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Gurudev to children



*When you realise your supreme divine nature and decide to live
the higher life that becomes the dawn of the new year.*

- Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda

FACE-TO-FACE

*Message from Swami Swaroopananda
Global Head, Chinmaya Mission, World Wide.*

I congratulate the Chinmaya Education Cell members for organising the Angla Goshti - the English teachers seminar. I appreciate the selfless service of the organisers. The role of any language is to communicate our emotions effectively, to impart information, to transfer knowledge in such a way that it is understandable, and to make it our knowledge.

Lose a language and we have lost a certain way of thinking. Language is not built on grammar alone; it is built on effective communication. Language is not just for teaching a subject; but it is for teaching the knowledge of the subject. With language we can impress, inspire others when used constructively. Language creates and expands our vocabulary and thinking. Critical appreciation of poetry leads to an art of using minimalistic words to communicate maximum ideas, emotions and also to create the right feeling.

As English is the most commonly used language in teaching in India, it is the responsibility of the teachers to make this language expansive. A teacher should be like a parent, unattached. Teachers should declare their richness by sharing their wealth of knowledge with students lovingly and selflessly. We in India have enriched this English language as we have made it our main language of teaching. I urge our language teachers to read Gurudev's commentary on Vivekachudamani to expand their language skills and to master the art of oratory. The whole spiritual learning is about – LOVING WITHOUT ATTACHMENT. English being prevalent in many countries, great spiritual works of our culture have been translated into English. Pujya Gurudev was able to bring the spiritual knowledge which was originally available in Sanskrit to the educated masses in English language. Reading his commentary on various scriptures shows us how He has moulded the language and used it effectively to communicate the essence of our scriptures. What our Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda has done is incredible!

I invoke the blessings of Pujya Gurudev on all of you. I wish all teachers great success in implementing successfully what they have learnt here during this seminar. May all the students of Chinmaya Vidyalaya and Chinmaya Vision Schools benefit immensely to become the well-rounded torch bearers of tomorrow.
Hari Om!

At His Feet,
Love,
Swami Swaroopananda



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

Physical Development

Masked Adventure

The students of VGN CV Avadi experienced great excitement as they donned animal masks, embarking on a delightful journey of discovery. While wearing these masks, they not only had fun identifying their masked friends but also reveled in identifying the hidden faces behind the masks. The children engaged in animated discussions about the diets, natural habitats, and behavior of various animals. To add to the adventure, they enjoyed imitating the animals, taking on their unique characteristics. This included mimicking animal sounds, swaying like creatures in the wild, and even leaping with enthusiasm.

Veggie discovery

At VGN CV Avadi, students engaged in a hands-on, activity-based learning experience centered around vegetables. Each child was encouraged to bring a selection of vegetables and participate in role-playing scenarios, such as acting as vegetable sellers. They received guidance on how to effectively arrange vegetables in a shoplike setting.

Reclaiming health

Patti Vaithiyam, an event to educate the parents, teachers, and students alike about the simple home remedies to cure health issues was organised by CV Virugambakkam. Parents were invited to set up their stalls in the premises to exhibit their home remedy recipes for good health. The response was overwhelming with over 35-40 parents and grandparents eager to share their

simple tips to cure cough, cold, indigestion, headache, acidity etc. They placed labels and recipe cards for others to know the preparation. The students and teachers had a taste of the hot kashayams of ginger, pepper, cumin seeds among other medicinal spices and herbs.

Mindful eating

The children were asked to bring the Sattvic lunch for a day and they were asked to share their Sattvic foods to peer students to enjoy the variety of tastes. The children at CV Nagapattinam were instructed to eat sattvic food for a week and were asked to analyse the changes in their body and mind.

Students created healthier recipes, understood the difference between types of vegetarianism, modified recipes to reduce fat, sugar, and salt. They also identified ways to promote nutritious food for a given community.

Book hunt

Children can become familiar with the library by participating in a treasure hunt there. The librarian at VGN CV Avadi made a list of several types of books for the students to find, such as informational books, picture books, or books by authors who share their initials, and gave points for each one they found. Book search activity!!

Fingers at play

A typing test was given to the students of Std III at CV Kollam for improving the coordination of hands and keyboard.

Food wisdom

Children of CV Annanagar chanted Annapurani sloka and Thirukkural from Marundhu Adhigaram. They also performed

a scintillating dance with colourful costumes conveying the message of consuming good food. A pyramid was displayed by the children speaking of sathvik food, rajasic food and tamasic food.

Pottering around

A fascinating Pottery workshop was organised by Pushpalata Vidya Mandir a Vision school. The students were filled with excitement as they got their first-hand experience in making various items such as earthen lamps, lanterns, jars, pitchers, tea cups, flower pots, etc. marking the advent of Diwali.

Hygiene Crowns

On Hand Washing Day at Chinmaya Vidyalaya MHSS Vadavalli, students were inspired to create palm-shaped cutouts, which they adorned as crowns while delivering speeches about the importance of hand hygiene. In a hands-on demonstration, they utilized a mixture of turmeric and neem leaves soaked in water to thoroughly cleanse their hands.

Measurement exploration

Children in CV Guntur measured the height, volume and weight of the given objects using tools like measuring tape and meter scale etc. It was an exercise to enhance their sensorial prowess!

Nutrition boost

To instil the habit of consuming nutritious snacks among the young students, teachers assigned a food chart to the children of Std I at CHHV Thamaraiyakkam. Before implementing the diet schedule, the teacher took the initiative to measure and mark each student's weight. The teacher closely monitored and



ensured that the students adhered to the prescribed schedule. The weights were checked every month. Remarkably, there was a discernible and gradual increase in the weight of all the students.

Self-expression

A Bi-Monthly programme is conducted at CV Kunnumpuram for students from Std VI onwards to exhibit their views on selected topics of relevance in society. Children prepare for discussion after ample research and present the same in the presence of the gathered members. The topics are discussed keeping in mind the pros and cons of it and its linkage to CVP.

Empowering health

As a component of the Women's Empowerment initiative, Chinmaya Vidyalaya MHSS Vadavalli collaborated with the Pink Fitness Centre to conduct a complimentary health assessment event for both parents and teachers. During this event, the body mass index (BMI) and fat index of the parents were evaluated, and they received complimentary health and dietary guidance. The campaign was attended by all educators and parents of students in Std IX to XII, resulting in numerous individuals benefiting from it.

Foot insight

The students at VBCV conducted research on the significance and essential care requirements for our feet, emphasizing proper footwear, hygiene, and exercises to maintain foot health. They then translated their findings into a visual format by creating a pictorial presentation on an A4 sheet. Specifically, Std

VII students delved into the care and attention necessary for our feet, recognizing their pivotal role in bearing the body's weight and facilitating everyday activities. In their notebooks, they detailed the ideal footwear choices, recommended foot care practices, exercises for leg fitness, and steps to uphold foot hygiene.

