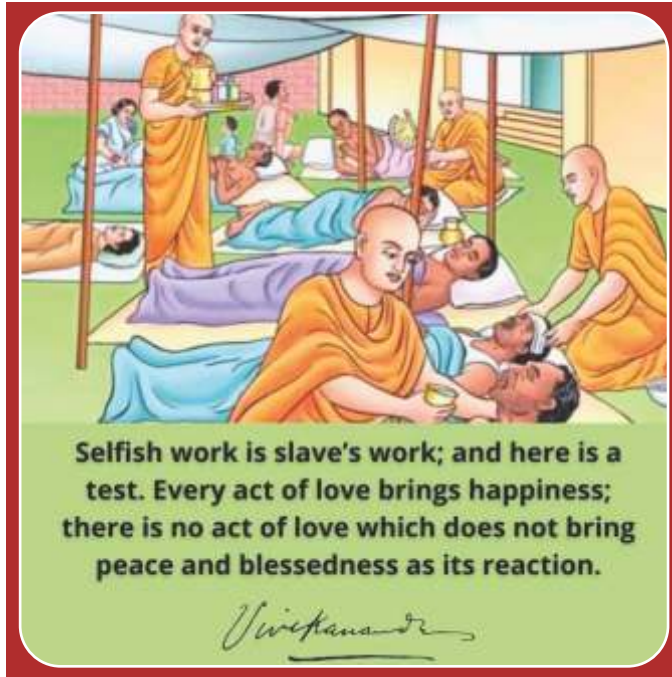




SWAMI VIVEKANANDA INTEGRATED RURAL HEALTH CENTRE
SHREE SHARADADEVI EYE HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE
SRI RAMAKRISHNA PERIPHERAL HEART CENTRE
SRI SHARADADEVI INSTITUTE OF VISION MANAGEMENT
(UNITS OF SRI RAMAKRISHNA SEVASHRAMA)

Profile



This life is short, the vanities of the world are transient, but they alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive.

- Swami Vivekananda

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Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama and Group Institutions: A Panorama, 2024

For over 30 years now, under the dynamic and inspiring leadership of **Rev. Swami Japanandaji Maharaj**, the founder-President, Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama (Pavagada) and its group institutions have relentlessly been serving the people in the backward region of Pavagada. Their service covers a wide variety of different concerns such as Leprosy, nutrition for children, public health care, Tuberculosis, drought relief, cattle protection, drinking water supply, eye-sight & ENT care, medical research projects, educational/vocational services, etc. **And all these are apart from the numerous other endeavours that HH Swami Japanandaji constantly pursues in the social, educational, religious, and spiritual fields bringing about inclusiveness, social harmony, cultural progress, human resource harvesting, national integration, and happier living for the masses. Swamiji continues to be the fountainhead of energy, guidance and motivation for “Team Vivekananda” – the fraternity of volunteers, devotees, supporters, donors, and staff of all the institutions.**



The Man and His Mission

His Holiness Rev. Swami Japanandaji has his spiritual and inspirational roots in the Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, a worldwide monastic institution founded by Swami Vivekananda. Early in his youth, he received extensive training in the Ramakrishna Order to be a monk dedicated to a life of celibacy, spiritual practice, and service to mankind. Having served his mother organization in various capacities for over 15 years, Swami Japanandaji answered the call of his soul to plunge into the service of the very backward and neglected



community in Pavagada, Karnataka, under most trying circumstances. Braving the scorching sun, paucity of funds and support, and under the scary shadow of Naxalism, he struggled alone to provide bring respite to the farmers from the droughts, and pull the community out of the deathly clutches of Tuberculosis and Leprosy. He founded and built the institution – Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama and its various service wings – through the blessings of his spiritual gurus and mentors in the Ramakrishna Order, brick by brick.

Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Pavagada, with a beautiful temple for the Holy Trinity of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sharadadevi, and Swami Vivekananda has served as the spiritual base of Swami Japanandaji's mission to spread devotion, knowledge, love and harmony through the society. And his flourishing humanitarian and health services have centred around **Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre (SVIRHC)**.

This humble and tireless servant of the poorest – a true and exemplary follower of Swami Vivekananda – has won over the heart of the masses, and built a selfless and dedicated team that comprises medical specialists, consultants, volunteers and committed patrons who have been contributing liberally for his humanitarian work.

Over the decades, many institutions have recognised the contribution of this silent crusader and paid tributes with various awards and recognitions. The following are some of them:



Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award 2011, Humanitarian Award, 2017, received From Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu, received from the Sri Pranab Mukherji, Hon'ble Hon'ble Vice-President of India. President of India at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan.



Honorary Doctorate from the Tumkur University (2012)



Lala Diwanchand Award (2010), received from Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Union Minister.



13th Bhagwan Mahaveer Award (2010) – Received from Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.



Ramanashree Sharana Award (2021) – Received from Sri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka.



Varshada Kannadiga Award, 2019 (Instituted by News18 TV Channel) received from Smt. Sudha Murty, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation



Siddaganga Shree Award 2016, received from Sri Sri Shivakumara Mahaswamiji of Siddaganga Mutt, Tumkur.



Vijayashree Award (2010), received from His Holiness Sri Sri Pejawara Swamiji.



Accepting the Karnataka State Award (Independence Day, 2009) from H.E. Sri Hansraj Bharadwaj, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka.



Receiving the Paul Harris Award (Rotary International's Highest Award – 2007)



State Rajyothsava Award (2004) – Received from Sri N. Dharam Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka



Recipient of Citizen Extraordinaire Award (2011) from Rotary Tumkur City – R.I. Dt. 3190



Accepting the Karnataka Achievers' Award (2019) from Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathanarayana



Basava Jyothi Award (2010)



Basava Seva Puraskara (2011)



Honoured for "Extraordinary Service done in the Field of Leprosy and Rehabilitation" by the Government of Karnataka - 2015



Citizen Extraordinaire award (2021)

Various positions held by Rev. Swami Japanandaji in his personal capacity :

- Former Member, Health Task force, Government of Karnataka
- Former State Coordinator for International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), Karnataka State
- The National TB Forum Member, DGHS, TB Division, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Pavagada Branch, Tumkur Dist.
- Member, Coordination Committee, Damien Foundation, India
- Member, National Tuberculosis Association, Government of India
- Member, Karnataka State TB Association
- Member, District Tuberculosis Control Coordination Society, Tumkur District
- Member, Karnataka State Ethical Committee, H&FW Services, Govt. of Karnataka.
- Hon. Chairman, Free Dialysis Center, Madhugiri.
- President, Sri Annapoorneshwari Food Distribution Committee, University of Tumkur.
- President, Hi-tech Kitchen, for distributing the Midday Meal under "ANNADA" by Tatva Foundation, Tumkur.

