VIVEKANANDA TEACHER TRAINING & RESEARCH CENTRE, Hosahalli
(A Unit of SVYM)

Beeramballi Post, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District.
Vivekananda Teacher Training and Research Centre (VTTRC) a unit of SVYM, established in 2006 runs a 2 year Diploma in Education (D. Ed) program with an annual intake of 50 students of which 10 seats are reserved for the forest based tribes. A majority of the students are from the SC and ST communities of the taluk. The college is 40 kilometers away from Heggadadevana Kote.

Goal: To train local youth to be versatile, research oriented, humane, effective, reflective and professional teachers/ facilitators

Objectives

- To enable student teachers to bring about meaningful integration between theory and practice in education.
- To develop desirable competencies and adequacies to move in the direction of becoming an effective teacher.
- To nurture amongst the students soft skills/life skills like self awareness, effective communication, empathy, self confidence etc.
- To kindle research interest and support students in developing their competency for undertaking Research related to Education.
- To develop capabilities of becoming humane and reflective practitioners.
- To develop abilities to hone up communication skills, demonstrate desirable attitudes and dispositions, which are necessary to become an effective teacher with needed conviction.
- To provide a platform for student teachers to realize that every classroom teaching experience is a context specific one, which requires individual specific adaptations.
- To train student teachers in becoming effective teachers in real classroom settings.
- To provide placement opportunities for all the student teachers in turn empowering the local community.

Curriculum

In the first year, the student teachers are introduced to basic concepts of education covering the foundations of Education. In the present curriculum content cum methodology is visualized under the heading ‘Facilitating learning’ which covers Kannada, Mathematics & EVS at the lower primary level(i.e., 1st to 5th std) as all teachers are expected to teach all the three subjects in school and hence focused. The curriculum provides opportunities for developing communication skills in English along with ‘educational assessment and evaluation’ through training in the Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE). A comprehensive understanding of health and physical education leading to improved physical, social, mental and emotional
fitness is vital to the holistic development of every child is also emphasized. The present curriculum introduces a set of courses called ‘Teacher Development Studies’ (TDS), ‘Arts in Education’ and ‘Reflective Practices’ to make student-teachers sensitive to the needs of identifying and using different art forms in making teaching-learning enjoyable and productive. ‘Reflective Practices’ enables student-teachers to understand the need and importance of reflective practices and facilitates them to plan for a reflective career.

In the second year, there are three courses under ‘Teacher Development Studies- ‘ICT mediation in education’, ‘Education for Peace’ & ‘Work and education’ to make teaching-learning more attractive and productive by way of integrating ICT mediation, understanding the intrinsic meaning and purpose of education. To provide space for student teachers to show case their talents, time is allotted for cultural activities, ‘games’ and ‘NSS activities’. The heart of the teacher preparation programme lies in ‘Practice in teaching and Internship’. In first year practice in teaching and internship would focus on the lower primary level, while in the second year practice in teaching and internship would focus on the higher primary level. Practice in teaching by student teachers is under the supervision of teacher educators and internship would involve supervision by both the teacher educators and mentor teachers.

Thus, the college focuses on the professional preparation of student teachers with the aim of making them humane, reflective, versatile and effective teachers.

Other Activities:

The Institution provides opportunities to all students to engage in Sports both outdoor and indoor, literacy and cultural competitions, Exposure visits, camps, NSS activities etc.

Facilities

Classroom
The college has subject-based classrooms. The student teachers learn their respective methodologies in the respective rooms having all the materials needed for them in the classroom library and resource corner at the classroom.

Science Lab
The college has well equipped science labs- for Physics & Chemistry & Biology. All the students explore themselves the wonders of science around them on a weekly basis.

Computer Lab
The college trains student teachers in technology by keeping the board prescribed curriculum of computer knowledge by integrating the computer learning with the languages. The students will be computer literates by the time they complete the course.
Library
The college has a well-equipped library with 9,500 documents. It consists of books, CDs & audio cassettes, charts-multimedia on variety of subjects. The library subscribes to a variety of newspapers- daily and weeklies, which are being available in Kannada and English. The Library is open to its members on all six days, except on the holidays. Library operates as per the college schedule.

Playground
There is a playground of 2 acres in size having volleyball court, throwball court, kabbadi court, kho-kho court and multisport field helpful to play cricket, football, rug bee, etc

Residential quarters for staff
The college provides residential facility with reasonable furnishing. This creates a culture at the campus in learning and has teachers’ residence in the campus, which facilitates learning and discipline.

Hostel
There is separate hostel for girls and boys with basic furnishing. The college cafeteria provides good hygienic and nutritious food. The hostel follows a timetable, which helps in the personality development. There is time for meditation, yoga, prayer, sports, study, watching news and movies.

Scholarship
The student teachers of SC, ST and OBC category are provided with scholarship from Social welfare department every year.

