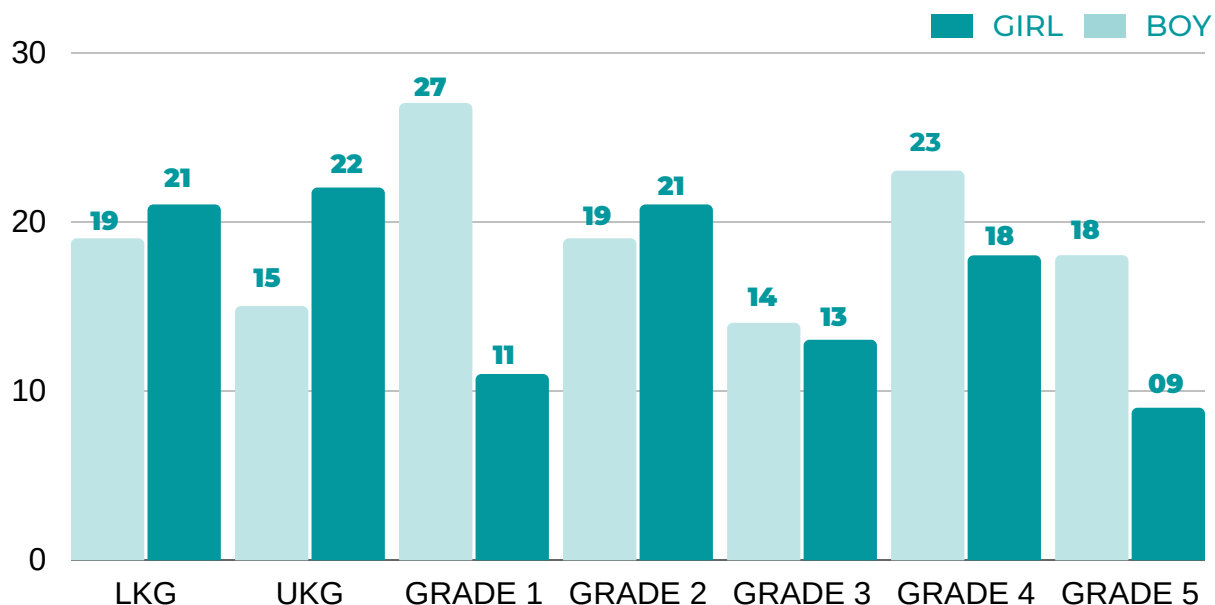
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STAFF

CHALLENGES AND FAILURES

- Classes for ventriloquism training were scheduled but then cancelled owing to the trainee's unfortunate personal situations.
- Due to time constraints, we were unable to carry out the scientific table concept as planned. The event required more discussion and planning, which could not be completed in such a short period of time.
- All required preparations for Craft Training Week have been made. Unfortunately, it was cancelled since the government refused to provide permission owing to the pandemic.

STUDENT STRENGTH



23 YEARS OF AVS

This year marked the 23rd anniversary of AVS. The school was decorated with flowers, and photographs of AVS' journey were displayed throughout the campus. The kids were told about the formation of AVS and the selfless services of *Aldis Jaspers* and *Rudi Jaspers*. Throughout the day, children were given a variety of snacks that they enjoy. The entire campus was filled with laughter and happiness.



MICRO CLASSES DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Schools have been closed since March 2020 due to the prevalence of covid. This situation if prolonged over time can lead to adverse effects on the mental health and the inquisitiveness for learning among the kids, thus paving the way for child marriages and dropping out of school. Hence the 25 micro classes were organized and carried out. 13 additional teachers were appointed full-time. So, in total, 25 teachers worked to make sure that each kid gets individual attention.

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**AVS STUDENT
BENEFICIARIES**

323

**GOVT & OTHER PRIVATE
SCHOOL STUDENTS**



**46 % increase in the
beneficiary count
compared to
2020 - 2021**

It was very heartwarming to see the involvement and eagerness of the kids. Classes were conducted on all five weekdays with art and craft classes on Saturdays dedicated to activities like music, wood carving, art, and crafts, etc.



The micro classes were organized in such a way that not even a single activity was missed out, including the extensive practice in the development of reading, writing, and speaking skills.

Parents were overjoyed to see their children indulge in activities other than textbooks, such as playing musical instruments, wood carving, and so on. In micro classes, the relevant government standard operating procedures on Covid-19 were properly followed.

