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GOLDEN JUBILEE 1970 TO 2020



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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 Santhosh Kumar, Member
9. Sri Amirapu Suresh, 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 and Restricted Entry; 2. Children’s activities; 3. Youth Activities; 4. Narayana Seva; 5. Annual Get-together, 6. Annual Competitions; 7. Publication of Books, 8. Spiritual activities, 9. Regular lectures; 10. Other works; 11. Acknowledgements.

1. COVID-19 LOCKDOWN & RESTRICTED ENTRY

Most of the year 2021-2022, as was the previous year, was under restricted entry.

This year, our Samithi was under restricted entry from 26 March 2021 to August 2021. Only 2 or 3 members attended to take care of bare minimum activities. Children were not allowed to attend Samithi.

Whatever activities were conducted were strictly following the Covid-19 norms and only the Secretary and one or two members were involved in order to avoid spread of the infection.

2. CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

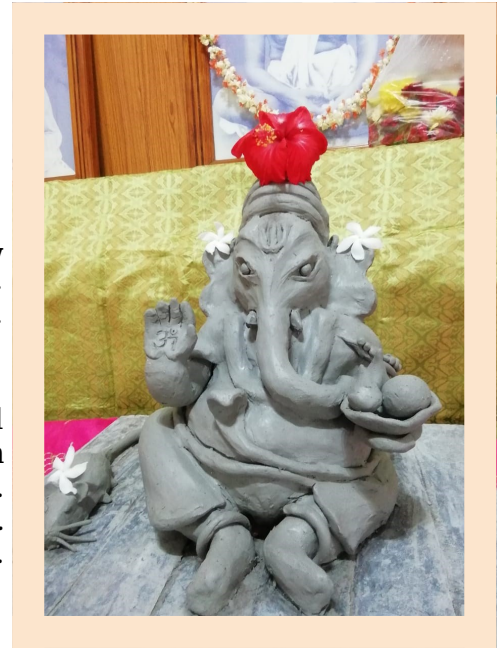
During the rest of the year, about 60 children from the nearby locality, irrespective of caste and religion attended Samithi regularly and were actively involved in all kinds of activities.

Most of the Balavihar activity remained suspended for a part of the year as detailed above. An amount of Rs.4,31,903/- was spent on this programme during the financial year. Audio-visual equipment in the form of computers and monitors was added to a tune of Rs.2,02,072/-. Sports activity expenses were to a tune of Rs. 1,31,079/-

These below mentioned activities were conducted during the days when the Restricted-Entry was relaxed.

Moral Classes and Informal coaching: The usual moral classes were conducted in the evenings from 4 to 8 pm for the children which include narration of moral stories from Indian culture, life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda by using multimedia.

A special online class for children is being conducted every Sunday at 10 am to 11 am. Recitation of quotations of Swami Vivekananda, Padyams, Slokas, Bhajan, Stories from Puranas etc being taught.



Supplementary Food: 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: Continued this year also. 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. These items thus cooked are distributed to the children during the week days.

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



Mridangam Classes: Three boys of balavihar were being trained in playing Mridangam. The classes were held for three days in a week. Sri Kamaraju V. Kishoregaru was conducting the classes 'online' from Vijayawada.

Gardening Classes: Ten members of Balavihar were taken to the local Ravi Gardens to learn the technique. Sri G. Ravindra Babu garu, the owner of the garden and a member of the Samithi conducted classes in gardening techniques like grafting and cutting etc. Shade-net houses were built by volunteers and the children were practicing the techniques by growing plants in the Samithi.



Ornamental fish: Glass aquariums were fabricated at samithi to show children and ornamental fish were being maintained. Children were regularly engaged in the maintenance of the aquariums, feeding the fish etc.

Carnatic Classical Music Classes: Suspended.

Hindi Examination: Some children attended.

Karate Classes: Suspended.

Yoga Dresses: The dresses stitched as a part of training in the tailoring classes were distributed to the children. Yoga dresses were provided to 25 children on 5 Feb, 2021.



Educational tour: On 27 Feb., 2022 the children were taken on a excursion to Kondaveedu Fort by arranging a hired APSRTC bus. A total of 34 children and 10 elders participated in the programme. Prepared food was taken along. An amount of Rs.16,683/- was spent on the programme.



Talent Show: A talent show by Balavihar children was organized on 12 March, 2022 on the eve of Sri Rama-

krishna 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, Mri-dangam, Bhajan etc.

3. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Free Online Yoga classes: From Vivekananda Bhavan, free online yoga classes were being conducted. Every-day from Morning 5 AM to evening 9 PM, 10 classes, each one hour duration, were being conducted, six days in a week. These classes were free and more than 300 participants from all age groups world-wide were attending and practicing and reaping the benefits of Yogasanas. Special classes for Pranayama and Advanced Yoga poses were also being conducted. Every class will have a Instructor and a De-monstrator. These classes were greatly appreciated by the general public. This programme is being organized by Sri P. Santhosh Kumar, Managing committee member.



