

UNESCO CHAIR PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Title of the Chair/Network	UNESCO Chair in ‘Inclusive Adapted Physical Education and Yoga (1004)
Host Institution:	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational & Research Institute (RKMVERI), Belur, Howrah-711202, India.
Date of establishment of Chair/Network: <i>(mm, yyyy)</i>	12, 2012 (December 2012)
Period of activity under report:	June, 2023 — May, 2024
Report established by: <i>(name, position, email)</i>	<p>Chairholder: Dr. R. Giridharan, Head, Department of General and Adapted Physical Education & Yoga, RKMVERI Coimbatore. email: giri.pd@gmail.com</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Arkadeb Dutta, Head, Department of Sports Science & Yoga, RKMVERI Belur. Email: arkadeb@gm.rkmvu.ac.in, arkadeb@gm.rkmvu.ac.in</p>

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1. Executive Summary:

Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 300 words)

During the period 2023-202, the Chair has undertaken several educational, training and research activities in the areas of Disability Management, Special Education, Adapted Physical Activity, Sports Science and Yoga, spanning across the Coimbatore campus and Belur campus of the University, with an aim to disseminating and strengthening knowledge in these highly specialized areas and improve lives of people, especially the differently abled, through Inclusive Adapted Physical Education, Sports and Yoga. The major milestones achieved by the Chair during this period are as follows:

Training initiatives focused on faculty development, with programs on ICT tools for effective teaching and multimedia content production, enhancing staff capabilities in modern educational practices.

In **Research**, efforts were directed towards securing external funding, with multiple project proposals submitted to agencies like IKS, ICSSR, and DST. The department actively fostered a research environment through the preparation of video lessons on research topics and the organization of a research colloquium on Artificial Intelligence's role in research ecosystems. Significant progress was also made in doctoral research, marked by viva voce examinations and regular doctoral committee meetings.

Conferences and Meetings played a crucial role in knowledge dissemination and collaboration. The department hosted a National Conference on "Breaking Boundaries in Sports Sciences" and several workshops, including those on library operations, indigenous sports, capacity building for special teachers in adapted sports, and advanced research methodology. A series of guest lectures covered diverse topics, from challenges faced by coaches in inclusive settings to sports management career paths, nutrition, and sports psychology, enriching the academic discourse and providing practical insights.

In **Publications**, faculty members continued to contribute significantly to scholarly output, with numerous book publications and research articles published in national and international journals. These works covered a wide range of topics, including curriculum tools for intellectual disabilities, the role of technology in inclusive education, and various aspects of adapted physical activities and sports science.

Adapted Sports and Achievements showcased a strong commitment to inclusive

development. The Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy provided training and facilitated participation in various state-level tournaments and championships, with students achieving notable successes. Dedicated programs and coaching were provided for individuals with diverse disabilities, including wheelchair cricket, adapted boccia, and various para-sports. Major events like the State Level Yogasana Competition for Persons with Disabilities and the Unified Play Day & Sports Competition were successfully organized, involving hundreds of participants. The implementation of the Fit Vidyalaya Programme and specialized Yoga Coaching for children with special needs further underscored the holistic approach to well-being.

Finally, **Manpower and Faculty Development** saw strategic recruitment of new teaching staff and sports trainers, reinforcing the institution's capacity to deliver specialized training and research. Overall, the report demonstrates a vibrant and active period, marked by continuous efforts to advance inclusive education, research, and sports development for the benefit of all individuals.

2) Activities:

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)

