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“THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS. ONLY AN EDUCATION THAT CAN NOURISH VIRTUES CAN IMPART TRUE INTELLIGENCE”

-H. H. SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

Dear friends,



Recently a young man came to meet me. Confident with a ready smile. In his face, I saw a faint reflection of a young child I once knew. On inquiring, I learned that this young man studied in the very first batch of the VVMVP school. Today he holds a double degree in sociology and is supporting his family. As I recalled the first batch of 30 students who joined in 1981, the journey of so many years passed before me in a flash. The shed which housed all those students has today grown to a big building complex, complete with a library, laboratory and computer facilities.

I am proud that with the growth, we have maintained the quality of the education: holistic, promoting complete development and nurturing human values. Education in human and spiritual values can overcome prejudices and our limitations, and move us towards a genuine sense of belongingness. My dream is to have as many schools as possible so that the next generations of children will be literate and progressive human beings.

As the young man walked away, my belief in the dream grew stronger.

Warm regards

Bhanumathi Narasimhan

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AGAMA

A home for the scientific study of Vedas



In the midst of hills, valleys and lakes, 21 kms from Bangalore, nestles this serene temple of service & education called Agama

Established by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravishankar in 1981, this value education has touched the lives of hundreds of children from all over the country. It has come as a blessing to those families who once were steeped in this tradition to carry out temple worship in their respective townships.

The school aims at the scientific reappraisal of ancient Vedic traditions, for the benefit of all humanity.

The school, now home to over 340 young pundits, is committed to bringing about a scientific reappraisal of traditional knowledge and utilizing it for the benefit of all humanity. According to the Gurukula tradition, they learn from their master by repeated chanting of the verses, thus memorizing them.

The children receive free education, boarding, uniforms, books, stationery, medication and monthly health care checkups. In addition to learning Sanskrit, the shastras and the vast vedic studies, they also receive mainstream education. We have evolved syllabus of Vedas, Sanskrit, Astrology, Yoga, Itihas, Computer Education and General Education for all round knowledge and excellence and to groom them as leading lights for the humanity.

Students are given drills & yoga asanas, pranayam and meditation sessions for their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being. The school offers the best of our ancient heritage and promotes character building, broader outlook, stimulates awareness and nourishes human values. Parental responsibilities and all round care is ensured by dedicated full time volunteers in an Art of Living ashram atmosphere.



Knowledge of all the four Vedas is being imparted and all aspects of learning related to Temple worship is being provided to children. This profound knowledge will enable them to make the temples as divine light house in the modern world and will prepare the boys to become social saints.

**“Veda Shivo, Shivo Vedaha
Dharmo Rakshathi Rakshitaha”**



**वेदा शिवो, शिवो वेदाः
धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः**

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ART EXCEL IN THE ASHRAM

Post the final examinations, what better way to celebrate than in the Ashram? Ask the 250 children from VVMVP who underwent a three-day summer camp. It was fun all the way through from March 31-April 2, 2008 for these village children aged between 14 and 16 years. Asanas, pranayam, meditation and games were all geared towards making the sessions enjoyable while encouraging them to play a pro active role in bettering their surroundings. "The course inspired the children so much and they have already started cleaning their villages. The children have also started bringing about awareness in hygiene and cleanliness," says Radhika Ravikumar, co-ordinator of Karnataka's Youth Leadership Training Program. "These children are so full of enthusiasm. They should be guided properly and their energy directed through right channels so that their villages can become the backbone of a happy and prosperous India," she says.

"I found the children very receptive and intelligent. They are sensitive to values and people around them. The education provided is reflected in their behaviour. They are a beautiful blend of intelligence and innocence. They are par excellent when I compare them urban children whom I have taught. They want to be responsible citizens for the country and leaders in their villages. When we spoke of responsibility in the course, one child put up a board outside his house, saying: 'Do not litter'. They are little leaders in transforming society."

- Shreya Chugh, International facilitator, Youth Empowerment Seminar.

**SCHOOL
REOPENED
ON 2ND JUNE**



THE 10TH STD STUDENTS WENT ON AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO KOTILINGESHWARA, KAIVARA AND KARNATAKA GOLD FACTORY IN MARCH 2008. 151 STUDENTS AND 6 TEACHERS WERE PART OF THIS TRIP.



