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Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi, Bapatla 522101 AP REPORT OF SERVICE AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

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 - 'AtmanO mOkshArtham - jagaddhitAyacha' - 'For the freedom (liberation) of oneself and for the benefit of the society!'

We present hereunder the various activities undertaken on several fronts: 1. Children's activities, 2. Youth Activities, 3. General Service Activities, 4. Annual Competitions, 5. Publication of Books, 6. Rural works.



1. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The activity of children - christened 'BALAVIHAR' by our founder Sri BSR Anjaneyulu garu - is a very important activity of the Samithi. This is a daily activity. About 60 poor children from the nearby localities, irrespective of caste and religion, attend Samithi regularly and are actively involved in all kinds of activities.

Balavihar expenditure: 2014-15: Rs.2,58,868; 2015-16: Rs.2,90,586; 2016-17: Rs.2,57,254

Free Moral Classes and Tutition/Coaching

Moral education classes are conducted for the children which include narration of moral stories from Indian culture, life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda by using

multimedia. The samithi publication “Pushpanjali” is extensively used for this purpose. ‘Academic assistance’ is provided by the volunteers of the samithi who are well qualified.



Books and other requirements

The children of Balavihar mostly come from poor background and study in the local municipal and government schools. They are provided with pens, pencils and other stationery, notebooks and other reading material. Internet is extensively used to teach lessons to widen their understanding.

Play

Children are encouraged to play every evening . They are allowed to play various games under the supervision of volunteers.



Strength Training

The children of balavihar are being given strength training with pull-ups, push-ups, squats, skipping, dips etc. The body weight and performance is regularly monitored and is charted on yearly basis and is given to children as certificates.



Supplementary Food

Every evening the children are provided with supplementary food. A common kitchen run by the volunteers is being maintained in the Samithi. Everyday, 6 kgs of food is being cooked and served along with fruits, juices, milk and curd.

Monkey-bars

Five sets of monkey bars, parallel bars and pull-up bars are fabricated and installed by youth members in the samithi premises.

Yoga Classes

Every evening, yoga classes for the children were conducted by Sri P. Santosh Kumar, M.Sc. Yoga, a qualified yoga trainer and a member of our samithi.

Free Mridangam Classes

Eight boys of balavihar are selected and are being trained in playing Mridangam. The classes are held for two days in a week (Sunday and Wednesday). The classes are free. A renowned Mridangam artist from Vijayawada, Sri Kamaraju Kishore garu is conducting the classes. The samithi pays Rs.9,600/month to the teacher.



Free Carnatic Classical Music Classes

Five girl children of balavihar are selected to be trained in Carnatic classical music. The classes are held for three days in a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). These classes too are free. Sri Inupakutika Subrahmanya Sarma, a renowned classical music teacher of Bapatla, is conducting the vocal music classes. The samithi pays Rs.4,000/month to the teacher.



Free Hindi Examination Coaching Classes

The children of Balavihar were given free coaching to attend the 'Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachara Sabha' examinations. Children are provided with text books, and the examination fees is paid by samithi.

Number of students attended and passed the examination. 2015 - 8; 2016 - 11; 2017 - 18.

Certificate in Drawing of the Technical Board

Students are encouraged to appear for the Drawing (lower and higher) Examination conducted by the Directorate of Government Examinations (Technical Board), Government of Andhra Pradesh. 15 students appeared for the examinations after obtaining financial assistance and coaching from the Samithi.



School Uniforms and Yoga Dresses

Every year, all the poor and deserving children are provided with school uniforms and yoga dresses and normal clothing at periodical intervals.

2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Seminars in Colleges by the Monks of Ramakrishna Order

Youth Seminars for Personality Development are regularly conducted both in samithi and at colleges on invitation. Several Swamis, including Revered Swami Guneshanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Visakhapatnam, Swami Anupamananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Tirupathi, Revered Swami Divyanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Kolkata and Revered Swami Shashikanthanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada visited Bapatla and conducted personality development lectures in various Schools and Colleges.

Vivekananda Run (2k and 5k)

“Strength is life and weakness is death!” said Swami Vivekananda. Samithi is conducting two programmes of 2 km and 5 km “runs” for the public of Bapatla every year since 2016. The competition was organized for different age groups of men and women separately and suitable mementoes and prizes were given away.