Affiliations of SVIRHC:

- Recognised by H&FW Department, Government of India
- Recognised by State Government
- Listed in SAARC Groups Tuberculosis Centres
- Recognised by National Tuberculosis Institute, India
- Recognised by Damien Foundation, Belgium

Sri Bhagavan Mahavir National Peace Award

The Government of Karnataka has bestowed its annual "Sri Bhagavan Mahavir National Peace Award" on Swami Japanandaji, the founder and president of Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Pavagada, for 2021-22. While Rev. Swamiji is commonly perceived as a 'soldier' fighting for the good of the poor villagers, having worked incessantly to uplift the community for 45 years, mainly in the fields of public health, drought relief, water supply, etc, there are other less visible aspects of his work, which have a deep and long term impact on the humanity, which truly makes someone deserve a 'Peace' award. For instance, Swamiji's focus of talks is always 'right living' – which encompasses all such human values as true character, spiritual growth and enlightenment, patriotism, renunciation and service, and detachment. While he may look like a restless warrior to an outsider, inside he is a spiritual lamp that quietly burns undisturbed in a hermitage. Through his numerous talks at youth conferences, literary meetings and spiritual gatherings, as well as writings, he inspires the audiences to take to the same ideals that he stands for, emanating the scent of peace that makes the whole place divine.



We acknowledge with deep gratitude the role of the following institutions and individuals whose loving partnership has constantly helped us in our endeavours:

- Infosys Foundation
- Smt. Sudha Murty, Chairperson, Murty Trust
- Sri N.R.Narayana Murty, Murty Trust
- Damien Foundation
- Kemwell Pvt. Ltd.
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- Dr. M. Shivakumar, Secretary, Damien Foundation India Trust, Chennai
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- Viveka Hamsa Balaga, Bangalore
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- Mr. R. Srikantan (Retd. Accounts Officer)
- Mr. H. V. Gowthama, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore

The pious and devout family of late **Sri Krishna Rao and Smt Radhamma, Pavagada**, who acted as the Godparents for our fledgling institution and supported it right since inception deserves a special mention among our supporters, and our institution is forever grateful to this family. Our first relief camp office in 1985-86 functioned from their home; and it has been blessed by the stay of many illustrious spiritual leaders and Sadhus like Most Rev. Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, Rev. Swami Gauthamanandaji Maharaj, Swamis Chidanandaji, Purushottamanandaji, Sureshanandaji,

Harshanandaji, Sri Sri Vishweshwara Teertha Swamiji, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Sri Bharathi Theertha Swamiji and Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Swamiji of Sringeri Math, Sri Sri Shivakumara Mahaswamiji and Sri Sri Siddalinga Mahaswamiji of Siddhaganga Math, Tumkur and Sri Achyutadasji, who conducted their spiritual activities there.

Our institution appreciates the great services of the entire family specially the three daughters i.e. Smt. Shobha, Kum. Lakshmi and Kum. Jayashree who have totally dedicated themselves to the service of Sevashrama in various capacities. We earnestly pray that this family always stays blessed by Sri Ramakrishna!

'Manava Seva' in Myriad Ways

A brief overview of the projects run by Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama

- 1. General health care:** Our hospital **Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre** (along with its affiliate **Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre**) provides uncompromised quality medical/surgical treatment to the poor community in the taluk and beyond, for all types of diseases and conditions, at zero or negligible cost. SVIRHC is working for national health programmes like NLEP, NTEP, HIV/AIDS, NPCB and NPPCD (National Programme for Prevention & Control of Deafness).



Facilities & Infrastructure

Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre

- Outpatient department
- Inpatient Care
- X-Ray Unit
- Hi-tech Laboratory Facilities
- Physiotherapy
- ECG
- ICTC and Link-ART
- CBNAAT Laboratory (TB)
- Facilities for Reconstructive Surgery
- Operation Theatre
- Mother & Child Treatment Centre
- Advanced ENT with surgical facilities
- Mobile Health Clinic
- Mobile Eye Hospital
- Telemedicine & Teleconference Facility
- Periodical Health Check-up camps.
- Cancer detection camps
- Conduct ENT Camps
- Heart Care Camps
- Skin camps
- Food for the inpatients, attendants and outpatients

Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre

- Phacoemulsification Surgery [Laser No-Stitch Cataract Surgery] with foldable IOL
- Manual Small Incision cataract surgery
- Contact Lens Clinic
- Computerised Eye check-up
- Corneal Surgery (Keratoplasty)
- Zeiss HFA3 Visual field analyzer
- A-B Scan USG
- Diode Green Laser (For Diabetic Retinopathy treatment)
- Paediatric Ophthalmology Clinic
- Glaucoma Diagnosis with NCT, GAT, Gonioscopy, HFA
- OCT for Retina & Glaucoma Evaluation
- Lensometer to Calculate Spectacle power
- Pterygium Surgery
- DCR & DCT Surgery
- Cornea Clinic with Pentacam and Specular Microscope for C₃R and Keratoplasty

2. Leprosy Eradication (through NELP – National Leprosy Elimination Programme): This was a major, priority initiative of our institution during the early times (the 1990s) when the incidence of Leprosy in the community was as high as 8.42 per 10,000 population. It was a dire situation that had to be tackled on a war footing. Swami Japanandaji developed and led a highly motivated team, and greatly succeeded in the mission, through intensive and focused efforts. It has had a miraculous effect in bringing the incidence figure to less than 1.

Our hospital has acquired for itself a prime place in expertise of handling Leprosy treatment, and new cases are directed to us from all over the taluk.



3. Reconstructive Surgeries (RCS): These are delicate and expensive surgical procedures which are performed on the Leprosy afflicted – free of cost – to correct the deformity in their limbs, so as to humanize them and put them back on their feet, literally. The surgery is followed up by an elaborate course of physiotherapy, keeping them as inpatients in our facility for two long months. So far **625** people from the poorest sections have benefited by this most essential surgery, and joined the mainstream of society as productive citizens.



4. Livelihood Enhancement Programme (LEP): This is another humane initiative for the benefit of the cured leprosy patients through which they receive expert guidance as well as financial support to pursue vocations such as setting up small shops, livestock rearing, or educational pursuits, or even to build/renovate their own little houses. So far 72 individuals have found new life under LEP through our institution.

We have the distinction of leading the entire state of Karnataka in RCS and LEP. All our Leprosy related projects have been actively supported by the Damien Foundation.



5. Tuberculosis (under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme – NTEP): TB control has been another prime target for our institution since inception in which too we achieved profound success with an innovative approach and a tenacity matching that of the disease itself. The government has accorded a leadership status in this respect to our hospital, by virtue of which all the TB related activities in the entire Taluk are monitored from here. Recently, the Central government has nominated Rev Swami Japanandaji as a member of the National TB forum, New Delhi, to utilize his practical experience and insights into the subject. His unique views and advice are solicited at various events.



