

A Look Back

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith is an idea that emanated from Swami Turiyanandaji Maharaj, an illustrious disciple of Sri Ramakrishna. In response to his earnest call, an inspired young monastic Brahmachari Vidyachaitanya, later named as Swami Sadbhavananda, came forward to translate his vision into action. Needless to mention, Vidyachaitanya struggled hard to accomplish its arduous task. With a meager means and a high spirit he set out on a difficult journey. Collecting a few boys from needy families, he opened a boarding school in 1922. Observing Vidyapith's successful beginning, Turiyanandaji showed his satisfaction saying, "*A Brahmacharya Vidyalaya has been started there.*"

Deoghar is a well known ancient place of pilgrimage. It is a *Shaktipith* which harbours the heart of *Sati*, the Goddess Mother of the universe, as well as a place of Lord Shiva with a very old temple of His aspect *Baba Vaidyanath*. It is also sanctified by the hallowed memory of the holy visits of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda in the 19th century. Today, its popularity is all the more since in it is situated the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, the first residential school of Ramakrishna Mission – an institution of excellence in Educational, Moral and Spiritual attainments.

The seed which was sowed 88 years ago has now grown into a mature tree with its collateral branches in the form of a premier institution, having other socially useful units added to it. The development occurred in it over the years is indeed conspicuous. Even a casual visit to Vidyapith would convince one how correct was the clairvoyant prediction of Swami Shivanandaji Maharaj, the second President of the Ramakrishna Order and a disciple of Sri Ramakrishna, who remarked during his maiden visit to Vidyapith at its initial stage: "I visualize a great future for Vidyapith. I am convinced that great work will be done through this institution."

Looking back, we do not therefore fail to see what a good deal of spade-work the pioneers did to provide a solid foundation to this institution, and, thereby, to lend a practical shape to the ideal of education given by Swami Vivekananda.

Other disciples of Sri Ramakrishna such as Swami Subodhanandaji Maharaj and Sri Mahendranath Gupta, 'M' the writer of *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, also took a keen interest and came to Vidyapith. Swami Saradanandaji Maharaj, the then General Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission and another famous disciple of Sri Ramakrishna extended all sorts of support, although it was not possible for him to make a personal visit to Vidyapith after it was being started. With all their affectionate blessings and the Divine grace of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda, Vidyapith is surging ahead in spite of numerous hurdles it grapples with every moment in its way. Its organizers have voluntarily taken upon themselves the brunt of a selfless service to humanity with a sense of worship to God. Hence, the more perfectly they could perform their work the more blessed and obliged they would feel.

A Travelogue

Vidyapith is about to complete 88 years since its inception. It has witnessed many ups and downs; it had its slices of joy at times interrupted by ounces of sorrow. But, since the beginning, should we say, Vidyapith travelled for more than a century now in terms of its achievement, the hallmark of which being the conferring of the "National Award for outstanding work in the field of child welfare". Performance of the boys in academic and extra-academic spheres has been consistently spectacular. It is for this reason that the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi had accorded Permanent Affiliation, sort of a model School Status, to this Institution. It aims at imparting education according to the educational ideas of Swami Vivekananda.

Vidyapith Today

As already stated, the school is permanently affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. At present the school has 489 students in classes from VI to XII on its Roll. The Residential Section of Vidyapith has 15 Dhams (Hostels) named after the names of the direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna. Needless to say, this being a boarding school, boys reading in the school live in its hostels. Both the academic and the residential sections of Vidyapith take special care and lay special emphasis on value-based education. Boys are given regular instructions in Meditation, Gita-Chanting and other spiritual practices. They attend morning and evening prayers in the shrine everyday. They manage their affairs themselves silently and efficiently. In the day-to-day activity of the institution, lots of innovations are worked out to enable the boys to keep pace with the changing time without being cynical. A sincere attempt is being made here to combine the ancient Gurukula system with the modern system through practices such as Vidyarthi Vrata, a Vedic Ritual on the one hand and cyber education symbolic of Hi-Tech modernism on the other.

Achievements & Highlights of the Year

ACADEMIC RESULTS

In the year 2009, the AISSE (class X) result was as excellent as the previous year and the AISSCE (class XII) result was the best since the inception of the Senior Secondary Section.

