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CHAIRPERSON’S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS,

Namaste.

From 1 Chatralayam to 104 Chatralayams, the geographic spread of our Chatralayam network is K2K-- Karnaprayag to Kanyakumari.

To mark 20 years of our service in rural education, AIM for Seva held an All-India Meet at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand on 31st October and 1st November, 2019. The impact we have created on the ground over the last two decades has been captured in this issue’s cover story.

As we move forward in our journey, we thank you all for your support and look forward to your continued assistance in educating children from rural India. This will help strengthen our K2K network as we continue to expand our geographic presence to east and north east India.

Warm regards,

SHEELA BALAJI
Chairperson and Managing Trustee
AIM for Seva
CARE IN ACTION
20 Years and Counting

20 years. 7300 days. Over 20 million lives impacted. This is our story. A story of how the effort to reach out to children in rural and tribal parts of India birthed a national movement that is empowering people at the grassroots.

- 2,91,31,200 HOURS SPENT in shaping a child's life every year
- 41,09,400 MEALS SERVED every year
- 11,50,000 FAMILIES IMPACTED every year
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OUR IMPACT

136 projects across 16 states
At the dawn of the 21st century, a spiritual master and visionary laid down the foundation of a movement. Our founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, called it a caring programme under the All India Movement of Seva (AIM for Seva).

The formal launch of the movement happened on 27th October, 2000, at the Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi in the presence of Sri. R. Venkataraman, the former president of India, and Pujya Swamiji.

The first Chatralayam was set up in Anaikatti, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in 2001 (32 boys). Today, our Chatralayam network has moved up to 104 with 80% of our students opting for either higher education or employment. And our movement of educating rural India is now spreading its wings to east and northeast.

**CONSISTENT PERFORMERS**

**ANIL DODIYAR**

*Alumnus, Shri Chunilal Vij AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Rohtak, Haryana*

Anil Dodiyar, a former student from the Shri Chunilal Vij AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Rohtak, Haryana, is a rank holder. He secured a rank of 3912 in the IIT JEE exam (2019). He has secured admission in the Bachelors of Technology (Information Technology) course at the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra, Haryana. What is interesting is that he was coached by Dinesh Kumar, an alumnus of our Chatralayam in Solan, Himachal Pradesh, who is now pursuing his Bachelors in Dental Surgery from Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

**R. MADHAN KUMAR**

*Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sathyamangalam, Tamil Nadu*

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 in an art competition. He is a Class 8 student.

He also won the 3rd prize in a drawing competition held at his school--Kasturba Higher Secondary School, Rajan Nagar. Our little champ made an electronic boat all by himself for his school project last year.

**B. RENUKA BAI**

*Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh*

B. Renuka Bai continues her winning streak. A Class 10 student studying in the Sri Sarada Vidya Peetham, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh, Renuka won the 1st prize in an essay competition on ‘Corruption’ held in her school recently. Students from Classes 7, 8, 9 and 10 participated in this competition. Last year, Renuka won the 1st prize in a school level competition on World Polio Day.
I. ASHA and P. MAHALAKSHMI
Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu

K. RAJAJI
Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Palani, Tamil Nadu

This Class 8 student won the 1st prize in a speech contest in July this year. Rajaji spoke eloquently on ‘Great Achievements of Kamarajar.’ (K. Kamaraj is the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu). In a boost to our culture validation efforts, K. Rajaji won the 1st prize in the Tirukkural recitation competition in the Thiruvallur Vizha conducted by the Dr. C.P. Samy Trust in Palani, Tamil Nadu, last year. Rajaji also got the 1st prize in zonal level elocution competition. The event saw participation of 14 students from 5 schools in the region.

V. MAYAVAN AND R. BATHRINATH
Bragathsundara Kujambal AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Thiruvidaimarudur, Tamil Nadu

Both boys are ball badminton champions. They are from the Bragathsundara Kujambal AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Thiruvidaimarudur, Tamil Nadu. Mayavan and Bathrinath won the Ball Badminton Championship at the 9th State Level Inter-School STC Founders Trophy organised by the Department of Physical Education, Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi, Tamil Nadu on 2nd August 2019.

In the recent past, the girls from Karnataka have displayed immense sporting prowess. Take a look at some of their achievements.

A Class 10 student, I. Asha was a handball winner and got the 2nd prize in the 4*100 metre running during the Bharathiyar Day Games 2019–2020, an inter-school competition this year. She studies at the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu.

During the school Sports Day held early this year, I. Asha won the 1st prize in long jump, 1st prize in 200 metres and 3rd place in shotput.

