



# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAMA

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## Brief Report of the activities of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Jhargram during the period from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025

### 1. Monthly Programme at Jhargram Special Correctional Home

The monthly motivational program was held on the following days: 20.04.2024, 18.05.2024, 16.06.2024, 30.07.2023, 27.08.2023 and 25.09.2023, 30.10.2024, 30.11.2024 & 28.12.2024, 25.01.2025 & 23.02.2025 Average attendance – 280



### 2. Youth Activities:

- Vivekananda Study Circle held its monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. On an average 50 youths attended this program.
- A monthly study circle was also conducted in the Vivekananda Memorial Institution, Binpur, Kutigiri, Nayagram, Silda and Gopiballavpur. On an average, 30-40 youths attend these meetings.



- Atma Vikas Kendra:** Value Education classes for the children of Jhargram town was started every Sunday in our premises from 1 May 2022. The program includes Chanting & Bhajans, Guided Meditation, Value Education classes, Audio-visual shows, Student's performances, Yogasana, Games, etc. At present, 44 students are enrolled for this program

The students of Atma Vikas Kendra performed a cultural programme on the eve of Durga Puja on 6<sup>th</sup> October.



d) A bi-weekly Value Education class at the shrine has been started for the students of the Anandapally Coaching Centre near our ashrama. Average attendance is 80 students.

e) **UtthistaJagrata:** To spread the inspiring message of Swami Vivekananda among the students of the schools and colleges in the Jhargram district, we have been conducting a Value Education program called, 'UtthistaJagrata' for the last few years. In the period, July to September of this year, we conducted this program in one college and 8 schools where 1935 students (Boys-745; Girls-1190) and 76 teachers attended the program. All the students attending the program were presented with a book of Swamiji worth Rs 10. A 2' Swamiji's laminated photo was presented to the institution along with a few books for the library. A documentary on the life and message of Swami Vivekananda was screened for the students. Swami Brahmeshwarananda visited all these places and conducted the program. The list of schools/College where this program was conducted is given below:

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Sl. No.	Date	Name of the School	No. of Students	Boys	Girls	No. of Teachers	Block
1	31.07.2024	Kanta Pahari Vivekananda Vidyapith (H.S)	270	130	140	7	Binpur-I
2	31.07.2024	Lalgarh Saradmoni Balika Vidyalaya	180		180	15	Binpur-I
3	05.08.2024	Murari SC High School	150	70	80	6	Binpur II
4	02.09.2024	Ashui Pallimangal Vidyapith	175	75	100	4	Gopi-I
5	02.09.2024	Babu Dumro High School	350	150	200	12	Gopi-I
6	07.09.2024	Petbindhi Janakalyan Bidyapith	170	70	100	10	Jhargram
7	13.09.2024	Vivekananda Satavarshiki Mahavidyalaya, Manikpara	320	120	200	10	Jhargram
8	20.09.2024	Dubra Adarsha Vidyamandir	150	50	100	7	Jamboni
9	25.09.2024	Balichua Vidyapith High School	170	80	90	5	Binpur II
			<b>1935</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>76</b>	



### 3. Jhargram Book Fair

Asharma stall was set up at Jhargram Boi Mela which was held from 27 March to 7 April. Rs 23,539worth of books were sold.



#### 4. Bhakta Sammelan:

Bhakta Sammelan for 250 delegates was held on Saturday, 06 April 2024 in our ashrama premises. Revered Swami Devavarananandaji, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math, Lalgah and Sri Tarun Goswami, Coordinating Editor, The Statesman graced the convention and delivered their inspiring speeches. Swami Kalyaneshanandaji, Headmaster of Kamarpukur Ramakrishna Mission Multi-purpose School presented a Geeti Alakya titled, 'Sarva Deva Devi Swarupini Ma Sarada'.



#### 5. Foundation Laying Ceremony:

Revered Swami Jnanalokanandaji Maharaj, Trustee, Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math, Governing Body member, Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math and Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Cultural Centre kindly laid the foundation of a Guest house (G+1 building, 1900 sft.) and EMRS school extension building (G+2 building, 13500 sft) at our ashrama campus on Friday 10 May 2024.



## 6. New unit of GAP at Srirampur

The third GAP unit of our ashrama was inaugurated on 1 April 2024 at Srirampur, Ward No 16, Jhargram. Smt. Chinmoy Marandi, Chairperson of Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Smt. Kavita Ghosh, Chairperson of Jhargram Municipality, Sri Saktibhusan Gangopadhyay, DI (secondary), two Principals from local colleges, MC members, and several other dignitaries from all over the district attended the inaugural function. The project is sponsored by Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd.



