



Ramakrishna Mission

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AT A GLANCE SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF RAMAKRISHNA MISSION, VIVEKNAGAR, AGARTALA

Ramakrishna Math and **Ramakrishna Mission** are worldwide, non-political, non-sectarian spiritual organizations which have been engaged in various forms of humanitarian, social service activities for more than 125 Years. Inspired by the ideals of renunciation and service, the monks and lay devotees of the Math and Mission serve millions of men, women and children, without any distinction of caste, religion or race, because they see the living God in them. These twin organizations have set in motion a non-sectarian, universal spiritual movement which has been silently working for more than a hundred years to catalyze the spiritual regeneration of humanity.

MOTTO: The motto of the twin organizations is: **आत्मनो मोक्षार्थं जगद्धिताय च**, (*For one's own salvation and for the welfare of the world*). It was formulated by Swami Vivekananda.

IDEALS: Work as worship, potential divinity of the soul, and harmony of religions are three of the noteworthy ideals on which these two organizations are based. It is this ideal of 'Service to man as Service to God' that sustains the large number of Hospitals, Dispensaries, Mobile Medical Units, Schools, Colleges, Rural Development Centres and many other Social Service Institutions, runs the twin organizations.

Ramakrishna Mission in the State of Tripura

The service activities of the Ramakrishna Mission in Tripura took place in 1949 with the Relief Operation conducted there at Anandanagar, near Agartala by the Ramakrishna Mission under its Headquarters. Eventually a privately-run Ashrama was established on 29th May 1950. The Governing Body of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, West Bengal, took over the management of the said 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Gangail Road, Agartala' On 25th March in 1985. Following the aforesaid handing over in 1985, the said Ashrama has been renamed as 'Ramakrishna Mission, Gangail Road,' and since then as a branch centre of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, West Bengal started functioning.

In the late eighties, for establishing peace in the state of Tripura, a Peace Accord in the form of tripartite agreement was executed amongst the Govt. of India, the Govt. of Tripura and the Tripura National Volunteers (TNV). Following the execution of the aforesaid agreement, an endeavor of providing true education and maintenance of amity between the children of indigenous and that of the general and other categories was very much felt for the all-round development of the State.

It is indeed a matter of pride that the Ramakrishna Mission was thus, invited to undertake the responsibility of implementing this noble project which ought to be nurtured with an attitude of care and affection, no less than that of a loving mother. The objective of the project was to start an Educational Complex in Tripura wherein the children of both the tribal and non-tribal communities would obtain value-based education and lessons of sharing the common national heritage of brotherhood under the loving guidance of dedicated monastics and preceptors. Accordingly, on 29th May 1989, Ramakrishna Mission Educational Complex was established at Viveknagar on the land measuring about 62 acres handed over to Ramakrishna Mission by the Government of Tripura, with the infrastructure gradually developed with the financial supports from the Government of India.

The activities of Ramakrishna Mission in Tripura gathered momentum in full swing from 1989 from its Gangail Road Unit and Viveknagar centre along with the contiguous Math centre at Amtali, Viveknagar, with the objectives of uplifting the masses, especially the local tribes and fostering the idea of national integration and tribal and non-tribal amity, and the central focus being the development and uplift of the tribal and poor people of Tripura particularly in the area of education, culture, technical education, self-employment, health and hygiene, and cultural and spiritual enrichment of the people of Tripura in general.

The twelfth President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, laid the foundation stone of this Educational Complex on 29th May, 1989 at Viveknagar under West Tripura District to foster amity and co-operation between the tribal and non-tribal people of Tripura. On 11th September 1990, the then General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission inaugurated and declared commencement of the journey of this unique Educational Complex in presence of the then Governor and the Chief Minister of Tripura. The Foundation Day i.e. 11th September is very significant as on the very day in 1893 Swami Vivekananda delivered the Historic Address in the World's Parliament of Religions at Chicago.

