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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 liberation of oneself and for the benefit of all!'

We present hereunder the various activities undertaken on several fronts during the financial year 2017-2018 : 1. Children's activities; 2. Youth Activities; 3. Construction of a new building for Youth Activities; 4. Narayana Seva, 5. Annual Competitions; 6. Publication of Books, 7. Rural works, 8. Spiritual activities, 9. Regular lectures; 10. Other Programs; 11. Acknowledgements.

1. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The activity of children - christened '**BALA VIHAR**' by our founder Sri BSR Anjaneyulu garu - continued as a very important activity of the Samithi. About 60 children from the nearby locality, irrespective of caste and religion, attend Samithi regularly and are actively involved in all kinds of activities. An amount of 3,25,891.60 was spent on this programme during the financial year.

Among other activities detailed later, the children were taken to local exhibition (29/7/2017), excursion(06/08/2017). Some of the youth along with children visisted Papi Kondalu (11/07/2017).



Science experiment class and Audio Visual class in progres. Evening play.



Play equipment

The samithi premises has monkey bars installed for the children to play. Samithi also provides balls, raquets, carrom boards and other equipment for the children of various age groups to play. This year, an amount of Rs.31,687/- was spent on promotion of sports.

Moral Classes and Informal coaching

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. The samithi publication "Pushpanjali" is extensively used for this purpose. 'Academic assistance' was given to the children by the volunteers of the samithi.

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 5 kgs of food was served which was cooked in samithi along with fruits, juices, milk and curd.

Yoga Classes

Every evening, yoga classes for the children were conducted by Sri P. Santosh Kumar, a qualified yoga trainer and a member of our samithi. Volounteers of the Samithi under his leadership attended various schools and colleges and conducted free yoga classes.

Mridangam Classes

Eight boys of balavihar are selected to be trained in playing Mridangam. The classes are held for two days in a week. The classes are free. The teacher is being paid an honorarium by the samithi. A renowned Mridangam artist from Vijayawada, Sri Kamaraju Kishore garu is conducting classes.



Carnatic Classical Music Classes

Seven 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. The music teacher, Sri Inupakutika Subrahmanya Sarma, is being paid an honorarium by the samithi.

Hindi Examination

The children of Balavihar were encouraged to attend the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachara Sabha examinations. An amount of Rs.1,650/- was spent on books, fees etc. Eleven students were sent for this examination.

Certificate in Drawing of the Technical Board

Eight youth members attended this examination of which 3 for higher level and five for lower level. An amount of Rs 2,925/- was spent which included fee, boarding and travelling expenses to Guntur.

School Uniforms and Yoga Dresses

In April, 2017, eight children of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Suryalanka, Bapatla of Balavihar were provided with school uniforms. 45 children were provided with uniform dresses which are useful for practising Yoga.

2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2k, 5k runs

"Strength is life and weakness is death" said Swami Vivekananda. Samithi conducted a programme of 2 km and 5 km "runs" for the public of Bapatla.

The programme was conducted on 26 November, 2017 which consisted of a 2 km and 5 km run. The competition was organized for different age groups of men and women separately and suitable mementoes and prizes were given away. The run was flagged off by Sri Khadar Vali (85), a yoga-guru, sportsman and gymnast of local repute. He also gave away the prizes and mementoes.

International Yoga Day

International Yoga day was conducted in the samithi premises and in various schools and colleges around the town. Six colleges and 7 schools were covered by the volunteers of the samithi who gave dis-



courses on the importance of yoga asanas, demonstrated various yoga poses and gave a short training programme for the students.

Gymnasium

Swami Vivekananda laid much stress on physical culture. A gymnasium was established in the samithi, for the youth members to train in body-building. This activity was organized by Sri P. Santhosh Kumar.

Menstrual Hygeine Awareness for Girls

Smt. M. Madhavi, a member of the Samithi and a qualified pharmacist, conducted 'menstrual hygeine awareness workshops for girls' in 13 schools and 3 colleges, in and around Bapatla town. During this year she, along with lady volunteers from samithi conducted sessions which benefitted 3360 girls.



Study Circle

Study circle was conducted regularly. Teachings of Swami Vivekananda were the topic of discussion along with learning English and general knowledge,





through reading, discussing, and watching documentaries on the computer. The youth were encouraged to practice yogasanas.

Sri A. Natarajan, Secretary was conducting a special study circle by online conference from 8 to 9 pm on every Sunday. Around 10 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.1,65,280/- was disbursed as scholarship to several needy children, mostly from the Balavihar. The beneficiaries were Koti John Augustine (studying BFA, JN University of Architecture and Fine Arts, Hyderabad), M. Venkateswaramma (M.Sc.), L. Kaarunya (7th class), L.Naimisha (4th class), Koti Eswar (6th class), P. Durga Rani (Intermediate), P. Manoj Ramakrishna (5th class), P. Vinod Ramakrishna (3rd class) and Sk. Mehboob Basha (8th class).

Spoken English Classes

Spoken English classes for Samithi volunteers were being conducted by Sri B. Srinivasa Raju, Joint Secretary and Dr. N. Ramagopal, Treasurer. A total of ten members attended for a period of three months.

