Dear Friends,

In the words of our founder Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, the spirit of Seva transforms you from a consumer to a contributor. It is with this endeavor that we embarked on our mission of educating rural India 18 years ago.

We began our journey in 2000 and the first Chatralayam was built in Anaikatti near Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. Since then, we have come a long way. Today, we are present across 16 states with 97 Chatralayams. I am happy to announce that 10 new and upcoming projects are under various stages of completion.

Moving from education to employment, we present the achievements of some of our students in this Quarterly. As AIM for Seva believes in all round development, the October–December 2018 edition of Outreach showcases the sporting laurels in the field as well as the artistic talent of our students. Our students partook in all festivities with enthusiasm—whether it was setting up the kolu during Navaratri or diya making and rangoli during Diwali.

Our donors extended their support in various ways. Special meals were organised across 97 Chatralayams on donor designated days during this quarter.

Lastly, we have been an environmentally conscious organisation drawing inspiration from the Vedas. Our cover story is a testimony to that.

We welcome you to join our journey and with your support, we would be able to penetrate the last mile and thereby empower and educate every child in rural India.

Thank you.

Sheela Balaji
Chairperson and Managing Trustee
AIM for Seva

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One by one our Chatralayams are going green. We are proud to share that not only are our students aware about the concept and benefits of sustainable living, energy saving and recycling; we have also adopted various green practices across our Chatralayams and other projects.

The latest ones to join the green drive are two Chatralayams from south. Recently solar water heater panels were installed in Dr. Rangrao N. Jadhav AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Bidar, Karnataka and AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Bobbili, Andhra Pradesh. The solar water heater donors for the Bobbili Chatralayam were Sri. N.P.S.R. Krishna and Smt. Vijayalaxmi while for Bidar help came in the form of Sri. Sandeep Mane, Dr. Yuvraj Jadhav, Sri. Shivani Mane, Sri. Sachin Sinde and Sri. Ranjeet Biradar. There are 50 girls residing in the Bidar hostel at the moment while Bobbili is home to 61 boys.

What’s more, we are set to expand our presence in Bidar. To accommodate rising numbers, we commenced construction of a new hostel building measuring 6,500 square feet in the first quarter of this year. This will be a hostel for boys.

In the first quarter of this year, solar panels were installed at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh to generate power. We have 27 boys living in the Ghaziabad hostel.

Our efforts at fostering green energy through our hostel network is not just through solar panels alone. Over 90% of our Chatralayams have a kitchen garden located in their backyards. These organic vegetable gardens are carefully tended by our students under the supervision of our coordinator and the result is fresh and nutritious meals. We currently have 97 Chatralayams spread across 16 states with 3,800 students residing in these hostels.

What we have to live in harmony with nature is not a new thing. Our scriptures have stated that it’s important to respect the environment. Of the Pancha Maha Yajna, one Yajna is Bhuta Yajna or respect for all things around us. It is an obligation on the part of all humans to respect all things around us. The Pancha Bhuta or the five elements are - air, water, land, fire and space.
There is joy in giving. And that’s exactly what young students of the 2015 batch of Maharaja Institute of Medical Sciences, Vizianagaram, decided to do as a group. They spent an entire day with our children at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Bobbili (Vizianagaram), Andhra Pradesh. There are 61 boys residing in this hostel.

They shared their own stories and interacted with the children. Our kids too had lots to share - of school, home and their own ambitions. The afternoon was spent by enjoying a sumptuous meal with our children. They left with a bundle of memories and lots of daily essentials and stationery - 125 kg rice, 21 school bags, 1 iron box, 1.15 litre oil, 20 kg of idli rava and Bombay rava, 13 kg pulses, 1 first aid kit, 18 notebooks and 200 pens for the children.

When one student sponsors another

Active zone

The AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sathyamangalam (Erode), Tamil Nadu is a beehive of activities. Our 25 children living here are enthusiastic learners, active both in sports and arts and innovators in their own right.

The construction of the building was supported by Sri. Ram Sampath and Smt. Hema Sampath and the hostel commenced operations in 2008. In the recent past, our students have displayed their creative and innovative spirit by making electronic boats and air conditioner models. Sometime back, the hostel celebrated the World Senior Citizen Day. The World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated on August 21 every year. It was first proclaimed on December 14 in 1990, by the United Nations General Assembly. The day is acknowledged to raise awareness about factors and issues affecting the elderly such as deterioration with age and to examine issues that affect their lives such as abuse of elderly people.

The Sathyamangalam hostel organised a medical camp for all its 25 children recently.

“The idea is to give back to the community and this is a cross sector collaboration effort.”

Monica Yekule, lead volunteer, Deloitte.
Organic festival

AIM for Seva has been pushing the frontiers when it comes to organic. Whether it is our organic farm in Manjakkudi where we have revived organic heritage and artisanal rice to holding the first edition of India Organic Fair from September 7th to 11th, 2018 in Chennai at the Mother Teresa Women’s Complex, Valluvarkottam High Road with concept support from the Ministry of Women & Child Development to participating at the 10 day Women of India National Organic Festival 2018 Janpath, New Delhi from October end to first week of November, it has been organic all the way.

We are happy to share that our organic movement is also growing at the ‘grassroots’ level. The Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur has an annual tradition of holding a KG (Kindergarten food festival). This year, 144 students and their parents participated in this school fair. A variety of lip smacking items were displayed at the fair that included hibiscus juice, lemon juice, mud pot water, carrot idli, ragi and rava laddu, wheat halwa and sprouted grains among other items. “Many people have forgotten about traditional, organic and healthy food. Our children have been introduced to fast food. So we have started to conduct this organic food festival to create awareness about the benefits of traditional food among the parents,” state school authorities.

