

# **VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL AND VIVEKANANDA KENDRA**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
2018 - 2019**



### Present Managing Committee of Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari

President	:	Sri P. Parameswaran
Vice Presidents	:	Sri A. Balakrishnan
	:	Kum. Nivedita Bhide
General Secretary	:	Sri Bhanudas Dhakras
Joint General Secretaries	:	Kum. Rekha Davey
	:	Sri Pravin Dabholkar
	:	Sri Kishore Tokekar
Treasurer	:	Sri M. Hanumanta Rao
Members	:	Dr. M. Lakshmi Kumari
	:	Sri S. Gurumurthy
	:	Sri T.S. Krishnan
	:	Sri R.V.S. Marimuthu
	:	Sri R.Vishwas Lapalkar
	:	Kum. Aparna Palkar
	:	Sri Dipok Kumar Barthakur
	:	Prof. K.V. Varadarajan
	:	Sri M.D. Srinivasan
	:	Prof. Vanniyarajan
	:	Sri D. Balaji
	:	Sri K Prabhakar
	:	Sri R. Rajasekar
	:	Sri Abhay Dattatray Bapat





To  
The Members of the General Body  
Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra

We are happy to present here is a consolidated report of the activities undertaken by Vivekananda Kendra organization during the year 2018-19. Now Vivekananda Kendra organization has 11 Trusts wherein the Jeevanvratīs with the help of the local karyakartas are taking the specific message of Swami Vivekananda to the people.

This year was quite eventful as 'Watering the Roots' was taken as the theme to expand and consolidate the Kendra as Organization. More attention was paid by all on 'Pravas', Karyapaddhati', 'Baithak' and 'Prashikshan'. The Process Planning insisted in all Kendra Sthans is bringing results. These efforts were done in 246 branch centers, 83 Gram sthans and 673 Prakalp sthans in the country.

**The highlights of Kendra activities & programs during the year are :**

Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015 was conferred on Vivekananda Kendra for its Rural development and Educational work in the country. Mananeeya Shri P. Parameswaranji, President, VK received it in the hands of Hon'ble President Shri Ramath Kovind, and Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 26 February 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The award amount of Rs 1 cr shall be given for the welfare of the families of the martyrs protecting the nation.



PM Sri Narendra Modiji in his Tweet wrote– “The Vivekananda Kendra is doing commendable work towards the development of our villages. Their initiatives to improve education and community service have touched several lives, particularly youngsters. I congratulate @Vkendra for the Gandhi Peace Prize, 2015.”

Mananeeya Parameswaranji, VK President was honored with “Malliyur Sanskar Smriti Puraskaram”.





Dr. M. Lakshmi Kumari, Director VK Vedic Vision Foundation, Kodungallur (Kerala) was honored with the “Sukritam Bhagavata” puraskaram.

Kumari Nivedita Bhide, VK Vice-President was honored with D. Litt. by SNTD Mahila University, Mumbai.



On 1st March 2019 Mananeeya Sri Narendrabhai Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India visited Ramayan Darshanam and Bharatmata Sadanam. In Visitors book he recorded the words “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”.

VK NARDEP's research in Improved Biodegradable Waste Based Bio-Methanation was awarded patent by Government of Sri Lanka. It received Best paper award during National conference on 'Marine Debris' organized by Marine Biological Association of India in the month of April 2018.



2nd Yoga Sastra Sangamam organized in Kanyakumari was attended by 146 from 15 states and 5 from overseas yoga scholars and students. 36 paper presentations were done in 8 sessions, all expressing deeper aspects of Yoga emphasizing the need to study of Yoga Sastra explained in Patanjali Yoga Sutras, Gherand Samhita, Yoga Vashishtha, Bhagavad Gita, etc.



Mananeeya Nivedita didi, VK Vice-President attended “World Hindu Congress” held at Chicago which was organized to mark the “125th year of Swami Vivekananda's epoch making Speech in the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago 1893”. She addressed the gathering in Hindu Women Forum.



North-east calling: On 15 Dec 2018, a program was held in Mumbai highlighting development of North-Eastern states and Kendra activities there. Minister of State (Home), H'ble Kiran Rijiju, LIC Chairman, Sri. V K Sharma and VK Vice-President, Sri A Balakrishnanji addressed the gathering of



prominent personalities and appealed for contribution for Kendra work in NE .

Akhil Bhartiya Adhikari Baihthak was organized at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari where 419 Adhikari karyakartas from all branches & prakalpas took part for 3 days.

Visitors - Vivekananda Rock Memorial – 19,65,319; Ramayana Darshanam &, Bharatmata Sadanam – 1,55,259; 4 Exhibitions (Wandering Monk, Arise! Awake! Gangotri & Gramodaya Darshan Park) –59,083 ; Pilgrims stayed in Campus – 1,70,608; Dispensary beneficiaries – 7,925; Eye Camps – 12 Patients-2,870 – Sent for cataract operation – 541; 35 National organizations used Vivekanandapuram campus for orientation camps – 4,945 attended.

Yoga Shiksha Shibir – 231 participants; Spiritual Retreat –155 participants; Rashtriya Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibir – 124 participants; Acharya Prashikshan Shibir – 116 teachers

During the year, 37th Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya in Arunachal Pradesh was started in Mukto, Tawang District. We are grateful to Sri Pema Khandu ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, the Education Minister and also the Education Dept for handing over the existing school to Kendra .

VK Vedic Vision Foundation took urgent relief work during August Pralaya - Floods and then rehabilitation work in Thrissur District - Survey was done by our Karyakartas: 2000 houses; Water supply to 2000 houses; Groceries Supply to: 1000 houses; Clothes, bed-sheets etc to 2000 houses; Medicines supplied to 500 houses; Utensils to 500 houses; Uniforms to Students: 250; Books to school library -1 school was supported by books worth Rs. 25,000/- ; A tailoring unit started to support the women. 60 sisters are getting training; Our Karyakartas visited the houses and patiently listened-understood to the pain of the people and supported in every way for their settling after the floods. An assistance worth Rs 22.59 lacs was given to the affected people.



Another natural calamity that hit Tamil Nadu was Gaja Cyclone. With the help of VKNARDEP karyakartas, assistance worth Rs 14.74 lacs was given to the affected people.

During the year All India Adhikaris did extensive Pravasa of Karyasthan, Nagar sthan, Vibhag, Prant Sthans and also various Prakalpa centres.

There has been increase in the Karyapaddhati. Presently we have– 189 Kendra Vargas- 2774 attendance ; 170 Swadhyay Vargas- 2522 attendance ; 707 Samskar Vargas- 18180 attendance