Last year, she won the 3rd place in discuss throw at the Bharathiyar Day Games (zonal level) held at G.B.H.S.S. Valangaiman, Tiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu. Asha is from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu.

Similarly, P. Mahalakshmi, a Class 11 student of the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu, won the 2nd prize in an essay writing and drawing competition held in her school early this year. Last year, she got the 3rd prize in a drawing competition organised by RRTC South – TTK Hospital (Chennai) at the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu.
CHATRALAYAM ACADEMIC TOPPERS

2019 Class 10 Results

393 Students appeared for the 10th board examinations
93% Pass
37% 1st class
25% Distinction
5% Outstanding

Pass Percentage growth

2018 2019
91% 93%

2019 Class 12 Results

68 Students appeared for the 12th board examinations
87% Pass
31% 1st class
52% 2nd class
15% Distinction

Pass Percentage growth

2018 2019
80% 87%

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

2019 Class 10 Results

Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu
91% Pass
School First - 92.2%

Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu
100% Pass
School First - 96.8%

Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu
97% Pass
School First - 92.4%

Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls Higher Secondary School, Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh
100% Pass
School First - 91.2%

2019 Class 12 Results

Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu
90% Pass
School First - 83%

Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu
100% Pass
School First - 91.8%

Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls Higher Secondary School, Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh
100% Pass
School First - 88.6%
FIT INDIA, FIT CHATRALAYAM GIRLS

Our girls from the Smt. Sowmya Kesanupalli AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Bagepalli, Karnataka, who are studying in New Horizon School, Bagepalli, Karnataka have won the Kabaddi competition at the taluk, district and division levels.

Out of the 5 students, 2 of our students, Wandakini Rupsi – Class 7 and Sanjita Pyrtuh – Class 6 had been selected to represent at the state level competition.

Subsequently, at the state level competition held at Mandya, Mysore, Karnataka, our students, Wandakini Rupsi and Sanjita Pyrtuh won the tournament.

Our students are all-rounders who believe in doing their part for social causes. The girls from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Belgaum, Karnataka participated in a 5 kms – 3D Walkathon Global event organised by Shrikant Jichkar Foundation in association with Indian Medical Association (IMA) to spread awareness regarding obesity and diabetes. The event was held in memory of late Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, in Belgaum, Karnataka on September 15. There are 39 girls living in the Belgaum Chatralayam.

Four of our Belgaum Chatralayam girls studying in Sant Meera English Medium School represented their school and participated in the Inter School Football Tournament organised by the Belgaum district Football Association last year. Ten schools from Belgaum participated in this competition and our girls emerged as winners from among the teams who participated in this.

GIVING BACK IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

Ashutosh Gupta, an alumnus from the Smt. Krishna Rani Papneja AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kareli, Madhya Pradesh is a shining example of a donor from within. Ashutosh who is working as an executive with a leading NBFC (non banking finance company), Sundaram Finance in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, continues to retain his connection with his Chatralayam in varied ways. Be it coaching classes every weekend, alternating between the Kareli and Indore Chatralayams to creating a WhatsApp Group and asking fellow alumni to make contributions to it, Ashutosh’s commitment to AIM for Seva is total.

Like Ashutosh’s, many of our students—Ashok Choudhari, Gulab Damor, Nepal Mujalde and many others continue to maintain and retain strong ties with their Chatralayams.
CULMINATION IN SWAMIJI’S ADHISHTANAM AT RISHIKESH, UTTARAKHAND

31st October and 1st November 2019

AIM for Seva organised the first ever All-India Meet at the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand. The objective was for our students to know the depth and strength of our movement and the impact our service has on ground—16 states and 104 Chatralayams.

Also, the top management and the field coordinators of AIM for Seva wanted to seek the blessings of the founder of the movement at his Adhishtanam in Rishikesh and to renew their commitment to continue Seva of educating rural India in the years to come.

The All-India Meet saw enthusiastic participation of our student beneficiaries and coordinators, hostel wardens, donors and staff from the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand. The ever gracious staff at the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, threw open the Ashram’s doors to 230 people from across India. We thank them for their support in making this event a huge success.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

• Anugraha Bhashanam: In his Anugraha Bhashanam, Swami Sakshatkrtananda Saraswati ji, Vice Chairman of the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand extolled our students to follow the path of our founder by incorporating tapas as part of their daily regime.

• AIM for Seva Flies High: The oldest participant in the balloon release programme (which marked the beginning of the 20 year celebrations) was Swami Suddhananda Saraswati ji, Chairperson, Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

• Bhandara: On 31st October, AIM for Seva sponsored a Bhandara for 200 sadhus. One of the lasting legacies of the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh is the Bhandara. Our founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, not only kept the doors of the Rishikesh Ashram wide open for seekers from across the globe but he also personally loved to feed everyone.

