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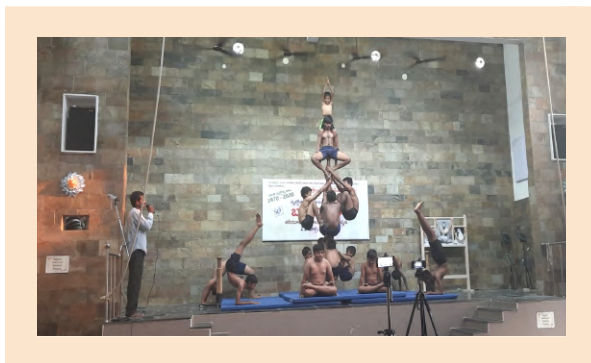
GOLDEN JUBILEE 1970 TO 2020

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Members of the Managing committee of the Samithi:

1. Prof. (Smt) Ch. Chiranjeevi, President
2. Sri K.S.S. Prasad, Vice-president
3. Sri Amirapu Natarajan, Secretary
4. Dr. Nemmani Ramagopal, Treasurer
5. Sri Bethalam Srinivasa Raju, Joint-secretary
6. Sri Amirapu Naresh, Member
7. Smt. Lavu Anuradha, Member
8. Sri Polimera Santosh Kumar, Member



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‘AtmanO mOkshArtham - jagaddhitAyacha’ - ‘For the liberation of oneself and for the benefit of all!’ - Our organization founded in the year 1970 as a registered society with the inspiration of monks of the Ramakrishna Order, continues to work, upholding the twin ideals given by Swami Vivekananda.

We present hereunder the various activities undertaken on several fronts during the financial year 2020-2021 : 1. Covid-19 lockdown; 2. Children’s activities; 3. Youth Activities; 4. Narayana Seva; 5. Annual Competitions; 6. Publication of Books, 7. Spiritual activities, 8. Regular lectures; 9. Other works; 10. COVID-19 Lockdown and Relief; 11. Acknowledgements.



1. COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

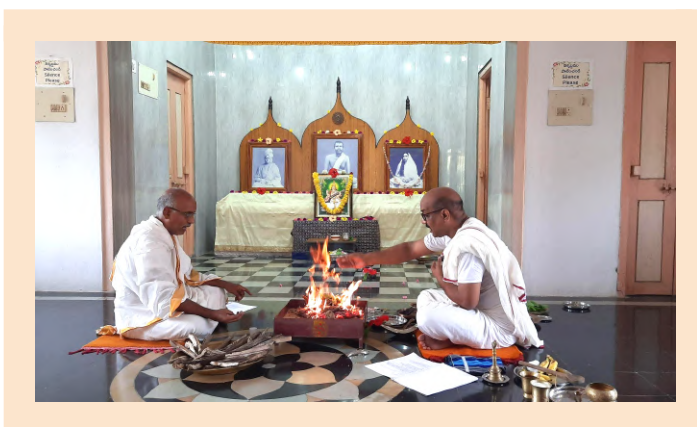
Because of Covid-19, our Samithi was under lockdown from Mar 23, 2020. Only 4 or 5 members attended to take care of bare minimum activities. Children were not allowed to attend Samithi. The lockdown continued upto Jan., 2021. Children and members attended samithi for approximately three months before the restricted entry was introduced again from 26 Mar., 2021.

Whatever works conducted were strictly following the Covid-19 norms and very few people were involved in order to avoid spread of the infection.

2. CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

About 60 children from the nearby locality, irrespective of caste and religion, attended Samithi regularly and actively involved in all kinds of activities.

Most of the Balavihar activity remained suspended throughout the year but for a short spell during Jan-Mar, 2021. An amount of Rs.3,03,312/- was spent on this programme during the financial year. Audio-visual equipment in the form of computers and monitors and sports equipment was added to a tune of Rs.2,71,459/-



These below mentioned activities were conducted during the days when the lockdown was relaxed during months of January to March, 2021.

Moral Classes and Informal coaching: The usual moral classes were conducted for the children which include narration of moral stories from Indian culture, life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda by using multimedia.