## 7. New Projects at Srirampur Jhargram

Revered Swami Jnanalokanandaji Maharaj also visited the Srirampur campus of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Nimpith which will soon become a sub-centre of Jhargram ashrama and inaugurated a temporary structure for holding GAP classes, Toilet block, Kitchen constructed with the financial assistance of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. A free coaching centre for the students of VI to X was also inaugurated by reverend maharaj on this occasion. He along with Swami Sadanandaji, Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Nimpith then opened the renovated temple, dining hall and Monks Quarters.

Dr Ashoke Kumar Pradhan, President & Dr Amalendu Pradhan, Secretary, Institute of HYDT Research & Education, Kolkata-5, Ashrama Management Committee members, devotees, and staff members graced this occasion.

## 8. Starting of a sub-centre of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Jhargram

We are happy to inform you that with the approval of the Governing Body of the Ramakrishna Mission, a sub-centre of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Jhargram has been started on 2 August, 2024, the auspicious janmatithi of Swami Ramakrishnanandaji Maharaj at Srirampur, Ward No 16, P.O. & P.S. Jhargram- 721507, at a distance of 4 km from our ashrama.

The sub-centre comes up on nearly 10 acres of land and buildings received as a gift from Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Nimpith. At present, one unit each of GAP and VAP is running at this place benefitting nearly 100 children of the locality. A CBSE English medium school will be started on this campus in the next academic year, i.e. April 2025.



## 9. Blood Donation Camp:

A Blood Donation Camp was organised on Saturday, 08 June 2024 at the premises of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (E.M.R.S), Jhargram. 57 people donated blood on that day. The program was conducted with the help of Jhargram District Voluntary Blood Donors' Forum.



## 10. Swami Vivekananda Tree Plantation Program (III Year)

Last two years, 11725 trees were planted at various places in the district. This year, with the support of Centuryply (India) Ltd, we planted 2000 trees.

### I. At Srirampur site:

The main focus of the tree plantation program this year was a 2-acre plot of degraded forest land besides our Srirampur sub-centre that was used as a Municipality dumping ground for some time. The site was cleared and made fit for plantation. The plantation program was formally initiated on 6 July 2024 in the presence of the Chairman of Jhargram Municipality, Mrs Kavita Ghosh and the Sabhapati of Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Mrs Chinmoyee Marandi. 1300 trees comprising of Sal, Mahogany, Shishu, Bakul, Jam, Sonajhuri, Arjun, & Ashok were planted on this site by the students of RKMVM (EMRS), School in the period July- September.

### II. At Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (EMRS) campus:

Inside and outside our school campus 105 trees were planted by our students in July-August 2024.

### III. Saplings distributed to our students of free coaching centres:

another fruit tree, were given to 300 students attending our free coaching centres at Chandabila, Odalchua, Srirampur and Auligeria in the Jhargram district. A small meeting attended by the guardians was organized in all the places and the importance of growing trees was stressed. The students were motivated to plant the trees near their houses and take care of them which will form a part of their all-round training. The following saplings were distributed:

Mango, Jackfruit, Pomegranate, Lime, Sapodilla, Java Apple, Jujube, sweet lemon, Black Berry & Guava



### 11. Homeopathy Clinic:

Dr Ashoke Kumar Pradhan, a renowned homeopathic consultant conducted clinics on 28.07.2024, 29.09.2024 and 16.04.2025, where 41, 32 and 17 patients were treated, respectively.

### 12. Sister Nivedita District-level Yogasana Competition:

A district level yogasana competition was organized at the 8 blocks of the Jhargram district from 19 July 2024 to 28 July 2024. The competitions were held in two categories, i.e. Age group: 8 to 13 years and 13 to 17 years. 343 candidates including 169 boys and 174 girls took part in the competition. All the candidates were given a participating certificate and a book on Swamiji, while the top 3 winners received medals in addition. The top 2 winners in each category among boys and girls from each block (total – 64 candidates) contested in the finals which were held at the ashrama sabhangana on 28 July 2024.

**Sri Biplab Roy Chowdhury**, Minister of state (IC), Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour Department of the Government of West Bengal presided over the prize distribution function and **Dr Ashok Pradhan**, eminent Homeopathic consultant was present as the Chief Guest. Along with medals and certificates, the top 3 winners (total - 12) received a cash award of Rs 2000, Rs 1000 and Rs 500 respectively.