Cultural Programmes: A whole day (31st October) morning and evening was devoted to various cultural programmes performed by our students from our Chatralayams across India. Highlights included lezim drill, Ghoomar (circle dance), bhajans and patriotic dances. It was well received by the audience.

NEW HOSTEL BUILDING INAUGURATION IN RISHIKESH

A new hostel building for girls was inaugurated in Rishikesh with Dr. Pranav Pandya ji, Head, Gayathri Parivar, Shanthi Kunj, Haridwar being the Chief Guest during the occasion. This Chatralayam can accommodate 50 girls.

We thank our contributing partners to this project:


Building Donors: The building is donated in loving memory of Smt. Sanjogta and Sri. Shyam Oberoi, USA.

While AIM for Seva has come a long way but we still have many more miles to go. Your support is deeply cherished and we hope that you all will continue to contribute to our movement of educating rural India in the years to come. In Swamiji’s words- “For an Indian, every bit of India is India; it is not remote. By participating in our programmes, you have an opportunity to grow and be a contributor. Be a part of AIM for Seva’s programmes of caring.”
Our students scale new heights every year with their academic achievements. We present to you a snapshot of our high-flyers for this quarter.

Man of (Sanskrit) Letters

C. Balasubramaniyan, an alumnus of the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu was recently felicitated by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri. Banwarilal Purohit, for bagging the 1st rank in the university (out of 6 colleges and 940 students) in Sanskrit.

Balasubramaniyan, who did his bachelors in business administration received the medal and certificate of merit from the Tamil Nadu Governor during the convocation held by Bharathidasan University on 1st October, 2019. The Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, is affiliated to the Bharathidasan University.

He is currently working with City Union Bank in Ilayangudi, Sivagangai district, Tamil Nadu. Balasubramaniyan wants to retain his connection with Sanskrit and aspires to be a Sanskrit teacher one day.

Going High Up

G. Mohan’s life just go elevated literally. A student from the Tiruvikrama Bala AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh, Mohan has bagged a job with Johnson Lifts Private Limited, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, during campus placement. A final year student, Mohan is currently pursuing B.Tech in electrical engineering at the V.K.R, V.N.B & A.G.K College of Engineering, Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh. Mohan joined the Gudivada Chatralayam when he was in Class 7. He holds a diploma in electrical and electronics engineering as well.
ALL-ROUNDERS

When it comes to art and craft and other forms of creativity, the artistic talents of our students know no bounds. In this section, we display our students’ creative achievements.

Ningesh Kalakuari (Class 7) got the 1st prize while Shivananda B Hubballi (Class 6) got the 2nd prize for displaying their proficiency in Kannada. Both of them are students of the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kalabhavi, Karnataka. The Kalabhavi hostel is home to 45 boys. The competition was conducted by village Panchayat member, Sri. Shial Kurkuri from Kalabhavi village, Karnataka, on the occasion of his birthday.

M. Sanjay, a Class 12 student from the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu, secured the 2nd rank in Kala Utsav -2019 State Level competition (music solo) organised by the Department of Education in Salem, Tamil Nadu recently. He was invited by the District Collectorate and was honoured by the District Collector, Tiruvarur, Tamil Nadu in the central hall with a certificate and a trophy.

A. Ganga, a Class 6 student from the Government Hindu Higher Secondary School, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu, has won the 1st prize in poetry. V. Rohini from Class 11 who is studying in the same school, won the 1st prize in a music competition.

Language Experts

Music King

The AIM for Seva Dayatirtha Chatralayam for Girls, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu, which opened its doors during the summer of 2019 has already started to show results. A. Ganga, a Class 6 student from the Government Hindu Higher Secondary School, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu, has won the 1st prize in poetry.

V. Rohini from Class 11 who is studying in the same school, won the 1st prize in a music competition.
Basira All-Rounders

Students from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Basira, Odisha, won the 3rd prize in various competitions (essay writing, debate, handwriting, drawing) held in their block. The Basira Chatralayam is home to 26 boys. The details of prize winners are given below:

- **Abinash Munda** (Class 8) – Essay competition on pollution and pollution control
- **Alish Mahakud** (Class 4) – Quiz
- **Dibyaranjan Mahanta** (Class 5) – Debate on pollution and pollution control
- **Kunal Majhi** (Class 6) – Handwriting
- **Mithun Mahanta** (Class 7) – Essay competition on road safety
- **Subham Munda** (Class 5) – Drawing

District Level Winner

Our students from the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu participated in a district-level competition conducted by the Co-operative Society, Tiruvarur at V.S. Boy’s School, Tiruvarur, Tamil Nadu on 9th November. Seventeen students from Classes 6 to 10 took part in various competitions like speech, essay and drawing. More than 20 schools participated in this competition in and around Tiruvarur.