6. Mother & Child Clinic: This is an initiative to provide food grains, nutritious supplements and medical support to poor pregnant women and underweight children. Whenever such needy patients are spotted at our hospital, or at the special medical camps held for women, they are enrolled for these benefits. This project is supported by Dr Vathsala Ramamurthy of UK, and Rotary Club of Oldham Metro, UK.



7. Pediatric Eye Care: This project supported by the Blind Foundation for India, is meant to look for and identify children with visual problems in schools/Anganawadis. Corrective action is initiated, through spectacles or medications, or even eye surgeries, as appropriate.



8. Sri Ramakrishna Peripheral Heart Centre: This is a monthly heart check-up event conducted at our hospital with help from Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru. If children from very poor families are found to need an open heart surgery or other treatment/diagnostics, they are served free of charges under this programme.



9. Food for patients: This is a catering service for the inpatients undergoing treatment for Leprosy, TB, HIV/AIDS, and the physically disabled. The **Annapoorna Nilaya** kitchen in the hospital premises provides lunch, breakfast and dinner free of cost to all the inpatients and as well as our medical/paramedical faculty, round the year.



Also, food grains (ragi or rice) are being provided to the extent of 5 KGs per week to about 250 needy families of patients under treatment for TB/HIV-AIDS, and cured Leprosy patients.

10. ENT department (Ear, Nose & Throat, and Head & Neck Surgery): This was started five years ago at SVIRHC, and outpatient services and daycare surgeries were being performed since then. Now, we have expanded ENT services to include comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services. Well equipped Operation Theatres furnished with the latest equipments including the Microscope, Endoscope, Camera, Microdrill etc are in place. Experienced doctors perform the surgeries, after detailed evaluation.

The following advanced surgical ENT procedures are conducted in our hospital:

- 1) Endoscopic Examination of Ear, Nose and Throat
- 2) Foreign body removal
- 3) Microscopic ear surgery
 - a. Myringoplasty
 - b. Tympanoplasty
 - c. Mastoidectomy





- 4) Septoplasty and Turbinectomy
- 5) Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy
- 6) Myringotomy and Grommet surgery
- 7) Functional Endoscopic Sinus surgery
- 8) Endoscopic DCR
- 9) Ear and Nose piercing (Gunshot)
- 10) Earlobe repair
- 11) Surgery and treatment for Keloid
- 12) Head & Neck Cancer Screening

Dr SRC Speech and Hearing Satellite Centre **Dept. of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology**

Advanced tests for the hearing and speech impaired children and adults have been made available, in coordination with the Dr. S.R. Chandrashekhara Institute of Speech & Hearing, Bangalore. Audiometry testing (hearing aid availability), speech evaluation and speech therapy will be provided to the needy. We are also planning to reach the poor and needy patients in remote areas by conducting a field survey to create awareness about importance of speech and hearing.

Also, the following specialized extensions have been lined up:

- School for Hearing Impaired
- Mothers' Training Centre
- Mobile Camps and Outreach screening services

- Sign language training
- School for children with Autism and learning disabilities

SVIRHC has developed into a world-class hospital rendering services in blindness prevention and treatment for cataract, which is attracting patients from far and wide. Similarly, the ENT wing is improving to the extent of rendering treatments for deafness prevention and correction. With the active support from Dr. S.R. Chandrashekhara Institute of Speech & Hearing, Bangalore, the rehabilitation programme is also taking a good form, which would provide a much needed relief to the people in the vast rural stretches.





The Audiometry centre – the only one in Tumkur district



The Operation Theatre at our ENT department is the only such advanced facility in the entire Tumkur district.

11. Ophthalmic services (under National Programme for Control of Blindness): SSEH&RC (Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre) has emerged as an institution of repute, not just in Pavagada but across many adjoining districts in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, providing superior service to tens of thousands of poor villagers with its latest technologies and equipment, and at zero cost to them. The number of patients has kept swelling up through the years, even from far off districts, and we are happy to report that none of them have ever been turned back. We have geared up ourselves with additional facilities to meet the rising demand, with absolutely no compromise in quality. As of February 2024, our eye hospital has handled 3,16,009 outpatients and conducted 39,036 cataract surgeries, and over 3,197 other eye surgeries (Pterygium, DCR, DCT, Squint, Glaucoma etc.). These are unmatched numbers for a rural NGO run hospital in the whole of South India – clearly a pointer to its popularity and success rate.



Foundation laying ceremony for Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre (22-12-2000)

Inauguration by Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka Sri T.N. Chaturvedi (1-2-2004)

Sri Sharadadevi Mobile Eye Hospital (Sponsored by Infosys Foundation): Recently (in Nov. 2022) our institution launched a new, state of the art Mobile Eye Hospital, to vastly expand its reach and the scope of its service to the poor villagers in remote, unconnected pockets. It is expected to be of great help especially to those who are handicapped in many ways. This unit – a custom made bus fitted with the latest ophthalmic equipments – is designed to provide a whole lot of services including detecting the problem cases, diagnosing the issues, measuring the refractive errors, providing the right treatment/medication, dispensing spectacles etc. Any complicated cases requiring surgery are taken up at our Eye Hospital in Pavagada.



Launch of the Mobile Eye Hospital on 5-11-2022 by Justice Sri M.N. Venkatachalaiah, Former Chief Justice of India. Other dignitaries (from Left): Sri S Naganna, Editor, Prajapragathi, Dr. K. Bhujang Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Nethralaya, Sri H.V. Gowtham, CA, Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde, Former Solicitor General of India and Former Lokayukta of Karnataka, Sri Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Sr VP (Finance), Infosys Ltd. and Trustee, Infosys Foundation, Rev. Swami Japanandaji, Justice Smt. Rathnakala, Former Judge, Karnataka High Court, and present Chairman, State Tender Review Committee, Karnataka, Dr. Wooday P Krishna, Hon Gen. Secretary, Seshadripuram Education Trust, and Dr. M. Maiya, Sr. Physician





How it is being put to use:

- Residents of remote areas, who are always deprived of quick transport facilities, get all the medical benefits at their doorsteps.
- The scanning facility and ultra-modern testing equipment enable complete testing and treatment. This saves money and time for patients, apart from the

Scope of the Mobile Hospital: This is literally a well equipped and automated clinic that can go places, and can help with all these following requirements:

- Cataract Screening
- Screening for Vision Problems and Prescribing & Providing Spectacles
- Scanning of the Eyes
- Scanning for tumours in the eyes
- Testing for Night Vision, Watery Eyes, etc
- Glaucoma Testing
- Testing for Diabetic Retinopathy
- Children's Eye Examination (Squint Eye, Glaucoma, Retinoblastoma, etc)
- Creating awareness & screening documentary shows on protection of eyes for villagers
- Examination and Treatment for a variety of general Health Problems, as well as Ear and Throat problems

stress of travelling. Only cases requiring surgery will be referred to our hospital.

