

Shri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Rajkot

Annual Report

of Activities during the year
April 2009 - March 2010

- **Regular worship, Special Puja & Celebrations** - Regular worship and fortnightly Ramanama Sankirtan on Ekadashi days were conducted in the Ashrama. Birth Anniversaries of Shri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda, Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna and special pujas like Kali-Puja and Sarasvati-Puja in image, Phala-Harini Kali Puja, Buddha Purnima, Shankaracharya Jayanti, Mahavir Jayanti (Jain Prophet), Ram-Navami, Shri Krishna-Janmashtami, Shivaratri, Rathayatra, Guru Purnima, Christmas Eve etc. were celebrated in the Ashrama.
- **Preaching & other Programmes** - Weekly religious discourses (twice a week), other lectures, Spiritual Retreats and Bhajan Sandhyas were organized last year in the Ashrama.

Statistics of Lectures

URBAN			RURAL		
At Ashrama	Out Side Ashrama	Average Attendance	At Ashrama	Out Side Ashrama	Average Attendance
200	15	55	-	8	380

Total			
At Ashrama	Out Side Ashrama	Total	Average Attendance
200	23	223	66

Educational Activities

- **Value Education Programmes** - Value Education Programmes were organized for teachers, principals, and students of different colleges and schools of Saurashtra. As part of the Value Education programmes, value oriented classes were conducted by the monks of our Order and also by other eminent speakers of Rajkot and Gujarat. Students also presented cultural programmes during these classes.

Statistics of Value Education Programmes

		URBAN			RURAL				
No. of Units	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total	No. of Units	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
37	770	4500	3500	8000	13	270	2100	1645	4015

TOTAL				
Total Unit	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
50	1040	6600	4145	12015

- **Career Guidance Seminars :** Career Guidance Seminars were organized in the Ashrama for school students. 491 students were benefited through these seminars in the last year.

Statistics of Career Guidance Seminars

URBAN			
No. of Seminars	Boys	Girls	Total
4	277	214	491

- **Visit of School Students to Ashrama :** Students from 9 different schools of Rajkot visited the Ashrama. Temple, Exhibition-Hall, Library, etc. were shown to them. Discourses were given by the monks of our Order.

Statistics of 'Visit of School Students to Ashrama'

URBAN				
No. of Lectures	Teachers	Boys	Girls	Total
9	180	500	1500	1860

- **School of Languages -** Vivekananda Institute of Languages (VIL), a wing of 'Vivekananda Institute of Value Education & Culture (VIVEC)' has facility to conduct courses in 3 languages - Sanskrit, English and Bengali. Each course is of 45 classes (approx. 2 months and 15 days) and 2 hours per class. Details are given below.

Statistics of School of Languages

Course details	Male	Female	Total
English (Level -I) (Class X and above)	125	108	233
English (Level-II) (Class X and above)	20	20	40
English (Level -I) for School Students (Class IX)	22	46	68
Sanskrit	-	23	23
Total Students benefited	167	197	364

- **Students' Home** - Students of Class XI, Class XII, Poly-technical, Nursing & B.A. were allowed to stay in the Students' Home who were provided free fooding and lodging. 14 Students were benefited in the last year.
- **Competitions on the occasion of Birthday of Swami Vivekananda** - Every year on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birthday various competitions like recitation, group singing, elocution, painting and fancy dress (gods and goddesses) are held for school and college students. This year nearly 6000 students from 150 various schools/colleges took part in these competitions.
- **Free Coaching Centre** - One free coaching centre is run by a devotee in the Rajkot city with the help and guidance of Rajkot Ashrama.43 Students (I std. to IX std.) were benefited through this coaching centre in the last year.

Statistical report of Free Coaching Centre

Boys	Girls	Total
21	22	43

- **Sanskar Shibir (Balak Sangh)** for school children - Sanskar Shibir for the students of age group 8 to 13 years of Rajkot were organized in which value oriented lessons, bhajans, crafts, drawing, physical exercises etc. were taught to the children.