NONE OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WAS AFFECTED WITH COVID DURING THE MICROCLASSES

The ultimate purpose of the micro classes was to help parents understand their children's capabilities and to boost their confidence in their children's abilities and skill sets. The Micro classes allowed parents to see their children not only learning but also becoming multitalented as they actively participated in activities such as playing the veena, dancing *Bharatanatyam*, carving wood, and so forth. And thus the goal was completely achieved.

The micro classes ended on October 23, 2021. On 25-10-2021, a small thanksgiving was held to recognize the instructors' assiduous and indefatigable efforts, without which the micro classes would not have been a big success.

THE REINSTATION

The official announcement of the school's reopening was received. With only a few days until the regular classes resumed, it was a difficult chore to make all of the required arrangements, and many obstacles were encountered. Despite this, we were able to pull it off, thanks to the united efforts of the staff and parents.

We are also grateful to the non-teaching staff who assisted us in keeping the campus clean and greener, allowing us to quickly return to normalcy once the school reopened.



PREPPING UP



Many parents were worried about sending their children to school since the epidemic had not yet ended. Prior to the reopening date, a consultation meeting was organized at the school grounds, during which all of the efforts taken by that management to guarantee the safety of the children and the significance of education were informed. Parents were glad that their children were in safe hands.



Throughout the school site, full-scale renovations were carried out. It was guaranteed that the infrastructure was child-friendly. Playgrounds and classrooms were cleaned and disinfected.



Lavatories, Water tanks, and cisterns were properly sanitized and kept hygiene.



Furthermore, if students are unable to follow health and safety rules, equipping or retrofitting schools for optimal hygiene and sanitation will be ineffective. As a result, a daily session was arranged to better educate the children on this issue.



AVS is the only school with its own school safety commission. This team is made up entirely of parents who thoroughly inspected the school prior to its reopening. This gave parents peace of mind about their children's safety in the face of the pandemic. Following that, the government's school safety commission conducted an inspection and awarded the school the green light to operate.

THE RE-FORMULATIONS

The adoption of fresh concepts and strategies has boosted student involvement in regular school activities and aided both teachers and students recuperate from the long break from the classrooms.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS FOR STAFF

A personal development project was conducted to help the staff team understand the importance of embracing, accepting, and desiring improvements in order to accept and adapt to unforeseen problems. This five-day program served as an icebreaker, allowing the staff team to better understand their own strengths and weaknesses, as well as strategies for overcoming barriers.

Human resource trainers conducted a two-day training session for the staff team on topics such as teamwork, decision-making, and leadership qualities.





INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

We wanted to welcome the children back to school with new and better learning facilities. As a result, an open theatre near the library was built to hold lessons. The benches and walls have been refurbished with fresh and instructive

murals. The kindergarten's new entrance was paved with stone.

For the creation of the science table, 16 new science equipment were acquired.

The gardeners made tremendous efforts to make the campus greener. We made certain that all the new decorations are environmentally friendly and manufactured from the garbage.

ENSURING THE COVID PROTOCOLS

Teachers were divided into groups to observe the social distance between children, particularly during lunch and playtime. As the children had already been pre-trained in the micro classes, they were able to follow the covid safety protocols on their own without much

instructions. Face masks and sanitizers were distributed to the children because many couldn't really afford them. To fill the nutritional gap, the staff team devised the idea of providing healthy snacks and drinks to the children. The parents were extremely appreciative of this initiative.



FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

This year was a huge success when it came to taking the kids on field trips. Students visited courtrooms and police stations, which helped them understand the importance of the government and how it works. *Ms. Kiran, IPS*, was gracious enough to conduct a special session for our children to educate them on the duties of the police department. Aside from that, the children were taken to dams, temples, and parks. These field trips paved the way for students to explore the world outside of textbooks.

This year was filled with numerous events. Few of our employees received extensive puppetry training. *Mr. Sampath* provided laughter therapy to students at AVS and other government schools. The session was a great stress reliever, and everyone enjoyed it. *Mr. Akshay's* magic show was the icing on the cake. The children were astounded as the magician performed a variety of amusing magic tricks.

A science fair was organized to commemorate Science Day. 16 scientific experiments were demonstrated, and the benefits and drawbacks of scientific advancements were discussed with the children.