Class XII results : In 2009, Sriman Aditya Ranjan was the highest scorer in Class XII, securing 94.4% marks in aggregate, and the School aggregate average was 83.6%. In the current year (2010) the result has been good but not as good as the previous year, yet Vidyapith has been identified as the school with the best result in Santhal Paragana Division of Jharkhand. Sriman Somjeet Jana has scored the highest with 91.8 %, and the school aggregate average is 81.98% in 2010.

Class X results : A new Gradation system in the CBSE has been made effective in the year 2009. Accordingly, the students who passed the AISSE in 2010 have been awarded the Grades, instead of any Marks. Compared to 2009, the results of Class X in 2010 in our school have remarkably improved, which is evident in the table below. However, in order to have a clearer picture, the results of 2009 have to be set in the Gradation formulation as follows:

*Grading System									
For individual subjects:									
A1 : 10 Point – 91 to 100	A2 : 09 Point – 81 to 90	B1 : 08 Point – 71 to 80	B2 : 07 Point – 61 to 70	C1 : 06 Point – 51 to 60					
C2 : 05 Point – 41 to 50		D : 04 Point – 33 to 40		E1 – 21 to 32 (No Point)		E2 – 00 to 20 (No Point)			
For Aggregate: CGPA – Average of individual subject grade points.									

***Subject-wise Performance**

Subject	No. of Candidates Appeared	No. and Percentage of Candidates secured									
		More than 90%		More than 80%		More than 70%		More than 60%		More than 50%	
Mathematics	73	63	86.3%	71	97.3%	72	98.6%	73	100%		
Science	73	60	82.2%	71	97.3%	73	100%				
English	73	59	80.8%	69	94.5%	72	98.6%	73	100%		
Sanskrit	55	53	96.4%	54	98.2%	55	100%				
Social Science	73	49	67.1%	70	95.9%	73	100%				
Hindi	9	05	55.6%	06	66.7%	08	88.9%	08	88.9%	09	100%

Bengali	9			08	88.9%	09	100%				
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Performance in Aggregate

(*According to 2010 CGPA system)

CGPA Range	AISSE 2009 Results as conjectured according to the present grading system			2010			
	Candidates Appeared	Candidates'		Candidates Appeared	Candidates'		
		No.	%age		No.	%age	
10 POINT	75	11	14.67	73	34	46.58	
9.8 POINT AND ABOVE		36	48		50	68.49	
9.6 POINT AND ABOVE		47	62.67		58	79.45	
9.4 POINT AND ABOVE		53	70.67		64	87.67	
9.2 POINT AND ABOVE		57	76		71	97.26	
9 POINT AND ABOVE		59	78.67				
8.8 POINT AND ABOVE		65	86.67		72	98.63	
8.6 POINT AND ABOVE		68	90.67				
8.4 POINT AND ABOVE		69	92				
8 POINT AND ABOVE		73	97.33				
7.8 POINT AND ABOVE		74	98.67				
7.6 POINT AND ABOVE		74	98.67		73	100	
7.4 POINT AND ABOVE		75	100				
SCHOOL CGPA AVERAGE			9.4			9.74	

Although in Grades, the results show a tangible improvement. If God willing, they are expected to be better ahead.

Other Achievements of the year :

Biennial Educational Exhibition :

The Biennial Exhibition of Vidyapith was organized during 23rd and 25th August 2009. Vidyapith students participated with enormous enthusiasm. Six outside institutions participated with their exhibits. There were 16 departments in all. Srimat Swami Shivamayanandaji Maharaj, Trustee, Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math and Secretary, Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata presided over the Inaugural Meeting while Dr. Endadul Islam, Director, Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Kolkata and Member, National Council of Museum, Govt. of India was present as the Guest in Chief.

Dr. Endadul Islam delivered a lecture in the evening at Vivekananda Auditorium.

Competitions and Awards:

Like every year, this year also our students participated in National Science Seminar, Science Olympiad, Cyber Olympiad, International Olympiad for Astronomy etc. Sriman Vikram Aditya of class X candidate was felicitated as the Best Student of Vidyapith by Vivekananda Educational Cultural and Sports Organization, Deoghar.