- People in remote areas generally avoid commuting to the hospitals, and even after developing cataract they keep vacillating. They just live with partial or dim vision until the time when the cataract ruptures leading to blindness. The Mobile Hospital is sure to help prevent such situations and save numerous people from blindness.
- The disabled, aged, weak, the nomads and tribals are specially benefitted.
- The unit can visit schools where a number of children can be screened at a time, making it so much easier and quicker for them.
- During routine screenings, Doctors can quickly detect and measure blindness in children (many instances of which are not identified even by the family members), and such children are offered the benefit of free education at our own **Sri Sharadadevi Institute of Vision Management**.

The Silver Jubilee block of Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre :



To mark the silver jubilee of SSDEHRC and SVIRHC, a new hospital complex adjunct to our structure in Pavagada, with the latest machineries and equipments was dedicated to the public on **Saturday, 4th September 2021**. This is perhaps the only such rural eye hospital in the whole of south India that is equipped with most advanced systems, installed at a cost of nearly three crore rupees. Once again, **Infosys Foundation** has sponsored this Complex.

The Complex was inaugurated online by His Excellency the Vice President of India, **Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu**, at a ceremony held at Swami Vivekananda Hall. **Sri Sri Niranjana Pranava Swaroopi Sri Siddalinga Swamiji**, President of Tumkur Sri Siddhaganga Samsthan, blessed the event.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has sent his best wishes through a letter. President of Sri Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Most Revered Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj; Jagadguru of Sringeri Math; Guru of Yadatore Math; Seer of Pejavara Math; Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Shri Virendra Heggade have extended their greetings.

Smt. Sudha Murty, President of Infosys Foundation conveyed her best wishes and words of encouragement to Swami Japanandaji for his service activities through online channel.

Shri Gururaj Deshpande, Senior Vice President of Infosys, Mrs. Tejaswini Ananthakumar, Chairperson of the Silver Jubilee Reception Committee of Sri Saradadevi Eye Hospital and Research Center, former MLAs of Pavagada taluk Mr. K.M. Thimmarayappa, Dr.G.Venkataramaiah, Chief Municipal Officers Mrs. BC Archana, Taluk Panchayat Executive



officers Mr. Sivarajaiah, Smt. Sudha Lakshmi Pramod, Vice-President, TMC, Pavagada, Municipal Member Mr. G. Sudesh Babu, Dr. K. B. Lingegowda, former director of Kidwai Cancer Institute, Sri S Vivek Reddy, Sr. Advocate, High Court, Dr. K.B. Lingegowda, Former Director & Sr. Specialist, Kidwai Memorial Inst. of Oncology, Bengaluru, Dr. G. Venkataramaiah, Founder,

Swami Vivekananda Educational Institutions, Pavagada, Dr. Chandrakala G.R. Dr. Abhishek D, Dr. Keerthi Abhishek Chief Medical Officers & Surgeons, Smt. Rajyshree Satish, Hon. Director, SSIWM, Pavagada Dr. M.N. Ramakanth Consultant (ENT), SVIRHC Smt. K. Shobha Ms. K. Jayashree Admn. & Fin SVIRHC & SSDEHRC, Pavagada were present.

Sri Sulibele Chakravarthy, renowned orator & writer. and Smt. K.R. Padmini Murali, Educationist managed the event.







An updated Statistical report (29-2-2024) of our different wings

(All these services/facilities provided free of cost)

Group	Venue/Parameters	Number benefited
Outpatients	At the Main Hospital, SVIRHC	306450
	At the Eye Hospital	316009
	Through Mobile Unit	123932
	Total	746391
Inpatients	No. of Patients	42751
	Bed days	173892
Tuberculosis	Total Number of cases registered and treated	14617
	Number of cases Cured and Completed treatment	10467
	No. of patients on treatment	165
Leprosy	Total Number of cases registered and treated	3892
	Number of cases Cured and completed treatment	3760
	No. of deformity cases undergone RCS surgery	625
Livelihood Enhancement Programme	Total No. of persons benefited (Education, House, Live stock, Petty shops)	72
Children's Heart operations, Angiogram, Angioplasty and other heart related problems attended to		81
Blindness Control Projects	No. of Cataract Surgeries (IOL implanted)	39036
	No. of other eye surgeries - Pterygium, DCR, DCT, Squint, Glaucoma etc.	3197
	No. of students screened under School Survey prog	83609
	No. of Children screened under PPEDS Phase I & II	32148
	No. of Anganawadi children screened under Find the Blind Project	7654
HIV/AIDS	No. of persons counseled and tested in our ICTC centre	43681
	No. of General Positives found	415
	No. of ANC positives found	7

Food grains supplied to the homes of about 250 TB / Leprosy / HIV/AIDS pediatric case families: 5 kgs per week.

12. Vatsalya Sudha: This project is an attempt to create a healthy community in the town by tackling the problem of under nourishment in children, by providing them a nourishing breakfast throughout the year, and also afford them an exposure to the environs of an Ashrama. Over 125 children from the poor surroundings of Pavagada town (all of whom are registered) walk in every morning into Ramakrishna Sevashrama to a warm reception. They sit down together to savour hot milk (unlimited) and goodies like biscuits, snacks or savouries, which are lovingly served personally by Rev. Swamiji and other volunteers who sometimes bring them from their own homes. These children are taught to sing a few simple prayers in the few minutes that they spend. Thus these kids, irrespective of their caste, community or other social considerations, get to sit together and hear higher thoughts and values, and experience affection.



13. Pavana Ganga: This is a grand initiative of Ramakrishna Sevashrama through which pure and fluoride-free drinking water – which is a luxury in this drought stricken and hot region – is being made available to the public at places where its need was being felt most severely. Under this scheme, pure drinking water has been arranged for through RO/UV units at eight prominent public places including the Pavagada town bus-stand, Tahsildar's office, police station, general hospital, Junior College complex, Kalidasanagara, and the famous Sri Shanimahathma temple circle, and through a bore well in the premises of Fire Station, Pavagada.



Thanks to the concern and initiative of Swami Japanandaji, an integrated drinking water supply system (including a bore well and RO unit) was set up at the Government College in Tumkur city also, at considerable cost. It quenches the thirst of 2500 students and teachers, every day.

14. Drinking water through tankers: Through this initiative of Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, potable water is being supplied through tankers to many uncared-for areas with no clean water sources, throughout the year.



15. Sri Sharadadevi Institute of Vision Management: This is a day-care cum training institute located within the premises of Ramakrishna Sevashrama, created for the visually impaired children from villages. Most of these children would not have been fortunate to get any kind of intervention, otherwise. This Institute provides the invaluable service of a supportive environment for these children, food, affectionate care, as well as training in various arts/crafts. Apart from well trained teachers, the lady volunteers of the Ashrama are playing a big role in the mentoring of these children. Year after year, many children are passing out of this institute with exceptional performance in the public exams, and going on to pursue higher education.