FINANCIALS OVERVIEW

The budget for the year was created by the staff team, as is customary. The changes in budgeted expenditures this year are primarily the result of an increase in the number of micro classes and an increase in the number of students enrolled, as well as the recruitment of additional teachers. Furthermore, the hike in the commodity process as a result of the pandemic increased expenditures. However, every effort was made to negotiate with vendors and help them understand the good cause behind our efforts.

The increase in expenditure on educational and teaching aid materials, rates, taxes, and insurance is due to an increase in the number of micro classes over the previous year.

We also had unanticipated Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance this year, as the pre-owned school van was purchased a long time ago and has depreciated in functionality.

Reopening the school after 18 months necessitated extensive repairs and renovations, resulting in a significant increase in Repairs and Maintenance expenditures.

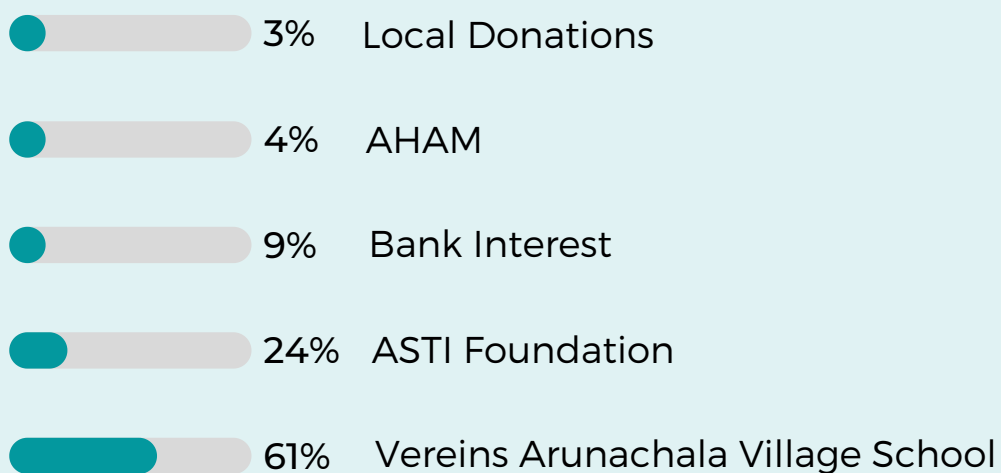
This year has witnessed a number of new and innovative infrastructure developments, such as the construction of a new open classroom, the purchase of computers and projectors, and the installation of an online UPS system (solar energy), all of which resulted in an increase in fixed asset investment.

To ensure accountability and transparency, the academic year's financials are uploaded to the official website and posted on the campus bulletin board.

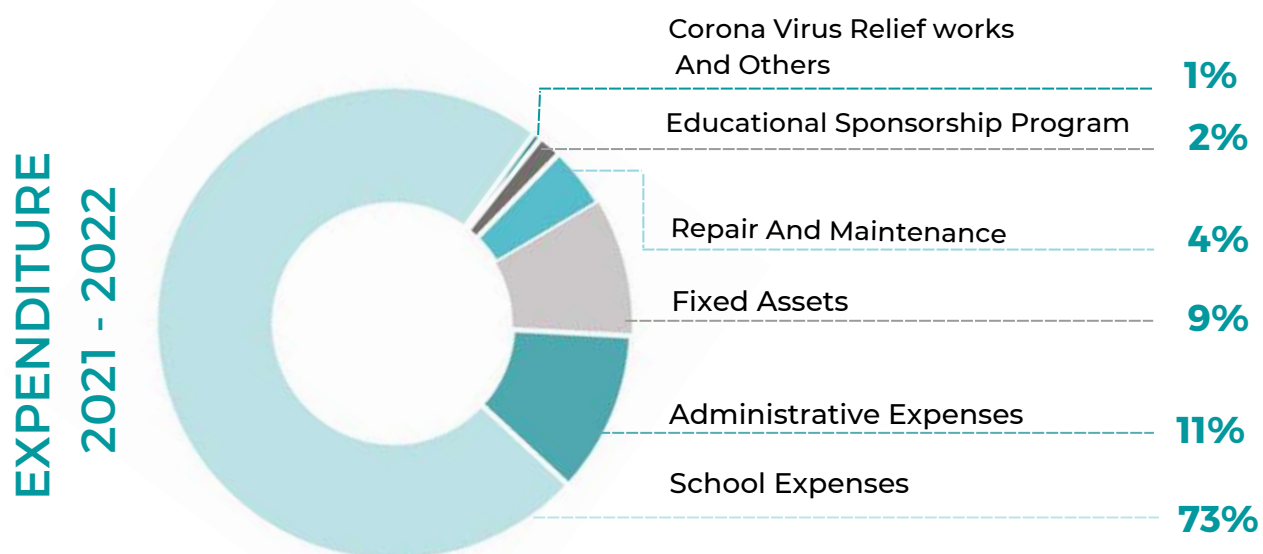
AUDITED FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet		
Particulars	2021-22	2020-21
Sources of funds		
Capital Fund	₹ 1,77,21,884	₹ 1,81,29,228
Current Liabilities/Provisions	₹ 22,012	₹ 46,928
TOTAL	₹ 1,77,43,896	₹ 1,81,76,156
Application of funds		
Non-current assets		
Fixed Assets	₹ 96,29,349	₹ 98,94,549
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	₹ 81,14,547	₹ 82,81,607
TOTAL	₹ 1,77,43,896	₹ 1,81,76,156

