

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA YOUTH MOVEMENT

VIVEKA TRIBAL CENTER FOR LEARNING – REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Goal: Quality Education focusing on values, literacy, numeracy and appropriate vocational training through joyful, experiential, child centered learning process for children in H.D.Kote Taluk in the 6-15 age group, particularly girls.

Location:

Hosahalli, Beeramballi post, Heggadadevanakote taluk
Mysore district 571116, Karnataka
Tel/Fax: (08228)263611

Service area: All tribal colonies in H.D.Kote Taluk

Facilities available : Class rooms, Laboratory for Experiential Learning in Science- physics, chemistry & Biology, Resource centre with varied Learning aids, Library with 8300 books, 224 audio cassettes, CD ROMs 550, play ground and play materials for both indoor, outdoor games & adventure camps, Dormitory accommodation for the students, food/Nutritional Support, infrastructure for training in Vocational skills, Agriculture, computer skills & Hobby classes.

Resource Support to: Curricular Education, Co-curricular Education and Training for Learning Facilitators.

Methodology: Mind Mapping Methods, Experiential Learning , Joyful, Peer Group Learning, Team Teaching, Project Works, Inventory, Activity Oriented Teaching, Multi Level of Learning, Child Centered Learning, Self Centered Learning .

Learning aids: Multi Media, Mass Media, Models, Black board, O.H.P, C.D's, Charts, Role-plays, Flash cards, Fun games, Slide projector, Lab equipments, Computer-Scanner & printer, Educational Materials.

October-2006

The Education chief held a review for the teachers of Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning. All the activities of the past 6 months were reviewed and the planning for the future activities was drawn.

The 'Learning Guarantee Program' in English & Mathematics was conducted in the school. The students were taught English in the morning session & Mathematics in the afternoon session, everyday until 31st October -2006.

A workshop on solar system was organized and Professor Krishnamurthy, Lecturer in Space Science (Astronomy) held a session on solar system to the students & the teachers of the school.

Dr.M.A.Balasubramanya Secretary, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement reviewed the activities & planning of the previous six months with The Departmental heads of the Hosahalli Resource Centre. In this review an action plan was drawn for the next six months.

November: 2006

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The 50th celebration Kannada Rajyothasava was celebrated in the school as Suvarna Kannada Masa. Suvarana Kannada Masa was celebrated for the whole month of November – 2006 in the school. The students enacted several dramas, wrote poems & stories in Kannada, painted the pictures of great kannada poets, participated in fancy dress competition , pick and speak, delivered speeches about kannada and history of Karnataka. Competitions like role play, fluency in reading Kannada and accuracy in writing Kannada, folk songs and dances and introduction of GNANAPEETA AWARDEES in Kannada literature were held on 30th Nov.2006 by hosting Kannada flag and paying respects to the flag by singing NADAGEETHA. Fruits were given as prizes to the winners of the competition.

Educational Tour

35 students from the higher primary school of Viveka Tribal Center for Learning along with 3 staffs of the school visited the surroundings of Dakshina Kannada. Places like subramanya Dharmasthala, Penambur Beach at Mangalore, Kadri Kshethra, Gokarnatheshwara Temple, Srirama Kshethra, Raja Seat & Abhi Falls at Madikeri from 10th & 11th Nov.2006.

On **14th November 2006** children's day many cultural activities were conducted such as one minute game, Anthyakshari, Jokes, Story telling etc., and Mr. Nagaraj from Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement Saragur was the Resource person for this program. The winners were rewarded with fruits.

The students studying in 3rd & 4th Standard at Viveka Tribal Centre for learning, Hosahalli had been to an educational tour in and around Srirangapatna. They visited dariya daulat, Gosiya Ghatt, Jamiya majid, Nimishamba Temple, Sri Ranganatha swamy temple, colonial Belly's Dungion,, etc then they were back to school.

