

A BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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Ramakrishna Mission, Narottam Nagar, a branch of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, was started in 1971 to serve the tribal people of Arunachal Pradesh at the request of our Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. It has now completed 51 years of service in the field of Education, Medical and other Philanthropic services. Students of various tribes come here from different parts of Arunachal. It has now 521 students, out of which 421 are resident. Its services are open to all, irrespective of caste, creed and religion. The reason why education has been chosen as the special field of service is that the right type of education is considered to be the best and most effective means of doing lasting good to the society. We, therefore, have been trying to impart academic education based on the educational principles of Swami Vivekananda, retaining the best traditions of our country while instructing them in modern arts, science, culture, crafts and other vocational studies.

The academic session began this year on 27th April 2022. Classes began after a special assembly on 29th April 2022.

The results of the academic session 2021-22 were declared on 31st March 2022. The Aptitude test of class I and XI were held on 6th March 2022 and 15th July 2022.

Academic Achievements:

In class X, 38 students appeared and all students passed. 36 students passed in 1st Division and 02 in 2nd Division. 04 students scored 90% and above, 12 scored 80% and above. Master Ngaisung Ngemu was the highest scorer with 94.20% and in class XII, 29 students appeared and all students passed; 28 passed in 1st Division and 01 in 2nd Division. 02 students scored 90% and above, 07 students scored 80% and above. Master Dorjee Khandu Naksang was the highest scorer with 93.40%.

Sports and Games Achievements:

There are six playgrounds and a stadium. Students enjoy playing games like Football, Volleyball, Basketball & Cricket etc.; Carom and Table Tennis are played as indoor games.

Interblock/house tournaments were held among the students in various games. In the Higher Secondary section, Acharya Ramanuja Block was the winner in football, volleyball, basketball and cricket. In the Secondary section, Prithviraj Chauhan House was the winner in football, Rana Pratap House was the winner in Volleyball, Samrat Ashoka House was the winner in Basketball & Cricket.

47th Annual Athletic meet was held on 9th & 10th December 2022. Ms. Vishakha Yadav, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Deomali, Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh, the chief guest inaugurated the meet and addressed the students. Mst. Khulin Kakho of class VI, Mst. Pema Wangdi of class IX & Mst. Nokman Wangpan of class XII were judged champions in their respective groups. Swami Premaghanananda, Assistant Secretary declared the meet closed in the evening.

Other Achievements:

To imbibe the spirit of competition our students are encouraged to participate in various contests.

Master Tekko Linggi of class 9 secured third position in Bilingual Poetry competition organized in commemoration of 50 years of Arunachal Pradesh celebrations. Master Ngaisung Ngemu of class XI secured 1st position in district level essay writing competition on 'Living Heritage' organized on the occasion of Tourism Day by the Dept. of Tourism. Master Tana Huto, Master Miro Pao and Master Apum Dupak got selected in IIT and Master Jirdam Gameh and Master Hanuk Dada got selected in NIT.

Festivals and Celebrations:

Annual Prize Giving Ceremony was held on 25th February 2022 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha. The function started at 10.00 a.m. amidst the blowing of conch & bugle, sound of drums & bagpiper and cheering of students. Prof. J P Verma, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University, Chabua, Dibrugarh 786003, Assam was the Chief Guest, Swami Vedasarananda ji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Purnananda Road, Dibrugarh, Assam, Guest of Honour. Swami Achyuteshananda, Secretary welcomed the guests and audience. A brief report of School Activities was read out by the Principal Swami. Jneyananda. Chief Guest and Guest of Honour then released the School Magazine "Narottam".

Swami Vedasarananda ji Maharaj gave away the prizes to the winners of sports and games and addressed the students. Prof. J. P. Verma distributed academic prizes and addressed the students and Awards were distributed by Swami Achyuteshanandaji Maharaj thereafter he addressed the gathering. Students of the school presented various cultural shows. snack packets were distributed among the teachers, guardians and guests.

The valedictory function for the outgoing students of Class - X and XII was held on 26th February 2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the Vivekananda Auditorium. All were presented with books and Laminated Photo stand of Group photo of their respective class and School Magazine Narottam, as a token of love. All the outgoing boys took blessings from the Swamijis and teachers. Special tiffin was served to all.

