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ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

Our Samithi which was founded in the year 1970 as a registered society with the inspiration of monks of the Ramakrishna Order continued its multifarious activities during the financial year ending 31.03.2007.

People from all walks of life and religions participate in all the activities of our Samithi. We present hereunder the various activities undertaken on several fronts: 1. Youth Activities; 2. Children's activities; 3. Competitions for Children and Youth; 4. Publication of Books; 5. Rural Development; 6. Spiritual activities; 7. Regular Lectures; 8. Narayana Seva and 9. Others.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Many young people attend our Samithi regularly. Some of them are pursuing studies and others are working as carpenters, masons and rickshaw-pullers etc. We are encouraging all these young minds with the inspiring and patriotic ideas of Swami Vivekananda.

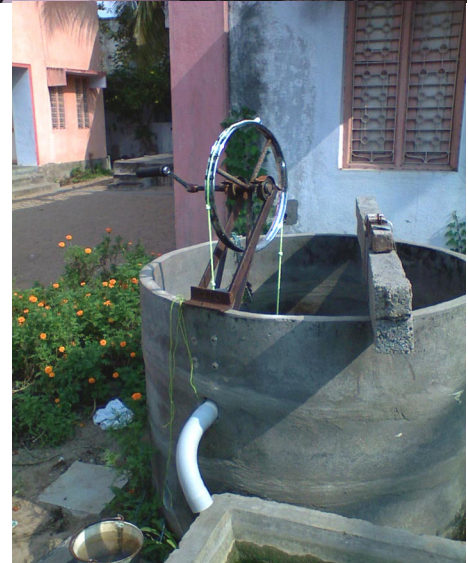
'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN' PROJECT

During the year under this project the youth are trained in various skills like making leaf plates, painting, whitewashing, plumbing, electrical wiring, gardening, bee-keeping, DTP, making of rope pumps and promoting the character building literature by conducting bookstalls. During the year an amount of Rs.12,236/- was paid to the youth members of the Samithi as an incentive.

LECTURE MEETINGS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

During the year, (an eminent scientist) **Dr. T.G.K Murthy, Out-standing scientist, ISRO, Bangalore** visited our samithi. Samithi arranged a lecture meeting on "Space technology and the prospects for engineering professionals" which was conducted on three consecutive days and attended by a large number of students from the local colleges.

C.Sridhar, IAS, Bihar, who was formerly a youth member of the samithi visited Bapatla and addressed the youth of the samithi and those from the local colleges.



Sri K. Srikanth Phani, Scientist, University of Cambridge, England who was formerly a youth member of the samithi visited Bapatla and addressed the youth members of the samithi.

Personality Development work-shops: Sri A. Natarajan and Sri K.V.R.G. Sarma, members of the Management Committee of the Samithi, conducted two lectures for the local college and school going youth on personality development.

Vivekananda Study Circle: The youth members attending the samithi study the works of Swami Vivekananda with the help of the members of the Management Committee of the samithi and help run the day to day activities of the samithi. They also learn yoga and utilize the Library of the samithi.

NARAYANA SEVA (POOR FEEDING)

On 18th February, 2007 Narayana Seva was conducted on the occasion of the birth anniversary Sri Sri Guru Maharaj. Approximately 500 people were sumptuously fed.



CHILDRENS ACTIVITY

'BALAVIHAR' i.e., Children activity is continuing as a very important activity of the Samithi. Right from the inception of the Samithi in 1970 the founder of our Samithi Late Sri BSR Anjaneyulu garu encouraged children to participate in the activities of the samithi.

About 40-50 children from the nearby locality attend Samithi regularly and are involved in all kinds of activities. Everyday the children arrive at the Samithi after 4.00 PM. They play for sometime. They also attend to works like gardening, keeping the premises clean. They are encouraged to gather flowers and making garlands.

All these children belong to poorer families with meager income and their parents do not have any formal education. Hence, great emphasis is laid on training these children and encouraging them to attend school regularly. Special attention is paid to 'girl-child'. Special classes are being conducted to impart skills like drawing, embroidery, cooking and singing for the girls.

Everyday a yoga class is conducted for children. During summer a special camp on yogasanas is conducted for children and certificates were given to the participants.

Everyday 3 kgs of wholesome and nutritious food is cooked and fed to the children. Another unique feature of this activity of feeding the children is the food is prepared in the fully equipped kitchen of the Samithi itself by the voluntary work of the dedi-



cated team of inspired teenagers and elders of the Samithi. Children are also encouraged to watch the preparation of the food hence they will have hands on experience about the techniques of cooking.

The programme of providing '**Academic assistance**' to the children studying in Telugu Medium classes continued this year also. During this year, our Samithi encouraged two volunteers by name Mr. P. Ashok and Mr. P. Santosh to teach various subjects to the children on part-time basis on payment of an honorarium. Other elder members of the samithi actively participated in teaching the children.

The children are provided with school dresses, pens, pencils, geometry boxes, note-books, study material - both prepared and purchased and other items as per necessity.

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 by using a computer for displaying various items.

Other activities like singing, chanting, playing musical instrument like dholak are also taught. During the year new dresses are provided to all the deserving children who are attending Balavihar.

Continuing Education: Many children coming to Samithi are very poor and they cannot continue their studies because of poverty. Hence we are encouraging them to appear for short term courses like the Hindi Examinations conducted by 'Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachara Sabha' and to attend and pass the examinations like 7th standard and 10th standard privately. We are providing all the necessary assistance like paying their examination fee, purchasing books for them and arranging for special coaching for them. During the year, three passed the prathamika examination and two have passed the madhyamika examination conducted by Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachara Sabha.'