Home remedies

At VBCV, an initiative was taken up to equip students with knowledge about home remedies for insect bites. To achieve this, students gathered information on bites from red ants, wasps, and honey bees. They presented their research in a creative manner in their science notebooks, focusing on home treatments following an insect bite. 8th-grade students diligently collected information pertaining to these three insect bites and documented the appropriate home remedies to alleviate any fear or anxiety that may arise from such encounters.

The CVP Run

The children of Std VII & VIII at CIRS had a wonderful opportunity to participate in the CVP run. The two classes participated separately, where they could move from station to station and work on various activities which were spread out evenly emanating the philosophy of each of the components of the CVP.

Reprieve legacy

To underscore the significance of traditional home remedies, Std VII students of Chinmaya Hari Hara Vidyalaya Thamraipakkam were encouraged to present medicinal

recipes along with their corresponding ingredients such as pepper, clove, fenugreek, cumin, anise, and more. During this activity, they imparted practical advice that can be easily applied at home to address common ailments such as coughs, colds, and digestive issues.

Mental Development

Collateral accord

Family Day was observed at CV Tattamangalam where the families of children were invited to school. A memorable day was spent with interactions, events, display of talents. There were new bonds built among not just teachers and the parent community but within the parents as well.

Name learning

Chinmaya Vidyalaya MHSS Vadavalli has implemented a roll call system for its Kindergarten classes. At the beginning of each day, young students are encouraged to state their names and confirm their presence. Following this, after a week, the children engage in a group attendance activity by counting the individuals next to them. For example, Ram may indicate that Kishore is present while Rohit is also in attendance. This practice fosters social interaction and identity recognition among the kids, contributing to the development of their social skills and peer relationships.

Kindness quotient

Children of CV Vadavalli CBSE wrote a thank you note to the kindest person in class. The one who received the greatest number of votes received the kindness badge.



Fostering participation

CV Unchahar has a unique program called the Chinmaya performance index, through which it ensures every child is given an opportunity to perform on stage or in a gathering.

Family night

To facilitate quality bonding between parents and children Mahatma Global School, a vision school, arranged a delightful "Moonlight Dinner." The event featured a variety of enjoyable activities for parents to engage in with their children. The evening culminated in a lively dance session, creating memorable moments for all attendees.

Hereditree

The young children of Chinmaya Vidyalaya Taylor's Road created an affectionate extended family tree using photographs of their family members. Using their creativity and sense of art they decorated their tree. They also had the combined task of adding the date of birth and thus arrived at the age of the members. They then moved on to assemble the names in an ascending / descending order of age.

Picnic bliss

CV Chhend Colony organizes periodic "Fun Time" outings, where students from Nursery to Std XI enjoy class picnics right within the Vidyalaya premises. Class teachers select appropriate dates and timings for these picnics. The children arrive at school brimming with excitement and bring along homemade treats to share with memories.

their friends. They gather in a pristine, shaded spot on the Vidyalaya grounds, connecting with nature and spending quality moments with their teachers and peers. These outings offer a relaxing atmosphere where teachers and students unwind through the exchange of humorous stories and jokes, creating cherished memories.

Discernible incentives

A name card with the names of the students of CHHV Thamaraiykkam was placed in the classroom. The children were closely observed daily and the teacher marked them with colored marks on the list. All children who were found involved in good deeds found a green tick against their names on the list. The teacher announced that the students with the green color would be given a special prize at the end of a predetermined time and an award for being the best and most disciplined student in the class.

Amusement spell

Fun Week was organized in Chinmaya Vidyalaya Bokaro. Each day started with Prayer, exercises, pranayama, Zumba exercises and chanting of Lord Ganesha Mantra (mushika vahana) which the students enjoyed a lot.

Camaraderie

A pool lunch was organized for classes Nursery to Std IX & XI at CV Bokaro. It was a great opportunity for children to come together and learn the importance of sharing and caring. They enjoyed the food and various games, danced to their favourite

beats, sang songs, took photographs with their friends and teachers, and had lots of fun.

Little Interviewers

LKG children of CHHV Thamaraiykkam were asked to visit the community helpers in person to interview them. The little children enquired the community helpers like drivers, doctors, Government school teachers, tailors, etc. about their names, family, working time, entertainment, and hobbies. And they gave them "Thank You" cards to express their gratitude for the services of the helpers.

Intellectual Development

Element fun

A 'Periodic Table Battleship' was conducted between the students from Chinmaya Vidyalaya Vazhuthacaud. The students of the STD IX were divided into two teams. From each team, two students participated at a time. They used the elements and their characteristics to play the guessing game.

Experiments galore

The children of CV Chengannur came up with a brilliant idea to celebrate their intellectual abilities. 108 students came up with 108 different science experiments to demonstrate and share the science behind them. Kindling curiosity!!

Progress in tandem

Every third Saturday of the month, the teachers of Chinmaya Vidyalaya PACR Rajapalayam gather for professional development where they have training programs conducted to upgrade their professional skills!



Math design

The Pythagorean Tree is a fractal design composed of squares, offering a practical means to explore datasets through square size. In a creative endeavor, Std VIII students from VBCV adorned a school building wall with a mural illustrating the Pythagorean Tree. Through this artistic representation, the students established connections between the Pythagorean Theorem and its practical applications in real life, spanning fields such as construction, architecture, and navigation.

Inferential learning

The Children of Std VIII CHHV Thamaraiykkam did the activity of extracting the indicators from natural products like turmeric, beetroot, hibiscus flower, black grapes, etc. They used these indicators to determine whether the substance is acidic or basic in nature. Children learnt that natural indicators can be found based on their odor or color change in acidic or basic substances.

Overcoming situations

Children of Std V CHHV Thamaraiykkam were divided into four groups and each group presented a story with critical situations in the story. The other 3 group children should try to give the solution by putting them in that place/situation to solve.

Dabble study

CV Koramanagala has a session for the children of Std IX as part of the Do It Yourself (DIY) where they get to tinker with electrical and plumbing challenges faced in real life. Life skills at the best!

Picture collective

Students of Standard IV CHHV Thamaraiykkam were asked to prepare a Pictionary, a picture dictionary to kindle their interest to read, speak and write in English without mistakes. They were guided by the teacher to select the words from their reader and to draw/stick relevant pictures to those words. They wrote the words with their appropriate synonyms. Each child came out with a different Pictionary.

