

# SWAMI VIVEKANANDA YOUTH CONVENTION 2013



**Vivekananda Samiti** is one of the oldest clubs under the Students' Gymkhana functioning for the last 40 years and spreading the message of Swami Vivekananda among the campus residents. In the present year we have conducted a plethora of events like talks on Ancient India, Kargil War, Workshop on Personality Development, Community Services like **Cloth donation** and **Health Camps** in and around the campus, weekly discussions on Swami Vivekananda's life and teachings, meditation sessions and distribution of Vivekananda literature.

## Health Camps

The Vivekananda Youth Convention has been organizing the Health Camp to shelter the needs of the people below poverty line in the areas near Kanpur. This year we aim to organize the Largest Health Camp in Kanpur aiming at the covering over 10 villages and slums in and around IIT campus. This camp will also seek participation from students passed out from nearby medical universities. This will not only magnify our efforts but also create a sustainable system for community health service.

### Need for Health Camps

Almost all social indicators of the state show that the state stands on 13th or 14th position among the sixteen major States. Bihar and in some cases Orissa, are the only two states which lag behind U.P. in terms of social development indicators like medical facilities, teacher-pupil ratio in primary schools, birth rate, death rate, infant mortality rate, literacy, per capita income, electrification of villages, per capita power consumption etc.

Life expectancy in Uttar Pradesh is less than the national average. Female expectancy is less than 55 years and the under-five mortality rate is as high as 141 per thousand. In this respect, Uttar Pradesh resembles Saharan Africa which has a life expectancy of 53 years and an under-five mortality rate of 160 per thousand.

- According to Annual Health Survey 2011, among all the major Indian states, Uttar Pradesh has the highest under five mortality rate, the second highest crude death rate and the third lowest life expectancy figure.

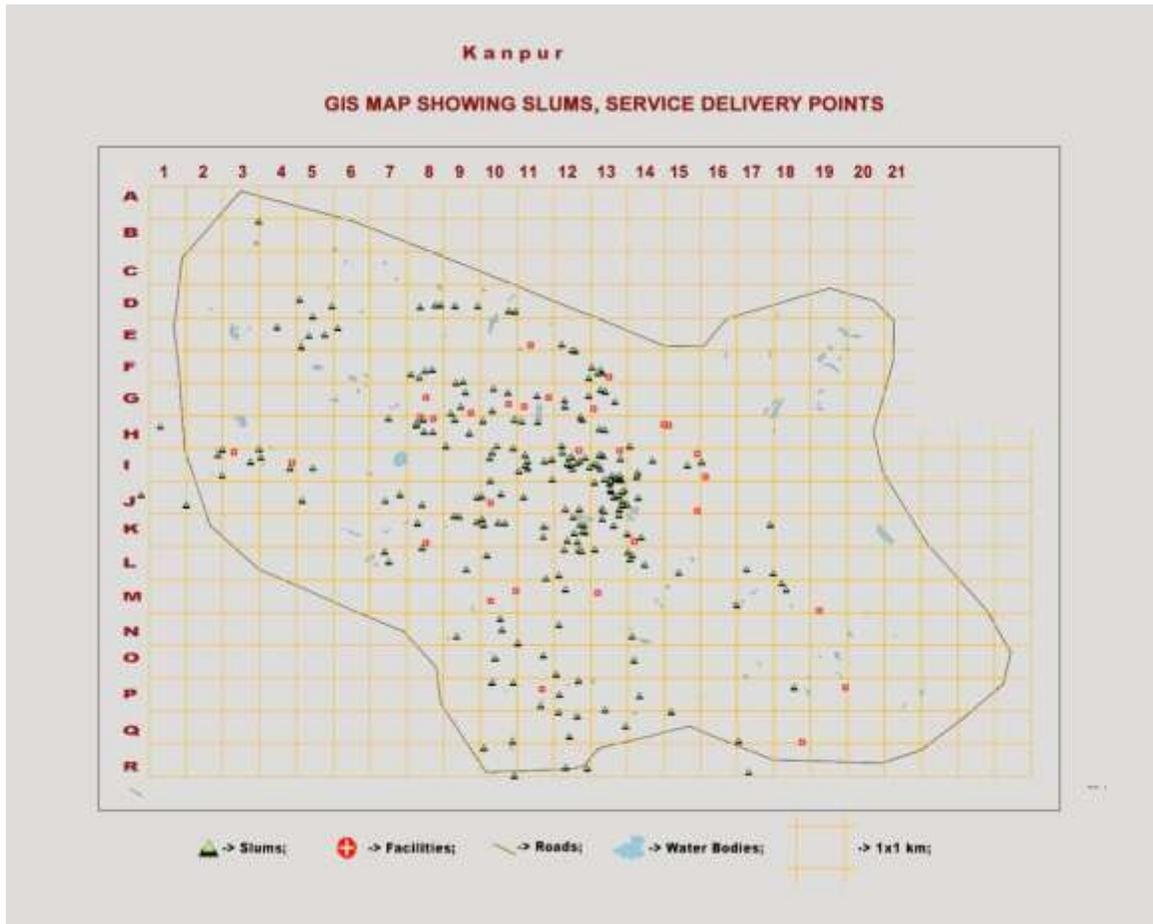
- According to the recent National Family Health survey, Uttar Pradesh comes second only to Bihar among the major Indian states in terms of the incidence of malnutrition among children below the age of five.
- Uttar Pradesh reports the minimum percentage of children fully immunized. All States except Uttar Pradesh have at least half of their children aged 12-23 months fully immunized.
- Uttar Pradesh constitutes second largest share of slum population (11%) after Maharashtra (19%) of the total slum population of India.