National Science Seminar - 2009

Sriman Srijan and Sriman Mayank Shubhankar participated in the **National Science Seminar 2009** at the District Level and at the State Level in Ranchi. Sriman Srijan ranked 1st and Mayank Shubhankar ranked 2nd at the District Level as well as at the State Level. Thanks to Dr. R. S. Pandey for his painstaking involvement in the preparation for our participation in the Science Seminar. We recall with a sense of gratification that our students, namely Nishant Prabhakar (2006), Subhojit Dasgupta (2007) and Vikram Aditya (2008) represented the State of Jharkhand at the National Science Seminar and had won the Champions Crown for consecutive three years which is a national record for any State and for any institution as well.

Sriman Mayank Shubhankar of class IX participated in Essay Competition (Junior group) and was awarded 1st position while Sriman Srijan of class IX participated in Debate Competition (Junior Group) and was awarded 2nd Position. The competitions were organized at the District level on the occasion of **Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Day** at Deoghar College.

Following is the detail of performance of our students in different competitive examinations during 2009 and 2010:

2009

IIT-02 (EML -13); AIEEE- 08; Kalinga JEE- 01; CBSE PMT-02; WBJEE Medical-02; Tripura Medical- 01; Jharkhand Medical- 02; Manipal Medical- 01; CLAT-01.

2010

IIT-01; AIEEE- 05; Kalinga JEE-03; Jharkhand JEE- 01;WBJEE- 04; VIT-02; CBSE PMT-02;WBJEE Medical-02; Assam JEE Medical -01;Manipal Medical-01;Orissa Medical-1; CLAT-01

Total 90 students of our Vidyapith and Vivekananda Balakendra were qualified in **Prarambhik Part I and II music practical examinations** conducted by the **Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh**.

Sriman Sanat Halder, one of our office-staff, won the Silver Medal in the age group of 21-25 (Men) at the **34th National Yoga Championship** organized in Yamunanagar, Hariyana by the Yoga Federation of India and recognized by the Indian Olympic Association as well as the International Yoga Federation. He belonged to the National Champion team of the state of West Bengal while participating at National Yoga Contest.

Shyam Sundar Sarkar of our 2009 AISSCE batch was selected for the **DBT Biology Scholarship** instituted by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi. The boy was selected for this prestigious scholarship from the 44 students all over India.

Ashish Majumdar, class XII Candidate 2010 bagged the highly prestigious **KVPY (Kishor Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana)** Scholarship, meant for future researchers in Advanced Technology, awarded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The scholarship amount varies from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 7000/- per month, and continues up to Ph. D. level.

9 (nine) students of our school secured All India Ranks within the first 450 in the **National Cyber Olympiad** (Ranks 122, 136, 140, 246, 271, 315, 350, 396, 416) and 7 (seven) students secured All India Ranks within the first 450 in the National Science Olympiad (Ranks 169, 237, 269, 350, 355, 421, 440) conducted by **Science Olympiad Foundation** which also declared Vidyapith as the Best School and awarded a Memento along with a cash prize of Rs. 3000.00.

Value Education

Value education was imparted more by maintaining a pious atmosphere than by regular classes. Congregational prayers, devotional songs, meditation, fortnightly Ram Nam Sankirtan, Janmastami, Shiva Ratri, Holi, Sri Sri Saraswati Puja, Viswakarma Puja, birthday celebrations of spiritual leaders were some of the means by which this atmosphere was being maintained. Boys took part in the shrine work and worship to imbibe our traditional values. The students would clean their hostels by sweeping and mopping in the morning and look after the gardens everyday. Vedic Chanting practice was also regularly practised by the junior boys. The Senior Secondary students chanted the Hanuman Chalisa every Tuesday and Saturday on their own after the Evening Prayer. Organisations like NCERT and CBSE sometimes look to us for guidance, feed back and input while formulating National Policy and curriculum in VALUE- EDUCATION.

Physical Education

The boys were imparted the Physical Education under the supervision and guidance of the Chief Warden. He was assisted by qualified physical instructors and senior students.

