



Vivekananda Kendra Samachar 2022-23



Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam





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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Namaskar from the feet of Mother Bharat - Kanyakumari!

The Vivekananda Kendra Samachar for the year 2022-23 is on "***Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam***".

From December 2022 to November, 2023, India holds the Presidency of the G20. In this era of turmoil, the whole world looks to Bharat as she alone can show the way. The world scenario today reminds us of the words of Dr. Arnold Joseph Toynbee (1889-1975) the great British historian -

'It is already becoming clear that a chapter which had a Western beginning will have to have an Indian ending if it is not to end in self-destruction of the human race. At this supremely dangerous moment in human history, the only way of salvation is the ancient Hindu way. Here we have the attitude and spirit that can make it possible for the human race to grow together in to a single family.'

The theme that India has taken for G20 "***Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam***" or "**One Earth · One Family · One Future**" makes our role very clear. Vivekananda Kendra is the Institutional Partner in one of its verticals – 'Civil Society 20', in short C20. The Kendra will organize two International Seminars on the themes of – "***Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam***" (May, 2023) and "**Diversity, Inclusion, Mutual Respect**" (June, 2023). Various chaupals, samajshalas, etc are being organized in almost all states involving various organizations and institutions.

This year's Kendra Samachar carries a thought-provoking lead article by the former President of Vivekananda Kendra, Late Mananeeya P. Parmeswaranji (1922-2019). In celebrating "***Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav***", the Kendra organized Sandesh Yatras in Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. As always, the Samachar carries the Prant-wise report of activities to spread the message of Swami Vivekananda.

The training of first batch of Jeevanvratīs started in August 1973. To commemorate it, Vivekananda Kendra has planned the ***Vishesh Prashikshan Year from August 2023 to July 2024*** —that is, special phase-wise training of all karyakartas during the period.

You are always with us to support all the activities of the Kendra. After going through this issue on the ***Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam***, do share your observations with us. We look forward to your guidance, encouragement and support.

With prayers,
Yours sincerely

Bhanudas Dhakras
General Secretary



VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM

(ManavaDharma or Market Forces?

– The Choice for Mankind)

P. Parmeswaran

(Late President of Vivekananda Kendra)

A sublime thought has been coming down from very ancient times and gathering momentum for centuries together from this sacred land of Bharat. It was not just a thought but an idea that was practised in everyday life till it became a culture and a civilisation. The thought has been beautifully described by the sage who is also a poet in the famous Sanskrit Subhashita –

*Ayamnijaparaiveti, Gananaalaghuchetasaam,
Udaaracharitaanamtu,
Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'*

– Men with narrow vision divide the world into mine and thine whereas the noble hearted look upon the world as one single family – one's homestead. This was not just a poet's fancy. But the result of an intense realisation of the Ultimate Truth – *SarvamKhalvidamBrahma* – All that exists is only Brahma. The entire universe is an expression of that truth, one expressing as the many. The entire history of India has been an attempt to express this experience in the day-to-day life of every individual and the society. Variety and diversity of course were there but, at the base, there was unity as well. Hence the dictum – unity in diversity. This was reflected in every aspect of life right from the personal to the national level. But, our far-seeing and adventurous forefathers did not confine this wonderful experience within the frontiers of Bharat. Their love and concern for humanity was so intense that it took them to the farthest quarters of the

world. The message of unity was spread through practice and example and the history of the world bears testimony to the fact that the imprint of Indian cultural ambassadors is visible in every part of the world, felt, and seen. That was probably the most sublime period of Indian history. Researchers who are committed only to truth have discovered through dedicated study that even the western civilizations like the Greek and Roman, the languages like Greek and Latin had their original home in India and gradually spread across the continents and reached those distant lands. It was not through military conquest but through the gradual spread of a vibrant culture. But later on, the colonial conquerors from the west made history stand on its head and propagated that the Indian culture and civilization were brought to this country by the invading alien conquerors. But, let us leave the conquerors alone, because the truth is slowly but surely emerging victorious and it is bound to establish itself on its own strength and validity.

After the great imperial days of Greece and Rome, the west sank into the darkness of the Middle Ages shutting itself out from the rest of the world. Finally when it woke up on account of the shock of a renaissance Greek culture and started looking outward spurred by the fervor of Christian missionary zeal and also by the ambitions of imperial conquest, the countries of Europe started on a series of



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invasions subjugating the continents of Asia and Africa. There was a systematic attempt to demolish and destroy ancient and peaceful civilizations, existing in those parts of the world. The devastations caused by these conquerors are writ large across the continents. The basic cause of this kind of colonial invasions is the world view which inspired them through their sectarian and intolerant religious texts. It was totally in conflict with the Bharatiya world view of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. The motivation of the colonisers from the west was trade and religion. The means they employed was conquest through military power, through cunning and deceit. The last three to four centuries – the so-called modern history – is replete with instances of such treacherous and unprincipled conquest and annexation of territories and people by an alien civilization. The logic of this world view, when put into practice, has inevitably led to the present situation, where the west is dominating the world with the slogan – the Global Market. Through military power, through organized evangelisation, through economic exploitation, and through intellectual manipulation, the west has established its domination over the rest of the world. The world has been converted into a global market which implies the operation of all the market forces with its dire consequences under which not only the rest of the world but even the west is now reeling.

The world as one family and the world as a market are the two poles around which humanity stands polarised. Home and market have widely different laws – not only different but actually conflicting. The law that governs the home is love whereas the market is driven by the law of cunning and competition. Home is built upon identity of feelings whereas the market is built upon conflicting interests. The former seeks peace whereas the later seeks profit. Home is founded on spiritual values whereas market knows only

material values. Mutual cooperation is the basis of family. Mutual exploitation is the recognised policy that sustains the market. Market promotes vulgar consumerism whereas home promotes restrained and value-based consumption. The big question that faces humanity is – which of the two is the ideal to be followed, the world view to be accepted, the way of life to be followed. The western experiment has been tried and is found wanting and inadequate to sustain a peaceful and prosperous world order. Humanity is at the crossroads. As many great thinkers even from the west, like Arnold Toynbee have unambiguously pointed out, it is only the eastern way that can bring about peace and harmony and ensure the survival of human species on this mother earth. The choice today is between "*ManavaDharma*" and "*Market forces*", between a global family and a global market. In this, the vision of India is very clear. It has been strongly and powerfully expounded by all our renaissance leaders – a galaxy of them – the most famous representative being Swami Vivekananda. More than 100 years ago, he put it most emphatically – "*the whole of the west is standing on a peak of a volcano. It will burst within 50 years. What will save the west is the message of the Upanishads*". This prophet's message unfortunately was not taken seriously and the volcano has been erupting time and again. Honest thinkers from the west have been expressing their frustration. Eleanor Stark has expressed this disappointment in the famous book, *The Gift Unopened*. The author wrote – "*Columbus discovered the soil of America. Swami Vivekananda discovered the soul of America*". Swami Vivekananda himself at the end of his "Paper on Hinduism" presented at the Parliament of Religions explained beautifully what he meant by the soul of America. –

"Hail, Columbia, motherland of liberty! It has been given to thee, who never dipped her



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hand in her neighbor's blood, who never found out that the shortest way of becoming rich was by robbing one's neighbors, it has been given to thee to march at the vanguard of civilization with the flag of harmony". (*Complete Works Swami Vivekananda* Vol-1, Page 20). But then, the history of the world took a different turn with world wars both cold and hot. America the liberator, herself became the predator of weaker nations. Instead of upholding the virtues of protecting and promoting democracy and human rights, she herself started supporting and sustaining authoritarian regimes and military juntas. In place of religious tolerance and cultural pluralism, America herself became the

biggest promoter of evangelization and also the creator of Jihadi fundamentalism. With evangelization and marketization and also religious fundamentalism and terrorism raising their ugly heads, creating chaos and confusion, the humanity is struggling to find a ray of hope and an alternate way of life. It is here in this crucial hour that India has to play her decisive role and assert that it is "*Manava Dharma*" and not "Market forces" that would lead mankind to its glorious destiny. But, for this, India has to set a model which the world could emulate. That is precisely the need of the hour.



