

# Chinmaya Vidyalaya Kundanbagh, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016

# **NEWSLETTER- April & May 2018**



It is meaningless to ask somebody
"When you will be free from your darkness"
which is created by your own palms stupidly covering your
own closed eyes!

All that we can say is "When you choose to remove the hands and open your eyes, light shall be yours"

#### April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup> 2018: Donation drive:

Morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> April saw 16 volunteers from Class VII reaching out to every class in the Vidyalaya, collecting old clothes, school uniforms, notebooks & textbooks, schoolbags, toys and whatever else was possible for giving others.







Class VII- team of 16 volunteeres helping in the donation drive

Children from all classes collectively brought lots of clothes, books etc; which our very efficient volunteers , under the guidance of teachers, segregated and categorized them neatly prior to packing them and sending them to Ellaypally village in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh , at the behest of Swamini Amma Poorvajanandaji , to be distributed amongst the less priviledged children of the nearby villages.

#### April 8<sup>th</sup> -IIT-JEE Entrance test

The entrance exam (Mains) for entry into the very prestigious Indian Institute Of Technology (IIT) was held on the  $8^{th}$  of April 2018 across the entire country. Our Vidyalaya was one such centre, where students appeared for this examination. A total of 540 students took this examination in our Vidyalaya. We wish good luck to all of them.

#### April 21st - CQ Quiz:

Having finished two rounds of the Chinmaya Quotient (CQ) Quiz- a quiz for the staff of Chinmaya Vidyalayas across the country, the Value Education teacher of our Vidyalaya for the primary students, Smt. Sumakalyani Ganti was one of the 17 teachers who participated in the finals of this quiz, held at CIRS, Coimbatore on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2018.



Smt. Sumakalyani receiving a memento from Dr. Manisha Khemlani ji, CEO of CCMT



Participants of the final round of CQ Quiz , along with the dignitaries.

A deep insight into the activities of the mission was gathered by the participants after having prepared the book, "Manifesting Divinity". The event was graced by Smt. Shanti Krishnamoorthy ji- Director of CIRS, Dr. Manisha Khemlani ji- CEO of CCMT, Smt. Meera Jackson ji - Principal – CV R S Puram, Coimbatore, Swamini Amma Sampratishtanandaji, Swami Anukoolanandaji, Shri Atul ji- CCMT-EC trustee member, teachers, staff and students of CIRS. A memento, a certificate and a cheque of Rs. 1000 was awarded to each of the participants.

#### Last working Day-25<sup>th</sup> April 2018:

The last working day of the Vidyalaya proved to be one filled with a mixture of joy and tears. We bid farewell to one of the most lovable teachers of our Vidyalaya on the attainment of her superannuation. Our Vidyalaya Vice-Principal, Smt. Umakalyani who has been with the Vidyalaya for the past 13 years, is a person of great integrity, knowledge, and an immense love for all the Vidyalaya staff and children. It was with a very heavy heart, that every staff member of the Vidyalaya has bid farewell to her.







In an event graced by Swami Saakshiroopanandaji, Vidyalaya Correspondent - Sri HariPrasad, Academic advisor, Smt. Valli Prasanna and the Principal- Smt. Vani, Smt. Umakalyani was felicitated by the staff and given an overwhelming sendoff. She was presented with a garland, a shawl, gold studs and a memento by the Vidyalaya. Principal Madam presented her with a saree. The admin staff also presented her with a saree. Every single member of the Vidyalaya spoke about her, and came up with one worded adjectives, suiting her personality.



A lady with a very pleasant temperament, and a joy to work with, HariPrasad Sir has specified her as a person who not only loves everyone, but as a person as much lovable by each one of us. Quoting her command over the English and French languages as above par, he has reiterated her approachability and easy going nature, both with students and staff members. Valli Prasanna madam has appreciated her balancing nature, citing Uma Madam's liking by everone as a result of her balancing facts and opinions. Swami Saakshiroopanandaji has cited her as an example of living the Bhagavad Geeta. Being in an organization like Chinmaya Mission, her contact with Mahapurushas and her practicing the teachings of Gurudev, has always kept her on the path of righteousness.