16. Drought Relief Measures: Ever since its founding Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama has been carrying out these humanitarian projects to protect the livestock of this region, especially during the harsh summers, by sourcing and distributing free fodder, drinking water, and animal food supplements to the farmers. On an average about 1000 farmers



from dozens of villages are benefited by this initiative every year, which helps them to stick on to their traditional livelihood, prevent the desperate sale of cattle to slaughter houses, and to sustain cow-rearing.

His Holiness Swami Japanandaji has his spiritual and inspirational roots in the Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, a worldwide monastic institution founded by Swami Vivekananda. He was inducted into the Order when still a teenager, and received extensive training in the Ramakrishna Order to be a monk dedicated to a life of celibacy, spiritual practice, and service to mankind. Having served his mother organization in various capacities for over 15 years, Swami Japanandaji answered the call of his soul to plunge into the service of the very backward and neglected community in Pavagada, Karnataka, under most trying circumstances.

The Swami is a multifaceted, multi-talented personality. He is blessed with a mellifluous voice, and singing devotional music a passion for him, which immediately strikes the chords of his audience – who range from the poor villagers to the city dwellers, to the elite members of the Rotary Club in London. He is a prolific writer, his articles on spiritual topics are regularly published in popular Kannada dailies. He's an avid speaker dealing with various spiritual, literary and socio-cultural topics. Swami Japanandaji has already delivered a series of 100 lectures on the life and thoughts of DV Gundappa, a great writer, poet and philosopher in Kannada language. A series of talks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' has been running for years.

HH Swami Japanandaji has been balancing beautifully the twin ideals put forth by Vivekananda: Renunciation and Service. On one hand he is carrying out numerous activities of selfless service; on the other hand he has also been guiding people on the path of spirituality and renunciation through his own example, as well as through retreats, Satsangas, Bhajans.





Swami Japanandaji is never restricted by time or space. Whenever and wherever there's a crying need, he rushes there. Some of the recent instances are: Deluge in north Karnataka, Chennai floods in the last few years, Kerala floods, Odisha floods, Assam floods, just to name a few. Immensely influenced by Swamiji's fiscal discipline, work efficiency, never-say-die attitude, and the essential spiritual approach of a monk, various donors/institutions have placed full trust in him, and given a free hand. The reputed philanthropist **Smt. Sudha Murty** has for long stood by him through the Infosys Foundation, and supported dozens of projects. Now her **Murty Trust** is sponsoring the fodder project which is running continuously in Challakere, Molakalmuru, Nayakanahatti etc since March 2023. Nearly 3000 cattle heads (known as 'Devara Hasugalu') that were struggling to survive are being protected and fed.

The great monk Swami Japanandaji has been serving the cause of the public for nearly 40 years. As soon as he receives the news of a calamity he rushes there with his team to serve the distressed people. He leads the team from the front. He is least bothered about his personal comforts or rest. It is very common for him to travel sitting in the cabin of a truck over long distances, overnight, to see that the needy gets the needed help promptly.

Swamiji has the skills and the heart to work in adverse conditions – be it Covid, or floods in Orissa, Chennai or North Karnataka, to name a few. He has lent his service to lakhs of people across six states of India.

In practice, these missions are very challenging to carry out. Money is not the only hurdle. Dedicated men/women volunteers are needed, and their motivation must be sustained. However, Swami Japanandaji's spirit of renunciation and service continues to inspire many people. He has nurtured a wonderful team of sponsors, volunteers, officials, and skilled people. It is Swamiji's firm belief that he is a loyal soldier of Swami Vivekananda, doing his bidding.

This tireless, unstoppable monk has received several recognitions for his great service works: Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, International Rotary Award, Honorary Doctorate (from Tumakuru University), Sri Siddaganga Award, Ramanashree Sharana Award, Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer National Peace Award and many more.

Other Initiatives

17. Social service projects: Based on exigencies and merit, Sevashrama extends its spontaneous help to the poor, destitute, and elderly people, or victims of disasters, for their survival, to fulfill the basic needs or rebuild their business/home.

Service activities during calamities: In times of natural disasters, Sevashrama's helping hand goes beyond Pavagada, even to far off places, to render vital, timely relief. Some of the major relief projects include the one during the devastating Gujarat earthquake (2001) when Swami Japanandji personally rushed to Kutch along with truckloads of food grains, clothes and medicines. When Tsunami (2004) struck Tamilnadu and destroyed the fortunes of thousands of families, Japanandaji quickly landed there with the resources, and arranged for the distribution of grains, clothes, drugs, and temporary shelters. In 2009, as unprecedented floods caused havoc in North Karnataka, crucial help was reached to six severely hit villages through two truckloads of grains, utensils, drugs, shelter materials. As torrential rains caused havoc in Chennai (2015), Japanandaji reached out with his relief works worth a crore rupees. With careful planning, he transported emergency supplies, and also arranged substantial help for many educational institutions to renovate. In 2018, Kerala experienced extraordinary rains and people suffered untold misery, and cyclone Gaja devastated Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu. In both instances, despite severe challenges to reach and operate, Japanandaji's team carried out massive work with unstinted help from supporters. In Kerala he was instrumental in reaching relief to most inaccessible pockets, amidst landslides and wild-animal threats. In 2019 and 2021 during the sudden floods in north Karnataka Swamiji conducted relief camps and helped lots of people.



Cyclone Michaung Relief Project – 2023-24

In the first week of December 2023, a severe cyclonic storm 'Michaung' struck the coastal region of Tamil Nadu with a ferocity not seen in the last 150 years. The cyclone heaped misery on millions of people by damaging property, infrastructure, crops; thousands lost homes and livelihoods. Torrential rains inundated vast areas including in Chennai, Tirunelveli and Tuticorn regions.

As soon as the news of the disaster broke out, Rev. Swami Japanandaji acted with alacrity – just as has been the practice over the last 30 years at his mission – and set upon immediate action for the relief works. With the ever supportive **Infosys Foundation** and other donors pitching in, Team Vivekananda, based on its rich experience in the task, began the preparations. At the Sevashrama, over sixty associates were involved in the procurement of materials and preparation of packages of essential needs for distribution among thousands of affected people, who are mostly from very poor sections. Each packaged kit, with food items weighing nearly 20 kgs, consisted of superior quality rice, sugar, dhal, soji, wheat flour, spices, tea, salt, bath soap as well as a saree, lungi and a bed sheet. **At the operations sites, volunteers from Sneham Infosys, Chennai, the local Mother Teresa Swayamseva Organisation, and Lions Club joined** to form a formidable team. The havoc caused by the rains and winds were such that even to reach the affected people in the inundated areas and carry the materials was a very challenging task. The roads did not allow for the passage of heavy vehicles. Still, even before the state government – with all the resources it commands – had started any relief works, Team Vivekananda had reached the spots by December 9th, surveyed, and swung into action. Leading from the front, Swami Japanandaji arranged for the delivery the relief materials to the district headquarters through 20-tonne trucks, from where they were carried by small vehicles.