Mr. Kumar the Head master of (primary section) of Viveka Tribal Centre for learning, Hosahalli along with the high school students Chelli.K and Ramesha.K had been to the preparatory meeting for conducting science Exhibition organized by DISHA-2006 at Bangalore.

December -06

An adventure Camp had been held on dated on 1st December 2006 to 3rd December 2006 at Madikere Nalakanadu Palace where 30 Students and four Staff members: Mr.Premkumar, Mr.Kumar, Mr.Devaraj and Mrs.Savitha mounted to Thadihandmol. They trekked on the mountain which is about six thousand eight hundred feet high.

There was a Science Exhibition and Fair Programme arranged by Synopsis at Bangalore by Disha an organization at Bangalore. The students of Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning. K.Chella and K.Ramesha studying in 10th standard bagged the second prize and were also awarded a compensatory prize. They prepared exhibited the working model of D.C.Dynamo which was appreciated by the participators.

On 27th December 2006, a **workshop** was conducted by **Dr.Lalitha Appachu**, the champion in delivering English language classes. She is from Academy for Creative Teaching – R.T. Nagar - Bangalore. This was one of the benefit able programs for the facilitators and the students of Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning at Hosahalli. In her address she gave more things about the sounds of English language and spoken

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English. And she advised the facilitators about the handling of the classes and classroom management.

January- 2007

On 17th Jan-2007 National Youth Day, "Swami Vivekananda Jayanti" was celebrated with several cultural programs by the students of V.T.C.L. After the cultural program the students cooked food & sweets in a contest called Kitchen Palace 'Adege aramane' & served it to the teachers & students of the school.

On 26th Jan -07 Republic day was celebrated at V.T.C.L. Hosahalli. Two DEd students & two students of V.T.C.L spoke about the importance of celebration of Republic day.

On 27th Jan -07 17th school festival was celebrated by exhibiting the talents of the children of V.T.C.L at Hosahalli. Many cultural programs such as Dramas, dances such as Bharatanatyam, folk dances, music such as classical & folk songs, documentary & Kamsale dances were performed by the children of V.T.C.L. Kamsale dance was the highlighting programme of the school day celebration.

From 29th Jan 2007 to 1st Feb 2007 – **Educational Excursion:** 50 students (15 Girls & 35 Boys) with 05 teachers (04 male teachers + 01 female teacher) of Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning – Hosahalli visited Chennai & its surroundings. Ninety percent of these Tribal students had a first ever experience of traveling in the train. The three days excursion was more educative & informative since they focused the visits on various informative & historical places such as: Museums & Art Gallery, Crocodile Park and Snake Park, Planetarium, Nehru Stadium, Kovalum & Mamallapuram Beaches, Dakshin Chitra (Models of Houses of Various Types) & also temples like Kapaleshwara & Parathasarathi temples. After returning from the excursion they shared their experiences with their school mates, parents & their teachers.

February 2007

On 22nd February 2007 and 23rd February 2007, the trainee teachers from V.I.L.D, Mysore for the child labour school Chamarajanagar had visited V.T.C.L and observed all the classes for one whole day. The very next day they gave some demo classes and the V.T.C. L teachers observed and gave the feedback. They also shared their problems & opinions regarding the tribals and child labour as their situation is similar.

Workshop for teachers:

On 24th February 2007, the founder president Dr. R. Balasubramanyam gave a talk on "NCERT curriculum and if I am a teacher, what would I have done?" All the teaching staff of V.T.C.L, V.T.T R.C, and V.S.O.E participated in the programme.

On 26th February 2007, ASHA FOUNDATION, AMERICA visited and stayed for three days observed the school and shared their opinions regarding the progress of the school.

March 2007

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On 21st March 2007, 38 students attended S.S.L.C Board Examination. The exams ended on 28th March 2007. The very next day, they had computer learning assessment and had a talk on career guidance by Prasad the resource manager, VTCL –Hosahally.

