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‘Evil is the iron chain, good is the gold one; both are chains. Be free, and know once for all that there is no chain for you. Lay hold of the golden chain to loosen the hold of the iron one, then throw both away.

– Swami Vivekananda

VISIT OF SWAMI SATYESHANANDAJI AND SWAMI AKSHARATMANANDAJI

Srimat Swami Satyeshanandaji, Assistant General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, and Srimat Swami Aksharatmanandaji, Vice President, Ramakrishna Mission, Sri Lanka, arrived at Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, at 9:23 p.m. on 5 March 2023 and departed at 5 a.m. on 8 March 2023. They took part in various programs during this period.



INAUGURATION OF INCLUSIVE RESOURCE AND TRAINING CENTRE

Swami Satyeshanandaji inaugurated Inclusive Resource and Training Centre for visually challenged persons at Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, at 9 a.m. on 6 March 2023. The centre, in association with the Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Coimbatore campus, will provide the latest accessibility tools, assistive technologies and training facilities for visually challenged persons.



VISIT TO SHIVANANDA VIDYALAYA NATIONAL SCHOOL
 On 6 March 2023, at 9:20 a.m., Swami Aksharatmanandaji, Swami Satyeshanandaji, Swami Nilamadhavanandaji, Swami Surarchitanandaji and others visited Shivananda Vidyalyaya National School, Batticaloa. They received a warm reception from the principal, staff and students of the school. At 9:35 a.m., the Swamis offered floral tributes to Srimat Swami Vipulanandaji at his Samadhi.



CONCLUDING PROGRAM OF YEAR-LONG CELEBRATIONS OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S HISTORIC VISIT TO SRI LANKA.

On 6 March 2023, the Mission organised the concluding program of year-long celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's historic visit to Sri Lanka at Swami Vipulananda Memorial Hall. The program began with a traditional lighting of kuthuvilakku, followed by a welcome dance by BT/Vivekananda Ladies College. Swami Nilamadhavanandaji delivered the welcome address, followed by a keynote address by Swami Aksharatmanandaji. The students of Boys' Home enacted a koothu titled 'Vivekananda Vijayam'. Srimati Kalamathy Pathmarajah delivered a special address, followed by a dance from the students of Kalarpana Dance School. Swami Satyeshanandaji delivered the main address, followed by a vote of thanks from Swami Surarchitanandaji. Swami Satyeshanandaji handed over relief kits intended for 125 families living below the poverty line and braille kits to visually challenged persons.



INAUGURATION OF VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE, KARAITIVU

On 7 March 2023, at 10:45 a.m., Swami Satyeshanandaji inaugurated the Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence at Karaitivu. Swamis Satyeshanandaji, Aksharatmanandaji, and Nilamadhanandaji addressed a gathering of devotees and the general public during this program.

Earlier on the same day, at 9:26 a.m., the devotees, friends, well-wishers, students, and the public of Karaitivu gave a grand reception to the Swamis at Kannaki Amman Temple. At 10 a.m., Swami Satyeshanandaji unveiled a portrait of Swami Vivekananda at Vivekananda Sports Club, Karaitivu. At 10:10 a.m., they visited KM/KM Sri Ramakrishna Boys Vidyalayam, Karaitivu. The principal, staff and students gave a warm reception to the Swamis.



A WORKSHOP FOR PRINCIPALS ORGANISED BY PADDIRUPPU EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SATHYA SAI EDUCATION

On 3 March 2023, Swami Surarchitananda gave a benedictory address for a one-day workshop on 'Human Excellence' for 101 principals of Paddiruppu Education Zone, Batticaloa, organised by Paddiruppu Education Department and the Institute of Sri Sathya Sai Education in Human Excellence, Sri Lanka.



TALK TO STUDENTS

Swami Nilamadhavananda gave an introduction about Ramakrishna Math and Mission and spiritual living to the students who visited Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, on 17 March 2023. The students were part of a study program organised by Peace and Community Action (PCA).

PROGRAM AT SWAMI OMKARANANDA PRESCHOOL

On 19 March 2023, Swami Nilamadhavananda delivered a benedictory address at the graduation ceremony program held at Swami Omkarananda Preschool, Thiruchenthur, Batticaloa.



SIVAPOOMI TRUST PROGRAM

On 24 March 2023, Swami Nilamadhavananda participated in a program organised by Sivapoomi Trust, Kokkadicholai.

SRI SARADA NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

On 24 March 2023, Swami Surarchitananda inaugurated a vegetable market organised by the students of Sri Sarada Nursery School, Kallady. Dressed as vendors, the students sold vegetables to buyers.



VIVEKANANDA NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Swami Surarchitananda delivered a benedictory address on the occasion of the graduation ceremony program organised by Vivekananda Nursery School at Vipulananda Memorial Hall on 25 March 2023.

SATSANG FOR DEVOTEES

Swami Nilamadhavananda held Satsang for devotees on 25 and 26 March 2023. Over thirty devotees participated in these programs.

RELIEF-KIT DISTRIBUTION

Ramakrishna Mission handed over relief-kits to 125 families below poverty line from villages near Sittandy on 11 March 2023. Earlier, Swami Satyeshanandaji formally handed over the kits to a few families on the occasion of the concluding program of Swami Vivekananda's historic visit to Sri Lanka held on 6 March 2023.



131ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF SRIMAT SWAMI VIPULANANDAJI MAHARAJ

Swami Nilamadhavananda delivered a keynote address during the 131st birthday celebrations of Srimat Swami Vipulanandaji Maharaj held at Karaitivu on 27 March 2023.