Eventually on addition to the Math complex (comprising 12 Acres of Land) as well the present Educational Complex offers a panoramic view spanning over 74 Acres, of which 90% is wrapped with greeneries and located just 1½ km away from the Agartala Main Railway Station.

Regular Service Activities

With its sub Centre/City Centre located on the Gangail Road, Agartala, the following service activities are rendered through the Viveknagar Centre.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

(For the purpose of All-round Development of the Children of the State)

1. Higher Secondary School affiliated to C.B.S.E. with Hostel facilities specially for the students from the Tribal Communities.
2. 'Special Category School' declared by the Govt. of Tripura
3. 'Cyber Smart School' (Excellence in the Atal Tinkering Lab activities), Certified by Niti Ayog, Govt. of India,
4. Industrial Tr. Inst. (I.T.I): Bagged the 1st Rank in Tripura, as per D.G.T, Govt. of India, grading
5. A Rubber Tapping Training School, a successful project of ITI
6. Proven Station for Tea Plantation for Tripura, run by ITI
7. A Hostel mainly for the students of the Tribal Communities (many of them are 1st generation learners)
8. Libraries at the Vidyalaya and ITI Complex
9. A free Students' Home mainly for the Tribal Students at the City Centre
10. Skill Development Courses: Computer Courses are taught at the City Centre



Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

(For the purpose of Spiritual and Cultural Development of the People of this State)

1. Daily worship at the Viveknagar and the City Centre at Gangail Road, Agartala
2. Conducting regular Spiritual and Value-based discourses at the City Centre
3. Periodical Spiritual Retreats (Meditation-Yoga etc.) are conducted at the Viveknagar Campus
4. Day long JapaYagya- Meditation programmes are conducted at the City Centre
5. Celebrations of the birthdays of the Holy Trio, the Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna, other Spiritual Leaders, Ram Navami, Janmashtami, Durgashtami, Jagaddhatri Navami, Christmas Eve and Shivaratri
6. Youth Programme: SPECIAL YOUTH CELL, Programmes on Personality Development etc.
7. Propagation of Ideas and Ideals: SHOW ROOM for sales of Ramakrishna – Vivekananda and Vedanta Literature and PalliMangal Products are made available at Viveknagar and Gangail Sub Centre.

MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT: NIRAMAY

(Thousands of Poor and needy people of Tripura are served through the following units)

1. Medical Service Unit, viz. "Niramay" provides Free Medicines to all the patients
2. Free Mobile Medical Unit: Mobile Medical Service provided among the poor and needy people
3. Conducting Free Eye Camp, Blood Donation Camp, and several Free Special Medical Camps
4. Yearly almost 14,000 patients are given free treatment and medicines.

WELFARE, RELIEF & TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

(Unselfish Loving Service rendered for the benefit of the destitute people of the State)

1. Sarada Anna Bhandar: Daily Cooked Food Packets are distributed among the Footpath Dwellers
2. Gadadhar Abhyudaya Prakalpa (Integrated Child Development Project) for the underprivileged children of the localities
3. Ma Sarada Shiksha Sahayata Kendra (MSSSK): Non-formal School this supports the underprivileged children of the Society in the field of Education and all round Development. Presently hundreds of poor students are being benefited through three such units at Ambasa, Amtali and Bhagavandas Chawdhury Para, Agartala
4. Gokul Dham and Jal Vihar: Production of Milk, Vegetables & Supply of free Water at Viveknagar
5. Extending Pecuniary Supports to the needy people
6. Relief Operations: During Calamities the RKM, Viveknagar Centre conducts the Relief operations among the distressed people
7. Special Welfare Projects are taken up every year:
 - Distribution of Thousands of Sarees and Dress Materials among the needy people
 - Distribution of Thousands of Blankets among the destitute people
 - Distribution of Hundreds of Mosquito Nets among the needy people
8. Offering of One Month Ration and pecuniary Help among the 125 Poor Widow Mothers
9. Distribution of 125 Solar Lanterns in the village areas of Tripura
10. Distribution of Dress and Study Materials among the 125 orphan students



(i) Integrated Child Development Project, (ii) Non-Formal School for the Underprivileged Children

Objective of the Endeavour

The objectives behind our entire endeavour is, uplifting the masses, especially the local indigenous people and fostering the idea of national integration, amity between the indigenous and the people from the other categories. The central focus being the development and uplift of the tribal and poor people of Tripura particularly in the area of education, self-employment, health and hygiene, and cultural & spiritual enrichment of the people of Tripura in general.