G. Jayasri of Class 10 has won the 3rd prize in essay writing on how cooperative societies help in economic independence and community empowerment. She received the prize from Sri. R. Kamaraj, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Tamil Nadu.
Our students thrive in outdoor games, and develop their personal talents and leadership skills from participating in competitions. We showcase some of their achievements in this section.

**Sports**

**Volleyball Waltz**

K. Sai Jagadish, studying in Class 10, won the 1st prize in volleyball. He is from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kallur, Telangana, and represented his school, Government High School, Kallur, Telangana, at the Kallur Mandal Level School Games.

**Hurdles Queen**

S. Vishnupriya, a Class 12 student of the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu, secured the 1st place in the 4*100 meters hurdles race competition at the District Level held at Tiruvarur stadium in Tamil Nadu.

**Squash Champs**

Our boys from the Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu, came first in the District Level Singles and Doubles in squash in the Under 13, 15 and 17 age bracket. The State Level competition will be held in January 2020 in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. We wish them all the very best.

**Special Prize**

R. Suriyan, a Class 10 student who is differently-abled, has won the 2nd prize (among 40 children) in a ball throwing game at the Periyarayakkanpalayam Block Level Sports Competition held at the Government Higher Secondary School, Asokapuram, Tamil Nadu for differently-abled children. Suriyan studies and resides with 59 other boys at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu. Kudos to him!
A Bhoomi pooja for a new Chatralayam for boys was performed at Madanpally village, Makloor taluk, Nizamabad district in Telangana. This Chatralayam will house 50 boys.

We thank the land and building donors for this project:

**LAND DONOR**
Ms. Vijaya Bai Deshpande
Ms. Sujatha Deshpande

**BUILDING DONOR**

**Ground Floor:**
Dr. Vasudevan, who donated, ‘In honor of Rukmini Vasudevan and Joyce Vasudevan’

**First Floor**
Dr. Sudhakar Sattur and family
Love resolves contentious division. But to discover love without conditions in this highly competitive society is beyond the reach of the average survivor ego. Without the experience of such love, there is nothing worthwhile in life to accomplish.

Then how can a human being survive with hope? The magic of music can bring about that experience of contention-free connectedness to the whole. Music cuts across all barriers set up by the survivor/ego. Musical notes and forms have nothing to do with class, culture, age and gender. When one is exposed to music, one is in harmony with Isvara. There is joy, there is love.

In the Vedic vision, all that is here is the manifestation of the Lord, Isvara. The order that we see in the world of sound, like any other order, is Isvara. The contentious ego resolves into the experience of Isvara whether one recognises it as such or not.

Music is not a healing balm or a pursuit of diversion. Music puts one in touch with this unhurt self, which is free from fear and guilt. Of course, without spiritual maturity, one does not have any other means except music to discover the most desirable self in oneself.

I see music as a blessing of Isvara for the self-conscious, self-judgemental human to survive and experience, for the time being, the reality of the oneness with the total, the Lord, without any qualifications for it.

To know more on our Founder’s vision, please visit www.avrpt.com, the website of Arsha Vidya Research and Publication Trust. This is a registered non-profitable charitable organisation, and is the single source centre for editing and publishing Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati’s teachings.
We thank all our corporate supporters and individual donors for their invaluable contributions.

Unique Estates Development Company Limited

The Mumbai-based real estate company continues its association with AIM for Seva. During this quarter, Unique Estates Development Company Limited donated a sum of Rs. 1 crore towards expansion of the college premises (Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science) in Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, the Janmabhoomi of Pujya Swamiji.

Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS)

Computer Age Management Services (CAMS), Chennai, has donated a sum of Rs. 4.8 lakhs towards student sponsorships for the S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

Repco Home Finance Limited

Chennai-based housing finance company, Repco Home Finance Limited has donated a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs towards the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu.

Rambal Limited, Thiruporur

A committed supporter of AIM for Seva, Rambal Limited, Thiruporur division, Tamil Nadu, has donated a sum of Rs. 3.6 lakhs towards student sponsorships this quarter.

Indraprastha Gas Limited

Indraprastha Gas Limited, New Delhi, has donated a sum of Rs. 3.36 lakhs towards the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

WaterTec India Private Limited

WaterTec India continues its association with AIM for Seva. During the quarter, the Coimbatore based premium bath fittings and accessories brand, donated a sum of Rs. 1 lakh towards student sponsorships.
Chennai-based Pon Pure Chemicals has donated a sum of Rs. 36,000 towards student sponsorship.