i) Education (leading to certificate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The following courses are being conducted by the Faculty of General and Adapted Physical Education and Yoga (GAPEY) of the University on a regular basis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ph.D in Physical Education Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Physical Education Master of Physical Education (M.P.Ed.) Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed.) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (B.Sc.) Diploma in Physical Education The following courses are being conducted by the Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education (FDMSE) of the University, Coimbatore, on regular basis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ph.D. in Special Education [Visual Impairment (VI), Hearing Impairment (HI), Mental Retardation (MR)] M.Phil. in Special Education (VI, HI, MR) Other Courses running with the recognition/approval of the Statutory Body names 'Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> M.Ed. in Special Education (VI, HI, MR) B.Ed. in Special Education (VI, HI, MR) D.Ed. in Special Education (VI, HI, MR) DSLI – Diploma in Sign Language Interpretation (VI-Visual Impairment, HI-Hearing Impairment, MR-Mental Retardation) In addition Diploma in Theatre Arts for Holistic Development and Certificate
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	<p>course in Assistive Technology were also conducted.</p> <p>Academic courses in Main Campus at Belur Math: The Department of Sports Science and Yoga is conducting the following programmes at present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ph.D. in Sports Science2. Ph.D. in Yoga3. M.Sc. in Sports Science4. M.A./M.Sc. in Yoga5. Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga6.Certificate Course in Basic Ayurveda, Panchakarma and Naturopathy (CBAPN)7. Certificate Course in Yoga (CCY)8. Outreach programme in Yoga for Health and Wellbeing								
ii) Training (short term)	<p><u>Development programme for teaching staff:</u></p> <p>❖ Faculty Development Programme was conducted on 30th August, 2023. Dr. K. Thiyaagu, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Central University of Kerala was the Resource Person and handled the session on <i>“ICT Tools for Effective Teaching and Learning”</i> at GAPEY Conference Hall. A total of 10 staff attended the programme.</p> <p>❖ All the Staff members attended the Faculty Development Programme on “Multimedia Content Production using Augment, Virtual and Mixed Realities” organized by IQAC of SRMV, College of Education on 15th December, 2023.</p>								
iii) Research	<p><u>Ongoing Research Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Proposals: Project proposals were sent to funding agencies such as the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), ICSSR, and DST under NCSTC Division.• Video Lessons: Faculty members prepared video lessons on research-related topics.• Research Colloquium: A research colloquium on “Artificial Intelligence-(AI) – Research Eco System- Tools and Practices” was organized on April 23, 2024. <p><u>ICSSR Proposal Submission</u></p> <table><tr><th>S. No</th><th>Name of the Staff</th><th>Agency</th><th>Date</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Dr. Dibakar Debnath Dr. D. Yuvaraj Dr. M. Ramajayam Dr. S. Sathish Kumar Dr. J. Viswanathan Dr. N. Karthikeyan</td><td>Major Research Project – ICSSR</td><td>17th October, 2023</td></tr></table>	S. No	Name of the Staff	Agency	Date	1	Dr. Dibakar Debnath Dr. D. Yuvaraj Dr. M. Ramajayam Dr. S. Sathish Kumar Dr. J. Viswanathan Dr. N. Karthikeyan	Major Research Project – ICSSR	17 th October, 2023
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VIVA VOCE**❖ Viva Voce Examinations were held**

Date	Degree	Name	Guide	Examiner
05 th February, 2024	Ph.D.	Mr. Yelika Phaneendra Kumar	Dr. R. Giridharan	Dr. M. Elayaraja, Professor, Department of Physical Education, Pondicherry University

Doctoral Committee Meetings, including General Test Committee and Research Advisory Committee Meetings, were regularly conducted. On January 24, 2023, Sri S.P. Franglin's meeting featured Dr. M. Elayaraja from Pondicherry University as an external expert. Later in the year, on October 3, 2023, meetings were held for Sri G. Prakash, with Dr. P. Vanithamani from Avinashilingam Institute as the external expert, and for Sri M. Aravindh, with Dr. S. Rajkumar from Bharathiar University. Sri K. Maruthamuthu's meeting took place on October 6, 2023, also with Dr. M. Elayaraja. Finally, on October 28, 2023, Sri C. Sabarish's meeting included Dr. S. Sethu from Manonmanium Sundaranar University. These meetings underscore the rigorous academic oversight and external collaboration involved in doctoral research.

b) Conferences/Meetings

(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

i) Key conferences and workshops hosted by the Chair

Workshops:

- FDMSE organized a Workshop on “Library operations with KOHA OPAC and Online Educational Resources (OER)” on September 23, 2023.
- GAPEY organized a Sports Track and Field Meet as well as an Inclusive Sports Meet on September 7th, 2023.

Seminars:

- Dr. Nandita Chakrabarty oriented the students and staff of Sitaram Mahato Memorial College about FDMSE courses on May 14, 2023, through online mode.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- ❖ Two Day National Conference on **“Breaking Boundaries in Sports Sciences: Advancing Research Applications for Performance Optimization”** was organized on 28th & 29th February, 2024 at GKD Auditorium.



WORKSHOP

- ❖ A 3 Day Workshop on **“Indigenous Sports, Rhythmic Activities and Spectrum of Teaching Styles in Inclusive Physical Education”** was organized from 26th to 28th October, 2023 at GKD Auditorium, GAPEY Multipurpose Hall & Play Grounds.



