



Social Capital **By** **Vivekananda Kendra - Nardep**



Regular Yogasana classes in the morning and Hindi and English classes in the evening were conducted. Weekly yoga session for Coast guards also continued.

Apart from regular activities following events took place.

1. Municipal Secretary Visit to Green Rameswaram Building

Shri.Harmander Singh, Secretary, Municipal Administration visited Green Rameswaram Building on January 14, 2018. Along with him Dr.S.Natarajan IAS, District Collector, Ramanathapuram District, Smt.Janaki Ravichandran, RDMA, Municipal Administration, Madurai and the entire Municipality team visited the Green Rameswaram Building.



Shri.Harmander Singh IAS, Visiting Green Rameswaram

2. Cleaning Agni Teertham and Nandavanam

Devotees of Sri Swami Samarth from Dindori, Nasik District of Maharashtra came to Rameswaram on January 21, 2018. They cleaned Agni Teertham in the morning and helped in cleaning Sri Ramanathasamy Temple Nandavanam in the afternoon. 123 Volunteers participated in the event.



Volunteers getting ready for cleaning Agni Teertham



Temple Nandavanam Cleaning is on

3. Drawing competition for the School Students

Green Rameswaram team organised the drawing competition for the students of Sri Parvathavarthini Amman School. Prizes were given to the winning students.



Drawing Competition at school

4. Balwadi Building Opening at Chinnapalem

Balwadi was started in the year 1986 by Sri Ramakrishna Tapovanam and later in the year 1989 it has been handed over to Vivekananda Kendra. Since then Vivekananda Kendra, Rural Development Programme has been running the Balwadi. The building being more than 25 years old, was in a dilapidated condition. Vivekananda Kendra NARDEP decided to demolish the old structure and construct the new building as a part of Green Rameswaram initiative with the help of local stakeholders. 31 Students are studying in the Balwadi. During the construction the school teacher was conducting classes in her house. New Building was greeted with House Warming Function organized in association with local people of chinnapalam.

The House warming function was held on 11th January with traditional Ganapathi homam, boiling of milk etc.

Following dignitaries were present:

- Swami Abedhanandha Maharaj from Ramakrishna Matham

- Shri. Mahesh, DSP, Rameswaram
- Shri. Patrick, Ex-President, Pamban Panchayat
- Smt. Chellammal, Head Mistress, Government Middle School, Chinnapalem
- Shri. Bharathiraja, Social worker

Children sang the song of Bharathiyar and read the golden words of Swami Vivekananda. Shri. Mahesh, Deputy Superintendent Police, Rameswaram interacted with the children.

As a mark of respect, Villagers felicitated the following main persons along with others:

1. Shri. Seeni , Chinnapalem – Land Donor
2. Shri. Mahesh, DSP, Rameswaram
3. Shri. Swami Abedananda Swamiji, Ramakrishna Matham
4. Shri. Kathiresan, Development Worker, Vivekananda Kendra
5. Sister. Saraswathi, Development Worker, Green Rameswaram Project, Vivekananda Kendra

Shri. Ayyappan, Secretary, RDP, Vivekananda Kendra delivered the valedictory speech. He thanked each and every participant, Guests, Students, Villagers etc. for their support and participation. He also advised the students to do hard work to achieve success and blessed the students.

The meeting closed with Prasad Distribution



Purohits doing the pooja



Swami Abedhananda interacting with the Purohits



Pongal and Milk boiling function



Students singing the Prayer and the patriotic song



Sister Saraswathi addressing the gathering

