



**VIVEKANANDA KENDRA RDP
NEWS LETTER
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Dear / Respected,

**Kendra well wishers, workers and volunteers,
Vanakkam.**

Greetings from VKRDP.

The whole universe is running with order and control, and all this is driven by sathya and virtue. There is no sathya dependent on man. Man depends on sathya. Ignoring it, he seeks to destroy himself. But as long as he observes it, he goes towards the immortality.

Let everyone follow such truth and virtue and try to create a Samadharm community by combining it with Kendra Missions.

*With regards,
Yours Sincerely,*

S. Ayyappan.

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Service activities

A 74 Balwadies functioning in souther six district in Tamilnadu and 1867 children are getting cultural education with morning malt drink, noon meal and evening snacks.

Mathru pooja celebrated in 11 places in Thoothukudi & Ramnad districts, 230 people participated.

Creche Vembar - Thoothukudi district
Parents meeting & Mathru Pooja



Creche -O.Thulukkapatti, Tirunelveli district
Parents meeting & Mathru Pooja



Under 'Adopt a Granny scheme', 25 destitutes and old people were provided with monthly solatiums, in the form of rice, dhal, oil, etc., for their livelihood and 126 persons were provided rice only in six Southern districts of Tamilnadu.

5 tailoring units are functioning well in Nellai & Tenkasi district with the total attendance of 233.

In 2023 March four Eye camps were conducted in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli & Thoothukudi districts 559 persons were treated for their eye ailments and 159 persons underwent for cataract operation. 16 persons were given eye medicines.

Eye camps

Kalukumalai Thoothukudi district



Uthumalai - Tirunelveli district



Each soul is potentially divine.

- Swami Vivekananda.

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In our Medicare Programme, 2530 patients were examined and treated for various common ailments by Allopathy medicines in 14 Rural Medical Centers in Kanyakumari, Nellai and Thoothukudi districts. In Ilanji- near Tenkasi weekly once Siddha camp conducted and Siddha medicine only given to the patients and its good effect 142 patients benefitted.

Cultural activities

Monthly Deepa Poojas were organized in 173 village temples in six districts of Southern Tamilnadu, in which 6696 ladies participated and offered prayers for the welfare of the self, family and the society.

In 175 Sanskara Vargas, 4948 students participated. The students were taught about the values of Indian culture through games, songs & lessons. The feelings of oneness were strengthened among the participants, through patriotic songs and games.

Monthly Deepa Pooja Kadayam



Ananthhalaya conducted in 17 places of southern six districts and 636 students are getting daily education with weekly once Cultural class.

Vivekavani Subscriptions 144, two years three, three years 14 and 38 Patron were collected.

Yoga Varga conducted in Kovilpatti and Aruppukottai 28 persons attended.

Under Amrita Surabhi Scheme, collected 508 Kgs of rice from Southern six districts.

Vivekanda's gospel marked the awakening of man in his fullness and that is why it inspired our youth to the diverse courses of liberation through work and sacrifice.

- Swami Vivekananda.

Sri Ramakrishnar Jeyanthi Vizha and Anna Pooja celebrated in a grand mannar at Rameshwaram in Ramnad district. Vivekananda Kendra Rural Development Programme Secretary Sri. Ayyappan received the rice, given by to the local welwisher nearly 180 persons participated and all were served with prasatham and 6355 kg rice collected

Sri Ramakrishnar Jeyanthi Vizha & Anna Pooja - Rameshwaram -Ramnad district



19.3.2023 - Mass deepa pooja at Ottapidaram Arul migu Viswanathar temple.. More than 800 persona participated from 35 villages. Before deepa pooja in Mathru sammelan cultural class students drama held and Sri.Krishnamoortiji, VKRDP Secretary Sri Ayyappan, Sri Paramaguru, District Incharge talked to the audience..Kendra well wisher Vivekananda Kendra branch saga nagar sanjalak Smt. Gowri Rajasekar, Imayam Sevalayam sisters Saraswathi, Ponrathi participated in this pooja and Smt. Tamilselvi,volunteers, workers make deepa pooja arrangements..

