

Personality Development Camp for children



The **AIM for Seva**, Udumalpet chapter along with **Lion's club** of Udumalpet organised a Personality Development Camp for children from the 16th to 22nd of April 2010 .

As many as 70 children in the age group 10-15 attended this camp. They were divided into different groups named after Indian patriotic leaders like Lala Lajpat Rai, Jhansi Rani etc.

This camp was organised with the view to instill the cultural, spiritual and national

values in children to whom these are not available in the routine curriculum.

The camp had guest lecturers who had rich patriotic fervour, social awareness and passion to teach the children.

The children were taught chanting of devotional slokas and thevaram, and organized games that would coordinate the mind and body.

Eminent lecturers unraveled to them the glorious past of Bharat by introducing the heroes who made history happen. They

explained to them the magnanimity of Hinduism and its contribution to mankind at this time when profanity towards it was advocated in the name of secularism.

Swami Chaitanyanandaji Maharaj, President of Swami Vivekananda ashram, Kanniakumari inaugurated the camp. In his inaugural address, Sri Swamiji explained to them the indelible contribution of our motherland to humanity.

Smt. Lakshmi Muthusamy of Appu Educational Trust had stayed all through the camp and taught the children on how to perform Pooja, She coordinated in the children performing the stage drama and lectured on Hanuman Bhakthi and 14 fold Vedic knowledge.

Sri Muraliji of Amirtha Institute spoke on the characters in the great epics Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Dr.Siddarthji of Dept.of Public Health, Pondicherry spoke on what was success and gave them the formula for the success..

Sri.Selvamji, Trational Yoga Instructor, conducted yoga, meditation and mind power games also.

Sri. Bharati of Panchajanya, Centre for Holistic Development of Children recalled the life and works of great Rishis of India, their researches, and said failure to recognise their glory was the cause for the present day cultural degeneration. He also taught the children games to coordinate the mind and body.

Sri. Jaikumar, Higher Secondary Teacher from Nagercoil, spoke at length on the heroic leaders who worked in the salvation of this country, their selfless sacrifices, the divinity that was hidden within them, their faith ,the tremendous spirit that thrilled them to dare and die for the Universal Truth and the ideologies that trained them to become immortals.

Sri. Balakrishanan ji, Oduvar from Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikkati stayed all through the camp and taught the children Paasurams and Devaram Hymns.

Apart from this there was a day for parents too,

Dr. Rajendiran , Psychologist, KMCH Coimbatore and Smt. Prema Rangachari, Bhavani Educational trust spoke on emotional intelligence in parenting and on handling adolescent children and their problem.

Pujya Swamiji graced the valedictory function held on the 22nd of April. In his benedictory address, Pujya Swamiji said that such personality development camps would help the children to acquire values that could turn them to be contributors to the society. He expressed his happiness in seeing the transformation in the participating children.

Swamini Gurupriyamataji of Atma Vidya Centre & Aim for Seva, Udumalpet organized this camp