SRI SARADA MATH & THE RAMAKRISHNA SARADA MISSION REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The new Dialysis Unit was inaugurated in the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matribhavan Hospital on 3rd August 2024 in the revered memory of Pravrajika Amalaprana Mataji.

A new Outdoor Block (G+II) of Matribhavan Hospital was inaugurated at premises 10B, Sree Mohan Lane, Kolkata 26 on 12th August 2024.

The extension of the Primary School, *Nivedita Vidyapeeth* run under the Mission headquarters was inaugurated on 17th September 2024.

A new Prayer Hall at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dirang was dedicated on 3rd October 2024.

The newly constructed multipurpose hall at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Pangot, Nainital was inaugurated on 21st October 2024.

'Vivek Drishti', a new project of Sri Sarada Math Rasik Bhita in collaboration with Enable India (a Bangalore based NGO which works for the development of people with disabilities) was started with the aim to provide some training in Computer, Spoken English etc. to visually impaired girls thereby enabling them to secure jobs and become financially independent. The project was launched on 1st October 2024 with 11 visually impaired girls at the Dumdum Park facility of Rasik Bhita.

The foundation stone for a temple and monastic quarters was laid at Sri Sarada Math, Valsad on 26th March 2025.

The Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Village Primary School at Khasso, dist. Dirang was formally inaugurated on 12th May 2025.

Highlights of the year

On the occasion of the Republic Day, 26th January 2025, the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission received a Gold Medal from the state government of Arunachal Pradesh for its services to the State.

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan has been awarded an A+ grade with CGPA of 3.51 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), securing 3451 marks out of 4000. This achievement stands as the highest NAAC accreditation score among colleges of West Bengal in this academic year. The on-site Peer visiting team was highly impressed with the college and awarded A++.

Sri Maa Sarada Conference was organized by the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Guntur in Hyderabad from 7th to 9th February 2025. The three-day programme consisted of a Youth Convention and a Devotees' Convention which were attended by 1700 girl-students and 1300 women participants respectively. 28 Sannyasinis from different centres also participated in the programme.

CENTRES AND ACTIVITIES

Including the headquarters, the Mission ran 24 centres distributed as follows: West Bengal, New Delhi, Khonsa and Dirang (Arunachal Pradesh), Thiruvananthapuram and Calicut (Kerala), Kamptee (Maharashtra), Pangot and Devprayag (Uttarakhand), Indore (M.P.), Guntur (A.P.) and one centre in Colombo (Sri Lanka), while the Math had one unit under the headquarters at Paschim Medinipur and 15 centres in the following locations: West Bengal, Chennai, Thrissur and Ernakulam (Kerala), Pune, Bangalore and Chikmagalur (Karnataka), Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Almora (Uttarakhand), Valsad (Gujarat), Indore, Guntur and one centre in Sydney (Australia). The centres at Indore and Guntur are combined Math and Mission centres.

The activities may be classified under seven heads: (1) Educational Work, (2) Medical Service, (3) Rural Uplift Work, (4) Tribal Work, (5) Relief and Help to the Needy, (6) Spread of Cultural and Spiritual Ideas and (7) Work Outside India.

The following activities were conducted by the Mission headquarters at Dakshineswar: a pre-primary and primary school for poor children, a charitable dispensary (allopathic, ayurvedic and homoeopathic) with a physiotherapy section, a ladies gym, yoga classes, a vocational school & literacy classes for grown-up girls, a library and a reading room. At Rasik Bhita, the Math headquarters conducted courses on computer, communicative English and Soft Skills for needy girls at its premises as well as at some institutions in Kolkata (No. of students: 989, full free: 17, part free: 32). 330 students of Rasik Bhita were absorbed during the year in various reputed companies as Animator, Modeller, Accountant, Customer Relationship Manager and so on, while a few became self-employed or further up skilled themselves to pursue advanced career opportunities. Vivek Library- the public and students' library and reading room at Dumdum Park premises had 42 members during the year. Welfare and pecuniary help incurring an expenditure of Rs. 1,03,290/- was given to needy students, while scholarship amounting to Rs. 1,28,400/- was given to deserving students. Clothes were distributed at the time of Durga Puja among needy students.

