50 Golden Years of Vivekananda Kendra

Amrit Parivar

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"An aggregate or a congregation of men does not make a nation, nor do the geographical area and duration of time qualify a society to be known as a nation. A government formed on such a basis can be called a state, but not a nation. It is common goal or mission that makes a nation. All the constituents strive collectively for something noble. Service with spiritual orientation results in man-making which inseparably invariably and connected with nation building." It is the core of all the thoughts behind Vivekananda Kendra.



Eknathji Ranade
 Founder - Vivekananda Kendra



General Secretary's letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Namaskar from the feet of Mother Bharat - Kanyakumari!

It is only through Mother's grace that everything has become normal after the Pandemic.

Bharat is marching forward. We would have observed this. Not only the common masses but our young generation is awakening to take up various responsibilities on their shoulders be it education or technology, innovation or startups. An important area where we can see the dynamic involvement of our youth is in taking the message of Sanatana Dharma not only to each corner of Bharat but to the whole world. Of course this is the responsibility not only of the youth but of all. Everyone has to gear up, our resolve has to be firm and the need is to be more aggressive that is, more focused and faster in one's approach.

For this to be more systematic, our family has to be strengthened. Why so? Whenever there is a challenge in the society and also a great ideal to reach, it is the families that need to be strengthened as family is the basic unit of Indian society.

Towards this, Vivekananda Kendra has taken up "अमृत परिवार"(Amrit Parivar). In our Aashrama vyavastha it is the "गृहस्थाश्रम" (GruhasthAashram) that does nurtures the other three Aashramaas – Brahmacharya, Vaanaprastha and Sannyasa and thereby nurtures the society itself. . For society to be strong, therefore, families need to become strong and rooted in the values of our Sanatan Dharma.

The lead article on "अमृतपरिवार" in this year's Vivekananda Kendra Samachar, will give an overview as well as some guidelines on how to inculcate such aspects in our families. We request you all to go through the article and make efforts to strengthen the practice of such values of life in the family. We will definitely experience a more peaceful, enthusiastic, supporting atmosphere in our own families. We can then take it to more and more families. By doing this we will be doing a great service to our Motherland as the new generation will be marching forward to rebuild our Nation as Swami Vivekananda wanted, he said, "Give me a few Man with Character, I will change the whole scenario of our country"

Vivekananda Rock Memorial stands for reinstating Atmashraddha, Atmasamman, Atmavishwas in everyone. Mananeeya Eknathji through construction of the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and laterthrough the establishment of Vivekananda Kendra gave the mission of BharatmataJagadguruthrough organised work. All of us are part of this great mission.

As an all-India organization, Vivekananda Kendra is engaged in different types of Service activities all over the country. Details of activities carried out during the financial year 2021-22 are given in subsequent pages. These service activities were made possible only because of your contribution of तन– मन– धन. (tan – man – dhan) While appealing to you to continue your involvement, we also request you to involve more and more people in this national Yajna and actualize the vision of Swami Vivekananda: the vision of Jagadguru Bharat. We look forward to your continued assistance and support in this noble cause.

With prayers, Yours sincerely

Bhanudas Dhakras General Secretary



Amrit Parivar

Nivedita Bhide
 Vice President

Swami Vivekananda reminded India that the purpose of India was not only for herself but she has to guide the world with her knowledge which she has nurtured for thousands of years and a way of life based on the vision of oneness. He said, each nation has a message to deliver, a destiny to fulfil, a mission to accomplish. So, what has been the destiny of India? The destiny of India has been a spiritual evolution of man. India sees the whole existence as interconnected, interrelated and interdependent. India sees man as potentially divine and the aim of human life is for the manifestation of that divinity by contributing for the harmony of the collectives like family, society, nation and the whole creation.

The philosophy of India thus helps humanity to live in tune with nature; to accept the latest researches of the science and to make man evolve spiritually. The Hindu civilization is based on eternal laws of existence. As told by Swami Vivekananda, India has become immortal as the nature of the soul because it is here that the Rishi-s discovered the immortality of the soul. It is here that the way of life was developed which is based on eternal principles of existence which guide man to manifest the divinity within and also to behave with others, interact with others with the feeling of Oneness and to live harmoniously with the collectives like family, society, nation and the whole creation. The way of life needed for a man to manifest the divinity was termed as Dharma. Dharma is not religion. Dharma is not just limited to certain religious activities like worship, fasting, japa etc. In Bhagavad Geeta, in the last sloka of the 12th chapter, Bhagavan Shri Krishna calls this Dharma as Amrita Dharma that is immortal Dharma.

India has faced maximum invasions and the rules of adharmic forces which led to the exploitation and destruction of its various systems like village, temple, education, commerce etc. We see in the history of the world that those countries which had to face such barbaric invasions or which had faced colonial rule lost their identity, their culture but we see that India has survived; her tradition has survived. How was it possible? The reason is that though the various systems were broken, one system could continue and that was family system. The Amrita Dharma was nurtured in the Amrita Family and therefore India survived most barbarous invasions including the fleecing colonial rule.