The entire mission was carried out in six phases at different places, in a systematic manner, extending till February 2024. The first two phases were held between December 14-17th, and 25-28th, in Chennai where some 4000 worst affected families received relief materials. The deserving pockets, as chosen by the local volunteer groups, were as follows: By **Sneham Infosys CSR, Chennai**: neighbourhoods that included Vysabadi, MGR Nagar, Ezhil Nagar, Debar Nagar etc. By **Lion Mr. Saravanan, Kundrathur**: Murugan Kovil, Manikanda Nagar, Erandaam Kattalai, Sirugalathur, Thirumudivakkam. By **Members of Lions Club, Tambaram**: Kanchi Arul Nagar, Thiruneelagnadan Nagar, Tamilar Nagar and Patel Nagar. A total of 4000 families received relief materials in phases 1 & 2.

During the third and fourth phases of relief operations, each lasting four days, Tuticorn District was covered. The areas included Athur, Kuchikadu, Melathur, Asiramar Street, Athur Keernur, and Vadakathur. The fifth phase (from 2nd Feb. to 4th Feb) served about 8 villages of Tirunelveli Dist. like Moolaikarapatti, Kalakaadu, Kovilpathuu and Nanalkadu.

Totally, around **10,000 families** in Chennai, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts were benefitted by the mission. While every act of service is founded on humanitarian concern, the response of the beneficiaries revealed a unique and heart touching aspect of it. The poor people, while voicing their gratitude and happiness for the timely, substantial help, expressed great happiness and surprise that the quality of the materials they received was the best they had seen in their life – which showed the deeply humanitarian and compassionate approach of the voluntary organisations, guided by Swami Japanandaji Maharaj.

During the final, sixth phase of the project, 125 fishing nets are being distributed among the affected fishermen in Tirunelveli Dist.







18. Sadvidya: This is a scheme to help poor rural students to pursue their school/college education through financial assistance that covers their fees, books etc.

No of Students benefited under SADVIDYA scheme	297
ITI students benefited in Four talukas	41
Girl students whose computer education was sponsored	51
Total	389

19. Telemedicine and Teleconference Facility: This has been designed With telemetric support from ISRO, Govt. of India. It is useful for the medical staff at our hospitals to obtain the latest or any critical medical information whenever needed. Especially in case of emergencies, it affords doctors access to super specialists anywhere in India for advice on the treatment of a medical condition, etc.

20. Covid Relief Projects: All through the terrible times of Covid (2020, 2021) the Sevashrama under the guidance of Rev. Swami Japanandaji and his team worked ceaselessly and innovatively to provide relief to thousands of people from various sections of the community. On the one hand, to stop the infection, lakhs of masks and numerous bottles of liquid soap and sanitizers were distributed among sections of poor people and intense awareness campaigns were held. Daily cash transfers of Rs.200 each were made to the accounts of nearly a thousand auto rickshaw and cab drivers, roadside vendors, hamalis, and even professionals tradesmen (as detailed below in the table) and poor, handicapped persons. Also, free lunch was made available for one and all during the critical months, from the Ashrama. About 60000 grocery kits were given away to the poor, distressed migrants from other states and corona affected families.

(The contents of the packets given away to the following beneficiaries: Rice, Atta, Oil, Dhall, Sugar, Salt, Chilli Powder, Turmeric Powder and Soap)

Sl. Beneficiaries	Sl. Beneficiaries
1) Municipal workers	20) Homeguards
2) Grama Sevaks	21) Barbers
3) Dhobis	22) Cobblers
4) Goldsmiths	23) Tailors
5) Carpentors	24) Archakas of Pavagada Taluk
6) Photographers of Pavagada Taluk	25) Lorry drivers
7) Maid servants	26) Physically handicaps
8) Women Tailors	27) Hakki Pikki groups
9) Street Vendors	28) Tribals
10) Private bus drivers, conductors and agents	29) Workers from other states
11) Poor persons of all castes based on the request from community leaders	30) Apprentice advocates
12) Painters	31) Electricians
13) Professional artists (Wall painters)	32) Taluk Asha workers (231 nos.)
14) Scavengers (General Hospital)	33) Health Workers (Gen. Hospital)
15) Aged destitutes	34) Police personnel
16) Fire Brigade personnel	35) Selected poor people from the slum areas of Pavagada
17) Rag pickers	36) Building labourers
18) Shepherds	37) Paper vendors (boys)
19) Courier delivery boys	38) Contract workers (Govt.)

Food packets supplied from 1-4-2020 to 17-5-2020 :

Sl. No.	Class of Beneficiaries	Number
1	Hamalis, Porters, auto drivers and general public and children	Total 50580 packets in 47 days.
2	Govt. General Hospital	Total 4700 packets (47 days Lunch and Dinner)







Drinking water supply arranged from Sevashrama at places which are badly affected during the summer. This benefits thousands of people.



Medical Research Works Undertaken by Our Instn. in Collaboration With NTI, ICMR, Narayana Nethralaya and Narayana Hrudayalaya

Research programmes in the field of Tuberculosis

Over the decades, Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama has commissioned many socio-medical research programmes of great practical importance, with help of experts from reputed institutions. In the 1990s, we achieved notable success in the execution of NTP (National Tuberculosis Programme). This was followed by SCC-DOTS, in which remarkable results (over 77% success rate) were achieved. After this came the RNTCP (Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme), that resulted in a steady success (of over 75%). In collaboration with NTI several other researches like



“Capture & Recapture” (To estimate the incidence, period prevalence and completeness of TB cases reporting under RNTCP in Tumkur district), and **“Role of chest X-ray in early detection of smear negative pulmonary TB (using GeneXpert)”** were also conducted. The results have been published in national and international journals.

GeneXpert: This is a unique and prestigious project involving a very expensive and state of the art TB diagnostic equipment (provided by WHO). In March 2012 we were selected as the only entity in south India to carry out these operations, to validate the technology. This equipment/technology made TB detection very easy, quick and accurate. It also helps detect MDR (Multi-drug resistant) cases without wasting time. With the pilot project turning out to be a grand success at SVIRHC, GeneXpert was extended to the entire country. This made us a household name in the world of Tuberculosis treatment. This technology helped us speed up the diagnosis of suspected TB cases, and begin the treatment. **It is gratifying that as of now the number of TB cases handled by SVIRHC has crossed 14,617.** We are indebted to Dr. N. Somashekhar, Director, NTI, Dr Vineet Kumar Chadha, MD, Sr. Epidemiologist, Dr Balasubramanyam, Dr Deepak KG and Dr Balaji Naik, WHO Consultants, Dr Anil, Deputy Director, HFW, Dr Sangeetha, Sr. Medical officer, Dr H.V. Rangaswamy, DHO and Dr Sanath Kumar, DTO, Dr Chandrakala GR, CMO, SVIRHC, Pavagada for this invaluable study.