DONATIONS OVERVIEW



Income & Expenditure Statement		
Particulars	2021-22	2020-2021
	Amount	Amount
INCOME		
Donations	₹ 40,00,031	₹ 28,94,415
Interest and other income	₹ 3,84,449	₹ 4,60,743
TOTAL	₹ 43,84,480	₹ 33,55,158
EXPENDITURE		
School Expenses	₹ 33,07,306	₹ 25,62,366
Administrative Expenses	₹ 5,03,946	₹ 4,56,227
Educational Sponsorship Program	₹ 72,545	₹ 35,245
Repairs & Maintenance	₹ 1,91,766	₹ 85,031
Corona virus relief works & others	₹ 26,140	₹ 2,65,744
Depreciation	₹ 6,90,121	₹ 7,41,391
Assets Condemned	₹ 0	₹ 1,29,367
TOTAL	₹ 47,91,824	₹ 42,75,371
Excess of Expenditure over income	(4,07,344)	(9,20,213)



Receipts & Payments Statement					
Comparison					
Receipts	2021-2022	2020-2021	Payments	2021-2022	2020-2021
Opening balance	₹ 82,81,607	₹ 84,92,003	School Expenses	₹ 33,31,519	₹ 25,66,005
Deposits	₹ 7,51,137	₹ 46,137	Food Expenses - Staff, Visitors & Volunteers	₹ 1,16,198	₹ 42,710
Cash	₹ 4,446	₹ 11,598	Craft Class Expenses	₹ 4,628	₹ 0
Bank	₹ 75,26,024	₹ 84,34,268	Educational & Teaching Aid material	₹ 2,41,401	₹ 60,141
			Educational Tour Expenses	₹ 3,760	₹ 0
Donations	₹ 40,00,031	₹ 28,94,415	Festival, Functions & Celebrations	₹ 29,212	₹ 9,810
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			Honorarium	₹ 3,59,506	₹ 1,75,425
Interests	₹ 3,84,449	₹ 4,60,743	Medical & Hygiene Expenses	₹ 31,090	₹ 16,767
Bank Interest	₹ 39,859	₹ 51,778	Employer PF Contribution	₹ 4,43,624	₹ 2,79,450
Fixed Deposit Interest	₹ 37,565	₹ 31,850	Salaries	₹ 18,46,856	₹ 17,48,896
Fixed Deposit Corpus Fund Interest	₹ 2,93,635	₹ 3,77,115	School Approval Renewal Expenses	₹ 7,500	₹ 7,500
Other Income	₹ 13,390	₹ 0	School Van fuel	₹ 77,614	₹ 60,393
			Staff Welfare & Training	₹ 14,600	₹ 6,600
Fixed assets	₹ 0	₹ 4,000	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	₹ 66,764	₹ 16,440
Yamaha Crux	₹ 0	₹ 4,000	Students welfare and Training	₹ 12,342	₹ 0
			Students Insurance Charges	₹ 25,100	₹ 0