Family is the basic unit of a society, therefore, if in the family the thoughts which build and nourish the nation are nurtured then the nation functions vibrantly. Hence, our Rishi-s had said **Dhanyo Grihastha Aashram** – Blessed is the Grihastha Aashrama. Why? Because if families are taken care of, then the society, nation also are taken care of. If Grihastha Aashram is moulded properly, then the other Aashram-s also would be vibrant. Today, when we see challenging situations in our country, our focus should be to promote nourishing of Amrit Dharma in the families.



Vivekananda Kendra is working with the objectives of man making and nation building. Generally, the man making efforts in Vivekananda Kendra are focused on the individuals through the Vargas in the Karyapaddhati. But if the families are imbued with national consciousness then at least few generations are taken care of. Therefore, since few years the discussions on Hindu griha were conducted in various Kendra Meetings. The basis of Indian Culture is Oneness. For a family to be strong and socially caring, the Oneness is to be nurtured in the family. Geeta is the best spiritual wisdom to nurture the Oneness. Therefore, it was decided, that the Geeta Jayanti should become the festival for the families as participants. Because, it was felt that Geeta is to be understood, studied and lived from the childhood. So, a family is the best place to study, understand, practice and live Geeta. Since few years, Vivekananda Kendra started celebrating Geeta Jayanti by organizing the family workshops, family get togethers, Kutumba Sammelanam on GeetaJayanti. But seeing the current various cultural attacks, the need is felt for the sustained work among the families so that they are aware and able to protect the Sanatana Dharma, the Amrita Dharma of our nation. Only by holding on to it, the families would be able to face the cultural attacks and disintegration that comes with excessive materialism and extreme individualism. And that is how Amrita Parivar work is taken up by Vivekananda Kendra since last year.

We can see that there are many tangible and intangible invasions on family like materialism, individualism, modernity which means irreverence to everything, self-centeredness, narrow focus on one's own happiness and disregard to the higher and larger aspects of collective life, etc. These thought currents are changing the ambience of the family. The change in ambience of the family is seen in many fields such as food habits, living habits, the uprightness about earning money by right means, the use of electric gadgets, the insistence on marks and certificates alone and not the character. All this have affected capacity of the family to mould the children. Just to give one example the traditional festivals were occasions to come together and to worship and enjoy the homemade sweets; but today on the festival days hoteling, sending cards has become a common sight. The guests were happily welcomed in the families. The rooms were not marked as bedrooms for different persons in the family. The whole house belonged to all. But today that is not the case. At times family members feel that their space gets invaded when guests come and the guests also get feeling as if they are invading the space of the family members and so are un-welcomed. 'Atithi Devo Bhav' may become only the saying and not remain a practice.

Today, the electric gadgets which are supposed to bring the world nearer or connect the persons have actually increased the distance between the family members. Each one is busy with his own mobile, laptop or tablet etc. Before things go out of the hand, it is necessary that the focus should be brought on the family, and the purpose of the married life be imbibed and fulfilled. In what all dimensions the family should grow, evolve, develop, that also needs to be seen. And to achieve that, various meaningful practices are to be consciously followed in the family. Family is the basic unit of the society, so which thoughts are nurtured in the families, gradually, become the nature of the society and the nature of the nation.

There was a time when family ambience was such that automatically children would grow up with values, with an uprightness of character, with the knowledge about one's own culture and tradition. It was possible because apart from the parents, there would be grandparents, uncles and aunts in the family and so the value of caring and sharing was naturally nurtured. It was



easier or we can say effortlessly the children would learn to live with restraint because so many members would be in the family that anything and everything was needed to be shared. But today, with nuclear family and with deliberate invasions through medias, this value of caring and sharing needs to be instilled consciously. As both the parents are working and children are just one or two, instead of instilling values, the parents unconsciously pamper the children. To compensate the time that they do not give to the children, they shower the children with various material objects as and when demanded by them. Instead of character-building, the children grow in 'entitled' mode. This spoils their future life, relationships etc. and that in ultimate run impacts the society, nation and families. Old age homes, destitute homes, orphanages are signs of declined families, failed society and of ungrateful generation. Thus, we need to go to the roots of the topic.

The vision of Oneness which is the basis of our culture is to be inculcated by the repeated Swadhyaya of books like Geeta, Upanishads, Sant literature etc. in the family. Unless the Oneness is inculcated, the practice of values would not be sustained. These books are not to be studied at the fag end of life but they are to be studied for knowing clearly the purpose and principles of life and to practice it in life. For that reason, as one grows, since childhood, such books are to be studied. There cannot be a better place than family for learning this. Family is not just kutumba comprised of the closely related members of the family but it is also a *parivar*, which includes our clan, community, locality, society, pet animals, nature, etc. Focus should therefore be on Parivar. When the Oneness is inculcated well in the Parivar, then the whole world becomes Kutumba – Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Geeta tells us to understand the total picture and in that whatever be our role, it is to be fulfilled as our duty. Geeta inspires man to do his duty. It is in the family, that child learns from the elders to do one's duty sincerely. But what are our duties to the family members, to the society, to the nation, to the whole creation can be understood only if our vision about the existence is clear.

