

Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

Happenings of January 2009

Dear Well-wishers,

Greetings from RTU. January was very cool in its climate here making everyone to resort to the pullovers, shawls, bonnets etc in the early morning hours.

On January 1st the New Year was celebrated in all the CVs with cultural programmes. Thus our children welcomed the New Year 2009 with cheer and joy. In the first week of January our Christmas child "Dharshana" came back from Jeevan Jyothi healthy to SCV. This was also an added joy in this month.

There was a week long IDC (Inter Departmental Committee) meetings. Here departmental activities are evaluated by the other departments. This has contributed to the growth of RTU. Since the other staff knew the systems of RTU, they do an excellent job in evaluation. It is done in here twice in a year.



January 14th is *Pongal* (harvest festival). It is a thanksgiving feast for the good harvest and homage is paid to the nature especially to the sun. It is very important festival of Tamil speaking community and it is also declared as Tamil New Year. Grand celebrations were held in

the schools both in Kallupatty and in Bodi. This was also celebrated in all the CVs in a grand manner. In MCV the children got up early in the morning and ready with *pongal* a kind of rice pudding to be offered to the Sun God. By this act the whole nature is remembered gratefully for its contribution to the human society and thus this festival reminds one to be more eco-friendly.

CVs:

New Year celebrations were held in all the CVs with cultural programmes. All the mothers and the children welcomed the New Year with joy and enthusiasm. Gardens in Sirumalar CV and Miriam CV look beautiful and lot of initiatives are taken by the managers and the mothers to improve. Brother's surprise prizes for the good gardens have also become a good tonic for the mothers. In Anbu Illam the garden was always maintained well and the visitors marvelled at.



Education:



January 26th was the Republic Day of India. It was celebrated in a very meaningful way. Together with hoisting of the

national flag there were spectacular drills and cultural programmes which lasted for 2 hours. All the four schools together participated in the function in Kallupatti and in Bodi, Brother was presiding over the function.

Our students attended the reciting competitions in Batlagundu and won number of prizes. Congratulations to the students and teachers who trained them. Half-yearly reports of the students were sent to the parents and this keep the parents informed of the students' progress in the school.

Certificates were issued to the students of tailoring. After learning 6 months their hands do miracle in handwork and tailoring. The trainees were full of contentment and joy at this ceremony.

Housing:



In January 4 houses were constructed and house warming ceremony was held.

Industry:



A design development workshop was organised by IFFAD, Chennai, Ms. Dayana a Fashion designer with other 2 staff took part. They developed some designs

from the waste yarns. Even though the samples were from waste materials, the products were very beautiful. Hope this will fetch new orders for the artisans. The warping system has been changed from conventional to sectional warping method which needs less space. The room of tailoring and warping were interchanged to make it spacious.

Community Health:



On 13th youth day celebrations were held here and prizes were given to them. After a small break once again cultural programmes are arranged in the villages in order to create awareness

among the people. These programmes were conducted in two villages namely A. Vadipatti and JK Nagar.

Community Development:

All our SHGs come under one umbrella called “Vidial Federation”. General body meeting was held for the federation.



Our medical team their routine checkups in NCV and St. Peter’s Primary School. Their contribution to keep up general health of the RTU’s inmates as well as outsiders are praise worthy.

Month of February is full of Budget preparatory meetings. I come out in the next issue about it. Till then “Good bye”.

Yours fraternally
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Director.