- ❖ “One Day Workshop on Capacity Building for Special Teachers & Parents in Adapted Sports” & “Special Olympics Young Athlete Training Programme” for Children with Special Needs was organized on 31st October, 2023.



- ❖ Faculty organized Seven Day National Workshop on “Research Methodology & Advanced Statistics in Sports and Physical Education” from 27th November to 3rd December, 2023.



GUEST LECTURE

- ❖ Students Literary Association organized an Guest Lecture as mentioned below

S.No	Name of the Guest Lecture	Date	Resource Person
1	Challenges Faced by the Coaches in Handling Women Athletes in Inclusive Setting	21 st April, 2023	Dr. Suganthi Annavi, SDAT Coach, Trichy
2	Orientation Programme for Coaching in Competitive Examinations	06 th July, 2023	Sri K. Sathish, Founder & Director, Explore Academy, Coimbatore
3	Fitness Management, Strength & Conditioning	25 th October, 2023	Ms. Swetha Ramesh, HoD, Mr. Sanjay, & Mr. Pradeep from UNSchool, School of Fitness Science, Chennai
4	Vigilance Awareness – Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation	07 th November, 2023	Ms. Barani, Assistant Manager, State Bank of India, Periyanaichenpalayam
5	Nutrition & Diet	18 th	Dr. P L Sridevi Sivakumar,

	Management in Sports	December, 2023	Associate Professor, Department of Food Service Management & Dietetics, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education for Women
6	Sports Management Career Paths	31 st January, 2024	Mr. Abraham, HR, Sports Village, Bangalore
7	Sports Psychology and Mental Conditioning for High Performance in Sports	05 th February, 2024	Dr. M. Elayaraja, Professor, Department of Physical Education, Pondicherry University
8	Orientation Programme for Soft Skill Training	12 th Sept, 2023	Sri Pradeep Paulraj, Destination Manager, Sri R. Thangamanavan, Asst. Manager, Business Development, AECC Centre, Coimbatore.
9	Gender Equity and School Sports Participation of Female Children	16 th March, 2024	Dr. M. Mary Glory Ponrani, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physical Education, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women

- **"Talent Identification and Talent Development in Sports" Workshop (October 2-3, 2023):** This workshop included sessions on multifactorial approaches to talent identification, psychological perspectives, and practical demonstrations of talent assessment tools.
- **"Science of Pranayama" Webinar (June 1-15, 2023):** A 15-day webinar series covered scriptural bases and modern scientific evidence of pranayama.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials (major publications and teaching/learning materials)			
Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:	Books	[tick]	[no.]
	Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Books (chapters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(PhD)+6 (M.Phil.)
	Journal Articles (refereed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
	Conference Proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Occasional Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	12
	Multimedia Materials (CD-ROM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	14
	Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Several online lectures conducted

Book Publications:

- Dr.Sudha. A and Dr.A.T.Thressiakutty published a book titled *Curriculum-Based Assessment Tool for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*.
- Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi published a book chapter titled "Role of Technology in Providing Equitable and Inclusive Education to Students with Visual Impairment" in *A Chronicle of Educational Research*.
- Dr. Saumya Chandra published a book chapter titled "Correlation between Skill Development and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: A widespread gulf to be Bridged, Skill Development Practices in Teacher Education Institutions".
- Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi published *Information and Communication Technology and Creative Writing Skills for Students with Visual Impairment*.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Dr. M. Ramajayam, Assistant Professor, published a book titled “**Research and Statistics in Physical Education**” NCTE New Syllabus for Bachelor of Physical Education, with ISBN No. 93-80543-50-6 in Iris Publications, Coimbatore.
- ❖ Dr. Dibakar Debnath, Assistant Professor, **published a chapter** titled “Physical Education – A Movement Science” in the International Book Chapter: Interdisciplinary Studies of Literature, Vol. I, Issue I, with ISBN: 978-93-5917-392-4, Pg.: 100-106.
- ❖ Sri G. Prabakaran & Dr. Senthil Kumar, Sports Trainers, published a book titled “Kinesiology and Biomechanics”, Royal Book Publishing, Salem, with ISBN: 9788119821709

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

ii) Publications

- **Journal Publications:** Several journal publications by faculty members are listed, covering topics such as improving reading skills of children with intellectual disability, empowering inclusive education through E-Content, and the effect of adapted physical activities.