Visualising mathematics

A session on experiential learning was conducted by the senior Mathematics teachers for the students of Std IV & V at CV Virugambakkam. Gift wrapping, measuring the gift, drawing the cuboid net to make a cuboid using chart paper was taught to the children. Formation of patterns using multiplication facts of 2 to 10 was another highlight. The students explored the patterns on paper and performed it physically.

Star among stars

Apart from the academic awards, the star student award called Nakshatra Vidyarthi, the best all-rounder award, is also given to students each year at Mahatma Global School, a vision school. The criterion for the award is based on the performance of students in studies, extracurricular activities, regularity, punctuality, and participation in workshops, social and cultural events.

Galloping ahead

Vision boards are made of a collage of images and words representing a person's wishes or

goals, intended to serve as inspiration or motivation. The students of Std IX at CV Taylor's Road formed groups and created a vision board on interesting topics such as their goals and aspirations. Interestingly, the students came up with different ideas bringing clarity to their purpose of learning.

Counting all the money

An activity on arranging currency notes and coins to match the given values was conducted for Std II at CV Virugambakkam. The students were asked to sort out, arrange the notes and coins to represent the given amount.

Appreciative reading

Children of Std VII CV Chhend Colony search and read at-least one Award Winning essay in the library period. They write out the essay in a specially made notebook. The book is referred to when they have to themselves write essays which enables them to recreate writing styles.

Refresh & sustain

The best practices seminar was organized for Preprimary and Middle wing teachers of Chinmaya Vidyalaya Bokaro. The topic was best practices of Vidyalaya. The seminar aimed at making teachers aware and recalling the good practices of the Vidyalaya which might have stopped. A PPT was prepared by the teachers of primary wing having all the details of the Founder members of the Vidyalaya and all the good practices followed and the practices which got discontinued.



Dismantling and learning

CV Kollam organized a workshop on how to dismantle and assemble a bicycle. The technician informed them the names and uses of the various parts of cycle. He also spoke about care, wear, and tear of the bicycle. The session turned out to be an interactive one.

Learning app

A user-friendly learning app was introduced at CV Tarapur. The Chinmaya Learning App aims to make learning fun for the students. The App includes video-based content which the students can view as well as listen to pre-recorded lectures or chapter-wise lessons delivered by subject experts. Besides, it has many learning options so that students can resolve their queries easily.

Vernacular signs

All the members of Chinmaya Vidyalaya Kanamally gave their signature in their respective mother tongue on the school notice board. The notice board was filled with almost all the vernacular languages of India.

Naming the unknown

Students of Std III VGN CV Avadi were instructed to observe the picture of Kalidah, a fictional animal with a bear-like body and a tiger-like head. The kids then created another strange but powerful animal on their own. Children made a variety of peculiar and amusing creatures by mixing two to three different animals. They enjoyed naming their inventions very much.

Skill check

A Poem Writing and Poem Recitation competition was conducted for the parents of CV Chhend Colony. Parents could write and recite a poem either in English, Hindi or Odia. The topic of the poem was Mirror- Darpan. It was given on the spot. The time limit to complete the poem was 45 minutes. The parents who wrote the poems with meaningful thoughts and recited beautifully were selected to be the winners.

Secret cards

In a delightful surprise activity planned and conducted at CV Pallavur, each child in the class was randomly assigned a "secret friend." The children then set out to create a beautiful card for their mystery friend, putting their creativity to work. The big reveal happened as the children exchanged these heartfelt cards, unveiling the identity of their secret friend with joy and anticipation.

Spiritual Development

Reaching out

Chinmaya aradhana divas is celebrated differently at CV Koramangala. Children bring one fruit of their choice to school and once all the fruits are collected, they are donated to the needy on the very same day.

Reverential poojas

Every other Friday the CV Salem conducts Homam and paduka pooja. Children of different classes participate in the same with reverence. The children offer bhajans that day.

Purify the mind

The students of PU college Chokahalli chanted the Maha Rudra as they performed abhisheka to the Linga with rice on Siva Rathri. Children also partook lunch as prasad after the pooja. Japa yoga in practice!

Chant Chalisa

To commemorate the 108th Jayanthi of Gurudev 'Hanuman Chalisa chanting' for all the teachers was initiated at Chinmaya Vidyalaya Vadavalli CBSE. On Tuesdays all the teachers assemble at the Chinmaya Kirti auditorium and together chant the Hanuman Chalisa.

Self regulation

Students of VGN CV Avadi were asked to monitor their daily routine and have a track of the same for few days. Through this activity students were able to introspect on their daily routine and scoop out the lagging part. Then, they were asked to frame their own daily routine with an approximate time-schedule. (For example: Wake up – 6:00, Breakfast – 7:00, School time 8:00 – 2:00, Reach home – 3:00, Play time – 4:00 – 5:00, Study time – 6:00 – 7:00, Dinner – 8:00, Hit bed – 9:00). They were also asked to practice the same rigorously

Power of prayers

When Two staff members of CV Chhend Colony were injured due to different accidents, the entire community gathered displaying oneness and chanted the maha mrityunjaya mantra for recovery. Both had to undergo complex medical procedures and the team once again joined hands and



collected funds to the best of their abilities and supported both the families. The Vidyalaya family is proud today as both injured members have recovered and are currently back at the Vidyalaya too.

Non violent living

The learners of CV New Delhi created and designed a wall hanging of their 'Own Dhamma' by using cardboard, coloured paper or recycled material and beautifully displayed five noble ideas or values which they want in their Dhamma. The learners also discussed the means to spread their dhamma and relevance of Ashoka's Dhamma in today's time. The exercise stemmed from the need to comprehend non-violence.

Nineful ways

The spiritual number 9 was celebrated using varied techniques at CV Annanagar. The significance of the number 9 was shared and a story of the letter 'I' the ninth letter of the alphabet narrated. It was extended to display and talks on the forms of nine, navamukhi rudraksha, navarathna, navarathri, navarasas, navadwara, nadhanya, Navagraha and the like! The number was also connected to the baseball team, sudoku, rubiks cube etc.

Goodness celebrated

To instill positive behaviors such as punctuality, honesty, initiative, respect for elders, empathy, and leadership skills in students, the CV Kollengode introduced the "Satkrithi" card system. These cards are granted after teachers have recorded the reason for awarding the card, along with the

teacher's signature. When a student accumulates five of these cards, they can then submit them to the principal. Upon doing so, the student will be recognized and called for a special acknowledgment or reward.

Margazhi melodies

Margazhi bhajan was celebrated by the Children of CHHV Thamaraiykkam. Every day, the procession started from Sarweshvara Dhyana Nilayam and children recited the Bhagavat Sankeerthanam on their way till Thamaraiykkam junction and back to Sarweshvara Temple. Many children and teachers actively participated in the early morning Bhajan Sandhya and this was ended with Prasadam distribution.