A programme to welcome the freshers (Naveen Varan) was held on 27th July 2022. Special puja of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna was performed to evoke the blessings of the Holy Trio for the overall betterment of the newcomers. The new students took vows (Vidyarthi Vrata) by offering vilwa leaves in the sacred fire (Homa). They introduced themselves in a meeting held at Thakur Ghar. The senior students welcomed the freshers with bouquet and locket of Thakur & Maa. Cooked prasad was served to all the students, teachers, GDA staff and their family members and guests.

In the evening at 'Vivekananda Auditorium', a colourful cultural programme was organized. Many of the fresher presented various cultural programme. Swami Jneyananda, Principal welcomed the students and others present. Swami Premaghanananda, Assistant Secretary addressed the gathering. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Br. Jnanatmachaitanya, Vice-Principal.

National festivals like Independence day, Republic day, International Day of Yoga, National Youth Day, Teachers' day and birthdays of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami

Vivekananda; festivals like Krishna Janmashtami, Shivaratri, Holi, Kali Puja, Saraswati Puja, Christmas Eve, Ratha Yatra etc. were observed with due solemnity and joy.

World Environment Day was observed on 5th June 2022 as Vanamahotsava in collaboration with the Forest Department by planting 638 saplings of various species (i.e., Plum – 16, Neem – 57, Sapeta – 4, Amla – 12, Jalpai – 18, Mosumbi – 28, Lichi – 26, Naspati - 36, Mango – 16, Orange – 25, Teak - 400). Before plantation, a meeting was organized where Swami Achyuteshananda, Secretary welcomed the gathering and Shri Ankit Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Range Officer, spoke on the importance of the day. All were served with light refreshments.

Scholarship:

Like previous years, this year also 22 students have got IDBI Scholarship and 40 students have got Infosys scholarship a sum of rupees 7,56,000/- from Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Howrah .

Special Facilities for ST students of Arunachal Pradesh:

During the year 2021-22, 120 students from Arunachal Pradesh received FREE education. An approximate amount of Rs. 35,62,052.00 had been spent for the maintenance of these students.

Medical Aid

All the students and staff members are provided with medical aid under a qualified doctor assisted by pharmacist and attendant. The indoor hospital Swasti has 30 beds with separate arrangements for isolation cases. X-Ray and Pathological tests are done. Total 120 indoor cases and 4879 outdoor cases were treated during the year 2021-22.

Vocational Training Centre:

Under vocational training, six tribal girls received training in weaving, knitting and tailoring. The training is free of any charges. The trainees are provided with free boarding and lodging.

Dairy and Poultry :

The Dairy and Poultry unit supplies fresh milk, eggs and chicken to the kitchen for the benefit of resident students. During the year as report 32372.6 ltrs. Milk, 65,648 nos. Eggs and 4086.5 kg Meat were produced.

Agriculture :

Under Land Utilization Unit varieties of vegetables are produced in our vegetable garden throughout the year. The total production during the year is 6,380 Kgs. There is a regular supply of fresh vegetables to our kitchen and staff members. Besides, 11,338 kg of tea leaf and 2,680 kg of dry coffee seeds were produced during the year.

In the fishery, seven ponds are maintained to give a regular supply of fish to the kitchen. Total production during the year is 409 kg.

125th Foundation Day of Ramakrishna Mission

Dr. Sharat Chauhan acting Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh inaugurated the 125th Foundation Day Celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission by Narottam Nagar centre on 01st May 2023. The programme consisted of devotional songs, lectures, distribution of cloth to staff families. Sri Duyu Ribya, APCS (AG), ADC, Deomali, Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh was Guest of Honor and Swami Sudarshanananda ji Maharaj from Haridwar was Special Guest. About 600 people attended the programme

Golden Jubilee Celebration:

Started in 1971, Ramakrishna Mission's branch at Narottam Nagar runs one of the most acclaimed residential schools of Arunachal Pradesh. Spread over a large campus of about three hundred acres in the confluence of Namsang and Dehing rivers, the school has played a key role in shaping the life of Arunachali boys. To mark fifty years of its glorious existence and selfless service in the remote forests of challenging Tirap district, a six-day long Golden Jubilee Celebration was organized in its premises during 18-23 May 2022.