			Educational Expenses	₹ 12,000	₹ 0
			Sports Material	₹ 4,200	₹ 0
			Staff Insurance	₹ 2,624	₹ 0
			Rates and Taxes	₹ 0	₹ 52,853
			Educational Sponsorship Program	₹ 72,545	₹ 35,245
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			Administrative Expenses	₹ 5,04,649	₹ 4,46,240
			Admin Salary	₹ 2,89,401	₹ 3,11,400
			Bank Charges	₹ 11,466	₹ 5,692
			Communication & Postage Expenses	₹ 43,945	₹ 34,136
			Electricity Charges	₹ 17,387	₹ 12,565
			Freight charges	₹ 1,880	₹ 3,920
			Newspapers and Periodicals	₹ 5,646	₹ 2,828
			PF Administration Charges	₹ 11,463	₹ 0
			Printing & Stationery	₹ 5,235	₹ 4,631
			Professional Fees	₹ 12,000	₹ 32,500
			Rates, Taxes and Insurance	₹ 82,928	₹ 16,907
			Travelling Expenses	₹ 11,498	₹ 5,925
			Audit fees	₹ 11,800	₹ 11,800
			Staff Insurance	₹ 0	₹ 3,936
			Repairs & Maintenance	₹ 1,91,766	₹ 85,031
			Building Maintenance	₹ 50,564	₹ 0
			Computer and Electrical Maintenance	₹ 9,349	₹ 0
			Repairs and Maintenance	₹ 1,31,003	₹ 81,551

			Vehicle repairs and Maintenance	₹ 850	₹ 3,480
			Software	₹ 0	₹ 0
			Rates, Insurance and Taxes	₹ 0	₹ 0
			Coronavirus relief Works	₹ 26,140	₹ 2,02,033
			USRB Exam expenses	₹ 0	₹ 63,711
			Fixed assets	₹ 4,24,922	₹ 1,71,289
			Building	₹ 1,42,224	₹ 78,686
			PA system	₹ 0	₹ 0
			Electrical Equipment's	₹ 17,098	₹ 8,100
			Computer Equipment's	₹ 93,715	₹ 59,403
			Furniture and Fittings	₹ 0	₹ 25,100
			Solar systems	₹ 1,71,885	₹ 0
			Closing balance	₹ 81,14,547	₹ 82,81,607
			-Deposits	₹ 51,137	₹ 7,51,137
			-Cash	₹ 6,889	₹ 4,446
			-Bank	₹ 80,56,521	₹ 75,26,024
Total	₹ 1,26,66,087	₹ 1,18,51,161	Total	₹ 1,26,66,087	₹ 1,18,51,161



MISSION

2022 - 2023

- *To strive for new and innovative educational methods, as well as increased individual attention and personal care for each child.*
- *Provide extensive environmental education to children in order to increase the likelihood of raising a generation of lifelong environmental advocates who will live sustainable lives into adulthood.*
- *Carry out parent education sessions on various social concerns such as child marriage, child labour, and so on.*

TESTIMONIALS



" AVS taught me a lot of things. I began learning to read books from the library. It was difficult at first, but then I began reading more books and even received prizes. Another thing I like is that he took us on field trips to places like Rameshwaram, as well as to the town police station and courtrooms, where we learned a lot of life lessons. "

**PUGALESH.K,
CLASS 4**

" I am from Adiannamalai village . I am studying class 5 at AVS. All the lessons are taught in a very interesting and fun way. All the teachers were very lovable I love the art and craft classes on Saturday, and I learned many activities like yoga, dance, and wood carving. "

**KEERTHANA.S
CLASS 5**



" I'm Valarmathi, Deepak Kumar's mother. My son has been studying in AVS since LKG. He has learned not only subject lessons but also a variety of other activities. I am very happy to see him learn so much. Thanks to the teachers who treated my child as if he were their own and took extra effort to care for every kid. "

**VALARMATHI,
MOTHER OF
DEEPAK KUMAR (CLASS 5)**



*" 'Aruna' means light, 'asalam' means mountain, and like the sun, which illuminates the world without asking for anything in return, and so does the Arunachala Village School. The school is an example of Vivekananda's words, "Education by which character is formed, the strength of mind is increased intellect is expanded which enables one to stand on their own feet ."*Madhan and his staff have been in this outstanding service for more than twenty years, and I hope it continues for many more years, and may the Lord bless them."

**Mr. UPPILIRAMABATHIRAN,
DONOR**

*Together, we are changing the world!
Your act of kindness will brighten many children's
futures.*

*We express our **heartfelt gratitude** and hope to
continue this wonderful journey with your
unwavering and unconditional support.*



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