Bhagavad Geeta gives that vision. Geeta says -

"*Atmaupamyenasarvatrasamampashyatiyoarjuna.*"(VI.32). Look at everything as the expression of the Self. 'Prajapati created the mankind and along with that Yagna, so that man could prosper and all the desires of the man would be fulfilled (III.10). Then, he told that, "With this Yagna you nourish the Gods (the bigger collectives of the Self like family, society, nation, nature and Inner being) and may those Gods nourish you; thus nourishing one another, you shall, attain the Highest Good." (III.11)

What does Yagna mean? Yagna is any self-sacrificing work, undertaken in the spirit of self-dedication for the well-being of all. Yagna is any action for oneself, family, community, society, nation, creation into which individual is ready to pour himself entirely in the spirit of service and dedication. Yagna is nurturing and strengthening the expanding layers of existence of the Self like family, community, society, nation, the whole creation and the Divine Inner Being.

Yagna- the spirit of self-dedicated activities, the link with the Virat is seen everywhere: The Sun shines, the moon gleams, the sea throbs, the earth bears, trees flower and bear fruits – all in a



spirit of sacrifice and self-dedicated motherly love with never even a trace of attachment or any kind of self-arrogating motives. The whole world of cosmic powers and nature's phenomena function instinctively in the service of all. When human life is developed and multiplied at all levels; we can easily recognise different degrees of Yagna-activities, which keep up the harmonious growth of existence. Thus, Yagna implies that any achievement is possible if a person knows how to act in the discipline of co-operation with larger collectives.

Individual gets nurtured in family; hence, his expansion of consciousness to bigger collectives is possible primarily in the family. Family is an expanded and organic existence of an individual. Similarly, the expanded form of family is community and so family works in harmony with the community. Expanded form of community is society therefore, community works to nurture the society. The enlarged form of society is nation and therefore, the purpose of society is to re-build and develop the nation. The purpose of existence of the nation is to contribute for the advancement of whole creation, because nation is the part of the world. The whole creation is the expression of the Self or *Paramatman*. Therefore, the real development and expansion of an individual is ultimately realising one's real nature as **Paramatman**.

The goal of human life is to be one with the Paramatman which has manifested in all these collectives and is also beyond all this. Living a life and striving to be one with this all –pervading divinity is Yoga. The way to do it, is Yagna. A person with a vision of Oneness can appreciate the Oneness underlying all the diversities and therefore cherish the diversities and does not denounce it. Similarly, the Yagna way or Yoga way of life alone can add to the harmony and prosperity of the existence. India has to give to the world this message of Oneness of the existence. Today we see that India is facing many dangers from outside and from within. The 'national will' needs to be strengthened in facing these difficulties. The awareness about the purpose of our country and also the problems that we are facing needs to be built up in the families. In the context of this whole philosophy of *Ekatma Darshan*, it is evident that the family is not just the collection of individuals but it is the basic unit of the society with three objectives.

The purpose of family is striving for Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha.

- 1. Family is meant for the propagation of Sanatana Dharma means for social well-being based on Oneness.
- 2. Family is for Prajanana that is prakarshena Janana means contributing a generation which is physically, mentally, intellectually, culturally and spiritually better than the earlier generation.

In short, family is a basic unit where man-making and nation-building is possible.



Aashrama means striving entirely for the Objectives. The meaning of *Grihasthashrama* is - a stage of married life - where man exerts to achieve the above three objectives. If we focus on our families to actualize these three objectives, then we can very easily face the cultural invasion. **A Parivar where the tradition of immortal (Amrit) culture and Dharma is practiced is** *Amrit Parivar*. A family that is striving to work for the three objectives can be seen in these five dimensions. The Amrit Parivar should be five dimensional – Panchamukhi as given below (5-S)

1. Sukhi – Happy, contented. The basis of family is love for each other, feeling of Oneness with all where each is for all and all are for each. Only such a family would be a happy family. When we stay together, naturally there are some collisions, disagreements, discords. But if love is there, we accept our people as they are and interpersonal relationship is healthy. That acceptance and affection for all, makes the family in a real sense happy.

2. Swastha – Healthy. Proper eating habits, the practices of regular exercises, regular physical work, work culture, cleanliness, inclusive and positive attitude for all etc. would keep all the members in the family healthy. Even if someone falls sick that sickness is not seen as a burden but the love and care of the family cures the person. Apart from this physical understanding of Swastha, another higher and subtler dimension is the family is rooted in 'Swa' in one's tradition and culture and in Oneness.

3. Sampanna- Not lacking economically. All financial needs are fulfilled. Sampanna is not necessarily rich. Sampanna is where you do not feel you are lacking (Vipanna) something. You are contented in earning money through right means and do not hanker for more and more through wrong means. Very rich persons also could be Vipanna and not Sampanna if they are not satisfied with what they have. Apollonius Tyanaeus, a Greek Philosopher in the first century had said that, 'In India I found a race of mortals living on the Earth, but not adhering to it, inhabiting cities but not being fixed to it, possessing everything but possessed by nothing.' Thus, Sampanna is one which is affluent but not addicted to wealth.

4. Samskar-ksham – Able to mould children with proper values of life. One of the main purposes of family is to contribute better children for the society. For that the atmosphere in the family should be such that children inculcate proper values. It was said that *Prajatantu ma Vyavatchesi* – The family line should be continued and should not be broken. The modern science says that to keep population stable, the fertility rate should be 2.1 children. China had adopted one child policy for the sake of material development. But today it stands at the fear of decline of the population and ageing population even though they have withdrawn the one child policy and are encouraging to have more children. The Jananam that is giving birth to children is important but still important is the family should be such that the children are properly. The practices, festivals, interaction in the family should be such that the children are properly moulded to carry forward the Amrit tradition.



