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*Vasudhaiva
Kutumbakam*



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केन्द्र प्रार्थना

जय जय परमात्मन् संस्मरामो वयं त्वां
निजपरमहितार्थं कर्मयोगैकनिष्ठाः ।
इह जगति सदा नस्त्यागसेवाऽऽत्मबोधैः
भवतु विहतविघ्ना ध्येयमार्गानुयात्रा ॥ १ ॥

*O Ishvara! Victory to You! We remember you and invoke you!
In our lives, for the sake of our highest good we have chosen
Karma Yoga as the only firm path. In this world let the obstacles
in our Pilgrimage to our destination be removed always by our
Renunciation, Service and Self-knowledge.*

वयं सुपुत्रा अमृतस्य नूनं
तवैव कार्यार्थमिहोपजाताः ।
निष्कामबुद्ध्याऽऽर्त विपन्नसेवा
विभो! तवाराधनमस्मदीयम् ॥ २ ॥

*We are verily the children of Immortality. We are born here to
carry out Your work only. Service rendered to the suffering and
the fallen with wisdom and understanding untainted by desire
becomes our worship to You O Ishvara!*

प्रभो! देहि देहे बलं धैर्यमन्तः
सदाचारमादर्शभूतं विचारम् ।
यदस्माभिरङ्गीकृतं पुण्यकार्यं
तवैवाशिषा पूर्णतां तत्प्रयातु ॥ ३ ॥

*Ishvara! Give us strength in our body and courage in our heart.
Let our conduct and thought be ideal and let it be as per the
ideal we have chosen. The sacred task, which we have solemnly
undertaken, Let Your blessings alone take it to fulfilment.*

जीवने यावदादानं स्यात् प्रदानं ततोऽधिकम् ।
इत्येषा प्रार्थनाऽस्माकं भगवन् परिपूर्यताम् ॥ ४ ॥

*Whatever we receive in life let us give far more than
that. This is our prayer O Bhagavan! Please fulfill it.*

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Om Shanti: Shanti: Shanti: ॥

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From the General Secretary's Desk

Pranams,

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari for the year 2022-23.**

In the following pages, we have made an effort to present the work done by the Kendra through its branches, projects and Trusts. We received guidance for all activities from all office bearers of the organisation. While much has been done, we are conscious that we have miles to go. At the same time, we are confident, with your help and guidance, we will be in a position to further strengthen our work in the years to come.

Inspiring people to Swami Vivekananda's life and message is very important, as, in it, there is all positive and nothing negative. It is these thoughts that have shaped the people of our nation over the last 130 years and they will continue to guide us till eternity.

For the first time in the history of the nation, India assumed the Presidency of G 20, which, it will hold from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. The whole world looks at Bharat as she alone can show the way in the present turmoil. The world scenario today, reminds us of the words of Dr. Arnold Joseph Toynbee (1,889-1,975), 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 into a single family."

The theme chosen by India for G20 viz. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" clearly defines our role.

Vivekananda Kendra, a spiritually oriented service mission, is an Institutional Partner of the "Civil 20 (C20) Engagement Group" during India's G20 Presidency. Around 1,600 NGOs / Civil Societies were associated in consultations organized in almost all states.

Kendra has proposed to step up its activities in "Colleges" and "Families". The *Amrit Pariwar* is essential to take up the challenge of consumerism. Individuality is catching up our society very fast, which needs to be arrested. Therefore, *Karyashalas and Pariwar Sankuls* have been initiated through all the branches of Kendra. **"Samartha Pariwar, Surakshit Bharat!"**

Swami Vivekananda had said:

"My faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation, out of them will come my workers. They will work out the whole problem, like lions."

This has become important as Bharat has around 60% youth. This Young Bharat has to be given vision to work for the nation to realise the vision of Swami Vivekananda of *Jagadguru Bharat*. Many programs are being organised across Bharat for the college going youth to inspire them to imbibe the vision of Swami Vivekananda.

We seek cooperation from all of you to spread the vision and mission of Swami Vivekananda of *Jagadguru Bharat*.

Dhanyosmi!

Bhanudas Dhakras

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PS: Please do not hesitate to write to me at gs@vkendra.org with your thoughts and feedback!

Vivekananda Kendra across India