Ma Sarada Welfare Centre, conducted under the Math headquarters, counted 58 local needy women, who received a remuneration of Rs. 1,69,027/- for sewing children's dresses, ladies' garments etc. for free distribution among the poor at the time of Durga Puja.

Vivekananda Children Welfare Fund:

Notebooks, umbrellas, tiffin and nutritious food were distributed among 536 needy students of 5 coaching centres. Total amount spent under this head: Rs. 13,94,518/-.

Self-Help Groups, under this head Rs. 1,59,868/- were spent for distributing raw material and to train 45 ladies for preparing different kinds of boutique and decorative items for sale in an effort to promote women empowerment.

Educational Work:

The Mission ran 14 primary schools, 5 high schools, 1 school of Home Science, 1 college and 1 junior college, 1 Higher Secondary school, 7 pre-primary schools, 2 cultural centres, 4 adult schools, 7 vocational training centres, 5 Bal Mandirs, 6 coaching classes, 1 painting class, 8 computer classes and 3 spoken English classes, where a total of 8253 students received education, while 798 were accommodated in the students' homes and hostels attached to these institutions.

The Industrial Section of the Sister Nivedita Girls' School gave training to 30 ladies, while tailoring, embroidery, painting and other crafts were taught at the Mission Ashrama at Entally, and the centre at Guntur (No. of beneficiaries: 92 and 170 respectively). A total of 528 students are pursuing computer courses. The students of our educational institutions achieved good results again this year.

Under the Math centres, apart from daily worship in the shrine, the following activities were conducted: a high school with classes XI & XII, an Open School (Private Higher Secondary School), a hostel for girl-students in Thrissur while a girl-students' hostel was also ran at village Salur under Chennai Math, primary schools for slum children in Bangalore, Pune and Bhubaneswar; vocational training centres for grown-up girls and women at the headquarters and in Chennai, Bangalore, Almora and Valsad. Coaching classes for girls and Sunday schools for children were conducted in Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Valsad, Varanasi, Almora, Guntur and Sihore. Including the computer class at Valsad and the computer classes and spoken English classes conducted under the headquarters at Rasik Bhita, in all 4260 received education. The Old Age Home for women at Ernakulam (Kerala) had 30 inmates. Religious and cultural classes for women were held regularly in all the centres.

As every year, the Pune Math organized Intra/Inter School/college competitions in quiz, drawing, story telling based on Upanishads, Swami Vivekananda's life etc. as well as patriotic group songs competitions in which a total of 9097 students participated from Pune and nearby districts.

During the period under review, stipends were given from the headquarters' *Ma Sarada Scholarship Fund* to 204 deserving needy girl-students of different states amounting to a total of Rs. 9,43,280/-. In all the centres, students received help in various ways.

12th January, National Youth Day, was observed at the headquarters with procession, meeting and distribution of booklets etc. In all, 1000 students and teachers from various schools and others participated in the programme. All were served snacks etc. Amount spent: Rs. 1,02,067/- . The Math and Mission centres also observed the day in a befitting manner.

Sister Nivedita Heritage Museum was visited by 4597 visitors including 1361 students during the year 2024-25. Birthdays of Sister Nivedita and Sister Christine as well as 125 years of Sister Nivedita's arrival in India were celebrated by the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Heritage Museum and Knowledge Centre with seminars, webinars, cultural programmes etc. throughout the year.

Medical Service:

The maternity hospital in Kolkata, Matribhavan, a modern 100 bed medical centre treated 37,095 patients (mothers and children). The hospital has three well equipped operation theatres, set up with provision for all intricate gynaecological and surgical operations, including oncology and laparoscopic surgery. It has also a well-equipped eye operation theatre. The hospital has its own pharmacy, *Sri Maa Pharmacy* for prompt supply of medicines; and also runs a clinic for neonates and children from 1 month to 3 years with full immunization as well as a clinical and bio-chemical laboratory equipped with modern technology to ensure efficient and quick service, details of which are given below:

Tests Done	No. of patients- Free/Concessional	Tests Done	No. of patients- Free/Concessional
Laboratory tests	6082	X-Ray	216
Ultrasonography & Colour Doppler	647	E.C. G.	204
Cardiotocography	149	Outdoor check- up & other facilities	11,246
Echocardiography	141	Medicines	25,147

Free and concessional treatment for Outdoor and Indoor patients including the above tests was given to 46,017 patients (mothers and children) amounting to Rs. 63,62,528/-.

