



# **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAMA PURI**

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4.	SWAMI APTESHWARANANDA	SECRETARY
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Bankers, 2024-25  
State Bank of India,  
Bank of India, PNB,  
UCO Bank and other

Auditors, 2024-25  
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# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2024-25

## CONTEXT:

Sri Ramakrishna born in the year 1836 in Kamarpukur of West Bengal appeared in the history of humanity having profound spiritual experience when English educated Indian intellectuals, losing faith in the traditional spiritual culture, were in a sea of cynicism and spiritual despair. His rewarding spiritual experiences were his first hand and overpowering realisation that all spiritual paths within Hinduism and other religions lead to the same God. His message was, "Waste not your time in the sectarian quarrel over the superiority of this or that creed or this or that religion but seek God with a pure and dedicated heart". This spiritual revolution could draw the rich and the poor, educated and illiterate to his spiritual home of Dakhineswar temple.



Sri Ramakrishna also attracted to his feet a group of brilliant disciples most of whom were the products of English education. Outstanding among them was Narendranath later famous as the great Swami Vivekananda.



Shortly after passing away of Sri Ramakrishna Deva in 1886, a monastic order took birth bearing his name by his Sannyasi disciples headed by Swami Vivekananda at Baranagore Math in the northern suburb of Kolkata. This monastery Ramakrishna Math was shifted to its present site Belur in 1899. Being guided by the twin objectives of renunciation and service Swami Vivekanand started Ramakrishna Mission in 1897 with a view to translating the ideals of his master to worship JIVA AS SHIVA

## RAMAKRISHNA MATH AND RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

Through the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission with their respective branches, are distinct legal entities, they are closely related as the governing body of the Mission made up of the trustees of the Math. The administrative work of the Mission is mostly in the hands of the monks of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna



Mission. Both have their headquarters at Belur Math. Though both the organisations take up charitable and philanthropic work, the Math lays emphasis on religion and preaching while the Mission puts emphasis on welfare services with spiritual outlook. Both the Math and the Mission centres have their own separate funds and they keep separate accounts of them. They are permitted by the headquarters to receive grants from the Govt. and public bodies and donations from the public for their activities. The accounts of Math & Mission centres are annually audited by the qualified auditors.

## **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAMA, PURI**

Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Puri is a branch centre of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Dist. Howrah founded by the illustrious Monk Swami Vivekananda with the twin objectives of spiritual liberation and welfare of the world. In 1925 in this holy land of Lord Jagannath a humble



endeavour was taken by a group of devotees and admirers to form an Ashrama in the name Sri Ramakrishna. It was started as a form of Library. The Ashrama was affiliated by Ramakrishna Mission, Headquarters, Belur Math in the year 1944, has now developed into a full-fledged philanthropic spiritual organization in Puri district of Odisha State.

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE ASHRAMA**

Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Puri is rendering service to the poor and needy people in and around Puri district mainly in the field of education and health. Besides medical care, the Ashrama is also serving the society through different other activities. A brief report of activities is given below.

#### **I. SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:**

##### **a) Spiritual**

The Ashrama shrine presents an excellent opportunity and atmosphere for meditation and prayer. Regular morning and evening prayers and Ramanam Sankirtana on every Ekadasi day are conducted in the shrine to stimulate the spiritual aspirations of the people.





Discourses on Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sarada Devi & Swami Vivekananda are regularly conducted in the prayer hall four days in a week after evening prayer. Devotees participate in the birthday celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Deva, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Krishna, Bhagavan Buddhadeva and Sri Shankaracharya. Ganesh Chaturthi, Durga Mahastami, Saraswati Puja and Christmas Eve.



## b) Cultural

**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas:** On the auspicious occasion of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, the birth anniversary of Bhagawan Birsa Munda, the Ashrama conducted programs and events in its premises (Saradananda Sabhagriha) on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



The Chief Guest, Prof Bhikari Charan Rath inaugurate the function by offering Dhoop to the portrait of Bhagawan Birsa Munda. Swami Yogapurnanandaji Maharaj, Asst. Secretary addressed the delegates about the purpose of celebrating the Janjaitya Gaurav Divas in a grand manner to commemorate the contribution of the tribal freedom fighters.



The Speakers were Asst Engineer Ajaya Kumar Marndi, Prof Dasarathi Sahoo, Bhubaneswar, Sri Ramesh Chandra Panda, Retd Headmaster, Puri, Sri Satryanarayan Mishra, Retd Headmaster, Puri.

The dignitaries were Swami Gopalatmananda, Swami Krishnarupananda, Sri Mani Ram, Retd Senior Manager, UCO Bank, Sri Ramesh Chandra Nayak, Retd Bank Manage, Puri, Sri Ranjan Kumar Behera, Section Officer, Emergency Section, Collectorate, Puri and Sri Ramesh Chandra Ghadei, OFS, Mass Education Dept. Govt of Odisha.

**Tribal Dance:** In Santali language, the students of Class VIII, IX & X performed tribal dance enthusiastically.

**Quiz Contest-** The students of Class VIII and IX participated in the competition. The competition was organized under the guidance of Swami Yogapurnananda. Sri Mani Ram, ex-student of the hostel, and staff members cooperated them from the beginning to the end. The dignitaries of the dais present encouraged the students and appreciated the events performed by the hostel students. Sri Dhananjaya Das coordinated the celebration programs.