The Celebration was formally inaugurated on 21st May 2022 by Sri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister. Other Ministers who joined him in the celebration are Sri Kiren Rijju, Union Minister for Law and Justice, Sri Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Sri Chowna Mein, Dy. Chief Minister, Sri Tapir Gao, Member of Parliament, State Cabinet Ministers Sri Bamen Felix, Sri Wangki Lowang and others.

Sri Amit Shah, as the Chief Guest of the function unveiled an eighteen feet high statue of Swami Vivekananda (30 feet from road level including pedestal) by the side of a new 2.6 km diversion road that would free the campus of Ramakrishna Mission from public trespassing, gifted few cows, laid foundation stone for new hostel buildings, released a special documentary video and a commemorative Souvenir. As submitted by the Secretary of the Centre and under advice of Shri Amit Shah, Shri Pema Kandu, Chief Minister declared that the new diversion road by the side of which the statue of Swami Vivekananda has been unveiled would be named "Vivekananda Marg". About 5000 people attended the Public Meeting on 21st May which is huge considering sparse population in the region.

The Alumni Meet held on 20th May 2022 was first such Get-together for the past pupils of the institution. Shri Pema Khandu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh was Chief Guest for the function. Sri Tapir Gao, Member of Parliament, Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Wangki Lowang, Minister for PHE, W.S. & DoTCL, Arunachal Pradesh and Sri Taba Tedir, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs, (the last two also Alumnus of Ramakrishna Mission), Smt. Padmini Singla, IAS, Commissioner (Education) and Shri Prashant Sitaram Lokhande, IAS, Commissioner (Planning & Investment) were other honored guests. About 500 alumni participated in the day long function and presented cultural items in the evening. All the Alumnus were presented special memento and other gifts.

Before all these events, on 18th May, a special Get-together for Monastics was organized. About fifty monastics including those currently serving at Narottam Nagar participated. Reminiscences by senior

swamis about the challenges faced at Narottam Nagar and how it could be taken to new heights was the theme of discussion.

A combined Half-yearly Uttara Purvanchal Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Bhava-Prachar Parishad Conference (Unit I & II) was organized during 19-20 May where fifty-nine Ashramas from Assam and Arunachal participated.

22nd May 2022 was reserved for a day-long Bhakta Sammelan where about 1600 devotees from different Ashramas in Assam and Arunachal joined. Prayer, Meditation, Discourse by senior monks, Devotional Songs by monks and devotees, skit and few other items by school students were part of the program. Revered Swami Gautamananda ji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission gave benedictory address in all the sessions during 18-22 May except during the Alumni meet.

Huge steel-structured pandal, ornamented gates, cultural programmes by different tribes from the region, Odissi dance by professionals etc. added to the grandeur of the celebration. All Staff including their family members were gifted T-shirts/Sarees and were provided with festive food on 21 and 22 May. Participants were presented Golden Jubilee gift kits. One hundred and six devotees including few indigenous candidates got Spiritual Initiation from Most Revered Vice President Maharaj on 19th and 23rd May. Some of the visiting monks, former staff and volunteers were taken to Parshuram Kund and Golden Pagoda on 23rd May. Revered Vice President Maharaj and other monks were received at Arunachal borders on 18th May (at Deomali) and seen off on 23rd May (at Mopaya) with traditional warmth and fervor by the locals.

Most Revered Srimat Swami Gautamananda ji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math blessed 106 devotees, including some local Tribal people with Mantra Diksha on 19th and 23rd May 2022.

129th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address

JAYATU SWAMIJI, a special programme was conducted at Ramakrishna Mission School, Narottam Nagar to celebrate 129th Anniversary of Swamiji's Chicago Addresses. The programme consisted of Devotional and Patriotic Songs, Recitation, Self-composed poems, Display of Paintings, Inspirational Speeches by Monks etc.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

To commemorate the auspicious 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and as a part of institution's Golden Jubilee, a theatrical performance "Prabuddha Bharat" based on Swami Vivekananda's life was staged on 14th November 2022 by the students of the institute. The theatrical production which combined visual imagery, music and various dance moves involved 55 students belonging to hostel students of class VII and class VIII who practiced for a week under the guidance and supervision of Sri Subhas Kundu and Sri Rohan Naskar. Their practice paid off and the programme deserved everyone's attention. Students, monks, guardians, teaching and non-teaching staff along with their families flocked to the auditorium to witness

the colourful presentation delivered by the students. The entire programme which proved to be a treat to watch, succeeded in showcasing the influence of Swamiji on Indian society which was livestreamed in the institution's you tube channel. The ambience of the hall gave the whole campus an air of festivity.

Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya (A Co-educational Primary School):

A non-residential primary school (from Standard LKG to V) to provide education to the children of nearby areas has 245 students (both boys and girls) on its roll.

The academic session began on 29th April 2022. The result of the academic session 2021 – 22 was declared on 3rd April 2021. The admission test for class U.K.G to V was held on 2nd May 2022 and for L.K.G was held on 3rd May 2022.

Teachers’ Day, National Youth Day, International Day of Yoga, Children’s’ Day etc., were observed at the school assembly hall. Annual Sports was held on 17th December 2022. The children took part in the Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations at Mahavir stadium. Students attended Olympiad examination like The Quest Olympiad in the month of November 22.

During the year 2020-21, 134 ST students of Arunachal Pradesh received FREE education. An approximate amount of Rs. 15,93,530/- had been spent for the maintenance of these students.

Relief and Pecuniary Help:

Under winter relief programme 500 Blankets were distributed among the poor and needy.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Families Benefited</u>
20.11.2022	Sipini Village under Namsang C D block of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh	68
30.11.2022	Turet Village under Deomali Block of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh	103
11.12.2022	Batey Colony and Sanshasum Village under Deomali sub-division of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh	158
18.12.2022	Chongkham Village of Namsai Circle and district in Arunachal Pradesh	171

Sri Bonpong Songthing's house was burnt to ashes due to an unfortunate fire incident owing to an electric short-circuit. Ramakrishna Mission Narottam Nagar provided immediate relief of rupees 5000/- along with Mink Blankets - 2 no.s, and utensils like Alu. Kadahi with lid - 1 Pc, Alu. Handi - 1 Pc., Alu. T. Sauspan - 1 Pc., Steel thali -4 Nos., Steel bati - 4 Nos., Steel Glass -4 pcs., Steel Hata - 4 Pcs., Steel Pan Spoon -1 No., Steel Khunti -1 No, Plastic Bucket - 1 Pc., Plastic Mug - 1 Pc., Plastic Jug - 1 Pc.,In addition to the immediate relief Used CGI will be gifted as per requirement. to the fire victim.

Golden Jubilee Gift

As part of Golden Jubilee celebration utensil sets [each set containing Alu. Hundi with lead, Sauspan, Karai, Steel Khunti, Hata 01 No. each, Steel Thali, Bati and Glass 2 Nos. each, Plastic bucket and Mug 01 No. each.], Umbrella & Blankets were distributed as per following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Utensils</u>	<u>Umbrella</u>	<u>Blankets</u>	<u>Under Deomali Block of Tirap district.</u>
06.07.2022	-	40	-	Cultural Team of IRBn Camp, Namsangmukh
11.07.2022	-	35	-	Cultural Team of Deomali area
12.07.2022	-	52	-	Cultural Team of Mopaya village
19.07.2022	-	08	-	Cultural Team of Deomali area

20.07.2022	77	77	-	Mopaya Village
22.07.2022	23	23	-	Jumdung Village
17.08.2022	73	73	-	Natun Kheti
18.08.2022	12	15	-	2 No. Coffee Board Colony
09.09.2022	-	30	-	NCI and Deomali
27.11.2022	-	-	176	Lapnan Village under Khonsa Sub-Division of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh.
04.12.2022	-	-	125	Namsang Village under Namsung circle of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh.
22.12.2022	-	-	387	Borduria Village under Borduria circle of Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh.

Our Thanks:

We are grateful to the local administration, State and Central Governments, various Corporate Houses as well as to our friends and well-wishers scattered all over the country and abroad for their help and support in various ways over the years.

May the blessings of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna, Ma Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda shower on all.