



Service Report

A 3 Day program **Goodness Festival** was arranged by the Adyar, Chennai branch of Brahma Kumaris at Besant Nagar, Housing Board Community Hall. This is aimed to re-discover the goodness within, create a global culture of care and compassion. The festival started on 27th June 2014 and went on till 29th June (8 am to 8 pm) with special sessions and exhibition stalls for public.

The festival aims to create awareness about values of Self, God and Act of Goodness through several lectures, seminars and workshops with focus on artists, women, youth, teachers and professionals from various backgrounds. They can implement these values and goodness in their personal and professional life. This event covers our canopy theme of this year for service - "Year of Receiving God's Power for Great Transformation". We believe this Goodness Festival has brought in positive vibes in our locality.



Day One

The three day program started with the launching of the festival on 27th June at 8.30 a.m. Chief Guest of the day, Thiru.Saidai.Duraisamy, Worshipful Mayor, Chennai inaugurated the festival with the opening of the Goodness Festival emblem. Thiru T.S. Krishnamoorthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Dr.V.Shantha, Chairman, Cancer Institute WIA, Thiru. M.K. Ashok, MLA, Velachery Constituency, Rajayogini BK.Kalavathy and Rajayogini BK.Muthumani opened the exhibition stalls for public. The inaugural was followed by a lecture on "Women – The ICON of Power". Dr.Nanditha Krishna, Director, The C.P.Ramasami Aiyar Foundation, Mrs.Padma Venkataraman, President, Women's India Association shared their views on the topic of women empowerment. There were around 350 participants in this session.

On the same day, there was also a felicitation program for artists from music, dance and fine arts. Around 150 artists from various fine arts schools and organizations participated in this. Padmabhushan Dr.V.P.Dhananjayan, Padmabhushan Mrs.Shantha Dhananjayan, Padmabhushan Thiru.C.V.Chandrasekar and Smt.Jaya Chandrasekar, the twin sisters "Bombay sisters" Smt.C.Saroja, Smt.C.Lalitha, Dr.Sirkazhi G. Sivachidambaram, Dr.T.K.Ramachandran, IAS, shared the dias along with Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Kalavathy, Senior Rajayoga teacher, Tamilnadu and Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Muthumani, Sister In-Charge, Adyar, Chennai.

Day Two

The 2nd day, 28th June 2014 dedicated to the "Youth" and "Education" wing began with Inter School Talent (Essay-writing in English and Tamil) competition for school students. This was followed by a session on "Art of Winning through Power of Concentration" for 9th to 12th std. students. BK Pandiamani, Director of Distance Education Programmes of Brahma Kumaris spoke on the winning techniques like setting up realistic goals and achieving them. BK Gireesh, a motivational speaker and Corporate trainer from Mumbai explained on how to increase the power of concentration and excel in life. The session was well received by the students. Around 200 students took the benefit of the session. Nearly 295 students from 32 schools actively participated in all the Talent Competitions.

The evening session was on "Values for the Act of Goodness" wherein Rajyogini Sister BK Beena, Service Coordinator of Brahma Kumaris, TamilNadu Zone delivered the Presidential Address. Rajyogini Sister BK.Muthumani, Sister In-Charge, Adyar, Chennai gave the Blessing address. Prof Dr. D Viswanathan, Former Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Dr. Tmt. Chandrakantha Jeyabalan, Vice-Chancellor of Tamilnadu Open University, Dr.S. Salivahanan, Principal, SSN College of Engineering were the other Special guests. Bro. BK Gireesh spoke on "Art of Coaching and Relationship with Students" for the educators from schools and colleges.

Day Three

The Third Day, 29th June, the morning session was specially organized for Senior citizens who reside at old age homes. The chief guests Mrs.Revathy Sankaran, TV Fame and Film Actress, Mr. Vasanth, Film Director and Mrs. Vasanthi Ranganathan, President Rotary Club, Sister BK.Muthumani and brother BK.Pandiamani decorated the dias. Around 250 elderly people participated in the program and enjoyed the sessions with cultural activities, entertaining speech and meditation. The evening session was organized for business people and professionals from various other departments wherein Bro. BK Gireesh delivered a speech on "Get Ready for Great Transformation". Around 300 professionals took the benefit of the evening. The program also had exhibition stalls on Science and Spirituality, Science of water, Tree of Values, Clean the Mind and Green the Earth, Human Greatness, Holistic Health, Rajayoga Meditation, Silence Room and About Brahma Kumaris.