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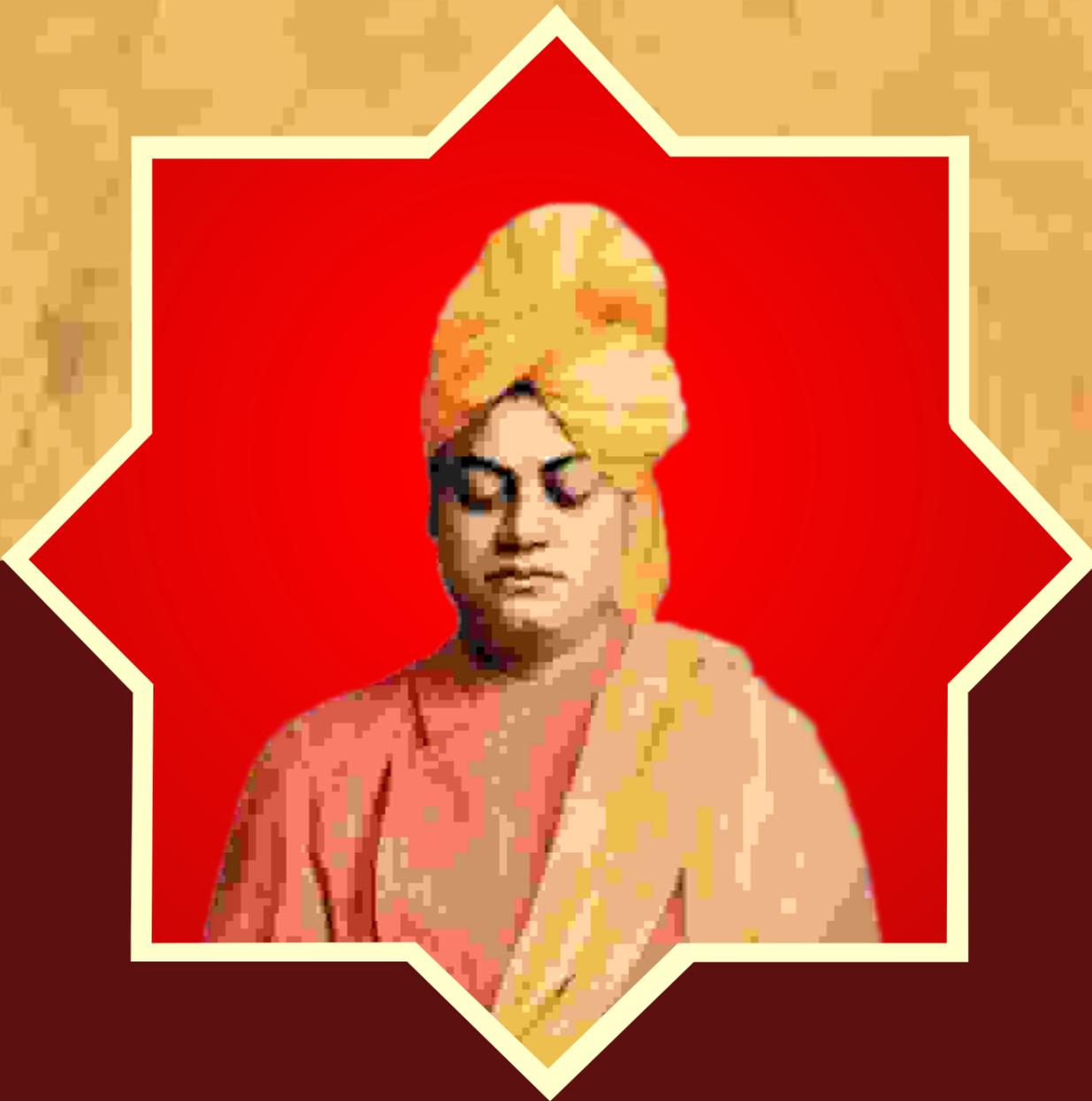
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Vivekdeep



SPECTRUM



**“Education is the manifestation of
perfection already in man.”**

- Swami Vivekananda

Message

Swami Shantatmananda



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8th March, 2021

Shri Arun Dey
Managing Trustee
Shri Ramakrishna Sangha
Dwarka, New Delhi.

Dear Shri Arun,

Message

Very glad to know that you are bringing out a souvenir titled 'Spectrum' to retrospect Vivekdeep's journey in the last five years. Yes, such efforts are very necessary both to understand how far one has travelled including the hurdles and obstacles overcome as well as to look ahead at the goal in view. Vivekdeep has truly been a blessing to young and impressionable minds in many ways. It has been able to light the lamp of infinite power, knowledge and glory in the hearts of underprivileged children. These efforts would truly awaken the children and enable them to become responsible citizens of our great motherland.

Wishing you and your team members all success in your noble endeavours.

Yours in service,
Shantatmananda
Swami Shantatmananda
Secretary



"Unselfishness is more paying, only people have not the patience to practise it."