### 13. Swami Vivekananda District Level Cultural Competitions (III Year):

A district level school cultural competitions were organised for the third year covering all 8 blocks and 1 municipality area of the Jhargram district from 12 August 2024 to 30 August 2024. The following competitions were held in 11 venues as given below:

1. An Essay Competition on “**Swami Vivekananda for building an ideal student life**” in 1000 words (For students of classes IX to XII)
2. Painting competition on “**Swami Vivekananda in Meditation**” (For students of classes V to VIII)
3. Poetry writing competition on “**Balak Bile**” (For students of classes V to VIII)
4. Elocution Competition on “**Swami Vivekananda as a Poet**” (For students of classes IX to XII)
5. Quiz Competition (For students of classes IX to XII)

1304 students from 88 schools participated in the competitions, out of which 638 were boys and 666 were girls. All the participants were given participation certificates. The details are as follows:

S.No	Name of the Competition	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Essay Writing	120	166	286
2	Elocution	11	18	29
3	Poetry writing	37	77	114
4	Drawing	453	380	833
5	Quiz	17	25	42
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1304</b>

The prize distribution ceremony was held at the Maa Sarada Sabhangan, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir (E.M.R.S.), Jhargram on 11th September 2024. Swami Vedatitanandaji, Correspondent, Ramakrishna Mission Shilpamandir; Swami Divyanisthanandaji, Headmaster, Ramharipur Ramakrishna Mission High School and other dignitaries gave away the prizes to the top 5 winners in each competition, except Quiz. The Winners and runners up in the Quiz competition were given trophies. Total 29 students from 19 schools secured various positions in these competitions.



#### 14. Youth Convention

To spread the life and message of Swami Vivekananda among our younger generation, a Youth Convention was organised at the Maa Sarada Sabhangan, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir (E.M.R.S.), Jhargram on Wednesday, 11 September 2024, the day immortalized by Swami Vivekananda by his speech at the Parliament of Religions, Chicago. Around 350 participants (students & teachers) from 40 educational institutions in and around Jhargram town attended the convention.

Swami Vedatitanandaji, Correspondent, Ramakrishna Mission Shilpamandira presided over the convention and Swami Divyanisthanandaji, Headmaster, Ramharipur Ramakrishna Mission High School; was present as the special guest. All the participants were given a book on Swamiji and fed sumptuously at the end of the program.

#### 15. Devotees Convention

We organized a Bhakta Sammelan on Saturday, 14 September 2024 from 9 am to 1.30 pm, which was attended by 275 devotees. Swami Prarthananandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Medinipur, Swami Sadanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Nimpithand Sri

Arijit Sarkar, Assistant Professor, MCKV Institute of Engineering, Howrah addressed the audience. The devotees were served lunch prasad after the convention.

### 16. Bhumi Puja for the construction of a primary school building

Bhumi puja was performed on the site of the proposed primary school at our Srirampur sub-centre on Sunday 1 September 2024, the sacred tithi puja of Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj. Swami Natarajanandaji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math, Ghatshila, Swami Krishnanathananda, Editor, Udbodhan Patrika, Smt Kavita Ghosh, Chairperson of Jhargram Municipality, Smt Chinmoyee Marandi, Sabhapati of Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Managing Committee members, teachers from our EMRS, devotees and representatives from nearby villages were present in the simple function.

The school named as "Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Jhargram" by Revered General Secretary Maharaj will be a co-educational English medium school affiliated to CBSE. The primary section is expected to start in April 2025.



### 17. Winter Garments Distribution

We distributed 1000 woollen jackets for children, 860 blankets and 100 lungis at more than 50 locations in the Jhargram district among the needy people from 19 November to 24 December 2024.

### 18. Scholarship Distribution (2024-25)

A small function to disburse scholarships worth 13 lacs to 116 deserving students of Jhargram district pursuing education in various schools and colleges, including 60 students of our school was organized on Saturday, 30 November 2024. **Sri Shubhrajit Gupta, WBCS (Exe.), S.D.O., Jhargram** and an ex-student of Ramakrishna Mission was the chief Guest. The break up is as follows:

- HQ scholarship - 21 students @ Rs 5000 per annum
- Surabhi Foundation - 8 girl students @ Rs 5000 per annum
- Lok Seva Kosh – 15 nursing students @ Rs 12000 per annum
- Infosys Foundation – 60 students of our school @ Rs 15000 per annum
- A Donor – 12 girl students @ Rs 5000 per annum

Besides, we have also arranged scholarship ranging from Rs 24 to 60 thousand per annum to the students of our school pursuing higher education for the current year as follows:

- 6 students (2024 batch - Engineering) @ Rs 60000 per annum
- 5 students (2023 batch - Engineering) @ Rs 60000 per annum
- 2 students ( General) @ Rs 10000 per annum
- 4 students (ITI/Polytechnic) @ Rs 30000 – 40000 per annum
- 4 students (GNM/BSC Nursing- 2024 batch) @ Rs 24000/60000 per annum

The scholarship amount was paid directly by the donors to the students (21 students around 10 lakhs).