RESEARCH ARTICLES

- ❖ The staff members published research articles in various National and

International journals

S. No	Name of the Author	Title	Name of the journal with ISSN NO	Issue and volume
1	Dr. D. Yuvaraj	Flexibility and Shooting of Students with Intellectual Disabilities Post Adapted Football Training	Journal of Education and Society, with ISSN 2278-6864	Vol.47, Issue 01, Jan – March, 2023
2	Dr. R. Giridharan	Effect of Sports Specific Training on Motor Abilities and Skill Performance Variables Among Sitting Volleyball Players	A Journal of Historical Research, with ISSN: 0302-9382	IF-7.75, Vol: 53, Issue: 1, No: 3, Jan-April – 2023
3	Dr. M. Ramajayam	Influence of Adapted Physical Activities Training on Motor Fitness of Persons with Intellectual Disability	Journal of Fundamental & Comparative Research, with ISSN: 2277-7067	Vol: 09, Issue: 1, No: 4, Jan-June – 2023
4	Dr. M. Ramajayam	Efficacy of Specific Skill with Gadgets Training on Skill Performance Variables of Men Volleyball Players	A Journal of Historical Research, with ISSN: 0302-9382	Vol: 53, Issue: 1, No: 3, Jan-April – 2023
5	Dr. Dibakar Debnath	Status of Health Related Physical Fitness Elements Between Private and Government Adult School Boys in Coimbatore District	International Research Journal, with ISSN: 2349-9249	Vol: 10, Issue: 4, April – 2023
6	Dr. Dibakar Debnath	Comparison of Anthropometric and Grip Strength Between Wheelchairs and Non-Wheelchairs Basketball Players	International Research Journal, with ISSN: 2349-9249	Vol: 10, Issue: 4, April – 2023
7	Dr. D. Yuvaraj	Effect of Specific Drills with Small Game on Shooting and Passing of Novice Football Players	Journal of Fundamental & Comparative Research, with ISSN: 2277-7067	Vol: IX, Issue: I, No: 5, June 2023
8	Dr. S. Sathish Kumar	Comparative Study on Selected Anthropometric and Bio	Journal of Education and Society, UGC	Vol: 47, Issue: 2, No: 3,

		Motor Variables of Volleyball and Basketball Players	CARE, with ISSN: 2278-6864	June 2023
9	Dr. S. Sakthivel	Analysis of Anthropometric and Playing Ability of Indian Senior Men Wheelchair Basketball Players with Reference to their Sport Class	International Journal of Science & Research, with ISSN: 2319-7064	Vol: 12, Issue: 5, May 2023
10	Dr. N. Karthikeyan	Influence of Core Stabilization Training on Selected Health Related Fitness among Student with Hearing Impairment	International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research, with ISSN: 2582-2160	Vol: 05, Issue: 3, May 2023
11	Dr. J. Viswanathan	Effect of Specific Free Throw Skill Training on Selected Biomechanical Characteristics of School Basketball Players	Journal of Education & Society, with ISSN: 2278-6864	Vol: 47, Issue: 02, April-June 2023
12	Dr. S. Sakthivel	Analysis of Strength & Body Composition Variables among Hard of Hearing and Hearing Men Players in Tamil Nadu	British Journal of Arts & Humanities	Vol: 5, Issue: 3, Page: 166 - 171, 2023
13	Dr. J. Viswanathan	Effect of Specific Free Throw Skill Training on Selected Biomechanical Characteristics of School Basketball Players	Journal of Education & Society, ISSN 2278-6864	Vol. 47, Issue 02, No. 20, April - June, 2023
14	Dr. S. Sakthivel and Dr. N. Karthikeyan	Analysis of Hand Grip Strength among Hard of Hearing and Hearing Men Kabaddi Players in Tamil Nadu	International Journal of Rural Development, Environment and Health Research, ISSN: 2456-8678	Vol-7, Issue 4, Jul 2023
15	Dr. R. Giridharan, Dr. A. Sathiya Moorthy, Dr. S. Sakthivel, Dr. N. Karthikeyan & Sri S.	Analysis of Health and Sports Performance-Associated factors of Kabaddi Players with Hearing Impairment: A Comparison with Hearing Impairment	Scopus Indexed Journal for ReAttach Therapy and Developmental Diversities, eISSN: 2589-7799	2023 6 (9s): 700-705

	Rajavarman			
16	Dr. M. Ramajayam	Comparison of Agility on Five-a-Side Football Players with Intellectual Challenged Children in Tamil Nadu	International Journal of Emerging Knowledge Studies, ISSN: 2583-7354	Vol. 2, Issue - 9, Page No. 315-317, Sep-2023

f) Other

(any other activities to report)

Adapted Sports and Achievements: State-level tournaments were organized, and coaching were provided to athletes with disabilities in wheelchair badminton and table tennis. Students from the Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy have participated and achieved success in competitions like the C.M. Trophy and Khelo India Para Games.