College Break Up 2013-14

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Report for the Month of April-2013

On 9th & 10th April 2013, the college organized a Citizenship Training Camp for the 2nd year D.Ed. Trainees. The venue was at Kaliyuva Mane, a unit of Divya Deepa Charitable Trust, Mysore. It is an alternative school for underprivileged, dispossessed & slum children. 27 trainees & 4 staff were the beneficiaries of the camp. The inauguration of the camp was done by Mr. Ananthu, the trustee of Divya Deepa Charitable Trust & Head of Kaliyuva Mane. He oriented the participants about his school. In his inaugural speech, he shared the merits & limitations of alternative schools. Every day the hoisting of the flag at dawn was followed by service-oriented work like cleaning the campus, agriculture, milking, etc. The camp talked from great personalities like Dr. M A Balasubramanya, CEO, SVYM who talked about the qualities of a leader, Mr. Sateesh, DMS, Mysore who gave presentation on ‘The values that make a teacher great’ & Ms. Malathi H D, Education Co-ordinator, SVYM. She also presided the valedictory function. The two Days camp gave lot of insight to the trainees & refreshment to the trainees.

From 24th to 30th April 2013, Mr. Aroon Surya, a volunteer at Sree Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Shivanahalli volunteered at the college. He helped the trainees in learning communicative English. His classes boosted the confidence & they made a documentary movie of the college
during his second session between 5th and 25th May. The college & organization appreciated his contributions to the college.

On 30th April 2013, Mr. Prakash, Principal, Vidyavardaka College, Bengaluru, gave a motivational talk by sharing his experiences as a facilitator. All the trainees & faculty of the college were really motivated & appreciated themselves for opting education field. He added that a facilitator should always think in the perceptive of a student, continuous learner, active & passionate always.

Report for the Month of May- 2013

On 7th to 9th April 2013, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement [SVYM] & Azim Premji University [APU] conducting a survey on nutrition collaboratively. Hence, there was a workshop held at V Lead related to its plan & implementation. Mr. Mahesh P, Mr. Keshavamurthy B C & Mr. Vasudevachar G participated in the workshop & were benefited from the proceedings. This survey is conducted to know the nutrition level among the children of 1st std to 5th std. The resource persons were Mr. Raghuveer, Mrs. Usha from APU & Mr. Doreraju from GRAAM. This project has selected few schools in H D Kote taluk to survey the nutrition level in mid day meals, hygiene & sanitation at schools.

On 10th May 2013, Karnataka Education Network [KEN] an Educationist group, visited the college to assess the mobilization of the resources provided by them earlier. Mr. Sunil got orientation of the college by the Principal & later he interacted with the trainees regarding the application of the resource materials. He collected the information regarding the usage of materials. He also cleared few doubts of the trainees.

On 21st May 2013, the college organized a workshop on ‘Managing Special Children in the classes. Mrs. Shobha Managoli, Psychologist, Bengaluru was the resource person. All the trainees & staff actively took part in the workshop. In the workshop, she addressed the characteristics of special children like learning disability-reading, writing & expressing deficiency. She emphasized on giving experiential learning & case studies were encouraged.

On 31st May 2013, the college organized a talk on ‘Traffic Rules & its Uses’. Dr. A S N Murthy, who is a Transport Engineer, who works in US, was the resource person. All the trainees & faculty of the college were benefited from his talk. It was very interactive talk where there was a platform for the trainees to clear their questions & regarding the safeties in their travelling. Dr. Murthy made the trainees get familiarized with the rules to be followed by the pedestrians, importance of the traffic rules & uses of seat belt.
Report for the Month of June- 2013

On 1st June 2013, Ms. Triveni E H reported to college as English Teacher Educator. She was oriented about the activities of the College by Mr. Mahesh P, Principal of the College.

On 5th June 2013, the Co-ordination Committee from DIET visited the college. Ms. Kamala, Senior lecture & Mr. Shivamadappa, Vice Principal represented the DIET in evaluating the performance of the trainees & the faculty. Mr. Mahesh, the principal of the college greeted the board members accompanied with his team. The introduction of the faculty was done & the principal submitted the assessment data. The board first witnessed the Teaching Learning Materials [TLMs] prepared by the trainees & later called five trainees individually to assess their content knowledge of the course. In the individual assessment, few spoke very confidently & were appreciated. The board representatives accepted the assessment done by the college & suggested to submit the same except two trainees. The panel was impressed by the work of the trainees but suggested the college to focus more on content enrichment other than their methods opted and also added to have more working models. Ms. Kamala suggested the trainees to have the knowledge of applying the learnt to the classes & day-to-day activities. The team praised the college for the weightage given for co-curricular subjects. The group lastly interacted with the trainees & wished the very best for their future exams.

On the very same day, Mr. Anantharam, Music teacher reported to the college & encouraged the trainees to sing few bhajans & folk songs.

From 11th to 15th June 2013, the trainees are having preparatory examinations. The objective of the preparatory examination is to make the trainees get familiarized with the pattern of question paper, answering way & improve their writing skills.

From 17th to 20th June 2013, the trainees had their practical examinations at few schools namely Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning - Hosahalli, GHPS- Jackahalli, GHPS- Gandathur, GHPS- N Begur & GHPS, Kenchanahalli. The schools were very co-operative in arranging classes & allotting external examiner.

