

MILES OF SMILES

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“ Education must attend to all facets of human life. The key is to harness the ancient and be innovative with the modern... ”

- His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

Dear Readers,

Jai Gurudev !

It is a joy to share with you that on Gurudev's birthday, May 13, the 103rd school under the VVMVP trust was inaugurated in Seppa, a little village in Arunachal Pradesh.



The VVMVP school in Seppa will complement the cultural and tribal traditions along with providing them value-based modern education.

This is another step that we have taken in this wonderful journey yet we know that there are hundreds of underprivileged children waiting for us.

Our vision for 2010 is to bring the total number of tribal and rural schools to 200.

Let us pledge on the occasion of Gurudev's birthday that we will reach out to as many children as we can and build a strong foundation for their future.

'A lit candle can light others'. Let us spread the light of knowledge in everyone's lives.

Warm Regards,

Smt. Bhanumathi Narasimhan.

**"The goal of education is to increase awareness not information....
Watching our inner-responses, knowing that they are there,
increases our self-awareness."**

- Sri Sri

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Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth



VVMVP Students

“The school has received permanent recognition from Karnataka Government”



Rank holders!



School kids performing in annual day...

The Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth has attracted students from nearby 52 villages. The number of new admissions is 350, taking the total number of students (in both primary and secondary) to 2200.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The school library is equipped with educational books, comics, books related to mental exercise, biographies, science books, literature, puzzle and so on.

The computer lab has around 30 systems and the lab is being completely redone this year. Science lab is refurnished and is now equipped with necessary instruments. The school has acquired six new buses.



ACADEMICS

The students of 10th standard have scored 100% results giving the school a cause for joy and celebration.

The Government of Karnataka changed the SSLC Exam pattern and the teachers followed new teaching methods as per the syllabus.

Bridge course is conducted for students who joined the school in eighth standard, to facilitate faster learning.



“ Truth is that which you cannot confront nor deny. Beauty is that which is you can not renounce nor possess. And Love is that which you cannot fully express nor hide.”

- Sri Sri

ALL IZZ WELL

Eye camps are conducted in the school by Shankar Netralaya organized by Canon India Ltd. Dental screening is done by Maruthi Dental Hospital for all students. The school also holds weekly Sudarsana Kriya follow up for the teachers.

SPORTS

Taluka level sports are held in the Sai Ground in Kaggalipura, Bangalore rural. Kabbadi and kho-kho teams played up to semifinals in this sports meet.



SCHOOL DEMOCRACY

The school has a system wherein various elected students are given different portfolios to handle, akin to the Indian political system. This enables the students to become responsible and also take wider ownership for a particular area of work.



Students participated in the school elections. The Oath Ceremony concluded the elections.





Sri Vidya Group

Mr. Adam Thompson, the award-winning lead singer of **Australian** band Chocolate Starfish, and his team from Australia conducted a music workshop for the children. In June, the Art of Living Bangalore Ashram hosted **Muso Magic**, an exciting and innovative songwriting program that engages its participants in a 2-day workshop in which they write, record and perform their own songs, as well as film a video clip and design their own CD cover.



Adam Thompson, delivered the Muso Magic workshop to 40 children. The young people involved created a powerful and moving song called "One World Family", with lyrics that demonstrated an insight and wisdom beyond the years of its writers.



① The 21 children from **Kashmir** who wrote exams and passed have gone to higher classes. They went to their hometown after the exams and thereafter returned to continue their education.



① A summer camp was conducted for the children during their summer vacation. **Ms. Swatilekha** from **Kalakshetra, Chennai** conducted a dance work shop after which the children had performed on Gurujji's birthday - 13th May 2009. As a part of our endeavor to expose children to science we took them to the Nehru Planetarium.

VEDA AGAMA SAMSKRUTA MAHA PATHASHALA



There are 260 students in our **Veda Agama Samskuruta Maha Pathshala**

The students performed the following homas :

which is in the traditional Gurukul style.