Welfare activities for poor children and women were conducted as before. Clothes, sarees, medicines, ration kits and pecuniary help were given to 685 poor women. Health Care Assistant Training and Vocational training in sewing, knitting and drawing were given to 28 and 24 poor and needy girls respectively.

6976 people benefitted from the Public Private Partnership Scheme with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal, and Kolkata Municipal Corporation during the year under review.

Medicines were supplied, free, among poor and needy people. General awareness as well as continuous educational and counselling programmes on health and hygiene were carried out for urban slums surrounding Matribhavan and other slums of Kolkata.

719 health care providers attended educational training programmes while 173 medical, nursing and paramedical personnel attended the workshops on advanced care of nursing, continuous awareness and counselling on health precaution, prevention and control of diseases e.g. Dengue, Malaria etc.

184 students were undergoing B.Sc. Nursing Course during the period, while 21 students received Paramedical Training.

Total expenditure incurred for welfare services to poor and needy persons: Rs. 91,89,844/- (No. of beneficiaries : 3,52,391).

Under the headquarters at Dakshineswar, *Sevayan*, the charitable dispensary treated 10,263 patients during the year. Specialized doctors in Orthopaedics, Dental, Medicine, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic etc. rendered honorary service as before. 24 medical camps including cardiology, eye and blood were conducted in the *Sevayan* premises as well as in the Sundarbans, Thakurnagar, Howrah and other places where a total of 1666 patients were benefitted. Medicines and injections worth Rs. 32,75,001/- were distributed free of cost in the dispensary and at medical camps. *The physiotherapy unit* provided ultrasonic therapy, muscle stimulator, traction, wax bath, infra ray etc. Cases treated during the period: 417 (No. of sittings: 2685). Yogavyayam Classes and Gym (No. of beneficiaries: 144) for young girls and ladies continued as before. Total expenditure during the year: Rs. 38,32,741/-.

The Ashrama in Entally ran a charitable dispensary (allopathic, homoeopathic and ayurvedic) for women and children, where 2835 patients were treated and medicines were given free of cost. Total expenditure: Rs. 3,21,687/-. The Homeopathic dispensary run by Vivekananda Vidyabhavan treated 597 patients. Medicines were supplied free. *Sevangan*, the charitable clinic (homoeopathy and allopathy) of the Siriti centre served 6336 needy mothers and children through its different departments as detailed below:

	No. of Patients		No. of Patients		No. of Patients
General	2110	Paediatrics	423	E.C.G.	45
Cardiology	354	Ophthalmology	887	Dental	1038
Laboratory	599	Orthopaedics	641	Physiotherapy	140
Ultrasonography	139	Gynaecology	379	Dermatology	407
ENT	14	Echocardiogram	12		

The *homoeopathic section* served 382 patients. Indoor and outdoor medical camps were conducted in which 948 patients were benefitted. In all, Medicines worth Rs. 8,34,907/- were supplied free by the Siriti centre.

Sri Sarada Seva Kutir, the charitable clinic of the Chennai Math treated 80,977 patients. Medicines worth Rs. 17,28,839/- were provided free of cost.

Sri Sarada Math *Healing Centre* at Indore conducted a Physiotherapy Unit (Total No. of patients: 9127), a Handicapped Children's Unit (9869 sessions) and a Homoeopathic Clinic (No. of patients treated: 7041), while the Pathology Collection Centre served 16,484 cases. The *Yoga Class* counted 40 participants. Total expenditure incurred Rs. 50,78,421/-.

The Math centres at Pune, Bangalore, Almora, Valsad and Sihore conducted charitable dispensaries for women and children (No. of patients: 816, 720, 1875, 1978 and 1207 respectively). The Math centre at Chikmagalur ran an *ayurvedic* clinic. Pune, Bangalore, Valsad and Sihore centres arranged medical and eye camps in which 297, 510, 198 and 398 patients were benefitted respectively, while the Math at Chikmagalur organized medical camps for women (No. of patients treated: 195). Everywhere, medicines, spectacles, cataract operations etc. were provided free of cost.

Rural Uplift:

Students from rural areas were provided with scholarships worth Rs. 11,696/- from the Mission headquarters to pursue higher studies.