Tailoring Convocation

We have 3 Chatralayams in Uttarakhand—2 hostels for boys in Karnaprayag and Srinagar and 1 for girls in Dehradun. We have 78 hostelers in Uttarakhand of which 20 are girls.

In addition to Chatralayams, we run 3 sewing centres in Dehradun that provide vocational training to women in the region. The certified tailoring course is of one year duration and classes are held every day, barring Sundays.

At this year’s convocation which was held recently, all the students were gifted with a sewing machine by our Chairperson and Managing Trustee, Smt. Sheela Balaji who had personally visited the centre at Haripur Kalan (Dehradun) for the convocation. Tailoring as a vocation provides a regular stream of income for women working from home and also enables a better status for them.

Other HIGHLIGHTS

Apart from providing after school educational support, accommodation and exposure to extracurricular activities, we conduct health camps twice a year across our Chatralayams to ensure the well being of our children who reside with us 10 months in a year.

A health check camp was organised at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yeleshwaram (East Godavari), Andhra Pradesh. All our 32 boys participated in this camp.

In neighbouring Telangana, a similar health camp was organised at the AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Alwal (Medchal - Malakgiri) with Dr. M. Gajanan, paediatrician from RIMS Hospital, Adilabad examining all our 80 students. The doctor gave a talk and our students listened to it in rapt attention.

A medical camp was organised in another Chatralayam in the same region. All our 25 boys from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kallur (Khammam), Telangana participated in the medical check-up organised in the hostel premises.

Our boys from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Nagercoil (Kanyakumari) took part in an environmental awareness programme. Organised by the Ganapatipuram Town Panchayat and AVD Higher Secondary School, Ganapatipuram, our students from the Nagercoil Chatralayam took part in ‘Say no to plastic’ and dengue awareness programme.
**HIGHLIGHTS**

LIC celebrated its 62nd Anniversary at K P D T High School, Eluru (West Godavari), Andhra Pradesh. On this occasion, one of our students at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Eluru (West Godavari), Andhra Pradesh, J. Venkatalakshmi from 6th standard was conferred with the best student award.

Swamy Vivekananda Abyudhaya Prathistana teamed up with the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka (Bangalore), Karnataka and conducted an interactive programme on social awareness and security awareness for our 41 children residing in this hostel. All our Chatralayams will soon be going hi-tech in the truest sense of the word with CCTV (close circuited cameras) footage also being available in an app format on smart phones.

Our 21 girls at the Madhu & Rajkumar Nigam AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Kusumbi village, (Unnao), Uttar Pradesh had a free medical check-up at Saraswati Medical college. As part of medical examination at the hospital, doctors did a dental, ENT (ear, nose and throat) and eye examination. At the end of the check-up, the girls were served piping hot lunch by the hospital staff. Thanks to the efforts of the Medical Superintendent at the hospital, Col. Dr. Pradyuman Singh, our children were picked and dropped back to the hostel and necessary medicines was also made available to them.

Our boys from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Utnoor (Adilabad), Telangana participated in cultural events organised by J.K. Sports in their school, Sri. Saraswathi Sishu Mandir, Utnoor.

Our children from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Belgaum, Karnataka participated in a rally organised by Ankur School for Special Children, Belgaum on occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3).

Officials from the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) conducted a meeting with the coordinator and 60 boys at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Utnoor (Adilabad), Telangana on the occasion of Child Right Day. A UN declared day, the Universal Children’s Day is celebrated on November 20th every year to promote international togetherness and improving children’s welfare. The event culminated with officials encouraging our children to write essays on India and child rights and distributed certificates as a token of appreciation.

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Sri. M.P. Narayanan, one of the founder members of AIM for Seva recently visited the Janmabhoomi of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. Recalling his visit, Sri. Narayanan said his dreams have come true as Pujya Swamiji had told him many times that he should visit Manjakkudi.

At Manjakkudi, Sri. Narayanan visited our farm and was impressed with our effort in cultivating and preserving over 180 varieties of organic heritage and artisanal rice. He also visited the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School and the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi. On its part, the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School organised a felicitation programme in its auditorium for the esteemed visitor. Sri. Narayanan visited our Chatralayams located in Sembangudi and the Sri. Varadaraja Perumal Temple, Kodavasai.

Sri. Narayanan said that Manjakkudi symbolised unity. “When you find students from north east India and paddy seeds collected from all over India in Manjakkudi, the place is an example of national integration.”

Sri. Narayanan, a committed devotee of Pujya Swamiji has held top positions in various public sector units. As founder member of AIM for Seva, Sri. Narayanan played a critical role in getting the organisation registered as a charitable trust, 80 G exemption under the Income Tax Act and FCRA (Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010) bank account.

**Manjakkudi- A symbol of national integration**

Titan, the fifth largest integrated watch maker in the world continues to support the Art for Development programme at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, (Bangalore), Karnataka and Emirates AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu.

Recently, girls from the Dharmapuri hostel exhibited their mosaic art work made by them at the exhibition ‘A Hundred Hands’, a movement that promotes indigenous handicrafts. The event was held from November 28th to December 2nd at Jaya Mahal, Bangalore.

Six children from our Dharmapuri hostel conducted a workshop on mosaic art that saw participation from the Yelahanka hostellers and others. The children who conducted this workshop were selected on factors like focus, interest, ability and creativity by Smt. Henna Kalro who had taught our children mosaic art.

What’s noteworthy about this whole initiative is that the watchmaker has led this initiative from the front since the beginning. Sri. N.E. Sridhar, head of corporate sustainability at Titan personally visited ‘A Hundred Hands’ exhibition as well as our stall.