2012 - **“Capture – Recapture” to estimate incidence, period prevalence and completeness of TB cases reporting under RNTCP in Tumkur Dt** - a Collaborative Pilot Study done in 2012, by NTI Bangalore and Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada – 561 202.

Objectives of the study :

1. To estimate the incidence and period prevalence of Tuberculosis disease during the course of one year.
2. To assess the case –finding efficiency of the RNTCP.

2023 - Enabling **Chest X-Ray based TB Triage** through smart phones (with qTrack (Qure.ai's) – Artificial Intelligence based chest X-Ray interpretation) tool in remote hospitals in India by IHF (India Health Fund) (A Tata Trust Initiative).

Researches taken up through our Eye Hospital

PAVAGADA PEDIATRIC EYE DISEASE STUDY

In 2007, our Shree Sharadadevi Eye Hospital & Research Centre played a pivotal role in a broad-based study taken up to document the eye diseases and problems faced by children (among the rural and poor communities served by us), the first of its kind in India. Funded by the Tata Trust, Mumbai, it covered about 32,000 children of Madhugiri and Pavagada taluks, over six years, and involved about 15 eminent doctors and scientists committed to the cause of children's eye disease. Articles including the salient points of this study (**PPEDS–Pavagada Pediatric Eye Disease Study**) have been published in several national and international periodicals.

2009 - Our institution continues to take up researches in the field of ophthalmology of great practical utility. One of them were **"Find the Blind"** (to detect blindness using a special equipment called PlusOptix, in which Anganwadi children were screened over a three-year period, leading to the discovery of several children with visual defects).

2010 - "Photo Red Project" (which was guided by Narayana Nethralaya, and Children's hospital, Toronto, Canada) "Ocular morbidity, visual impairment, and its association with social factors in children attending Primary health care services for other health related problems in Pavagada, India – a pilot study".

2015-16 - Rapid Eye Screening of School Children for Refractive Errors under the Usha Kiran Project

School-based vision screening carried out by health workers was found to be an effective means of detecting affected children and improving their visual function with spectacles.



Project Pushti (Nutritious Food Supplement for Malnourished Children)

During the first and second waves of the Covid pandemic, India suffered enormously and witnessed terrible consequences in terms of loss of life and livelihood. Experts had predicted that children could be the main target of a possible third wave of the vicious pandemic, and the weak, under-nourished children would be at high risk. In order to counter such a situation, Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama undertook a special project in the backward districts of 'Kalyana-Karnataka' – Kalaburgi, Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Bellary, Vijayanagara, as well as the Tumkur Dt., all of which shelter more underweight children, to provide them a special nutritious supplement.



Sl. No.	District	Children benefited	From	To
1	Raichur	604	3-7-2021	3-12-2021
2	Yadgir	357	3-7-2021	3-12-2021
3	Koppal	748	31-7-2021	31-1-2022
4	Pavagada Tk (Tumkur dt)	142	9-10-2021	9-4-2022
5	Bellary	295	18-1-2022	18-7-2022
6	Vijayanagara	265	18-1-2022	18-7-2022
7	Kalaburagi	600	11-2-2022	10-8-2022
8	Tumkur	229	28-2-2022	31-8-2022
Totally, 3240 x 6 months = 19440 Jars of the mix distributed.				

Mid-day Meal for outpatients and caretakers in SVIRHC premises, Pavagada

Sponsored by **Smt. Sudha Murty, M/s Murty Trust.**

Every day, about 300 outpatients and their attendants are benefiting from this project that has been running for two years now.





Mid-day meal scheme for graduate & post-graduate students of Tumkur University

The first such initiative at an Indian University

Sri Annapoorneshwari Food Supply Committee

Managed by Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Pavagada

Coordinators: Sri Shiradi Sai Mandira, Adarshanagara, Tumkur 572 101

For the very first time in India, hungry, deserving students of a University are receiving support in the form of free lunch in the campus – thanks to the initiative of Ramakrishna Sevashrama. This idea to support the needy students of Tumakuru University was mooted by Rev. Swami Japanandaji Maharaj. When he witnessed the hardship faced by the students – a lot of them come from villages, leave homes early and return late evening – his heart melted for their plight. He could easily relate with their situation, and felt the urge to mitigate their hunger, so that they could pursue their educational goals in comfort. He discussed the problem with some university professors who concurred with his thoughts, and worked hard to formulate a plan to provide midday meal to about 1500 students/teachers. After discussion with the authorities and many altruistic institutions, Rev. Swamiji succeeded in securing their commitment to support the project. It was decided to provide good quality lunch at a token price of Rs. 5/-, mainly to inculcate a sense of ownership among the beneficiaries. The project has been going on successfully since its launch on 6-3-2023.





Doora Taranga Shikshana Project

A lot of children in the state of Karnataka do not have access to a standard school environment with good teaching facilities, especially in government and unaided schools; most of these students are deprived of the advantage of **computer literacy** due to lack of facilities like laboratories, equipment, electric power, and good teachers who can deliver the lessons by using computers & Technology.

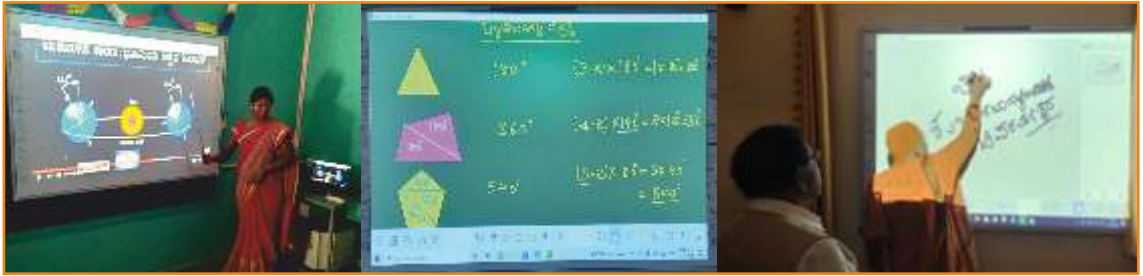
The **Doora Taranga Shikshana** initiative from Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, supported by Infosys Foundation, creates a network connecting schools, teachers and children to facilitate dissemination of information and knowledge to a large section of children. Its objectives are:

- To provide computer education to the students of selected government schools
- Ignite interest in learning among the students by introducing them to real-time e-learning with help of audios and videos, multimedia, images, online web conferences, PPT presentations etc.
- Create a framework for content storage, accessible by the children using a standard computer system, broadband links and satellite links.
- To help students in better concept formation, concept elaboration, improvement in reading skills and enable academic progress.