The Campus - at a glance:

CAMPUS OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX: The Educational Complex is located just 1½ km away from the Agartala Central Railway Station. This offers a panoramic view spanning over 74 acres, which attracts visitors to experience Mother Nature's versatile beauty in all the six seasons.



Various facets of the Campus



Campus at Night



Green Campus: Water Bodies manage the Fisheries



GREEN CAMPUS: TEA GARDENS



GREEN CAMPUS: RUBBER PLANTATION AND RUBBER TAPPING

TEA GARDENS: Ramakrishna Mission, Viveknagar, started a tea plantation project on 3.85 acres of its land in July 2003. At present, with 14,715 tea bushes, it has become a 'Proven Station for Tea Plantation' which facilitates Students to acquire practical knowledge about tea-plantation.



RUBBER TAPPING TRAINING SCHOOL A PART OF THE ITI

RUBBER PLANTATION: Ramakrishna Mission, Viveknagar, started a rubber plantation project (Permit No: PD4/ARO/2004/367, dated 30/03/2004) on 1.48 hecter in 2004. In collaboration with the State Rubber Board, the Tappers Training School at Viveknagar Educational Complex started its journey in November 1999. With a view to providing professional training to the Tappers, Rubber Tapping Training School has been operational for the benefit of the rubber trappers/farmers of the locality. It won't be out of context to mention that the State of Tripura is the 2nd largest Rubber Producing State in the Country, and there are only two Tappers Training Institutes in the State, located in Dharmanagar and Viveknagar. In different batches, more than thousand trainees have been taught the scientific method of tapping and processing as to get more yields and earn better financial assistance. This training programme is a part of the Ramakrishna Mission Pvt. I.T.I. Along with obtaining theory training, students are getting opportunity to practically work in the plantation areas of Viveknagar Campus wherein hundreds of Rubber Trees are there.



GOKUL DHAM (COW SHED): Ramakrishna Mission, Viveknagar, also houses a well maintained cow-shed viz. Gokul Dham. It accommodates Cows along with calves. They are well taken care of with love and affection and regularly medical checkup is done by eminent veterinary surgeons. Besides, following the ancient Hindu tradition, Go Mata Pujan is performed on the Janmashtami Day.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT



VIDYUT BHAWAN

JAL VIHAR (WATER TREATMENT PLANT): Since 1992, Ramakrishna Mission Educational Complex has its own Water Treatment Plant, known as Jal Vihar. Every day it treats and purifies more than 2,00,000 liters of water to meet the need of the complex. The overhead reservoir with the capacity of 1,50,000 Ltrs supplies the requirement of the students, visitors as well as a good number of populace of the locality.



ROOFTOP SOLAR PANELS A PART OF THE GREEN CAMPUS PROJECT



VIDYUT BHAWAN (POWER HOUSE): The Vidyut Bhavan of Viveknagar Ramakrishna Mission Educational Complex is in operation since last three decades. This unit comprising Power Generators, makes everyone in the Campus feel the importance and significance of its purposeful existence, especially when Power Cut / Load Shedding occurs.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: Beside the School, a Vocational Training Centre was also established on 23rd August 1991 under the stewardship of Swami Sumedhanandaji Maharaj to materialize the dream of Swami Vivekananda. In the year 2014, the same has been upgraded to an Industrial Training Institute (ITI). It is an ISO 21001:2018 Certified Institute affiliated to the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. **It is worth mentioning that the very I.T.I has bagged the 1st Rank in the State as per the 2nd phase grading done by the DGT, Govt. of India.** The Institute provides special training in three different Trades, viz.: Plumber, RAC and Electrician. Through Campus Interview, duly arranged by the Institute, many of the students have bagged jobs in various sectors on completion of their courses.