**Titan**
Higher education and employment

Our Chatralayams are slowly getting into the E2E mode—Education to Employment. Going to school, graduating from a university and then taking up a job at a blue chip major is a linear progression for many of us. At AIM for Seva, over 90% of our 3,800 students are first generation learners. What's gratifying is that over the last five years, we have seen many of our students opting for either higher studies or taking up employment.

A. Swapna is a case in point. A student of the AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Nandyal (Kurnool), Andhra Pradesh, she joined the hostel in 2007 when she was in 4th standard. There are currently 70 girls in the Nandyal hostel.

Swapna who is currently doing her final year B.Sc. Statistics from Sri. Ramakrishna Degree College, Nandyal has been recruited by Foxconn, a Taiwanese multinational electronics contract manufacturing company during campus placement.

Swapna will be placed at the company's unit in Sri City unit, Andhra Pradesh. She will start as a supervisor in the packing section of the company at an annual compensation of Rs. 1.2 lakh and will first undergo training for three months. Swapna aspires to be an entrepreneur in the packaging industry.

Way back in 2006, Govind Kumar Mehra joined the Smt. Krishna Rani Papneja AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys in Kareli, Madhya Pradesh as a young boy full of aspirations. He stayed in the Chatralayam till his XII standard and passed out in 2014. Thereafter, we encouraged him to continue his Bachelors in Sanskrit from Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya University, Tamil Nadu.

Along with him was his hostel mate, Ashish Bhadoria. Both of them have come out with flying colours. Govind secured a gold medal while Ashish bagged silver in their undergraduate programme. They are both pursuing their studies at SCSVMV University.

It was during this period when he came in touch with volunteers from the Smt. Krishna Rani Papneja AIM for Seva Chatralayam at Kareli. In the words of our Madhya Pradesh coordinator, Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji, the turning point in Govind's life occurred after he entered the Smt. Krishna Rani Papneja AIM for Seva Chatralayam at Kareli. At first, Govind was an average student. Constant encouragement by the staff at Kareli and guidance from Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji saw him blossoming into a confident student.

Govind finished his high school with 75% and although he had opted for the science stream in class XI, Govind decided to take up Sanskrit for higher studies. At the Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya University, he was an all rounder, bagging prizes in many competitions. There are 12 students from AIM for Seva Chatralayams in Madhya Pradesh who are pursuing their studies at SCSVMV University.

Academic excellence

Sahilkumar Santilal Chaudhari scored 74.67% and Stavan Girishbhai Chaudhari scored 73.50% in their SSC Board Examination conducted in 2018. They secured the 1st and 2nd position and have been felicitated by their school, Prabhu Premi Vidhyalaya, Dungri (Surat), Gujarat. They are alumni of the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys. Dungri (Surat), Gujarat. Both of them are now in class XII (science stream) in Adarsh Nivasi Shala, Mahuva (Bhavnagar), Gujarat.

From down south, K. Pavan who is with the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys Yadavaram (Kamareddy), Telangana and studying in 6th class won the 1st prize for academic excellence from his school, ZPPS, Yadavaram (Kamareddy), Telangana. Apart from Pavan, there are 49 other boys at the Yadavaram Chatralayam.

Renuka Bai, a class 9th student in Sri Sarada Vidya Peetham, Nandyal (Kurnool), Andhra Pradesh won the 1st prize in a school level essay competition held on polio on the occasion of World Polio Day (October 24th). The World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against polio. Polio can be prevented through immunisation. Polio vaccine, given multiple times, almost always protects a child for life. Renuka Bai lives in the AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Nandyal (Kurnool), Andhra Pradesh with 69 other girls.
Upanayana ceremony for 20 students

In the Sanatana Dharma tradition, Upanayana is one of the traditional samskaras (rites of passage) that marked the acceptance of a student by a Guru. This tradition is widely discussed in ancient Sanskrit texts and varies regionally.

A Vedapataashaala following the Rig Veda tradition commenced at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Chikhali (Pune), Maharashtra from this academic year. As part of this, an Upanayana ceremony was performed for 20 students and the function was presided over by Swami Chitprakashananda Saraswati ji.

The chief guests present at this Vedic function were-land donor, Sri. Yashwant Limaye, Sri. V.N. Abyankar Bhau, an educationist, Sri. Sribanta Giri and Acharya Sri. Sachin Kumar. In addition, school teachers from the neighbouring regions, parents and devotees were also present in large numbers at the function. Our students from the Chikhali hostel showed their skills in yoga, singing and Vedic chanting. We have a Vedapataашala in Kodavasaal (in close vicinity to our founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati’s Janmabhoomi, Manjakkudi). The Swami Dayananda Vedapatashaala started functioning in 2007 and was established to promote and spread the learnings of our rich Vedic heritage through Vedanta study. The centre conducts a 7 year course with classes beginning 6 am daily and continuing till 9 p.m.

Sri. Krishnamoorthy Hegde and Sri. B.S. Sudharsan Bhatt are the main faculty at the institute.

Artist miniatures
Creativity unleashed at Chatralayams

AIM for Seva Chatralayams provides 7,200 hours of value-based education to 3,800 students in 16 states. Creativity and arts form an important component of our pedagogy. Whether it’s Navaratri, Diwali or even a normal day in a year, our students come up with something innovative at frequent intervals. In this section, we showcase some such innovations and artistic talent hostel wise and student wise.

Prizes galore
AIM for Seva Telbal Girls Chatralayam
Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

Our girls received prizes in various competitions held at Sri Sarada Vidya Peethami School, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh. Jyothi Bai of class 4 won the 1st prize in a drawing competition. Krishna Veni (class 5), Vasanti Bai (class 5) and K. Swetha (class 5) won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in a competition on spoken English. In the drawing competition for 6th class, Devi Bai came 1st, Sarawasti Bai stood 2nd while Vijayalakshmi Bai came 3rd. In the 7th class spoken English competition, T. Jayanthi stood 1st. K. Manasa came 2nd while Rani Bai came 3rd. There are currently 70 girls residing in the AIM for Chatralayam for Girls, Nandyal (Kurnool), Andhra Pradesh.