5. Samaj Dharana– Working and contributing for the well-being of the society with national consciousness without expecting anything in return. As the expanding form of the family is society, a family should contribute physically, monetarily and psychologically for the well-being of the society. To do that decidedly family would have to curtail its own needs with respect to time and money but that has to be done as in the well-being of the society lies the well-being of the family.

A family cannot say that it would have only some dimensions like say Sukhi and Sampanna and not others. It cannot be. All five dimensions are interlinked with each other. Therefore, Amrit Parivar should be striving for all these five dimensions simultaneously. The vision of Oneness and the values are inculcated only through the proper practices that are followed in the family and not through lectures. Family needs to strengthen the practices that help in achieving this five-fold development of the family. It also needs to contemplate on the practices that need to be adopted newly so that the it can be Amrit Parivar, nurturing the Amrit tradition.

To trigger the thinking on what all practices in which all areas are to be looked into, Sri Vijay Kaushalji Maharaj has given six 'Bha' to be focussed upon in the family to protect our culture. These are:

- 1. Bhasha Language. What language do we use in the home? Are our children proficient in our languages? Is our language courteous, soft, cultured? Are the children in our house culturally literate enough to understand the cultural anecdotes, proverbs? Do we also have at least a workable knowledge of Sanskrit?
- 2. Bhusha Dressing. How do the persons in the family dress inside the house and also outside? It is said that 'bathe for oneself and dress for others.' For festivals are we particular about dressing traditionally? Can frequency of traditional dressing be increased if every day it is not worn? Is the dressing reflecting our values or is more getting in the trap of branded clothing, exposure or attention-seeking? Are our clothes more ostentatious or decent?
- 3. Bhajan Relating oneself with Ishvara. Does the family have weekly bhajans? Is there a practice to get up before stipulated time, complete bath before stipulated time by all and pray to Ishvara either together or individually as each one's timings in the morning to go for schools, colleges or offices may not align? For us, even India represents Devi Durga. So, the bhajan does not mean only singling some Bhajans but it also means revering our nation and knowing and relating to her culture. So, how is the knowledge of the family members about India, her Culture? What practices are adopted so that on regular basis the knowledge is enhanced and so the family members do not fall prey to the cultural invasions. Can in a family, all members sit together at least once a week and discuss and understand about our culture and the invasions on it and the ways not to fall prey to it?
- 4. Bhojan Food. The way it is cooked and eaten. The type and amount of food eaten is directly related to diseases. Is our family gradually falling into the habit of frequent hoteling and getting hotel food delivered at home? It is noticed that these foods contribute to



obesity, diabetics, hyper-tension, heart-attacks and many more diseases. Food even impacts our thinking. What corrective measures can a family take to minimize such eating? If wife is also a working woman, then what help all other family members including her husband are rendering her so that home-cooked food is staple food in the family?

- 5. Bhavan Home. The ambience of the home. Are there inspiring portraits on the walls? What magazines come to our homes? What are the practices of the family that are followed regularly? Is there a place where one can pray, meditate or do swadhyaya? How is the family atmosphere and the interactions of the family members specially the old, are they taken care of properly and do they or any member in the family feel neglected
- 6. Bhraman Outings. What places do we visit? What are the places do we frequent? Do we go to temple at least once a week? Do we take the children to visit the places of great heroes, places where good service is rendered etc.? Are there practices like visiting every year some place of pilgrimage including the places where good works are undertaken? Is the love for nature inculcated in children by visiting such places and contributing for its upkeep through physical work? Does family go for sight seeing or pilgrimage?

Thus Amrit Parivar is one where all these dimensions are understood and practices decided and developed to achieve the three objectives of Grihastha Aashrama. As family is connected with the society, therefore, the next step is, such Amrit Parivar should strive to reach out to at least 5 to 10 other families to make them Amrit Parivar. It helps in many ways. If a group/ sankul of 10 Parivars thus become very close knit, it helps the children to experience the extended family. It creates a safe and secure locality for the children to grow.

When situations deteriorate instead of blaming others it is wise to start from where we are and that is why let us start from our families. Step by step in the direction of the goal and each moment spent in nurturing Amrit Parivar would surely take us to awakened and capable Bharat which can guide the world spiritually.



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Amrit Parivar Initiatives



Virual Workshop on Amrit Parivar



Amrit Parivar program, Jammu



Amrit Parivar program at Jaipur



Amrit Parivar program at Odisha



On Geeta Jayanti "Amrit Pariwar Milan" program were organised by all the Nagar Samitis & VKVs of Arunachal Pradesh



Amrit Parivar interaction at Tirupati, Telugu Prant

Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari spiritually oriented service mission

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Man-Making Nation Building

States Covered 30

Districts Total: 678, Covered: 224

Vibhags 71

Nagarsthans 109

Karyasthans 129

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Gramsthan 406

Kendra Varga Number: 1 77 Attendance: 2813 Yoga Varga Number: 194 Attendance: 7884 Swadhyaya Varga Number: 190 Attendance: 2921 Sanskar Varga Number: 624 Attendance: 15582