The centre at Shillya, Dist. Burdwan ran a primary school (roll strength: 612). Vocational classes were conducted for grown up girls and women (attendance: 24), while computer and online spoken English classes were attended by 160 and 24 students respectively. The dispensary (homoeopathic and allopathic) run by the centre treated 2960 patients. Educational help was given to 10 students.

The centre continues to promote cottage industry for the benefit of the local poor women. Distribution of clothes, warm garments, etc. was done regularly. A total of Rs. 26,29,587/- was spent by the centre for the above activities.

The Weaving-cum-Tailoring Training centre in Thakurnagar village, Dist. Purba Medinipore had 39 trainees who earned money while learning. Religious and cultural classes for ladies in and outside the centre as well as other charitable activities continued as before. Coaching classes counted 42 students. Scholarship and pecuniary aid were given to deserving students. Sarees, dhotis, warm garments etc. were distributed among poor women and children of Thakurnagar and nearby villages at the time of Durga Puja and in winter. The homoeopathic dispensary and the eye section treated 904 patients. Total expenditure for the above activities: Rs. 10,60,561/-.

The centre at Gangarampore, Dist. 24 Pgs(S) conducted a primary school for poor children of different castes and religions (No. of students: 275) and a Balwadi (No. of children: 23). All the children were provided with books, uniforms, tiffin, midday meal every day and medicines whenever needed. Clothes and warm garments were given to them twice a year. The vocational section for the village women imparted training in tailoring, embroidery and other handicrafts (attendance: 17). The computer class counted 11 students, while coaching classes (class V - X) were attended by 32 students. Literacy classes for women (No. of beneficiaries: 24) and coaching classes for class IX and X students were held regularly in collaboration with Viveka Chetana. *Daridra Narayan Seva*, financial help for medical treatment and supply of medicines and nutritious food to needy women and children as well as distribution of clothes and blankets at the time of Durga Puja and in winter continued as before (No. of beneficiaries: 2507). The health clinic *Sevakendra* treated 2421 patients during the period. Medicines were provided free of cost. In all, the centre spent Rs. 42,54,389/towards rural welfare.

The centre at Baladbandh, Dist. Hooghly conducted coaching classes (class II – BA 2^{-1} year) for village students (attendance: 220), who were also given tiffin and nutritious food regularly. Basic computer training is given to 20 students through Sri Sarada Math Rasik Bhita and Sunday classes (avg. attendance: 50) were conducted for local children. The centre also maintained a library for village women and children with a membership of 100 during the period. Training in cutting and sewing as well as jewellery making is given to needy ladies. Clothes and winter garments were distributed among students and needy people amounting to Rs. 32,722/-.

The Pangot centre conducted welfare activities for needy villagers of Pangot and nearby areas. Sunday classes were conducted for village children (Attendance: 60), while the computer class counted 10 students. Educational help was given to 300 students from different schools. 61 women and girls were taught various handicraft, knitting, crochet work etc. As every year clothes, sarees and warm garments were distributed among poor villagers. The centre spent a total Rs. 1,76,198/towards welfare activities.

Sri Sarada Math, Sihore conducted a coaching class with 101 students. Sunday classes and *Yogavyayam* classes counted 41 students. Tiffin, clothes, study material and sanitary items were provided to all students. The health clinic (Homeopathic and Allopathic) treated 1207 patients while medical and dental camps were attended by 139 and 259 patients respectively. Sarees, clothes and blankets were distributed among needy villagers and children, while books, fees etc. were given to school students. Total amount spent for the above activities: Rs. 13,51,045/-.

The Bangalore Math continued its rural development work in the village of Junjaramanahalli, Tumkur Dist., about 85 km. from Bangalore, where the following activities were conducted: *Nivedita Vidya Peetha*, a pre-primary and primary school recognized by the Karnataka Government, with 111 children. National and cultural days were celebrated with active participation of children and mothers; also an educational tour was organized for the students. They were given textbooks, notebooks, uniforms, lunch etc. free of cost. Tailoring classes for village ladies and computer classes for children (attendance: 22 and 14 respectively) continued as before. Medical and eye camps were conducted throughout the year for villagers in which 2858 patients were benefitted. Help in cash and kind to students and others and financial help to needy villagers for medical treatment etc. continued as before (No. of beneficiaries: 4105). Sister Nivedita scholarship was given to 18 deserving college girl-students. In all, the centre spent Rs. 19,06,994/- for the above purposes.