**On the occasion of the birthday of
Mananeeya Balakrishnanji – President,
Vivekananda Kendra – on 3rd May at Chennai**



AT A GLANCE

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE ALL INDIA KENDRA KARYA

Prants: 15

States: 26

Union Territories: 4

Total Districts: 704

Kendra Work in Districts: 243

Nagarsthans: 110

Karyasthans: 135

Niyojit Nagarsthans: 127

Prakalpas: 42

Prakalpa Sthans: 640

Patrons : 2,60,735

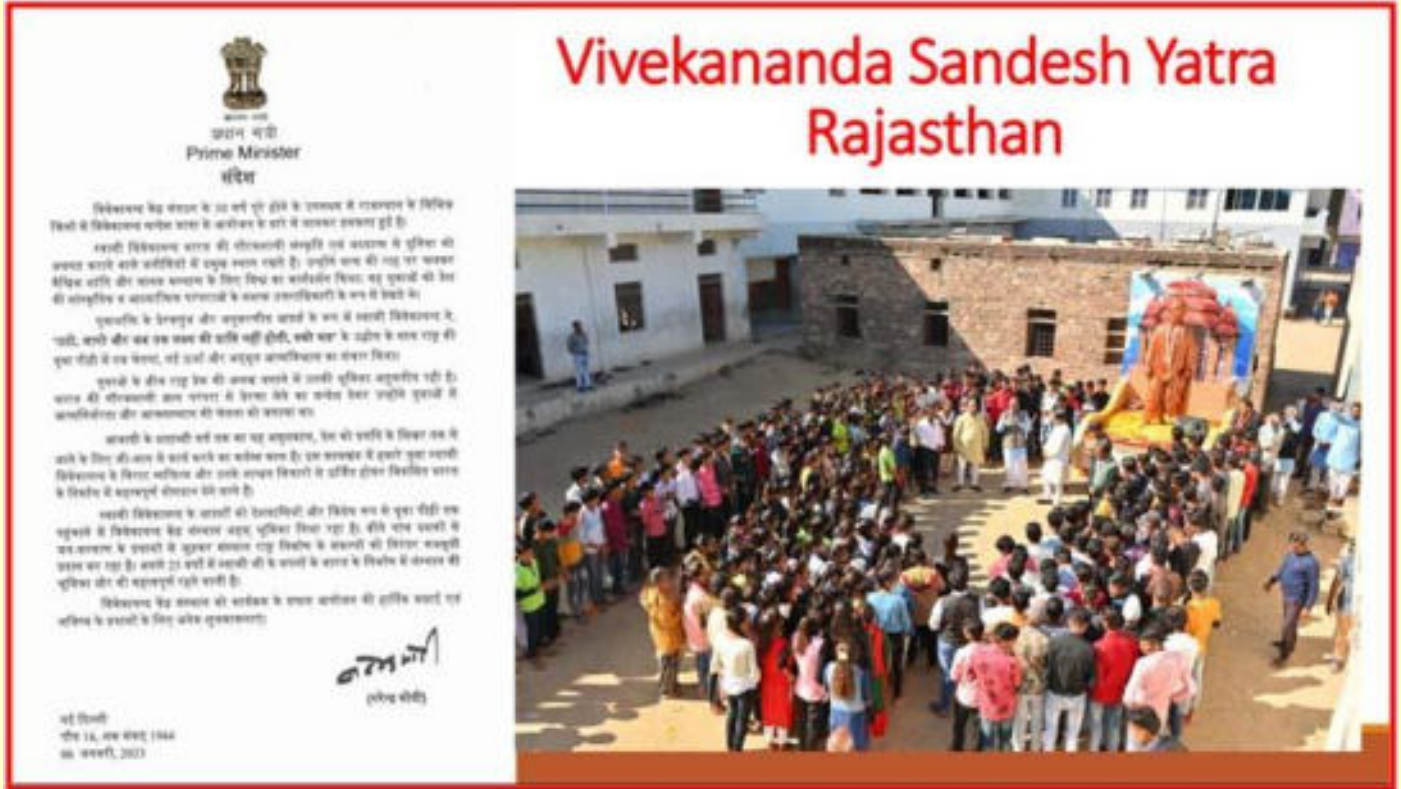
Dayitvavan Karyakartas: 7,384

- **RKPS (Rashtriya Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs):**
 - 475 participants
- **PKPS (Prant Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs):**
 - 695 participants
- **SKPS (Sthaniya Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs):**
 - 1,685 participants
 - **Total: 2,855 participants**

These numbers represent the extensive reach and engagement of Vivekananda Kendra across various prants, states, districts, and karyasthans, showcasing the significant impact and scale of its activities and initiatives.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022-23



Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari entered its 51st year in 2022 and this significant year is marked with several such events that strengthen the vision of its inspiration Swami Vivekananda and mission of its founder Mananeeya Eknathji Ranade.

Karyakartas of Vivekananda Kendra keep striving year after year for the expansion and consolidation of its work of **“Man Making & Nation Building”**.

The most significant event with the view of rapid expansion of Kendra’s work was the organizing of Yatras in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha.



In Rajasthan, commemorating the 50 years of Vivekananda Kendra and 75 Years of India’s Independence, a 50 day **“Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra”** was undertaken and a team of about 50 karyakartas led by a *Rath* (chariot) carrying a life size statue of Swami Vivekananda went to all the then 33 districts of Rajasthan. This unique initiative had the support of the Central



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Government's Cultural Ministry and also several like mind organizations.

The Yatra was flagged off on 19th November 2022 from Khetri by the Vice President of India Hon. Jagdeep Dhankar in the presence of President of Vivekananda Kendra Mananeeya Balakrishnanji. The Yatra concluded on 7th January 2023 at Jodhpur in a Public Program in the presence of Vice-President of Vivekananda Kendra Mananeeya Nivedita Bhide.

"Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra" was organized by Uttar Pradesh from 12 January 2023 for 11 days and it covered 20 districts of Uttar Pradesh.



Odisha Prant organized **"Utho Jago Amrit Mahotsav Yatra"** covering 20 districts of Odisha in 27 days.



Yatra had started from Bhubaneswar on 25th December 2022 flagged off by Srimat Swami Atmaprabhananda ji, Adhyaksha Ramakrishna Math Bhubaneswar. Over 6000 people participated in the public meetings and rallies, and almost 5000 students from 55 colleges took part in the event.

Maharashtra Prant organized **"Yuva Netrutva Shibir"** at Kanyakumari in which 940 youth participated. The preparation for this youth camp was for over 6 months which began with an exam on 75 years of Swaraj in which 8100 youth participated. This followed 31 One-Day Camps for qualified 2300 youths and after 12 weeks of Kendra Varga and Swadhyay Varga finally 940 were selected for the Kanyakumari Camp.



"Yoga Shastra Sangamam" – Vivekananda Kendra organised the **6thInternational Yoga Sastra Sangamam** from 24th to 26th February 2023 at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari. Total number of **419 participants** consisting of 212 men and 207 women participated from 16 states of Bharat, from Singapore, Bali and Afghanistan.



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everyone. Presence of a living Yogi was an illustration of Yoga Sastra. The book containing the proceedings of the conference was released during the inaugural session.

3rd National Water Award – Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India awarded the 2nd prize in the Best NGO category for **Viveknanda Kendra – Nardep’s** work of “*Reviving and Renovating the Traditional water bodies in Rameswaram*”.



During this international conference 5 plenary sessions and 11 parallel sessions were held. **115 papers** were presented by research scholars, PhD. Students, professors, Yoga teachers, Yoga practitioners and Yoga consultants. **Swami Shivananda Babaji** from Varanasi aged 127 years who is the recipient of Padmashree award was present in the Yoga Sastra Sangamam on 24th and 25th February. His Divine presence and Yogic life style was an inspiration and blessing to

ABAB - AKHIL BHARTIYA ADHIKARI BAITHAK - 2023 was held at Somnath, Gujarat on 10,11,12 Feb 2023.





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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

VARGAS

In every Branch Center of Vivekananda Kendra usually the following activities are organized regularly – Kendra Varga, Yoga Varga, Sanskar Varga and Swadhyay Varga. These activities are the occasions for the karyakartas, well wishers and general public to meet, interact and strengthen their bonding with one another and the organizations. These activities also serve as the means for training the karyakartas.

Kendra Varga: Weekly activities open for all - karyakartas and general public of every age. During 2022-2023 142 Kendra Vargas were held and over 2506 participated in them.

Yoga Varga: Daily most popular activity and one of the best sources for general public to associate with Vivekananda Kendra. In this one to one-and half hour session, Yoga practices and interactive

session is held. Last year 532 Yoga Vargas were held and more than 7529 had participated in them.

Samskar Varga: Weekly activity for children for their true personality development laid on the foundation of values. Mostly outdoors, Samskar Varga engages the children through stories, games and songs to inculcate human patriotic religious values in them. During 2022-23, 761 Samskar Vargas conducted and 15916 participated in them all over India.