Fort of Shivaji
Smt. Susheela & Sri. Madhukar Rao AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Rajgurunagar, Maharashtra

The brave Maratha warrior, Shivaji continues to hold a special place in the heart of many Indians. Children from the Rajgurunagar (Pune) Chatralayam, Maharashtra made Shivaji’s fort out of mud. The founder of the Maratha empire in western India in 1664 CE, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was well known for his forts; he was in possession of around 370 of them at the time of his death. The Chatralayam is home to 64 boys.

Best out of waste
Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys
Palani, Tamil Nadu

AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu

Children from both hostels made door mats out of waste cloth. There are 31 boys residing in the Palani hostel while the girls Sembangudi Chatralayam houses 31 students.
Saliva hymns
Seshachariar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Cumbum, Tamil Nadu

Children from our Cumbum (Theni) hostel in Tamil Nadu participated in Tirumurai (a 12 volume compendium of songs or hymns in praise of Shiva in the Tamil language) recitation programme conducted by the Arul Migu Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam Saiva Thirumurai Payirchi Maiyam, Cumbum and won prizes and participation certificates. We have 51 boys currently residing in this hostel.

K. Yuvaraj
Venkat Shanker AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Mulvoy, Tamil Nadu

Yuvaraj residing at the Venkat Shanker AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Mulvoy (Vellore), Tamil Nadu and studying in 5th standard made a cobweb duster out of date palm tree. Such activities are regularly encouraged in our hostels to help our children gain critical thinking and learning skills. This in turn aids life skill development for them.

Shiba Hembram
Swami Dayanananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Basira, Odisha

The creative sparks from our Chatralayam students run across the four corners in India. From east India, Shiba Hembram from our AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Basira (Keonjhar), Odisha won the 3rd prize in a painting competition at the taluk level. The topic was ‘How to keep a village clean’ and was held in Shiba’s school. The 6th class student has now been selected for the district level competition.

G. Vanjinathan
Seshachariar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Cumbum, Tamil Nadu

A student of class 8, Vanjinathan won the 1st prize in a drawing competition held in his school, Nalandha Matriculation School, Cumbum, Tamil Nadu.

In another drawing competition conducted by Bharathi Tamil Elakiya Peravai, Cumbum on the occasion of Independence Day and in memory of Sri. K.T. Somanathan, children from class 6-8 from three districts participated in this event. Vanjinathan won the 2nd prize.

Beautiful notes
Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Palani, Tamil Nadu

Our 31 boys at the Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys in Palani (Dindigul), Tamil Nadu are exposed to classical music twice a week thanks to the efforts of Ms. M. Sowmya, an enthusiastic volunteer and teacher. Ms. Sowmya started taking musical lessons for our Palani hostelers from 2017. Our children enjoy their musical sessions that include introductory lessons, keerthanams and bhajans.

R. Madhan Kumar and C. Arun Kumar
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sathyamangalam, Tamil Nadu

Our Sathyamangalam super heroes continue to do us proud. R. Madhan Kumar participated in the National Competition 2018 organised by the Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and the Petroleum Conservation Research Association and won the 2nd prize. His hostel mate C. Arun Kumar created house models. Madhan studies in class 7 while Arun is a grade 8 student.

J. Sanjay
Arun - Divya AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu

J. Sanjay who studies in class 7 participated in a district level cultural competition and won the 1st prize in the solo dance competition and got selected for state level representation.
I. Asha
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu

I. Asha of class 9 won the 3rd place in discuss throw at the Bharathiyar Day Games (zonal level) held at G.B.H.S.S. Valangaiman, Tiruvarur district. She is from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi (Tiruvarur), Tamil Nadu.

Across our 97 Chatralayams in 16 states, AIM for Seva spreads the message of education that goes beyond books and stationery. We passionately propagate a 360° approach to education that includes sports, yoga and music.

Athletic prizes
Swami Ranganathananda Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Perambalur, Tamil Nadu
It has been raining accolades at the Swami Ranganathananda Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys (Perambalur), Tamil Nadu, home to 38 boys. Some of them had participated in the sports meet organised by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. Our students won various prizes at this meet.

Bend it like Belgaum
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Belgaum, Karnataka
Four of our X standard girls studying in Sant Meera English Medium School represented their school and participated in the Inter School Football Tournament organised by Belgaum district Football Association. Ten schools from Belgaum participated in this competition and our girls emerged as winners from among the teams who participated in this competition.

R. Bathrinath
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys Thiruvaimarudur, Tamil Nadu

Down south, R. Bathrinath, a XI standard student of the Thiruvasaduthruai Adheenam Higher Secondary School represented his state at the 64th National School Game Ball Badminton Championship 2018 which was conducted by the School Games Federation of India in Hyderabad. He emerged as a runner-up. Bathrinath was part of an eight member team. All the team members have been awarded with 1.5 lakh each for their achievement by the Tamil Nadu Government.

Bathrinath is with the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Thiruvaimarudur (Thanjavur), Tamil Nadu. It did not end there. R. Bathrinath along with his classmate V. Mayavan represented their school at the 36th State Level Bharathiar Day Games (ball badminton) and secured first place along with their team.

Idapynjanai Basaringaid
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Bagepalli, Karnataka

Our girls aren’t far behind. Idapynjanai Basaringaid a 6th class pupil studying in New Horizon English Higher Primary and High School, Bagepalli won the 2nd prize in the district level shot put game. She got selected for the state level competition. The strength of the Sowmya Kesanupalli AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls at Bagepalli (Chikkballapur) currently stands at 36.