Free Yoga courses: Samithi is conducting Free Courses in Demonstrating and In-structing Yogasanas as a part of the online and offline classes. Two courses viz., Yoga Demonstrator and Yoga Instructor were being offered at seven different lev-els. Enrolled candidates were given structured syllabus prepared specially by the members of the Samithi under the leadership of Sri P. Santhosh Kumar. The candi-dates were expected to undergo vigorous training in both theoretical and practical aspects of yoga. Finally they have to undergo practical, written and oral tests. Qualified students were awarded a certificate in the name of the Samithi. A video containing the performance of the candidates is made and the same is uploaded in the Youtube channel of our Samithi. The entire pro-gramme is completely free.

Yoga certificates were given away to qualified candidates on 17 Dec., 2021. This year 13 candidates qualified as Yoga Demonstrators. Eleven members passed the Abhijna (I) level and 2 members passed Vijna (II) level.

Free Tailoring classes: The Free tailoring classes were conducted under the leadership of Smt S. Anusha. Smt T. Anuradha is conducting the classes. Three batches of students were trained. The course duration is three months. Some housewives from the locality were trained and a special batch for balavihar students is being con-ducted. A seperate room for the sewing machines with 5 machines is arranged. All the materials were provided free of charge. The qualified students would be awarded a certificate in the name of the Samithi.



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.6,224/- was spent.

International Yoga Day June 21, 2021: Conducted with an online demonstration.



Study Circle: Sri A. Natarajan, Secretary was conducting a special study circle by online conference from 8.30 to 9.30 pm on every Sunday. Around 20 youth mem-

bers from across the globe were attending this meeting. The Letters of Swami Vivekananda was the main topic of discussion.

Financial Aid/Scholarships: In the financial year an amount of Rs.1,15,779/- was disbursed as scholarship to several needy children from the Balavihar. The beneficiaries were P. Durga Rani (Nursing), I. Durga Bhavani (Nursing), L.Naimisha (8th class), A. Kalpana (9th Class), Koti Eswar (10th class), P. Manoj Ramakrishna (8th class), P. Vinod Ramakrishna (7th class)

Earn while you learn: Not conducted.

Youtube Channel: Several videos were prepared and uploaded into the youtube channel of our samithi. The samithi publications like Pushpanjali, Mana Mahonnata Vaarasatvam were used as the source book and videos on topics like Aesop fables, Ramayana, Vemana Padyalu, The yoga activities of the students, the songs of Pushpanjali, chanting of the Gita, music performances and practice sessions of the Balavihar children were some of the topics. The activity is organized by Amirapu Natarajan and P. Santhosh Kumar. Rev Swami Adhiswaranandaji Maharaj, inaugurated the Ramayana series on 5 Mar., 2022.



Book-stalls: Not conducted. The old book-stall van was sold for Rs.30,000/-
'Sangeetha Jhari': Suspended.
Gymnasium: Suspended.

4. NARAYANA SEVA, SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Free Homeo Medical camps: Monthly Homeo Medical camps were conducted. Dr. N. Aruna Kumari, DHMS, a renowned homeo-physician, was treating the patients throughout the year online and offline. An amount of Rs.52,456/- was spent on this activity.

Annadanam: Not conducted.



5. **THE ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER** A Get together was conducted, online and offline, on 15 August 2021 for all the members, devotees, participants of the Samithi activities over the years to recapitulate their association and refresh their memories with the organization and discuss the future course for the Samithi activities. This programme was presided by Prof. (Smt.) Ch. Chiranjeevi garu, president of the samithi. Chief Guest Rev. Sri Swami Aksharatmanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo, graced the meeting online and gave his benedictory address. Dr TKG Murthy, Smt. T. Sarada, Sri VV Sastry garu, Sri T. Sivananda Varma USA, N. Ramagopal participated and spoke. A picture show of early Samithi activities and visits of Swami Tapasyanandaji, Swami Ranganathanandaji and other swamis along with first samithi premises in Bhimavaripalem were displayed.

6. 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.

7. PUBLICATION OF BOOKS:

No new publications were taken up during the year and a limited number of books were sold. Books worth Rs.1,66,104/- were sold during the financial year.

8. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

Daily and Annual Activities: The programmes were conducted with one or two members in view of the Covid-19. Daily Prayer meetings 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.

Limited public were allowed to attend depending on the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions.

Spiritual Retreats: A spiritual retreat was conducted on 5 March, 2022. Rev Swami Adhiswaranandaji Maharaj from Ramakrishna Mission, Visakhapatnam participated and spoke.

Visits of Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order: Swami Adhiswaranandaji Maharaj.

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

9. REGULAR LECTURES

Sunday lectures were held on the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna as a part of the evening prayer meeting.

10. OTHER WORKS: No Significant maintenance works were taken up.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

M/s Chandrasekhar & Co, Chartered Accountants, Hyderabad, audited our accounts. We thank them for the same. During the financial year 2021-2022, Samithi received Rs. 11,37,993/- as revenue donations and Rs.7,69,158/- as capital donations.

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



(Amirapu Natarajan)
Secretary

Date: 01.05.2022

Place: Bapatla.