On 22nd June 2013, SVYM organized a workshop on ‘Writing Skills & life Skill’ at VSOE for the educational institutions run by it. The trainees & staff of VTTRC were benefited. Ms. Shobha Managoli, Child Psychologist from Bengaluru was the resource person. At the workshop the participants learnt the 10 skills recommended by WHO &UNESCO- Problem solving skill, Communication skill, Empathy, Creative thinking, Self awareness, Interpersonal Skills, Critical thinking, management of emotions & management of stress.

On 21st & 22nd June 2013, Karnataka Education Network organized a workshop on ‘Principles of Education by Rabhindranath Tagore’ at Dwanyaloka, Mysore. Mr. Vasudevachar, Teacher Educator took
part in the occasion. The session focused on inculcating & spreading the values & principles of education.

On 29th June 2013, the trainees performed Saraswathi Pooja & had the blessings of Goddess Saraswathi. Mr. Shivanna, Headmaster, Govt. High School, Kenchanahalli was the chief guest of the program & Mr. Mahesh P, the principal of the college presided the program. In this juncture the students had an opportunity to share their experiences at the college. Later the chief guest issued the admission tickets for the trainees for the forthcoming board examinations. The chief guest addressed the trainees that they have opted a divine course & should be passionate.

Report for the Month of July- 2013

From 1st to 12th July 2013, the faculty of the college had H D Kote taluk’s Lower Primary School children nutritional status survey and admission visits for the nearby villages.

From 4th to 12th July 2013, the annual board examinations were commenced. Twenty-one & twenty-seven students from 1st Year & 2nd Year respectively appeared for the examinations at Mysore. Totally 47 students are writing their exams.

On 4th July 2013, SVYM organised a workshop on ‘Understanding Learning & learning styles’. Mr. Mahesh, the principal & Ms. Triveni, Teacher Educator represented the college. Dr. R Balasubramaniam, Founder President & Chairman, SVYM was the recourse person. The participants got to know about the working of brain, happening of learning especially among children & learning styles of children.

On 12th July 2013, the volunteers from Cornell University - the Students of International Labour Research [ILR] Ms. Ashley Estrada & Phoebe Sam presented their analysis study of our college goals & objectives, its academic excellence, facilities utilized by the community, etc.

On 15th & 16th July 2013, SVYM organized a workshop ‘Leadership & Qualities of a Leader’. Dr. R Balasubramaniam, the Founder President & Chairman, SVYM was the resource person. 27 members from different projects of SVYM participated in the workshop. Mr. Vasudevachar represented the college in the workshop. The participants were oriented towards the definition of leader, qualities of a leader, types of leaders- formal & informal, drives in leadership- Acquired, Borned, Knowledge & …….

There are three types of leaders-socialized self-authorized & self transformed. Technical & Adaptive leadership qualities were also made known. This was very useful for the college as the college is training teachers where they are going to be the future leaders in front of small groups.

From 19th to 28th July 2013, the Youth Empowerment & Sports Department organized Life Skill training at Youth Sports & Training Centre, Kumbalagodu, Bengaluru. Ms. Triveni, Teacher Educator, took part in the training. The training gave insight about Universe of youth, youth in Karnataka, life skills education need & importance – Self-awareness, Empathy & management of emotions, role of facilitator, etc. It was an experiential learning session of ten days. There the participants were asked to design the classes of life skills education for their target audience.
On 23rd July 2013, Mr. Mahesh P, the Principal called staff meeting to discuss on the issues like new syllabus, plan for next academic year, admission process, subject & period allotment, etc.

From 25th to 31st July 2013, the annual vacation for staff was announced.

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**Report for the Month of August- 2013**

On 1st August 2013, the college was re-opened after annual vacation & the admission process was commenced. Thirteen students got admission for the course.

On the same day, Mr. Mahesh P & Ms. Triveni shared about the new syllabus & life skill training highlights to the Staff respectively.

On 15th August 2013, the College celebrated the Independence Day with lot of pride, honour & enthusiasm very meaningfully. The college campus was very appealing with decoration & the student teachers enthusiastically celebrating the National festival. Mr. Puttasomachar, an ex-soldier, Indian Army, N Begur & Mr. Venkatesh, President, Jeevan Jyothi Trust, an NGO in H D Kote were the guest who hoisted our tricolor followed by National Anthem, Flag song, Vande Matharam & State song. Later we had a conversation with Mr.Puttasomachar about his experiences as a soldier in Indian Army. He shared about his entry to army, training, the challenges he faced during wars & the great escapes in bomb blasts. The student teachers asked lot of questions to know answers for the questions that arose in their minds. Mr.Venkatesh narrated the story of the origin of his NGO & said that qualification not so important to serve the community, more than that concern & Caring heart is important. After a while the student teachers sung a patriotic song & enacted a drama of pre independence period. Mr. Mahesh, the Principal of the college presented the rich heritage, culture & uniqueness of India using a ppt.

On 22nd August 2013, Dr. M A Balasubramanya, CEO, SVYM visited the college accompanied by Ms. Malathi H D, Education Head, SVYM. They interacted with the staff about the status of the college in the district, the admission status and the future action plan for development.

From 26th to 31st August 2013, the District Institution for Education & Training, Mysore conducted training for a week on the revised syllabus of the D. Ed course. The need & importance of change in the syllabus, the methodologies, content & source materials were made known to the participants. The sessions like CCE, activities to enhance English communication skills, integration of art with subjects, constructivism concepts in learning i.e., 5E concept- Engage, Explore, Express, Expand & Evaluate, were of utmost importance. Mr. P Mahesh, the principal, Ms. Swarooparani, Mr. P Raju & Ms. Triveni participated in the training.