Idapynjanai Basaringaid
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Bagepalli, Karnataka

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Yoga
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu

Yoga is part of the curriculum in our educational institutions and Chatralayams. These classes have triggered considerable interest in many of our students, such that they excitedly look forward to competitions to display their skills.

Five of our girls from the Sembangudi (Tiruvarur) Chatralayam participated in the Tamil Nadu State Level Yoga Championship 2018 organised by Keerthapushpam Yoga Academy in Tiruvarur. They won prizes and certificates. The girls who won the accolades were Jeeny Moishoy, Henali Chorkhy, Robirung Reang .P, Khujarung Meska .R and Lachulluvi Reang .V

Kabaddi champs
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yadavaram, Telangana

From Telangana, the boys team at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yadavaram (Kamareddy) won the 1st prize in Kabaddi held at their school (ZPPS, Yadavaram). K. Pavan, a 6th standard student from the Yadavaram Chatralayam won the 2nd prize in the Kho Kho game. The hostel is home to 50 boys.

P. Bholenath
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

Up north, P. Bholenath, a 6th standard student won the second prize in the 400 metre running. That was not all. Bholenath also grabbed the 3rd prize in the 50 metre running race at the district level competition held at Shaktinagar, Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh where over 600 children from 16 surrounding districts participated in the competition. Bholenath is one of the 31 boys at the Seth Bhavani Das Binani AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.
**Different abilities displayed on stage**

On the eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3), AIM for Seva Krupa Home presented *Avane Vandaan*, a dance drama on four divine messengers in our mythology—Hanuman, Krishna, Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharishi and Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. The programme was held on November 30th at the Narada Gana Sabha, TTK Road, Alwarpet, Chennai.

Our residents of AIM for Seva Krupa Home, Sriperumbudur had been training for this show since the beginning of September.

The programme commenced with the playing of *Bharata Desa Hitaya* which was composed by our founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. After a short introduction to the dance drama by the evening’s compere, *Avane Vandaan* got underway with 38 of our differently-abled adults taking the centre stage.

Act 1 showcased Hanuman going to Lanka and getting the *Chodamani* from Sita in Ashoka Vatika thus making him an icon in Indian mythology for time immemorial. In Act 2, Krishna goes as the Pandavas emissary to the Kaurava court. But peacemaking efforts fail as Duryodhana says that he would not part with ‘even a needle of land.’

Act 3 brought Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharishi’s life and his quest for *Arunachala*. The event concluded with an ode to AIM for Seva’s founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. One of the greatest teachers of Vedanta since Adi Shankara, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati was the founder of AIM for Seva, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust and Arsha Vidyaa Research & Publication Trust.

At the end of the show, all our artists got a standing ovation from the audience. Acclaimed danseuse and founder of RASA — (Ramana Sunritya Aalaya), Dr. Ambika Kameshwar provided the concept, script, music and direction for the show. She was felicitated along with her team members by the chief guest of the evening, Smt. Sheela Balaji, Chairperson and Managing Trustee of AIM for Seva.

In her speech, the Chairperson and Managing Trustee of AIM for Seva, Smt. Sheela Balaji thanked the contribution of Smt. Saroj Goenka who had contributed land for the AIM for Seva Krupa Home.

Dr. Radhika Soundaranajan the director at AIM for Seva Krupa Home says such initiatives are part of larger therapeutic efforts for our residents. “It vastly improves their happiness quotient. It instills a sense of pride, achievement and self esteem. Overall, a sense of well being is attained.”

Located in the outskirts of Chennai in Sriperumbudur, AIM for Seva is a residential facility for differently-abled adults that provides long-term care that extends up to end-of-life care support. The residents are taken care of by qualified medical and nursing staff. They are engaged in meaningful activities throughout the day as part of occupational therapy efforts. Some of the products made by the Krupa Home residents are displayed at our immersion centre, Spirit of the Earth located in Mylapore, Chennai.

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Pon Pure Chemical India Pvt Ltd

A leading chemical manufacturer, supplier and distributor, Pon Pure Chemical has been supporting us for the last three years. In October 2018, the company gave a sum of Rs. 30,000 towards student sponsorship.

Oriental Insurance Company Limited

The nationalised insurer made part payment of Rs. 1.17 lakh (total sum sanctioned Rs. 1.95 lakh) for purchase of 35 desks for the Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu.

LINDE

LINDE, a leading industrial gases company has been consistently showing their support towards our mission - ‘Educating Rural India’ for a long time now. On their recent visit to our S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, senior company officials made a cheque contribution of Rs. 5 lakh.

Watertec India Pvt. Ltd.

Watertec India, a premium bath fitting and accessories brand is a regular donor to our organisation. During the third quarter of the current fiscal, they donated a sum of Rs. 1 lakh towards child sponsorship.

Schwing Stetter

Schwing Stetter (India) Private Limited installed a RO (reverse osmosis) system at the AIM for Seva Krupa Home in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 2.2 lakh. The RO facility would make water potable by reducing the iron and salt content from water. In the past, Schwing Stetter had donated blankets and other provisions like rice, dhall and sugar totalling Rs. 1 lakh to the residents of Krupa Home. This was right after the December 2015 floods.

KKR Trust

KKR (Kodamuruti Krishna Rajagopal Trust) continues to extend its support to AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Thiruvvidaimarudur (Thanjavur), Tamil Nadu. During the October-December 2018 quarter, they donated Rs. 14,402 towards installation of fans at the Thiruvvidaimarudur hostel. KKR Trust also donated Rs. 2 lakh towards India Organic Fair 2018.

Rambal Limited

Rambal Limited, a prominent player in the precision auto components space has been a regular donor to AIM for Seva. During this quarter, they donated a sum of Rs. 3 lakh towards student sponsorships.