The Math at Chikmagalur conducted a tailoring class for ladies (average attendance: 23), while the computer class counted 15 students. The *ayurvedic* clinic was running thrice a week. Every month a medical camp was conducted in which 195 patients were treated. Medicines were provided free of cost. Grocery kits and other necessities were provided to poor families, while educational and medical help was given to needy students and others. In all, Rs. 3,33,584/- were spent for welfare activities.

At village Salur, Kancheepuram district, the Chennai Math conducted the following activities on land allotted by the Tamil Nadu Government for the development of the area: coaching classes with 150 children, Sister Nivedita Girls' Hostel with 25 students and vocational training for village women (average attendance: 20). Medical services were provided to the villagers free of cost. No. of patients: 2150. Besides, educational, financial and other help was given to 1496 students and others. Total amount spent: Rs. 16,47,064/-.

Notebooks worth Rs. 61,362/- were distributed by the Valsad Math among 552 students of three schools of Kalwada village in Valsad district.

Tribal Work:

The secondary school at Khonsa, Arunachal Pradesh counted 337 tribal students (residential: 308). The primary school at Khonsa village counted 127 students. In addition to their educational curriculum, special attention was given to fostering students' natural talent in music, native folk dance, drawing, handicrafts etc. The academic performance of the students continued to be excellent. Many students obtained prizes, scholarships, certificates, medals etc. The school received a trophy for Best Parade Contingent on the Republic day. The children were given uniforms, textbooks, midday meals and medical help, free of charge. Pecuniary and other help was given to meritorious students and needy people. Total amount spent: Rs. 2,45,820/-.

The residential secondary school at Khasso, Dirang Circle, Arunachal Pradesh counted 273 students from different districts of Arunachal Pradesh, mainly from West Kameng and Tawang districts. The academic performance of the students was excellent. Students participated in drawing, colouring competitions, science seminars etc. and received prizes, awards at national, state and district levels; the children also took active interest in co-curricular activities. On the 78th Independence Day, students bagged the Best Marching Contingent Award. Pecuniary and medical help worth Rs. 65,674/- was given to needy people. Scholarships amounting to Rs. 5,16,586/- were given to 22 students.

The Valsad Math organized a medical camp at Jambaliya village of Dharampur Taluka, Valsad district in which 198 patients were benefitted. Allopathic and Ayurvedic medicines worth Rs. 20,207/- were provided free of cost.

Relief and Help to the Needy:

The Mission headquarters rendered the following services during the year under review: Financial help amounting to Rs. 71,000/- was given to needy women (monthly: 21), poor students (monthly: 3) during the year, while Rs. 30,94,933/- were spent for distribution of the following items at Dakshineswar and in other places:

Articles	Beneficiaries	Amount Rs.
Blankets	12000	22,22,025/-
Sarees, clothes etc.	4440	4,74,814/-
Sattoo, ORS	200	55,140/-
Biscuits, milk powder, cakes for students at Katwa, Nalogora and Ramnagar	300	27,784/-

Feeding of children- biscuits, snacks, rice, dal, soybean etc.	100	1,52,202/-
Milk powder for students (Sarada Kalyan Bandar)	50	58,848/-
Groceries for patients at SEVAC rehabilitation centre – dal, oil, rice, soybean etc.	110	1,04,120/-

Flood Relief: grocery items were supplied for serving cooked food to 15,000 flood victims at Amta and Udaynarayanpur, Howrah, while grocery kits, sanitary items etc. were distributed among 2000 flood affected families at Beri, North 24 Pgs. Total expenditure: Rs. 16,32,501/-.

