

Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Cultural Centre

Annual Descriptive Report of Activities (ADR) FY 2023-24

A. Important Celebrations:

Observance of Birth Tithipuja of Sri Sri Ramakrishna Dev on 12th March 2024

The 189th Birth Tithi of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna Dev was observed on 12th March, 2024 at the centre. The celebration started as usual at 5.30 a.m. with Mangalarati followed by Vedic Chanting and Bhajan. Special puja was offered which was attended by more than 500 devotees. In the evening, Secretary of the Centre delivered a lecture on the life and teaching of "Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna" which was attended by many persons, many more live streamed through our YouTube channel.

Observance of Birth Tithipuja of Sri Sri Sarada Devi on 3rd January 2024

The Birth Tithi of Sri Sri Sarada Devi was observed on 3rd of January 2024 at the centre. In the morning 'Mangalarati' was done at the shrine. Vedic chanting and devotional songs were presented by the monks of the centre. Special Puja was performed in the Ramakrishna Mancha and the devotees offered their Pushpanjali to the Holy Mother. In the evening a special lecture was delivered by Swami Muktasanghananda. 500 devotees attended the session.

Observance of Swami Vivekananda's Birth Day/ National Youth Day

The 162nd **BirthDay** of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day was observed with due solemnity on 12 January 2024 at the Centre. The celebration started at 5.30 A.M. with Mangalarati at the birthplace of Swami Vivekananda followed by Vedic Chanting and Bhajans by the monastics of the Centre.

Sri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP along with Swami Jnanalokananda and other dignitaries, flagged-off a grand Shobha Yatra that started at 9-00 a.m. from Swamiji's Statue. Around five thousand students from 35 nearby educational institutions took part in the Rally, at the end they visited Swamiji's House and received His blessings.

Throughout the day, many dignitaries visited the Birthplace. Sri Sudip Bandyopadhyay (MP), Smt. Sashi Panja (MLA), Sri Abhishek Banerjee (MP),

Sri Subhendu Adhikary (leader of opposition) were among the dignitaries on this auspicious occasion.

In the morning Devotional music was sung by different eminent musicians, offering their tribute to Swami Vivekananda.

In the afternoon was held a Dharma Sabha, which was addressed by Revered Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj, General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission. He was flanked by Swami Jnanalokananda and Sri Pallav Mukherjee, MC member of Swamiji's House.

The courtyard of Swamiji's House overflowed with the visitors throughout the day. More than 40,000 persons visited Swamiji's House on this occasion to pay their respect to Him. They were all offered laddu prasad which served by devoted team of volunteers.

A weeklong programme was organized at the Centre to celebrate the Birthday of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day.

Other Celebrations:

Apart from the above, other celebrations like Jagaddhatri Puja in a symbolic manner and Saraswati Puja were also observed where near about 500 hundred and 400 hundred devotees and students were present.

Commemorative Discourses:

Celebrations on auspicious occasions like Buddha Purnima, Guru Purnima, Krishna Janmashtami, Dol Purnima, Christmas Eve, were held. Many devotees and admirers were attended in those occasions.

B. Cultural Activities:

Cultural & Musical Programmes:

Total 68 cultural events were held at the centre and were attended by 69064 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Convention/Seminar:

Total 5 events were held at the centre and were attended by 6503 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Value Education in urban areas:

Classes on Sundays/Holidays on value education were successfully held with students of neighbouring educational institutions under the aegis of Vivekananda Youth forum at the Birthplace. This year in 66 days 9330 participants attended.

Value Education in rural areas:

Apart from urban areas, other youth programmes were held at rural places in West Bengal during the year in which 6464 audience were present in the 37 events.

Vivekananda Museum:

Vivekananda Museum at the Ancestral House of Swami Vivekananda where Swami Vivekananda was born was operative throughout the year. It drew 36986 visitors. This included 3105 nos. free and 2437 nos. half free visitors.

Balak Sangha & Nivedita Sangha:

Total 2 programmes were held at the centre and were attended by 69 persons.