Swadhyay Varga: Weekly activity of intellectual discussions on current and important social issues. Usually college students are the participants. About 1901 participated in 142 Swadhyay Vargas last year all over India.



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UTSAVAS

Guru Poornima

- Number of Programs: 743
- Number of Attendees: 40,471

Universal Brotherhood Day

- Number of Programs: 732
- Number of Attendees: 55,697

Sadhana Diwas

- Number of Programs: 419
- Number of Attendees: 33,834

Geeta Jayanti

- Number of Programs: 379
- Number of Attendees: 30,321

Samarth Bharat Parva

- Number of Programs: 1,271
- Number of Attendees: 132,269



ODISHA PRANT

SWADHYAYA COMPETITION

Schools:

- Contacted: 1,130
- Participated: 1,347
- Students Registered: 35,684
- Students Appeared: 30,726
- Number of Workshops: 89
- Workshop Attendees: 5,109

Colleges:

- Contacted: 1,837
- Participated: 1,738
- Students Registered: 47,507
- Students Appeared: 35,280
- Number of Workshops: 239
- Workshop Attendees: 10,659



Workshop, **UTTAR PRANT**



Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu visits Vivekananda Rock Memorial





VIVEKANANDA KENDRA IN C-20

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Concept note

Diversity, Inclusion and Mutual Respect

Nature has conferred every being a unique, but multifaceted identity. This uniqueness allows for perpetual transmutation of energy, leading to diversity. Therefore, diversity is a natural phenomenon, be it in case of plants, animals, geographical features, the solar system, galaxies etc. It is not possible to sus-

tain life without diversity. Diversity is unavoidable, but when its underlying connections are understood, it leads to balance and harmony. In ancient Indian wisdom and many other civilizations, it was always enunciated to see the One that manifests in all. It is said



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'EkamSatViparahaBahudhaVadanti'

– truth is one but it manifests in various forms. The whole universe is a manifestation of the divinity, and is therefore, interconnected, inter-related and interdependent. And this truth of existence is increasingly being realized in science. Ancient Indian wisdom articulates each individual as ***'Amritasya Putraha'*** - expressions of Divine. Every human being is essentially good and has inherent knowledge which is today acknowledged in (Montessori) educational philosophy. The focus of all disciplining and moulding be it through laws and regulations or social practices and cultural values is to bring out this essential goodness, knowledge within a person. Its purpose is also to strengthen the connections that a human being has to his family, locality, community, society, culture and nature because the whole universe is interconnected, interrelated and interdependent (Web of Life by Fritjof Capra). Thus, diversity is expanded and expressed through various systems of life of the different societies to address the complexities, needs and the uniqueness of the human mind. Oppression by a few in the chase of uniformity violates human rights in various ways and causes deep-rooted maladies affecting the very relationship between man and his environment. In the process of 'development' and hurry to make the world uniform, immaturity in forcing one's understanding on others has led many communities to be left behind. Many individuals' rights like right to practice one's traditions, right to live as the part of the family, community and environment and not just as individuals, and the rights of the communities to adopt methods as per their

cultural ethos are forcefully dismissed. For rights of all to be taken into account, a more inward, deeper and say a spiritual approach is required. Understanding of oneness with an open mind i.e. mutual respect is required. That mandates acknowledging and respecting the right to life for all diverse entities including right to live with dignity, right to be heard, right to follow one's traditions and right to practice one's beliefs, right to have access to all opportunities for well-being and right to be part of the development process. It is the responsibility of the respective governments and various power centres to ensure the above rights remain incontrovertible. Since last few years, C20 has worked unfailingly to take this agenda at individual level to the governments of G20. But need is also to recognize the diversity and inclusion at the societal level in a nation, and also the inclusion of diverse paths and perspectives at the international and the global level.

The C-20 working group of ***'Diversity, Inclusion and Mutual Respect'***, would be a platform of the stakeholders, organizations, individuals, civil societies who are working to preserve this uniqueness of the world, besides giving a voice to the traditional communities in the remotest parts of India and other communities of the world who have been practicing sustainable development with unique mechanisms suiting their environmental, material, intellectual and spiritual needs. The C20 group will further explore and enunciate on the need to acknowledge, respect, adopt and recommend diverse approaches for solving following issues.



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1. Diversity and inclusion of those who are born in unfortunate circumstances or are left behind in the development process. This will also include people with physical and mental disabilities, or by birth intersex persons, economically backward persons, etc.

2. Persons who do not fall into the binaries of male and female or those who are transgenders etc. need to live with respect in society. This issue is part of international mainstream discourse and many measures are being adopted. But there is also unwarranted commercialization that is going to extremes with even children undergoing irreversible surgeries to change their bodies.

3. Mutual respect needs to be accorded towards faith and cultural traditions of communities that were derided till now as backward, outdated and worse still as false and evil. These new approaches should fully acknowledge the role of culture as a system of values and a resource and framework to build truly sustainable development. At the same time, we embrace an understanding of culture that is open, evolving and strongly framed within a rights-based approach and the respect for diversity, the free access to which enables individuals "to live and be what they choose", thus enhancing their opportunities and human capabilities. But what is required is not only acknowledging the role of cultural values but also to proactively promote and protect the traditional communities (protecting the cultural faith and traditions of the tribal and other disadvantaged communities)

4. Respecting native traditions all over the world and applying principles of diversity, inclusion and mutual respect is required.

5. Respecting the methods adopted by various countries, cultures, and communities to solve their problems and interpret terms like women empowerment, human rights etc. in light of their traditions. Today, the discourse on human rights has got tilted and thus, the right of the terrorists or rapists are given more weightage than the right of dignity and right to life of the victims. A course correction is required. Each country has its own way of dealing with the human rights issue based on its cultural tradition. The uniform application (or prescription) of human rights and other such issues should be avoided. For example, at present the human right issue looks upon human being only as an individual and does not take into account his connection and responsibility towards his family, society, nature etc. Many non-western societies even today are relation-based and not contract based. Thus, there has to be respect towards diverse ways of dealing of human rights issues by various civilizations, which was recognized by the leaders of G20 for the first time in 2005.

The C20 group will explore and enunciate on the need to acknowledge, respect, adopt and recommend diverse approaches for solving various issues. There cannot be a one size fit all model for handling all challenges. By bringing together stakeholders from across the globe, the working group can promote the need for flexibility and innovation taking into account local needs, culture, and resources.



AN OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS (PRAKALPAS) OF VIVEKANANDA KENDRA

These projects are grouped under five heads as per their thrust areas. They are : Swasthya Sewa, Rural Development, Indian Culture, Prakashan and Shiksha.

Swasthya Sewa

Swasthya Sewa spread widely across the country is benefitting 2,60,466 persons in 308 villages. More than 297 Karyakartas are actively involved in this activity.



Vivekananda Kendra - BORL Hospital, Bina, Madhya Pradesh Established in 2008



Vivekananda Kendra - NRL Hospital, Assam



Vivekananda Kendra Hospital, Paradip, Odisha established in 2012



Mobile Medical Camp by VK-NRL, Numaligarh, Assam



Medical Camp, Sambalpur, Odisha



Swasthya Sewa VK-Arun-Jyoti, Arunachal Pradesh

Vivekananda Kendra runs hospitals, OPD clinics and other supporting programs for giving health related services to the society under its project – Swasthya Sewa. Presently, 3 hospitals, 2 OPD Clinics, and 5 programs are under other Projects of Vivekananda Kendra. The following is a list of hospitals, OPD clinics, and programs associated with Vivekananda Kendra, serving various regions in India:

Hospitals:

1. VK-NRLH, Numaligarh, Assam
2. VK-BRH, Bina, Madhya Prant
3. VK-PRMS, Paradeep, Odisha

OPD Clinics:

1. Swasthya Sewa Kendra, Tinsukia, Assam
2. Vivekananda Mesonic Dispensary, Vivekanandapuram Kanyakumari



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Programs:

1. Project Arun Jyoti, Arunachal Pradesh
2. VK Rural Development Programme Thoothukudi, Kanyakumari
3. VK Prashikshan & Sewa Prakalpa, Pimplad-Nashik
4. Vivekananda Kendra Odisha Seva Prakalp

5. Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari Branch Kangra Himachal Pradesh

The total number of villages served by these initiatives is 308, with a cumulative count of 260,466 beneficiaries. Additionally, these efforts involve the dedicated participation of 297 Karyakartas (volunteers or workers).