Acknowledging all the love and respect that the Vidyalaya staff bestowed on her, Uma Madam stated that these moments would forever be engraved in her memory. "Think Big, Act Wisely, Achieve Great Results" was the advice she had for everyone.







Some Vidyalaya teachers recollecting good moments with Umakalyani Madam.

Vidyalaya also bid farewell to three of our teachers, who would not be continuing with our school, in the next academic year. Smt. Vijayalakshmi from PRT, Smt. Divya Raju from SishuVatika and Smt. Vandana, again from PRT, were also given a sendoff.







Bidding farewell to Smt. Vijayalaksmi





Bidding farewell to Smt. Divya Raju



Smt. Suchitra Dwibedi- our libriarian was felicitated on the completion of 15 years of service in this Vidyalaya. She was well appreciated by the dignitaries and all her colleagues for her systematic and selfless work towards the care, cleanliness and the maintenance of every single book in the library. Her versatile nature can be seen in her involvement in coordinating annual days and in the manner in which she has organized book reviews and coordinated CCA activities.



Smt. Suchitra Dwibedi being felicitated on account of completion of 15 years of service in the Vidyalaya

# NEET Exam- 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018:

The NEET exam for entry into all the prestigious medical colleges was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 across the entire country. Our Vidyalaya was one such centre, where students appeared for this examination. A total of 480 students took this examination in our Vidyalaya. We wish good luck to all of them.

# **Gurudev's Birthday Celebrations – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018:**

Born as Balakrishnan Menon on  $8^{th}$  May 1916, Swami Chinmayananda grew up to be a great spiritual master of this world. His birthday was observed in our Vidyalaya premises, on  $8^{th}$  May 2018 by performing a paduka puja by the admin staff and a few teachers.



#### 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> May 2018: Participation the The National Level Camp for the VVM examination:

Vigyan Vidyarthi Manthan (VVM) was organized by Vignana Bharati in association with NCERT, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology for the students of Class VI to XI. The initial preliminary round of this online exam was held at the Vidyalaya on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Chi. Sai Vivek of Class VIII, got selected at the preliminary level and represented the Vidyalaya in the state level of this competition, which was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January at Sanghamitra School, Nizampet, Hyderabad. He emerged as one of the winners at State level, and represented the Vidyalaya in the National Level, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May at DAE Convention Centre, AnushaktiNagar, Mumbai. Congratulations to Sai Vivek for his participation at the National level.

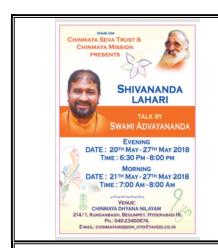




Chi. Sai Vivek participated in National Level Camp of the VVM examination held in Mumbai.

# 20<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May: Swami Advayanandaji's talks:

Swami Advayananda is incharge of the Chinmaya International Foundation, located at Veliyanad, in Ernakulam District, Kerala. He is also a trustee of the Chinmaya VishwaVidyapeeth, a unique university established in 2016 to promote world class education rooted in Indian Knowledge and traditions. Swamiji conducted a Geeta Gyana Yagna on Shivananda Lahari in the Dhyana Nilayam of our Vidyalaya premises from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018.





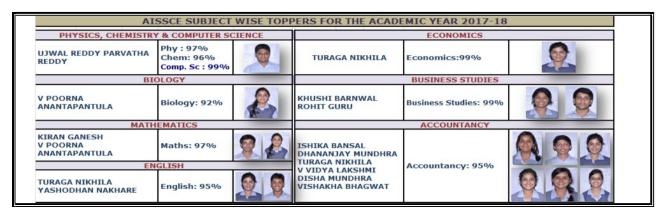
A few staff members of the Vidyalaya get blessings from Swami Advayananda