International Yoga Day

The international Yoga Day is being conducted by the Samithi not only at the Samithi campus but around the town in several schools and colleges. More than 5000 students participate each year and get awareness of yoga and its benefits. More than ten volunteers from samithi go around the town conducting the programme.



Gymnasium

Swami Vivekananda laid much stress on physical culture. A gymnasium is established in the samithi, for the youth to train in bodybuilding and yoga. Some of the items were purchased and some of the items were fabricated by the youth members locally. This activity is organized by Sri P. Santhosh Kumar.

New Building for Youth Activities

A new building is being constructed in a nearby site that is also owned by the samithi to create more space for its youth activities. The new building consists of a 2000 sq.ft. auditorium of 20' high RCC roof and class rooms of 2000 sq.ft. in two floors. This building will accommodate various activities for the youth conducted by the samithi.



Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Programme for School and College Girls

Smt. M. Madhavi, a member of the Samithi and a qualified pharmacist, conducted 'menstrual hygiene awareness workshops for girls' in schools and colleges, in and around Bapatla town. Till date Smt. Madhavi, along with lady volunteers from samithi, covered hundreds of educational institutions - both schools and colleges - and conducted lectures for nearly 20,000 girls. For this programme, samithi acquired a portable LCD projector and a portable speaker system.



Yoga demonstrations, applicable to this programme, are also being conducted in schools and colleges by girls who are specially trained in our Samithi.

Study Circle

A personality development Study circle was conducted regularly in the samithi. Teachings of Swami Vivekananda were the topic of discussion along with learning English and general knowledge through reading, discussing, and watching documentaries. The youth were encouraged to practice yogasanas. Sri A. Natarajan, Secretary is conducting a special study circle by online conference from 8 to 9 pm on every Sunday. Several youth members from across the globe are attending this meeting. Bhagawad Gita in the light of Swami Vivekananda was the main topic of discussion.

Financial Aid/Scholarships

Samithi distributes scholarships to deserving children and college going youth associated with Samithi.

Scholarships expenditure: 2014-15: Rs.33,206 2015-16: Rs.38,418
2016-17: Rs.1,00,268

Spoken English Classes

Spoken English classes are conducted by Sri B. Srinivasa Raju, Joint Secretary and Dr. N. Ramagopal, Treasurer. Each course is of three month duration.

Computer Lab

Several computers and laptops were donated along with chairs and tables by the youth members and well-wishers. A Computer Lab is established in one of the rooms of the samithi. The machines are extensively used for teaching children. A large monitor is used for conducting classes and showing good films and documentaries.



Earn while you learn

Swami Vivekananda exhorted the youth of India to stand on their own feet. Samithi is making efforts to impart various skills to the youth attending the Samithi. The youth were also encouraged to learn skills by making jute bags, plumbing, electric wiring, gardening, tailoring, packing books and other maintenance works in the samithi on a voluntary basis. The youth are provided with an incentive wherever possible.

Book-stalls

Book-stalls to spread the message of Swami Vivekananda by selling the low priced books of Ramakrishna Math and the Samithi are conducted by the youth members. A nominal incentive is paid to the volunteers.

A mobile book-stall arranged in a van, provided by Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad, is being used to spread the literature in and around Bapatla.



Afforestation programme

The treasurer of the Samithi, Dr. Nemmani Ramagopal, is organizing the afforestation programme. Pongamia and other plants which were planted in Vijayalakshmi puram are being regularly watered by the volunteers and Balavihar children of the samithi. Some of the saplings planted a few years ago have become big trees. Each year, more than three hundred saplings are planted.

Old water bubbles of 20 litre size are being used to grow pongamia saplings in the samithi premises. Saplings grown to a height of 4-5 ft were planted. Some of them were supplied to the municipality for planting in other localities in Bapatla. The volunteers of the

samithi planted pongamia plants and Palmyra seeds in the Suryalanka Beach of Bapatla which are growing well.

Carnatic Music programme ‘Sangeetha Jhari’

With a view to encourage young learners of Carnatic Music to perform in public, a monthly programme entitled “Sangeetha Jhari”, is being conducted on the last Sunday every month. In this, young artists would perform to the accompaniment of drums and other instruments played mostly by youngsters.

Till date 97 monthly concerts were conducted and an anniversary is also conducted in January by inviting eminent people to speak and motivate the children learning music.