Programmes Related to Disability:

- FDMSE-RKMVERI organized District Level Literary Competitions for the Differently Abled on August 31, 2023.
- Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education conducted a two-day Program on Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities at Velliyangadu Government Higher Secondary School on October 4th and 5th, 2023 ¹.
- FDMSE organized A One - Day Orientation Programme on 'Strategies to Assess Children with Special Needs in Inclusive Classroom for B.Ed. General Teacher Trainees' on 29th February 2024.

State Level Wheelchair Cricket League - 2023 Tournament

- ❖ RKMVERI - Faculty of GAPEY and Wheelchair Cricket Association, Coimbatore jointly organized "**State Level Wheelchair Cricket League - 2023 Tournament**" at Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Ground on 24th & 25th June, 2023. A total of 5 Districts participated in the league.



Adapted Boccia Game for Students with Visual Impairment

- ❖ Faculty organized an orientation programme on “**Adapted Boccia Game for Students with Visual Impairment**” on 21st July, 2023 at GAPEY ground. A total of 25 students with Visual Impairment from four districts attended the programme.



State Level Tournaments in Adapted sports

- ❖ “**RKMV Trophy – State Level Tournaments in Adapted sports**” was organized on 14th & 15th August, 2022 in eight categories namely
 - Para Sitting Volleyball
 - Para Sitting Cricket
 - Cricket for Visually Impaired
 - Kabaddi for Hearing Impaired
 - Volleyball for Visually Impaired
 - Football for Intellectually Challenged

- Wheelchair Badminton
- Wheelchair Table Tennis

Swami Atmaghananandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Math, Puducherry, Swami Apavarganandaji Maharaj, Editor, Sri Ramakrishna Vijayam, Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, Sri A. Arivarasu, Chairman, Gudalur Municipality, Coimbatore, Sri CA K. Ravi, CFO, Roots Group of Industries, Coimbatore were the dignitaries who graced the Inaugural function and flagged off the events. A total of 61 teams consisting of 529 Persons with Disabilities participated from 25 districts of Tamil Nadu.

Monks, Heads of Vidyalaya Institutions inaugurated all the matches conducted on these both days and motivated the players.

In the Valedictory Function Swami Bhaktikamanandaji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math, Coimbatore, Rtn. K. Palaniappan, Former President, Rtn. CA M. Bhaskar, and Rtn CJ Narayanan, President, Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis were the dignitaries who distributed the Trophies, Certificates, Medals and Cash Prizes to the Winners.



RKMV Trophy - State Level Tournament in Adapted Sports for Women:

- ❖ **Volleyball for Visually Impaired (Women)** was conducted on 05th October, 2023. A total 45 players from 5 districts namely Erode, Kalakuruchi, Vilupuram, Thanjavur and Chengalpattu participated. Swami Garishthanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, and Administrative Head, RKMVERI, Faculty of GAPEY, and Swami Tadbhasanandaji Maharaj, Correspondent, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Polytechnic College witnessed the inaugural matches and encouraged the players. In the Valedictory Function Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, SRMV, Maruthi College of Physical Education & Rtn. Ms. Ankita Dinesh, Assistant Governor, Rotary Club of Coimbatore Satellite were the dignitaries who distributed the Trophies, Certificates, Medals and Cash Prizes to the Winners.



- ❖ **Wheelchair Badminton & Table Tennis (Women)** was conducted on 08th October, 2023. A total of 38 players from 8 districts for Wheelchair Badminton and 6 districts for Wheelchair Table Tennis participated.

In the Valedictory Function Swami Buddhidanandaji Maharaj, Dty. Controller of Examinations, RKMVERI, Coimbatore Campus & Ms. R. Sharmila, President, Para-sports Association of Coimbatore were the dignitaries who distributed the Trophies, Certificates, Medals and Cash Prizes to the Winners.

