

SRI RAMAKRISHNA SEVA SAMITHI

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Our Samithi founded with the inspiration of Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order continued its multifarious activities during the present year.

We present hereunder the various activities undertaken on several fronts in the following order:

1. Spiritual activities; 2. Youth Activities; 3. Publication of Books; 4. Children's activities; 5. Other service activities;

Daily Prayer meeting was held on all days throughout the year. Simple morning puja was also conducted throughout the year. All the other important celebrations like Sri Rama Navami, Krishna Ashtami, Vinayaka Chaviti, Siva Ratri Christmas Eve were conducted in the Samithi with Puja in the morning and special Bhajan in the evening.

Kalpataru Day was celebrated on 1st January with Puja in the morning and lighting of incense sticks and meditation in the evening.

All the important celebrations like Tithi Pujas of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda were held with Puja in the morning and with arati and a discourse in the evening.

On Vinayaka Chaviti Balavihar children made idols of Vinayaka with earth and the idols were worshipped. In the evening 'Nimajjanam' was performed with sankirtan.

On Deepavali day the effigy of 'Narakasura' was prepared by the children and the same was burnt. Later sweets and crackers were distributed among children.

On Ekadasi Days Ramanama Sankirtanam was done in the evenings.

All the Birthdays of the 16 direct disciples were conducted with a discourse in the evening by Sri N. Ramagopal on the life and teachings of the disciple.

Throughout the year on all Mondays Dr. B. Nagalingam, Vice-President of our Samithi conducted discourses on the lives of householder devotees of Sri Ramakrishna from the Book 'They lived with God' and on all Thursdays and Sundays Geeta Classes and Lectures on Kathamrita were conducted by Sri A.G.K. Murthy, President of our Samithi.

A spiritual retreat was conducted by Srimat Swami Supriyanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada on 28.10.2001.

2. Youth activities:

Study circle was held regularly from 7.30 P.M. to 8.15 P.M. every day. It is receiving good response from the high school and college students. Annual Competitions were conducted for students of School and college under the name Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme from 24th January to

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27th January, 2002. Competitions were held in events like elocution, essay writing, singing devotional songs etc. and the response during the year was good.

On 27th January, 2002 Srimat Swami Supriyanandaji Maharaj presided over the public meeting in which prizes were distributed for the prize winners.

1. **Publication of Books:** The books published by Samithi continued to receive good response from the spiritual aspirants throughout the year.
2. **Children's activities:** Children activity 'BALAVIHAR' continued as a very important activities of the Samithi. Children from the nearby locality attend Samithi regularly and are involved in all kinds of activities. During the year 'Academic assistance' was given to the children by teaching them. Every evening moral classes were conducted for the children in which they are taught moral stories from Indian culture, life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda and Bhagavad Geeta.
3. **Other service activities:** During the year 25 kgs. of skimmed milk power was distributed as milk to the children of the Samithi.
4. During the year new dresses were stitched and distributed for 20 children with the financial assistance of the donors and Samithi.