Statistical Report of Sanskar Shibir (Balak Sangh)

Time Period	Boys	Girls	Total School Children benefited
4 - 29 May, 09	105	62	167
Aug- Oct, 09	29	20	49
Total	134	82	216

- **Publication & Book Stall** - Gujarati books and a few English books are published in the Publication department.

Language	New Publications	Books reprinted during the year	Total Books in Circulation
Gujarati	5	52	194
English	1	X	11
Total	6	52	205

“Shri Ramakrishna Jyot”, Gujarati Monthly is published. It has 4500 subscribers and among them 1345 are patrons (life-subscribers).

- **Public Library & Permanent Exhibitions** - The Ashrama has a Public Library and free reading room with a Childrens’ section:

Total No. of Books	No. of Books Issued	No. of Periodicals	No. of Dailies	Average attendance per day
38589	7532	240	12	99

Apart from Library there are three permanent exhibitions in Library building depicting life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna & Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Indian Art & culture.

- **Programmes at Jail** - Special programmes for the benefit of inmates in the Jails were conducted. Bhajans, Lectures, free distribution of books & Prasad to the inmates were part of these programmes.

Statistical Report of Jail activity

City	Total Programmes conducted	Total inmates benefited
Rajkot	5	1750

Medical Activities

- **Charitable Dispensary, Eye Care Centre, Physiotherapy Department & Rehabilitation Centre for Cerebral Palsy Children - Rajkot Ashrama** is running a Charitable Dispensary with Ayurvedic & Homoeopathic departments, Eye care centre with operation theatre, Physiotherapy centre with latest equipments and a Rehabilitation centre for Cerebral Palsy Children. Dispensary is run with the help of 11 paid and 9 honorary doctors.

Statistical report of Medical Activities

Deptt.	New Cases	Old Cases	No. of Male Patients	No. of Female Patients	No. of Children Patients	Total
Ayurvedic	688	1134	749	955	118	1822
Homoeopathic	337	2325	842	1369	451	2662
Eye OPD	6577	2687	4676	4024	564	9264
Physiotherapy	535	7434	3588	4370	11	7969
Cerebral Palsy	86	6298	-	-	-	6384
Total	8223	19878	9855	10713	1144	28101

Statistical report of Eye operations done at subsidized rate (At Ashrama's Eye Care Centre)

Male	Female	Total Eye-Operations done at subsidized rate
180	174	354

Statistical report of Eye operations done at free of cost (through Eye Camps)

URBAN				RURAL			
No. of Eye Camps	Male	Female	Free Operations	No. of Eye Camps	Male	Female	Free Operations
3	44	40	84	4	105	71	176

TOTAL			
No. of Eye Camps	Male	Female	Total Free Operations
7	149	111	260

Statistical report of Total Eye operations done at Ashrama's Eye Care Centre & through Eye Camps

TOTAL EYE OPERATIONS			
	Male	Female	Total Eye Operations
At Ashrama's Eye Care Centre	180	174	354
Through Eye Camps	149	111	260
Total	329	285	614

Rural Medical Activities

- **Mobile Dispensary - Regular weekly free medical services for rural public :** Every Sunday doctors, volunteers and other Para-medical staff go to two villages - Sardhar and Dhandhani of Rajkot dist. to render medical and educational services free of cost to village people. People of 15 nearby villages from Sardhar and Dhandhani are benefited through mobile dispensary. Free medicines are also provided to patients through this medical service. This year medicines worth Rs. 44,392/- were provided by Rajkot Ashrama.

Statistics of Rural Medical Activity (Mobile Dispensary)

No. of Villages covered (Approx.)	New Cases	Old Cases	No. of Male Patients	No. of Female patients	No. of Child patients	Total
15	1162	3645	1057	2299	1451	4807

Rural Educational Activities

- **Regular weekly free Educational services (Free Coaching) for rural students:** Every Sunday Volunteers give free educational services to rural students of village Dhandhani.

