

Rural Development Programme

Vivekananda Kendra was established in 1972 after the consecration of Vivekananda Rock Memorial off Kanyakumari, to train, motivate and utilize young men and women in nation building activities. Accordingly educational activities were first taken up in the border state of Arunachal Pradesh. Mananeeya Eknathji Ranade, founder of the Kendra, felt that welfare activities should be taken in and around Kanyakumari to come in closer contact with the local people. This led to starting in 1978, 9 Pre-Primary schools and a Medical centre with a van, thus forming a nucleus for the present large scale activities.

The local people and well wishers of all over the country and the Kendra workers were of one mind that Rural development activities with a cultural thrust should be started immediately. The idea received the blessings of Swami Ranganathananda of Sri RamaKrishna Math, and Swami Chidbhananda of Sree RamaKrishna Tapovanam. The aim is to motivate our people to adhere to and nurture the cherished values of our Sanatana Dharma to prevent alien elements weaning away our young men and women from our cultural moorings. Thus was born the project RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

For this Vivekananda Kendra took up a survey of nearly ten thousand villages in the District of Kanyakumari, composite Tirunelveli (before being split into Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi), Ramanathpuram, Virudhunagar and Sivaganagai. Priority villages were selected and following activities are running in these five districts.

- Balwadies
- Medical Centres
- Tailoring Units
- Cultural Competitions
- Cultural Classes
- Youth Programs
- Vivekananda Academy of Cultural Studies
- Women's Activities
- Self help group
- Amrit Surabhi
- The Kendra has installed 125 Hand Pumps for drinking water purpose and deepened 2 well in five districts

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