



VIVEKANANDA KENDRA RDP NEWS LETTER

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**Dear / Respected,
Kendra well wishers, workers and volunteers,
Vanakkam.
Greetings from VKRDP.**

Jeeva Sevaiye! Shiva Sevai! - Swami Vivekananda

Worshiping God is not superior or inferior to doing one's duty in front of one's mind. A selfish person considers duty a nuisance. Boredom and agitation come from selfishness. He who does his duty with constant cheerfulness becomes a suitable instrument for God. Bringing to your attention the report on the monthly Kendra Seva Works,

Everyone will act as God's instrument and work together for the welfare of the community, town and our country.

*With regards,
Yours Sincerely,
S. Ayyappan.*

(S.Ayyappan)

Service activities

74 Balwadies functioning in southern six districts in Tamilnadu and 1861 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 Devipattinam - Nellai district
Mathru Pooja



Creche -Vadalivilai, Nellai district
Playing - matching game by children



Under 'Adopt a Granny scheme', 27 destitutes and old people were provided with monthly solatiums, in the form of rice, dhal, oil, etc., for their livelihood and 128 persons were provided rice only in six Southern districts of Tamilnadu.

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

In 2023 February four eye camps were conducted in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli & Thoothukudi districts, 451 persons were treated for their eye ailments and 98 persons underwent for cataract operation. 16 persons were given eye medicines.

Eye camp at Chekkarakudi
Thoothukudi district



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.

Each soul is potentially divine.

- Swami Vivekananda.

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.

Ananthalaya - Vallioor

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

In 175 Sanskara Vargas, 4948 students participated. 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.



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

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

Rural District level competitions held in Southern two districts of Tamilnadu.

Total No.of. competitions -6, Schools -121, Students - 1955, Parents - 157, Teachers- 119

Rural district level competiton Ambai



Rural district level competiton Aruppukottai



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.

Rural Childrens Carnival camp was conducted at Kanyakumari from 16.02.2023 to 19.02.2023. 146 students from 101 schools & 144 parents & 11 teachers and total 402 participated in this camp.

Rural Childrens Carnival camp - Kanyakumari

Mathru Pooja



Food served with affection



Concluding programme with Dignitaries



Kendra Varga conducted in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi & Virudhunagar districts at 6 places and 106 persons attended.

Anna Pooja and Samayamanadu celebrated in Dharma Thavala Vinayakar temple at Ramanathapuram Secretary Sri. Ayyappan received the rice, from the local welwishers. Cultural class students performed group songs, dramas, elocution and Balwadi children's divine shows also conducted. Winners were given prize books. More than 30 villages 2495 rice collected. Nearly 150 persons participated and all were served with lunch.

Anna Pooja and Samayamanadu - Ramnad

Anna Poorna devi on heap of the rice



Aarathy to Anna poorani



Divine shows by balwadi kids



Yoga Varga conducted in Kovilpatti and Aruppukottai 28 persons attended.

Through various branch centers, including Thoothukudi A.O. and book stalls, literature books were sold for Rs.64,088/-

Books sales - Kovilpatti



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

Vallioor Arulmiku Subbramania Swami Temple mass deepa pooja conducted on 26.02.2023 by Vivekananda kendra Vallioor branch. 1003 women participated from nearly 50 villages. Vivekananda Kendra General Secretary Sri. Bhanudasji, Vivekavani Editor Sri.Krishnamoorthiji blessing the audience, VKRDP Secretary Sri. Ayyappanji talked to the audience, dramas, dance performed by cultural class students. Tirunelveli District Incharge Mrs. Janakipushbam Kendra volunteers and Balasevikas had made arrangements for this pooja.

1008 Deepa Pooja - Vallioor

VK General Secretary Sri. Bhanudas & Vivekavani Editor Sri.N.Krishnamoorthi with addressed the programme

Deepa Pooja Participated



Swami Vivekanandar Jeyanthi day conducted in 6 places in two districts and 885 people participated.

“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 Incidents

R.Vazhalakshmi – Kannirajapuram – Ramnad district

I attended a ear wearing ceremony in our village. The kid Jablon is studying in our Creche. After finishing the programme, Jablon started crying with high voice. Nobody could control him. I went near him and at once he jumped to me tightening my neck with his hands, stopped crying. All there wondered on seeing this. I was also thrilled by the affection and confidence shown by the kid towards me.