PRODUCTION CELL & WORKSHOP AT THE ITI

ITI WORKSHOP CUM LED LAMPS AND TUBE PRODUCTION CENTRE: The Workshop cum Production Cell is based on the concept of 'Earning while Learning' scheme of the Govt. of India. The trainees of this ITI under the guidance of the teachers are able to produce LED Bulbs of 9W, 15W and 20W capacity and LED Tube Lights of 20W capacity. 'Dipta', a brand name has been given to the LED bulbs and 'Pradipta' to the tubes. The production cell was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Tripura, on the auspicious day of Janmashtami, the 30th August 2021. **All these Bulbs/Tubes are packed only on necessary completion of Quality Control, which enables the Institute to provide the procurer/customers a one-year warranty for each produced item in reasonable rate as well.**

This endeavour provides the students to experience 'Learning & Earning' project as well as 'Make in India' concept.



CENTRAL STORE AT THE ITI (STATIONARY STORE): The Central Store is an integral part of the Ramakrishna Mission Educational Complex being skillfully managed by the Ramakrishna Mission ITI. Since its inception, it has tenderly been serving in meeting the different kinds of needs and requirements of the students, staff and Ashramites. Together with the Trainees' Product, the Store makes the following items easily available i.e. starting from the Note Books, Laboratory Items, Stationary Goods to regular Uniform as well. Interested persons may opt for availing the facilities.



VISHWAKARMA JALAJOG (CANTEEN) : Vishwakarma Jalajog, the canteen in the Educational Complex, duly managed by the Team I.T.I., caters to the need of the Students, Staff, Guardians and visitors. The renovated Cafeteria was inaugurated on 12th July 2022 by Rev. Srimat Swami Girishanandaji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math. Apart from packaged food and soft drinks, quality cooked food (*Lunch/Refreshment*) for the Hostellers/ Ashramites are also available.

SCHOOL BUILDING: The Vidyalaya building, an architectural marvel, is equipped with all the facilities and beyond to help the students achieve academic excellence as well as in character building through all-round development. Well lighted Smart Class Rooms, Examination Cell, Library, Laboratories, A.T.Lab., Art Gallery, Children's Corner, Assembly Hall, Indoor Games Rooms etc. are some of the important features that this building accommodates.



Vidyalaya Building from various angles



Permanent Art Gallery At Vidyalaya



Permanent Exhibition at ITI

Hostels for the students mainly for the Tribal Communities



BRAHMANANDA DHAM



AKHANDANANDA DHAM

PREMANANDA DHAM

HOSTELS FOR THE STUDENTS: Based on the concept of ancient Gurukul system, the Ramakrishna Mission initiated hostel facility more than three decades back in 1991 with just 24 students for providing better education and cultural development of the students including that of a good number of first generation learner tribal community pupils. Over a period of time, with the financial supports from the Govt. of Tripura, two houses viz. Premananda Dham and Brahmananda Dham came into existence in 1996 and Akhandananda Dham was eventually constructed in 2010. All the buildings are named after the three eminent direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna who had dedicated their holy lives for the service of the humanity.



Regular routine and disciplined community life under the loving guidance of the Monks enables the students to have feeling of motherly love, fatherly care and guidance with the approach of sharing and caring nature. Right from dawn to dusk, their busy routine of waking up, regular cleaning, offering of prayers to the God Almighty, Physical Fitness Training, Partaking of delicious and nutritious breakfast, hot drinks, attentively attending the Study Hall/Coaching under the care and guidance of Teachers, House Masters, attending School, regular activities of Library, Laboratory, Gardening, Games and Sports, Evening Prayers, Study Hall and community dining system, gradually help them become a complete man with all round development and self-confidence and dignity. Round the clock, the monastics in different capacities, and House Masters are lovingly taking care of the hostellers.