**Youth Convention (Rural):** During the year under report youth camps were organized at Mallick Sahi, Rebatiraman, Puri Sadar block and in the campus of Radhaballav Mahavidyalaya, Bairipur, Gop Block of Puri district. 400 students were participated in the convention.



### **National Youth Day Celebration:**

The 41<sup>st</sup> National Youth Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 with a youth procession. 250 students and youths were participated in the procession. On the occasion different competitions were held among the students of Class 1 to college/university of Puri town. 112 students participated in the competitions and 25 winners were awarded.



**Prize Distribution:** On the occasion of Janjatiya Gourav Divas, prizes awarded to 10 winners of Quiz competition held on 17 November 2024 and 25 winners of the competitions (Paintings, Recitation Essay, Elocution) held on and from 8th





to 11th January 2025 among the school, college and university students on the occasion of 41<sup>st</sup> National Youth Day celebration.

## **II. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION:**

### **a) Library with Reading Room**

Ramakrishna Mission Public Library being the first and the oldest public service unit of the Ashrama started since 1925 has been serving the general public and students by providing a spacious reading room for all and a separate reading room for girl students. At present, the library provides 6 newspapers and 49 periodicals. The library maintains a book lending section for the readers. The library has a collection of around 27636 books at present. The text book lending section of the library serves the need of a large number of school and college students of the town. During the year total number of attendances 8884.



### **b) Free Hostel for 75 Tribal Students (Govt. of India aided)**

The Students' Home was started in 1956. At present it accommodates 75 school going Scheduled Tribe boy students providing them with free food, lodging, clothing, study materials and all essentials for a healthy upbringing. These students are selected on the basis of merit and poverty from different tribal communities of Odisha.



### **c) Computer Training Programme**

The senior boarders of our hostel learnt the basic training course of computer science. During the year 50 students were under training.



### **d) Free Coaching Centre**

The Ashrama has been running Free Coaching Centre since 1997 for academically deficient school students coming from very poor families of rural villages. Main object of the scheme is to give quality education and to grow interest of study among students in general and for the delinquent and drop out



students in particular. During the year under report, the Ashrama maintains 10 units of 6 coaching centres for 276 beneficiaries in Puri, Khordha and Nabarangpur districts providing Tiffin, School Uniform and Study Materials namely pen, pencils, rubber, sharpeners, blackboards, chalks, duster etc. along with able guidance in their studies.

#### Details:

Centre	Address	District	Unit	No. of Students
1	Ramakrishna Ashrama, Kalapathar	Khordha	2	84
2	Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Tikatal	Khordaha	1	25
3	Vill. Siso, Gop Block	Puri	2	32
4	Beleswarpatna, Puri Sadar Block	Puri Sadar	2	46
5	Bada Basini, Umerkote	Nabarangpur	2	51
6	Chadheiguda, Umerkote	Nabarangpur	1	38
Total:			10	276

#### (d) Gadadhar Abhyudaya Prakalpa

The project targets a group of poor children up to 12 years of age aiming at Physical, Mental and Intellectual development. Teachers are guiding the children. The Ashrama provides tiffin everyday with nutritious food like milk banana etc. Apart from this, study materials like note book, pen etc. with school bag, umbrella, School Uniform and toiletries item like bathing soap, hair oil, tooth paste, tooth brush etc. are provided to the children regularly.



Presently four units are being run in the areas of Ramakrushnaguda, Dabuagaon; DNK Colony, Umerkote; Bhoi Sahi, Puri Sadar block and Sagajodi of Rairangpur in the districts of Nabarangpur, Puri and Mayurbhanj of Odisha respectively. 200 students including SC, ST & OBC are being benefited.



### III. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HEALT CARE:

### Mobile Medical Unit:

Our Ashrama has been rendering medical service to the poor & distressed people through Mobile Medical Unit since 1984. The Mobile Medical Unit is now serving the rural poor of Puri with free medical treatment and prescribed medicines. 5482 patients were treated in the year under report.



#### IV. RELIEF SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

**a) Winter Relief:**

Every year in winter Ashrama distributes blankets to the poor and distressed people



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in different districts of Odisha including Puri. In the year 2024-25, 1500 Blankets were distributed.

**b) Distress Relief:**

During the year under report the Ashrama distributed 500 Saris among the needy and poor women



in the villages of Puri Sadar of Puri district and Umerkote area of Nabarangpur district.

## V. WELFARE WORK:

**a) Cloth Distribution:** On the auspicious occasion of 190<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tithipuja of Bhagvan Sri Ramakrishna Deva, 100 saris were distributed among the 100 female members of Beleswarpatna village of Puri Sadar block of Puri district.

**b) Stipends:** During the year two poor deserving students were provided rupees one thousand each in every month for their studies.

## We offer our gratitude and thanks to:

all our contributors for their help towards the maintenance of the Ashrama.

- all our friends and devotees for their help and co-operation.
- all the friends, publishers, press, media & institutions for supply of books, newspapers and periodicals and medicines free of cost.
- all the presidents and speakers of different functions organized by the Ashrama.
- all our library members benevolently contributing to the library fund.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for their generous grants
- District and state administration for their help and cooperation.
- Doctors for their honorary/paid services to the patients of the project villages, as well as in camps and Ratha Yatra (Car Festival).
- teachers, members, volunteers, and the staff both honorary and paid for their cooperation and devoted service.

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