



Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada / Sitanagaram

A Brief Report on Jagruti Cultural Competitions commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita

In connection with 150th birth anniversary of Sister Nivedita, we conducted Jagruti cultural quiz competitions based on life of Sister Nivedita, life of Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda – A Friend of All (Telugu). Around 11600 students from 166 schools belonging to 18 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States participated in the competitions. Preliminary written tests were conducted in the respective schools and 4 students from each school were selected for finals. Around 450 students accompanied by 150 teachers / parents from 118 schools attended the finals conducted on 12 November 2017 in our Sitanagaram campus. The day started with hoisting the flag designed by Sister Nivedita, oath and reading from Sister's works. Two talks were followed by the competitions and a film show on Sister Nivedita. Dinner, breakfast and accommodation was provided for outstation students. Lunch was provided to all.

Swami Sashikantananda and Swami Sannivasananda, Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada addressed the gathering. Prizes worth Rs.56,000/- containing books and cash were distributed among the winners. Free books worth Rs.23400/- were also distributed to all the participants. One-way fare (Rs.39,000/-) was reimbursed to first 50 merit groups (250 persons). Gift packs worth approx. Rs.25,000/- consisting of life history of Sister Nivedita (big size), laminated picture of Swami Vivekananda with his quotation and calendar were presented to 118 participant schools.

Books' exhibition and sale was organized and Rs.13,500/- worth of books were purchased by students and teachers.