1008 Deepa Pooja - Ottapitaram

**Cultural programme
in mathar manadu**

**Emayam Sevalaya Saraswathi akka,
Ponrathi akka blessed the workers**

**Deepa Pooja
participats**



Kendra Varga conducted in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi & Virudhunagar districts at 6 places and 110 persons attended.

What we want is vigour in the blood strength in the nerves, iron muscles and nerves of steel, not softening namby— pamby words. - Swami Vivekananda

VACS College Boys camp was conducted at Kanyakumari from 02.03.2023 to 05.03.2023. 18 Colleges 133 students, one parent & two teachers participated in this camp.

VACS College Boys camp- Kanyakumari

Chief guest Sri.Bathri Narayanan addressed to the students

Siramadhanam by the students

Winners with dignitaries



VACS College Girls camp was conducted at Kanyakumari from 09.03.2023 to 12.03.2023. 25 Colleges 169 students & 7 parents & teachers participated in this camp.

VACS College Girls camp- Kanyakumari

Inaugural programme by Pro. Sri. Rajkumar

Taking breakfast

Camp discussion

Concluding programme
Chiefguest give the prize to the winner



Swami Vivekanandar Jeyanthi day conducted in 50 places in Six districts and 3471 people participated.

Mannarkovil

Pudhugrammam

Adaichani



Through various branch centers, including Thoothukudi A.O. and book stalls, literature books were sold for Rs.74,359/-

Anything that makes you weak physically, intellectually and spiritually, reject as poison..
- Swami Vivekananda

Anna Puja was held on 22.08.2020 at Sri Ayyappan Women's College, Sungankadai. College Principal Mrs. Jayashree lighting the lamp. After singing Annapurna Stotram, Prof. Mrs. Krishnaveni took aarti. The rice collected in the pooja was received by Vivekananda Kendra Rural Development Programme Secretary Shri. Ayyappan. 180 people participated in the pooja. 408 of rice was collected as donation

Anna Pooja - Ayyapa college Sungankadai



Parents worship program was held at Arulmiku Ayyappan Swami Temple Hall, Sambavarvadakarai where 42 families and 74 students participated in the programme, where discussions on family unity, games and were held. Everyone participated in the event with enthusiasm.

Parents worship



“Sri Ram Jeya Ram” mantra was chanted 7,46,391 times in 84 localities during deepa poojas, cultural classes, Balasevika’s and social worker’s monthly meetings, etc.,



Inspiring Incident

Subbulakshmi – Pudhugrammam – Thoothukudi district

Mukil, an autism child is in our Creche. He couldn't speak and hear. Once I entered the Creche after 15 days leave. As soon as the child saw me, he ran to me and embraced me I asked him in gesture whether he had his breakfast. He also nodded his head and answers me in gesture. I was much impressed by his affection and remembrance.

Ramalakshmi – Chekkarakudi – Thoothukudi district

On 1st may 'Kariyakartha' camp was held in Panchalankuruchi. Muthuraj is a student of our religious class. Every time I asked his parents to send him to Kendra camps. But they will refuse to send him out without their presence. This I insisted his father to send him with me. I also advised them not to bring up the children like this. With half mind he had sent him. After attending the camp he narrated with much interest what all happened in the camp. Then they had changed their attitude. They send their two sons for the personality development camp held on

The great task is to revive the whole man, as it were, in order to make him the complete master of himself.

- Swami Vivekananda

21st May and 22nd May. Moreover they supply the lunch for all in those two days. This made me happy.

Gnanakumari – Semponkarai – Kanyakumari district

Madhumitha studied in our Creche left for Chennai due to her father's work. Daily she called me on phone and their parents also talked to me daily. That girl was very affectionate to me and attached to our Creche. They had assured to come for the Vivekananda Jeyanthi Vizha. Unfortunately they couldn't come. Her mother asked me to send the photos as she was crying. After seeing the photos she asked them why the teacher was not in any photo. She again asked them whether my teacher will come in her dream. I was stunned at her love and affection towards me.