On 31st August 2013, the student teachers attended the workshop on ‘Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation’ (CCE) at Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning, Hosahalli. The Resource person was Mrs. Triveni, Pre Service Training section, DIET, Mysore. The student teachers were oriented to CCE with various
Report for the Month of September- 2013

From 2nd to 7th September 2013, the District Institution for Education & Training, Mysore conducted training for a week on the revised syllabus of the D. Ed course. The need & importance of change in the syllabus, the methodologies, content & source materials were made known to the participants. The sessions like CCE, activities to enhance English communication skills, integration of art with subjects, constructivism concepts in learning i.e., 5E concept- Engage, Explore, Express, Expand & Evaluate, were of utmost importance. Mr. Keshavamurthy & Mr. Vasudevachar took part in the meet.

On 4th September 2013, SVYM organized a workshop on ‘Right to Education’. Dr. Niranjanaradhya was the resource person. In this workshop, Mr. Mahesh P & Ms. Triveni participated in the workshop. The rules, the policies & laws in favour of children’s education were made known to the participants.

On 5th September 2013, the student teachers at the college celebrated Teachers’ Day. They greeted their teachers & teacher educators at the college, organized few fun games, quiz & distributed sweets. The Great Teacher Dr. Radhakrishna’s commitment & contributions were commemorated. The Day’s celebration was remarkable & impressive.

On 13th & 14th September 2013, SVYM organized a workshop on ‘Enlightened Leadership’ Dr. R Balasubramaniam, the Founder President & Chairman, SVYM was the resource person. 20 members from different projects of SVYM participated in the workshop. Mr. Mahesh, the principal represented the college in the workshop. The participants were oriented towards the definition of leader, qualities of a leader, types of leaders- formal & informal, drives in leadership- Acquired, Borne & Knowledge. There are three types of leaders-socialized, self authorized & self transformed. Technical & Adaptive leadership qualities were also made known. This was very useful for the college as the college is training teachers where they are going to be the future leaders in front of small groups.

On 15th September 2013, the college organized a ‘college orientation to the Community’ camp at Lanke, a village in the border of H D Kote & Nanjanagud taluk. The objective of the camp was to orient the community about the college, its objectives, the facilities afforded to the trainees especially for the rural SC &ST categories, etc. According to this the first camp was organized at Lanke, the village having the population of 1500 belonging to Schedule Tribe & Caste. In this juncture the gram panchayat members, village heads, youth groups, ex-students of the college, staff & public were present. The community visited the college & appreciated the college & organization for its entire works & promised to lend their hands for its development. The camp was very successful by the community participation & also the members of Outreach & Nairmalyavahini projects of SVYM.

On 20th September 2013, the RV consortium, Shivanahalli Ramakrishna School & Seva in Action, Bengaluru visited the college & had interviews for their schools & other projects. Mrs. Brunda & team interviewed the trainees of VTTRC & selected six candidates for the second round of interview on 3rd
October 2013. The team was happy in the campus interview program & gave few suggestions for the candidates regarding technology & English. The campus interview program was witnessed by Ms. Malathith, Head of Institution Based Education Program [IBEP], SVYM & the Principal.

On 23rd September 2013, the college organized a general check up for the trainees. Dr. Arundathi, Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Kenchanahalli checked the general health condition of the trainees. Later, she gave orientation about healthy & proper brushing style, tips for controlling dandruff & pimples, etc.

**Report for the Month of October- 2013**

On 1st October 2013, the education committee of the college conducted an essay competition on the eve of Gandhi Jayanthi. The topic was ‘The role of Gandhi in Freedom Movement’. All the trainees participated in the contest. The winners Mahesh, Bhanupriya & Asha were felicitated on ‘Gandhi Jayanthi’.

On 2nd October 2013, the trainees celebrated ‘Gandhi Jayanthi’ with due respect & fervor. They had mass bhajans praising Gandhi; skit depicting the values followed & preached by the ‘Father of the Nation’, Speeches on Gandhi’s life history & his achievements in the freedom movement. Mr. Vasudevachar spoke about Gandhi’s principles & the world is celebrating his birthday as International Day of Non-Violence’.

From 12th to 20th October 2013, the college announced ‘Dasara Vacation’. The teacher educators gave the projects & assignments for the trainees in their respective subjects.

On 18th & 19th October 2013, the Karnataka Education Network organization a talk on ‘The Educational Principles of Gandhiji’ at Bala Balaga School in Darwad. Mr. Mahesh P, the principal of the college attended the workshop & Mr. Gananath & Ms. Mythili were the recourse persons. He got acquainted in organic farming & small scale industries. He participated in group discussion regarding the principles of education, role of small scale industries & community development, etc. There were also talks by experts on simple and comfortable living.

From 21st to 26th October, the trainees had their first theory assessments. The students’ performance was remarkably good as they had lot of time to revise due to vacation in the previous week.