The Bangalore based recruitment company has donated a sum of Rs.36,000 towards student sponsorship.

The Hyderabad-based company contributed a sum of Rs. 36,000 towards student sponsorship.

Aanandam Charitable Trust has donated a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs towards student sponsorships for the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Tindivanam, Tamil Nadu.

A committed supporter, Smt. Meera Chari from Chennai has donated Rs. 2.4 lakhs towards supporting 2 residents for one year at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

Sri. Ananthachari and Smt. Indumalini Ananthachari from Chennai have contributed Rs. 1.44 lakhs towards supporting 4 students for one year.

Sri. J. Sukender from Bangalore has contributed a sum of Rs. 1.2 lakhs, which has been earmarked towards supporting three students at one of our Chatralayams for girls in Karnataka.

A long time supporter to AIM for Seva’s cause of educating rural India, Sri. Gopal Srinivasan and his family have contributed Rs. 1.2 lakhs towards student sponsorships.
Sri. Ganesan R., Dubai

A regular donor, Sri. Ganesan R. contributed a sum of Rs. 1.2 lakhs towards the complete care of 1 resident for one year at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

Sri. Rangaprasad N., Chennai

A donor to AIM for Seva since 2012, Sri. Ranga Gopalaswami from Chennai has donated Rs. 1.1 lakhs towards student sponsorships.

Sri. N. Ramesh Sankaran, Chennai

A resident of Alwarpet, Chennai, Sri N. Ramesh has donated Rs. 1 lakh towards the Swami Dayananda Vedapathashala, Kodavasal, Tiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu.

Sri. G.Sundararajan, Chennai

Sri. G. Sundararajan from Chennai, has donated a sum of Rs. 30,000 towards student sponsorship.

29 students from CLM Sishya OMR, Chennai, Tamil Nadu participated in a unique fund raising initiative. These children from urban India got together and participated in a campaign where they raised Rs. 8,31,668 for their peers who are living and studying across our Chatralayams in Tamil Nadu.
High school students of Indian origin from USA raised Rs. 31 lakh ($45,000) that would be utilised as college sponsorships for deserving students. These students are part of the 9th edition of GYLP (Global Youth Leadership Programme).

Indian-American high school students who are part of GYLP-2019 raised Rs. 31 lakhs ($45,000) recently. It would go towards supporting deserving students in the form of college sponsorships to the Class 11th students of the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu in order for them to attend the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu.

These students are part of GYLP (Global Youth Leadership Programme)—2019. This is the 9th edition of the programme. The vision of this programme is to shape global leaders of the future. This is achieved by providing volunteering opportunities to students from USA. GYLP participants work with students for two weeks every year in Manjakkudi (a tiny hamlet in the Kaveri delta and birthplace of the founder of our movement, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati) and partake in cultural exchange. The GYLP students stay in Manjakkudi and teach and learn with our students in our school (Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu) and our Chatralayams in Sembangudi in Tamil Nadu. The whole objective is to ‘give and receive’ so that students eventually become contributing members in society. Each GYLP participant is given a class of students where they teach spoken English, written English, hands on science concepts, Indian classical music and dance, history of USA and American sports.
Wildlife Conservation Heroes

Twenty-five students from the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, participated in an inter-school competition conducted by the Tamil Nadu, Wild Life Department.

The competition was held at the National Higher Secondary School, Mannarkudi, Tamil Nadu, on 21st September as part of ‘Wildlife Week’ celebrations by the department. Our students participated in various competitions held on the occasion, like quiz, speech (Tamil and English) and drawing competition.

R. Akshaya of Class 12 participated in a speech competition (English) and she has won the 1st prize. What’s even more exciting is that she has been selected for the state level competition to be conducted next month. The speech competition was titled ‘Human-wildlife conflict and its mitigation’.

Inauguration of New Classrooms

The inauguration function of new classrooms in the in the third floor of the library block was held on 16th September. Sri. M.G. Srinivasan, correspondent, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET) presided over the function. Sri. M.R. Rajagopal, Head of Operations, Wipro, Manjakkudi welcomed the gathering.

Sri. K. Subramanian, Head, Human Resources, Lucas TVS Limited, was the Guest of Honour. He addressed the 1st and 3rd year students gathered for the inauguration in his usual inimitable style. Sri. Subramanian advised our students to improve their communication skills and personality. Sri. Subramanian urged them to maintain discipline in life.