Supplementary Food: For the three months when the lockdown was relaxed, every evening the children were provided with supplementary food. A common kitchen run by the volunteers is being maintained in the Samithi. Everyday 4 kgs of food was served in the evening which was cooked in samithi along with fruits, juices, milk, snacks and curd.



Cookery Classes: A local businessman involved in large scale cooking is conducting classes for the children in cooking various items like groundnut chikki, laddu and various other items every Sunday at 3 pm. Ten to twenty children along with a few elders participated and helped.

Yoga Classes: Yoga classes for the children were conducted by Sri P. Santosh Kumar.



Mridangam Classes: Four boys of balavihar are being trained in playing Mridangam. The classes are held for three days in a week. Sri Kamaraju V. Kishore garu is conducting the classes



online from Vijayawada.

Carnatic Classical Music Classes: Suspended.

Hindi Examination: Suspended.

Karate Classes: Suspended.

Yoga Dresses: Yoga dresses were provided to 25 children on 14 Feb, 2021.

Talent Show: A talent show by Balavihar children was organized on 21 March, 2021 on the eve of Sri Ramakrishna Jayanthi. Children showcased their talents in physical activities like Mallakhamb, Yoga, stick-weilding (karra-samu), Karate, rope-jump and cultural activities like drama, recitation, Carnatic music, Mridangam, Bhajan etc.

3. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Free Online Yoga classes: From Vivekananda Bhavan, free online yoga classes are being conducted. Everyday from Morning 5 AM to evening 9 PM, 13 classes are being conducted, six days in a week. These classes are free and world-wide more than 500 from all age groups are attending and practicing and reaping the benefits of Yogasanas. Special classes for Pranayama and Advanced Yoga poses are also being conducted. Every class will have a Instructor and a Demonstrator. These classes are greatly appreciated by the general public. This programme is being organized by Sri P. Santosh Kumar, Managing committee member.



Afforestation programme: Under the leadership of our Treasurer, Dr. Nemmani Ramagopal, the volunteers of the samithi actively planted pongamia, gangaravi, neredu and other plants in Suryalanka area with the help of Sri Mantena Dasaratha maharaju garu. The work was mostly manual with voluntary work and Rs.2,400/- was spent.



International Yoga Day June 21, 2020: Conducted with an online demonstration.

Study Circle: Sri A. Natarajan, Secretary and Dr N. Ramagopal, Treasurer, were conducting a special study circle by online conference from 8 to 9 pm on every Sunday. Around 20 youth members from across the globe were attending this meeting. Bhagawad Gita in the light of Swami Vivekananda was the main topic of discussion.



Financial Aid/Scholarships: In the financial year an amount of Rs.2,09,622/- was disbursed as scholarship to several needy children from the Balavihar. The beneficiaries were Koti John Augustine (studying BFA, JN University of Architecture and Fine Arts, Hyderabad), P. Durga Rani (Nursing), I. Durga Bhavani (Nursing), L. Kaarunya (10th class), A. Venkateshwarlu Reddy (10th class), L.Naimisha (7th class), A. Kalpana (8th Class), Koti Eswar (9th class), P. Manoj Ramakrishna (7th class), P. Vinod Ramakrishna (6th class) and Sk. Mehboob Basha (10th class).

Earn while you learn: Not conducted. Three boys learnt the art of making wooden spatulas under the guidance of Chi. John Augustine (BFA).



Book-stalls: Not conducted. The book-stall van was purchased from Hyderabad Ramakrishna Math at a cost of Rs.50,000/-

Carnatic Music programme 'Sangeetha Jhari': Suspended.

Gymnasium: Suspended.

4. NARAYANA SEVA, SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Free Homeo Medical camps: Monthly Homeo Medical camps were not conducted but the Dr.N.Aruna Kumari, DHMS, a renowned homeo-physician, was treating the patients online throughout the year. Several patients with covid-19 symptoms were successfully treated.

Annadanam: Not conducted.

5. ANNUAL COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH:

Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme (VCAP): Suspended.

Vivekananda Yoga Competitions: Suspended.