SBI Life Insurance

A sum of Rs. 6.6 lakh (second installment) was donated by SBI Life Insurance towards expenses relating to the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Clarion Cosmetics

Clarion Cosmetics which is into hair and skin care products donated a sum of Rs. 5.7 lakh towards student sponsorship of the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Chilamathur (Chittoor), Andhra Pradesh.
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FESTIVE SPIRIT

Lightning up lives

The cornerstone of value-based education is culture validation. One way in which the potential of our children is fully unlocked is their enthusiasm and active participation in festivals which celebrate the diversity of our land.

Ganesh Chaturthi marked the beginning of festivities during the second quarter of the year. Children studying in the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Uchimedu (Cuddalore), Tamil Nadu made a palanquin with battery operated lights for Ganesh out of paper. There are 26 boys currently residing in this hostel. S.S. Dasarathan from the same Chatralayam displayed his creative streak by making Ganesh idols out of clay.

At the Atmalaya Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Udumalpet (Tirupur), Tamil Nadu, our 65 girls got together and did a beautiful kolu arrangement of our Gods and Goddess during Navaratri.

Prayers were offered at this hostel during Punya Kaalam on all the nine days. The daily pooja at the hostel during Sharad Navaratri started with stotrams (prayer songs) on Goddesses such as Lalitha Sahasranamam, Mahishaasura

Mardhini, invoking the Goddess who vanquished the demons.

After the pooja, prasadam and other auspicious take-aways such as Vettala Paaku – betel leaves, betelnuts, turmeric, kumkum, yellow thread, flowers, comb, mirror, bangles, coin, blouse material, fruit and coconut were given to all guests after lighting of the evening lamp.

In fact, girls at the Atmalaya hostel take a lead when it comes to making arrangements during festivities and also managing hostel affairs. Duties and roles are well laid out and defined.

Other hostels weren’t far behind. Our 74 students at the Mayur Patel AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kankanpur (Panchmahal), Gujarat celebrated Navaratri festivities all the nine days in the true spirit. Similarly, Ghatasthapan and Durga pooja was celebrated by 31 girls at the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Belgaum, Karnataka.

Dussehra was followed by Diwali celebrations in our Chatralayams. At the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Nagercoil (Kanyakumari), Tamil Nadu a painting competition was organised for all our students to celebrate the festival of lights. There are currently 29 boys residing in this hostel.

In west India, 47 boys from the AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Udaipur, Rajasthan got together to make diyas on the occasion of Diwali.

It was not only hostlers who displayed their artistic talent. Our children from the AIM for Seva Balika Vidyalaya, Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh exhibited their talent in rangoli and diya making competition held in their school premises.

For the rangoli making competition, 35 girls from classes 9 to 12 participated in groups with 5 to 6 students being in each group. The diya making competition was held for students studying from classes S to 8.

The creativity of the students was reflected in the vibrant colours and sensitive themes depicted in their rangolis. The younger girls weren’t far behind. They transformed simple earthen diyas into decorative diyas. The result was a visual treat to the eyes. The festivities concluded with Children’s Day celebrations across all our 97 Chatralayams in 16 states in India.

From Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri to Diwali and Children’s Day, our 97 Chatralayams across 16 states bore a festive look this season.

Our children enthusiastically participated in all festivities. The celebration of such festivals reflects the diversity of our land - language, culture, customs and traditions.
**Expanding our presence in western India**

Our mission is educating rural India and across the country we have 97 Chatralayams in 16 states. In the next one year, we will be adding another 10 Chatralayams to our network—9 for boys and 1 for girls.

We are expanding our presence in Maharashtra. There are currently 10 Chatralayams in Maharashtra—9 for boys and 1 for girls with a total student count of 355 (322 boys and 33 girls). The hostels are spread across 5 districts in the region—Sindhudurga, Pune, Wardha, Nagpur and Kohlapur.

A new Chatralayam at Washim will soon be operational. It is conceived as a hostel for boys (45 boys) at a total cost of Rs. 85 lakh. Unemployment is rampant in Washim which has a total population of 78,387. Only 1% of the labour force is engaged in industrial activities, as per Census 2011. Given the seasonal nature of employment in agriculture and allied activities and high incidence of unemployment, quality education leading to employment in the region is an urgent need.

In addition to a new hostel, we are also upgrading our existing boys and girls Chatralayams located in Sindhudurga. Repair, renovation and upgradation work is currently on at the Kumari Deepa Devi Singh AIM for Chatralayam for Girls, Sawantwadi (Sindhudurga) that is home to 33 girls as well as the Dayasagar AIM for Chatralayam for Boys in the same area that takes care of 40 boys.

The overall repair and renovation work of each hostel is pegged at Rs. 20 lakh with the repair work mainly being concentrated to kitchen upgradation, grill provision for safety, bathroom tiling, painting, plumbing, electrical and sanitary works.

Our Chatralayam students in Maharashtra are budding learners and sport stars. At our 2 Chatralayams for boys in Rajgurunagar (Pune), we have a Goshala as well as a kitchen garden. Our boys from 6th and 7th standard from the Rajgurunagar Chatralayam are Kabbadi players in the schools they study.

If you would like to support the cause of educating rural India, please drop an email to: aimallindiamovement@gmail.com

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**DONOR SPEAK**

Since 2000 we have been on a mission to educate rural India and that could not have been possible but for the support of donors. Our founder Puja Swami Dayananda Saraswati always espoused ‘Danam’ and that the spirit of giving marked a progression of an individual, from a consumer to a contributor.

Based out of California in USA, Sri. Jugal Kishor came to know about AIM for Seva from the Vedanta classes run by Sri. Vijay Kapoor as well as the presentations made by AIM for Seva’s senior staff in USA.