This year FIFA Referee cum Coach Sri Sudhin Chatterjee came to train our boys in football. We got qualified coaches for basketball, gymnastic, yoga, band etc. Boys participated in regular drills in the morning and games in the afternoon, being divided at two indooriums and two multi-gyms as well as 21 playgrounds for football, cricket, basketball, volley ball etc. Some of them took regular exercises and practices in gymnastics, karate, band, table tennis etc. Tournaments were organized in football, cricket, table tennis, volley ball and basket ball. The Annual sports events were held with usual éclat in the presence of internationally famous footballer and ex-soccer captain of Mohun Bagan Club Sri Manas Bhattacharya. The Parade troops of Vidyapith and band kept thousands of people spellbound with their smart turnouts and rhythmic displays both at the Vidyapith premises and at the District Parade Ground of Deoghar, on the Independence Day as well as on the Republic Day. On 15th August 2009, Vidyapith Band was declared 'First' in the district level performance at Deoghar Stadium.

Literary and Cultural Activities

"VIDYAPITH", a printed Annual Magazine, is published in winter every year with the articles from students, staff and monks. Special wall magazines are prepared by the boys for each section and displayed on glass-panelled boards outside each classroom and dham. These make interesting reading with articles, cartoons and other features. The teachers also occasionally get together to share their valuable literary and scientific talents. All these were repeated in the year and reviewed too.

A Cultural function was organized on the occasion of 175th Birth Anniversary of Sri Sri Ramakrishna at the Auditorium where Sri Manojit Sharma and Sri Subhankar Hazarika (from Assam) performed vocal and instrumental classical music respectively.

Library

Vidyapith has rich libraries which serve more than its purpose for the students and staff in each of the Secondary and the Senior Secondary Sections. As on date, there are 22602 books in all (18913 books in Secondary library and 3689 books in Senior Secondary Library) on different subjects in Sanskrit, English, Bengali, Hindi, etc. The libraries provide 39 periodicals and 5 Newspapers to their readers.

Computer, Vocal & Instrumental Music and Fine Arts

These departments are given under qualified teachers who teach the boys regularly. Separate well equipped computer laboratories for the secondary as well as for the senior secondary section are maintained under the able supervision of a monk to keep the boys well trained for their AISSE as well as AISSCE syllabi. Students utilized these privileges with all interest.

In-campus Competitions

During the period under review, a series of competitions were held. To promote and foster a sense of healthy contest, the inter-dormitory competitions were carried out for every term; the best dham, senior group, was awarded the Vivekananda Centenary Commemoration Challenge Cup, 1945 while the best among the junior dhams was awarded the Rathindra Rudra Memorial Cup, 1946. Other Memorial Trophies given for Games are as below:

For the Senior Secondary Section:

1. Swami Lokeswaranada Memorial Shield for football;
2. For Medical and the Engineering groups
Swami Lokeswaranada Memorial Trophy for the Winners
Swami Gambhirananda Memorial Trophy for Runners up

For the Secondary Section :

1. Swami Lokeswarananda Memorial Trophy for Football (Senior Group)
2. Birendra Memorial Cup for Football for Runners up (Senior Group)
3. Nikhil Memorial cup for Football for winners (Intermediate Group)
4. Gadadhar Challenge Cup for Football (Junior Group)
5. Subrata Memorial Cup for Basketball for Winners (Senior Group)
6. Anil Memorial Cup for Volleyball for Winners (Senior Group)

In order to facilitate all round development of a student, balanced stress was laid in scholastic as well as in co-scholastic spheres. As such, the boys were exposed to various other competitions like debate, recitation, elocution, quiz, creative writing and to organising seminars, science clubs, discussions and dissertations.

Excursion

Excursion is an essential part of education. The Vidyapith students other than the candidates for AISSE went on Educational Excursions to places like Kolkata, Belur Math, Jayrambati, Kamarpukur, etc. Other classes from VI to IX also were taken to local places of interest like Trikut Pahar, Khandoli, Massanjore Dam etc. They gathered useful knowledge and information from the visits of these important places.

A picnic for Staff, teaching and non-teaching, was arranged on 23rd December, 2009 at a beautiful place called Khandoli near Madhupur. Dr. Asim Choudhuri (1952-55 Vidyapith Alumnus, awardee of Vivekananda Award 2009) and his wife joined the staff picnic.