10TH STD PREPARATORY EXAMS WERE CONDUCTED FROM JAN TO FEB 2008

GOT THE HALL TICKETS TO WRITE THE EXAMS. 151 STUDENTS WROTE THE EXAMS.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WORK GOING ON WHICH INCLUDES PAINTING OF THE SCHOOL, ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, LANDSCAPE PLANNING, ETC



10TH STD PUBLIC EXAMS WERE FROM 31ST MARCH TO 5TH APRIL. 161 STUDENTS



THE RESULT FOR THE STUDENTS FROM 1ST TO 8TH STD WAS 100%.

1ST TO 9TH STD FINAL ANNUAL EXAMS WERE HELD FROM 20TH TO 28TH MARCH 2008

YOUNGEST DONOR IS HERE, 4 YR. OLD VASHISHT VIG FROM DELHI DONATED RS. 500 FROM THE PIGGY BANK FOR HIS FRIENDS AT VVMVP

THE RESULT IN THE 9TH STD WAS 97%

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LITTLE LEADERS

THE VED VIGNAN MAHA VIDYA PEETH HAS A UNIQUE SYSTEM OF TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP AT A YOUNG AGE: ITS VERY OWN PARLIAMENT OF MINISTERS. ELECTED BY STUDENTS, THE PARLIAMENT OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS IS THE VOICE OF THE SCHOOL. THE PARLIAMENT COMPRISES A PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF MINISTER, CULTURAL MINISTER, SPORTS MINISTER, HEALTH MINISTER, AGRICULTURAL MINISTER, TRANSPORT MINISTER AND EDUCATION MINISTER ALONGWITH A TEAM OF DEPUTIES.

BEING A MINISTER GIVES CHILDREN A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, ENHANCES LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, GIVES THEM THE CONFIDENCE OF PLAYING A PROACTIVE ROLE IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THEIR LIFE AND TEACHES THEM TO BE TEAM PLAYERS. EACH MINISTER EXECUTES HIS/HER DUTIES THROUGH A TEAM OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND MONITORS. SOME OF OUR MINISTERS, ELECTED FOR THE YEAR 2007-08, SHOW US THEIR PORTFOLIO OF WORK.



FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTER'S TABLE

First of all, I would like to thank our school founder, H. H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. Our Guruji is providing us with wonderful facilities like free education, uniforms, vehicle facilities, wide rooms and good food. It is our responsibility to use all these facilities in a proper way.

My responsibilities as an educational minister are to check whether the subject portions are being covered at the right time in all the classes. I also see to it that silence is maintained in the school. For this, I inform the class representatives about maintaining silence and make sure that the instructions are being carried out. The class representatives are given guidelines to ensure that classrooms are well maintained.

Every student is instructed to maintain discipline during the lunch break.

We have the best facilities in our school:

Ours is the best school as we have the best teachers here and we get excellent education.

1. Every year, from 1st standard to 10th standard, we get free uniforms facility.
2. We have sufficient number of classrooms in our school.
3. We have good lunch facility for all the students as well as for the teachers.
4. In our school, we have special tailoring training facility for girls.
5. We have computer education facility.

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6. We have the facility of school buses for the students who are coming from far places. Because of this, the students, who stay 10 kms away from school, also come to school.
7. Due to all these facilities, more and more students are joining our school.

- **S. Rani, Class - 8th C**

TRANSPORTATION MINISTER SPEAKS

I am grateful to our institute "Veda Vignan Maha Vidhyapeeth". In our institute, we have been given all the facilities for the students. Discipline is well maintained. Teachers are very caring about the students and teach well. To make it better, these ministries are formed.

I was elected as the transportation minister for the year 2007-08. I am very happy to hold this position which I will utilize in a good manner.

There were a few problems before I took over the transportation department – some students coming late to school because of insufficient drivers and seating arrangements in the bus. Some students would fight for seats in the bus and the small children would forget to get down when their stop came. This would cause their parents to worry. Also the students would not get time to read and write if they reach home late. By not doing the homework given by the teachers, they would get a scolding.