Statistics of Rural Educational Services (Free Coaching)

No. of Units	Boys	Girls	Total
1	15	10	25

- **Balak Sanghas** – Balak Sanghas for the students of age group 7 to 13 years are run at Upleta and Junagadh Centres under the guidance of Shri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Rajkot. Details are given below.

Statistics of Balak Sanghas

Village/City	Boys benefited	Girls benefited	Total
Upleta	68	22	90
Junagadh	25	15	40
Total	93	37	130

Rural Development Activities

- **Ma Sarada Tailoring and Embroidery Training Centers** – For the benefit of women of rural and weaker section, tailoring and embroidery training centers have been set up at Upleta (Dist. Rajkot) Adipur (Dist. Kutch) and Junagadh centres . These training centres conduct 4 months course. The details of the training centers are given below.

Statistics of Tailoring and Embroidery Training Centres

Village/City	Students benefited (Female)	Sewing Machines distributed at subsidized rate
Upleta	65	22
Junagadh	79	0
Adipur	35	0
Total	179	22

- **Free distribution of Ration Kits** – Ration-Kits are being distributed once in a month since February 2008 to the Widows and destitute. Each Ration-Kit contains: Wheat – 10kg., Rice – 3kg, Pulses – 2kg, Oil – 1kg, Turmeric Powder – 100gms, Chilli Powder – 100gms, Salt – 1kg, Tea – 200gms, Sugar – 1kg.

Statistics of distribution of Ration-Kits

Village/City	Destitute benefited (Male)	Widows/destitute benefited (Female)	Total no. of Beneficiaries (Ration-Kits)
Upleta	12	108	120
Junagadh	17	108	125
Bhuj (Kutch Dist.)	12	108	120
Nilpar (Kutch Dist.)	0	240	240
Total	41	564	605

Total ration given : Wheat - 6050 kg., Rice - 1815 kg, Pulses - 1210 kg, Oil - 605 kg, Turmeric Powder - 60.5 kg, Chilli Powder - 60.5 kg. Salt - 605 kg, Tea - 121 kg, Sugar - 605 kg.

- **Free distribution of School uniforms** - School uniforms worth Rs. 25760/- were distributed among 129 Girls of 'Gram Swaraj Sangha', Nilpar (Dist. Kutch).
- **Free distribution of Note Books, Text Books, etc.** - Educational aids like note books, text books, etc. worth Rs. 18769/- were distributed among 161 students (152 girls & 12 boys) students of 'Gram Swaraj Sangha', Nilpar.
- **Food Expenses for rural students** - Food grain expenses for one year (Rs 127922/-) for 50 girls of 'Gram Swaraj Sangha', Nilpar (Dist. Kutch) were provided by Rajkot Ashrama.
- **Snacks to street children** - . Every Saturday, a group of approximately 35-40 street children visit the Ashrama. They spend about 2 hrs in the Ashrama in prayer, stories, songs and games. Snacks were being served every Saturday to street children in Rajkot Ashrama since December 2006. Last year, Snacks were served to 1468 children. (Boys - 800, Girls, 668)
- **Free distribution of Green Fodder** - 10,000 Kg. 'Green Fodder' distributed to 144 cows. (Rs 10,000/-)
- **Free distribution of Shawls.** - 50 Shawls were distributed free of cost to destitute.
- **Free distribution of Blankets etc.** - 37 Blankets were distributed free of cost among the poor & needy people of Rajkot city.

- **Daridra Narayana Seva** - Cooked food was served to 1900 destitute from old age homes, orphans, deaf & dumb people from various institutes and mentally retarded patients.
- **Arise-Awake Exhibition** - The 'Arise - Awake Exhibition' on the life & teachings of Swami Vivekananda' was exhibited in various villages and educational institutions.

Statistics of Arise-Awake Exhibition

Area covered	No. of villages	No. of villagers	No. of educational institutions	No. of students benefited
Surendranagar	30	50000	60	40000
Upleta	15	3000	22	17000
Amreli			2	900
Gondal			4	2850
Rajkot			5	1900
Total:-	45	53000	93	62650

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