Rural Development

“Rural Development Project” runs in 5 States of the country – Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. It covers 386 villages and 22 janajatis. Total 415 Karyakartas includes 8 Jeevanvratris, 3 Vanprasthis, 7 Sevavratis, 58 sthanik karyakartas, 168 staff and 171 supporting staff.

Under this project’s Educational Activities - Balwadis, Hostels for students and skill development trainings are conducted. Under its Sanskruti Manch – Deep Puja for women and Sanskar Varga for Children are organised.



For youth – Prerana Shibirs, Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs, Swadhyay Varg, Yoga Satra, Personality Development Camp, Arun Jyoti Team Building Camp and Parshuram Kund Mela are organised. All five utsavas of Vivekananda Kendra – Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, Guru Purnima, Universal Brotherhood Day, Sadhana Diwas and Gita Jayanti are organised.



In 2022-23, several sthanik utsavas such as Ambedkar Jayanti, Birsa Munda Jayanti, Traditional dance and drama competition, Raksha Bandhan, Greeting card vitaran, Ganapati making and Kite making were organized too with good participation from the locals.





“If India awakens, the whole world will Awaken” – Swami Vivekananda

VK-NARDEP (Vivekananda Kendra - Natural Resources Development Project, Kanyakumari)

VK-NARDEP combines traditional wisdom and modern science and provides cost-effective alternative holistic solutions to the problems of modern living - especially for the rural communities. It works in the fields of Cost Effective Construction, Holistic Health, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Agriculture, Water Management and Inner Sustainability. and all these diverse fields are attached to its central axis of the concept of sustainable development



- Revival and renovation of water bodies – 6 nos
- Training on Terrace garden-3 nos
- Training on Azolla Technology-9 nos
- Training on Vermi wash and compact technology-59 nos
- Green health home-1433 patients
- Varma massage, Varma point treatment-622 patients
- Workshop on 'Siddha Varma Bone setting'-4 programs, 119 patients
- National Seminar on 'Traditional and scientific wisdom of herbs'-54 nos
- Training on 'Shakti Surabhi Bio-methanation Plant'-9 programs, 121 participants

- Awareness on 'Kitchen waste based Bio-methanation Plant'-15, 461 participants
- Installation of Shakti Surabhi Plnts – 149 plants installed.
- Training program on 'Sustainable Development' – 16
- 'Cultural Leadership Program'-27 participants
- ATMA training for farming technologies – 5 programs, 160 participants
- Refresher course for 'Rameswaram Volunteers'-47 nos
- Faculty Development Program-25 nos
- Study tours-8 programs, 481 nos



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Indian Culture

Five institutes of Vivekananda Kendra are serving in the area of Indian Culture – VK-AICYAM (Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga and Management) Bhubaneswar, VKIC (Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture) Guwahati, VIF (Vivekananda International Foundation) New Delhi, VK-VVF (Vivekananda Kendra-Vedic Vision Foundation) Kudungallur and VK-VAYAM (Vivekananda Kendra - Vedantic Application in Yoga and Management) Solapur.

In these Institutes programs are conducted to propagate the essence of Indian Culture in a systematic way – namely- Jeevan Darshan, Jeevan Mulya and Jeevan Vyavastha.

VK-VVF (Vivekananda Kendra-VedicVision Foundation) Kudungallur

Symposium

29 Sept.'22 on Dharma in Daily Life

Talks by the Dignitaries

21 June'22 - On International Yoga day by Swami Tejaswaroopananda ji

1 Oct'22 - On Amrit Parivar by Swami Udit Chaitanya ji

Books Published: Bhagavad Gitayile Amrita Kutumba Sankalpam (Malayalam)

Jeevitham Oru Adhyatmika Sadhana (Malayalam)



VK-AICYAM (Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga and Management), Bhubaneswar

SEMINAR

14 Jan.'23 - National Seminar on Yoga Shastra

Papers read – 26 ; Participants – 54

15 Jan.'23 - Conference on Indian Management Thoughts based on Indian scriptures

- Addressing Leadership Challenges in Contemporary Management

- Ethical Conflict Management, a Leader's Dilemma - Dr. Ashok Mahapatra

- Infusion of Spiritual Values in Organisation – Ma. Nivedita Bhide

67 persons from various business, corporate and academic sector participated



19 Nov. 2022 - Talk on Harnessing IP Rights of Traditional Communities – Dr Santosh



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Mohanty, Ex-Vice President & IPR Global Head of TCS.

11 & 12 Jan. 2023 - Seminar on Significance of Folklore in Janajati community. There were 101 participants from 12 different communities.

Publication

Audio Visuals on Anandalayas in Odisha completed in January 2023 and released 12 Jan. 2023 – The 2nd AICYAM SAMMAN presented to Sri Damburu Mandala from SAVARA Community for Sanskruti Sangrakshyan.

VKIC (Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture) Guwahati

29, 30 Apr and 01 May 2022 – *Tejasvi Bharat* –VKIC's 25 years

VKIC Sanman to Sri Rothel Khongsit from Meghalaya & Sri Namgyal Lepcha from Sikkim by Hon'ble Governor Prof J Mukhi Ji
6 discourses by Pujya Govinda Dev Giri Ji Maharaj - students at Gauhati University, VK Karyakartas and Citizens of Guwahati



Sanskriti Anveshak Series with GU- 'Governance for Coexistence, Harmony and Progress – Traditions & Institutions of NEI' 14 November'22–Curtain Raising Programme- Sri Jishnu Baruah, IAS

20 December'22 – Innovative Revival of Indian Culture in context of Good Governance with focus to Northeast India – 1st Session

Seminar – Field Visits – Traditional Systems of Deori Community: Change & Continuity with Deori Sahitya Sabha Scheduled on March. 16 papers to be presented, 10 submitted.

Traditional System of Namghar – a Case Study – Phase I of field work by students completed – 47 Namghars covered ; Phase II - field investigators to study Namghars during March & April 2023

Field Visits of RA's: 2 – 4 June'22 to No. 2 Boikhuwa Mising Village, Mori Dhansiri Panchayat, Golaghat district ; 15 Dec'22 to 9 Jan.'23 - Documenting the Traditional Calculation Systems of the Tagin Community – various areas covering Papum Pare, Lower & Upper Subansiri district ; **16 - 24 Jan.'23** – Social Relationships of the Tiwa Community of Morigoan district with the Jaintia, Karbi, Khasi and other communities centering Joon Beel Mela, a traditional barter system practice.

VKIC has chapters in Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

**“All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything”
– Swami Vivekananda**



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VIF (Vivekananda International Foundation) New Delhi

Vimarsh

21 June'22 - China Challenge in the Wake of the Ukraine Crisis by Amb Ashok K Kantha, IFS (Retd)

28th July'22 - Food and Nutrition Security- Key to National Security, Staying in Course by Mr Bishow Parajuli,

7 Sept.'22 - Technological Aspects of Indian Strategy by Sri Sridhar Vembu, Founder & CEO, Zoho Corp.

31 Jan.'23 - Gita for the Millennia by Swami Mitrananda – 10th lecture was over on 31 Jan'23 Ancient Past: Including Recent Research on the Indus Civilization

Seminars/Conferences

29 Nov.'22 on The State of Archeology in India in 2022

01-02 Sept.'22 on Making India a Global Drone Hub organised jointly by VIF and FICCI

Book release and discussions:

22 Sept.'22 – Snakes in the Ganga: Breaking India 2.0

10 Oct. '22 - Nationalism in the Study of Ancient Indian History & Towards a Nationalist Narrative of India's Ancient Past: Including Recent Research on the Indus Civilization.



VK-VAYAM (Vivekananda Kendra –Vedantic Application in Yoga and Management) Solapur

Programs at VK-VAYAM:

Yoga Vimarsh:

-Suryanamaskar on 28 May 2022.

-Bhakti Sutras of Narada on 28 Aug. 2022.

-Karmayoga on 1 Jan. 2023.