This corroborates as well as explains to a large extent the low possibility of a child's survival in UP. Further, the demographic transition of U.P. has been slow. Among all the major Indian states, Uttar Pradesh has the highest birth rate and the highest fertility rate.

**KANPUR** being one of the largest cities of U.P. also faces similar problems. It has an area of over 300 sq.km with an approximate population of 3 million inhabitants in its area. According to 2001 census slum population of the state stands around 25% of its total urban population and this statistic is estimated to grow in the coming years.

- In Kanpur District only, there are around 400 slum areas such as Chunniganj, Gwaltoli, Naubasta, Nankari and Barasirohi each on an average having around 300 families. Health facilities in all these areas are very poor. People here generally do not get the required medical attention and lack general health awareness.

Map below shows the location of various slums in Kanpur and Medical Service Points.



Source: [www.uhiindia.org](http://www.uhiindia.org)

- Kanpur Nagar has the lowest fertility rate among all districts of UP.
- According to Annual Health Survey done by the UP government 20000 per 100,000 population of Kanpur district suffer from acute illnesses such as high fever, dysentery, diarrhoea and respiratory infections.
- Also 10000 per 100,000 population of UP suffers from acute illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes.

Therefore, as a part of Vivekananda Youth Convention 2013 we aim to conduct Kanpur's Largest Health Camp with motive to spread health awareness and provide basic medical check-up and required medicines free of cost to anyone who attends the camp.

**Schedule:** - These health camps would take place throughout the year.

**Venue:** Villages in and around IIT Kanpur such as Nankari, Barasirohi and some other slums of Kanpur

In total, there will be 20 camps conducted throughout the year. The camps will have doctors specializing in Orthopaedic, General Physician, ENT, Gynaecologist, Dentist, Urologist. In order to ensure a smooth running of camps we appeal for a fund for basic necessities like

- Medical consulting for people below poverty line
- To ensure availability of furniture ,tents, sound system
- Printing cost
- Free nailcutters

As it is evident that the people living near the areas of Kanpur fall BPL these health camps are necessary so as to ensure they receive the proper medical care and to cater to their medical needs.

# Budget Proposal for Health Camps

- **Medicines**(For 20 camps)= 20 x 10000 = 200000/-
- **Logistics**  
Printouts, Speakers, Furniture etc. = 20000/-  
Stationary – 5000/-  
Taxi and auto fare-15000/-
- **Other Requirements**  
Hospitality for Doctors and Volunteers, General Awareness Books and other organizational Requirements –  
Momentos-10000/-  
Framed certificates-10000/-
- **Total: 260000/-**

## Details of the previous health camps

Vivekananda Samiti, IIT Kanpur in association with Shiksha Sopan and Ramakrishna Mission Hospital has undertaken a project, Community Health Services, through which we aim to improve the health standards of the under-privileged section of the community in and around the IITK campus. We intend to achieve this by conducting health camps on a regular basis. With the financial support of DRPG, we have planned to organize 4 camps in a Semester. Prof. H.C. Verma is PI for this project. So far we have organized 3 camps in this semester, the details of which are as follow:

### **Camp1: Opportunity School IITK**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012

About **325** under-privileged children studying in School went through general health checkup. This camp was arranged with the help of voluntary service of a team of eight competent doctors. Over 20 committed volunteers from Vivekananda Samiti and Shiksha Sopan rendered their voluntary services to carry out the camp smoothly

### **Camp 2: Eye Camp at Village Lodhar**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012

This Medical Eye Camp was organized at Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Lodhar Village near IIT Kanpur. Dr. Anju Mishra, an eminent ophthalmologist with her team of refractionist examined over **160**

**patients** from the village. While free consultation and medication was offered to all, around 90 patients were provided with spectacles at subsidized rate and six cases of cataract were identified, which would be operated upon at Ursula Hospital at free of cost.

**Camp 3: Barasirohi Village**

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

A general health camp at Shiksha Sopan Svavlamban Kendra at Barasirohi village near IIT-Kanpur was organized. A team of 4 doctors offer their volunteer services at Ramakrishna Mission Hospital examined **516 patients** from village.

## Career Counselling

Different career opportunities are emerging these days. With so many options available there is a larger chance of a person making the wrong choice. There is a lot misconception in the society and a lack of awareness about the career options and the students nowadays blindly follow the paths set by the society. So to give a proper orientation to the careers of these young minds. We have planned a career counselling session. This process of career counselling is vital for anyone's success in life. This session is for students from classes 9-12<sup>th</sup>.

### Career Counselling

We are expecting around 400 students to attend this session.

Career Counsellor – 15000/-

Logistics (Travel Expenses, Mic) – 4000/-

Tea and Snacks - 2000

**Total: 21000/-**

**Grand : Total:2,81,000/-**