Indian Culture

Bharatiya sanskriti

All the members of the staff at CV Kasaragod are energized annually with preparations for a quiz on Indian culture and basic communicative tests in Sanskrit. All the teachers in Kasargode have undergone basic training in Sanskrit

Swagatham

The new children of junior school at CV Chhend Colony were welcomed in a traditional manner. Lamps were lit and tilaks adorned the foreheads of the children. Teachers blew conches, chanted mantras and slokas, played the welcome song. Teachers and children danced with cartoon masks. The senior students welcomed the students with the beating of drums. Children were also given each a welcome card, a set of pencil-decorative eraser-scale, chocolates etc.

Feeding the gurus

The CV St. John's Road family celebrated Guru Purnima by conducting the regular rituals. The students of Std X brought deliciously cooked food for lunch to serve their teachers.

Photo pageant

An exhibition of photography spanning from childhood to the spiritual life of Swami Chinmayanada was held for nine days, during Vasantha Navarathri celebrations at Chinmaya Vidyalaya Kunnumpuram. Parents were also invited to view the exhibition.

Sun salutations

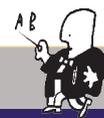
The importance of the sun was highlighted as the members of CV St. John's Road celebrated Rathasaptami. The children assembled in the early hours in school and performed the surya namaskar pausing at each of the 12 steps listening to and aligning with the chanted sloka. Children also viewed the sun and later listened to talks on why the festival is celebrated.

Cultural extravaganza

A grand parade celebrating the diverse cultures of various states was showcased in the stadium. Students from VBCV, Std VI to IX participated in this event, featuring a Kachina display and captivating cultural dance performances representing different states.

Customize to remember

To commemorate 108th Jayanthi of Gurudev the notebooks for Children at CV Vadavalli CBSE was customized. The cover page for the book was designed by the student of Std XI.



Patriotism

Fundamentals of policies

The students of CHHV Thamarapakkam prepared a chart presentation on educational projects framed by the Dept of school Education, State and Central governments. Through this activity, the students understood the initiatives taken by the Government to increase the literacy level in the country.

Patriotic chemistry

The students of VGN CV Avadi were instructed to prepare solutions of the Indian tricolor which consist of homogenous and heterogeneous mixtures. Colored chemical salts based on solubility were taken in three test tubes and mixed with water to prepare different types of solutions. All three solutions were added to one test tube one after the other, which depicted the pride(tricolor) of our Country.

Provincial past

Members of the Tourism and Heritage club at Chinmaya Vidyalaya Naruvamood were assigned a fascinating activity: to write about the local history of their chosen places. Each student selected a local destination and crafted a historical account, which they then presented using PowerPoint presentations. These presentations were shared with students from various classes.

Dutifully yours

Students from Std V at CHHV Thamarapakkam crafted informative signs outlining the responsibilities to be upheld for maintaining cleanliness within their homes, school, classrooms, and public spaces.

Budding Cops

Chinmaya Kutty Cops, an awareness program cum live exhibition was conducted by the primary school children of CV RS Puram. Children dressed up as cops and regulated the traffic outside school gate. They also paused to educate the public on traffic rules and road safety. The programs included working models, puppet shows, songs in Tamil and English and display of slogans and skits on road safety.

Benevolent tutelage

Giving back to the society happens as Chinmaya Tuition centre conducts classes for the marginal performers in the classes. The support is extended for the enrolled in basics of Tamil, English, and Mathematics. The Chinmaya tuition centre operates successfully in the Chinmaya Library at CV Virugambakkam. There is an overwhelming response from the economically disadvantaged families in and around Chinmaya Nagar.

Slew of singers

As participants in the "Bala Vidya Geeth," an Indian record-breaking attempt to host the "Largest Virtual Group-Song Event by students in India," a total of 360 students from CV Kottayam registered and actively took part in the event.

Civic awareness

In a proactive effort, the Std IX students at VBCV staged a Nukkad Naatak, a street play, emphasizing the significance of voting. These performances took place at various locations within and around the school premises. The central theme of their play revolved around

dispelling common misconceptions regarding the act of voting, while encouraging the audience to approach this social responsibility with great care and sensitivity.

Dramaturgy

Students of Std VIII Chinmaya Vidyalaya Nagapattinam made flash cards which displayed the civic responsibilities of a student. They wrote the dos and don'ts in the cards. A rally was conducted on 14th November 2022, as a part of Children's Day celebration to create awareness among the children on 'what to do' and 'what not to do'.

Stalls to support

Students from Std XI & XII, Commerce batch of Chinmaya Vidyalaya Taliparamba, set up stalls which featured an array of offerings, crafted with care and dedication by the students themselves, including homemade craft items and various food options such as sweets, cakes, and beverages. Children from Std I to XII, eagerly visited the stalls and made purchases. A profit of Rs. 15,000, was generously donated to a needy to support ongoing medical treatment.

Future forward

About 200 students from CV Kunnumpuram participated in a campaign. The students described their vision, for Bharat, how they wish to see their country in 2047. These essays were all addressed to the Prime Minister and were filled with suggestions to make amendments or introduce new methods. All the letters were then sent to the Postal department for evaluation.



Villu pattu

The 'Villupattu' - the bow song, was performed by the students of Std VI to VIII, at Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, a vision school, portraying the freedom fighters of Tamilnadu during the Independence Day celebrations.

Folk traditions

Students of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, a vision school, presented spectacular performances of folk arts of Tamil Nadu: Kummi, Karakattam, Puliyattam, Oyilattam, Silambattam, etc. as part of the Pongal celebrations. One of the main attractions that excited the children was the ride on the decorated bullock cart. Games like uriyadi, tug-of-war and various competitions were conducted.

Glories retold

The Std V students of CV Delhi presented the journey of the 'Queen of Jhansi' from Manu to Manikarnika by means of a Dance Drama. A quintessential way to relive the glory!

Bharat Darshan

The students of Std III CV Delhi took the collected audience on a journey through various states of India by showcasing the folk dances by means of tableaux.

Universal Outlook

Water play

To protect and save the ocean for the sake of our future survival on this planet” Theatre in Education proudly presented 'NaCl', a modern Tamil play, by the talented thespians of Pushpalata Vidya Mandir. The participants beautifully showcased

this sensitive concept in a way that rouses awareness. The drama claimed dumping plastic wastes into water bodies every day. As part of this observation, various activities were conducted for Std III to V. Students of Std III created 'Raindrop' bands, Std IV made 'Rain cloud Chandeliers' and Std V designed a Thoughtful Wall on water conservation which was filled with slogans and methods to conserve water.