**Report for the Month of November- 2013**

On 1st November 2013, the college celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava at a hill station & local holy place called Chikkadevammanahill. In addition to this the program had trekking, NSS activity of cleaning the temple premises under the heritage club activity. The temple trust was very happy to know the agenda & the objective of the program. They were supportive & praised the organization & college for
organizing such a sensitive needy program, which in turn awakens the local community. On this program Mr. Skeerasagar, Mr. Rangaraju, a high school teacher, Mr. Siddaraju & Mr. Somaiah, tribal Chieftain, Motha, were the chief guests of the program addressed the trainees about the history, importance of Kannada language & the ways of developing a language.

12th & 13th November 2013, DIET Bangalore organized a workshop to prepare learning materials for the differently abled/ multiple disabilities children for inclusive education at RV Consortium Bangalore. Mr. Raju P represented the college in this workshop.

On 29th & 30th November 2013, Smt. Radhamani, Bangalore the retired D. Ed principal & the academic advisor of VTTRC visited the college & guided the faculty in new syllabus of 1st year, action research, practice in teaching & internship.

Report for the Month of December- 2013

On 3rd December 2013, the second year D. Ed twenty trainees were sent to internship. They were allotted to 13 schools in the taluk which include government, government ashram, private & private residential schools from December 2013 to February 2014. [VSOE, Saragur-2, VTCL, Hosahalli-3, GHPS, Gendathur-1, GHPS, kenchanalall-2, St. Mary’s, H D Kote -3, Ashram school, Bheemanahalli-1, GHPS, Agathur-1, Ashram school, Udboo-1, Ashram School, Kebbepura-2, GHPS, Bankvadi-1, GHPS, Hampapura-1,Ashram School, Penjahalli-1 & Ashram School-1].

On 4th December 2013, the college organized a workshop on ‘New techniques in teaching & differences between old & new techniques’. The resource person was Ms. Shobha Managoli, a clinical child Psychologist. The students of 1st year & 2nd year were benefitted by this workshop as they were going to the internship & practice in teaching.

On 6th December 2013, the first year D.Ed trainees were allotted for School observation as a pre-practice teaching activity. Here the students were given instructions to observe the school activities, classroom teaching, roles of headmaster, class teacher & teacher. This should be known to the trainees before practice in teaching, which makes them understand the system of the school. Hence, the students were sent to Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning, Hosahalli and Government Higher Primary School, Agathuru.

From 7th to 12th December 2013, the college called Mr. Lokesh, the ex-student of VTTRC as a resource person for ‘Communication Skills’. The students of 1st year were oriented about the communication skills in different subjects like Science, Kannada and Math.

On 12th December 2013, the DIET [District Institute for Education &Training, Mysore called the faculty for a teleconference organized by DSERT about the 1st year D. Ed’s, communication skills development, practice in teaching & internship. The entire faculty from the college took part in it. The resource persons were Dr. Kumaraswamy, Smt. Mythili, Smt. Geetha & Venkatesh Murthy.
On 16th December 2013, Mr. Ramnath, Cluster Resource Person, Madapura was called to the college as a resource person in Nali Kali. He gave a clear picture of Nali kali from its inception to its growth till now. It was a day’s workshop, in the first session theory was done and in the second session he took all the first year D.Ed. trainees & faculty to Government Primary School, Jakkahalli to observe practical implementation of Nali Kali.

From 18th to 24th December 2013, the trainees of first year were oriented on microteaching skills like skill of introduction, skill of stimulus variation, skill of questioning, skill of explaining with illustration and skill of closure. Ms. Malathi, IBEP head guided the teacher educators on every single skill and the student tried their level best to imbibe the skills.

On 26th December 2013, the three member committee from District Institution for Education & Training [DIET] inspected the college regarding admissions of first year, classroom functioning and interacted with the students.

On 27th & 28th December 2013, the first year trainees went to Viveka Tribal centre for Learning & observed the classes on Math, Kannada & Environmental Science.

On 30th December 2013, Karnataka Education Network organized a workshop ‘Teacher Education and innovative practices in classroom’ at Bengaluru. In the first session, Prof. Deckworth gave a demo class to show learning happens without giving clues, non judgmental situation & giving ample opportunities to children to think. In the second session, Mr. Gopal Krishnamurthy talked on present challenges in our education system, teacher trainings & classroom practices. In the afternoon session, Ms. Padma Saragapani & Dr. Mythili briefed about the teacher education, NCF-2005, critical classroom practices, etc. This workshop was very informative & educative as ours was a teacher training college & helped in reflecting our activities.

Report for the Month of January- 2014

On 1st January 2014, the first year D.Ed trainees had simulated teaching. The simulated teaching had some flexibility that the trainees had simulated teaching first day for their peers and later were given first hand experiences at various schools like Viveka Tribal centre for Learning[VTCL], Hosahalli, Government Higher Primary School[GHPS], Gandathur and N Begur. They shared that it was an amazing experience with variety of learners along with challenging situations & questions.