On 23rd March 2007, the Lokayuktha-Sri Santhosh Heggade and Deputy Lokayuktha Sri Pathri Basavan Gowda visited Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning and admired the infrastructure, the functioning and the students. They had an interaction with the students and advised the students not to be corrupt in their life.

On 26th March 2007, the examinations were held for the students of 1st to 9th standard which ended on 3rd April 2007. The examination question papers were different as they were based on activities, where students had to collect materials, colour and think creatively to solve the questions given. It was the first step of our experimentation and went on successfully.

On 3rd, 30th and 31st March 2007, Mr. Kumar, Head Master and Miss. Malathi, Education Chief participated in the workshop on 'Education' held at VILD, Mysore (one of the project of SVYM).

On 16th & 18th March 2007, Mr. Shashidhara, & Mr. Kumar, Head Master were sent from VTCL, as a resource persons for teaching mathematics and science for the teachers of child labour schools - Chamarajanagar held at VILD Mysore

Anecdote -1

Four groups participated in the quiz competition. During the round three the groups were directed to participate in the 'Dumb charades' about the identification of the freedom fighters for which a selected participant from their group had to enact about the photo of the freedom fighter shown to him/her & the rest of the team members should guess & elicit the name of the freedom fighter within the stipulated time of 'one minute'. All the teams performed well since they didn't feel difficult to guess about Sri.Mahatma Gandhiji, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, & Jawaharlal Nehru, since these leaders had their own unique style whereas for the 4th group the picture was about Sri.Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose for which Kumari.Chelli.K had to enact the mime show but it was almost a difficult concept for her & her team since it is difficult to assess the individual style of this greatest personality. At the spur of the moment she conceptualized the idea from the movie they had seen about Subhas Chandra Bose & enacted it wonderfully by comprehending the concept where Nethaji after entering the border of Afghanistan took out the British coin from his pocket spitted on it & together with his friend stamped on it to show his revenge on the British. Thus the team wonderfully comprehended to the situation & answered it correctly.

Case Study-2

Dated 29th –June- 2006 is considered as a remarkable day & is a mile stone in the history of our school since in spite of the genuine effort taken by the teachers of our school to bring back Kumari Savitha Yanal the 9th standard student which went in vain. All the girls (hostilities) of our school took it as a challenge went to her house at Elchikatte Haadi convinced Savitha & her parents & thus the peer groups were successful in managing to get her back to school on the same day.

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Case study-3 K.Ramesh

K.Ramesha is the student of Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning – Hosahalli. He is studying in 10th standard. He was born at Channagundi haadi. He studied from 1st standard to 5th standard at Government Lower Primary School at Channagundi. After passing 5th standard he joined Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning – Hosahalli. The teachers of this centre noticed that he was an extraordinary child. He was a very good performer in studies as well as sports. His experimenting skills in the preparation of Science Models were amazing. Knowing his interest in these field the teachers & his mentor encouraged by providing him with ample of opportunities to sprout out. Being a 'Kadu Kurubha' he has been blessed with great strengths meant for trekking & mountaineering. Thus he was selected for mountaineering & trekking at Kulu Manali in the Himalayas by Indian Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports of the Rotary Club of Mysore. He completed the mountaineering & trekking camp successfully. He has also participated in various Taluk, District & State Level Science Exhibitions & Fairs & has won several prizes for his models such as: Domestic Mixi, Slide Projector, Volta Meter, and D.C.Dynamo. He has an inquisitive thrust for Science & always likes to spend his free time in the Science Laboratories preparing Science Models. He dreams to join the 'Indian Institute of Science' & become a scientist

Opinion of Visitors:

This is a wonderful school in all respects. The whole child approach and retention of tribal food and culture is remarkable. I have fallen in love with the children and moved by the sacrifice & work ethic of the teaching & non-teaching staff.