Swanand - YOGA for Professionals from 5 to 6 Nov. 2022

Matrutva Yoga from 10 to 12 Sept. 2022

Samarth Shikshak on 16 July 2022



**"If you want to find God, serve man."
– Swami Vivekananda**



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Prakashan

Vivekananda Kendra is a thought movement and words are the wings of thoughts. Books have played an important role in the birth and growth of this movement. Eknathji had brought out a book on Swami Vivekananda's essential thoughts called **"Swami Vivekananda's Rousing Call to the Hindu Nation"** in 1963 and this was one of the causes of this movement's beginning. At the inauguration of Vivekananda Rock Memorial a historic volume **"India's Contribution to World Thought and Culture"** was realised. Recently a commemorative copy of it was gifted to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



Prakashan (Publication)	
Languages in which Kendra Books are published	17
Centers through which Kendra Books are published	10
Languages - (Assomiya, Bodo, Dimasa, Karbi, Manipuri, Adi, Marathi, English, Tamil, Bengali, Hindi, Telugu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Odiya, Malayalam)	17
Magazines - Yuva Bharati, Viveka Vani, Vivekananda Kendra Patrika, Vivek Sudha, Vivek Vichar, Vivek Jagriti, Quest, Kendra Bharati	8
Karyakartas(including staff) involved in Prakashans	97
People reached through our Magazines. (Subscriptions alone)	27,517
New Books published	12
Translated	25
Books reprinted in Hindi, English,Tamil,Kannada, Marathi, Assomiya, Telugu	67

Kendra's Prakashan has grown impressively and its books are published from 10 centres (Chennai, Jodhpur, Guwahati, Mysuru, Bhubaneshwar, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Vadodara, Kodungallur, Pune and Solapur), in 17 languages ((Assomiya, Bodo, Dimasa, Karbi, Manipuri, Adi, Marathi, English, Tamil, Bengali, Hindi, Telugu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Odiya, Malayalam), has over 635 titles. Kendra has 8 magazines (Kendra Bharati, Yuva Bharati, Viveka Vani, Vivekananda Kendra Patrika, Vivek Sudha, Vivek Vichar, Vivek Jagriti, and Quest) and their total subscribers are 27,517). During 2022-23, 37 new books were published of which 12 were new titles and 25 were translated.

In the same period, 47 books were reprinted in 6 languages (Hindi, English, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Assomiya and Telugu).



During **Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra** of Rajasthan, a mobile Book Van went around 33 districts of Rajasthan in 50 days.



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Shiksha

Vivekananda Kendra has always prioritized education, particularly where formal educational facilities are not easily available. Presently, under its “Shiksha” project, Kendra has 80 Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas (VKVs) in 5 states of India.

The break up is as follows: Tamilnadu – 2 VKVs, Assam 25 VKVs, Arunachal Pradesh 41 VKVs, Karnataka 1 VKV, and Andman and Nicobar Island 11 VKVs. Total strength of students is 32432 (Boys 18484 and Girls 13948). Teaching staff 1666 and non-teaching staff 631.

Also there are 2 colleges: School of Nursing and B.Ed Teacher Training College.

Achievements: Teachers and students have been exceptional achievers in their respective categories at National and International levels owing to the disciplined and value based

education and growth spurting congenial environment at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas.



“Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man.” - Swami Vivekananda



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VKV, Tezpur



VKV, Kanyakumari



VKV, Andaman



AN OVERVIEW OF PRANTS OF VIVEKANANDA KENDRA

The nationwide work of Vivekananda Kendra is organized into 15 Prants covering the entire geography of India. These Prants are: Dakshin Prant, Maharashtra Prant, Gujarat Prant, Rajasthan Prant, Madhya Prant, Haryana Prant, Punjab Prant, Uttar Prant, Uttar Pradesh Prant, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Prant, Paschim Banga Prant, Bihar Prant, Odhisha Prant and Telugu Prant.

DAKSHIN PRANT

Dakshin Prant, comprising three Vibhags - Kerala Vibhag, Karnataka Vibhag and Tamilnadu Vibhag, conducted various activities and events throughout the year. Here are the highlights for each Vibhag:

Kerala Vibhag:



Mananeeya Balakrishnanji's Visit to Eranakulam, Trissur & Palakkadu October 2022

importance of universal brotherhood and harmony.

- **Gurupurnima:** A total of 2,518 attended the Gurupurnima Utsava, which is dedicated to honoring teachers.
- **Universal Brotherhood Day:** This Utsava saw the participation of 1,180 attendees, emphasizing the

- **Sadhana Diwas:** With 121 attendees, Sadhana Diwas focused on commitment to service.
- **Gita Jayanti:** The Gita Jayanti celebration had 138 attendees, highlighting the significance of the Bhagavad Gita.
- **Samath Bharat Parva:** This Utsava attracted 441 participants, emphasizing the concept of celebrating the strength of India.

Karnataka Vibhag:

- **Dayitwavan Karyakartas:** Karnataka Vibhag has a total of 161 dedicated workers involved in various activities.



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- **Utsavas:** Throughout the year, 28 Utsavas were organized, with 3,591 persons attending these events.
- **Swadhyay Competition:** A total of 33 competitions were conducted, with 2,722 participants engaging in knowledge-based competitions.



- **Yoga Varga:** Three Yoga Vargas were conducted, with 17 participants focusing on the practice of yoga way of life.
- **Samskar Varga:** Ten Samskar Vargas were held, with 341 participants engaging in cultural and ethical development of children.

- **Swadhyaya Varga:** Five Swadhyaya Vargas were organized, with 101 participants involved in self-study sessions.
- **Kendra Varga:** Five Kendra Vargas took place, attracting 94 participants.

Tamilnadu Vibhag:

- **VK Madurai:** This center has 3 Karyavistars and 1 Sampark Vistar with a dedicated team of 25 Dayitwavan Karyakartas.
- **VK Chennai:** Two Karyavistar and two Sampark Vistar are in Chennai, with a team of 31 Dayitwavan Karyakartas.
- **VK Thoothukudi:** It has 1 Karyavistar and 3 Sampark Vistars. with a team of 25 Dayitwavan Karyakartas.

These highlights showcase the variety of events, workshops, and expansion activities conducted by the Vivekananda Kendra in various regions under Dakshin Prant.

MAHARASHTRA PRANT

In Maharashtra this year, several events and projects took place, including:

1. **Yuva Netrutva Vikasan Shibir** (Youth Leadership Development Camp): This camp was organized, and out of the 7,235 registered participants, 940 youth were selected. They were taken to Kanyakumari in a special train for the Grand Shibir.
2. **Sanskar Vargas:** There were 67 Sanskar Vargas held with a total participation of 4,589 individuals. These vargas are likely to be programs focused on promoting cultural values and ethical development.
3. **Yoga Vargas:** Maharashtra organized 22 Yoga Vargas with a total of 328 participants. These vargas would have involved yoga training and practice sessions.
4. **Parivar Milan:** Parivar Milan events were conducted at three different places, with the participation of 411 families. Parivar Milan is a program that brings families together for cultural and social activities.
5. **Matru-Pitri Pujan:** Matru-Pitri Pujan ceremonies were held at six different



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places, with the participation of 561 families. This event is a way to honor and show respect to parents.

6. **Kendra Prarthana:** Kendra Prarthana, a collective prayer session, took place every Sunday in 620 families with the participation of 977 individuals. These families are associated with Vivekananda Kendra.

Projects in Maharashtra Prant: Maharashtra Prant implemented several projects, including **Vivekananda Kendra VAYAM** in Solapur, which was inaugurated

by the Governor of Maharashtra. **VK SPV** is in Pimplad, Nasik. **VK Marathi Prakashan Vibhag** published five new titles and reprinted 21 existing titles.



These events and projects reflect the cultural, educational, and social activities that took place in Maharashtra during the mentioned year.

GUJARAT PRANT



Here is the information about the activities and events conducted in Gujarat Prant of Vivekananda Kendra:

Dayitwavan Karyakarta: 434

Guru Poornima: 24 programs with 1,200 attendees.

Universal Brotherhood Day: 17 programs with 1,648 attendees.

Sadhana Diwas: 8 programs with 253 attendees.

Geeta Jayanti: 20 programs with 775 attendees.

SB Parv & SV Jayanti: 103 programs with 14,500 attendees.

Kendra Varg: 6 vargas with 46 participants.

Sanskar Varga: 38 vargas with 772 participants.



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Swadhyay Varga: 4 vargas with 35 participants.

Yoga Varga: 5 vargas with 13 participants.

Yoga Satra: 6 satras with 156 participants.

These activities and events highlight the active involvement of Vivekananda Kendra in Gujarat Prant. The wide participation indicates the impact and reach of Vivekananda Kendra's activities in promoting Man Making Nation Building.

Anandalaya: 4 vargas with 137 participants.

Vimarsh: The Joy of Parenting: 900 participants and 26 Karyakartas.