For this programme, the portable projector and the portable speaker system were used. The videos of Sri J. Balakrishna English Classes, were used as course material.

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 plumbing, electric wiring, gardening, tailoring, packing books and other maintenance works in the samithi on a voluntary basis.



Book-stalls

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

Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad supplied a van for the purpose of displaying the books and a pictorial exhibition on the life and message of Swami Vivekananda. More than 50 book-stalls along with the pictorial exhibition in various colleges and schools in Bapatla and surrounding areas were conducted.



Afforestation programme

The volunteers of the samithi actively planted pongamia plants. The pongamia and other plants which were planted in the road-sides of Vijayalakshmipuram are being regularly watered by the volunteers and Balavihar children of the samithi. The palmyra seedlings planted on the beach of Suryalanka survived in good numbers and are growing. More than three hundred saplings were planted during the year.

Old water bottles of 20 litre size are being used to grow pongamia saplings in the samithi premises.





Carnatic Music programme 'Sangeetha Jhari'

With a view to encourage young learner's of Carnatic Music, monthly programmes entitled "Sangeetha Jhari", were arranged on the last Sunday every month, where young talent is showcased. In this, Young singers would sing to accompaniment of drums and other instruments played mostly by youngsters.

The programme which completed 87 monthly concerts by March 2018, celebrated the seventh anniversary this year on 21 January, 2018. On this occasion a special lecture on carnatic music was conducted by Smt. Lanka Madhavi garu, Vice-Principal, Super-Wiz, Vijayawada. Prof. (Smt) Ch.Chiranjeevi, Agricultural College, Bapatla and Smt. G. Lakshmi, Music Teacher, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Guntur participated. The participants of monthly programmes conducted during the year, gave a special music recital and were given away participation certificates and mementoes.



3. NEW BUILDING FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A new building at a cost of 50 lakh rupees was initiated in this year. The building has a built-up area of 3500 sq.ft with a hall of 1975 sq.ft. It would fulfill the long standing need of the samithi for extra space for conducting youth activities, classes, meetings and other cultural events.

The foundation stone for the building was laid on 24 July, 2016 by Rev. Swami Divyanandaji Maharaj, (Senior Trustee, Ramakrishna Mission and Secretary, Sarada Peeth (Vocational College), Belur Math, Kolkata).

The actual work started on 12 March, 2018. Whenever possible the youth members of the samithi are doing voluntary work for the construction.

4. NARAYANA SEVA

Free Homeo Medical camps (Monthly)

Homeo Medical camps were conducted by the Samithi on first Sunday of every month. Dr.N.Aruna Kumari, DHMS, a renowned homeo-physician, was treating the patients. All the medicines were provided free of cost. The activity received good response from the citizens of the locality. Nearly 70 to 100 patients were attending each camp and were availing the services.





Narayana Seva (Annadanam)

On 10 February, 2018, Narayana Seva was conducted on the occasion of the birth anniversary Sri Sri Guru Maharaj. 400 people were sumptuously fed.

5. ANNUAL COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH: 32ND VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL AWARDS PROGRAMME

Annual Competitions were conducted for students of School and college under the name Vivekananda Cultural Awards Programme. During this year, the 32nd year of the competitions, they were conducted for school and college students separately.

School Level

This Years competitions were held on the theme "*Sister Nivedita - her life and message*" on the eve of her 150th birth anniversary.

From 02.08.2017 to 15.08.2017 competitions for school children were conducted from L.Kg to 10th class at 4 levels. Various events like Essay writing, Elocution in English and Telugu, Quiz, Recitation of Poems, Slokams and quotations of



Swami Vivekananda, Spot painting, Singing devotional songs, patriotic songs, model making and vocabulary tests, group discussion were conducted. For several of the competitions, the Samithi publication 'Pushpanjali' was used as a source book. A total of 2200 children from 18 schools hailing from Bapatla and surrounding areas, participated in the event.

On 20.08.2017 at 4 p.m. the school level VCAP prize distribution ceremony was conducted. Revered Swami Sannivasanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada graced the occasion, blessed the children and gave away the prizes and mementoes.

College Level

From 23.08.2017 to 28.08.2017 competitions for college students were conducted for intermedite and degree students.

A Youth Seminar was conducted on 02.09.2017 on the topic, 'The Life and Message of Sister Nivedita' in which Revered Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad spoke, answered questions of students and later gave away the prizes to winners of the competitions.



1ST VIVEKANANDA YOGA COMPETITIONS

A new event in the name of Vivekananda Yoga Competitions was held for the school students of Bapatla. The event was held on 24 Dec., 2017. The competition was held for three levels - 5 & 6; 7 & 8; and 9 & 10 classes. Judges were invited from various places. Around 100 participants attended the event. In the evening prize distribution was held at 11 AM. Sri Mamidala Santosh, Sri Khadar vali and other judges gave away prizes.

6) PUBLICATION OF BOOKS

During this year several of our publications were reprinted and all of them continued to receive good response from public.