Comprehensive celebration

Seeing the universe and its people as one was felt when the children of CV Naruvamood conducted a special sports day on their campus for the children who were less privileged. A caring attitude indeed.

Gender strengthening

International women's day celebrations at CV RS Puram included raising awareness about gender inequities and increasing support for women worldwide. “The women I admire the most in my family” was a topic given for essay writing. Handmade personalised greeting cards were prepared and shared by the children to the women in school and home as well.

Celestial study

The students of St, Mary's School Kalyan a vision school was in for a treat as they were on an expedition of sky watching with an expert. They not just moved out of the campus to an open space but also viewed better the wider open space of stars and planets and constellations. An overnight program of celestial bodies was well planned and received!

Rightfilled leaves

In a dedicated effort to raise awareness, the Std IV students at VBCV utilized a large sheet of paper to create a Human Rights Tree. Each leaf on the tree was carefully adorned with the rights that they, as individuals, enjoy in society.

Life all around

Students of Pushpalavata Vidya Mandir, a vision school presented a skit Butterfly's Smile and sang glorifying the importance of butterflies in the ecosystem, as part of the Butterfly Festival at the Vallanaadu Blackbuck Sanctuary. Respecting every creature!

Discover yonder

A learning programme that enhanced understanding of astronomy & celestial bodies beyond what is only written in books was organized by Arya Gurukul Kalyan, a vision school. It was an experience to "learn through observations". What a way to admire at the Universe!!

Evergreen friends

Students of Std VI Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, a vision school, took part in the Selfies with Saplings activity to promote harmony with nature. The children planted a sapling each and cared for it regularly, then took a selfie with their plant. Their selfies were displayed on the board. Students of Std VII participated in My tree- My friend activity conducted in the month of September. They named their tree friends, addressed them with a paper tag, got connected with them, spent time with that tree-friend, watered it and expressed how they had been emotionally connected with their tree-friends.



Influential media

To acquaint the digital native generation about the drawbacks of using social media, the students of Std VIII CV Delhi showcased a Class presentation on 'Impact of Social Media on Society'. The Std IX students shared useful information on the theme of 'Digital India' and brought out the advantages and disadvantages of the digital world. The need of the moment!!

Gadget dodge

The parents of CV PACR Rajapalayam, launched the "Gadget Free Hour Campaign," aimed at raising awareness about the significance of nurturing familial connections. The initiative was inspired by the "Disconnect to Reconnect Campaign," which urged parents to disconnect from their electronic gadgets and invest quality time with their children. Furthermore, a "Gadget Free Hour Contest" was organized by the Parent Circle Team. During this time, parents and children participated in various activities, such as drawing, coloring, painting, and solving puzzles, collectively strengthening their bonds.

Cast down plastics

The International Plastic-Free Day was observed on 3rd July 2023 at Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, a vision school. To create awareness among students, Std VI presented a Mime show in their class assembly, highlighting the ill-effects of using single-use plastic bags.

Healthy boxes

CIV Boisar strictly avoids junk food and aerated drinks. Students bring lunch in steel boxes. Plastic tiffin boxes and water bottles are banned. Children are encouraged to bring fruit and nut for the short break.

Avant-garde lamps

The Children of class 8 of CHHV Thamaripakkam made Panchakaviya lamp. Students brought curd, ghee, cow urine, cow dung, and milk for the Panchakaviya lamp. Students actively participated in this lamp-making process.

Feeding the universe

Children of CV Bistupur took the initiative to feed the stray dogs and cows who do not get food much often. The food was collected in school and taken to a center where it could be distributed.

Universal connections

AUPET uses leaves and natural material to discover and create artistic forms. The purpose of this activity is to make sure that the kids are well acquainted with their surroundings and connected to the nature around. They traced the veins of leaves on a sheet of paper. The students traced the leaves to display their fine artistic skills. And they showcased their creativity and made beautiful shapes using those leaves like Leaf Ganesha, Leaf Fish, Leaf Turtle and many more.

Clotheshow

Cloth was the central theme of a program at CV Annanagar. Children displayed different types of cloth with a variety of prints. They also had a charaka and a statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Ganesh ji was decorated with a special form of dhothi, the panchagajaa and the display of Navaratri steps adorned in silken splendour. Cloth made of artificial fiber was also on display and it all culminated in a fashion show of attire from different places!! They also created a song on the clothing and performed a skit on significance of donating clothes!

WINDOWS

Report on RRR Workshop for CV & Vision School teachers:

There were a series of sessions provided by the editorial team of the RRR books on how to take the new history books to the classrooms. The series began on 18th July 2023. Smt. Radha Narayanan, Sri. Sriram, Sri. Ananthakrishnan Seshadri conducted the sessions. Swami Mitrananda inaugurated the session with his inspiring and thought-provoking talk. Around 100 teachers from all the Vidyalayas & Vision Schools attended every session.



Report on Chinmaya Netritva X :13th July to 17th July 2023

CCMT Education Cell organized a five day workshop Chinmaya Netritva X – A Quality Leadership Program for New Principals, Vice Principals, Brahmacharies and Senior teachers from 13th July to 17th July 2023 at Chinmaya Gardens, Coimbatore. 22 Principals, Vice Principals & Senior teachers and 3 Bramahacharis from 19 CV's & One Vision School attended the session. Swamini Vimalananda, Swamini Sampratishthananda, Swami Anukoolananda & Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy lit the lamp and inaugurated the session. Swamini Vimalananda presented the inaugural address.

The workshop had CVP sessions and the Quality Management sessions. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Director CCMTEC took the workshop forward with her well curated sessions on Quality Management principles. Swamini Vimalananda conducted sessions on the topic “spirituality and leadership” every morning inspiring the participants to think and introspect. Swami Anukoolananda Zonal Director CCMTEC, Smt. Rajeshwari Satish Principal, Sri. Ganesh the Head Master, Sri. Satish HOD, Science department all from CIRS and Smt. Meena Sriram Academic Administrator CCMTEC took the CVP sessions.



Report on Chinmaya Parichaya :19th to 21st July 2023:

The Chinmaya Parichaya programme to orient the new teachers of all the Chinmaya Vidyalayas was conducted between 19th- 21st July 2023 at Chinmaya Gardens Coimbatore. 114 young teachers participated in the programme who came from 37 Vidyalayas across India. Swamini Vimalananda, Swami Sampratishthananda, Swami Anukoolananda &



Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy lit the lamp and inaugurated the session. The inaugural address was delivered by Swamini Vimalananda. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Director CCMTEC elaborated about the objective of the Parichaya program to the participants. Swami Anukoolananda conducted the morning sessions on spirituality in Education. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Director CCMTEC, Smt. Rajeshwari Satish Principal, Sri. Ganesh HM, Smt. Saranya DHM, Sri. Satish Science HOD, Smt. Bhuvaneshwari Academic Administrator, Br. Sanatan Chaitanya Spiritual Guide from CIRS and Smt. Meena Sriram Academic Administrator CCMTEC conducted the Sessions. The ice breaking sessions and the “Know How” sessions were conducted with the support of the faculty members from CIRS.