**-Neela Srinivasan
San Jose, California, U.S.A.**

An unique institution which has innocent & open minded students, passionate & ethical staff. Both this combination & hard work, the students will be distinguished citizens of this country & make India proud.

Best of success: **- Colonel Bhanu Prakash
Commander, NCC Group
Mysore.**

Excellent library & computer lab. The children seen very happy. I enjoyed my visit very much.

**Shivani Shrestha,
London, U.K.**

I'm really happy to visit this school. I've seen a group of people who are not only passionate but also professional. Thanks a lot for giving me this wonderful example. I'll try my best to return a useful feedback in my research. All the best SVYM.

**- Chien wen KAO
Kashiung, Taiwan.**

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Plans for the next year:

- Merging higher primary & high school
- Conducting Adventure Camps
- Construction of hostel on the first floor of the existing girls hostel
- Construction of stage for cultural programs in school
- Introducing NCC Troop
- Establishing Horticulture Department
- Construction of rain water harvesting in the school
- To establish rapport with the community every month visiting haadies and conducting mentor camps, informal talks & interaction
- All co-curricular activities & National festival will be celebrated
- Re-look & upgrading the work book in Kannada , EVS, Maths, English & Hindi of 1st to 4th standard
- Develop sustainable kitchen garden
- Developing more number of resource persons & sending out for workshops
- Retention of the staff in VTCL
- Improvement of the garden

VTCL School Break-up –2006-07

Std	JK		KK		YA		SO		NT		Total		G.Total
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
1 ST	13	09	06	06	02	01	00	00	00	00	21	16	37
2 nd	10	12	08	03	03	04	00	00	00	00	21	19	40
3 rd	18	09	09	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	27	13	40
4 th	13	11	09	06	01	05	00	00	00	00	23	22	45
5 th	15	09	07	06	02	00	01	01	00	00	25	16	41
6 th	08	09	06	10	02	03	00	00	00	00	16	22	38
7 th	05	13	06	04	02	06	00	00	01	00	14	23	37
8 th	08	08	10	10	05	01	02	00	00	00	25	19	44
9 th	11	02	17	10	04	02	01	00	01	00	34	14	48
10 th	09	09	09	02	05	01	02	00	01	00	26	12	38
Total	110	91	87	61	26	23	06	01	03	00	232	176	408

School Average Attendance of the Year of 2006-07	
Std	Average
1st	70%
2nd	80%
3rd	72%
4th	84%
5th	80%
6th	86%
7th	75%
8th	89%
9th	84%
10th	92%
Total	81%

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Hostel Average Attendance of the Year of 2006-07	
Std	Average
1st	60%
2nd	57%
3rd	53%
4th	60%
5th	58%
6th	59%
7th	60%
8th	61%
9th	60%
10th	67%
Total	61%

Menu:2006-07

Week	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Night
Monday	Godi Uppittu Milk/ Kashaya	Ragi ball, Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Egg	Vagrane Puri	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Soppina palya
Tuesday	Avalakki Uppittu Milk/ Kashaya	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk,	Biscuit	Chapathi, Chatni Rice, Rasam, Butter milk,
Wednesday	Idly Sambar, HuddinaVada Milk	Ragi ball,Rice, Avarekalu Sambar, Butter milk, Hayagreeva	Kashaya	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Soppina palya
Thursday	Rave Uppittu, Milk,	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Egg	Avalakki	Chapathi, Sagu, Rice, Rasam, Butter milk, Pule playa.
Friday	Milk/Puliyogare	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Egg	Vagrane puri	Ragi ball,Rice, Soppina Sambar, Butter milk,
Saturday	Milk/Vangibath, Akkiganji	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Sevige payasa	Kadlekaalu guggari/ Pule Palya	Chapathi, Sagu, Rice, Sambar Butter milk,
Sunday	Dose /Sagu Palya	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Butter milk, Egg Palya	Bajji	Ragi ball,Rice, Sambar, Appala

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