C. PREACHING:

Endowment/Memorial Lectures:

Total twenty nos. of Endowment Lecture were held at the centre during the period and the lectures were attended by 116010 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Classes on Scriptures:

Total one hundred seventy classes were held at the centre and the lectures were attended by 38782 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Discourses on Spirituality/Values/Literature:

Total 102 classes were held at the centre and the lectures were attended by 88695 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Ramakrishna – Vivekananda Lectures:

Total sixty-two nos. of discourses were held at the centre on **Sri Ramakrishna** (Kathamrita, Leela Prasanga, Punthi, etc.) and the lectures were attended by 48197 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Total forty-two nos. of discourses were held at the centre on **Sri Maa** (Mayer Katha, Mayer Padaprante, etc.) and the lectures were attended by 43440 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Total twenty-two nos. of discourses were held at the centre on **Swami Vivekananda** (Vivekanander Bani, Vivek Churamani etc.) and the lectures were attended by 58530 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Total thirty-seven nos. of discourses were held at the centre on **Direct Disciples** (Swamis: Brahmananda, Shivananda, Akhandananda, Yogananda, Abhedananda and others) including Sister Nivedita and the lectures were attended by 55873 persons including those which were streamed through our YouTube channel.

Bhakta Sammelon/Parents & Teachers Convocation:

Total seven nos. classes were held at the centre and outside. Lectures were attended by 755 persons.

D. Free Coaching Centre:

The Centre managed the following eight (08) **Free Coaching Centres** at Swamiji's House and other areas:

1. Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata-700 006
2. Ma Sarada Sevashrama, Kudlung, Purulia
3. Swami Akhandananda Free Coaching Centre, Chowberia, North 24 Pargans.
4. Agarhati RK Sarada Sevashrama, Sandeshkhali, North 24 parganas.
5. Chakkasi, Bowria, Howrah
6. Naipur, Purba Medinipur
7. Kashmuli, Paschim Medinipur
8. Keshiary, Jhargram

Total amount of Rs. 10,12,916/- was spent towards the objective and 208 nos of Boys and 257 girls were attended the Coaching Centres. Along with the academic coaching, they were regularly nourished with nutritious tiffin.

Gadadhar Abhyudaya Prakalpa:

The project was being financed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. The implementation of the project was carried out **at Agarhati (Ajgara) and Boyermari (Gholapara)** villages, P.S. Sandeshkhali, 24 Parganas (N). The amount of Rs.13,60,000/- was received through Belur Math Headquarters for the purpose. Along with regular activities, they were provided with nutritive (Tiffin). Regular health check-up along with medicine also done with the help of Medical Experts. A total of 25 boys and 75 girls benefited through these two Centers.

E. Scholarship to deserving students:

Universal Spirituality & Humanity Foundation pledged Scholarships to poor and meritorious students under the banner 'Swami Vivekananda USHF Merit Scholarship'. The Scholarships were disbursed among **sixty** students (total amount of Rs. 77,400/-) for the period from April to March 2024.

Apart from the above, an additional amount of Rs. 21,500/- has been spent in way of awarding scholarships to **nine** students at School of Language.

F. Socio-Economical Rehabilitation:

The Centre rehabilitated economically weak persons by providing Sewing Machines, one Cutting Machine, one Cloth Printing Machine etc. were handed over to 27 beneficiaries of Naipur(Purba Medinipur), Bowria, Nabagram(Howrah) etc.. An amount of Rs. 2,53,101/- was spent for all those purposes.

G. Medical Welfare Activities:

A Charitable Dispensary with Allopathic (General, Paediatrics, Haematology, Eye) Homeopathic, Physiotherapy and Yoga wings provided free medical services to the poor and needy people of the locality. Total nos. of 3024 patients were consulted and treated (Male-1398 and Female-1609 and children-17). The patients were attended by 16 doctors.

A blood donation camp organised by the centre on 02.10.23 where (50 male and 16 female) 66 donors voluntarily donated blood.

A free eye camp organised by the centre on 25.02.24 where (40 male and 20 female) 60 patients benefited.

