

Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

Happenings of August 2009

Dear Well-wishers,
Greetings from RTU.



Month of August was full of sports activities for three reasons: 1. it was our turn to conduct the zone level sports, 2. all the school zone level and district level sports were conducted, 3. sports competitions for RTU day celebrations are in full swing. Every school in the zone should take turn to conduct the sports. It is ours this year. Our physical education teachers with help of other teachers have well planned, organised and successfully completed the event. Our students participated in the zone and district level sports and won number of prizes.

We are celebrating the RTU day on 18th September. There used to be number of sports and stage competitions for the staff. All the staff are taking part in it. Next month I shall brief about this event further. With all these sports whole of August was like a month of sports.



Two important festivals were celebrated in a grand manner.

Krishna Jeyanthi (Birth of Lord Krishna) was celebrated in the schools and the CVs. The whole arrangement and the way the children paid homage to the live enactment of the Lord Krishna, all resembled the crib of the Christian world. The celebration in the Primary school was very excellent involving all the students.



Vinayagar Sathurthi (Birth of Lord Vinayagar) was celebrated in grand manner. In all the schools and CVs special *poojas* and prayers were held on this occasion. A special food of the festival (*Kolukattai*) is prepared for this celebration and offered.

Child Care:

Miriam Children's Village was celebrating its 11th anniversary. It was marked by super dance performances of the children and a special dinner. Besides RTU staff, the local administrative authorities also came for the function.

An eight month old male child Ramachandran was admitted. His mother ran away from the family as she had gone mad and his father was 65 years old, who has already 17 year old son. He could not cope up with the small child and he was finding difficult even to feed him. He was referred by an NGO to us. Now he is in Jeevan Jyothi Hospice severely malnourished.

Education:



15th August was our Independence Day. As usual there was a spectacular display of dances and other exercises in the celebration. The local village administrative leaders also participated in it. On the same day our school was selected to give a dance programme in the District level Independence Day celebrations. Around 80 students participated in it and won the attraction of everyone on the stage.



Our Kabadi and Football teams have performed well in the zonal and district levels and preparing themselves for the higher level. A new mini-bus has been bought for the Nirmala Children's Village and Nirmala Primary School, Bodi. A certificate function of mobile tailoring was held at Alagarnayakkannpatti. It was our first place for the second mobile tailoring unit.

Community Development:



Annual general body meeting of Vidiyal Federation of all our SHGs was held in two blocks on 24 and 28. The representatives from SHGs took part in it.

Medical Department:

The staff went to NCV to give the routine medical check up. Their routine works in all the CVs and the schools plays important role to keep up the good health status. Regular dental camp was conducted in all three schools and gave good treatment.

Rural Housing:

As the intensive construction work was over at Kakanji Nagar, the further construction is carried out in the same area. Some maintenance works in houses of the old, blind and infirm people are being attended to. In that way 5 houses are repaired.

"I am Murugayee. I live in Kakanji Nagar with my husband and four children. Around 8 years back my husband met with an accident which left with an injury on his right leg. My last daughter also faced the same 18 months back and her right leg and stomach were damaged. To meet out these medical expenses I sent my two sons to other states for menial jobs. To earn the livelihood my husband was involving illegally selling drugs (marijuana) and imprisoned for 10 years. As I was in a hopeless situation RTU extended its supportive hands by providing me a decent house. I am ever thankful to RTU."



Following Kakanji Nagar, a new housing project has been started at Pushparani Nagar which is the extension of Vellaiyammalpuram near Chinnamanur. The government has given free land to the people who live in Vellaiammalpuram. People were living here in miserable huts for past two years. It is around 30 km from NCV. We are planning to build 65 houses. The works are on the progress.

Estate:

All the works that were pointed out by the internal auditors were successfully completed. They made good efforts to buy a new bus for the best competitive price.

End of this month I am away from RTU visiting Germany and England for three weeks. Therefore you will receive the next "Happenings" at the beginning of November. May God bless you!

Yours fraternally

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