RAJASTHAN PRANT

In Rajasthan Prant, following main activities took place during the year:

Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra: This Yatra covered all 33 districts of Rajasthan in a span of 50 days. It commenced on November 19, 2022, at Khetri, with the honorable Vice President of India, Dilipji Dhankar, and the President of Vivekananda Kendra, Ma. Balakrishnanji, inaugurating it. The Yatra concluded on January 7, 2023, at Jodhpur, in the presence of Vice President of Vivekananda Kendra, Sushri Nivedita Bhide. The objective of the Yatra was to disseminate the teachings and messages of Swami Vivekananda.



Prabuddha Sammellan: Banswada hosted the Prabuddha Sammellan, a gathering focused on promoting awareness and enlightenment among the participants.

Vyaktitva Vikas Shibir: Jodhpur organized a personality development camp known as Vyaktitva Vikas Shibir. The camp aimed to enhance the personal and leadership skills of children and youth.

Kavi Sammellan: Jaipur hosted a poetry gathering or Kavi Sammellan, where poets presented their work and engaged in literary discussions.



Sahitya Sewa: Bhilwara organized Sahitya Sewa, where Vivekananda Kendra's publications were made available to the general public in a grand public event. The event received a massive response.

Suryanamaskar Pratoyogita: Beawar conducted the Suryanamaskar Pratoyogita, a competition centered around the practice of Suryanamaskar.

Guru Purnima: Udaipur celebrated Guru Purnima, a festival dedicated to honoring spiritual and academic teachers.

Sanskar Varga: Kishangarh regularly organizes Sanskar Varga, which is focused on instilling cultural values and ethical development among children.

These activities reflect the efforts of Vivekananda Kendra in Rajasthan Prant to promote Man Making Nation Building activities in the region.



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MADHYA PRANT

Madhya Prant is comprised of the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Here the following five projects are active:

1. **Vivekananda Nidam** at Gwalior: In this expansive campus with excellent facilities for residential camps, activities are held all round the year.



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3. **Vivekananda Kendra Samarpan va Sewa Prakalp** at Bina: This

project likely focuses on service activities and selfless dedication for the welfare of the community.

4. **Vivekananda Kendra Bina Refinery Hospital** at Bina provides medical services to the local community and villages adjoining the hospital and the refinery.
5. **Anandalaya**: Anandalaya provides holistic education and a conducive environment for children and students overall development.
6. **Vivekananda Kendra** Bundelkhand at Jhansi.



These projects in Madhya Prant reflect the initiatives undertaken by Vivekananda Kendra to promote various aspects of welfare, education, and healthcare in the region.



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HARYANA PRANT

In Haryana Prant, the following activities were highlights of the year:

1. **Kishori Vikas Prashikshan Karyakram at Panipat:** This program likely focused on the development and empowerment of adolescent girls.
2. **Utthisthat Bharat Upkram at Rewari:** This event was focused on promoting the values and ideals of Swami Vivekananda and inspiring individuals to rise and contribute to the progress of the nation.
3. **Yuva Karyashala at Faridabad:** A youth workshop was conducted in Faridabad. This workshop aimed to engage and empower the youth through various activities and sessions.
4. **Sadhana Diwas at Panipat:** Karyakartas remembered the mission of Ma. Eknathji, founder of Vivekananda Kendra

and rededicated themselves for accomplishing that mission.



5. **Chaumasik Baithak at Panipat:** discussions, reviews, and planning for future activities and initiatives were held.
6. **Yuva Prerana Pratiyogita at Bhiwani:** A competition for inspiring and motivating the youth to excel in their endeavors and commit to the cause of National development.

These activities in Haryana Prant focused on youth development, empowerment, and fostering a spirit of service and dedication among the participants.

PUNJAB PRANT

In Punjab Prant, the following activities were the main highlights of the year:

1. **Kishori Vikas Prashikshan at Ludhiana:** This program focused on the development and empowerment of adolescent girls.
2. **International Day of Yoga at Panchkula:** This day is recognized globally to promote awareness about the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of practicing yoga.
3. **Vice President Mananeeya Hanumanthraoji's pravasa in the Prant:** His visit involved interactions, meetings, and guidance to the

Karyakartas and activities of the Kendra in Punjab Prant.



Punjab Prant has 75 dayitvan karyakartas in its 7 Nagarsthans and 4 Karyasthan.

These activities in Punjab Prant reflect the focus on Man Making Nation Building and the visit of the Vice President to provide guidance and support activities in the region.



UTTAR PRANT

In Uttar Prant, the following were the main activities conducted during the year:

- 1. Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs:** Two Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibirs were organized in Uttar Prant aimed to provide training and guidance to 262 young individuals focusing on their leadership, skills, clarity and commitment for the Man Making and Nation Building mission of Vivekananda Kendra.
- 2. Young India Know Thyself:** This annual event focused on encouraging self-discovery and knowing the nation among young students of colleges, and arousing the will to work for Man Making Nation Building.
- 3. Pariksha De Hanste Hanste Workshop:** A workshop for 70 students This to help participants manage exam-related stress and approach exams with a positive mindset.

Additionally, it is mentioned that a total of 1691 students from 48 schools and 1300 students from 31 colleges were involved in these activities. This indicates the engagement and participation of students from various educational institutions in the initiatives undertaken by Uttar Prant.



These activities in Uttar Prant highlight the focus on youth development, providing training and guidance to them.





UTTAR PRADESH PRANT

Uttar Pradesh Prant has two Nagar Sthans and three Karyasthans. These centers serve as focal points for the activities and operations of the Vivekananda Kendra in Uttar Pradesh

In Uttar Pradesh Prant, the following activities were the main highlights of the year:

1. **Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra:** The Vivekananda Sandesh Yatra, a Yatra aimed at spreading the messages and teachings of Swami Vivekananda with his statue mounted on a Rath, took place in Uttar Pradesh Prant.
2. **Yojak Varga:** Yojak Varga focused on training and empowering Karyakartas to take up leadership roles and organize various activities within the organization.
3. **Vyaktitva Vikas Karyashala:** A personality development workshop aimed to enhance the personal and leadership skills of the participants.



4. **Yoga Diwas:** Uttar Pradesh Prant observed Yoga Diwas for promoting and practicing yoga, as well as creating awareness about its benefits.
5. **Sanskritik Pratiyogita.** This event attracted 3133 students from 129 schools and 1097 students from 31 colleges, indicating a significant level of participation.

These activities in Uttar Pradesh Prant reflect the emphasis on spreading Swami Vivekananda's teachings, nurturing leadership skills, promoting personal development, and engaging in cultural and Man Making and Nation Building activities.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

In Arunachal Pradesh, the organizational structure of the Vivekananda Kendra includes 6 Vibhags, 12 Nagar Sthans, 5 Karyasthans, and a total of 789 Dayitwavan karyakartas.

The main activities conducted during the year were as follows:

1. **Kendra Vargas:** 45 Kendra Vargas were organized with the participation of 418 individuals.
2. **Sanskar Vargas:** 11 Sanskar Vargas, aimed at promoting cultural values and ethical development of children, were

conducted with the participation of 195 participants.

3. **Yoga Satras:** 6 Yoga Satras were held with 102 participants.
4. **School Swadhyay Competition:** A Swadhyay competition involving 124 schools took place. The competition received 6759 registrations, with 5421 students appearing for it. Additionally,



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1850 attendees participated in the associated workshops.

5. **Amrit Parivar Milan:** Amrit Parivar Milan events were organized during the year.
6. **Arise Awake Competition:** An Arise Awake competition was conducted.
7. **Personality Development Camps:** Personality development camps were organized, specifically targeting young students to train them for the mission

of "Man Making Nation Building" as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda.



These activities in Arunachal Pradesh reflect the diverse range of programs and initiatives carried out by the Vivekananda Kendra. They focus on promoting cultural values, education, personal development, the practice of yoga, and preparing participants to fulfill the vision and teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

ASSAM PRANT

Here is the information about the activities and events conducted in Assam Prant of Vivekananda Kendra:

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

- Vibhag: 11
- Nagarsthans: 23
- Karyasthans: 22
- Prakalp Sthans: 294
- Dayitwavan Karyakarta: 2,740

UTSAVAS:

Guru Poornima: 156 programs with 3,426 attendees.

Universal Brotherhood Day: 341 programs with 12,619 attendees.

Sadhana Diwas: 120 programs with 12,588 attendees.

Gita Jayanti: 113 programs with 10,450 attendees.

SB Parva - Vivekananda Jayanti: 159 programs with 22,380 attendees.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COMPETITIONS:

School Competition: Workshops: 349 participants from various schools.

College Competition: Workshops: 1,192 participants from different colleges.