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Vice-President of Vivekananda Kendra Man. Nivedita didi and Joint General Secretary Man. Rekha didi at the Akhil Bhartiya Adhikari Baithak - 11-13 February 2022, Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari

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Yoga Sastra Sangamam Inauguration by Sri Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Kerala



Inauguration of VK-VAYAM at Solapur by Governor of Maharashtra Sri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari





Personality Development Camp at Delhi



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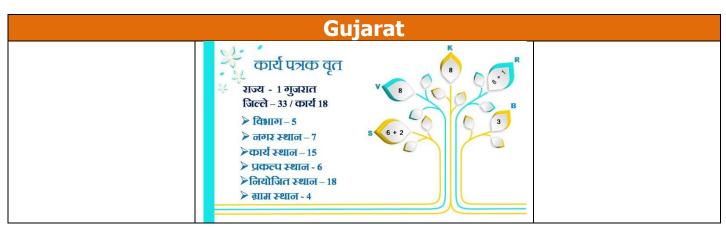


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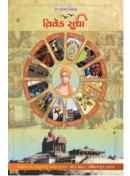




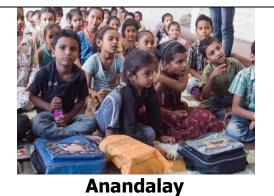
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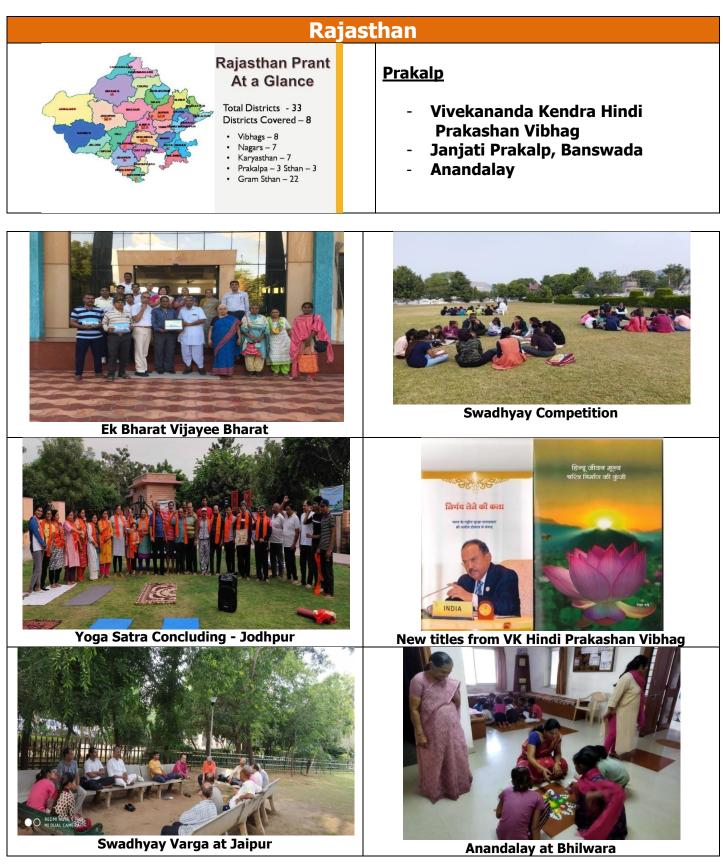


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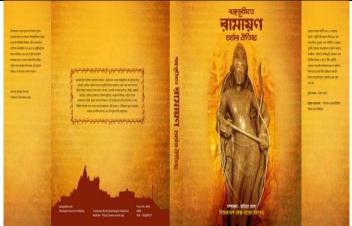
Yoga Satra



Anandalay at Durgapur



Adhikari Pravas at VKV Andman



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Bihar Vibhag - Patna, Bhagalpur, Jharkhand Nagarsthan - Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur Prakalp-sthan- Bhagalpur, Chandil, Ranchi





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All of the second secon	Vibhag-South (Bhanja)-Coastal (Vani)-Western (Jyoti)	Projects-VK-AICYAM-VK Odisha Prakashan Vibhag-Odisha Sewa Prakalp-VK-PRMS Hospital		





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Telugu Prant				
	 States Covered : 2 Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Districts Total: 46 Covered: 11 	Prakalp -Vivekananda Kendra Telugu Prachurana Vibhag - VK Kaushalam		



Yoga Varga at Kadapa



Prant Karyakarta Prashikshan Shibir of Telugu Prant at Kaushalam, Hyderabad



VK Godawari Vibhag



Sanskar Varga at Nagole, Hyderabad



Sanskar Varga at Kakinada



Program at VK Tirupati



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Monuments and Exhibitions at Kanyakumari

- 1. Vivekananda Rock Memorial
- 2. Wandering Monk Exhibition
- 3. Ramayan Darshanam Bharatmata Sadanam
- 4. Arise! Awake!! Exhibition
- 5. Gangotri Exhibition
- 6. Gramodaya Darshan Park



Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari



Ramayan Darshanam, Kanyakumari

Visitors to VRM and Exhibitions				
<u>S.No</u>	Name	<u>2021- 2022</u>		
1	Visitors on the Vivekananda Rock Memorial	5,36,096		
2	Visitors to Arise Awake Exhibition	6,552		
3	Visitors to W.Monk Exhibition	4,096		
4	Visitors to Gangotri Exhibition	158		
5	Visitors to Gramodaya Darshan Park	156		
6	Visitors to Ramayan Darshnam	31,233		
5	Visitors stayed in the Campus	50,823		
h h	Organisations conducted their programs in the Campus	20 Programs Participated- 1900		
7	Motivation camp for the Karyakartas	Participated - 101		



Activities in Vivekanandapuram at Kanyakumari

- 1. Administrative Head Quarters of Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra
- 2. Providing good accommodation at nominal rates to the pilgrims in a clean and serene atmosphere of
- 3. Vivekanandapuram campus in Kanyakumari. Double Bedded deluxe and AC rooms and AC cottages are also available.
- 4. Training Centre and hostel for the dedicated workers who join Kendra as Jivanvrties/Shiksharthis/Sevavraties/Vanaprathis
- 5. Maintenance of Vivekananda Rock Memorial
- 6. Providing outpatient medical facility for the pilgrims in the Allopathic and Siddha dispensary
- Facilities available inside the Kendra campus for the benefit of the pilgrims who stay there A) State Bank of India branch with ATM facility B) Post Office C) Vegetarian Restaurant D) 24 hour water & power supply E) Gauseva F) Granthalay (Library & Reading room)
- 8. Dhyan Mandir (daily Prathahsmran at 05.15 AM, Gita Pathan @ 07.30 AM & Bhahan @ 06.30 PM
- 9. Higher Secondary School catering to nearby 1500 students of the local area
- 10. Vivekananda Mandapam and Ekanathji's Samadhi
- 11. Vivekanandapuram beach and Sun-Rise point
- 12. Books Stall of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Literature
- 13. AC Auditorium 250 seats
- 14. Peacock Sanctuary



Independence Day - Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari



Accommodation for Pilgrims at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari



SHIBIR CALENDER - 2023 (for General Public)

NAME OF THE SHIBIR	DATES	AGE	CAMP DONA- TION
Spiritual Retreat (Eng & Hindi)	February 22 – 28	18 to 65	Rs.3000/-
Yoga Shiksha Shibir (Eng & Hindi)	May 1 – 15	18 to 65	Rs.4000/-
Yoga Certificate Course (Eng & Hindi)	May 1 – 30	18 to 65	Rs.10000/-
Spiritual Retreat (Eng & Hindi)	Aug 8-14	18 to 65	Rs.3000/-
Yoga Shiksha Shibir (Eng & Hindi)	Nov 22 – Dec 6	18 to 65	Rs.4000/-
Yoga Certificate Course (Eng & Hindi)	Nov 22 – Dec 21	18 to 65	Rs.10000/-

Further details: E-mail:camps@vkendra.org / Phone: 247012 Vivekananda Kendra, Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari – 629 702 Visit : <u>www.vkendra.org</u> for more details



Spiritual Retreat at Kanyakumari



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Shraddhanjali



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, RSS Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale paying tribute to Shri Dipok Kumar Barthakur, Vivekananda Kendra Guide in Northeast. Chairman VKIC, Guwahati and VK NRL Hospital in Assam.

- 1. Swami Vageeshanandaji Vice President Ramakrishna Mission, Belur
- 2. Swami Omkarananda Saraswatiji, Sri Swami Chidbhavananda Ashramam at Vedapuri in Theni
- 3. Mahant Samvit Somgiri Maharaj, Shivbari Math in Bikaner.
- 4. Swami Shantimayanandaji Maharaj (Narasimham Maharaj) at Amrita Institute of Medical Science, Kochi.
- 5. Sri Radheshyam Khemkaji, President, Gita Press & Editor of its famous magazine, Kalyan, Gorakhpur
- 6. Sri Jagamohanji, First Chairman of Vivekananda Kendra International, Delhi, Former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir.
- 7. Sri Virbhadra Singh, Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Chairman of VRM Himachal Pradesh Samiti during construction of Vivekananda Rock Memorial
- 8. Sri Basudev Jhunjunwala, Kolkata Former Office Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari
- 9. Sri R. Jagadeesa Sankar, Sivakasi.
- 10. Er. G. Srinivasan, one of the founding members of Aravind Eye Hospitals
- 11. Sri Narendra Kohliji Hindi Sahityik
- 12. Sri Mahadev Jalan, Dibrugarh VK Well-wisher.
- 13. General Bipin Rawat, an Indian Military Officer. He served first Chief of Defence Staff of Indian Armed Forces.
- 14. Sushri. Lata Mangeshkar, Gaan Kokila, Bharat Ratna Awardee.
- 15. Shri Dipok Kumar Barthakur, Vivekananda Kendra Guide in Northeast. Chairman VKIC, Guwahati and VK NRL Hospital in Assam



Some Important Visitors to Vivekananda Rock Memorial



Shri R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu, visited Vivekananda Rock Memorial to pay tributes to Swami Vivekananda

- 1. Shri R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu
- 2. Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- 3. Shri Kulwant Singh Heer, Commandant, 27, BN, PAP, Jalandhar, Punjab
- 4. Shri I.K. Pandey, Director, General Road Development, Spl. Secretary, New Delhi.
- 5. Shri Raghvinder Nath Joshi, Zonal Director, South Western Zone, Indian Airforce
- 6. Shri Mukesh Singhal, NPCIL OF INDIA