- 6 students (3 boys and 3 girls) studying in local colleges were given scholarship of Rs 5000 each with the help of Praayas organization. We also facilitated scholarship of Rs 5000 each to 20 students, out of which 16 are girls pursuing science in Higher secondary through Pukar Foundation.

## 19. Inauguration of Guesthouse

**Srimat Swami Jnanavratanandaji Maharaj**, Manager, Belur Math inaugurated the guesthouse in the ashrama campus named as '**Maa Sarada Bhakta Niwas**' on Friday, 10 January 2025 in the presence of monks from nearby centres, MC members, devotees, students and staff of our school. The G+2 building with 10 well furnished rooms, dining hall and Pantry can comfortably accommodate 20 guests and was built with substantial financial assistance of Dr Ashoke Kumar Pradhan, renowned Homeopathic Doctor and President of Institute of HYDT Research & Education, Kolkata.



## 20. National Youth Day

National Youth Day was celebrated with a colourful procession by the students of our school around the Jhargram town. Revered Swami Bodhasaranandaji Maharaj, Assistant General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math inaugurated the procession from the ashrama

campus. Revered Maharaj also led the procession for 1 km and offered flowers at the feet of the Swamiji Statue at the entrance to the Jhargram town.

The Youth Convention was held from 08.30 am to 12.30 am on 12th January. Total 58 Institutions (29 Schools, 5 General Degree Colleges, 1 B.ED. College, 1 D.EL.ED College, 1 I.T.I, 1 Polytechnic College, 2 Nursing Schools, 1 Paramedical Institution and 17 coaching centre & other Institutions) attended the convention. Total 1617 participants (603 Male & 1014 Female) and 227 escorts participated in the convention.

Revered Swami Bodhasaranandaji Maharaj, Sri Sunil Agarwala, District Magistrate, Jhargram and Sri Bisweswar Chakraborty, OIC, Govt. General Degree College, Lalgah addressed the gathering. All were given a tiffin and lunch packets along with a book of Swamiji.



## 21. Special Pujas

- Dashopachar pujas on Maha Ashtami on 11 October for Mother Durga and Jagadhatri puja on 10 November were performed in the ashrama. Nearly 125 devotees attended the puja on both the occasions and all were given Prasad in hand.
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- Shivaratri was observed on 26 February 2025 with special puja and bhajans. Nearly 100 devotees and more than 200 students maintained fast and offered water on the Lord in the evening.
- Sri Sri Thakur's Tithi puja was observed in the ashrama on 1 March 2025. Nearly 200 devotees attended the puja and took prasad.



## 22. Construction of the first floor of the Monks Quarters:

On 22 December 2025, the Holy Mother's Tithi Puja, the work for the construction of the first floor of the Monks Quarters started. Dr Ashoke Pradhan has come forward to sponsor the construction of the first phase consisting of 5 rooms.



## 23. Swami Vivekananda Football Tournament (IV year)

A district level football tournament in the name of Swami Vivekananda was organised for the fourth year covering all the 8 blocks of the Jhargram district from 31st January 2025 to 5th February 2025. **Total 14 matches were held in 3 venues involving 16 teams and 256 players (4 teams from each of the 8 blocks).**

The finals for Men and Women's groups were held at the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir (E.M.R.S.) Playground, Jhargram on 05th February 2025. Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore; Dr. Debnarayan Roy, Principal, Jhargram Raj College and Registrar, Sadhu Ramchand Murmu University, Jhargram; Shaktibhushan Gangopadhyay, District Inspector of School, Secondary, Jhargram; Dr. Ashis Gupta, Principal, SevaytanSikhsan Mahavidyalaya and other dignitaries attended the finals and gave away the prizes.

## 24. Visit of Revered Swami Vimalatmanandaji Maharaj

Srimat Swami Vimalatmanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math visited Jhargram from 7 to 10 February 2025. He initiated 73 persons on 8<sup>th</sup> February and laid the foundation for the proposed Secondary and Higher Secondary school building of the new CBSE English medium school of the ashrama.