On 7th January 2014, the teacher educators namely Mr. Vasudevchar, Mr. Keshavamurthy and Mr. Raju gave demo classes in Environmental Science, Math and Kannada at Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning based on 5E model [Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate and Evaluate] for the trainees and VTCL staff. This was a very important activity for students as it was a shift in methodology from Chaithanya to 5E. Most of the trainees observed the model and got confidence to take up practice in teaching.
From 9th to 31st January 2014, the college sent its trainees to Practice in Teaching to three schools – GHPS Gendathur, N Begur and Basapura. The trainees were divided into three groups to three schools to facilitate three subjects one subject at each school and rotate the subjects after a week. Meanwhile the subject mentors visited their schools and had immediate reflections in three levels- self, peer and mentor reflections accordingly.

On 23rd January 2014, the college celebrated Vivekananda Jayanthi as per hindu calendar. On the eve of his 151 birth year, Swamiji’s statue was installed and unveiled by Reverend Swami Sri Nirmalanandanathana, Adi Chunchanagiri Matt and the chief guests Prof Anurag Thyagi Vice President, CSRX India Ltd, Bangalore, Mr. Mudalimadaiah, tribal chieftain, Dr. M R Seetharam, President, SVYM along with the Swamiji Someshwara, Mysore matt and Swamiji Shivananda, Chunchanakaatte matt graced this program.

Reverend Swamiji in his short speech praised the institution for its initiative in developing the adivasi community and the commitment & passion of the founders and the faculty in translating their vision into action. Swamiji addressed the gathering on the value of service and need of knowledge particularly Science quoting few incidents from Swami Vivekananda’s life. Mr. Mudalimadaiah gave an awareness speech to the tribal community that they should join hands with SVYM continuously if they want to develop and progress in future as the organization is working for their upliftment since 28 years. Prof. Anurag Thyagi appreciated the organization for its amazing initiative in tribal development and praised the integration of Introduction of Basic Technology [IBT] in the school. He also assured that he will support IBT program.

Dr. M R Seetharam, President, SVYM, in his presidential talk remembered the initial years of SVYM, challenges in its path of development and now its escalation in the state with more than 60 projects. On this occasion, the college felicitated the toppers in the D. Ed course i.e., Smt. Shruthi & Ms. Manjula of second year and Ms. Mamatha & Mr. Shivakumar of first year. Prof. Anurag Thyagi & Mr. Mudalimadaiah distributed the prize having an appreciation letter & cash of Rs. 1000/- for first prize & Rs. 500/- for second prize. The audience had a chance to view yoganaasa performed by VTCL children & a skit related to Swami Vivekananda by VTTRC trainees.

On the same day, in the afternoon session, the college celebrated ‘Deepadana’ – to issue the credentials of the course by lighting a lamp and taking an oath to be a humane reflective teacher in their future career. Students along with their parents received their certificates and shared their experiences at the college. Parents too had a forum to put forward their opinions and suggestions. Ms. Malathi, IBEP head, SVYM president the program and shared the future endeavours of the college, strategies followed and the support needed from the community in reaching the goal of the college.

On 26th January 2014, the college celebrated Republic Day in a very different way. The trainees and teacher educators joined the celebrations at their schools of Practice in teaching and Internship. Mr. Mahesh, the principal was called as a guest at Viveka School of Excellence and conducted a quiz on local heritage of the taluk for high school students.
On 27th January 2014, all the teacher educators attended the teleconference on ‘Action Research’ at DIET, Mysore organized by DSERT, Bengaluru. This cleared all the clouds we had in action research regarding steps involved in writing proposal, implementation and reporting. The resource persons were Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Hariprasad.

On 31st January 2014, Mrs. Triveni, the English teacher educator attended the teleconference on ‘Communication skills in English’ at DIET Mysore organized by DSERT, Bengaluru. She was oriented in syllabification, accent, intonation, language functions, functional grammar and phonetics by the resource persons- Mr. Ravinarayan, Mr. T Balasubramaniam and Mr. Shrinath.

Report for the Month of February- 2014

On 1st February 2014, the trainees of first & second year along with the faculty and Ms. Malathi, IBEP head had reflections of their Practice in Teaching [TP] and Internship. The reflections were in four levels- self reflection, peer reflection, mentor reflection and Ms. Malathi’s observations of TP & internship. Most of the trainees had grasped the essence of reflections & did critical reflections of self & peer. Few trainees needed orientation on reflective questions, the pattern of reflecting and in preparation of worksheets. Ms. Malathi advised the trainees to maintain the documents like unit plans, lesson plans, reflective journal and attendance. The trainees had challenges in implementing the 5E model method in teaching at the schools. This shows that the trainees had a strong conviction in 5E model in facilitation. Later the second year trainees shared their experiences of internship and their eagerness & curiosity of knowing 5E model method of teaching. Hence, in the 2nd session a demo class was given based on 5E model by Mr. Keshavamurthy and the first year trainees.

On 2nd February 2014, Ms. Shobha Managoli conducted a workshop on ‘Facilitation and Reflection’. Here the trainees were introduced to meaning, role, characteristics and the nature of facilitation and reflection. All the trainees, faculty and Ms. Malathi were present and got benefited. It was very useful for the trainees and staff as they had lot of confusions in reflective practices. The class on orientation was very essential as they needed to know before getting into 5 Es [Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate and Evaluate] model of instruction in a constructivist class.