-Sw. Vivekananda



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Message

Arun, Managing Trustee



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Swami Vivekananda says that it is better to consciously act (upon your goal), no matter how miniscule the step is rather than spending time in elaboration and grandeur. Drawing inspiration from this, we decided to start our Social Impact Program under 'Vivekdeep' in 2014. What started as a small community-based program for children from the marginalized community around Dwarka, has now grown into a full-fledged community initiative that runs various engagements across the year. We have been very fortunate to receive patronage of our well wishers who have come forward to support the initiative whole heartedly and have played a huge role in bringing the Program this far. It has been a deeply satisfying journey for us and on our 5 Years Anniversary, we are pleased to launch 'Spectrum'- our brochure that captures glimpses of this journey. We express our deepest gratitude to all our Patrons and look forward to their continued enthusiasm and support in the years to come. With blessings of the Almighty, may we continue to grow in strength, capacity and intent to do our bit for the society and take the Program to greater heights.

Arun
Managing Trustee



Message

Rajib Roy, President



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Our scriptures say -या विद्या सा विमुक्तये Knowledge leads us to liberation. When we get knowledge in any field, we attain freedom from ignorance, so to say. But that is not all. True knowledge must have an effect on our psychology, by expanding our heart and inculcating a deep sense of fellow feeling. In other words, it frees us from ego and self-centredness. That is the true meaning of being knowlegable.

Vivekdeep was started in 2014 as an experiment to amalgamate Value Education and Academic Subjects and see its effects on personal and societal level. The experiment was conducted on a handful of underprivileged children. Not only the children rose to the occasion and produced phenomenal results, but the parents too were awestruck by witnessing their holistic development. Needless to say, we also learnt several things during this experiment. It was indeed a liberation from many inhibitions. Till date, Vivekdeep has touched more than 1000 lives!

Several kind-hearted people and organisations came forward, and it is owing to their benevolence at personal level or CSR at institutional level that we could conduct online classes unhindered during the COVID 19 pandemic. Sw. Vivekananda said, "Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man". The performances of our students as captured in the following pages and presented to you in the form of Spectrum, epitomises our effort of past seven years in bringing out that inherent perfection. We pray to the Lord so that our students grow up to sensible citizens and be true ambassadors of **Vivekdeep!**

Rajib Roy,
President

We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet.

GENESIS

In one of our casual talks in 2014, where we were discussing the present deplorable situation of the society, did we realise that we were equally at fault for this misery. For, howsoever hard we are trying to lead a righteous life in our own manner, we are not contributing anything to our society. The great patriot saint, Swami Vivekananda's words resounded in our ears, "They only live, who live for others". We knew we had to do something but did not know which way to proceed.

Even after many deliberations when we did not see any light at the end of the tunnel, we looked inside and found a light there. It was decided that an experiment would be started at a small scale with some underprivileged boys from the nearby slum. Accordingly, 25 undernourished boys aged between 10 and 15 years with no self-esteem were selected after vigorously persuading their parents. Thus, the Social Impact Project, **Vivekdeep** was born.

There was no dearth of people discouraging us. However, neither the leaking tin shed of a garage under which we assembled daily, nor the scorching Delhi Sun could dampen our spirits. Our task was daunting - to inculcate moral values in the young minds. It was done in a unique manner while teaching Mathematics, Science and English or playing educational games or singing songs. It was food for the hungry minds. Nutritious breakfast was given and prayer and meditation became essential components of our syllabus. Thus, we catered to hungry body, mind and soul, altogether.

Within 3 months, the boys gained weight as well as self-confidence. They recited prayers without any hitch. The sparkle in their eyes were testimony enough to prove that we were in the right direction.

It took us 6 long years and thrice change of place to start a Girls' Section and a Computer Lab. People from far and wide have extended their helping hands and taken Vivekdeep from success to success. Spectrum is a pictorial representation of Vivekdeep's journey since its inception.

Vivekdeep is still taking baby steps but through this 'Deep' we intend to light many lights for years to come. That's our humble contribution towards Nation Building.





ACTIVITIES

2014 & 15

The 1st year was marked by several significant events in the history of Vivekdeep. The most important one was the Inauguration of Vivekdeep which happened in Apr 2014. The followers of Swami Vivekananda, well wishers of Vivekdeep, the students and their parents – all were exuberant in becoming a part of this uncommon project. A seed was sown.

The second event of prominence was our 1st Annual Day Celebration. Our Resource Persons toiled hard in preparing the students perform on stage for the first time in their lives. Neither the students, nor their parents or the spectators believed that they could perform so well to draw huge appreciation from one and all. It was an event to recognise our inherent potential.

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2014 & 15

Of course, regular activities like meditation, prayer and classes on Science, Mathematics and English were conducted daily. Saturdays were reserved for Music and Educational games. Healthy breakfast was distributed at the end of the class, everyday. Republic Day was celebrated with utmost patriotic fervour. The students thoroughly enjoyed their first Educational Tour to Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi.