Solutions were found after the ministry was formed and I was selected as the transportation minister. The students were collected 10 minutes earlier so that they reach school 10 minutes before the prayer time. In this way, the students reach the class before the teacher enters. There are sufficient drivers now. Proper seating arrangements are being taken care of. There is a watch man near the door of the bus and volunteers who take care of reaching the small children to their right stops, so that the students may reach home soon.

I have undertaken several measures: Facilities of sufficient vehicles to small villages so that all the children will be educated. Making sure that there is room to stand in the vehicles and

enough seating provided for each and every child. Also a separate vehicle for teachers. I also proposed that a shed should be provided so that when there is no vehicle, the children can sit and read and get shelter from the rain.

- **Chennamma, Class - 10th B**

CATCHING UP WITH THE SPORTS MINISTER



Its fun being sports minister. There are so many things to do. Earlier, the playground was not well maintained and there was not much participation from everyone. Now, once a month the playground is being cleaned and I make sure that all the students play there every evening. I have also ensured that there are enough play things for everyone. My future goal is to start conducting competitions for each class, once a month. Prizes will be given to the winners, and such interschool competitions will be a regular feature.

Our School: Our School is a Knowledge place. We have to respect it. Our school is not only building our future but also giving us other facilities like distributing free uniforms, food, vehicle facilities, library, laboratories computer training which is given free of cost. There are so many things which I can't put in words about my school. The only one thing which others cannot steal from us is the knowledge. And this knowledge is being shared with thousands of people in the presence of our Guruji, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. I thank our beloved Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji on behalf of our all teachers and all students for getting us a very good opportunity to build our future in a good manner.

- **Praveen, Class – 9th B**

THE CULTURAL MINISTER'S CALENDAR

My main responsibility is to look after the organizing of cultural programs and ensure smooth functioning. The events which I have taken care of are:

1. Independence Day, August 15th 2007:

On that auspicious day, we planned to hoist the flag and made all the necessary preparations. Before the event, we gave instructions to the students regarding the cultural program of that day, so that there was no disturbance. It was a fun-filled day with flag hoisting and we sang the national anthem and shared sweets.

2. Kannada Rajyotsava (Karnataka Formation Day), November 1st 2007:

While inaugurating this program we prayed to Lord Ganesha and then we, students, performed song and dance skits.

3. Gandhi Jayanthi, October 2nd 2007:

We celebrated this function with lots of happiness, and remembered many freedom fighters. With a cultural program, the day came to an end.

4. Teacher's Day, September 5th 2007:

On this day the students remembered and spoke about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and our other teachers. In the second half of the day, we organized some games for the teachers and distributed prizes to those who won the game.

5. School Day, December:

In the month of December we had our school day function. Our beloved H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji and other dignitaries had been invited. They lit the school lamp and spoke to the students. Then we started the programs of the day with a prayer. We had organized sports for the students in November. We distributed the prizes for the winners in this function which was followed by cultural programs.

- **G. Asha Latha**



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A TEACHER WRITES IN:

SCHOOL TRIP TO KOTILINGESHWARA, KAIWARA

The school staff decided to take the 10th standard students for an educational trip. One sunny day, around 151 students of the 10th standard and 16 teachers left to visit Kotilingeshwara and Kaiwara. The preparation for the trip itself was a lot of fun, with planning the places of visit and taking permission from the parents.

We first reached Kotilingeshwara. Even while we were conducting the pooja there, the students kept expressing surprise on seeing the thousands of shivalingas (statues of Shiva lingas). There was a huge statue of Shiva as well as one of Nandi (the bull which Shiva rides and the gate keeper of Shiva in Hindu mythology). We had a delicious breakfast which consisted of south Indian delicacies and later started for Kaiwara.

We reached Kaiwara by half past one in the afternoon. The priest there told us the story of Kaiwara Thathaiya, who is also known as 'Narayanappa' or 'Amare Narayane'. The children enjoyed seeing the beautiful statues which were present all over. Later we moved to the Kailasa Giri, which was around nine kilometers away. Kailasa Giri is a huge mountain which can be reached by well-built roads. The highlight of the location is a huge statue which is carved out of a single rock. We had a lovely time. The day ended with many photographs, and ice-creams and wonderful memories.



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