On 3rd February 2014, the second year trainees were given orientation to write a unit plan based on the 5 E model by first year trainees. Much cross-learning and peer-learning took place in this session. But here we paired the first and second year trainees in orienting & writing. This gave us great pride and honour as our many days efforts were very fruitful. The first year trainees were very good enough to guide the seniors. We were happy to see the collaborative & co-operative learning in the college. The teacher educators used to guide only on request.

On 4th and 5th February 2014, Mr. Mahesh participated in the workshop on ‘Preparation of learning materials for diverse learners’ organized by RVEC and Seva in Action, at Bangalore rural DIET. Main objectives of the workshop were to develop teaching learning resources for 4th and 5th std students along with diverse learners. First day, they formed four groups based on subjects-Kannada,
Environmental Science, Math and Games to discuss and prepared list of learning resources in the 4th and 5th std. Second day, all groups prepared materials for inclusive education and demonstrated the same. It gave hands on experience in preparing learning resources for inclusive education. It was a great inspiration.

**From 5th February to March 13th 2014**, the first year trainees were allotted to twelve schools for their internship. The schools selected can be classified into 3 category like government ashram schools at Udboor, Penjalli, Bhimanahalli, B Matakere and Kebbepura, private schools at Hosahalli, H D Kote and Saragur, and government schools- Kenchanahalli, Hampapura, Agathuru and Gandathur. During their internship, they had to facilitate learning in three subjects- Maths, Environmental Science and Kannada covering one unit in each subject. They had to observe peer classes, mentor-teacher’s classes, SDMC meetings, documentations of the school, physical education classes and Nali Kali classes for these three subjects. In the internship, the first year trainees had to observe and assist Nali Kali classes from the 1st to 3rd standard. They then facilitated Maths, Environmental Science and Kannada for 4th & 5th standard students.

**On 8th February 2014**, the college held a pre-internship conference at the training hall of Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Saragur whose objective was to orient the mentor-teachers of internship schools to the various activities the interns were asked to do at the school, number of subjects they were to facilitate, classes to observe, role of mentor-teacher, role of headmaster and the documents needed by the interns from the schools. At the conference, the teacher-educators presented all of the above to the mentor-teachers and headmasters and also accepted the suggestions and requirements of the schools.

**From 10th February to March 13th 2014**, the teacher educators supervised the facilitation of the trainees at 13 allotted schools every alternative day. The teacher educators used to observe the classes asked to reflect and were giving their reflections. This was really handholding training for the interns. There was lot of improvement in the classroom practices among both learners and interns.

**On 22nd February 2014**, Ms. Sabrina and Mr. Edgar from Germany, the volunteers of SVYM visited the college. Ms. Sabrina is an art therapist at a school for Special needs children and Mr. Edgar is doing his internship course in elementary teaching and Assistant to Art Therapist. They had a workshop on free drawing at the college for the trainees. The trainees enjoyed the session.

**Report for the Month of March- 2014**

**On 3rd March 2014**, the second year trainees were back to college after finishing their internship activities. They shared their rich experiences of the internship period of 3 months in the college to their peers and faculty. Ms. Malathi, IBEP head and Mr. Ramkumar, CBEP head were also present. They had many stories of success and challenge to tell. As it was very
delaying the college told them to write all the experience and give. The trainees were very happy and enthusiastic to do the same.

**On 8th March 2014,** Ms. Triveni, teacher educator wished all the women folk and gave a talk on the history and importance of the celebration of ‘International Women’s Day’. The theme of this year stated by UNO on this day is ‘Inspire for Change’. She also displayed a poem on ‘A Woman of Strength V/s a Strong woman’ in the college’s notice board.

**From 10th to 18th March 2014,** the trainees were divided into seven groups to study and present seven chapters in Right to Education Act 2009. The trainees collected information at the library, internet and from their teacher educators. Every day in the morning after the morning meeting they presented their chapters. After the presentation the group cleared the questions of the participants and reflected about their presentation. The objective of this was to make the trainees to have basic knowledge about the RTE Act 2009, as they are future teachers.

**On 13th & 14th March 2014,** Mr. Vasudevachar, Vice principal and Mr. Venkatesh went to the 13 colleges of H D Kote taluk whose objective was to meet the principals and inform him about the admission process of the college. They also gave away the pamphlets and stick the posters having the information about the college, facilities, opportunities to SC & ST and meritorious students and admission.

**On 15th March 2014,** the post-internship conference was held gathering the teacher educators, trainees, headmasters and mentor-teachers to share their experiences of internship activities. This gave lot of insight to the interns, mentor teacher teachers, headmasters and the faculty of the college. The session had reflections of internship activity in 3 sectors;

a) Ashram school’s interns, mentor teacher, headmaster and a teacher educator,
b) Private school’s interns, mentor teacher, headmaster and a teacher educator, and
c) Government school’s interns, mentor teacher, headmaster and a teacher educator.