Report on Tamil Nadu Foundation Teacher Training Workshop:

The CCMTEC conducted 4 training sessions for the teachers of the Tamil Nadu Foundation, an NGO supporting teaching and learning in the Government run schools of Tamil Nadu as per the following schedule: Session I: 4th & 5th July 2023 at Madurai, Session II: 6th & 7th July 2023 at Trichy, Session III: 24th & 25th July 2023 at Chennai & Session IV: 27th & 28th July at Salem. 128 teachers and 14 Coordinators who assist in 90 State Government Schools from 27 districts attended and benefited from the training program. The two day sessions were conducted in Madurai, Salem, Trichy and Chennai by a team of resource persons. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy, Director, CCMTEC, Smt. Meena Sriram, Academic administrator, CCMTEC, Smt. Kamatchi Priya, Mathematics faculty, CIRS, Smt. Kavita, Tamil faculty from CV Nagapattinam, Smt. Sailakshmi & Smt. Vijayalakshmi, Tamil faculty from the Chinmaya Vision School-Mahatma Institutions, Madurai & Smt. Pritha & Smt. Vinaya the English faculty from CV Taylors Road, Chennai conducted the sessions.



Report on Master Trainer Program: 10th to 12th August 2023.

CCMT EC organized a 3-day MTP program from the 10th to 12th of August 2023 at Chinmaya Tarangini, Chennai. 31 teachers from 22 Vidyalaya's attended the session. The Session was inaugurated by Swami Mitrananda, from Chinmaya Mission Chennai & Director National projects All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra. Swami Anukoolananda Zonal Director, Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Director, Smt. Meena Sriram Academic Administrator CCMTEC conducted the Sessions & activities. Swami Mitrananda ji conducted spiritual sessions on “spirituality and a Mentor” on the 11th & 12th August 2023 inspiring the participants. During the valedictory session, participants thanked Ed Cell for the wonderful learning experience.



SQAA with reference to NCF/NEP Workshop on 17th September 2023



Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Conducted SQAA with reference to NCF/NCP Principal in Dubai a one day orientation on 17th September 2023. Around 120 Principals attended the session.

Math Workshop on 16th September 2023

A one day Math workshop was conducted by Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy for Ambassadors School Teachers of Dubai. Around 50 Teachers attended the session.



Report on CVP workshop for Chinmaya College Teachers from Kerala:

A CVP orientation was conducted for members of the Faculty of Chinmaya Colleges of Kerala from 22nd to 24th September 2023 at Chinmaya Mission College Thrissur. 128 teachers, Principal from 7 Chinmaya Colleges Kerala & Principal from CV Calicut attended the session. The inaugural ceremony was initiated by lighting the lamp by H H Swami Gabheeranandaji, Swami Anukoolananda, Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy & Smt. Meena Sriram. On this occasion, Lt. Anoop M.R. of Chinmaya College, Thrissur was honored for completing his NCC Training camp at Nagpur. Vote of thanks was rendered by Sri P Krishnakumar. The 3-day training program concluded with the feedback session of representatives from various Chinmaya Colleges.



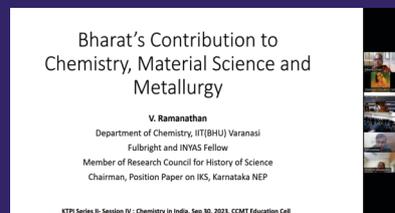
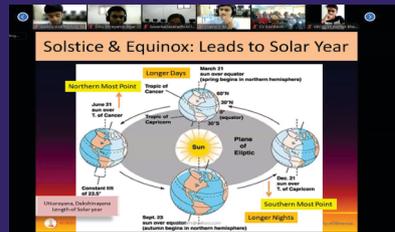
Report on Khel Mela 2023, All India Chinmaya Athletic Meet held on 7th to 9th September 2023:

All India Chinmaya Athletic Meet Khel Mela 2023 was organised by Chinmaya Vidyalayas, Chennai Zone, from the 7th to 9th September 2023 in Chennai at SDAT Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai. On 7th September the program was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri. J. Meghanatha Reddy I A S Chief Executive officer, Member Secretary Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. Sri. S.P. Thyagarajan Chairman, Chinmaya Vidyalayas Chennai presided over the inaugural function & delivered the presidential address. Swami Mitrananda Senior Mentor Chinmaya Mission Chennai graced the occasion & gave the benedictory address. Sri. O V Nambiar Zonal Director Chinmaya Vidyalayas Chennai, Sri. Sathyamoorthy Director Chinmaya Vidyalayas Chennai & Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy, Director, CCMT Educaiton cell graced the inaugural function with their presence. 757 students & around 100 teachers from 38 schools from all over the country participated in the mega event. On 9th September 2023 the closing ceremony was conducted at 1 pm and the prizes were distributed by Chief Guest Shri. Dr. R Natarajan IRS, Olympic Qualifier, Asst. Commissioner of Customs, GST, AD-DGPM. Chinmaya Vidyalaya Vaduthala won the Overall Championship. The Khel mela flag was brought down showing the culmination of the event and it was handed over to Smt Shanti Krishnamurthy. The program culminated with the presenting of Chinmaya Pledge followed by the National Anthem.



Report on Online KTPI Series II Sessions for Class XI & XII Students & Teachers:

CCMT Education Cell has introduced a series of online talks - Knowledge Series by experts on the chapters of the KTPI subject offered for students of Std XI & XII of the CBSE curriculum. The series began on 9th August 2023. Around 100 students and teachers from 12 Chinmaya Vidyalaya's, One Vision School & 3 Amrita Vidyalaya group of schools participated. Smt. Arunima Mazumdar Jt Secy, CBSE addressed the teachers & students during the first session.



First Session was conducted to familiarize students with “Indian Philosophical Systems” by Dr. Vinayachandra Banavathy. The Second Session was conducted on “Mathematics in India” by Sri. Vinay R Nair. The Third Session was conducted on “Astronomy in India” by Shri Raj Vedam. The Fourth Session was conducted on “Chemistry in India” by Dr.(Shri) Ramanathan. The Fifth Session a orienting for the Std XII students with the March 2024 Exam pattern. The session was handled by three experienced faculty members: Mrs. Veena Nair from Arya Gurukul, Mumbai, Mrs. Suvarna Dasaradhi from Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore and Mrs. R. Jaya Bharathi from Amrita Vidyalaya, Nagapattinam The 90 mts session was followed by a Q/A session which was cleared by the speakers. In the feedback session, participants conveyed their gratitude for organizing such an enriching event. The sessions ended up with Shanti path.