- Activities like poojas/homas, stotras, astrology, veda, agama, Sanskrit and shilpashastra are held.
- Vedic maths is taught to the students.
- The school has a heritage library.
- 35 veda boys had undergone the Sahaj Samadhi meditation course.
- All the students perform Anushthan and Guru Puja in the mornings and evenings
- Sports and fitness is included in their curriculum.
- Students are trained in Computer skills as well.
- 10 students are involved in the Veda Prayoga (research).
- Apart from the regular studies, the students are showing keen interest in learning Carnatic classical music.
- Teachers meeting and Parents meeting are held in the school.
- Morning activities include yoga, meditation and prayers

Ayushya Homa
Jaya Durga Homa
Mruthunjaya Homa
Mahaganapathy Homa,
Sudarshana Homa,
Ardra Homa,
Navagraha Homa,
Vaastu Homa,
ShantiKhuja Homa,
Gruha Pravesh,
Kuja Shanti,
Pavamanahoma
Dhanvantari Puja,
Avani Avittam,
Gayathri Homa,
Arudra Homa,
Sri Nikumbala Homam,
Sri Subramanya Homam
Lakshmi homam,
Sri Siva Gayathri homam,
Sri Shiva Homa
Prathyangira,
Kubera homam,
Bruhaspath,
Pradosha Pooja,
Lakshmi Pooja ,
Skandashasti Pooja,
Bhoomi Pooja,

Varalakshmi Pooja,
Dushtapratyahara Puja,
AdityaPuja, Vishnu Puja,
Ganapathi PranaSthapana
Varahihomam,
Rudrajapapoorthi homa,
Sivadeeksha,
Navagirh homam,
Astra japam and
Ekadhasarudra homam
Shanthy Japam,
Mookambika Japam,
Sumangali puja,
Sri YamaLinga Pooja (15 days),
Abhisheka pooja
Upakarma,
Samuhik Upanayanam,
Marriages,
Shatabhishekam ceremony
Shashtiptapoothi

Special training program included :

1. Avinashi Lingeshwar temple uthsavam
2. Urchavam
3. Maha Sivaratripooja
4. Chandihomam performed in Sri Punnainallur Mariyamman temple in Tanjore, Tamil Nadu.

◆ **When you follow fun, misery follows you. When you follow Knowledge, fun follows you - Sri Sri** ◆



◆ Spirituality means going deep into your prayers, irrespective of what prayer and which religion you follow - Sri Sri ◆



Schools supported by VVMVP

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir's do a tremendous job by imparting education to the students spread across the rural India. Here we can have a glimpse of the activities going on across the various Gnan Mandirs.



Some of the Gnan Mandirs in the state of **West Bengal** have been listed below.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Durgapur

Free shoes, uniform, books, stationery, meals and transport were provided to the students.

The slum school has 40 students.

The school van facilitates the transportation of the students from their homes to school and back home.

Gardening is also a part of their weekly activities.

Computer training is provided to the students

Music, folk art and crafts are taught to them in the school



Health programs include nails, hair cut and health check.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Jagannathpur

There are 38 students in this rural school.

Weekly activities of the school include dance, drama, painting, and craft.

Music classes are conducted daily.

School is under construction.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Radhaballavpur

There are 22 students in the rural school of Radhaballavpur.

Benches are provided to the students.

Painting, music, art and craft are practiced weekly in the school.

Music classes are conducted thrice a month.



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Banskopa

The rural school has 35 Students.

Every week regular classes are conducted for sports, dance and drama.

Music classes are conducted on a weekly basis.

Art and craft are practiced twice a week.



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Sahora, Murshidabad

The school has 95 students and is currently functioning from an old building.

Apart from regular academics, the student learn, dance, music and take part in sports.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Barabagan

This Rural School in Barabagan has 27 students.

Weekly activities at the school include sports, music, art and crafts.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Budbud

33 students study in the rural school of Budbud.

The school is being run in a rented room with three classes.

Construction of school is going on.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Harbaha

This rural school has 100 children.

Children learn singing in the school apart from their regular academics.

Dance and drama are performed monthly and practiced weekly.

Painting, art and craft is a weekly activity.

At the moment the school is going on in a supporter's house.

Construction of school is in progress.



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Kamalpur

This school was started in Kamalpur , P.O. Chakdaha, District Nadia, West Bengal. The economy of the village depends on agriculture.

The school is running currently in the local women welfare office hall with four classes. There are 104 students in this rural school.

There are three teachers on the staff side.

The school is under construction and the students are expected to move to the new school by March 2010.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Olgara

There are 84 students in the school.

The school runs on a location donated by the village.

Construction of school is yet to start.



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Hakasara

There are 149 students in the rural school

School building will be constructed soon.





Jharkhand

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Jharkhand, Lawagai

207 students study in this rural school. 50% students in the school are tribal. Mid day meal is served in the school. Sports like football and hockey are played in the school. Music, dance and hand embroidery are also a part of the school activities.