Under this scheme the Sevashrama has provided a laptop, digital screen, UPS, and a projector each to 50 rural and remote government schools in Tumkur District.



Sri N.R. Narayana Murty, Founder of Infosys, inaugurating (virtually) the Doora Taranga Shikshana project in Govt. High School, Madhugiri. Sri S. Suresh Kumar, Hon'ble Education Minister, Sri Gururaj Deshpande, Sr. Vice-President and Head, Infosys, Bangalore DC and Rev. Swami Japanandaji are present.



Tabs for Remote Government Schools

Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama is implementing yet another project with support from Infosys Foundation and Samarpan Infosys C.S.R to boost the education standard of rural school children, keeping the pace with the latest technology, by providing tabs containing about 20,000 programmes related to academic subjects, sports, science etc. to school teachers. These tabs, which would be monitored by the Infosys Spring Board Team, are worth Rs.25,000 each, and provide the teachers information about the latest techniques in education as well as teaching methodologies. A Tab also has around 5000 certifications to help students from 6th Standard till PUC, to gradually raise themselves. This has already become a very popular project with teachers showing eagerness to learn things and help the students to improve their knowledge. In the first phase 50 schools have received the Tabs. Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama thanks the Infosys Foundation and team Samarpan Infosys C.S.R. for their help and support in this new initiative.



How we are reaching out in the field of education

The following four schools of Pavagada taluk have been adopted by us, and all the students are provided with uniforms, note books, and bags every year.

- Government Lower Primary School, K. Rampura
- Government Lower Primary School, Ramaiyanapalya
- Government Senior Primary School, Obalapura
- Government Model Senior Primary Boys' School, Pavagada
- Repaired four rooms of Government Model Senior Primary Boys School at Pavagada town.
- Under the aegis of Samarpan Infosys CSR: Provided science kits to 35 Government High Schools in Madhugiri Educational District.
- Under the aegis of Jnana Deevige programme by Public TV: 43 tabs distributed to students of class 10 of government high schools in Pavagada taluk.
- In 2021 - Under Sadvidya Yojana, assistance was given to 51 poor girls of Pavagada taluk to complete one year computer education course.
- Under Sadvidya Yojana : Selected poor ITI students from all four taluks of Madhugiri Educational District, were provided financial assistance.

- During Covid: grocery kits were distributed twice to unaided school teachers of Pavagada taluk.
- In collaboration with Sri Sathya Sai Annapurna Trust food grains kits were distributed twice in 2020 and 2021 to kitchen helpers of Madhugiri Educational District's Akshara Dasoha Program.



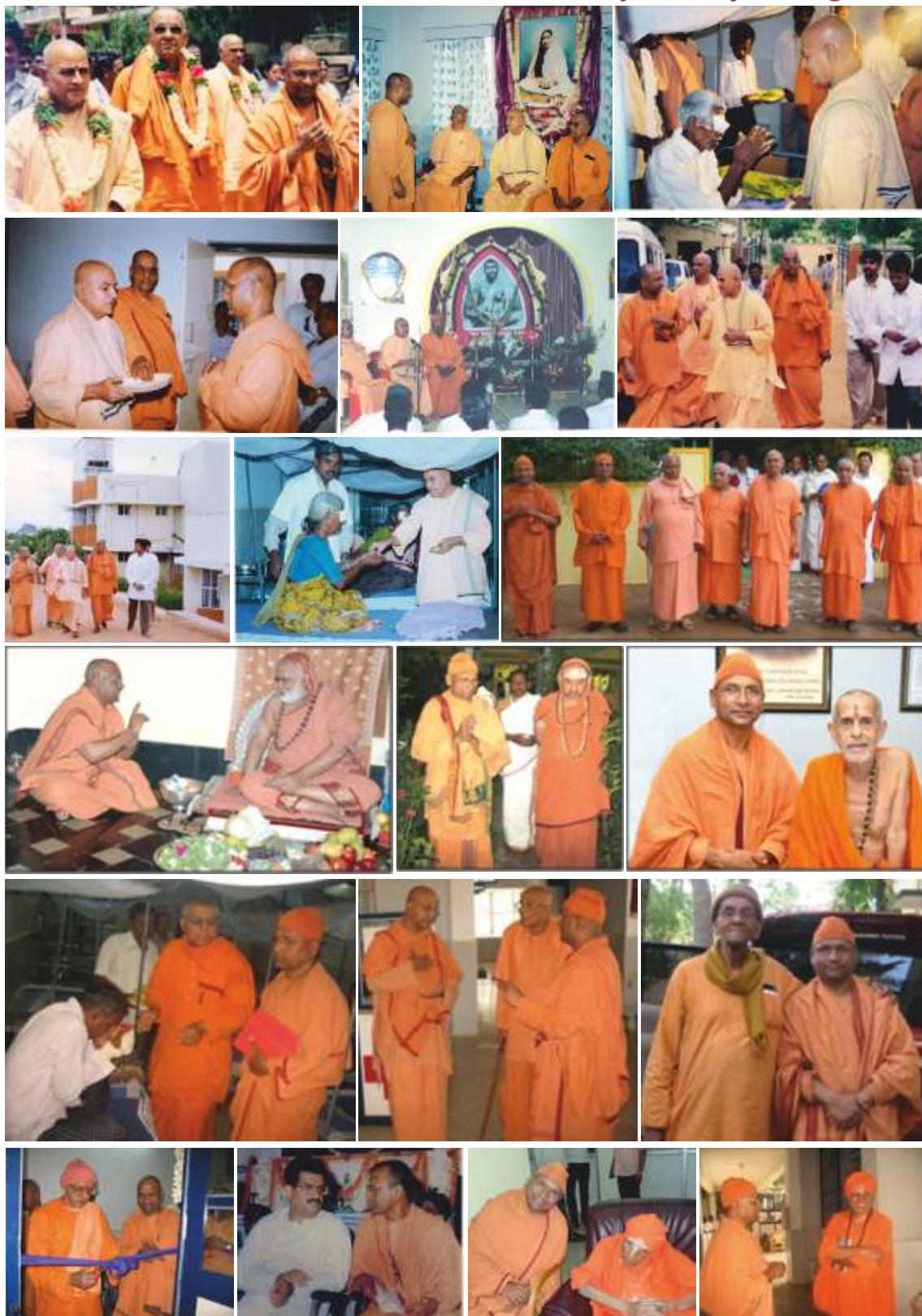
Some of the 51 girls who benefited who financially and completed one year computer course in Pavagada.

Monks of Sri Ramakrishna Math & Mission and other Saints visiting the Sevashrama and hospitals :

A few memories



Visit of Most Rev. Srimath Swami Gauthamanandaji Maharaj to Pavagada







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