

# Rural Development Programme Report - March 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Namaskar.

The report for the activities, conducted by VKRDP, during the months of MARCH 2010 is detailed below, for your kind information:

1. Through 75 Balwadis, 2,084 rural Children were nurtured. In the Balwadis, Malt, Hygienically prepared highly nutritive lunch were served, with vegetables, and evening vitamin rich cereals were provided to the children.
2. In Medicare Programme, 2,856 patients were examined and treated for various common ailments, through 15 Rural Medical Centres.
3. In 235 Samskara Vargas, 8,070 students participated. The students were taught about the values of Indian Culture, through games and lessons. The feelings of oneness are strengthened among participants, through patriotic songs and games.
4. Under Sponsor A Grand Parent Programme, 62 destitutes - old people were provided with monthly solatium, in the form of rice, dhal, oil, etc., for their livelihood.
5. With the assistance of Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli Free Eye Screening Camps were organised at two places. 274 patients were screened and 58 were operated for cataract.
6. Village level Deepa Poojas were organised in 282 temples with 11,025 women participants, who offered their prayers to God for the welfare of all people.
7. Our Vivekananda Kendra workers have collected 1,341 Kgs. of rice, from the people of Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts, under Amrita Surabhi Scheme.
8. Through various branch centres and Book stalls, Rs.1,78,647/- worth of literature books were sold.
9. Subscriptions for 137 Vivekavani, Three Yuva Bharathi, 58 patrons, 3 Arunachal Bhandu Parivar were collected.
10. 80 women are serving in 4 Self Help Groups in Kanyakumari district.
11. Swadhyaya Varga was organised in Paramakudi and Aruppukottai and 43 persons participated in it.
12. Yoga Varga is being conducted five places in Thoothukudi, Ramnad and Aruppukottai and 120 persons attended.
13. Four Tailoring units are functioning in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli districts and total attendance is 28.
14. Shivalinga Poojas were conducted at two places in Kanyakumari District and 131 members participated.
15. Durga Pooja was conducted in Peyankuzhy at Kanyakumari District, and 40 women worshipped in Devi pooja.
16. Chanting of Sri Rama Jaya Rama Mantra was held during Deepa Pooja, Shivalinga Pooja and also during all

monthly meetings by Balwadi children, Cultural class students, Balwadi teachers and workers. Every month nearly 3,21,420 times mantras were chanted in 130 localities.

17. S.V. picture were pasted in 340 houses of 3 villages in Virudhunagar district.

18. Parents meeting was held at Kannambivilai in Kanyakumari district Balwadi 12 parents were participated.

19. Gita Jayanthi was celebrated at Sarakkalvilai in Kanyakumari District 9 members only participated.

20. Swami Vivekananda Vizha was celebrated 11 places in the five southern districts of Tamil Nadu 6,420 members participated in the function.

BALWADI CHILDRENS ACTING AS SWAMIJI AND BHAVADARANI IN KAVALKINARU BALWADI NELLAI DISTRICT

21. Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsar birthday was celebrated 3 balwadis in Kanyakumari district and 128 people participated.

22. On 08.03.2010 World Women's day was celebrated at Neduvilai village in Kanyakumari district 175 women participated.

23. From 01.03.2010 to 07.03.2010 one Yoga camp was held at Valliyoor Nehru Nursing College and 47 girls were participated.

24. Cultural class examination was conducted in Tirunelveli district 950 students written from 42 cultural classes.

25. On 15.03.2010 Velka, Velkave programme meeting was organized at Valliyoor 27 members participated. Shri Krishnasamy, Tamil Nadu level Pranth Sankatak conducted the meeting.

26. A 1008 Deepa pooja was organized at Valliyoor in Tirunelveli district on 21.03.2010 , 1049 women were participated from 52 villages.

BAKTHA KANNAPPAN DRAMA ACTED BY OUR BALWADI CHILDREN DURING THE MATRU SAMELAN AT VALLIOOR 1008 DEEPA POOJA ON 21.03.2010

27. A special paddy collection campaign at Valliyoor, Tirunelveli district and 810 Kg. paddy was collected.

28. Every month we are distributing the rice which is collected through Amrit Surabhi and Anna pooja to Balwadi children, old poor people and also the following trust, educational institutions etc.,

1. Mounagurusamy Madam, Thottiyode - 100 Kg.
2. Sri Saratha Devi Anbu Illam, Nagercoil - 100 Kg.
3. T.M.S. Trust, Puliangudi - 200 Kg.
4. Kuravan Trust, Nehru Nagar, Paramakudi - 100 Kg.
5. Ramar Thirupathi Temple, Alangulam - 100 Kg.
6. Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam - 200 Kg.
7. Sri Pathrakali Hindu Middle School, Kalanthapanai - 200 Kg.
8. Kanchi Sankara Vidyalaya, Thirumalapuram - 200 Kg.
9. Sokkanathar Temple, Valliyoor - 200 Kg.