SPONSORING STUDENTS TO VARIOUS COURSES:

During the year we have sponsored the following three students for attending various courses.

Mr. P. Ashok for pursuing studies in M.Sc. Physics at Bapatla Engineering College, Bapatla.

Mr. P. Subba Rao to take up a four year diploma course in 'Temple Architecture' being conducted by TTD at Tirupati.

Mr. P. Santosh Kumar for attending a month long yoga training programme at 'Swami Vivekananda Yoga Prakashana' (A Deemed University) at Bangalore.

CULTURAL COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS – 22ND VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL AWARDS PROGRAMME (VCAP)

Annual Competitions were conducted for students of School and college under the title "Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme". During this year competitions were conducted for school and college students separately. Sri KVRG Sarma, Vice-president acted as the Convenor in organizing the competitions.

SCHOOL LEVEL

22nd Annual VCAP competitions were held from 06.08.2006 to 16.08.2006 in which around 2500 school children participated enthusiastically. The competitions mainly aim at spreading the universal message of Swami Vivekananda, inculcate patriotism, generate respect for our great cultural heritage and improving moral values and help in personality development. Various competitions like Essay writing, Elocution in English and Telugu, Quizzes like General quiz, Science quiz, Culture quiz, Recitation of Padyams, Slokams and quotations of Swami Vivekananda, Spot painting, Singing of devotional songs, patriotic songs, making models of science, and vocabulary tests etc. The competitions were conducted from L.Kg to 10th class at 6 levels.

"Pushpanjali", a moral education book published by our samithi is used extensively as a source book for these school level competitions. It is supplied at a special price of Rs.10/- (actual price Rs.20/-) for all the school children of Bapatla.

COLLEGE LEVEL

From 11th Oct. 2006 to 14th Oct. 2006 competitions were conducted for college-going youth. Various competitions like Essay writing, Elocution in English and Telugu, Debating, Quizzes like General quiz, Culture quiz, Spot painting, Kavitha rachana, Kathanika Rachana, Group discussion, Singing devotional songs, patriotic songs etc. were conducted. Topics like the life and message of Swami Vivekananda, and topics of cultural significance and national importance were primarily used for the competitions. A total of more than 300 students from 30 different colleges Guntur and Prakasam districts participated.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT

During the year 50 new dresses were distributed to the children of Saradapuri School. The new dresses were distributed to the Children of the School by Rev. Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj in the presence of Mandal Education Officer.

A work-shop was conducted to group of farmers on bee-keeping and a hands-on demonstration was given.



PUBLICATION OF BOOKS

The life-giving message of the Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda were spread by publication of books on a 'no loss-no profit' basis. All the books previously published by Samithi continued to receive good response from the youth and public and were reprinted.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- 1) "Hanumanthudu aadarshanga vyaktitva nirmaanam" and
- 2) "Problems and How to face them?"

During the year two new books were published by the Samithi. The book Hanumanthudu contains ideas on personality development for the youth. The second book entitled 'Problems and How to face them' is the English version of the book 'Samasyalu' originally published by our Samithi in Telugu which was written by Rev. Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math, Rajahmundry.



SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

Daily Prayer meeting was held on all days throughout the year. On Ekadasi Days Ramanama Sankirtanam was done in the evenings.

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

Sri Ramanavami was celebrated on 07.04.2006 with puja in the morning and rendering of Ramanama Sankirtanam in the evening.

Krishnashtami was celebrated on 16.08.2006 by performing puja in the morning and Sankirtan in the evening. In the evening children enthusiastically participated the play entitled catching the 'utti'.

On 27.08.2006 'Vinayaka Chaviti' was celebrated. Children made the idol of Lord Ganesha with clay. The idol was worshipped in the morning by all the children and 'nimajjanam' was performed in the evening.

The Birth anniversary of Holy Mother Sarada Devi was celebrated on 11.12.2006. Puja was performed



in the morning and in the evening 153 candles were lit and special sankirtan was performed.

On 10.01.2007 the Thithi Puja was performed on the Birth anniversary of Sri Swami Vivekananda.

The Birth anniversary of Sri Sri Ramakrishna was celebrated on 19.02.2007. Puja was performed in the morning and a discourse was held on the message of Sri Ramakrishna by Sri N. Ramagopal followed by sankirtan.

On 24th December Christmas Eve was celebrated in the Dhyana Mandiram. Sri G. Jayakar, Vice Principal, Salvation Army WBJ College, Bapatla spoke on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

New photographs of Sri Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda were installed in the temple shrine by Rev. Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj after performing Homa and Special puja on 21 Aug, 2006.

SPIRITUAL RETREATS:

Rev. Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math, Rajahmundry visited our Samithi and conducted a spiritual retreat on 22.08.2006.

Rev. Swami Supriyanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada visited our Samithi and conducted a spiritual retreat on 04.03.2007.

REGULAR LECTURES:

Discourses were held on 'Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna' on all Sundays and on the message of Bhagavad Geeta on Thursdays.

OTHERS

The members of the Samithi actively participated in the activities of Sri Ramakrishna Math and Mission centres at Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and the Andhra Pradesh Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhava Prachara Parishat and rendered voluntary service in various areas.

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SARVAM SRI RAMAKRISHNARPANAMASTU

(Amirapu Natarajan)
Secretary

Place: Bapatla.

Date: 14-04-2007