Dr. N. Kanakasabesan, principal, Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu offered the felicitations while Dr. S. Sivakumar, assistant professor of Tamil, Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu delivered the vote of thanks.
The inter collegiate weight lifting, power lifting and best physique tournament was conducted by Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, on 20th, 21st and 22nd October. The tournament took place at the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, which is affiliated to the Bharathidasan University. The event saw participation of 70 teams from 45 colleges. On 20th October, weight lifting and power-lifting for women were held. Participants from Poompuhar College, Melasivapuri, Tamil Nadu, won the 1st prize in weight lifting while weight lifters from Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti, Tamil Nadu won the 1st prize in the power lifting category. On 21st October, weight lifting and best physique for men were held. Participants from St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, won the 1st prize in weight lifting while students from the Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu were placed 4th in weight lifting. On 22nd October, the best physique for men was held. Students from Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, walked away with the 1st prize. On the same day, in the power lifting for men, sportsmen from Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu took home the 1st prize.

Dr. A. Palanisamy, sports secretary, Department of Physical Education, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Sri. J. Sridhar Thangadurai, physical director, TBML College, Porayar, Tamil Nadu, Dr. C. Malathi, Women Convener, physical director, AVVM Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Tamil Nadu and Dr. D. Murugaraj, physical director, AVVM Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Tamil Nadu, were present and witnessed all the events and proceedings. At the valedictory function, Dr. N. Kanakasabesan, principal, Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, honoured the winners with medals and prizes. Dr. S. Anand, director, physical education, made all the arrangements for the event.
The 14th Annual Sports Day of the Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu was celebrated on 19th October. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. R. Venkatachalam, principal, A. Veeraiya Vandyayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College of Arts & Science, Poondi, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.


The Chief Guest and other dignitaries were welcomed and felicitated by our principal, Smt. Padma Raghunathan. The Chief Guest of the day lit the Olympic torch, presided over the oath taking ceremony and declared the Sports Meet open. This was followed by the march past of the four houses by the contingents of JRC (Junior Red Cross) and led by the captains and vice captains. The Chief Guest received the salute.

Students from Classes 6 and 7 performed a cultural dance, and then a synchronised mass drill. Twenty-five girls from various classes presented a spectacular yoga performance. All the dignitaries on the dais appreciated and enjoyed these performances.

The Chief Guest and dignitaries presented the winners with certificates, medals and trophies. After the prize distribution ceremony, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of the Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET) in keeping the school premises neat and clean. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the cultural secretary.
The annual project expo, ‘Kousalam – The Skills Projects Expo 2019’, was held at Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu.

The Project Day was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Sri. M.G. Srinivasan, Trustee, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET). He extolled our students to participate in such events as it helped build their talent and self confidence. The school principal, Smt. Padma Raghunathan, dwelt on the 4 Cs in education – critical thinking, creativity, communication and curiosity. Sri. M.R. Rajagopal, Head of Operations, Wipro, Manjakkudi, was also part of the programme.

The Expo was a unique collective where our students brought to shape varied ideas from 14 select topics. Students from Classes 4 to 12 participated and showcased their creativity and talents through working and static models. The exhibits included topics on optical illusion, archaeology, projects of SDET, organic farming, energy, electrical and electronics, yoga, wellness, oceanography, health and medicine, everyday science, hardware management, disaster management, environment and handicraft.

In all, ‘Kousalam – The Skills Projects Expo 2019’ encouraged and stimulated the students to develop a scientific fervour and an attitude of research.
We share some highlights from Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, our special residential facility for adults (men) with developmental disabilities.

Special Parent-Support Group

In line with the ‘International Day of Persons with Disabilities’ (3rd December), Swami Dayananda Krupa Care launched a Special Parent-Support Group on 6th December.

It is critical that parents of a child with special needs have a good support system in place. Led by Dr. Radhika Soundararajan, Director of Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, this support group is expected to help parents deal with the challenges of raising a differently-abled child using the principles of psychology and Vedanta.

The first meeting held at the Spirit of the Earth, Mylapore, Chennai started off with Dr. Radhika Soundararajan warmly welcoming all the participants and sharing her own experiences of dealing with adults with developmental disabilities. “Many times, I would find that the stubbornness level of a Krupa resident was no different than any other person and I used to tell myself, they don’t have any kind of disabilities!” said Dr. Radhika on a lighter note.

Many parents in the group shared their own experiences of bringing up a differently-abled child. One mother suggested that parents of older children with disabilities could share their own knowledge and experience with younger special parents.

Another mother shared her experience of how she dealt with ‘an obsessive insistence on persistent sameness’ of her son with autism. “I would patiently explain him that we have to take a different route to go to school today as there was lot of traffic on the normal route or that construction work was going on.”