VARGAS

Yoga Satra: 124 satras with 2,933 attendees.

Yoga Pratiman: 5 workshops with 368 attendees.

Kendra Varga: 43 vargas with 763 attendees.

Yoga Varga: 187 vargas with 2,766 attendees.

Swadhyay Varga: 32 vargas with 516 attendees.

Sanskar Varga: 218 vargas with 3,506 attendees.

- Prant KPS: 167 participants.
- Rashtriya KPS: 13 participants.



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These activities and events reflect the active participation and engagement of Vivekananda Kendra in Assam Prant. The large number of attendees in the Utsavas, competitions, and Vargas showcase the impact and outreach of Vivekananda Kendra's initiatives in promoting cultural, spiritual, and educational development in Assam.

PASCHIM BANGA PRANT

Paschim Banga Prant, which covers 10 out of the 26 districts of West Bengal state, has the following organizational structure:

1. **Vibhags:** There are 6 Vibhags within Paschim Banga Prant.
2. **Nagarsthans:** There is 1 Nagarsthan in Paschim Banga Prant
3. **Karyasthans:** There are 12 Karyasthans in Paschim Banga Prant.
4. **Prakalp Sthans:** There are 3 Prakalp Sthans in Paschim Banga Prant. These centers are dedicated to specific projects or initiatives undertaken by the Vivekananda Kendra.
5. **Niyojit Sthans:** There are 4 Niyojit Sthans in Paschim Banga Prant.





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BIHAR PRANT

Bihar Prant has the following organizational structure:

1. **Vibhags:** There are 3 Vibhags, 4 Nagarsthans, 2 Karyasthans, 6 Gram Sthans and 101 Dayitwavan Kayakartas.

Following activities were conducted in the year.

1. **Yoga Varga:** There were 3 Yoga Vargas with 32 participants.
2. **Sanskar Vargas:** 5 Sanskar Vargas with 99 participants.
3. **Swadhyay Varga:** 3 Swadhyay Vargas with 16 participants.
4. **Kendra Varga:** 3 Kendra Vargas with 48 participants.
5. **Youth Leadership Development Campaign:** As part of this campaign, 84 colleges were contacted, and 1278

students registered. In 10 workshops conducted, 589 students actively participated, focusing on developing leadership skills among the youth.



These activities and programs in Bihar Prant highlight the engagement with the local communities, cultural value promotion, yoga practice and youth leadership development initiatives conducted by the Vivekananda Kendra in Bihar.

ODISHA PRANT

In Odisha Prant, the Vivekananda Kendra activities are distributed across various locations and involve a significant number of participants. Here is the information:

Organizational Structure:

- **Nagar Sthan:** 9
- **Karya Sthan:** 1
- **Prakalp Sthan:** 39
- **Gram Sthan:** 39
- **Dayitwavan Karyakarta:** 314

Utsavas and Camps:

Guru Purnima: Held at 40 places, with 1,477 attendees. **Universal Brotherhood Day:** Celebrated at 11 places, with 1,189 attendees. **Sadhana Diwas:** Observed at 9 places, with 230 participants.

Geeta Jayanti: Celebrated at 13 places, with 471 attendees. **Samskar Varga**

Prashikshan Shibir: Conducted 2 workshops, with 36 participants.

Sthanik KPS: Organized at 1 place, with 19 attendees.

Prant KPS: A total of 58 participants.

Kendra Varga: Held at 9 places, with 126 attendees.

Yoga Varga: Conducted at 16 places, with 245 participants.

Swadhyay Varga: Organized at 6 places, with 28 participants.

Samskar Varga: Conducted at 26 places, with 465 attendees.



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Yoga Satra: Held at 21 places, with 427 participants.

Amrit Mahotsava Yatra:

- **Districts Covered:** 20
- **Towns/Cities Covered:** 30

These activities and events highlight the extensive reach and engagement of Vivekananda Kendra in Odisha Prant, contributing to the overall development and well-being of the community.



Colleges Visited: 55

Students Attended Interactions: 4,809

Sankalp Patra Filled: 658

Participation in Public Programs: 5,000

TELUGU PRANT

Telugu Prant, encompasses the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Here are the highlights of Telugu Prant:

Organizational Structure:

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana: Telugu Prant comprises both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

Nagarsthans: Three Nagarsthans are established within Telugu Prant.

Karyasthans: Eight Karyasthans operate within Telugu Prant.

Vibhags: Telugu Prant is divided into five Vibhags.

Prakalp Sthans: Two Prakalp Sthans are set up within Telugu Prant.

Dayitwavan Karyakartas: Telugu Prant has 123 dedicated workers involved in various activities.

Kendra Vargas: Four Kendra Vargas were conducted, with 85 individuals attending.

Yoga Vargas: Four Yoga Vargas were organized, attracting 65 participants interested in the practice of yoga.

Swadhyay Vargas: Five Swadhyay Vargas took place, with 55 participants.

Samskar Vargas: Eleven Samskar Vargas were held, with 140 participants focusing on cultural and ethical development of children.



These activities reflect the active engagement and commitment of Telugu Prant in promoting the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and carrying out various programs and workshops for expanding and consolidating Man Making Nation Building Mission.



MONUMENTS AND EXHIBITIONS AT KANYAKUMARI



President of India Hon. Droupadi Murmu and Governor of Tamilnadu Hon. R.N. Ravi at Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

Visitors to VRM and Exhibitions		
<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>2022- 2023</u>
1	Visitors on the Vivekananda Rock Memorial	20,82,212
2	Visitors to Arise Awake Exhibition	25,578
3	Visitors to W.Monk Exhibition	18,577
4	Visitors to Gangotri Exhibition	2,177
5	Visitors to Gramodaya Darshan Park	2,163
6	Visitors to Ramayan Darshnam	1,20,955
5	Visitors stayed in the Campus	1,54,173
6	Organisations conducted their programs in the Campus	Camps -36, Participations 8,430



ACTIVITIES IN VIVEKANANDAPURAM AT KANYAKUMARI

Administrative Head Quarters of Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra

1. Providing good accommodation at nominal rates to the pilgrims in a clean and serene atmosphere of Vivekanandapuram campus in Kanyakumari. Double Bedded deluxe and AC rooms and AC cottages are also available.
2. Training Centre and hostel for the dedicated workers who join Kendra as Jivanvratists/Shiksharthists/Sevavratists/Vanaprathists
3. Maintenance of Vivekananda Rock Memorial
4. Providing outpatient medical facility for the pilgrims in the Allopathic and Siddha dispensary
5. Facilities available inside the Kendra campus for the benefit of the pilgrims who stay there – A) State Bank of India branch with ATM facility B) Post Office C) Vegetarian Restaurant D) 24 hour water & power supply E) Gauseva F) Granthalay (Library & Reading room)
6. Dhyan Mandir (daily Prathahsmran at 05.15 AM, Gita Pathan @ 07.30 AM & Bhajan @ 06.30 PM)
7. Higher Secondary School catering to nearby 1500 students of the local area
8. Vivekananda Mandapam and Ekanathji's Samadhi
9. Vivekanandapuram beach and Sun-Rise point
10. Books Stall of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Literature
11. AC Auditorium – 250 seats
12. Peacock Sanctuary

For accommodation at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari :

[Online Accommodation Booking : https://yatra.vrmvk.org](https://yatra.vrmvk.org)



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S H I B I R C A L E N D E R - 2023

(For General Public)

NAME OF THE SHIBIR	DATES	AGE	CAMP DONATION
Spiritual Retreat (Eng & Hindi)	Aug 8 – 14	18 to 65	Rs.3000/-
Yoga Shiksha Shibir (Eng & Hindi)	Nov 22 – Dec 6	18 to 65	Rs.4000/-
Yoga Certificate Course (Eng & Hindi)	Nov 22 – Dec 21	18 to 65	Rs.10000/-

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SHRADDHANJALI

1. Pravrajika Bhaktiprana: President of Sri Sarada Mission, whose remembrance took place on 11th December, 2022.
2. Swamini Gitanandaji: Former Jeevanvrati and Maharashtra Prant Sangathak.
3. Swami Karunananda Maharaj: Associated with Vivekananda Ashram, Vellimalai.
4. Smt. Vani Jayaram: A popular singer who gave two charity programs to Kendra.
5. Shri Sursen ji Jena: Former Odisha Prant Sanchalak.
6. Sri L Madhavanji: Associated with Vivekananda Kendra Prakashan Trust, Chennai.
7. Sri K. Balasubramanian: Staff of VRM & VK (Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra).
8. Shri N.R. Waghmare: Well-wisher from Baroda.
9. Smt Suman Joshi: Former Karyakarta of VK Pune and Donor.
10. Sri Vinayak alias Aaba Nandurdikar: Former Secretary of VK Marathi Prakashan Vibhag, Pune.
11. Smt. Vasanti M. Salvekar: Translator of Upanishads - 10 books in Marathi into Hindi.
12. Smt. Sunanda Chatterjee: Wife of late Sri Kapil Chaterjee, who was full-time involved in Vivekananda Bharat Parikrama in 1992.
13. Dr. N Gopalkrishnan ji: An exponent of Hindu Dharma.