29. College level competitions:

Under this programmes the books, Ramayana, Indian Culture, Life and Message of Swami Vivekananda and Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Rousing Call to Hindu Nation, My India the India Eternal were prescribed as the text books. An entry fee of Rs.30/- was collected from the writing students. The text books, question papers and answer

papers were supplied by Kendra. During this year, 21,198 students from 120 colleges & 17 cultural classes of 9 universities of all over Tamil Nadu participated in the examination.

Among the above, meritorious students were selected for the camps held at Kanyakumari during the period as given below:

Sl.No.	Date	Boys / Girls	No. of colleges participated	No. of students participated
1.	24.01.2010 to 27.01.2010	Girls	25	126
2.	04.03.2010 to 07.03.2010	Boys	33	131
3.	11.03.2010 to 14.03.2010	Girls	21	70

College Youth Camp

30. March 27 and 28th, Southern states Vivekananda Kendra branch centres and projects Chowmasik Baitak conducted in Kanyakumari. Ma. Bhanuji (G.S.) and Sr. Satishji(Dhakshin Prant Pramukh) guided the meeting. From Vivekananda Kendra Rural Development Programme workers participated and submitted their report and future plans.

### ***INSPIRING INCIDENTS [FROM OUR TEACHERS & WORKERS]***

**R. GNANA KUMARI, NANGOORAN PILAVILAI ::**

Devi Sri was sent to Anganwadi nutrition school for six months. Afterwards she was joined into our Kendra Balwadi school by their parents. They informed that during the period when she went to Anganwadi school she was having no good habits. But when she joined in Kendra Balwadi school her regular day-to-day habits was changed. Daily she clean her teeth and take food without her mother's help. Now her parents are so happy. They are not bothered to walk 2 kilometers to bring the child to the school because now their child is studying very well and having good habits daily.

**T. PADMAVATHI, VALLANKUMARANVILAI ::**

P.N. Bavithra and S.Sivarathai have studied in our Kendra balwadi school. Now they are studying 10th standard in Government Hr. Sec. School. When they received their Hall ticket for the examination both the students came to us and approached for blessings. The attitude of Guru bhakti of their intention to get blessings from us made us so happy.

**C. ANUSHYA RANI, NULLIVILAI ::**

Babisha is studying in the balwadi school. One day all the students were playing. At that time small ants were going in the ground. One boy was killing the ants and Babisha was telling him not to kill the ants. But he was not adhering it. Suddenly she stood up and told that killing the creature also is sin, they will also have pain which was told by the teacher. The boy was also bewildered and stopped. All at the students and myself were astonished.

**M. AMBIKA, MEKKADU ::**

I went to Koottalumoodu educational college for VACS works. The President of the temple and the Principal were speaking themselves. I said Vanakkam. The principal do not know me. So he asked about me. The President informed to the Principal about me working in Kendra and also told that only because of Vivekananda Kendra these entire buildings and schools came. Long back Kendra balwadi only started first then slowly other developments. It touched my heart very much.

**C. SARASWATHI, AMBASAMUDRAM ::**

On 11.02.2010 at Vickramasingapuram free eye camp we went to issue notices door to door. That day was Maha Sivarathri and last Friday of the Tamil month Thai. The sun rays was very much. All the people asked us why have not gone to the temple. We told that you are our Gods. Then we went to the house of our Kendra well wisher Smt. Valli. She offered all the temple prasadam she was having and made us happy. Then we felt that when we go to serve the poor people God will take care of us and we realized the Swamiji words 'Jeeva Sevaye Shiva Sevai' and very happy and peace.

**M. SEKAR, CLERK, VALLIYOOR OFFICE ::**

I used to come in the train for our Vivekananda Kendra Rural Development office from my house. In general no seller

in the train will reduce the prices of their things. At that time one day I saw an old lady aged about 80 was suffering without having any food. Then I requested a seller to offer Idly for Rs.10/-. He also gave the idly to her and got Rs.5/- from me and told that the balance Rs.5/- will be his contribution. I felt that people are also having sympathy towards poor people.

Yours

In the Service of Lord,

(S. AYYAPPAN)

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