

RAMAKRISHNA MATH

VIVEKNAGAR : TRIPURA (WEST)

HISTORY

Ramakrishna Math, Viveknagar had its humble beginning on 29 May 1989 through taking over the Assets and Properties including about 15 acres of land, donated by erstwhile 'Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama' Amtali, that was organized by Swami Paramananda (a monk not belonging to the Ramakrishna Order attached to Ramakrishna Math, Belur), since 13 December 1966. It is 8 km to the south of Agartala, the capital town of the Tripura. Since inception of the new Math complex was renamed 'Viveknagar' as per official records of the Govt. of Tripura, and the name 'Viveknagar' is in regular use by the people of the area now. An Extra-Departmental Post Office for the locality is located at Viveknagar.

The Steering Committee of Ramakrishna Math, Viveknagar consisted of the following members for the period of 01-04-2015 to 31-03-2016 :

Name	Office
1. Swami Hitakamananda	Adhyaksha
2. Swami Shivadevananda	Upadhyaksha
3. Swami Atmavikasananda	Manager
4. Swami Praneshwarananda	Treasurer
5. Swami Divyeshwarananda	Deputy Manager
6. Swami Shrutigitananda	Member

Activities during the year 2016 – 2017

Vocational Training in Rubber Tapping

A 'Rubber Tapping Training School', is run by Math in collaboration with the Regional Rubber Board since ----- . It trained in 06 (six) batches of 84 (S.T. – 57, S.C. – 07, O.B.C. – 14 and Gen – 06) Tribal and Non-tribal youths belonging to the rural areas in the current year. Tripura is now the second largest rubber producing State in India. The trained youths from this centre have been using this skill either in tending their own garden or working other's garden as skilled labourer and earning sufficiently.

Regular activities and celebrations

Daily worship, evening prayer and Ramnam Sankirtan on Ekadashi days (since 2002) in the Temple were conducted regularly in addition to observance of Birthday Tithi Puja of direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna followed by short discourse after evening prayer. It is attended mostly by resident students and a few staff.

Sankara Jayanti was observed with discourse on the life and teachings of Acharya Sankara on 11-05-2016 at the shrine.

Buddha Jayanti was observed with discourses on the life and teachings of the Buddha on 21-05-2016 at the shrine.

Guru Purnima (Birthday of Vyasadeva) was observed on 19-07-2016 with discourses on the life and teachings of the Vyasadeva at the shrine.

Janmastami was observed with devotional songs and discourse on the life of Sri Krishna on 25-08-2016 at the shrine.

Major Celebrations

Name of celebration	Date	Attendance	Programs	Participants
Birth-Tithi of the Holy Mother Sarada Devi	20-12-2016	250	Puja, Bhajans, Discourse	Mostly students
Christmas Eve	24-12-2016	300	Worship, Carrols, Reading from Bible and discourse (9 am to 10 am)	Mostly students
Tithi Puja of Swamiji	19-01-2017	250	Do	Mostly students
Birth-Tithi Puja of Sri Sri Ramakrishna	28-03-2017	275	Do	Mostly students

On 05 March 2017, **public celebration** in connection with **Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday** was held at Viveknagar with usual day-long program that included

(i) Morning procession, (ii) special puja, homa, (iii) devotional songs, instrumental music, readings from Ramakrishna Punthi and various religious scriptures and short religious discourse (iv) distribution of cooked Prasad.

The special event of the celebration was **Ramakrishna Mela** with about 300 stalls, which drew a large crowd. About 8,000 devotees were served with cooked Prasad in plates at noon. The event of day-long reading program from various scriptures and biographies of saints of major religions of the world was, as usual, highly appreciated. The weather was clear and pleasant. Students, members of the staff with their family members, devotees and admirers attended the morning procession which started at 6.30 a.m.

A drama **Yugavatar Sri Ramakrishna** was performed by Sri Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Khowai.