14. Sri Latsam Khimhun: Founder of Rangfraa Faith Promotion Society [RFPS], Arunachal Pradesh and Recipient of VKIC Sanman 2013.

Shraddhanjali is a gesture of respect and remembrance, expressing gratitude for their contributions and paying homage to their lives.

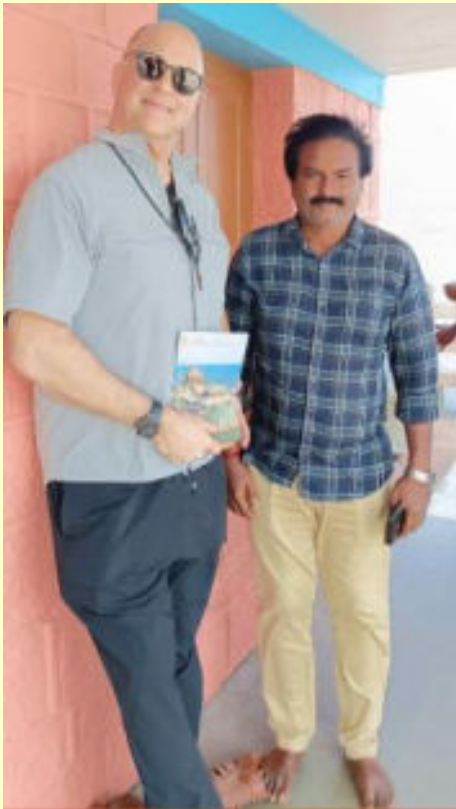


VIP VISITED VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL FROM APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

Shri Prestoni Tynsong (Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya) on 16-04-2022
Shri Harikrishna Prasad, S.P., Kanyakumari District.
Shri Ganapathi Bhat (Chief Commissioner of IT) on 03-06-2022
Shri Gopal Narayan Singh , MP Rajya Sabha, Bihar on 12.06.2022
Shri Ramakrishna Bhujan, Ministry of Labor Employment GoI on 09.07.2022
Dr.Bhagwat Kishan Rao Karad (Minister Of State Financial GoI) on 13-07-2022
Justice MunishwarNath Bhandari (Chief Justice of Madras High Court)on 30-07-2022
Hon'ble Thiru Justice P.N Prakash (Judge Madras High Court) on 09-08-2022
Shri Lalit Sharma, Brigadier, Indian Army.
Shri D.S.Chauhan, D.I.G, Indian Coastal Guard on 15.08.2022
Shri Rakesh Agarwal, IPS (DIG of Punjab CBI) on 16-08-2022
Shri R.Rahul Gandhi (Ex Member of the Loksabha) on 07-09-2022
Shri P.S Sreedharan Pillai (Governor of Goa) on 11-09-2022
Major General Dhiraj Mohan (Southern Command) on 15-09-2022
Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta M.P. Rajya Sabha
Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi (Former Chief Minister of Bihar) on 02-10-2022
Shri Bhagwanth Khuba (MoS for New and Renewable energy) on 04-10-2022
Shri S.K Mohanka (DIG, CISF, Bangalore) on 13-10-2022
Shri Ramachandra Janghda, Member of Rajya Sabha, Haryana. On 19.10.2022
Shri Mohit Malhotra, Major General on 28.10.2022
Justice R.C. Khulbe, High court of Uttarakant on 07.12.2022
Shri S.Ishwar, Minister Republic of Singapore on 16.12.2022
Shri Saroj Sharma, Chairperson, NIOS, Ministry of Education, GoI on 23.12.2022
Justice Suresh Kumar, High Court of Madras, Chennai on 25.12.2022
Shri Ragubab Das, Ex. Chief Minister of Jharkhand on 27.12.2022
Dr. Anil Agarwal, MP. Rajya Sabha, U.P. on 01.01.2023
Shri Farooq Abdullah Former CM (Jammu Kashmir) on 07-01-2023
Shri Sarah Kirlew, Australian Consulate General of South India on 18.02.2023
Swami Sivananda, Varanasi, on 24.02.2023
Er.TagevTaki, Minister of Agriculture, Arunachal Pradesh on 26.02.2023
Justice Rajendra Singh High Court Allahabad on 26.02.2023
Shri Chandra Kumar Minister of Agri and Animal Husbandry HP on 28.02.2023
Smt.Droupadi Murmu , Honorable President of India on 18.03.2023
Smt. Lakshmi Ravi, W/o. R.N.Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu on 18.03.2023



Special Visitors to Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari



Jerry White, Noble Prize Winner of 1997, visited Vivekananda Rock Memorial.



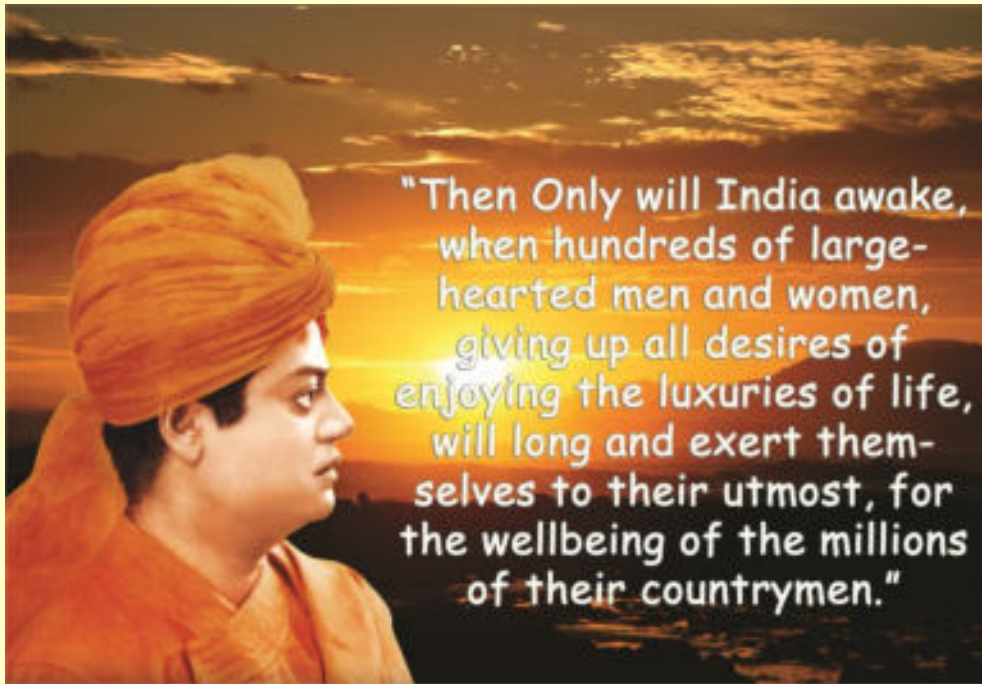
Shri K.S. Ramakrishnan, IAS, then collector of Kanyakumari District during the construction of Vivekananda Rock Memorial, visited on 17th January 2023

Amphibious warriors from the Pangode Military Station, Thiruvananthapuram, unfurled a 75-ft national flag at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari, on Thursday as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.





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1. **Offer** your services, expertise and or money to any of our branch centers or projects.
2. **Motivate** qualified and capable service minded youth, both men and women, to join us.
3. **Motivate** qualified and capable youth to join our school as teachers.
4. **Become** patrons, by joining Kendra's Patron Scheme.
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6. **Purchase** our publications, diaries, calendars and greeting cards.
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Construction	Own A Room Scheme	
For school buildings, hostels, Project buildings, Dispensaries, Auditoriums – several such construction activities aiding the service activities can benefit by your support.	Vivekananda Kendra has a scheme through which one can own a room in their name in the Vivekanandapuram campus. Similarly can donate and have your name on Vivekananda Rock Memorial.	

You can **donate** from here-
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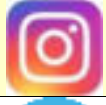
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- Eknathji Ranade
Founder - Vivekananda Kendra



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