

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 01-04-2019 to 31-03-2021 :

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 Up to 01/09/2019 Swami Shantighanananda w.e.f. 02/09/2019	Member
7. Br. Bhavanichaitanya	Member

Activities during the year 2019 – 2020

Regular activities and celebrations

Daily worship, evening prayer and RamnamSankirtan 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.

Buddha Jayanti was observed with discourses on the life and teachings of the Buddha on 15-04-2019 at the shrine.

Sankara Jayanti was observed with discourse on the life and teachings of Acharya Sankara on 09-05-2019 at the shrine.

Guru Purnima (Birthday of Vyasadeva) was observed on 16-07-2019 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 24-08-2019 at the shrine.

Major Celebrations

Name of celebration	Date	Attendance	Programs	Participants
Birth-Tithi of the Holy Mother Sarada Devi	18-12-2019	200	Puja, Bhajans, Discourse	Mostly students and teachers
Christmas Eve	24-12-2019	350	Worship, Carrols, Reading from Bible and discourse (9:00 am to 10:00 am)	Mostly students and inmates of Residential staff
Tithi Puja of Swamiji	17-01-2020	200	Do	Mostly students and teachers
Birth-Tithi Puja of Sri Sri Ramakrishna	25-02-2020	250	Do	Mostly students and teachers

On 1st March 2020, **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 (iv) Drama: *Anubhabe Tumi Sri Ramakrishna* was performed by Vivekananda Socio-Cultural Organization, Agartala, (v) distribution of cooked Prasad.

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The special event of the celebration was **Ramakrishna Mela** with about 250 stalls, 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

- a) Srimat Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, visited Viveknagar centre from 12-05-2019 to 26-05-2019. During his stay, Revered Maharaj bestowed spiritual initiation on 460 aspirants.

During the visit of Most Revered Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj laid the foundation stone of the Monks' Quarters "ChandramaniBhavan" on 18-05-2019, on the day of Buddha Purnima.

Visit of other Monks:

The following monks visited Viveknagar Math during the period from April 2019 to March 2020 :

1. Br.Sharvachaitanya (Apu Kumar Mj) of Chadpur, Bangladesh
2. Swami Durganathananda (AsishMj), of Belur Math
3. Swami Ojomayananda (KuldeepMj) of Belur Math
4. Br. Shridharachaitanya (ParthaMj). of Belur Math
5. Swami Nityakrishnananda (ManasMj) of Belur Math
6. Swami Stavapriyananda (AmarnathMj), of
7. Swami Jatavedananda (DipankarMj) of
8. Swami Sukhananda, Secretary of Patna Centre,
9. Swami Vibhatmananda
10. Swami Ishtadhyanananda of AdvaitaAshrama, Kolkata.
11. Swami Bodhasarananda, of Belur Math
12. Swami Jayananda, of Belur Math
13. . Swami Tattwavidananda, of Belur Math
14. Swami Sarvadhishananda, of Belur Math
15. Swami Sukhadevananda of Chennai Mission
16. Swami Nityapurnananda of Belur Math
17. Swami Jayadurgananda (GautamMj) of Malda Centre
18. Swami Dharmeshananda (ArunMj) of Alahabad Centre.
19. Swami Satyadevananda (BijanMj) of Mumbai Centre,
20. Swami Nityatmananda (GitenduMj) of Silchar
21. Swami Sarvabedananda (MihirMj) of Gwalior Centre.

Pecuniary Help

From Centre's own Fund	
No. of Recipients	Amount Rs.
02	4253/-

Sl. No.	Names of Scholarships	Names of Donors	Scholarship Subject	Name	Scholarship Amount (Rs.)
1	" Sanskrit Scholarship "	Prof. ShilaPurkayastha, Geetanjali Apartment Agartala	Spread and popularization of Sanskrit Language and Literature	ADITYA DEB ROY	4,000.00
				SHOUBHIK ACHARJEE	3,000.00
				PRITAM SEN	2,000.00
				PARTHA SATPATHI (TEACHER)	3,000.00

Welfare Work :During the period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 academic assistance was extended to five (05) male beneficiaries in the form of Cash Relief of Rs. 3000/- each month.

Monthly Special Study Circle (Pathachakra)

The Math started organizing regularly monthly special StudyCircle (Pathachakra) sessions from July 2002. The programme stated 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 7 (Seven) Study Circles were conducted at Viveknagar. The Monthly Pathachakra was suspended for five months due to Puja Holidays (Mahalaya to Bhratridvitiya)Summer Vacation of Vidyalaya, Saraswati Puja andEx-Students reunion.

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.

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