As every year, the Math headquarters also undertook welfare activities: Financial help amounting to Rs. 6,35,052/- was given to needy women (occasional: 1, monthly: 21), poor students (occasional: 12, monthly: 17) and poor patients (occasional: 5, monthly: 6), while the following items worth Rs. 33,11,970/- were distributed at Dakshineswar and other places:

Articles	Beneficiaries	Amount Spent Rs.
Blankets	12000	22,23,225/-
Sarees ,clothes & children garments	4000	6,57,375/-
Study materials, school bags etc.	400	60,133/-
Grocery distribution among needy families	12 families	58,452/-
Feeding – cooked food for physically challenged people and distribution of sanitary items, biscuits etc.	200	1,02,912/-
Feeding at Bankura, Birbhum – dal, soya chunks, biscuits, chocolates etc.	3000	2,09,873/-

The Nivedita School distributed cooked food among poor and needy people of Baghbazar locality (No. of beneficiaries: 100 per day; amount spent: Rs. 6,01,807/-), while clothes, tiffin, milk, medicines etc. amounting to Rs. 3,01,422/- were given to some needy people. The Siriti centre also provided clothes, w arm garments, pecuniary and medical help worth Rs. 1,80,166/- to 799 needy women and children.

The following centres continued to help students in various ways: Sister Nivedita Girls' School, the Ashrama, Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, Shiksha Mandir and the Siriti centre in Kolkata; the centre in Kantanagar, the village centres in West Bengal and the centres in Khonsa, Dirang and Guntur. The Vivekananda Vidyabhavan and centres in Thakurnagar, Kantanagar, Baladbandh, Gangarampur, New Delhi and Pangot conducted coaching and value education classes for slum or village children of nearby areas.

During the year, the **Mission** spent a total of **Rs. 7,25,52,227/-**, while the **Math** spent **Rs. 3,12,25,789/-** towards relief, welfare and rural uplift work.

Spread of Cultural and Spiritual Ideas:

The headquarters as well as the Math and Mission centres conducted classes, lectures, general and textbook libraries as well as other cultural activities.

The Math and the Mission also published books as well as periodicals, namely, NIBODHATA, a bi-monthly journal in Bengali and SAMVIT, twice a year in English. Special programmes were live streamed on Sri Sarada Math You Tube channel.

'An Unpublished Note Book of Sister Christine', a 64 pages replica of her personal Notebook containing her vivid experiences, observations, visions etc. was released on 22nd December 2024 by the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Heritage Museum and Knowledge Centre, Baghbazar, Kolkata.

Classes and retreats were regularly conducted at the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Pangot (Nainital) for in-depth study of Vedanta, which were attended by devotees and others from India and abroad. A well-furnished library with books in different languages was maintained for their use.

Work Outside India:

AUSTRALIA

Under the leadership of Pravrajika Gayatriprana, the Ramakrishna Sarada Vedanta Society of NSW in Sydney conducted regularly spiritual and cultural activities in and around Sydney. Religious festivals were observed, and lectures and retreats were conducted in Adelaide and other places. Sunday classes for children (to acquaint them with Indian culture), weekly Sanskrit classes, Young People's Forums (for age group 17-35) etc., and the monthly meetings of the Women Interfaith Network as well as the quarterly meetings of the Religion for Peace were conducted offline as well as through Zoom platform. The weekly 'Vedanta News and Events' was published and distributed among members and others through digital platforms.

Sunday lectures, Friday discussions and monthly lecture series were held virtually and/or in person (average attendance: 20-25). The Sunday talks were uploaded on the Vedanta Society's You Tube channel also.

SRI LANKA

The centre at Colombo, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (Lanka Branch) continued its regular activities. Worship, *bhajans, Pradeep Puja*, spiritual and cultural classes, lectures, a *Balmandir* etc. Special Puja was performed on the birthdays of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda as well as on Thai Pongal, New Year and Deepawali days. The centre conducted the *Matri Mandir*, an old age home for women with 10 inmates, *2 orphanages* in Colombo and Matale with 30 and 22 children respectively. At *Matale* a Sunday school is also conducted to inculcate moral and ethical values in the children (average attendance: 40). Other charitable activities like distribution of clothes, study materials to needy students etc. continued as before. Pravrajika Atmadevaprana and Pravrajika Dhyanamayaprana are in charge of the work as President and Secretary of the centre, respectively.

OTHER NEWS

Pravrajikas Bhavaniprana and Divyanandaprana were invited to the US in May and June 2024 for conducting retreats, giving lectures etc. Pravrajika Divyanandaprana also travelled to Japan in April 2024 and to Thailand in October 2024 where she was invited to deliver lectures, hold classes etc.