

OUR CHILDREN:

The year 2009 has been a great year at Chinmaya Vijaya. Forty additional children have joined Chinmaya Vijaya, bringing the total number to 100 as of December 31, 2009. All the children are keeping good health and are progressing well academically.



EDUCATION:

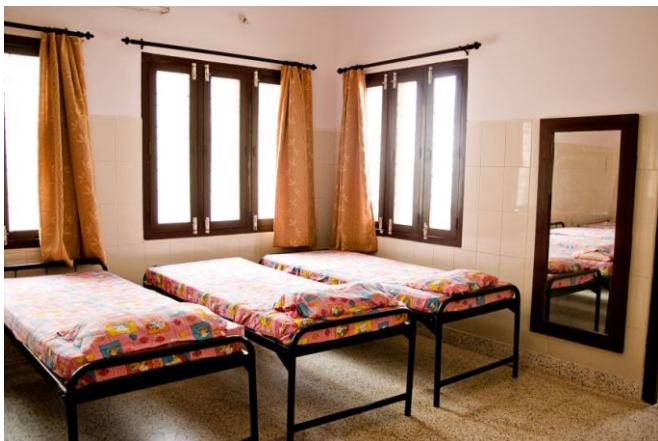
In 2008, the children were sent by bus to Chinmaya Vidyalaya in Guntur. Because of the time travelling, the schooling is now done at Chinmaya Vijaya, starting in May of 2009. Open curriculum was adopted whereby all the students started at KG and Grade 1 and progress at their own pace throughout the year. Many of them have come up to the 5th grade. It is to be noted that many of the children did not know the alphabets when they came to Chinmaya Vijaya, even though they were 8-9 years of age.



The students' academic performance was evaluated by the Principal and the teachers from Indian Springs School in Guntur. The team of inspectors was very impressed by the performance of the students academically, socially, and morally. Attached please find their report.

HOSTELS:

We have two hostel buildings. H.H. Swami Tejomayananda named these buildings, "Maitraeyi" and "Gargi". The girls' rooms are set up dormitory style and share the washrooms.



CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHINGS:

The Dining Hall, “Annashala”, Conference Room “Devasabha” construction was completed in December of 2009. The construction of the Senior Citizens Center “Bhramavrinda” was also completed in 2009. The total constructed area of all the buildings is approximately 60,000 square feet. One of the hostel buildings is now used as the school.

The cooking in Annashala is done by steam with no-touch technique. The Dining Hall and the Kitchen were fully furnished. Audio-visual equipment was installed in the Conference Hall. All the buildings were made mosquito-proof. A new generator with a 60 kv capacity was installed. The landscaping is in progress with many fruit trees and green lawns being planted. A commercial washer and dryer were installed for laundry. Solar hot water system was installed and is functional.



BHRAMAVRINDA:

We have built a residential senior citizens center on campus. Bhramavrinda is comprised of six single bedroom cottages with attached bath and a Satsang Hall. Having the seniors living on campus will allow the children and seniors the opportunity to learn from and enrich each other's lives.



VEGETABLE GARDEN:

Seven acres of land was provided for us to use at no cost by Sri Lingamaneni Bhaskararao to grow a vegetable garden. A total of 23 fruits and vegetables are being grown in this organic farm in cooperation and support from NRI Agritech. The children help with the weeding, and harvesting. The fruits and vegetables are more than enough for use at Chinmaya Vijaya and the excess crop is sent to the NRI schools and colleges.



VIP VISITS:

Chinmaya Vijaya is blessed to have been visited by the leadership of the American Medical Association, including its Trustees, Past Presidents, and the President Elect. The CEO of the American Medical Association, Dr. Michael Maves has donated a piano for Chinmaya Vijaya. Many of our children are learning musical instruments and classical music, including piano.

Mr. Christopher Maves spent 6 months at Chinmaya Vijaya teaching piano, English, and computer classes. Miss Meghan Williams of Michigan spent 2 months at Chinmaya Vijaya teaching the children English and athletics. It is noteworthy that the former President of India, Sri Abdul Kalamji visited Chinmaya Vijaya on January 26th, 2010, the Republic Day. Abdul Kalamji pledged to sponsor meals on 1 day per year on his birthday.



ACHIEVEMENTS:

Eight of our students participated in Chinmaya Khel Mela in Coimbatore. It is most noteworthy that one of our students, Miss Jhansy won the gold medal in the long jump with just 10 days of practice! Now these children are practicing athletics on a regular basis and we plan to send a full contingent to participate in the 2010 Khel Mela.

