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**114<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION**

The 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Ramakrishna Mission was held at Belur Math on Sunday, the 17th of Dec 2023, at 3.30 p.m., in which, Swami Suvirananda, General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission presented the 'Report of the Governing Body of the Ramakrishna Mission on the working of the association during FY 2022-23'. A synopsis of the report is given hereunder:

**1) Awards & Recognitions:**

- a) Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, Dt. North 24-Parganas, Kolkata presented the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award to the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission in recognition of their service activities.
- b) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) awarded A++ grade to Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara, Kolkata and A+ grade to the College of Arts & Science and the Maruti college of Physical Education, Coimbatore for five years.
- c) Four of our degree colleges secured distinguished positions in the India Rankings announced by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Government of India: Vidyamandira (Saradapitha, Belur) – 15th rank, Vivekananda Centenary College (Rahara, Kolkata) – 8th rank, Residential College (Narendrapur, Kolkata) – 19th rank, Arts & Science College (Coimbatore) – 71st rank.
- d) The Narendrapur (Kolkata) off-campus centre of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute-RKMVERI (deemed university)-Belur, Howrah, West Bengal was adjudged the 'Best Centre of All India Network Programme on Organic Farming' by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram, Meerut.
- e) A student of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, Kolkata secured the state 1<sup>st</sup> rank (99.2%) in the Higher Secondary Examination of the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education.
- f) The higher secondary school at Malda (West Bengal) was awarded the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (District Level Award) from the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- g) Blind Boys' Academy at Narendrapur, Kolkata bagged the State Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for its Braille Press.
- h) Vivekananda Netralaya (eye hospital) at Dehradun received NABH certification for 2 years under the Entry Level – Small Healthcare Organisation programme.
- i) Mysuru Ashrama was awarded the Amrita Mahotsava State Award in recognition of its service activities.

**2) New Branch Centres:**

- a) A new branch centre of the Ramakrishna Mission was started in Sahudangi Hat, Dt. Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.
- b) New branch centres of the Ramakrishna Math were started in Bhuj (Gujarat), Chengam (Tamil Nadu) and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Telangana).

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**3) Activities in India:**

The Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Math, through their **224** Indian branch centres and sub-centres, spent Rs.1171.61 crore towards various services as per the following details:

Name of the Sector	Number of beneficiaries in lakhs	Amount spent in Rupees (Crore)
Relief & Rehabilitation	5.31	7.46
General Welfare	38.75	28.42
Medical	86.30	412.08
Educational	3.08	594.53
Rural Development	70.67	101.54
Publication of literature		27.58
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1171.61</b>

**4) Activities outside India:**

- Baliati center, Bangladesh consecrated the newly built Shri Ramakrishna Temple.
- Chicago center, USA inaugurated its new unit, 'Home of Harmony' in Chicago.
- Two Sunday schools - one at Colombo centre and the other at Batticaloa - received the Best Sunday Religious School Awards from the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka.
- The Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Math, through their **96** centres and sub centers situated in 24 countries outside India, rendered various service activities.

We take this opportunity to thank our members, well-wishers and devotees for their invaluable support and cooperation in carrying forward the service programmes of the Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math.

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(Swami Suvirananda)  
General Secretary

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