ADDRESS TO GRADE - 1 STUDENTS

Swami Nilamadhavananda delivered a benedictory address to the newly joined grade - 1 students of Shivananda Vidyalaya National School and Vivekananda Ladies College, Kallady, on 28 March 2023. He also gave a benedictory address to the grade - 1 students of Shakti Vidyalaya on 29 March 2023.

OTHER EVENTS

- Swami Yoganandaji Maharaj Jayanthi was observed on 11 March 2023.
- Ekadasi was observed on 3 and 18 March 2023.
- Sri Rama Navami was observed on 30 March 2023.
- Japa Yajna was held for devotees on 18 March 2023.
- 652 patients benefited from our medical camp at Kiran in March 2023.
- 47 patients benefited from our medical camp in villages near Vaharai in March 2023.
- 93 patients benefited from our medical camp in villages near Sittandy in March 2023.

FESTIVAL CALENDAR - APRIL 2023

- 01 - Ekadasi
- 05 - Poya Day
- 15 - Japa Yajna
- 14 - Tamil New Year



JIVANANANDA SOCIAL SERVICE (JSS) AN APPEAL

Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, is currently undertaking rural development projects in memory of Swami Jivananandaji Maharaj. This project, titled Jivanananda Social Service (JSS), aims to improve health, education, water supply, sanitation and other basic amenities for the people living under the poverty line in rural border areas.

Ten-point agenda for Jivanananda Social Service:

1. Development programs for people living in rural border areas
2. Bimonthly medical camps and psychological counselling
3. Higher education facilities for slow learners and eEducation
4. Learning and residential facilities in cities for fast learners
5. Scholarships for students in university programs
6. Opportunities for small businesses and self-employment
7. Relief work in times of distress/natural calamities
8. Improve water supply and sanitation in schools and villages
9. Sunday religious schools for children in villages
10. Satsang in village temples

We need generous contributions to implement this project. We pray to Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda for your health, peace and prosperity.

Yours in the Lord,
Swami Aksharatmananda
Vice President
Ramakrishna Mission, Sri Lanka

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Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence

Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa



The following certification courses will begin at our Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence in the fourth week of December 2022. Expert professionals will teach these courses. For more details, contact: 075-092-2595; vhebatticaloa@gmail.com.

Learn Thirumurai Isai Duration: 4 months (Intermediate) & 8 months (Advanced) Timings: 8-10 a.m. on Saturdays (Intermediate) & 9-10 a.m. on Sundays (Advanced) Eligibility: grade 5-10 (Advanced) Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Ms. Hamsathvani M.A., M.Phil. in Music, Bangalore & London Join Now	Learn Carnatic Music Duration: 4 months Timings: 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Smt. Joyanthi Kalingeswaran S.A. in Music 12 years of experience in teaching music Join Now	Learn Bharatanatyam Duration: 6 months Timings: 5-6 p.m. on Fridays and 4-5 p.m. on Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Smt. Sasikalarani Jeyaram Diploma in dancing & Bharatanatyam, 12 years of experience in teaching dance Join Now	Play Violin Duration: 18 months Timings: 8-10 a.m. on Saturdays & 4-6 p.m. on Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Kalabhusanam Ms. Saravathy Subramaniam Diploma & B.A. in Music 14 years of experience in teaching violin & music Join Now	Play Mridangam Duration: 18 months Timings: 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Sri N. Madhavan S.F.A., M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. 8 years of experience in teaching mridangam Join Now	Learn Painting Duration: 6 months Timings: 4-6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Ms. Rajendran Suresha BPS (Rank 1) and 5 years of experience in teaching painting Join Now
Learn English Duration: 6 months Timings: 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Smt. Kamalini Sooriyakumaran 18 years of experience in teaching English & Drama Join Now	Learn Sinhala Duration: 6 months Timings: 5-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Smt. Shanti Devi 54 years of experience in teaching Sinhala Join Now	Yoga for Men Duration: 6 months Timings: 7-8:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Sri Sivalingam Sriharan B.Sc. in Psychology & Yoga, Yoga Teacher Join Now	Learn MS Office 365 Duration: 4 months Timings: 4-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa Instructor: Sri Janagan Diploma in Computer Sri Praseelan Join Now	Complete Personality Development Duration: half-day workshop Timings: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa - Free - Instructor: Monks and specialised trainers Join Now	Learn Karate - Boys Timings: 4:30-6 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays Location: Vipulananda Memorial Hall Instructor: Sensei M. Vijayakumar RN, Dip N, PBDip N(OT), BSc N, PGDip HD, MSc N 3rd Dan Black Belt - SLKF President, Chief Instructor & Examiner in VSKA - SL National "A" Grade Referee/ Judge - SLKF Registration visit Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence, Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holiday on Monday. Contact no.: 0750922595 Join Now

Courses currently running at our Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence:

- Thirumurai Isai
- Carnatic Music
- Bharatanatyam
- Violin
- Mridangam
- Painting
- English
- Sinhala
- Yoga for Men
- I.T./Office 365
- Complete Personality Development
- Karate

Registrations are currently open for Karate Course for boys.

Learn Karate - Boys

Timings: 4:30-6 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays

Location: Vipulananda Memorial Hall

Instructor: **Sensei M. Vijayakumar**

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For registration, visit Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence, Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holiday on Monday.
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[Join Now](#)

KARATE COURSE INAUGURATION

Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence, Batticaloa, began a Karate course for boys on 11 March 2023.





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