



Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra

Rural Development activity update - Jan 2019

Service activities

“Through 75 Balwadis, 1952 rural Children were nurtured. In all the Balwadis, Malt along with hygienically prepared, highly nutritive lunch with vegetables were served during the day and in the evening vitamin-rich cereals were provided to the children”.

Eye camps were conducted at 3 places, in Kanyakumari, Nellore and Thoothukudi districts in which 579 were treated for their eye ailments and 104 underwent a cataract operation. 31 persons were given eye medicines and 19 persons were given spectacles.

In our Medicare Programme, 1745 patients were examined and treated for various common ailments, through 14 Rural Medical Centers in Kanyakumari, Nellore and Thoothukudi districts.

4 tailoring units are functioning well in Nellore district with the total attendance of 81.

Cultural activities

Yoga Varga has been conducted at 2 places in Aruppukottai and Kovilpatti where 22 persons attended.

Vivekavani Subscriptions including 146 annual, 64 Patrons also collected.

In Shivalinga Pooja conducted at 3 places in Kanyakumari District where 199 devotees participated.

Under ‘Adopt a Granny Programme’, 23 destitutes and old people were provided with monthly solatiums, in the form of rice, dhal, oil, etc., for their livelihood and 89 persons provided with rice only in Southern five districts of Tamilnadu.

80 women are being benefited in 4 Self Help Groups in Kanyakumari district.

In Durga Pooja conducted at 3 places, in Kanyakumari District 197 devotees participated.

Through various branch centers, including Thoothukudi A.O. and book stalls, literature books

were sold for Rs.80,930/- .

Monthly Deepa poojas were organized in 224 village temples in five districts of Southern Tamilnadu, in which 8699 ladies participated and offered prayers for the welfare of the self, family and the society.

In 181 Sanskara Vargas, 6581 students participated. The students were taught about the values of Indian Culture through games, lectures & lessons. The feelings of oneness were strengthened among the participants, through patriotic songs and games.

Anna Pooja was performed at Ramnad 70 Arulmigu Thavala Vinayagar Temple devotees participated in the function and total rice 2200 kgs collected and prasatham distributed to all devotees after the pooja.

Republic day function was celebrated in Southern five districts where 4234 people participated in 72 places.

Geetha Jeyanthi function celebrated in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi districts where 1617 people participated in 23 places.

Swami Vivekanandar Jeyanthi celebrated in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi

Ramnad & Virudhunagar districts where 4667 people participated in 74 places.

Kendra Varga was conducted at Thoothukudi and Aruppukottai in 3 places and 30 persons participated .

Mathru Pooja was conducted two places in Thoothukudi district and 50 parents participated .

Parents meeting was conducted at 12 places in three districts and 168 parents participated.

Details of Rural District level competitions held in Southern four districts

Total No.of. competitions - 7, Schools - 383, Students - 1933, Parents- 255, Teachers - 356.

College and School level Teachers' essay competition conducted in the topic of " The services rendered by great Tamil personalities for Indian Nationalism and all round development of India. For example people like 1. Thirunanachampandar, 2. Thirunavukarasar, 3. Aathisankarar, 4. Ramanujar, 5. Rajaji, 6. Kamarajar, 7. C.Subramaniam, 8. Abdulkalam " and

36 school teachers and 6 college lecturers participated and some of them also attended the camp held at Kanyakumari and received the prizes for the same. Vacs College Girls camp was conducted at Kanyakumari from 31.12.2018 to 03.01.2019 99 students from 11 colleges 4 parents & teachers participated in this camp.

Rural Inter District Level Childrens Carnival conducted at Kanyakumari from 31.01.2019 to 03.02.2019. 152 students from 96 schools 200 parents & teachers participated in this camp.

“Sri Rama Jeya Rama” Mantra was chanted during Deepa Pooja, Shivalinga Pooja and daily with our Balwadi school children, cultural class students and during monthly meetings by our Balwadi teachers and Social Workers. This month nearly 8,69,865 times mantras were chanted in 84 localities.

This month, we have distributed the rice which was collected through Amrita

Surabhi and Anna Pooja to Balwadi children, old poor people and the institutions

as mentioned below :

1. Mouzhanagurusamy madam, Thottiodu - Kanyakumari district - 100 Kgs

2. Sivan Kovil - Attoor - 25 Kgs

2. Indhu Middle School, A.Thirumalapuram - Kanyakumari district - 150 Kgs INSPIRING INCIDENTS

V.Rajakumari – Peyankuzhi – Kanyakumari district

On 14.10.2017 urban level cultural competitions were to be held in Hindu Vidyalaya, Marthandam. It was raining heavily from the down. Being an old building there was leakage on the roof and the floor was wet. The teachers of that School wiped the floor neatly and spread sheet. When we said that we would do that work, they admitted that it was their duty to arrange everything for our

dedicated service. The participants also came in the rain without fail. The teacher’s involvement and the students’ dedication towards the Kendra competitions impressed me a lot.

A.Leelarajakani – Ponnagaram- Ramnad district

On 25.09.2017 I had arranged “Thiruvilakku Pooja” in the Amman kovil near our Creche. It became late for me to come. But our Creche children came before me and were singing Bhajan songs. As soon as they saw me all of them ran to me. I had never asked them to come there. During the pooja also they chanted the Mantras following me. Their fluency in saying the Mantras made the villagers surprised. For more than two hours they were with me and helped me. Their affection and devotion touched my heart.

M.Jayarajakani – Vadalivilai – Nellore district

In our Creche a three years old child named Subiksha is very shrewd. When Vallioor Govt. School students came for the N.S.S. camp in Vadalivilai, they asked me for prayer song in the night programme. I asked Subiksha to say Mantras on the stage. Her pose and tone attracted everybody. She only started the programmes with her prayer all the seven days of the camp. The

last day she was honoured on the stage. Moreover during Deepavali function in the village she narrated the sayings of Swami Vivekananda on stage. She was much praised and given prize by the villagers. All praised Vivekananda Kendra and me for training the children in good aspects. This touched my heart.

S.Priyanka – Mannarkovil – Tirunelveli district

A Govt. Creche was started in Mannarkovil. They asked for 5 children from our Creche. I had refused first. Then the villagers came and selected 5 kids to go there. I couldn't say anything. But the very next morning one of the kids named Siva came to our Creche. For one full day he was crying there. Then the other kids also refused to go there. They told that it was not like our School. No rhymes no songs, no stories. The kids attraction towards our Creche touched my heart.

G.Krishnammal – Peyankuzhi – Kanyakumari district

On 14.10.2017 urban level competitions were held in Marthandam Hindu Vidyalaya. In order to collect prize books and sales books I started earlier. Due to the over bridge construction there were many diversions. Somehow I had reached the School. But around 9 o'clock there was heavy rain. "How the students would come?" I feared. To my great surprise teachers, parents and participants came in a large number and everything went on smoothly. This event touched my heart.

M.Shenbagam – K.Thangammalpuram – Thoothukudi district

During the Creche Teachers training camp at Kanyakumari. I got practice in getting up earlier and doing yoga after bath. I came to know and experience the benefits of that. I taught the same to the

cultural class student. Sathyapriya, a student was impressed by 'Surya Namaskaram' and trained his younger brother to do it. He had leg and knee pain and was very lazy. After doing Surya Namaskar daily he became very brisk and alert. When she told me this I was much impressed.

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