

# Rural Development Programme Report - April 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Namaskar.

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

1. Through 75 Balwadis, 2,061 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, 1,751 patients were examined and treated for various common ailments, through 15 Rural Medical Centres.
- 3 In 225 Samskara Vargas, 7,178 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. 147 patients were screened and 45 were operated for cataract.
6. Village level Deepa Poojas were organised in 282 temples with 10,457 women participants, who offered their prayers to God for the welfare of all people. 1008 deepa poojas were conducted as follow:

Sl.No.	Date	Place	No. of Deepas participated
1.	04.04.2010	Ottapidaram	835
2.	18.04.2010	Utharakosamangai	699
3.	27.04.2010	Kovilpatti	1,036

In above all 3 places before Deepa Poojas, Mathru Sammelans, Cultural Programmes, Kendra adhikaries and guests speeches followed by procession were taken place.

1008 Deepa Pooja at Utharakosamangai in Ramnad District Vice President su. Nivedita Didi addressing to the gathering of Matru Samelan at Kovilpatti ? 25th year Deepa pooja

7. Our Vivekananda Kendra workers have collected 1,769 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.28,228/- worth of literature books were sold.
9. Subscriptions for 66 Vivekavani, Two Yuva Bharathi, one patrons, one 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 74 persons attended.
13. One Tailoring unit is functioning in Tirunelveli district and total attendance is 9.
14. Shivalinga Poojas were conducted at two places in Kanyakumari District and 132 members participated.
15. Durga Pooja was conducted in Peyankuzhy at Kanyakumari District, and 60 women worshipped in Devi pooja.
16. Chanting of Sri Rama Jaya Rama Mantra was held during Deepa Pooja, Shivalinga Pooja and also daily by our balwadi school children, cultural class students and during in monthly meetings by our balwadi teachers and Social Workers. Every month nearly 3,42,540 times mantras were chanted in 135 localities.
17. Parents meeting was held at Kottavilai and Peyankuzhy in Kanyakumari district Balwadis 50 parents were participated.
18. Swami Vivekananda Vizha was celebrated 15 places in the five southern districts of TamilNadu and 2,905 members participated in the functions.
19. From 26.04.2010 to 30.04.2010 personality development camp was organized at United Matric School, Ramnad 39 students were participated.
20. On April 13th 2010, Kendra karyakarta Smt. Saraswathi Didi's memorial day was held and sweet was distributed in all balwadi students. And also the memory day of Smt. Rambai Ammal on 28.04.2010 Chithra Pournami, 550 children from 15 balwadis feeding payasam.
21. Swami Vivekananda's exhibition panels were shown 6 schools in Aruppukottai areas 3000 students were seen the same and also purchased books worth of Rs.6,000/-.
22. On 14th April Tamil New year Day, Anna pooja was celebrated in two places at Thoothukudi 4,045 Kgs. Rice was collected and Rs.20,000/- donation collected.

Rice received by Treasurer Shri Hanumantharaoji in View of Sri Annapoorani sitting on the heap of rice Anna Pooja held at Thoothukudi.

23. 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. Yogiram Surathkumar Trust, Ramnagar, Peyode - 100 Kg.
4. Ramar Thirupathi Temple, Alangulam - 100 Kg.
5. Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam - 200 Kg.
6. Sri Pathrakali Hindu Middle School, Kalanthapanai - 200 Kg.
7. Kanchi Sankara Vidyalaya, Thirumalapuram - 200 Kg.

***INSPIRING INCIDENTS*** (from our balwadi schools):

1. S. Thangapushpam, Kalanthapanai, Tirunelveli District:

Smt. Bhuvaneswari from Kavalkinaru has spent lots of money on her daughter's illness, yet when she saw me she not only contributed her share of Kendra's donation but she too accompanied me to other houses in the village. She could forget her worries in helping a good cause.

2. T. Nisha Nanthini/M. Sundari, Thattarmadam, Tirunelveli District:

When we were on a home visit, Maharasi a crèche child received us with courtesy, offered us water and pressed us to stay for lunch. All these acts were beyond her years; it touched us deeply.

3. M. Selvi, Kapaliparai, Tirunelveli District:

M. Ganesh Ram a crèche child was 4 years old when he entered the crèche. But he could not utter a few words or even call for his mother or his father. But within two months of his joining the crèche, moving with other children, he found his voice and now he can speak clearly and intelligently. Now he sings well also. This the effect of the peer group on him.

4. V. Janakipushpam, Valliyoor, Tirunelveli District:

One crèche child, now a grown up women, married and settled in far away Trichy called me on the telephone one day. She remembers her childhood days in the crèche and got my telephone number in a village festival where Kendra's opened a book sales counter. The girl Subbulakshmi recounted her happy days in the crèche and I too remembered her childish pranks. It was happy remembrance though only through the telephone.

5. R. Reginal, Thengamputhoor, Kanyakumari District:

On the birthday of Sri Kamaraj I went to the local Government high school; The children who, long back, have studied in my crèche participated in various competitions held on the occasion. The Headmaster asked me to distribute the prizes. I was very happy to give away the prizes to many of my former students.

Another former student Radhakrishnan is now working in the Postal department; he came to Kendra crèche to celebrate his birthday amidst the students; the promotion in his job was another happy occasion for all of us.

6. S. Kavitha, Kannambivilai, Kanyakumari district:

There was a death in a house near the crèche. We made the children keep quiet until the body was removed. However lunch was prepared; Baby Sivachasmi asked us. "Today we have not studied anything, we have not played games, but eating lunch is not skipped?". All the children echoed her thoughts. We explained to the children, that we will have to respect the feelings of the community and keep quiet when there is a death.

7. K. Ilavarasi, Mandala Manickam, Ramanathapuram District:

One day Kumar, a guardian of Thirumurugan, a crèche child, came to meet me. Thirumurugan is 4 years old and the elementary school teacher refused to admit him in the primary class. But then Sri Kumar told the teacher that Thirumurugan is a product of Kendra crèche; The teacher asked him to recite some poems and ditties; on his excellent response, the teacher commented that Kendra crèche children can be directly admitted to the second standard?. In our school in all functions our students from Kendra crèche are invited to render songs? she said. Ilavarasi was very happy to listen to this.

Yours

In the Service of Lord,

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