Andhara Pradesh

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Paderu

This preprimary school has 30 students of the age group of 2 years to 6 years.

This school is under construction so the students are being accommodated in a rented place .



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Guntur

There are 250 students in this school. Students come to this school from 15 villages. This is a Government Recognized School. The school won 2nd and 3rd prize at District level for Bhagvad Gita chanting. All the students got certificate for participation. In the Mandal Level Competition, 26 students participated.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Pandra

The population of this village is a little over 1100. Bengali is the language spoken in the area. The area is backward and tribal and affected by drought. Ecological degradation enhances the poverty and deprivation in the village. This village is located 12 km from main city.

There are 136 students in the school

Construction is yet to begin. We are in the process of locating a suitable land.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Khayari

In this village, there are more than 5600 inhabitants. Bengali is the language spoken in the area. Day labor is the source of income. The area is tribal and affected by drought. It is infested with plunderers and marauders.

There are 306 students in the school which runs in a rented premises

Construction of school will start soon.



Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Shalgram

This school has been started in the village Shalgram, Taluka Kotshila, District Purulia, West Bengal

The population is little over 2800. Bengali is the language spoken in the area. It is 5km away from Kotshila and 10km away from main city.

It has a low literacy rate especially among women.

There are 131 students in the school.

Construction is yet to begin. A suitable land has been located.

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Chhattartand

This school has been started in the village Chhatatand, Taluka Jhalda, District Purulia, West Bengal.

There are 256 students in the school.

The school is right now being conducted in a rented location.

Land is ready and construction will begin soon.

Kerala

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Kasaragod, Kerala

The tribal school in Kasaragod is under construction. Ground was leveled and the place of three classrooms and office was marked.



Admissions for the school are going on. The school will start after the construction, in the next academic year.

Gujarat

Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Dahod, Panchela

42 students are studying in this tribal school.

The school has Junior KG & Senior KG classes.



Transport, stationary and mid day meals were provided to the students.

Paper craft was taught to the students.

Hygiene habits are inculcated in the children.

Poems and drawing are taught to the students.

They went on a school trip to a temple.

Teachers and parents meeting was held.

Chattisgarh

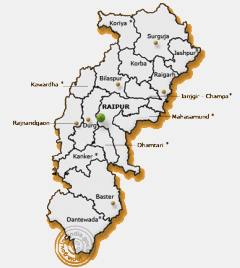
Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Bastar, Chattisgarh

This rural school has 36 students who are from rural and tribal backgrounds.

The school has Nursery and LKG classes.

KhoKho is one of the many sports activities conducted for the students.

Dance and music are taught in the school.



101 trees were planted by students.

Cleanliness awareness workshop was conducted for them.

A medical camp was organized and free medicines were distributed to the students.



◆ In science you have knowledge first, and then faith follows. In spirituality, faith comes first, and then Knowledge follows - Sri Sri ◆



Tripura

In most of the **Sri Sri Seva Mandir**'s in Tripura, 95% of the students are first generation literates.

The various schools of Tripura spread across the different Taluks and the exact village in which the school is located are tabulated here. Also the number of Boys and Girls in the state educated in



these schools is also given to get the complete picture of the work that is happening in the state.

A total of **28 Schools** are in Tripura educating students in rural regions.

DISTRICT	TALUKA	VILLAGE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
West Tripura	Khowai	Gourangatilla	73	72	145
West Tripura	Kalyanpur	Durgapur-Shantinagar	35	25	60
West Tripura	Mungakwami	Taimadhu para-Chakmaghat	15	10	25
West Tripura	Mandai	Burakha	17	13	30
West Tripura	Mandai	Ashigarh	17	11	28
West Tripura	Hezamara	Sundhartilla Village	19	16	35
West Tripura	Mohanpur	Patunagar, Digalia	12	17	29
West Tripura	Mohanpur	Nutunnagar	14	15	29
West Tripura	Dukli	Chowmonibazar	11	17	28
West Tripura	Dukli	Chowmonibazar-Coaching center	10	14	24
West Tripura	Bisalgarh	Guliraibari	20	10	30
West Tripura	Bisalgarh	Rangmala	14	11	25
West Tripura	Bisalgarh	Bastalai	12	8	20



Tripura (Contd...)



