

MILES OF SMILES

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62nd INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



Dear Ones, Jai Guru Dev!

Elections were recently held at the VVMVP school and a new group of ministers have been inducted in the school parliament.

This system in our school empowers the students and in a way, reflects the democracy of our country.



On August 15, we celebrated the 62nd year of India's independence. This country has come a long way and there is much that we need to do to contribute to her progress.

Education is an important step in that direction. I'm happy to see the difference that all our schools are making to countless families across India. Each educated child will take us one step further in empowering this country, and the world.

Let us spread more smiles!

Warm regards

Bhanumathi Narasimhan



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MUSO MAGIC WORKSHOP

School reopened on a musical note this June for children from the VMMVP Schools - with Muso Magic, an exciting and innovative music workshop conducted by Adam Thompson, award-winning lead singer of Australian band Chocolate Starfish.

In this workshop, participants not only write, record and perform their own songs, they film a video clip and also design their own CD cover as well! Creativity was at its peak and resulted in a powerful and moving song called "One World Family".

The participants choreographed their own dance moves, and filmed a number of scenes for their video clip that depicted moments of unity and togetherness - two central themes of their song.

The students (who called their band - Rock on Guruji) performed before a 3000-strong audience and had the entire audience dancing to their tunes!!



Clippings

Sri Vidya Group

These children participated in the summer camp specially organized for them. At the end of this they were taken to the Jawaharlal Nehru planetarium in Bangalore on 9th may. They have also taken part in different sport events like football, athletics, volleyball etc. Fun-centred activities like crafts and painting kept the children busy and entertained. Special education programs like vedic maths have been taught to them to facilitate quicker learning. Free medical and other services are offered to the children. Workshops based on care for the environment, nutrition, health and hygiene have been held for them. On 13thMay (Gurudev's Birthday), the Srividya group presented a dance which they had learnt in the dance workshop conducted for them by a student of the famous dance school of India, Kalakshetra in Chennai.



Sponsorship for education

Four students were selected for Educational sponsorships.

- Ms. Sowmya for school education - Sowmya comes from an economically weaker background with various physical challenges. She belongs to Nerlige Village in Karnataka.
- Master Praveen for Preuniversity studies - Praveen had topped the VVMVP rural school in the 10th std and was planning to start working and not study further because he did not have financial support.
- Master Harsha for Preuniversity studies - Harsha was a student in a govt. school and had decided to stop studying further because he could not afford it.
- Ms. Anushree for medical education in Sri Sri College of Ayurvedic Sciences and Research. Her father was running a small teashop on the roadside and earned just enough to feed and clothe his family. Though he dreamed of making his daughter a doctor he had no way of fulfilling this dream which he and his daughter shared.

Six new buses were bought to meet the needs of ever-increasing students.



ELECTIONS

School elections for 2009-10 were held in July end and 34 members were elected, including Prime Minister Rani S, Deputy Prime Minister Sachin R, education minister Chandan S, Sports minister Chitra T, cultural minister Kavya K, hygiene minister Divya Bharathi, transport minister Mahesh M, health minister Bina U R, agriculture minister Kusuma R, tour minister Nayan Kumar N and Opposition party leader Sandhya S



Sports

Students of the VVMVP Rural School in Bangalore won several competitions at circle level sports. Prizes were won in volleyball, relay, race, jumping and shot put.

Sports season will start soon at the VVMVP Rural School in Bangalore.

The sports team is gearing up for Taluka level competition which includes high jump, race, shot put, kho kho & kabadi.

Pratibha Karanji Winners

Kannada Speech - Rani. S

English Speech - Vinay S

Sanskrit Speech - Srinatha

Marathi Speech - Srijith

Tamil Speech - Meri P

Sanskrit Chanting - Guruprasad

Folk Song - Udayaravi D

Fancy Dress - Shwetha M

Paper Craft - Sachin R

Clay Modeling - Abhishek K

Mimicry - Sachin R

Drawing - Haribabu M

Debate - Rani S

Science Model - Davan Sab H

Drama - Guruprasad, Samarasimha, Sulthan, Mamath S M, Kiran S, Niteesh S, Naveen S, Madhusudhan M

Quiz - Rani S, Prashanth, Srinath, Abhishek

Kolata - Anjuraj, Uma P, Anitha K, Anusha M, Uma B, Savithamma

State Anthem - Sathish C, Raghavendra C N, Latha M, Ramya P

Qawwali - Sulthan M, Naveen S, Samarasimha, Mohamadh Mohasin Ahamadh





New Schools - Providing Education to those hitherto unreached in the Rural, Tribal and Slum areas in India

1. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Paderu , Andhra Pradesh
This tribal school opened its doors on 31st July 2009 with an enrollment of 15 students. The students are lively, eager to learn and cheerful. Within a week we had 60 students in the school

2. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Dahod , Gujarat
41 students have enrolled in this school, which is in the tribal area of Gujarat. We had started this school in July 2008.

3. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Durgapur, West Bengal
There are 40 students in this slum school that provides education for all those children who had no education facility earlier.

4. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Banskopa, West Bengal
This rural school has 35 students. Along with education the school offers opportunities to participate in activities like dance, drama, music, art & craft.

5. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Jagannathpur, West Bengal
There are 18 boys and 20 girls in this rural school. Weekly activities in the school include Sports, dance, drama, painting, art and craft. Music is a part of the daily activities in the school.

6. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Radhaballavpur, West Bengal
This rural school has 14 boys and 8 girls. Students are learning music, art and craft in the school.



7. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Barabagan , West Bengal
With 27 students in this rural school , Music, sports,
art & craft are being taught in the school.

8. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Budbud, West Bengal
16 boys and 17 girls are studying in this rural school.
Students have been learning Art & Craft. Ipsita
Mondal has won the art & craft competition held in
the school.

9. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Harbarha , West Bengal
There are 101 students in this rural school. The
school provides a platform for students to learn and
express through activities like Dance, painting and
art & craft

10. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Bastar , Chattisgarh
There are 35 students in this tribal school. Students
actively participated in the plantation program
that was held and 101 trees were planted.

11. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Kasargod, Kerala
Foundation stone has been laid for the first Tribal
school in Kerala.

12. Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, Kamalpur, West Bengal
We have already started construction for a new
rural school in Kamalpur , P.O. Chakdaha, District
Nadia, West Bengal. The school will begin to function in
a rented premises shortly so that the children don't
wait any longer to be educated.





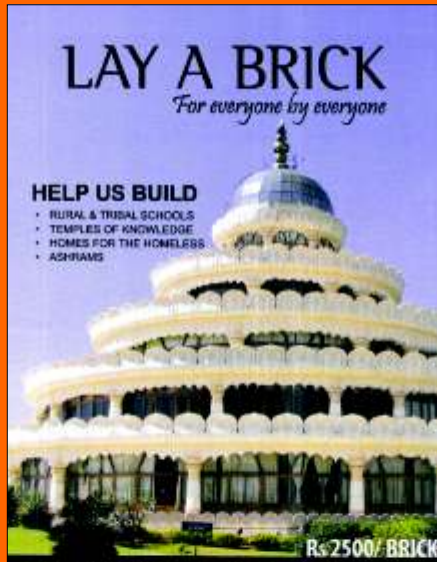
Our youngest Donors!

Shivani is the youngest collector for gift a smile!



Shivani

Children in USA made cookies and sold them so that they could educate a few children, here in India.



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