Charitable Dispensary and Rural Health Services

Our Sarada Charitable Dispensary serves the local poor. Many qualified doctors are attached with it. In all 13252 patients were treated in its Allopathy and Homeopathy sections during the year 2009-10. It contains pathology, ECG and X-ray units in its diagnostic department, where patients from both indoor and outdoor departments are being attended. It has a well equipped dental clinic. The pathological tests in its laboratory are done in a Semi Auto Analyzer. It also contains an eye clinic with modern facilities, a well equipped physiotherapy unit, ENT department along with the departments of General Medicine, Cardiology, Orthopedics and Gynaecology. Besides, the services of EEG, USG and TMT machines are also available in it.

There are two sections of the indoor department in our dispensary, one in the Senior Secondary section and the other in the main campus which has a small Ward of 12 beds that meet the emergency arising in our Ashrama.

We are indeed grateful to all those who have assisted us to procure equipment and have given logistic support to be able to offer modern and useful health services to the needy through this charitable medical work of Vidyapith. In **Rural Medical Camp** we treated 894 patients (Male 293, Female - 456, Child - 145), out of which 75 patients were from schedule castes and 738 from scheduled tribe communities.

Health Awareness Camp

Two workshops on the professional ethics of doctors in the light of Vivekananda's ideal of Service were organized in December 2009 and February 2010. The workshops were attended by 20 and 35 doctors respectively. Eminent doctors of high qualifications from Kolkata, Patna, Darbhanga and Deoghar attended the workshops. Srimat Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj was the Chief Guest in December.

Vivekananda Balakendra

Swami Vivekananda visualised that a new India would emerge "out of peasant's cottage grasping the plough, from beside the oven of the fritter seller". A band of dedicated monks of Vidyapith started Vivekananda Balakendra with a view to translating his vision. It caters to the needs

of underprivileged children, mostly from ST, SC and OBC communities around. Vivekananda Balakendra offers Vocational trainings to boys and study coaching to the boys and girls of the alluded sections.

The total strength of its children as on date is 250 (Boys: 221 & Girls:29; SC:58, ST:10, OBC:108, Gen:69, Muslim:5). One can see for oneself how Swamiji's words as mentioned are being translated into action here. They are given vocational trainings in:

Electric Motor and Transformer Rewinding

House Wiring and Electrical Appliances Repairing

Electric Arc Welding

The Vocational section is an accredited unit of National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS).

National Youth Day Celebration :

We organized Story Telling and Drawing Competitions under the aegis of Vivekananda Balakendra in collaboration with Vivekananda Educational, Cultural and Sports Organization, Deoghar, for the students of local schools from classes VI to IX, on the occasion of Yuva Divas Samaroh on 12th January 2010 at R. Mitra +2 School campus, Deoghar, during the Ninth Pustak Mela organized by Mahavidya - an N.G.O. of Deoghar, Jharkhand. All the participants were awarded with a special prize for their encouragement. Refreshment packets were given to all present at the Munch on the occasion.

A National Integration Camp was organized for a whole day in the Vidyapith premises. Around 150 students from different schools and colleges participated in the programme. The participants were found very enthusiastic in this camp.

Inter School Cultural Competitions on Quiz, Story telling, Music etc. for Junior Group (Classes VI, VII and VIII) were held. In all 146 students from 18 schools of Deoghar and Jasidih participated in the events.

Various competitions like recitation, elocution, public speaking, debates, essay writing, painting etc. were organised all through the year. Other schools of the nearby areas were invited to participate which rendered a lively environment of healthy competitiveness. The summary of the competitions is given below:

Number of Participating Schools: 06

<u>Competitions</u>	<u>No. of Prizes</u>		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Story writing	05	05	07
Extempore	06	05	05
Recitation	08	08	08
Hand Writing	05	05	08
Essay	08	08	11
Speech	03	03	03

Physical activities

- * Regular exposure was given to various co-curricular activities and games like football, cricket, volley ball and indoor games like carom etc.
- * Competitions in various fields of games and sports were arranged apart from the annual sports.
- * Their skills in the band and the drill were a treat to watch.

Developmental activities

- * Emphasis was given on punctuality and regularity, in order to extract the excellent individual performance.
- * Children are taught about Ramakrishna's teachings of "**All roads lead to the same God**". No discrimination is made on individual birth, caste or creed.

- * Workshops for proper orientation of teachers were regularly arranged by Vivekananda Balakendra where monastic as well as non-monastic trainers were involved.