07.01.1972 Vivekananda Kendra came into being. Flag hoisting on the Rock at Sun rise and lowering at Sun set started. A Spiritually Oriented Service Mission to take Swami Vivekananda's message of 'Man Making Nation Building' with 'Serve Man Serve God'

	 30.08.1973 to 24.03.1974 First batch of Life workers training started. A unique program to train missionaries – brothers and sisters. 20.07.1978 Guru Pournima - First Diksha karyakaram for 11 Jeevanvratis (9 Brothers, 2 Sisters) in Vivekandnapuram. Kendra prayer introduced, composed by Dr. Shridhar Bhaskar Warnekar.
 18.07.1977 Vivekananda Bal Vidyalaya at Port Blair 29.09.1977 Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (Residential), Sher was inaugurated by Col K A A Raja, Lt. Governor of Arunachal Pradesh 	VEKANANDA KENDRA VIDYALAYA Port Blair. IVEKANANDAPURAM, KANARI.

First Issue of "Kendra Patrika"



16.02.1972 Vivekananda Kendra Patrika, First issue "Serve Man Serve God" was released

Third Phase of Vivekananda Kendra Movement

First Yoga Shibir



02.05.1976 to 22.05.1976 First Yoga Shibir at Vivekanandapuram

Rural Develoment Project

Iconic Buildings at Vivekanandapuram



31.01.1973 Iconic Nalanda Granthalaya and Patanjali hall at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari built.





21.01.1981 Vivekananda International started

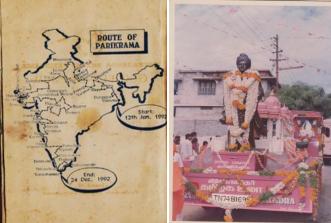


1981 Rural Development Programme commenced with Balwadis in Kanyakumari District

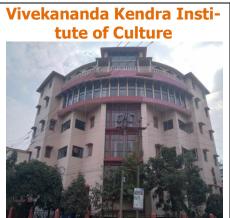


12.01.1986 VK NARDEP (Natural Resource Development Project) established

Vivekananda Bharat Parikrama



12.01.1992 To 24.12.1992 : Vivekananda Bharat Parikrama – 22,000 kms –187 towns - 247 days – under the leadership of Mananeeya Dr Lakshmi Kumari Didi – got disrupted from 6 Dec 1992.... Vivek Jyotis were taken out from the states where Parikrama was not going. Andaman, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States – a Cycling Expedition on Southern Bank of Brahmaputra and Vivek Jyoti Walkathon on the Northern Bank of Brhamaputra.... Later completed along with Tamil Nadu Parikrama



31.01.1996 VK Institute of Culture at Guwahati started its working with Vimarsha in 1993.

(ULA) in 1995.



1993 – VK Arunjyoti program launched for All Round Development of Arunachal Pradesh through Yuva Manch, Swasthya Manch, Anoupacharik Shiksha Manch, Mahila Manch and Samskrutik Manch

VK-Vedic Vision Foundation



12.01.1996 VK Vedic Vision Foundation inaugurated at Chennai by Revered Swami Gautamananda, President Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore

VK-Prashikshan va Sewa Prakalp



12.01.1997 VK Prashikshan va Seva Prakalp at Pimiplad, Nasik was inaugurated

Acharya Prashikshan Shibir



In 1997 Acharya Prashikshan Shibir A month long duration shibir every year for new teachers of all VKVs at Kanyakumari began

VK-NRL Hospital



 April 1998 VKNRL Hospital, Numaligarh
 – first venture in the field of Swasthya with the financial assistance from Numaligarh Refinery Ltd – started.



14 Nov to 19 Nov 1983 the meeting with well wishers began which later was around 22 Aug of every year. Later in 2002, it became an Akhil Bharatiya Adhikari Baithak. First was in Kanyakumari. Since then, we had baithaks in Nagpur, Vadodara, Lucknow, Bhopal, Guwahati, Delhi, Kolkata, Jaipur, Sambhaji Nagar, Nalbari, Bhubaneshwar, Nirjuli. In 2013 there was no baithak. And in other years it was in Kanyakumari



Swami Vivekananda Sardh Shati Samaroh



Nationwide celebration of Swami Vivekananda's 150th Birth Anniversary

Mananeeya Eknathji Janm Shati Parva



09.11.2014 A year-long celebration of "Ma. Eknathji Janma Shati Parva" was inaugurated by Sri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India at Vijnan Bhavan, New Delhi. Revered Swami Govind Giri Maharaj, President of Bharatmata Mandir, Haridwar, graced the occasion.

Arunachal Pradesh Honors

Vivekanaanda Kendra Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh -Celebrations



Vivekanaanda Kendra Vidyalaya's 40 years in Arunachal Pradesh, celebrations with President of India

Padma Vibhushan



In 2018 Padma Vibhushan was awarded to Mananeeya P Parameswaranji, then President of Vivekanandana Kendra Kanyakumari.



20.02.2014 Government of Arunachal Pradesh honoured Sri A. Balakrishnanji, then Vice-President, Vivekananda Kendra, with State Award for his excellent service in the field of Education in the State in the hands of the Governor.