Educational tours

The members of Balavihar and the youth members are taken on educational tours regularly. Expenditure: 2014-15: Rs. 8,032 2015-16: Rs. 5,850 2016-17: Rs. 10,800

3. GENERAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

NARAYANA SEVA (Annadanam)

Every year, an annadanam programme is conducted on the occasion of the birth anniversary Sri Sri Guru Maharaj. 450 to 500 people are sumptuously fed.

Annadanam expenditure: 2014-15: Rs. 11,469 2015-16: Rs. 12,697 2016-17: Rs. 10,858.

Free Homeo-camps

Homeo camps are being conducted by the Samithi on first Sunday of



every month. Dr.N.Aruna Kumari, DHMS, a renowned homeo-physician, treats the patients. All the medicines were provided free of cost. The activity received good response from the citizens of the locality. Nearly 100 patients attend each camp and avail the services.

Free Homeo camp expenditure: 2014-15: Rs. 12,985 2015-16: Rs.11,103



Free Yoga classes

Every morning around 20 women attend a yoga class at 5.00 to 6.30 am in samithi.

In addition, free yoga classes are being conducted in various schools and colleges on invitation by the authorities of those institutions.

Donation of Desks and Benches to Primary schools

One hundred sets of Desks and Benches were donated in 2014 to two schools viz., Sitarama Primary school, VL Puram, Bapatla and Azad Upper Primary municipal school, Islampet, Bapatla with the financial assistance from Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad at an expenditure of Rs. 2,29,738/-



Inspired by this work, the

Municipal commissioner of Bapatla requested the samithi to repair 67 broken benches in the Municipal High School. The samithi executed this work at a cost of Rs.42,835/-

4. ANNUAL YOUTH COMPETITIONS: VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL AWARDS PROGRAMME

For the last 33 years, Annual Competitions are conducted for students of School and college under the name Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme. These competitions are held for school and college students separately. Various events like Essay writing & Elocution in English and Telugu, Painting, Pencil Drawing, Memory retention, Poetry writing, Quiz, Recitation of Poems, Slokams and



quotations of Swami Vivekananda, Light Music, Carnatic Music, Patriotic songs, Science Model Making and Vocabulary tests, Group discussion are conducted.

School Level

Competitions for school children are conducted from L.Kg to 10th class at 4 levels. For several of the competitions, the moral education book published by Samithi, 'Pushpanjali', is used as a source book. A total of 2000 children from 20 schools hailing from Bapatla and surrounding areas, participate in the event and usually 500 prizes of books, certificates and mementoes are given away.



College Level

Competitions for college students are conducted for intermediate and degree students separately. A Youth Seminar is conducted on the day of prize distribution. The swamis of Ramakrishna Mission address the students on personality development and self-improvement.

Cultural Competitions expenditure: 2014-15: Rs.11,469 2015-16: Rs.12,697 2016-17: Rs.10,858

VIVEKANANDA YOGA COMPETITIONS

An annual event in the name of Vivekananda Yoga Competitions is held for the school students of Bapatla. The competition was held for three levels - 5 & 6; 7 & 8; and 9 & 10 classes. Judges were invited from various places. Sri Mamidala Santosh, Sri Khadar vali and other judges gave away prizes.

5) PUBLICATION OF BOOKS

The samithi has so far published 20 books which contain the life giving message of Swami Vivekananda. These are



APPEAL

“In the world take always the position of the giver. Give everything and look for no return. Give love, give help, give service, give any little thing you can, but keep out barter. Make no conditions, and none will be imposed. Let us give out of our own bounty, just as God gives to us.”

- Swami Vivekananda.

The samithi appeals for donations to carry forward the man-making and character-building work of Swamiji.

Bank Account Details:

For Donations in Indian Currency

Name of the bank: Andhra Bank.
Name of the branch: Ag College branch, Bapatla.
Account name: Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi, Bapatla.
IFSC Code: ANDB0001185.
Account No: 1185 100 1100 1927.

For Foreign Contributions

The Samithi is having licence to receive Foreign Contributions (FCRA) issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and a seperate account is available for foreign contributions.

Name of the bank: Andhra Bank
Name of the branch: Ag College branch, Bapatla
Account name: Sri Ramakrishna Seva Samithi, Bapatla
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Yours in service of the Lord,
Amirapu Natarajan,
Secretary.

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