Vilvakani – Perunazhi – Kanyakumari district

One day I was waiting for the bus after the School was over. There I met three Govt. Anganvadi teachers. They asked me how many children were studying in our Creche. I relied them that 17 boys and 10 girls were in my Creche. They wondered and on hearing the strength and spoke among themselves. One of them said that she had also sent her kid to Kendra Balwadi as there was good care and nutritious malt cereals and many other items were given. She also admitted that her neighbours also sent their two children to Kendra Creche only. On hearing all these I felt much proud and happy.

Ambika – Kannirajapuram – Ramnad district

Recently 1008 Deepa Pooja was held in Thiruppulani temple by our Kendra workers. During the pooja a good old man came with laddus and supply to all gathered there. When we asked for the reason he told us that he was blessed to see the grand Deepa pooja that day only. He asked about Vivekananda Kendra and told us to contact him for any help regarding temple based happenings. He gave us his visiting card. We felt much happy to see his pious approach.

Thamarai selvi – Devipattinam – Tenkasi district

Aadharsh is a student of our Creche. He was in her grandma's house with his mother as his father had passed away in an accident. Moreover he couldn't walk and speak when he was admitted. Within 8 months he could walk and utter a few words. His grandma was much happy and blessed the Creche and the kids whole heartedly. I felt much delighted on seeing that.

Janakipushbam – Vallioor – Tirunelveli district

On 17.04.2022 mass deepa pooja was held in Vallioor, Arulmigu Subramania Swamy temple. Every year, Thiru. Ramaiah of Vallioor donate the amount for

The Indian nation can not be killed, so long as Her people do not give up their spirituality.

- Swami Vivekananda.

Thiruneeru. This has been continued for more than 20 years. Three years back he was settled in Thoothukudi. He often called me and enquire about the Deepa pooja. Last year it was not held because of Covid-19 spread. He called me in Feb-2022 and asked. I told him that it will be held in March. The very next week he came to Vallioor and gave me the amount. His dedication touched my heart.

Esakkiammal – Adaichani – Tirunelveli district

Thiru. Pichumani an old student of our Creche arrange the Mike set for the annual day celebration. Now he is doing some other work and so he doesn't have mike set. But we approached him only. Very graciously he told us that he would arrange for it and also donated prize things for the religious class students. His generosity has touched my heart.

Deivanai – Adaichai – Tirunelveli district

Archana and Asmitha of the same family are studying in our Creche. Their father was an old student of Adaichani Creche. Their mother daily fetch the kids to the Creche and she herself understand the need of the Creche and donate them. She also donated 25 kgs rice for the Anna Pooja. When we went to Vallioor for the Deepa pooja she took charge of the Creche. Her voluntary help and approach has touched me.

Chandra – Ambai – Tirunelveli district

During the 'Panguni Thiruvizha' at Arulmigu Agastheeswarar temple our religious class students gave cultural programmes. Dailly we staged a drama based on the stories told by Tmt. Janakipushpam through online. She only practiced those dramas. The previous year we had arranged for a spiritual talk but less number of audience came and saw the dramas and enjoyed. All praised the students and those who practiced it. I felt happy and thanked the Vivekananda Kendra.

Sakunthala – Ramnad – Ramnad district

I went to the village Kadukkaivalasai in Ramnathapuram to issue Annapooja notice. There I went to the house of a wellwisher Tmt. Avaranji Muniasamy. They had a small shop and her husband was in the shop. When I asked for amma he replied that as she was not well she had gone to her daughter's house at Madurai. Then he phoned to his wife. She had asked him to give me cooldrink mangoes and coconuts from their garden. As a mother treating her daughter she showed her love towards me. After coming to Ramnad only I witnessed this type of hospitality everywhere. I had also changed my attitude and helped others with food and other needed things. I thank the Vivekananda Kendra for giving me this opportunity.

The only religion that ought to be taught is the religion of fearlessness.

- Swami Vivekananda.