SARADA RANDHANSHALA: CENTRAL KITCHEN



USING STEAM COOKING SYSTEM, C.N.G. PIPE LINE AND WASTE WOOD MATERIALS
THIS UNIT PROVIDES HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY BODY



ANNAPURNA DHAM: CENTRAL DINING HALL



PARTAKING OF MID-DAY MEAL



JAL GHAR



SARADA RANDHANSHALA (CENTRAL KITCHEN) & ANNAPURNA DHAM (CENTRAL DINING HALL) :

Tattiriya Upanishad reveals, अन्नं ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात्। अन्नाद्धेव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते। अन्नेन जातानि जीवन्ति। *He knew food for the Eternal. For from food alone, it appeared, are these creatures born and being born they live by food, and into food they depart and enter again.* Some of the scriptures consider Anna: as the first manifestation of Brahman. With a view to having pure and nutritious as well as delicious food for the body, a dedicated team of personnel under the loving and professional guidance of a Monk is running one of the main units of the Complex, viz. Sarada Randhanshala and Annapurna Dham, the Central Kitchen and Dining Hall respectively. The loving nature and dedication of the entire team under the constant supervision of monks enabling the Students, Staff, Guests, Visitors and Needy People to have food in different form and time like breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Refreshment, Dinner all through the year irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, language, sects and gender.

This Unit is professionally run with the regular use of modern equipment and gadgets. In order to reduce the fuel cost, Steam Cooking System, C.N.G. pipe line and waste wood materials are also used.

Annapurna Dham or the Central Dining Hall is of 4000 Sq.ft. The 1st floor is generally used for serving Mid-Day Meal for the Day Scholars (Class III – VIII). The seat capacity of this floor is 500. The ground floor is used for dual purposes, i.e. for dining and storage as well.



MEDICAL SERVICE UNIT AT VIVEKNAGAR: NIRAMAY



MEDICAL SERVICE UNIT PROVIDES FREE MEDICINES TO THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS



XRAY UNIT AT NIRAMAY



DENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AND DENTAL CLINIC FOR STUDENTS AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE

MEDICAL SERVICE UNIT (NIRAMAY): Swami Vivekananda, the idol of the Youths has time and again reminded, *“Build up your health. Do not dwell in silence upon your sorrows. Consciously or unconsciously, health can be transmitted. A very strong man, living with a weak man, will make him a little stronger, whether he knows it or not. The one who actually succeeds in making himself believe that he is having a good time is the man of splendid physical health. As long as the body lives, there must be strength in the body, strength in the mind, [and strength] in the hand...”*

With the aim of empowering people to have good health, The Medical Service Unit of the Viveknagar Centre viz. 'Niramay' was established in 1996. This unit provides out door treatment and medicines. Services are rendered among the populace of the localities as well as the students through the following units and Depts. viz. General Medicines, Pediatric, Gynecology, Skin, Eye, ENT, Orthopedics, Dental, X-Ray, ECG. The services are regularly supervised by experienced Doctors, and para-medical Staff. A group of visiting Doctors are regularly rendering services. There are independent units of Homeopathy & Ayurveda as well in the said Niramay Complex. A number of 13,000 patients are treated in a year through this Medical Service Unit. Whenever it is felt necessary, the boys are treated for their illnesses and injuries or any emergency situation. Apart from serving the local people and the students, the dispensary also provides free treatment and medicines to the staff as well as their family members.



Eye Camp and Vaccination Programme



Free Cardiac and Eye Camps for the benefit of the underprivileged People



(i) Mobile Medical Camps in different places of Tripura & (ii) Mothers of the Children of Integrated Child Dev. Project

Wrapping up: The central theme of the all-embracing and universal teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Vivekananda is "Service to Man is Service to God". Being one of the branch centres of the Ramakrishna Mission, the Viveknagar centre is trying its best with all its limited resources to serve the people in that very spirit. The supports from the generous people and that of the organizations will surely enable us to continue with this endeavour, no doubt about it. Thus, we place this humble request and earnestly solicit the support.