Smt. Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda Institute of Skill Development Thiruperumangalam, Near Vaitheeswarankoil, Nagappatinam District (A unit of Vivekananda Educational Trust (Regd.))

தேசமே நமக் கெல்லாம் கொடுக்குது நாமும் சிறிது கொடுக்கப் பழகணும்!

(THE NATION IS GIVING US EVERYTHING, WE TOO GET USED TO GIVING A LITTLE!)

Vivekananda Educational Trust with its firm roots from Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, is a registered, non-profit service organization to promote Man-making education as propounded by Swami Vivekananda.

The Trust has implemented seven Vidyalayas – "Vidyalayas for unfolding of divinity within" – nurturing Bharathiya culture, values, tradition and ideals, assimilating nationalistic fervor, a pride that we belong to this nation of our immense, enriched legacy of VISHWA GURU - in the 6000 young minds through 340 dedicated Vidya Sevaks, reaching the rural, downtrodden and first generation learners with the focus towards - பாரத மண்ணில் பிறந்தது பேறு என்றே உணர்ந்திடுவோம், பாரதத் தாயின் பழமை பெருமை இன்றே உணர்ந்திடுவோம் and regain our supremacy as VISHWA GURU - உலகின் குருவாய் பாரதம் ஆகிட, உன்னத சக்தி வளர்ப்போம் நாம், லட்சிய நாடாய் பாரதம் ஆகிட தீவிர பக்தி வளர்ப்போம் நாம்.

Vocational Education enrollment among women in India is on the decline and existing vocational Education and tailoring institutions are beyond reach for many who need it the most. The fact that women continue to bear a majority of the responsibility as the primary caretaker in the family, yet lack access as the skill development resources to help them support the economic burdens of the family, is precisely what motivated Vivekananda Educational Trust to develop a scalable solution as Smt. Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda Institute of Skill development.

Smt. Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda Institute of Skill Development, the 8th unit of **Vivekananda Educational Trust**, at Thiruperumangalam, a village near Vaitheeswaran Koil, Sirkazhi Taluk, Nagapattinam District - *a precursor to skilled India*, to empower rural women through skill training, benefitting the rural women in the villages - is project of immense significance and nationalistic ideals. The focus is on giving back to the society through

selfless service, build society and nation, build a strong character, generate empathy for others.

We feel immensely delighted to present this report pertaining to the pivotal occasion - the inauguration of **Smt. Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda Institute of Skill Development** on **25**th **September 2019**.

Sri G. V. Subramanian Founder Trustee, Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College, Pondicherry and **Sri A. K. Durairaj**, Director, Ever Win HR Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Chennai, unveiled the Name Board.

Sri Swami Abavarghanandhar Maharaj, Editor Sri RamaKrishna Vijayam Sri Ramakrishna Math showered blessings and initiated the **Graha Pravesham**.

Amidst the rendition of the sloka, lighting the Thiruvilakku - by **Smt. Anuradha Subramanian**, Principal Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College, Pondicherry, **Sri G.V.Subramanian**, Founder Trustee, Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College, Pondicherry, **Swami Abavarghanandhar Maharaj**, Editor, Ramakrishna Vijayam, **Sri. A. K. Durairaj**, Director, Ever Win HR Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Chennai, **Sri K .R. Jagadeesan**, Managing Trustee of K.R.J. Trust Neppathur - heralded the auspicious occasion

Commissioning of the Tailoring wing was dedicated to the cause of the Skilled India by Sri Swami Abavarghanandhar Maharaj, Smt. Anuradha Subramanian, Sri G. V. Subramanian, Sri A. K. Durairaj, Sri K. R. Jagadeesan, Sri S. Hariharan, Managing Director, Inspace India, Chennai, Rtn. Kapilkumar Maheshwari, Managing Director, Kapil Groups Chief Donor of Smt. Krishna Moolchand Maheshwari Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruninrarur, Sri D. V. Sridharan Chief Donor of Sri Jayalakshmi Narashiman Vivekananda Teacher Training and Research Institute, VETRI Campus, Sri S. C. Agarwal R.T. 95 Vivekananda Vidyashram Zamin Endathur and Er. Mathivanan of Mathi Engineers & Builders, Chennai.

Sri. S. Meenakshisundaram, Honorary Secretary, Vivekananda Educational Trust, Chennai welcomed the gathering and honoured the guests. He took the opportunity to introduce Smt. P. Jayanthi and Smt. Banumathy –Tutors – Skill Trainers: Tailoring & Handicrafts, **Smt.**

Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda Institute of Skill Development to dignitaries and to the gathering. In his presidential address Sri G.V. Subramanian gave a subtle philosophical counselling on respecting the nature and valuing in one's life. Sri Jagadeesan blessed the gathering and promised to help us in all ways. Rtn. Kapilkumar Maheswari shared the importance of skill development and briefly explained about the current scenario of startup companies. Sri U. Sundar strongly verbalized the need of skill development in women as they are the back bone of their family, Sri A. K. Durairaj very emotionally expressed about his late friend Sri Elangovan, our donor, at the same time was happy that his friend's property is being utilised for good cause by safe hands. Sri S. Hariharan has given a word of contributing the furniture required for the institution, Sri Er. G. Mathivanan, explained, "If a man possess unconditional service. god will help him to the destiny." Swami Abavarghanandha Maharaj praised the womanhood and blessed them to develop skillfully and simultaneously nurturing themselves with cultural values.

The support extended by MMLC 70 and Round Table MMRT 95 through MMLC 70 **Chairperson Cr. Kiran Sakhrani** for the procurement of 10 USHA sewing machines made us more energetic and bond to do more for the society.

Honorary Director of Smt. Rukmani Lakshmanan Vivekananda institute of skill development Sri A. Mathivanan proposed Vote of Thanks. He thanked all the dignitaries for gracing the occasion and for sparing their valuable time to inaugurate the unit. Finally he thanked one and all who were involved directly and indirectly to make the programme a grand success.

The highlight of the event was the pleasant climate and the positive vibrancy that prevailed. Though the pleasant climate started with meek drizzle and proceeded with light shower, Dignitaries and the gathering acknowledged it as Varun Bhagawan's blessing.

Tailoring course implementation started with joy on 8th October 2019, **Vijayadasami Day** - the day of victory. **The response regarding the initiative was exuberant from the village**. As on 10th October 2019, 24 women students of varied age groups have enrolled in the skill training course and started learning tailoring.

We wish to start Spoken English & Hindi sessions and Information and Communication Technology (ICT skills) very soon.

We take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude for their instrumental role and the tremendous support extended by **Smt. Heena Bellani** and **Sri Rajesh Chimandas** of **T. Mangharam (The Fabric People)**, George Town, Chennai, in facilitating and introduction of the VET project to the donor Late. Sri Elangovan, from Singapore.

Let us join hands in the *nation building task* to accomplish such successful ventures manifold, there by reaching the needy rural folk, enabling them to skill, up-skill and transform this **Nation** to regain its **supremacy in the world**.