AWARDS

Report on Chinmaya Vision Award: 4th December 2023

On 4th December 2023 during the Angla Goshti II inauguration Chinmaya Vision Award was awarded to Chinmaya Vidyalaya MHSS Vadavalli and Chinmaya Vision Certificate was awarded to Chinmaya Harihara Vidyalaya Thamaraiakkam. Pujya Swami Swaroopananda handed over the CVP award & certificate to Smt. Umadevi Principal CV MHSS Vadavalli. Chinmaya Vision Certificate to Smt. Gayathri Principal CHHV Thamaraiakkam.



CV MHSS Vadavalli



CHHV Thamaraiakkam

Report on Angla Goshti II Seminar for English Teachers - 4th to 8th Dec 2023 :

CCMT Education Cell Organized a 5-day seminar “Angla Goshti II ” for English teachers from 4th to 8th December 2023 at CIRS, Coimbatore. Around 135 teachers from 63 Chinmaya Vidyalayas, One Chinmaya College & 6 Vision Schools attended the seminar. The seminar was inaugurated on the 4th December 2023. Pujya Swami Swaroopananda, Chairman CCMTEC & Global Head Chinmaya Mission World Wide hosted the flag & the Vidyalaya Geet was presented by the Students of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vadavalli, Coimbatore. The seminar was inaugurated by lighting the ceremonial lamp by Swami Swaroopananda. Smt. Rajeshwari, Principal, CIRS welcomed the gathering. Smt Shanti Krishnamurthy Director CCMTEC introduced the concept of the seminar and also shared regarding the overwhelming response from students & teachers in sending their poems. She also made a special mention of Smt. Vijayalakshmi, Principal, CV Virugambakkam, Smt Pratibha, Principal, CV Vaduthala and Smt Sumathy, HOD English department, CIRS for playing a vital role in screening and selecting the entries for publishing. She also thanked Chinmaya Vidyalayas PACR & SLR Rajapalayam for graciously sponsoring the printing of the book. Pujya Swami Swaroopananda, released “An Anthology of poems” - a compilation of 265 poems authored by Teachers and Students from 54 Vidyalayas & 7 Vision Schools across the country. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy thanked Swamiji for the loving gesture of writing a beautiful poem for the magazine. The seminar had eminent speakers like Smt. Gauri Mahaulikar, Smt. Leena Krishna Kumar, Smt. Bhavana Arora, Smt. Vasanti Thiagarajan, Smt. Hema Srivastava and Smt. Sandhya Sankar. Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy Director CCMTEC, Smt. Pritha from CV Taylors Road, Sri. Ganesh HM CIRS, Sri. Satish HOD Science dept CIRS, Smt. Sumathy HOD English Department CIRS, Smt. Meera Nair, Smt. Saradha, Smt. Supriya, all from the English department of CIRS also conducted few sessions. Pujya Swami Swaroopanandaji took sessions on English Language & Spirituality. Swami Anukoolanandaji took session on Review of CVP. Certificates were issued to all participants during valedictory function on the 8th December 2023.



Let us wish



Let us wish Chinmaya Vidyalaya Tripunithura
for completing 50 years



Book Launch on 22nd Dec 2023:



On the occasion of Gita Jayanti 22nd Dec 2023, the Government of Gujarat launched the most awaited text book, Shrimad Bhagwat Gita na Siddhanton ane Mulyo Part-1 as a part of Sarvangi Sikshan. The book was inaugurated by the Cabinet Minister (Education) Dr. Kuberbhai Mansukhbhai Dindor, Minister of State (Education) Shri Praful



Chhaganbhai Pansheriya, Dr. Vinod Rao (Secretary Primary & Secondary Education) and Swami Deveshanandaji. The project was spear headed by CCMT Education Cell under the able guidance of Swami Mitranandaji.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hari om, Namaste! Greetings from CCMT Education Cell!

On the 8th of December 2023, the Angla Goshti seminar concluded at 1 pm in the afternoon. The feeling of fulfillment and joy cannot be shared in few words. Being with inspired minds, enriched perspectives and newfound skills lingered in the air even after the memorable program concluded. Embarking on a journey to organize a grand workshop of this stature commenced 8 months ago. The amount of extensive research on the potential speakers, their expertise and credibility to suit the interests and needs of the target audience all went a long way in making the program a grand



success. A program of this score involves meticulous planning and seamless execution. I thank the Education Cell team and the CIRS admin team for their unstinted support in handling all the logistics and arrangements. The Principal and the English department members of CIRS played an integral part of the planning and the execution of the 5-day long program without which the program would not have been possible at all. Our gratitude to them! My special gratitude to Pujya Swami Swaroopanandaji for his presence during the inaugural and the valedictory functions. Swamiji's sessions were outstanding, weaving together eloquence and content. It resonated deeply with everyone in the audience leaving each one with an indelible mark. Swamiji's presence indeed elevated the program. By the grace of Gurudev, the seminar was an astounding success, and crafting this exceptional experience to the teachers was indeed a privilege for us, the members of the CCMT Education Cell.

Regards,

Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy

Director, CCMT Education Cell.

From the Resource team:

Dr(Smt). Vasanthi Thiagarajan, Senior Principal, Sishya School, Hosur.

The varied schedules across 5 days for teachers of the Chinmaya Schools across the country - was indeed a treat for the ears, eyes and professional growth of English teachers. I am sure the take aways for the teachers must have been plenty. The Resource Persons had been selected with care to take up sessions that were enriched in delivery.



Smt. Hema Srivastava, Educationist & Trainer

Verdant surroundings, positive vibes and a receptive audience encapsulates the Angla Goshti professional development programme held at CIRS . It was indeed a wonderful experience conducting a workshop for English teachers. In this rapidly changing world, the requirement for educators is to Learn, Unlearn and Relearn. The teachers were active participants and it was a satisfying experience interacting with them. The warmth and hospitality extended by Mrs Shanti Krishnamurthy and her team and the beautiful campus has left an indelible imprint on my mind.



Dr(Smt).Sandhya Shankar, CVV

Angla Goshti, a meeting of English Teachers, couldn't have found a better venue than the serene CIRS campus. It was an honour to be a part of the workshop and to have been able to meet and interact with the enthusiastic teachers who had come from different parts of the nation with the aim to make their classes more fun and creative. The energy level of the teachers and their participation was amazing and inspiring. It was an excellent opportunity to get to learn from each other and connect with people working in the same field. I will be looking forward to more such initiatives from the CCMT Education Cell.