Vivekananda Run (2K, 5K, 8K Run) (For general public): Not conducted.

6. PUBLICATION OF BOOKS:

No new publications were taken up during the year and a limited amount of books were sold. Books worth Rs.1,84,586/-were sold during the financial year.

7. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

Daily and Annual Activities: The programmes were conducted with one or two members in view of the Covid-19. Daily Prayer meeting was held on all days throughout the year. Vivekananda Ashtottara stotra is read on Mondays, Ramakrishna Stotra on Wednesdays and Sarada stotra on Fridays along with Sankirtan. On Ekadasi Days Ramanama Sankirtanam was conducted in the evenings.



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

No public were allowed to attend.

Spiritual Retreats: No spiritual retreats were conducted during the year.

Visits of Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order: Monks of the Ramakrishna Order did not visit Bapatla Samithi due to lockdown restrictions.

Visits of Important Guests: No guests visited the samithi during the year.

8. REGULAR LECTURES

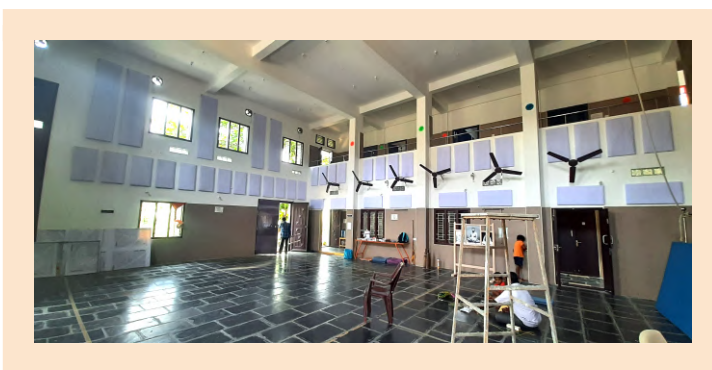
No Sunday lectures were held due to covid restrictions.

9. COVID-19 LOCKDOWN AND RELIEF: In view of the pandemic conditions prevailing the samithi activities were put under lockdown from 20 Mar, 2020. The balavihar children were advised to stay home and were given prophylactic homeo medicine.

10. OTHER WORKS: The kitchen room in the samithi was renovated with concrete benches, shelves, tiling and a new door opening into the corridor.

The computer tables were replaced in the ground floor of the samithi building.

Acoustic panels made of rockwool were arranged in the Vivekananda Bhavan to reduce the problem of resound.



Black sedimentary stone (Naapa rayi) was laid on the East side of Dhyanamandiram to accommodate parking of book-stall van etc.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

On Jan 8, 2021, our beloved President Prof Pannala Syamasundara Murthy garu passed away. Sri Murthy garu was associated from the Samithi right from the days of its inception and participated in most of the programmes with great enthusiasm even though he was not residing in Bapatla. The samithi acknowledges with great reverence the most valuable contributions of Sri Murthy garu to the Samithi over a period of 19 years, when he served as our president.

M/s Chandrasekhar & Co, Chartered Accountants, Hyderabad, audited our accounts. We thank them for the same. During the financial year 2020-2021, Samithi recieved Rs. 9,40,769.13 as general donations, Rs.2,43,415.24 as children's welfare donations. A total of Rs. 1,84,586/- worth publications of Samithi and of the Ramakrishna order were sold.

We are grateful to the monks of the Ramakrishna Order for their continued guidance and patronage. We also thank the numerous friends, well-wishers and donors for their continued support for the Samithi. May Sri Sri Guru Maharaj bless them all is our constant prayer.

Since the year of its inception in 1970, there were no paid servants in the Samithi. All the maintenance work like sweeping, dusting, cooking food for children, cleaning the vessels, maintaining the accounts etc., in the samithi were done by the volunteers.

We pray to the Holy Trio to shower their blessings on all the volunteers for their tireless efforts.

OM TAT SAT, SARVAM SRI RAMAKRISHNARPANAMASTU

Date: 26.08.2021
Place: Bapatla.

(Amirapu Natarajan)
Secretary