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

- Swami Vivekananda

R.Gowri – Puthalam – Kanyakumari district

We used to conduct Sath sangam with Bhajans in any one of the houses in our village on every month last Friday. Many number of ladies attended it. We light the Thiruvilakku and sing Bhajan songs with flower and kumkum Archanai. We sing Sivapuranam also. One day I asked them whether we could chant Bhagavat Geetha also. Some refused as it might take time. I told them that we could chant one chapter a month. Then they accepted. After starting many of them were impressed. A sister named kumutha who hesitated much in the beginning came to me and admitted that after chanting Geetha many good things happened in her house. Her son had got a good job. Daily she started chanting Geetha in her house. On hearing this I was much happy and proud.

G.Deivanai – Adaichani – Tirunelveli district

We conducted the camp for voluntary service workers in Ambai. Tmt. Ulagammal working as a teacher in Saradha Ele. School attended the camp. She was already a patron for Vivekavani magazine. After attending the camp she came to me and assured that she would do any help needed for the Creche. She took the charge of Prasadham expenses for Mathru Pooja. I was much impressed by such voluntary well-wishers. ☞☞

N.Chandra – Ambai – Tirunelveli district

In Ambai cultural classes, we have planned to chant Vinayagar Gayathri Manthra . A small boy attending the class started chanting the manthra at home after lighting Thiruvilakku. His mother told me that he was much interested in arranging flowers, decorating the swamy photos and chanting mantras. I felt proud on making the young minds developing spiritual attitude in the early age.

E.Shanthi – Vallioor – Tirunelveli district

We went around for collecting rice in Vallioor. At that time an old lady approached us and asked when the free eye camp would be conducted in Vallioor. She also told us that her neighbor Lakshmi ammal operated for cataract in a private hospital paying heavy amount. But she didn't get good eye sight. Her relative Saraswathi ammal got operated through our free eye camp. She was blessed with good eye sight. Hence she wanted to attend free eye camp conducted by Kendra. We felt proud and happy on hearing that.

V.Janakipushpam – Vallioor – Tirunelveli district

ABAB meeting was held from 11th Feb to 13 Feb. at Kanyakumari. More than 500 volunteers from all over India attended the meeting. I felt so happy

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

- Swami Vivekananda.

on seeing those people from all parts of our country. We were given training on how to work in the fields dedicative and how to form “Amudha Kudumbam”. Though we didn’t understand their languages we were bond with their love and affection. I asked Mananeeya Hanuji whether we could arrange for RDP Anna pooja in Annapoorna hall. He replied me kindly to arrange in Vivekananda hall, upstairs. I enjoyed and impressed by the meeting.

N.Vasanthi – Vallioor – Tirunelveli district

We approached Thiru. Lakshmi Narayanan for rice collection. He welcomed us warmly and gave biscuits and snacks. When we refused he told us that you people were doing selfless, dedicated service to the society. When they helped us in any regard they were blessed for that. His kind approach and the feelings about our service have touched my heart.

S.Muthuselvi – Palayampatti – Virudhunagar district

Naveen is a kid studying in our Creche. He doesn’t eat anything willingly at home. But in the Creche he ate well even asking for second time. He informed this to his mother and told her that the mixed rice was very tasty. Her mother came to the Creche and asked me for the recipe. I told her that, we use only ‘Siruparuppu’ not dhal. The kid’s attachment towards the School makes me happy and proud.

R.Iruvakkal – Palayampatti – Virudhunagar district

I was taking G.K.Class for the kids. I asked them to tell what they linked in their homes. Iswarya stood up and told me that she loved Lakshmi and Rajeswari the most. Muthumari will come soon. I asked her who they were. To my great surprise she told me that they were the cows in their home. She only named them with God’s names as I instructed them. Her dedication had touched my heart.

V.Balakrishna devi – Thenthamaraiikulam – Kanyakumari district

Arjith Murari is in our Creche. While admitted he didn’t utter a word clearly. But after two months he spoke well and clearly. His parents felt happy because they had consulted many doctors for that. His mother came to me and asked whether she could buy a Gas stove for the Creche. She wanted to do something for the Creche because of the child’s growth. Her kind request touched my heart and I accepted.

**The only religion that ought to be taught is the religion of fearlessness.
- Swami Vivekananda.**