Publication

Vidyapith has a number of religious publications. A list of titles it has so far brought out is given below:

1. Sangeet Sangraha - A collection of songs in Bengali;
2. Sangeet Mala - A collection of songs in Hindi;
3. Sadhan Sangeet - A book of songs with Swaralipi;
4. Bachcho Ke Sri Ramakrishna in Hindi - A short pictorial life;
5. Vivekananda Katha O Galpa- A supplementary reader in Bengali (classes VI & VII);
6. Vivekananda Ki Laghu Kathaein- A supplementary reader in Hindi (classes VI & VII);
7. Atma Vikas-A book in Hindi to mould the character of the children;
8. Sri Ramakrishna, Ma Sarada and Swami Vivekananda- A publication in Santhali .(out of print)
9. Audio album (CD): Shivatandavam, Shivakalpataru, Namoh Bhagavate Rudraya, Sri Rama Tuhi - Sri Krishna Tuhi (on the occasion of the 175th Birth Anniversary of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna), Juraite Chai Kothai Jurai (Bengali)
10. Video Documentary on Vidyapith: BE and MAKE, a video album : A pilgrimage to the 2nd and 3rd Kedar (Documentary)

Relief Activities and Nara-Narayan Seva

On the occasion of Holy Mother Sri Sri Sarada Devi's Birth day celebration on December 8, 2009 our winter relief programme was started with blanket distribution and continued till Swamiji's Birth Tithi on 20 February, 2010. This was organized at Vivekananda Auditorium and little Santhal boys performed beautiful tribal dance on the stage

- * 2000 blankets were distributed among the destitute men and women.
- * A quantity of 1088 Kgs. skimmed milk was distributed among the poor and needy children.
- * More than 4300 devotees and poor people were fed in the Nara-Narayan Seva on the occasions of Sri Sri Sarada Devi's Tithi Puja, Swamiji's Tithi Puja, Mahastami Day, Saraswati Puja and on Sri Sri Ramakrishna's Tithi Puja.
- * We distributed wooly-cot vests to all the group D grade workers of Vidyapith with the help of Vidyapith ex-students as well as Sri Soumitra Ghoshal.
- * We distributed woolen sweaters to 35 santhal children who performed on the stage on Swamiji's Birthday.

The children of Balakendra are being fed with milk, biscuits and boiled eggs daily, in order to supplement nutrition with their regular food at homes. They utilize their own playground and elaborate arrangements of games and sports. They availed of these facilities in the same way as the other years.

Dairy, Bakery, Poultry and Flower Garden

Vidyapith has its own dairy with mechanical milking facility (average yield is approximately 425 Kg. per day) and cows of exquisite breeds are maintained for the Vidyapith inmates. There is a Bakery to meet the requirements of loaves, biscuits, cakes and other confectionaries for the internal consumption of our Ashrama. A poultry farm is also running at our Salona site to meet the requirements of our boys. All these units supplied their produce as usual.

Each of the Dhams maintains a small flower garden of its own. The boys are encouraged to develop and maintain these gardens for the development of their aesthetic sense. They took interests in the activity as part of their life here.

Vidyapith Praktani

Vidyapith arranges an “Ex-students Reunion” for the pass out students every year. The Reunion always offers an opportunity to existing students for a healthy interaction with the ex-students. This year about 45 ex-students from different parts of the country participated and presented an attractive cultural programme in the evening. The alumni association contributed Rs. 106250/= for the welfare of Vidyapith.

Obituary

L. Venus Singh, a student of Class XI, left for heavenly abode at his residence. He was suffering from Blood Cancer. Venus was a very amicable boy loved by one and all.

Arnab Majumdar of AISSCE-2002 batch passed away by car accident on 18th December 2009.

Durga Panda, who endeared one and all of Vidyapith family, suddenly passed away on 7 June 2009. His grandfather was the priest of none other than Swami Vivekananda when he visited Deoghar. The present students and the ex-students will ever remember him as he always took all pains to take them to the Baba Mandir for Puja and other rituals.

We regret to mention also that Manoranjan Das, an ex-teacher passed away on 15 September 2009.

We earnestly pray to the Almighty for peace of the departed souls.