Ramayan Darshanam &

Gandhi Peace Prize



12-4.08.2019 Ek Bharat Vijayi Bharat – Vivekananda Kendra Adhikaris made the first sampark with the President, Vice-President and Prime Minister of India respectively



13.07.2015 The Triple Project – Ramayana Darshanam, Bharatmata Sadanam and Hanuman Statue in Vivekanandapuram. A Hanuman Statue and Bharatmata Statue were inaugurated Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendrabhai ji on 12 Jan 2017.



26.02.2019 "Gandhi Peace Prize" for 2015 was conferred to Vivekananda Kendra for its Rural and Educational work in the country.

Padma Shri



2016 Man. Nivedita Didi, Vide-President, Vivekananda Kendra was awarded "Padma Shri" for her contribution to social work. The Padma Shri was awarded by the President on 2017

Presidents of Vivekananda Kendra



Prof. Mahadevan (7 Jan 1972 to 5 Sept 1976)



Prof. K. N. Vaswani (Sept 1976 to April 1978)



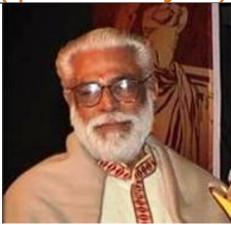
Ma. Eknathji (April 1978 to 22 Aug 1982)



Ma. Dr. Lakshmi Kumari didi (1984 to 1995)

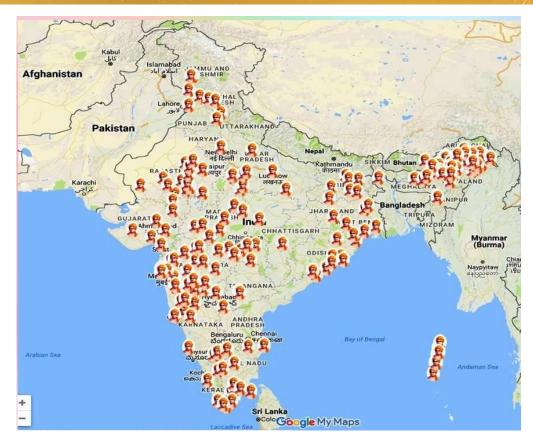


Ma. P Parameswaranji (1995 to 9 Feb 2020)



Ma. A Balakrishnan ji (since 19 July 2020)

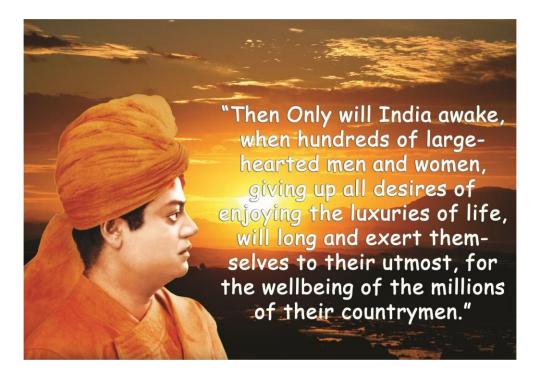
The work which began in 1972 today has around 1810 Adhikaris, 6737 dayitvavan karyakartas, 2100 teaching & other staff members and 180 Jeevanvratis, Shiksharthis, Sevavratis, Vanprasthis that 106 nagar sthan, 135 karya sthan, 615 Prakalp sthans in 26 states & 4 UTs.



	Overview of Vivekananda Kendra						
	1980	1990	2000	2010	Today		
Places of work	26	45	82	100	241		
Prakalp	5	8	9	17	40		
Prakalp Sthan	12	22	32	220	615		
Vidyalayas	10	19	28	61	81		
Students	300 approx	4385	11902	23276	33996		
Patrons	4098	22036	71883	140698	248334		



Do you hear Swami Vivekananda Saying?



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The Kendra also appeals to those who want to share their time and money for the regeneration of our Motherland and for helping our brethren, who are in the interior regionsAnd towards this,

- 1. Offer your services, expertise and or money to any of our branch centers or projects.
- 2. Motivate qualified and capable service minded youth, both men and women, to join us.
- 3. Motivate qualified and capable youth to join our school as teachers.
- 4. Become patrons, by joining Kendra's Patron Scheme.
- 5. Become and get subscribers for our journals.
- 6. Purchase our publications, diaries, calendars and greeting cards.
- 7. Sponsor educational expenses of needy students in our schools.
- 8. Attend and motivate others to attend our camps.
- 9. Donate generously for Kendra's various service Projects.

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The amount can be paid by cash or cheque/money order/demand draft in favor of "Vivekananda Kendra" payable at State Bank of India, Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari or by directly depositing in our State Bank of India Core Banking Account Number 11305877361 (IFSC Code: SBIN0003780).

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Vivekananda Kendra on Social Media					
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Main Channel		Activity Channel			
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Padawali		SahityaSeva			
https://youtube.com/padawa		https://youtube.com/vkprakashan			
Facebook Page <u>https://fb.com/VivekanandaKendraKanyakumari</u>					
	Twitter: https://twitter.com/vkendra				
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Ø	Instagram https://instagram.com/vrmvk				
	Swami Vivekananda Daily Quotation (Hindi & Eng) Telegram Channel : <u>https://t.me/dailyvivek</u> VK Update Telegram Channel : <u>https://t.me/vkendra</u>				
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