H. Welfare & Relief Work:

Cloth distribution:

As in the previous years, Winter Relief was conducted by the Centre in eight villages of 24 Parganas (North & South), Purba Medinipur, Purulia and Kolkata among 2014 adults of BPL families. Saree-1400pcs, Lungi-504pcs, Children

Garments-304pcs distributed among them. An amount of Rs. 4,21,279/- was spent for this purpose.

Another Rs.37,400/- has been spent to provide 110 Bed Sheets to Villagers at Garalgacha, Hooghly Dist.

Pecuniary Help:

Total Rs. 37,500/- has been spent as pecuniary help. 5 male and 5 female poor persons were benefited.

Other Welfare:

Total Rs.74,888/- has been spent to provide Geometry Box & Exercise Books to 508 poor students at five High School in Dakshin Dinajpur through Raiganj RKM.

Free Ration distributed three times in quarterly intervals to 12 male and 21 female, total quantity of 882 kgs ration (rice, dal, potato etc.) distributed this year for which Rs.22,710/- spent.

Sari, Lungi & Blanket (500 each) distributed to Poor People with subsidy from Belur Math. The Centre spent Rs.82,118/- only in this head.

I. Text Book Library:

The Centre has got a Text Book Library with total Nos. of Books-6756, four daily news papers and two(2) Periodicals in its own campus. Student members of Higher Secondary, Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses used the facilities of the Text Book Library. The average number of membership during the year was 119 and 863 books were consulted/issued. The total attendance during the year under review was 11834. The figure consisted of 6043 male and 5791 female beneficiaries.

J. Publication:

During the financial year, following Books are printed. An amount of Rs. 8,58,141/- was spent for total 12,587 copies of books.

1. **Mulya Bodhe Dhanya Jiban** (Reprint-4 times) -- 4262 Copies.
2. **Mulya Bodhe Dhanya Jiban -Chhatra Sankalan** (New print- 1 time) 4000 Copies.
3. **Subhasite Jibangaraa**-(New print-1 time) -- 4325 copies.

K. Educational Activities at the Centre:

School of Languages:

1. Communicative English: The Course of four months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 31 batches 840 students (328 boys and 512 girls) were admitted. Free students- 3.

2. Communicative German: The Course of eight months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 13 batches 144 students (80 boys and 64 girls) were admitted.

3. Communicative French:

The Course of twelve months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 13 batches 140 students (39 boys and 101 girls) were admitted.

4. Courses on Computer Education:

Preliminary computer Application Course, DTP & Multimedia, FA & ERP9, Professional Web Design of four months' duration were conducted by our centre. This year in 29 batches 544 students (230 boys and 314 girls, Free Student-1) were admitted.

5. Communicative Spanish: The Course of six months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 7 batches 81 students (35 boys and 46 girls) were admitted.

6. Courses on Sanskrit: The Course of four months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 17 batches 223 students (98 boys and 125 girls) were admitted. Free students 2. In **Sanskrit chanting**, 7 batches 131 students (55 Boys and 76 Girls) including one free student.

7. Courses on Bengali Recitation & Bengali: This year total attendance 55 (female-25 & male-30) in 6 batches & in **Bengali**, 3 batches 13 students (5 boys, 8 girls) of which 12 free students.

8. Courses on Drawing: The course of six months' duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 5 batches 57 students (29 boys, 28 girls & 16 free students).

9. Courses on Hindi: The course of four months duration was conducted by our centre. This year in 3 batch 31 students (10 boys, 21 girls & one free student) were admitted.

Other Educational Activities

Research Centre (An extension unit of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara):

1. Research Students: Total six students (1 boy & 5 girls) continued research work in one unit.

2. Advanced Sanskrit composition: Total 13 students (1 boy & 12 girls) in one unit.

3. Web Development: Total 12 students (6 boys & 6 girls) were admitted.

4. Business communication: Total 10 students (4 boys & 6 girls) were admitted.

5. Soft Skill Training: Total 72 girl students were admitted in one unit.

6. Manuscript Editing Workshop: Total 25 students (9 boys & 16 girls) were admitted.

7. Lakshmi Sora Painting Workshop: Total 16 students (7 boys & 9 girls) were admitted.

Extension Activity outside of the Centre

1. Udayan (Learning English): Total 155 students (79 boys & 76 girls) were admitted.
