

# SRI RAMAKRISHNA SEVA SAMITHI BAPATLA – 522 101

## ANNUAL REPORT 2000-2001

Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi started in 1970 as a registered spiritual organisation and works as per the motto – "Atmano mokshardham Jagaddhitayacha" – 'for the liberation of oneself and for the good of the world'. A brief report of the activities of the Samithi during 2000-2001 is as follows :

**Spiritual activities :** On all days simple puja in the forenoon and Ramakrishna Aratrikam in the evenings were conducted. Ramanaam Sankirtana was conducted on all Ekaadasi days.

**Dussehra :** Dusshera was celebrated with daily recitation of hymns of 'Durga Saptasati' culminating on Vijayadasami day which coincided with the 31<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Samithi.

**Kalpataru day :** The Kalpataru day and Guru Poonima were celebrated by offering incense to Sri Sri Guru Maharaj by all the devotees, followed by meditation.

The thithi pujas of Sri Sri Guru Maharaj and Sri Sri Ma and Sri Swamiji Maharaj were celebrated. On the birthday of Holy Mother, 148 candles were lit in the evening by the devotees.

**Other festivals :** All important festivals like Sri Rama Navami, Krishnastami, Guru Poonima, Vinayaka Chaturthi etc. were celebrated through the year with puja in the mornings, arathi and bhajan in the evenings. On the occasion of Krishnastami competitions for school children were conducted in recitation of 'Sri Krishna Ashtakam' and a quiz was conducted on the topic 'Bhagavan Sri Krishna'. Prizes were given away to the winners.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** On 28<sup>th</sup> January a spiritual retreat was conducted by Swami Sasikantanandaji, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada.

**Publication of Books :** During the year our Samithi brought out a book by name, "Paramarthika Nidhulu!", containing the letters of Swami Turiyananda a brother monk of Swami Vivekananda. The book was translated by Late Sri BSR Anjaneyulu garu, the founder of our Samithi. The book was received well by the Telugu readers.

**Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme (VCAP):** Under the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vivekananda Cultural Awards programme, competitions were conducted for students from L.Kg to Degree levels covering Guntur and Prakasam districts.

Individual mementoes were given away to the winners of different events like recitation of Geetha, essay writing, elocution, debate, art, music and quiz. The topics mainly consisted of the teachings of Swamiji or the issues of national importance.

**Annadanam :** On 04.03.2001 (Sunday) coinciding with the birthday of Sri Sri Guru Maharaj, 'Narayana Seva' was organised by distribution of food. More than 400 needy poor were sumptuously fed. A programme to feed the needy children attending Samithi regularly is also continued during this year.

**Ramakrishna Vivekananda Study Circle :** The study circle meetings were held on Sundays with readings from the words of Swami Vivekananda and discussion.

**Balavihar :** The activity of children, that is the main stay of our Samithi, the 'Balavihar' continued to make very good progress. Children are being encouraged to participate in all the activities of the Samithi.

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Children are being imparted the message of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda and on topics of Indian culture through story telling, recitation of poems and slokas from scriptures and quotations of Swami Vivekananda. Children attending the Samithi regularly are being provided with food during evenings.

**Deepavali:** The festival of lights 'Deepavali' was celebrated by burning the effigy of Narakasura and with the distribution of sweets and crackers to the children.

**Sale of literature :** Book stalls were organized at several places in Bapatla. Books to the tune of Rs.69,384/- were sold during the year.