Position	Volleyball for Visually Impaired	Prize Money	Wheelchair Badminton	Wheelchair Table Tennis	Prize Money
Gold Medal	Erode	10000	Vellore	Coimbatore North	5000
Silver Medal	Vilupuram	8000	Pollachi	Coimbatore South	4000
Bronze Medal	Kalakuruchi	6000	Coimbatore	Erode	3000
4 th Place	Thanjavur	4000	Madurai	Madurai	2000



State Level Yogasana Competition for Persons with Disabilities

- ❖ Our Faculty organized “**State Level Yogasana Competition for Persons with Disabilities**” on 09th February, 2024 at GAPEY Multipurpose Hall. Participants with Intellectual Disability, Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment and Physical Impairment attended the events (Yogasana & Suryanamaskar categories). In each category there were three age divisions for Boy and Girls. A total of 284 participants (185 Boys & 99 Girls) in all categories participated.



Swami Garishthanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya and Administrative Head RKMVERI, graced the occasion and Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj, distributed the Certificates and Medals to the winners in the Valedictory Function.

UNIFIED PLAY DAY & SPORTS COMPETITION - 2024

- ❖ A total of 940 Students (610 ID Children & 330 Normal Children) participated in the programme. Swami Garishthanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya & Administrative Head, RKMVERI, Coimbatore Campus presided over the function. Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was the Chief Guest. Rtn. CA M Bhaskar, District Chair, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee, Coimbatore was the Guest of Honor. Monks, Heads of Vidyalaya Institutions, Special Invitees, Parents, Special Educators, Physiotherapist, witnessed the programme.

Demonstration of Unified Physical Activities:

Yoga, Free Hand Exercises, Social Group Behavior, Handkerchief Exercises, Hoops, Flag Drills & Kolam.

Therapy Stall & Sports Competition Inauguration:

- Physiotherapy Stall, Play Therapy Stall, Multi-Sensory Assessment & Rehab Stalls
 - Five-a-side Football for ID Children (Boys)
 - Bocce for ID Children (Girls)
 - Volleyball for Hearing Impaired (Boys & Girls)
 - Kabaddi for Hearing Impaired (Boys)
- ❖ Sri K. Jagadeesan, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Coimbatore District, distributed the Trophies and Certificates to the winners of the above mentioned events.



ADAPTED SPORTS COACHING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

- ❖ In connection with the International Day of Yoga celebrations, our students visited various Special Schools and Institutions of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya and trained the students with the AYUSH Yoga Protocol from 15th to 20th June 2023.

Details of the events and beneficiaries of athletes and players with disabilities

S. No	Type of Disability	Training / Game	Gender	Total	Schedule
1	Orthopaedic Impairment	Wheelchair/Badminton	Male	04	All Days
		Wheelchair / TT	Male	02	Alternate Days
		Para Volleyball	Male	09	Sunday
		Badminton	Male	01	Weekdays
		Wheelchair Archery	Male	02	Weekdays
2	Intellectual Disability	Football / Gen. Fitness	Male	01	Alternate Days
		General Fitness	Male	01	
		Athletics	Male	01	Weekdays
		Athletics	Female	01	
		Football / Gen. Fitness	Female	02	
3	Visual Impairment	Athletics	Female	01	Holidays
			Male	01	All Days
		Football / Gen. Fitness	Male	06	Weekdays
			Female	02	
4	Autism	General Fitness	Female	01	Sunday
			Female	03	Weekdays
			Male	06	
		Cricket	Male	01	
5	Intellectual Disability (FDMSE)	Football	Male	15	Weekdays
		Basketball		10	
		Throwball, Bocce	Female	8	
TOTAL				78	

PwD'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

Our Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy students had participated and won in the following sports & games competition.

- ❖ Sri R. Logeshwaran, Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy, participated in the “15th Val Vil Uri Festival Open Archery Championship 2023” held on 02nd August, 2023, at Namakkal District in the above 19 years’ category – Indian Bow Event and won the Gold Medal.
- ❖ Five students trained under VISA – Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy participated in the “**Asal Kovai Rotathon – Mini Marathon Event**” organized by Rotary Club of Kovai on 27th August, 2023.
- ❖ Sri Hariprabhu Nammalvar (PBAA005M83), Member, Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy, RKMVERI, Faculty of GAPEY, lost the match against Karnataka in the Quarterfinals of the “**Khelo India Para Games – 2023**” at Delhi, conducted from 10th to 12th December, 2023.
- ❖ Four students of Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Academy (VISA) participated in 3rd State Sub-junior & Junior Para Athletics Championship – 2024 organized by Tamil Nadu Paralympic Sports Association at Chennai on 25th & 26th February, 2024. They secured 12 medals in total in 100 M, 200 M, Shot Put, Discus and Javelin events.