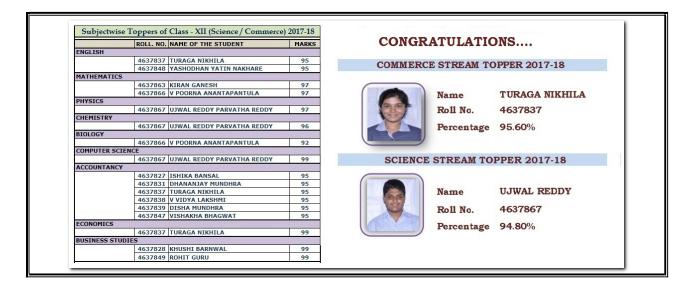
#### **Class XII and Class X Results:**

Vidyalaya had an excellent track record for this year as well with 100% results in Class X and Class XII examinations. Chi. A. Pranav and Chi. Pragnya Manaswini , both of Class X, topped the examinations with 95.20%.



In the AISSCE 2018 examinations, (Class XII), Chi. Ujwal Reddy topped the Science stream with 94.80%, while Chi. Turaga Nikhila topped the commerce stream with 95.60 %.





We heartily congratulate all the students who have passed this examination and with flying colours.

**Student Summer Camps at Chinmaya Garden Trust, Coimbatore:** 

Hari Seva Camp- April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018:

26 students of Classes IX and X ,accompanied by two of our staff members, Smt. D. Suma and Sri. Durga Prasad attended the Hari Seva Camp organized by the education cell of CCMT at Chinmaya Gardens, Coimbatore.

As educators and as parents, inculcating the Seva Bhavana amongst the next generation is an important task for us. Not only do they have to learn the tricks of the trade, but they also need to do work with a smile, while learning about dignity of labour. With this in mind, Chinmaya Education Cell has organized the Hari Seva Camp. Students of Class IX and X from our Vidyalaya participated in all the activities conducted during this camp, and came out as a helping hand for various activities such as broom making, tree painting, pillow making, pottery, appalam making, garbage pit making, vermicompost making, traditional art on cloth, jewellery making, rope making, notebook making etc. All these involved long hours of labour in the hot sun and absolute concentration and whole hearted participation to get all the minute details of each activity in proper shape.



Gayathri Homam is a ritual performed during every camp, and our children enthusiastically participated in this.



Other relaxation techniques at the end of a hard day also included a Bhajan session, yoga and some games as well.



Final products made in this manner were sent to CORD (Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development) and sold to consumers. What an absolute beautiful way of realizing this dream of producer to consumer through children as part of service!

# Balvihar Camp- April 30<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018:

The most awaited camp for Classes V and VI – the Balvihar camp at Chinmaya Gardens-Coimbatore was held from the  $30^{th}$  April 2018 to  $2^{nd}$  of May 2018. 14 students accompanied by Smt. Prasanna and Sri Uday Kumar, attended this camp.



An amazing trip, filled with fun and frolic accompanied with activities ranging from games like "Filling the bottles", preparation of skits, making your own theme based paintings and a few more creative activities, this camp provided our nine and ten year old children the experience of staying away from home and parents for three/four days , thereby, appreciating the role of parents and caretakers in their daily lives





Staying in an ashram, in a very pious atmosphere gave them the strength to think correctly, reciprocating and sharing their ideas with each other. This was the first step for our Vidyalaya students to be in coherence with the CVP Principle of Universal Outlook.



# Shubh Sahas Camp: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018:

Sahas is needed for these activities.....you know which ones? The ones that are done in the Shubh Sahas camp! 12 students accompanied by Sunanda teacher attended the Shubh Sahas camp at Chinmaya gardens, Coimbatore.



Prayer at the beginning of the journey for a safe flight and the smooth functioning of the camp.

86 students from 11 Chinmaya Vidyalayas across the country participated in this camp at Chinmaya Gardens, Coimbatore. Swami Anukoolanandaji and Swamini Amma Sampratishtanandaji were welcomed with Poorna Kumbham, and later Smt. Shanti krishnamoorthyji- director of CIRS had a session with all the participants.

Tons of outdoor activities were waiting for our Class VII and Class VIII children. These included Military Crawl, Burma Bridge, Commando ladder, Tarzan Swing, FireFox, RopeWalk, etc. Children enthusiastically participated in all these activities, and also took part in the bhajan sessions and the Gayathri Homam.



Until Our Next Issue: Keep Smiling

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