DISTRICT	TALUKA	VILLAGE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
West Tripura	Melagarh	Kaliram (Rajibnagar)	21	21	42
West Tripura	Melagarh	Bagabasa (Sonamura)	26	23	49
West Tripura	Mohanpur	Panchabati	17	13	30
South Tripura	Ompinagar	Ompibazar	21	19	40
South Tripura	Ompinagar	Tenthuihari	29	29	58
South Tripura	Ompinagar	Singlung	16	20	36
South Tripura	Ompinagar	Sadhupara	9	16	25
South Tripura	Ompinagar	Taichakma	13	15	28
South Tripura	Killa	East Kupilong	24	21	45
South Tripura	Matarbari	West Kupilong	45	30	75
South Tripura	Matarbari	Bagabasa(South)	10	9	19
South Tripura	Matarbari	Gokulpur	12	8	20
South Tripura	Bagafa	South Muhuripur	12	6	18
South Tripura	Bagafa	Kalasi	31	19	50
South Tripura	Killa	Taibagli	19	14	33



Education Scholarship

Anushree's father was running a small tea shop on the roadside with very meager earnings. She and her parents dreamed of a medical education for her but they did not have enough finances for this. She is being sponsored for graduating as an Ayurvedic Doctor.



Mr. Harsha is being sponsored for his PU college education. He is studying in the commerce stream in std 11.

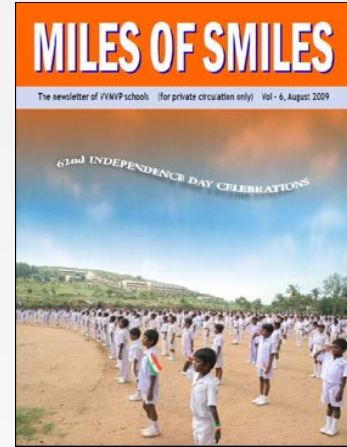
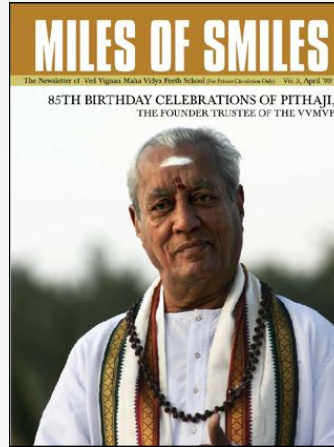
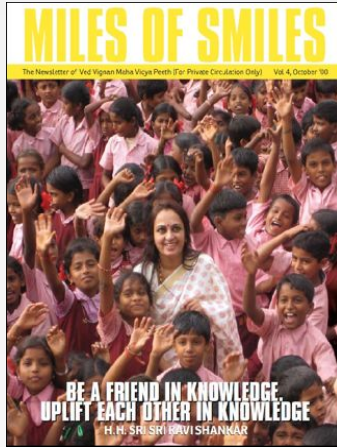
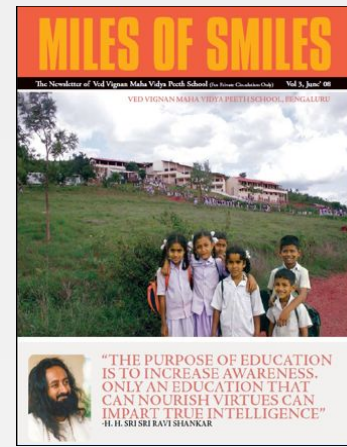
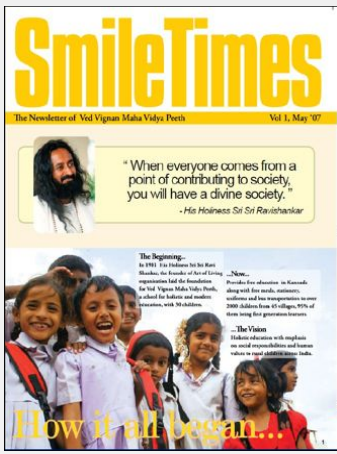
Gautami is a daughter of a maid with an ill, jobless father. She is a X-student of VVMVP school and continues to study in our Pre-University college. She sells flowers during her free time to support the family.



Mr. Praveen who passed out as a distinction student from our school has been selected for sponsorship of higher education. He is studying in class 11 in the science stream.



Miss. Sowmya, who comes from an economically weaker background, had been sponsored for her education in BAMS (Ayurveda). This sponsorship will continue till she finishes her doctorate. She is in her 2nd year of BAMS.



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♦ If any has to be given, this is the blessing that has to be given - " Be devoid of feverishness " - Sri Sri ♦