7) RURAL WORKS

Saradapuri is the village that was reconstructed by the samithi after the severe cyclone of 1977 by construction of 99 pucca houses, a cyclone shelter and a temple for the local diety 'Poleramma'. The temple is being maintained by our samithi on a regular basis by painting etc. Samithi is also actively participating in helping the villages to conduct the anniversary "Tirunallu".

8) SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

Visit of Most Revered Gautamanandaji maharaj, Vice-president, Ramakrishna Math and Mission

Most Revered Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj visited our samithi on the evening of 28 June, 2018. Revered Swamiji gave harati in the shrine and blessed the devotees.

Daily and Annual Activities

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, sankirtana and discourses in the evening.



Jun 28, 2017



The Birthday of **Sri Sarada Devi** was celebrated on 09 December, 2017 with Puja in the morning and by lighting of candles and a lecture meeting in the evening. **Kalpataru day** which was celebrated on 1 January, 2018. The birthday celebrations of **Swami Vivekananda** were celebrated 08 January, 2018. **Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti** was celebrated on 17 February, 2018. Puja was performed in the morning. Sankirtan and lecture were conducted in the evening.

On 25 August, 2017, **Vinayaka Chaturthi** was celebrated. The youth members made an idol of Ganesh with clay which was worshipped. In the evening 'Nimajjanam' was performed with sankirtan. Dasara was celebrated with daily chanting of "Devi Saptashati" and **Vijayadasami**, which happens to be the anniversary of our samithi, was celebrated on 30

September, 2017 with puja in the morning and Sankirtan and Bilwa leaf offering in the evening. An idol of the mother was made by Chi. Koti John Augustine which was installed in the shrine worshipped and Nimajjanam was done in the evening for the idol.

On 19 October, 2017, **Deepavali** day **Lakshmi puja** was conducted in the evening. An effigy of 'Narakasura' was prepared by the youth members and the same was burnt in the evening. Sweets and crackers were distributed among children.

All the other important celebrations like **Shiva Ratri** (14 February, 2018), **Gurupurnima** (9 July, 2017), **Krishna Ashtami** (14 August, 2017) were celebrated in the Samithi with special Puja in the morning and special Bhajan in the evening. **Christmas eve** (24 December, 2017) was celebrated

with a christmas tree, a speech on the life and message of Jesus Christ and children erected a christmas tree and sang christmas carols.

Spiritual Retreats

On 7 August, 2017 Revered Swami Satyajnananandaji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission Student's Home visited our samithi and conducted a spiritual retreat in the evening.

Second spiritual retreat was conducted by Revered Swami

Sannivasanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada on 20 August, 2017.

Third spiritual retreat was conducted by Revered Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad on 2 September, 2017.



Visits of Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order

In addition to the above programmes, the swamis of the Ramakrishna order visited Bapatla samithi on various occasions.

Revered Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo, Srilanka; Revered Swami Anupamanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Tirupathi and Revered Swami Raghunayakanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad visited our samithi on 29 June, 2017.

On 1 August, 2017, Revered Swami Anupamanandaji visited our samithi.

Revered Swami Yadunathanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission Student's Home, Chennai visited on 12 October, 2017 and again on 23 November, 2017.

On Jan 22, 2018 Revered Swami Sevyandaji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada visited our samithi.



Visits of Important Guests

Dr Thutupalli Shashi, Asst Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, TFRI, Bangalore visited our samithi on 27 November, 2017 and interacted with children of the Balavihar and interacted with the students of Agricultural College, Bapatla.



9. REGULAR LECTURES

Throughout the year, Lectures on Geeta were conducted by Sri A. Naresh on Thursdays and lectures on Kathamrita were conducted by Sri B. Srinivasa Raju, Joint Secretary, on Sundays. Dr N. Ramagopal, Treasurer, conducted talks on the life of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi, Sister Nivedita and the Memoirs of Swami Vivekananda on Mondays and Fridays. Smt. BPNV Ramani, member, spoke on the birthdays of the direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna on their life and message.

10. OTHER PROGRAMMES

On 11 December, 2017 Revered Swami Sashikanthanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada who is the president of the Bhava Prachara Parishat visited our samithi along with the convenor of the parishat Sri M. Govinda Reddy and interacted with the members of the samithi and reviewed the activities of the samithi.

The quarterly meeting of the Madhya



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Andhra Pradesh Bhava Prachara Parishat was held in our samithi premises on 28 May, 2017 which was presided by our President Prof. P. Syamasundara Murthy.

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M/s Chandrasekhar & Co, Chartered Accountants, Hyderabad, audited our accounts. We thank them for the same.

During the Samithi recieved Rs. 6,30,707/- as general donations, Rs.5,21,817/- as donations for building fund. A total of Rs.13,61,499/- worth publications of Samithi and the 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 are done by the volunteers.

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

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SARVAM SRI RAMAKRISHNAR PANAMASTU

Date: 01.05.2018

Place: Bapatla.

(Amirapu Natarajan)

Secretary

Members of the Managing committee:

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