

RAMAKRISHNA MATH VIVEKNAGAR : WEST TRIPURA

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 01-04-2018 to 31-03-2019 :

Name	Office
1. Swami Hitakamananda	Adhyaksha
2. Swami Shivajnanananda	Upadhyaksha
3. Swami Samsiddhananda	Manager
4. Swami Divyeshwarananda	Deputy Manager
5. Br. Shivachaitanya	Treasurer
6. SwamiShrutigitananda	Member

Activities during the year 2018 – 2019

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 20-04-2018 at the shrine.

Buddha Jayanti was observed with discourses on the life and teachings of the Buddha on 30-04-2018 at the shrine.

Guru Purnima (Birthday of Vyasadeva) was observed on 27-07-2018 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 02-09-2018 at the shrine.

Major Celebrations

Name of celebration	Date	Attendance	Programs	Participants
ChristmasEve	24-12-2018	350	Worship, Carrols, Reading from Bible and discourse (9:00 am to 10:00 am)	Mostly students and inmates of Residential staff
Birth-Tithi of the Holy Mother Sarada Devi	28-12-2018	200	Puja, Bhajans, Discourse	Mostly students and teachers
Tithi Puja of Swamiji	27-01-2019	200	Do	Mostly students and teachers
Birth-Tithi Puja of Sri Sri Ramakrishna	08-03-2019	250	Do	Mostly students and teachers

On 17March 2019, **public celebration** in connection with **Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday** was held at Viveknagar with usual day-long programthat 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 265stalls, which drew a large crowd. About 9,000 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.

Important Visitors

1. Srimat Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, visited Viveknagar centre from 17-06-2018 to 20-06-2018 and his secretary Swami Yadavendrananda (Jagannathan Mj).
2. Srimat Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, visited Viveknagar centre from 27-06-2018 to 11-07-2018 and his secretary Swami Durganathananda (Asish Mj), Swami Ojomayananda (Kuldeep Mj) and Br. Shridharachaitanya (Partha Mj).
3. Swami Divyanandaji Maharaj of Saradapitha centre, visited Viveknagar Centre from 14-12-2018 to 17-12-2018.

Visit of other Distinguished Person:

His Excellency Sri Tathagata Roy, Governor of Tripura, visited Viveknagar Campus on 22-07-2018 along with his family members.

His Excellency Sri Tathagata Roy, Governor of Meghalaya, visited Viveknagar Campus on 28-08-2018.

The following monks visited Viveknagar Math during the period from April 2018 to March 2019 :

1. Swami Atmadhyanananda (Subhash Mj) of Nattarampalli centre
2. Swami Premaghanananda (Dhruvajyoti Mj) of Narottam Nagar centre
3. Swami Shivatmananda (Jnanendra Mj) of Habiganj, Bangladesh
4. Swami Bhadratmananda (Suprakash Mj) of Belgharia centre
5. Swami Shivapremananda (Shivashankar Mj) of Jalpaiguri centre
6. Swami Satyasthananda (Swapan Mj) of Shimla centre
7. Swami Achyuteshananda (Girijabhushan Mj) of Narottamnagar centre
8. Swami Sudarshananda of Ulsoor centre
9. Swami Chirantananda of Porbandar centre
10. Swami Yogasthananda of Indore centre
11. Swami Sadbhavananda of Thrissur
12. Swami Vedyananda of Puri Math centre
13. Swami Shiveshananda (Swapan Mj) of Cooch Behar
14. Swami Stavananda of Dhaka
15. Swami Ishtavratananda (Suryagopal Mj) of Narendrapur

16. Swami Mahidharananda (Gopal Mj) of Narendrapur
17. Swami Nareshananda (Jyotish Mj) of Imphal
18. Swami Prabhasananda (Purna Mj) of Karimganj
19. Swami Mahamayananda (Sushanta Mj) of Chapra Centre
20. Swami Jnanaprakashananda (Mintu/Satyavrata Mj) of Bangladesh
21. Swami Mayeshananda of Guwahati centre
22. Swami Kalpeshananda of Dhaka Centre
23. Swami Shaktinathananda (Nikhil Mj) of Chittagong, Bangladesh
24. Swami Sujayananda (Tapan Mj) of Gwalior Centre
25. Swami Pararupananda (Mohan Mj) of Jayrambati
26. Swami Jnanamayananda (Mariappan Mj) of Thiruvananthapuram centre
27. Swami Ambikatmananda (Prashanta Mj) of Purulia
28. Swami Chitprabhananda (Pradip Mj) of Swamiji's House, Kolkata
29. Br. Nilay of Bhubaneswar Centre
30. Swami Ajayatmananda of Ranchi Centre
31. Swami Mahamritananda of Baranagar Centre
32. Swami Atmasukhananda of Narattamnagar
33. Swami Jiveshwarananda (Sanjay Mj) of Kankhal
34. Swami Swadharmananda of Chapra Centre
35. Swami Ekanishthananda of Jaipur Centre
36. Swami Prabhasananda of Karimganj
37. Swami Ganadhishananda of Silchar
38. Swami Jyotirupananda of Mosco, Russia
39. Swami Paramapadananda (Pitambar Mj) of Mymensingh, Bangladesh
40. Swami Tattwasarananda of Saradapitha
41. Br. Girijachaitanya (Rupam Mj) of Saradhapitha
42. Swami Vimalatmananda of Yogodyan Centre, Koklata
43. Swami Vaikunthananda of Silchar Centre
44. Swami Sarvabhutananda (Suprabhat Mj) of Shilong
45. Swami Ramabhadrananda (Dibyendu Mj) of Karimganj
46. Br. Rana of Ranchi
47. Br. Sharvachaitanya (Apu Kumar Mj) of Chandpur, Bangladesh

Pecuniary Help

From Centre's own Fund	
No. of Recipients	Amount Rs.
13	Rs. 8538/-

Sl. No.	Names of Scholarships	Names of Donors	Scholarship Subject	Name	Scholarship Amount (Rs.)
1	Sanskrit Scholarship	Prof. Shila Purkayastha, Geetanjali Apartment Agartala	Spread and popularization of Sanskrit Language and Literature	Soubhanik Chauhury	3500
2				Tapajyoti Chakraborty	2000
3				Sourasish Das	2000
4				Pranjal Pal	1500
5				Partha Satpathi (Teacher)	3000

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 8 (eight) Study Circles were conducted at Viveknagar. The Monthly Pathachakra was suspended for four months due to Puja Holidays (Mahalaya to Bhratridvitiya) Summer Vacation of Vidyalaya, visit of Vice-President Maharaj and Annual Sports 2018.

On an average about **200** 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.

Avasik Anudhyan Shivir (Residential Retreat)

To give the initiated devotees a taste of contemplative spiritual life ("Nirjan Vas") staying away from kinsmen as advocated by Sri Ramakrishna, the Math started organizing regularly residential 02 days' spiritual retreats from the month of May 2017, whenever possible. In the year 2018-19, the centre organized 04 (four) spiritual retreats which were attended by **270** devotees from Agartala and nearby districts.

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