Moving forward, at each meeting, a specific topic will be delivered by appropriate guest speakers who will be invited on a regular basis as part of continuous education and training efforts.

The range of topics include:

- Orientation – Understanding Myself, Understanding My Child
- Day to Day Living
- Stress Management
- Positive Interventions
- Sibling Relations
- Communication Challenges between child and parent
- Explaining Grief

The Special Parent-Support Group is an open group and will be held every alternate Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Spirit of the Earth, 4, Desika Road, Mylapore, Chennai. All are welcome. There is no fee or payment. To register or for more details, please contact us at +91-95000 82142.
The United Nations observes 3rd December as the International Day of Disabled Persons. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

World Disability Day at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care was celebrated in the premises with Mr. B. Charles Prabakaran, assistant director, Commissionerate for the Disabled Welfare, Tamil Nadu presiding over the function. Dr. Sathyodhan from the medical department at M/s. Delphi TVS was also part of the function.

The parents and extended family members and staff from AIM for Seva central office also participated in the function. The programme began with Bharata Desa Hitaya, the anthem of AIM for Seva and it was followed by the lighting of the lamp.

In her speech, Dr. Radhika Soundararajan recalled how Pujya Swamiiji started this centre of care and compassion keeping the needs and requirements of the family and extended family members of Swami Dayananda Krupa Care in mind and addressing the big question—‘Who After Me?’

“We take care of all the residents by providing them with spacious living spaces, nutritious food and ensure they are engaged in meaningful activities throughout the day.”
The Chief Guest was honoured with a shawl by our resident nurse, Sri. Sentamil Selvan. Pujya Swamij’s books were given to the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest, Mr. B. Charles Prabakaran stressed it was important to refer to such days as ‘Special Disability.’ He said the state alone had 11 lakh people with developmental disabilities.

Mr. B. Charles Prabakaran then hoisted the national flag and declared the sports meet open. Our 37 differently-abled residents participated in a host of sporting events with great enthusiasm. This included relay race, ball and water game, lemon and spoon race, tug of war and shotput.

The tea break was followed by cultural performances put up by the residents of Swami Dayananda Krupa Care and students from the S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sripurumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

At the end of the programme, prizes and certificates were distributed to all participants. Some of the residents, staff members and parents shared their experiences about Swami Dayananda Krupa Care.

The products made by our residents, such as agarbattis and bags, also found takers. The vote of thanks was given by Sri.Veeraraghavan, resident administration manager, Swami Dayananda Krupa Care. The programme ended with the playing of the National Anthem.
Dr K. Sreeram, chief medical officer, Lucas TVS Limited visited Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu on 27th November to assess the medical needs of our residents. Subsequently, on 4th December, a medical camp was conducted at the Swami Dayananda Krupa Care.

Dr. C.R. Mohan, assistant medical officer, Lucas TVS, Dr. Sathyodhan from Delphi-TVS and Dr. Mohan Babu from Delphi-TVS conducted a general medical camp for the well being of our residents. They were given vitamins, tonics and deworming drugs.

Moving forward, Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, Dr. Sathyodhan will be coming to the Swami Dayananda Krupa Care every week to do health monitoring of our residents. Special medical camps (dental, eye) will also be held on a periodic basis. To this end, an eye care camp for our residents was organised by Sankara Nethralaya on 24th December.

Four doctors from Sankara Nethralaya checked the eyesight of all our 37 residents and staff.

Mr. Yukihiko Okuno from JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation), Chennai has donated a wheel chair for the benefit of our residents. He recently visited our campus and interacted with our residents and saw the activity centre. We thank him for this noble gesture.
A look at the main events across our Chatralayams – ranging from a science exhibition to setting up of a new library and an immunisation awareness programme.

Science Exhibition

Our students, S. Devika (Class 7) and K. Abi (Class 7), from the AIM for Seva Dayatithra Chatralayam for Girls, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu, participated in a science exhibition held in their school. The girls are studying in the Panchayat Union Middle School, Malaiyampattu, Tamil Nadu. The theme of the exhibition was ‘Science and technology for sustainable development’ with the sub-theme being ‘Sustainable agriculture practices.’

Visit by School Students

Students from Takshila School, Ambur, Tamil Nadu, paid a visit to the AIM for Seva Dayatithra Chatralayam for Girls, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu, and interacted with our girl hostlers. Special meals were organised on this occasion and the girls from Ambur gifted mats to the Thennampattu Chatralayam.

Gift of Love

Smt. Meenaben Sharma, who volunteers at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Adivasi Chatralayam for Girls, Godhra, Gujarat, recently gifted three sewing machines to the students.
Eye Care Camp

CAMS (Computer Age Management Services), a committed supporter to the S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu organised an eye camp for the students residing in the hostel with the help of Sankara Nethralaya.