Collaborative Outreach and Extension Activities: The Chair enhances opportunities for individuals with disabilities through collaborations with national institutions and sports federations, also provides consultancy services in partnership with NIEPMD, Special Olympics Bharat & Paralympics (State Unit), and TNPESU. These collaborations extend to specialized training programs and inclusive events, and actively engages in community outreach, including organizing events like Unified Play Day (800+ CwSNs), International Day of Yoga, and the International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

Infrastructure Development: The Chair established the Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Complex with elite-standard facilities, on-site sports science laboratories, and sports clinic centers, providing an ideal environment for coaching, training, and preparation for competitive sports for all athletes. The chair recognized the need for creating accessible sporting environment for persons with disabilities. Innovative assistive devices and adaptive sports equipment are under development, with a patent application filed. The chair also equipped with several direct service units that provide comprehensive support to individuals with disabilities.

Programmes, Competitions, and Community Engagement: GAPEY organizes various programs, including the International Day of Yoga for PwDs, leadership training camps, and the Inclusive Project Track & Field Meet. Key initiatives include the "Fit India Movement" and specialized yoga coaching for children with special needs.

NEW INITIATIVES

Fit Vidyalaya Programme

- ❖ Adopting the idea of Fit India Movement initiated by the Government of India, our faculty as implemented the Fit Vidyalaya Programme to the Swami Shivananda Hr. Sec. School children of Grades 6 & 7 from 13th July 2023 to February 2023 on all working Thursdays. A total of 251 students were benefited by this programme.

Yoga Coaching for Children with Special Needs:

- ❖ Forty Children with Special Needs from Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education are undergoing Yoga Training every week - *Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.*

S.No	Name of the Programme	Beneficiaries	Student Trainees	Dates
1	Yoga Coaching	40 Students of FDMSE Therapy Unit	2 MPED & 2 BPED Student Trainees	12 th July, 2023 to 14 th March 2024

Project Track & Field Meet and Inclusive Meet:

- ❖ *Fourth Project Track & Field and Inclusive Sports Meet* was organized by Bheema House on 13th April, 2023. Swami Trilokatmanandaji Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural function, who declared the meet open and flagged off the events. In the Valedictory Function, Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, SRMV, Maruthi College of Physical Education was the Chief Guest who distributed the Certificates & Medals to the winners.
- ❖ *First Project Track and Field and Inclusive Sports Meet* was organized on 7th September, 2023 at Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Complex. Swami Nirmaleshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant Administrative Head, RKMVERI, FDMSE graced the occasion and inaugurated the events. Swami Suryatmanandaji Maharaj, Warden, Swami Akhandananda Hostel distributed the prizes to the winners.
- ❖ Inclusive Sports Meet was conducted for 65 Children with Special Needs and honored with medals and mementos.
- ❖ *Inclusive Sports & Athletic Meet* for Children with Special Needs was organized on 31st October, 2023. A total of 216 participants (148 Special Children, 15 Special Education Teachers and 53 Parents) from 6 Special Schools in & around Coimbatore, participated in the programme. In the Valedictory Function, Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj, RKMVERI-GAPEY distributed the medals to the participants.



PROGRAMMES FOR PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

9th International Day of Yoga for “Children with Special Needs”

- ❖ RKMVERI - Faculty of GAPEY organized 9th International Day of Yoga for “Children with Special Needs” on 21st June, 2023 at Multipurpose Indoor Hall. Around 173 Children with Special Needs from various special schools in Coimbatore participated and performed the AYUSH Yoga Protocol.

Swami Garishthanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya & Administrative Head, RKMVERI, Coimbatore Campus presided the programme. Swami Nirmaleshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant Administrative head, FDMSE, Swami Tadbhasanandaji Maharaj, Correspondent, SRKV Polytechnic College,

Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, SRMV, Maruthi College of Physical Education, Dr. N. Muthaiah, Dean, School of Rehabilitation and Sports Science, Mrs. Sharmila Ramanandh, President, Coimbatore Para Sports Association attended the programme.



Orientation and Training in Adapted Boccia Game for Visually impaired

- ❖ Dr. R. Giridharan Associate Professor, handled a session on “**Orientation and Training in Adapted Boccia Game for Visually impaired**” at GAPEY Multi-purpose Hall on 5th October, 2023. Fifty-Three athletes with Visual Impairment participated.