Interns had great opportunity to understand different school cultures, different challenges at different schools, experienced different learning groups at different schools, different school politics at different schools, different community at different schools, different competencies required at different schools, preparation and planning classes, worksheets, learning resources, learnt time sense, etc. Interns got exposures to the roles and responsibilities of subject teachers, class teachers, headmasters, documents of the school, SDMCs roles and responsibilities, various activities and programs, etc. They had challenges like understanding the school as a whole (faculty, culture and children) managing classes and time, building rapport with the faculty, seeing the documents of the school, etc.
The mentor teachers and headmasters were able to mobilize the creativity and the energy of the interns in their schools, got familiarized with 5Es model of instruction, got helped in managing classes, documentation, co-ordinating programs, enhancing participation, learning and attendance in schools-prathibha karanaji, school annual day, organizing educational tours, etc. They also faced challenges in giving the classes and subjects to the interns [if they had sufficient teachers or if the interns were not enough competent], covering their tasks and observing and guiding the interns’ classes [if there were not enough teachers], making time to attend the D. Ed programmes or meetings or conferences when called, etc.

The teacher educators got an opportunity to know about the challenges of the school, children and staff, the needs of the school- basic facilities of the school, training to staffs particularly in ashram schools, etc. This really built a good network of the college with the above-mentioned schools.

On **18th March 2014**, the college held its admission committee meeting at Saragur. All the committee members brainstormed innovative techniques to enhance the enrollment of the college. The Committee was included of Ms. Malathi, Institution Based Education Program [IBEP] head as chairman, Smt. Radhamani, external expert in the field, members from staff of SVYM projects, college faculty, aluminii, parent and PUC college principal representatives. The college is hoping a respected enrollment for the year 2014-15.

On **20th March 2014**, Mr. Mahesh, the principal and Mrs. Triveni, teacher educator attended the workshop on ‘Writing Proposals’. Dr. Seetharam, President of SVYM oriented about writing proposals. Later few proposals written by the participants were presented. Dr. M A Balasubramanya, CEO of SVYM reviewed the proposals then and there. He gave necessary inputs to be added in those proposals. Later sample proposal written by Ms. Parvathi, Documentation Officer, SVYM presented a proposal. This was very useful session to raise funds necessary for the programs of the college.

On **22nd March 2014**, the college celebrated ‘The World Water Conservation Day’ in a very different way. This year it was not just a speech about the importance of water and its conservation for future. We thought of studying the wastage of water in the college campus - canteen, VTCL School, hostels of VTCL, dining hall and hand wash and laundry areas. The college divided the trainees into three groups and allotted specific areas to study and report the wastage. The trainees made keen observations and documented the statistics accurately. They observed the tap leakage and collected the water in a measuring jar for a minute. Later they calculated it to hour, day and year. All the three groups presented their study during the morning meeting of the college.

Later the trainees organized for the presentation at the college, communicated with the VTCL heads, and requested to send the children and staff for the presentation. The presentation started at 7:30pm in the seminar hall of VTTRC, the students of 7th, 8th & 9th std along with few staff [Mr. Mahesh K, caretaker and teachers- Mr. Ravi, Mr. Basavaraj Hongal, Mr. Shivakumarswamy, Ms. Jyothi & Ms. Sowmya] were present. The children and staff were very eager and curious about the presentation. The trainees presented their study and asked the children what are the learnings and their opinions. The children were very sorry for their actions [like not turning the tap tightly after use, ignoring the leakage, unwisely
using the water, etc.] that wasted lot of water and promised to use the water wisely. The trainees were overwhelmed by this project. They were very thankful for the college for guiding them and being the spirit behind. It was their pioneer study and it boosted their confidence.

On 25\textsuperscript{th} March 2014, Mr. Vasudevachar, teacher educator participated in a workshop on ‘Season Watch’ at Saragur. The resource person was Ms. Vani Srikanta, Bengaluru. There were representatives from government and private schools and colleges of the taluk. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among school children to study the process /happenings in nature along with schooling, as it is very important and also to observe and record the changes in flora according to the seasons. She asked the participants from government and private schools to observe a tree for a period of days [minimum a week] and upload the recordings to her website.

On 26\textsuperscript{th} March 2014, Mr. Ravishankar and Mr. Prasanna, founders of Sanchalana Public School visited the college and explored the structure, activities and functioning. They held a campus interview and interviewed eight ex trainees of the college. They had a opinion that discipline, spoken English, technology along with basic knowledge in the content, pedagogy and child psychology are very essential for the teachers. They also had an interaction with the present batches trainees and were happy.

On 28\textsuperscript{th} March 2014, the trainees and faculty of the college had an exposure visit. They visited Arivu, an alternative school in the outskirts of Mysore. The objective of the visit was to study the school history, vision, mission, structure, practices in the classroom, role of teacher, class teacher, headmaster and management, the relationship among the children, staff, parent and management, the challenges and success stories of the school, about the exposure visits, trainings, workshops, etc organized and the expected qualities of the teachers. This visit made us to know about different non-formal school striving for learner centric, experiential and joyful learning.

On the same day in the afternoon session, the trainees and staff had a chance to attend the talk on ‘Developing Scientific Temper’ at Sharada Vilas College, Mysore. The resource persons were Mr. Sateesh, facilitator at Demonstration School, Mysore and member in NCERT and Mr. Vishwanath, Professor at Sharadha Vilas College. Their talk triggered many question on our practices, beliefs, superstitions and made us think rationally. These talks inspired trainees and staffs to imbibe scientific temper and to inculcate the same among their students in future as they are going to be teachers in future.

Report by Triveni