The representatives from CAMS for this event included Sri. G. Manikandan, company secretary and Ms. Lavanya. The doctors who did the check-up for our students from Sankara Nethralaya were Dr. R. Krishnakumar and Dr. Janani. The Sriperumbudur Chatralayam is home to 35 students.

For the Bookworms

A new library has been set up at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva for Boys, Shivane village, Mavul taluk, Maharashtra, which is home to 41 boys. The library boasts of more than 250 books of all genres – general knowledge, spirituality, science, and story books in Marathi and English.

Immunisation Awareness

The Government of India has launched a flagship immunisation scheme ‘Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0’ on 2nd December. Under this, the Central Government hopes to achieve full immunisation coverage of 90%. This mission will ensure reaching the unreached with all available vaccines and accelerate the coverage of children and pregnant women in the identified districts and blocks from December 2019 to March 2020. To popularise this scheme, our students from the Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, Padali Khurd village, Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh, took out a rally.
IFCI Social Foundation Brings In Smiles

IFCI Social Foundation, a registered charitable trust of IFCI Limited (a Government of India undertaking), New Delhi has donated Rs. 20,85,250 towards construction of a girls toilet block at the Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu.

We are happy to share that Sri. O. Ramesh Babu, deputy general manager and regional head and Sri. P. Sivakumar, assistant general manager from IFCI Limited, did a site visit.

Lighting Up Lives

We thank The Chennai Silks for sponsoring festive clothes for our girls residing at the AIM for Seva Dayatirtha Chatralayam for Girls, Thennampattu, Tamil Nadu and our boys at AIM for Seva Sat Dharma Trust Chatralayam for Boys, Valavanthi Kombai village, Sendamangalam taluk, Namakkal district, Tamil Nadu.
A nature awareness programme was organised for the students of the Mayur Patel AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kankanpur, Gujarat, by the Forest Department. Sustainable living is advocated and practised in various ways across our Chatralayam network – be it having a kitchen garden in the premises to a goshala and solar powered energy, our students are taught to respect and live in conformity with nature from a tender age.

We conduct health camps twice a year across our Chatralayams to ensure the well being of our students. As part of such efforts, a general health checkup was recently organised for all students at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yadavaram, Telangana. There are 34 boys living in this hostel.

Similarly, Dr. Chikka Narasa Reddy conducted a free health checkup for the girls at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka, which is home to 43 girls.

Our 71 girls from Dr. Rangrao N Jadhav AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Bidar, Karnataka have something to cheer about. The hostel exterior now has a sporty look, thanks to a new play area.

Our value-based educational pedagogy lays stress on indoor studies and outdoor activities through yoga and other sports. In terms of other features, the Bidar Chatralayam is solar-powered and has a CCTV (close circuited television camera).
Across our Chatralayams, we organise outdoor trips that help break the monotony of everyday hostel life. Such excursions help our students to unwind and enjoy each other’s company in an informal environment.

Lake Visit

Our students from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Udaipur, Rajasthan, were taken on a one day trip to Pratap Gaurav Kendra Rashtriya Tirtha, Mahakaleshwar temple, Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum and the main lakes of Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Pratap Gaurav Rashtriya Tirtha is a tourist spot at Tiger Hill in Udaipur, which gives information about the great Mewar king, Maharana Pratap. Located on the banks of the Fateh Sagar lake, the Mahakaleshwar temple is famous for its Rudrabhishek aarti. The Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum gives in-depth information to tourists on the folk history and culture of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. There are 42 boys currently living in the Udaipur Chatralayam.

Temple Tour

As part of appreciating one’s culture and reinforcing identity, temple tours are conducted every year across our Chatralayams. Our girl students from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Adivasi Chatralayam for Girls, Godhra, Gujarat, were taken on a one day trip to the Zand Hanumanji temple in Jambughoda, Gujarat. There are 11 girls living in the Godhra Chatralayam.
Dairy Tour

A day trip to a milk plant in Yelahanka, Karnataka, was organised for the 43 students of the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka. Such field trips provide education in a practical setting. The girls visited the ice cream store and the quality assurance division.

Early this year, our students from our Chatralayams in Godhra, Bodidra and Dudhiya, Gujarat, were taken on a day-trip to the Panchamrut Dairy, Godhra, Gujarat.

Students’ Day Out

Our students from the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Uchimedu, Tamil Nadu had a day long outing at a book fair. The National Children Book Festival was held at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. There are 28 boys living in the Uchimedu Chatralayam.
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