International Day of Yoga

- ❖ RKMVERI - Faculty of GAPEY & SRMV – MCPE jointly organized 9th International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2023 at GAPEY, Vivekananda Inclusive Sports Ground. Around 830 students of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Institutions participated and performed the AYUSH Yoga Protocol.

Swami Garishthanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya & Administrative Head, RKMVERI, Coimbatore Campus presided the programme, Monks, Heads of Vidyalaya Institutions attended the function. Dr. R. Giridharan, Head of the Department, RKMVERI-GAPEY, welcomed the gathering and oriented about the significance of International Day of Yoga 2023. Dr. T. Jayabal, Principal, SRMV, Maruthi College of Physical Education, proposed the Vote of Thanks.



Training & Coaching for Competitive Examinations

- ❖ Student Literary Association and Career Guidance & Counselling Cell organized an orientation programme on **“Training & Coaching for Competitive Examinations – Tamil Nadu Uniform Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB)”** for the final year students on 1st September, 2023 at Multipurpose Hall. Mr. M. Subramani, Assistant Director and Mr. R. Chandra Basker, Junior Employment Officer from Govt. Employment Office, Coimbatore were the Resource Person. A total of 106 students participated in the programme.

❖ Cell Activities:

S. No	Date	Name of the Activity & Resource Person	Organized by	Beneficiaries
1	9 th & 10 th Sept, 2023	Week 1: SEPT. 2023: Competitive Examination Coaching and Training Tamil Nadu Uniform Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB)	Student Literary Association and Career Guidance & Counseling Cell	65 Students (Out Going Batches)
2	16 th & 17 th Sept, 2023	Week 2: SEPT. 2023: Competitive Examination Coaching and Training Tamil Nadu Uniform Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB)	Student Literary Association and Career Guidance & Counseling Cell	53 Students (Out Going Batches)

- ❖ Physical Fitness Efficiency Mock Test was conducted for the students of GAPEY who has passed in the TNUSRB 2024 on 02nd February, 2024. Six students

attended the test and the guidance & counseling for the elite participation was provided by Sri Karunakaran, Assistant Director, District Employment Office, Coimbatore.



Leadership Training Camp

- ❖ **RKMVERI-GAPEY Leadership Training Camp 2023** for BSc PHS II Year and BPED I Year was conducted from 23rd to 27th September, 2023. Palamalai Hills Trekking, Community Participation, Camping & Tenting, Map Reading, Stunts & Games, Mock Sports, Progressive Party Games, Kit Arrangements, Collection of Article, Treasure Hunt, Camp Craft and Environmental Awareness were the events conducted. Swami Buddhidanandaji Maharaj, Dty. Controller of Examinations, RKMVERI, Coimbatore Campus, delivered a lecture on “Qualities of a Leader”. In the Valedictory Function, Swami Virahanandaji Maharaj distributed the prizes and mementoes to the campers.



Human Resources during the reporting period

Human Resources

Manpower and Faculty Development: The Chair strengthens its capabilities through strategic staff recruitment, including sports trainers in various adapted sports to train CwSNs and fosters continuous development through Faculty Development Programmes (FDP), ensuring a dedicated and knowledgeable team

The UNESCO Chair's initiatives strongly align with the **2023 UNESCO Recommendation** by promoting inclusive education, developing relevant curricula, and fostering global citizenship. Through activities supporting gender equality, mental and physical health, community engagement, research-driven policy, and teacher training, the Chair actively advances peace, human rights, and sustainable development.

Newly recruited Sports Trainers in Athletics reported at the faculty as mentioned below

S. No	Name of the Staff	Designation	Date of Joining
1	Dr. T. Arun Prasanna	Sports Trainer in Athletics	18 th October, 2023
2	Dr. K. Senthilkumar		
3	Sri G. Prabakaran	Sports Trainer in Cricket	30 th October, 2023

AWARDS

- ❖ Sri C. Varun Prasath of BSc PHS III Year, received the ***“Best Student Award – GAPEY 2023 – 24”*** at the GURU PUJA 2024 Celebrations on 07th January, 2024.
- ❖ Dr. J. Viswanathan, Assistant Professor received the ***Best Paper Award*** in the in the National Conference on “Cultivating Minds: Nurturing Hearts – Unlocking the Potential of Social Intelligence in Education” organized by IQAC of Indira Gandhi College of Education, Kancheepuram on 15th & 16th December, 2023. Presented a paper titled *“Identification of Contributing Factors Towards Basketball Playing Ability by Software Based Performance Analysis System – An Overview”*