

SRI RAMAKRISHNA SEVA SAMITHI

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APPEAL

ORIGINS:

Our organisation was founded in the year 1970 as a registered society with the inspiration from the monks of the Ramakrishna Mission. It continues to strive for upholding the ideal exhorted by Swami Vivekananda – “Atmano Mokshartham Jagaddhitaya cha”.

The Samithi was founded by Sri Boddupalli Sitaramanjaneyulu garu (BSR Anjaneyulu garu) after the 1969 cyclone rehabilitation work taken up by Ramakrishna Mission at Chirala. Ever since, the Samithi is conducting various activities for the past 43 years. Originally Samithi was operating from a rented premises. From 1985 onwards Samithi was shifted to the present premises because of the kind gesture of the Vijayalakshmi puram Trust Board in donating the land of 33 cents.

A BIRD'S EYE-VIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES:

1. The basic nature of the organization is **spiritual**. All the important festivals are celebrated with enthusiasm. The birthdays of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi, and Swami Vivekananda are specially celebrated. Daily prayer meetings, weekly talks by members of Samithi are conducted. Spiritual retreats under the guidance of Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order are conducted occasionally. We have **published** 17 books and a CD, which have been appreciated well by public. These are also available in our web-site for free download.

The children's activity "**Balavihar**" is the backbone of our Samithi. It is discussed in greater detail later on. College students who attend the **Study Circle** read the works of Swami Vivekananda and actively participate in all the activities as volunteers.

For the last 28 years, we have been conducting cultural competitions by the name "**Vivekananda Cultural Awards**" which have earned a good name in the town as well as places around Bapatla. They are held at both college and school levels and are attended by approximately 3000 children as well as youth and some 600 prizes are given away which include certificates, mementoes and books.



Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj, Dr PSS Murty,
Dr TKG Murty with balavihar children



Balavihar children after
distribution of bags etc.

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We conduct a monthly carnatic classical music recital programme 'Sangeeta Jhari' to encourage young artistes.

Service Activities: The Samithi took up rehabilitation and reconstruction of 'Saradapuri' village situated to the north of Bapatla after the 1977 cyclone in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission. The "Poleramma Temple" at Saradapuri is being maintained by the Samithi. The Samithi also conducted various relief works in Bapatla town whenever need arose. Further, the volunteers of the Samithi participated in the various service activities conducted by Ramakrishna Mission in Andhra Pradesh.

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DAY-TO-DAY WORKING OF THE SAMITHI:

Right from it's inception in 1970 our organisation encourages voluntary work and there are **no paid workers** or employees in our Samithi. Day to day works like cooking, plumbing and electrification and repairs are carried out by the youth members of the Samithi. In fact, our compound wall encircling 1/3 acre land was built using bricks made by volunteers.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY - "BALAVIHAR":

Every day around 50 children attend the Samithi and take part in the 'Balavihar' activity from 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm. These children hail from poor background and study at local municipal and government schools. Most of them are from single parent families, majority of them are girls. They are given all the possible help. Their normal routine is play, recitation of slokas and padyams, yogasanas, singing, classes for assisting in formal education and viewing children's films, cartoons etc. Everyday they are served with cooked food at 6.30 in the evening. A kitchen run by volunteers is maintained for this purpose. They are also provided with school uniforms, Yoga suits, toiletries, chappals, notebooks and other school supplies. Some of the children who excelled in studies are given scholarships for pursuing higher education. They are also encouraged to do 100m sprint, high jump, long jump etc.

Some selected children attend tailoring classes sponsored by Samithi. Our aim is to make children stand on their own feet. Poultry and bee-keep-



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ing are being pursued by some of the youth members with the assistance of our Samithi.

Several of these children who attend the Samithi over 10 years develop a kind of permanent bond with the organization. They continue their relationship with the organization even after they settle down at various places. Some of them specialized in sculpture, painting, carpentry, masonry etc. The children encouraged to make mosquito nets, sell the publications of Ramakrishna Math, electrical wiring etc., in a **Earn While You Learn** programme .



PRESENT AMENITIES AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS:

Presently the Samithi is situated on a plot admeasuring 33 cents (1/3 acre). The activities are being conducted in two buildings. One is the temple building with two floors. The first floor is used as a Prayer/Meditation Hall where all the spiritual activities take place. The ground floor is used for conducting Bala Vihar classes, packing and dispatching our publications. In the same floor four small rooms are used for kitchen, store, guest house and office.

The second building has open hall (20'X54') the ground floor of which is used for conducting yoga classes, evening coaching classes, public meetings and the monthly Sangeetha Jhari (carnatic music) concerts. The two small rooms in this floor are used, one for Library and another for the Homeopathy dispensary. On the first floor we have a hall with asbestos roof which is used as a study place and also as a work-shop for the elder youth members.

THE PROPOSAL:

The 'Balavihar' (children's activity) is expanding steadily and we need to increase the space available for it. The kitchen also needs to be enlarged. We propose to add other sports and gymnastics.

As shown in the plan, we propose to expand the second building by adding double height activity hall (32'X48') along with three rooms (15'X12') and toilets. Guest rooms and class rooms would be added to the existing structure and the old rooms would be suitably equipped to be of greater use. The kitchen and office would be reorganized in the Building No.1. (The layout of present structures and the proposed building is given in the plans.) The estimated expenditure is 30 lakhs. As we plan to do most of the carpentry, electrification, plumbing, painting and other works by volunteer force, the expenditure would come down.



We request you to kindly donate generously for this noble cause.

OUR OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Balavihar Daily Expenditure Rs. 1000/- approximately. You may contribute for a day/month/year. 2. We plan to bring forth more publications for children and youth at subsidized prices. This activity needs funding. Willing donors can donate to subsidize individual books and their name would be suitably displayed in the book. 3. Public Address system in the new building. Rs. 50,000/- 4. Solar system 2,00,000/-

Our Bank A/c Details: Andhra Bank, Ag. College Branch, Bapatla - PIN 522101. IFSC code:ANDB0001185

A/c No. for remittance in **Indian Rupees** 118510011001927

A/c No. for remittance in **Foreign Currencies** 118510011001898

Yours in service of the Lord,
Natarajan Amirapu
Secretary

OUR WEB-SITE

AND E-MAIL:

You can browse our various activities in detail in our website. You can also find our annual reports along with audited accounts in our web-site.

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The present layout and the proposed expansion.