Sri. Jugal Kishor got associated with AIM for Seva from 2012. At the annual fundraiser of the Arsha Vidya Centre (an associated entity) in Bay Area, California in 2012, the Kishor couple felt the time was right to join the Seva movement. “My wife and I were looking for some project related to AIM for Seva in Punjab or Haryana (our birthplace) so that we could be part of the movement and sponsor a Chatralayam exclusively in and around our birthplace in India to serve as a memorial for our late parents,” says Sri. Jugal Kishor.

To fulfill their philanthropic goals, the couple placed a call to the senior AIM for Seva staff in USA to know more about the organisation including the road map of upcoming projects. “During such discussions, Madhya Pradesh (MP) emerged as a potential area. Also, our founder, Puja Swami Dayananda Saraswati ji had expressed his vision and resolution (Sankalpa) for a school along with hostels for students in Madhya Pradesh. My wife and I firm up our desire to fund the Madhya Pradesh school and hostel project late 2017.”

Soon after the financial commitment was made, Smt. Bimla Kishor and Sri. Jugal Kishor made a trip to the region and attended the Bhoomi Pooja.

“We were able to distinctly observe the dire need of a school project in the region. We are very satisfied that when this school gets ready (June 2019), it is bound to make a huge difference in the lives of children and families living in the area.”

Sri. Jugal and Smt. Bimla Kishor believe that nothing indeed is as purifying as knowledge.

-Donor for AIM for Seva’s upcoming school in Padali Khurd village, Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh
Our 36 girl students at the Sowmya Kesanupalli AIM for Chatralayam for Girls, Bagepalli, Karnataka were taken on a day trip to Nandi Hills that is located near Bangalore. Nandi Hills is an ancient hill fortress and is 70 km away from Bagepalli. In traditional belief, the hills are the origin of the Arkavathi river. Another legend is that Yoga Nandeeshwara (a form of Shiva) performed penance here which is why the area is named after him.

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AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

At the tip of India, boys (29) from the Nagercoil (Kanyakumari) Chatralayam were taken on a one day trip to the Veilimalai Murugan Temple and Veilimalai Sri Vivekananda Ashrama in Kanyakumari. Located in the foothills of Veilimalai (silver mountain), a hillock with a Subramanya temple on top, and surrounded by the lush green gardens, Sri Vivekananda Ashrama is an abode of peace. Sri Vivekananda Ashrama was founded by Swami Ambanandaji Maharaj, a disciple of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi, in 1940.

Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys Basira, Odisha

From east India, 25 boys from the Basira (Keonjhar) Chatralayam were taken on a one day trip to the Gundichaghagi Waterfalls. The Gundichaghagi waterfalls is located in a spectacular natural environment with a lush green forest cover. The cascade of waterfalls on the river Musala falls at a distance of 50 feet which makes the area virtually smokey and romantic with a roaring sound. It is an ideal picnic spot and a nature lover's paradise. The waterfalls are a two hour drive (105 km) from the Basira Chatralayam.

Bapu-Buddh AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Children from our hostel located in Central India were taken on a day trip to Kamla Nehru Prani Sangrahalya, Indore. There are 60 boys currently in the Indore Chatralayam.

Kamla Nehru Prani Sangrahalya is a zoological garden that was established in 1974. The zoo area is spread over 51 acres and is home to a variety of flora and fauna.

Sri Kaveri AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Chunchunakatte, Karnataka

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Dharmasthala is an 800 year old temple where the chief deity is Manjunatheshwara in the form of Shiivalinga.

Kateel on route to Sringeri is a temple town in southern Karnataka, 26 km from Mangalore. The main deity at the temple is Sri. Durga Parameshwari.

Sri. Adi Shankara spiritually integrated India when he established four Annaya Peethams (Joshimath—north, Dwaraka—west, Puri—east and Sringeri-south) to foster the sacred tradition of Sanatana Dharma more than 12 centuries ago. Annaya Peetham is a seating of learning established for the preservation and propagation of the Vedas. The first of the four was established at Sringeri in Karnataka.

Lord Subrahmanya is the main deity at Kukke Shree Subrahmanya temple located in southern Karnataka. In the past, many celebrities have paid a visit to this temple as it is believed that prayers offered in this shrine can help negate specific negative influences in one's horoscope (Naga dosha and Kala Sarpa dosha).

Six kilometers to the west of Udupi lies Malpe, a natural port. Malpe is associated largely with settlements of the Mogaveera fisherman community while Udupi is famous for its Udupi eateries and the Krishna temple.

Located in the western ghats in the picturesque Chikmangalur district (home to numerous coffee plantations), the main deity at Horanadu is Adishakthvathmaka Sri. Annapoorneshwari. Six kms from Horanadu, lies Kalasa which is home to the Kalaseshwara temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva on the banks of Bhadra river.
Manjakkudi college students get placed in Infosys

Our students from the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi continue to do us proud. Five of our final year students have been recently selected by Infosys in a campus interview held at Sastra University, Thanjavur.

They are Gayathri .P (Computer Science), Hariharan .S (Computer Science), Swati Lakshmi .B (Mathematics), Sivaranjani .J (Mathematics) and Eyamuna .S.K (Mathematics).

A total of 41 students of our college participated in the online exam which was held on 29th November, 2018. Of this, 6 students were shortlisted in the online written exam. The technical and human resource interview was held in November end for the shortlisted candidates and finally 5 of our students got selected.

The software behemoth recruited our students for their infrastructure services, testing services and application development units as operation and testing executives. They were offered a compensation of Rs. 2.19 lakh per annum (during the training period) and the students would be undergoing training at the Mysore campus of Infosys post graduation.