Important Visitors

Srimat Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math along with Swami Durganathananda, Swami Pavanachaitanya and Br. Partha visited Viveknagar Centre from 03-08-2016 to 16-08-2016. During his stay, revered Maharaj bestowed spiritual initiation on 708 aspirants.

Visit of other Distinguished Person :

His Excellency Mr. Tathagata Ray, Governor of Tripura, visited our Temple on 13-08-2016 along with his wife. Revered Prabhanandaji Maharaj blessed them with mantra diksha. They left for Raj Bhavan at 12.45 p.m.

The following monks visited Viveknagar Math during the period from April 2016 to March 2017 :

1. Swami Atmashuddhananda of Itanagar Mission Centre
2. Br. Vimokshachaitanya of Kailasahar Mission Centre
3. Swami Annapurnananda of Varanasi Centre
4. Swami Parasharananda of Malda Centre
5. Swami Jushtananda of Kailashar Centre
6. Swami Diptimayananda of Kailashar Centre
7. Swami Uttamananda of Kailashar Centre
8. Swami Vibhatmananda of Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata
9. Swami Uttamananda of Kailashahar Centre
10. Swami Jyotirananda of Kailashahar Centre
11. Swami Ishanathananda of Imphal Centre
12. Br. Vimukshachaitanya of Kailashahar Centre
13. Br. Tegatmachaitanya of Narendrapur Centre
14. Swami Jyotirmayananda of Joyrambati Centre
15. Swami Sudhamayananda of Belur Math
16. Swami Ramakantananda of Dhaka Centre
17. Br. Deepanjan of Narendrapur Centre
18. Swami Shivadhishananda from Ramakrishna Mission Home of Service, Varanasi
19. Swami Atmasukhananda of Narottam Nagar,
20. Swami Hariharananda of Vivekananda University,
21. Swami Trinayanananda of Srinagar,
22. Swami Kalyaneshananda of Taki,
23. Swami Shivatmananda of Habiganj, Bangladesh,
24. Swami Chandranathananda of Sylhet, Bangladesh,
25. Swami Mahapunyananda of Sylhet, Bangladesh.
26. Swami Nirliptananda of Ichapur centre,
27. Swami Divyananda of Saradapitha centre
28. Swami Purusheshananda of Barasat Centre.
29. Swami Jyotirananda (Shrikanta Mj) of Kailashahar centre
30. Swami Gunalayananda (Saunak Mj) of Kanpur centre,
31. Swami Vrajeshwarananda (Bipin Mj) of Katihar centre,
32. Swami Ishanathananda (Janardan Mj) of Imphal centre,
33. Swami Shaktipradananda (Nimai Mj) of Cherrapunjee centre
34. Swami Bhaveshatmananda (Manatosh Mj) of Cherrapunjee centre.
35. Swami Ishanathananda (Janardan Mj) of Imphal centre

36. Swami Jyotirananda (Shrikanta Mj) of Kailashahar centre

37. Br. Shripatichaitanya (Hriday Mj) of Kailashahar centre

Pecuniary Help

From Centre's own Fund	
No. of Recipients	Amount Rs.
17	9077

Monthly Special Study Circle (Pathachakra)

The Math started organizing regularly monthly special Study Circle (Pathachakra) sessions from July 2002. The programme started with the intention to acquaint staff members and their relations with Indian Spiritual tradition and also to bring the people of the locality closer to the ideas, ideals and activities of the Centre. This year 10 (Ten) Study Circles were conducted at Viveknagar. The Monthly Pathachakra was suspended for two months due to Puja Holidays (Mahalaya to Bhratridvitiya) and Summer Vacation of Vidyalaya.

On an average about 300 devotees from the campus, locality and Agartala town and also from distant places viz. Udaipur, Melaghar, Bishalgarh, Teliamura, Ambassa, Dharmanagar, Kamalpur etc. participated in the sessions.

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