Smt. Leena Krishna Kumar, Principal, New Era Sr Sec School, Vadodara.

Angla Goshti- II was an awe-inspiring event for me. Although I was invited as the resource person, I feel that I have gained more than what I could offer the enthusiastic teachers, from the Vidyalayas. All the meticulously planned activities throughout the day, not only fueled my physical and mental faculties but also awakened a feeling of spirituality in me. Swami Swaroopanandaji's discourses kindled in me a positive energy and I am thankful to Shantiji for giving me this opportunity to be in the company of such enlightened souls.



I applaud her efforts to have come up with such unique & enriching initiative where all teachers came together under one roof to gain knowledge. It was also praiseworthy to note that all the events scheduled were time bound, modesty & humility was visible in each and every being who was present there, a lesson that one should take, very essential for young & old alike. All in all I have come back richer with loads of learning, memories & good friends. I have no words to express my gratefulness and gratitude to the Chinmaya Mission for the humongous work that they have undertaken to benefit mankind. Prayers & warm wishes...

From the Participants:

Hari om to the entire team of Angla Goshti and special thanks to Shanti Amma and Meena Amma for organizing the English workshop in such a planned way. It was really a wonderful and useful one. We, the teachers, totally enjoyed and learned a lot in a comfortable environment. It was a thorough and well organized. Thank you for providing the wealth of information filled with excellent content. Once again, a big thank you to every member of CIRS.

-Team CEPS and CV Hubballi

We had heard a lot about CIRS Coimbatore, a place that was designed for posterity by Swami Chinmayananda ji but had no idea that I would ever get an opportunity to delve into its aura so soon. When Shweta, Tina and I were informed by Madam Mina Wilkhu, our principal, we were unfathomably elated to be found eligible to be a part of ANGLA GOSHTI II, at the same time there was a sense of unprecedented responsibility as we were about to represent VBCV TELCO on such a reputed forum. Visiting CIRS in every way is a bliss. Penning down the experiences on a mere piece of paper is impossible but I would surely be thankful for some special memories:

The mornings commenced with the sweet sounds of the peacocks and the glory of each day was enhanced by the spiritual sessions conducted by Swami Swaroopananda ji, Global Head, Chinmaya Mission World Wide. Every session that we attended was meticulously planned with a viable vision. It appears every resource person was handpicked to deliver the best with the sheer amount of knowledge one had. The hospitality we received stands unparalleled. I thank Madam Rajeshwari for enticing us with the bhajans and stories every evening, every member of the CIRS family for showcasing such warmth and amiability in galore. Meeting Swami Anukoolananda ji in person is something that will remain etched in our hearts forever. □ Last but not the least the two true leaders- Madam Shanti Krishnamurthy and Madam Meena Sriram who took over the helm of the entire event in a zealous fashion. To begin with Madam Shanti, a blend of spirituality and compassion, an avid learner herself she ensured no one went home empty handed from CIRS. Madam Meena on the other hand is a blend of jubilation and vision who with her team ensured the smooth progress of the entire event. A big thank you team CIRS for making us feel at home away from home...

- Team Vidya Bharati Chinmaya Vidyalaya

Dear CIRS Team, Hari Om!

I wanted to take a moment to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the knowledge and insights you have shared with me on the English language. Your expertise and guidance have been invaluable in enhancing my understanding and proficiency in this language. Your dedication to providing clear explanations, engaging examples, and practical exercises has truly made a difference in my learning journey. The way you effortlessly break down complex concepts into manageable parts has not only expanded my knowledge but also boosted my confidence in using English effectively. I am truly grateful for your patience, as you have always taken the time to address my queries and challenges, no matter how big or small. Your willingness to go above and beyond to ensure that I comprehend the nuances of English grammar, vocabulary, and syntax is truly commendable. Moreover, your passion and enthusiasm for the English language are infectious. You have sparked a genuine interest in me to continuously explore and improve my language skills. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the CIRS team members.

- Ranjith CV Salem.

Hari Om!

We, the Nagapattinam Team, are extremely grateful for the extraordinary arrangements at CIRS. From the moment we were received at Gandhipuram Bus Stand (Coimbatore) to the moment we reached our homes back, everything was taken care of. The organizing team at CIRS took care of all our needs and responded to every query of ours irrespective of the time and place. The sessions on all days were extremely insightful, wherein every participant was given the opportunity to express themselves without any barriers. All 136 participants had come from different places and backgrounds but lived by the line, "We stand as one family." It was such an overwhelming feeling to feel at home away from home. Swami Swaroopananda ji's session "English Language and Spirituality" opened our eyes and hearts on the spiritual beauty of a language and taught us that spirituality can be inculcated in every English class.

The knowledge of all the resource persons flowed like a crystal-clear stream of water, which helped us grow and develop our knowledge in leaps and bounds. The Bhajan Sandhyas was a therapy that rejuvenated our souls and attuned us to the Supreme. Legend says, "Laughter is brightest in the place where food is great and gratifying." The food that was served and tasted compelled us to explore the unexplored taste buds. The crackling flames danced in the darkness, casting a warm glow that painted joyous expressions on our faces. Gathered around the campfire, amidst the wilderness, a palpable sense of extreme happiness enveloped us. The campfire became a focal point of unbridled happiness.

It was not just flames but a reminder of the simple pleasures that unite us and kindle the brightest sparks of happiness in our souls. The fantabulous five days passed within the blink of an eye. Bidding farewell is always difficult as every new friend is a new adventure, the start of new memories. This experience gave us the memories to cherish a lifetime.

- Team CV Nagapattinam

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Chinmaya Vision Program - 26th to 28th Dec 2023 at Vivekananda Vidyalaya Tirupur.
- KTPI Series II - Session 6 - 6th Jan 2024.
- 10th Jan 2024: Orientation session - IAS Academy, Chennai: 10am-12 noon
- 13th Jan 2024: Tips for KTPI Examination: 10am-12 noon
- Chinmaya Quotient for teachers of Vidyalayas Semi Finals - 27th Jan 2024, Finals - 28th Jan 2024.
- Chinmaya Vision Program for CVV Staffs - 23rd to 25th Feb 2024 at Chinmaya Gardens Coimbatore.
- Hari Seva Camp - Chinmaya Gardens Coimbatore (date to be finalised)
- Chinmaya Parichaya - Chinmaya Gardens Coimbatore (date to be finalised)
- Chinmaya Netritva - Chinmaya Gardens Coimbatore (date to be finalised)
- Vigyana Goshti – Dec 2024 at CIRS.

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