All the students come from the neighbouring regions of Tiruvarur and Kumbakonam. Gayathri’s father works in a bakery store while her mother is a homemaker. The annual income of the family is less than Rs. 1 lakh per annum. Similarly, Hariharan who secured 85% in his higher secondary examination is a resident of Valangaiman in Tiruvarur district. His mother works as a Panchayat secretary at Mathur, Tiruvarur. His family’s annual income is also less than Rs. 1 lakh per annum.

Swathi Lakshmi .B was raised by her mother and she is a resident of Tiruvarur. As her mother is single, Swathi’s education was sponsored by her uncle who is working in a private company in Chennai.

Sivaranjani .J is a resident of Kumbakonam. Her father is a carpenter while her mother is a housewife. The family’s annual income is less than Rs. 1 lakh. Eyamuna .S.K’s father is a driver working abroad while her mother is a homemaker. The family income is less than Rs. 1 lakh and they reside in Tiruvarur.

Musical spirit of Tiruvarur alive at Manjakkudi

At AIM for Seva, we have always believed in value-based education. As our mission is educating rural India, AIM for Seva believes in education that is amalgamated with culture. A child’s potential can be fully unlocked only when he or she understands the richness of our tradition.

Two of our students studying at the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi have recently bagged a scholarship from the Sruthi Foundation, Chennai.

M. Sowmiya, a student of the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi and who studied at the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi is a regular prize winning participant in many competitions.

Her father, Sri. S. Mani from Kodavasal is a Nadaswara Vidwan. Some of Sowmiya’s memorable performances include competitions in St. Joseph’s College, Trichy and Annai College, Kumbakonam.

She is currently undergoing the IEC (Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development) conducted by the college in vocal music.

IECD established by the Bharathidasan University seeks to fill the gaps prevalent in our education system, viz lack of opportunities for promoting entrepreneurship among students. The Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science is affiliated to the Bharathidasan University.

Tiruvarur is the birthplace of the Carnatic musical trinity—Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri. At Manjakkudi, we have tried to keep that musical traditional alive and vibrant in our own small way by imparting music education to our students.
**Prize winners**

It is a matter of pride for the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi that in assessments conducted by Bharathidasan University – IECD (Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development) under its SUITS (School-University-Industry-Tie-up Scheme) during March 2018, one of our student N. Dharshini, standard 8 secured a state wide rank, 9th position out of 16,114 candidates.

In addition, there were other rank holders in the IECD - SUITS exams. S.R. Arinthinga from class 7 came first in Certificate in Office Automation and T. Preethi Sri from standard 6 stood 1st in Certificate in Computer Basics. N. Dharshini from class 8 continued her winning streak by bagging 1st rank in Certificate in Programming Techniques.

**Science Exhibition**

Science Exhibition 2018 was held at the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi Tamil Nadu. Visitors were greeted with a large life size map of India filled in with rangoli (green, white and saffron), the hues of the tri colour in the school grounds. Interesting models were on display that included fire extinguishers made from plastic bottles with red coating and hose attached and ATM (automated teller machine) rooms and bank branches. Various charts were also displayed in classrooms.

In this section, we share excerpts from our founder, Pujya Swami Dayanand Saraswati’s public talks, writings and lectures.

As 2019 begins, it’s time once again to make resolutions. We present to you some of Swamiji’s profound thoughts. We are sure it will inspire you not only to make pledges but also act on them and forge ahead.

**ISVARA:** All that is here, the entire creation including you and me is non-separate from the God, who is Isvara.

**PRAYER:** Prayer is both natural when I realise my helplessness and recognise the source of all power, all knowledge. If both of these are acknowledged, then prayer is very natural.

**DHARMA:** Dharma is not absolute and it has to be interpreted at every situation in life.

**VEDANTA:** Vedanta is neither a theory nor practice. It is just you.

**BHAGAWAD GITA:** The reading of the Bhagavad Gita verses should be looked as a part of one’s daily prayer.

This inspiring routine will make this book your unfailing companion.

**SCIENCE–SPIRITUALITY CONUNDRUM:** One scientist philosopher said, “I think, therefore I am.”

A sage puts it more correctly as “I am, therefore I think.” Unless the person already exists, how can he think?

**YOURSELF:** One need not always fulfil a desire in order to be Happy. But happily one can go about fulfilling one after the other.

**OTHERS:** You want to change others so that you can be free, but it never works that way. Accept others totally, and you are free; then you will discover love, which is yourself.

**RELATIONSHIPS:** Where there is real love between two persons, the seeker sought, wanting-wanted division is resolved; and there is joy, which is not caused by anybody or anything.

To get to know more on our founder’s vision, please check out the website of Arsha Vidya Research and Publication Trust www.avrpt.com. This is a registered non-profitable charitable organisation that is the single source centre for editing and publishing Swamiji’s teachings.
From roti to arisi
When wheat lovers thronged a heritage rice stall

Spirit of the Earth took to the fair 12 varieties of organic, heritage rice from the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, Maharashtra and West Bengal. Chak Hao Poireiton [Manipur] and Gobindo Bhog [West Bengal] were completely sold out; likewise the red rice poha from Tamil Nadu–Kaatuyanam, Karun Kuruvai and Mapillai Champa, sold out over the first weekend.

A lot of consumers who visited our stall were aware of the benefits of consuming red, brown and black rice. Gobindo Bhog and Kalajeera (Orissa) particularly struck a chord with consumers from east India with many remembering eating the grain in their childhood.

Other highlights at the fair included a vegan project and food court with onsite cooked delicacies. In order to make the organic festival more accessible to the public, entry and parking to the venue was free.

At the 2018 Delhi edition, total sales by women farmers and entrepreneurs who came from 26 states, was a record of over Rs. 2.75 crore, up from Rs. 1.84 crore in last year’s edition that was organised at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi. The festival is expected to have had footfalls of nearly 12 lakh.
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