Expenditure on Scholarship & Stipends, Charitable Dispensary and Vivekananda Balakendra

During the year 2009-2010, we awarded scholarships and stipends worth of Rs. 6,83,000/= to deserving students. An amount of Rs.8,33,619=00 was expended towards the maintenance of Vivekananda Balakendra and an amount of Rs. 9,91,491/= was spent for the sake of our Charitable Dispensary and Rural Medical Services.

Spots of Special Interest

Museum:

Built with the guidance of National Museum, this museum of modest size comprehensibly represents the rich heritage of India in a nutshell. India’s achievements in religion, arts, sciences, literatures and other walks of life through the vicissitudes of her history have been depicted in it. An important place has been given in it to the tribal cultures and lifestyles of her indigenous peoples, employing relevant models, materials and images. Besides, it presents a collection of objects, photographs and accounts of personalities connected with the development of this Institution over the decades. There is also an independent department exclusively devoted to the life and contribution of Sri Sarada Devi attached to it.

Ramakrishna Darshan:

A permanent exhibition consisting rare photographs, fiber glass relief works and descriptions related to them, Ramakrishna Darshan is a story of Ramakrishna Movement graphically said. It chronologically demonstrates the history of the Movement, showing the roles played by Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda and his brother disciples. It lays emphasis on two visits of Swami Vivekananda to the West, his interactions with many important people abroad. Views of well known Indian thinkers influenced by him are also available in it.

Aviary:

An island of birds, the aviary contains some birds of uncommon varieties and colored plumages, such as the love bird, speaking Mynah, wild peacock and *Kakatuah*. They are being

provided with natural habitats in big cages. A few white hares are also kept with them there. It is actually a piece of garden with birds, flowers, trees and cactuses.

Swimming Pool:

A long cherished dream fulfilled, the swimming pool is a new addition. It is made in a modern way, having all the basic facilities. Boys use it regularly to learn swimming from a qualified instructor. It is set in a green surrounding with cozy banks and gardens on its all sides. Its water is kept free of germs and contaminations by using advanced technology.

Present Need of the Ashrama for which we appeal to our well wishers and Alumni

6	The under-construction Yatri Nivas is facing fund paucity due to escalation of prices of building materials and its budget has also thereby escalated from Rs. 75 lakhs to Rs. 98 lakhs. Therefore, our urgent requirement to meet this eventual deficit is an additional fund of	Rs. 23 lakhs
6	Furniture and equipment for our Charitable Dispensary require to be updated and augmented, demanding an estimated amount of	Rs. 15 lakhs
6	A dedicated diesel 20 KVA generator set urgently needed for the Auditorium as well as for the new Yatri Niwas costing	Rs. 55 lakhs
6	The Ramakrishna Children Fund, which is indeed a corpus fund for the SC/ST children of this locality, needs inflation to be able to maintain at least 10 resident students totally free of cost, requiring a target of	Rs. 15 lakhs
6	The Fund for Adult Education in the Santhal locality in Deoghar District has been started and the corpus that is being created has to be enhanced to a minimum target of	Rs. 10 lakhs
	for a sustainable educational programme for the poverty stricken section of our society.	
	Total	Rs. 68.50 lahs

Cheques/demand drafts/CBS Cheques/M.O. may be sent in favour of RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAPITH, DEOGHAR, on any service branch at Deoghar (our account nos. SBI A/c No. 11240655871, code no. 0064; UBI A/c No. 1422010100001, code K23). Tax exemptin u/s 80G applies.

Distinguished Visitors

This year we were delighted to have received a good number of distinguished monks and dignitaries. Among them, Srimat Swami Shivamayanandaji Maharaj, Trustee, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Howrah and Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata; Srimat Swami Parasharanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Malda, West Bengal; Swami Putanandaji Maharaj, Ex-Chief Warden of Vidyapith now President, Balaram Mandir; Swami Shashikantanandaji, Secretary, Vijayawada; Swami Medhasanandaji, Japan; Swami Swayamprakashanandaji, Shringeri Math; Dr. Endadul Islam, Director, BITM, Kolkata; Dr. V. Tigga, Vice Chancellor, S. K. M. University, Dumka; Justice Sri Dharmadhikari, Justice Supreme Court (Retd.) along with his wife; Major General C. S. Panag, Sikh Regiment; Major General P. C. Panjekar, Western Command; Col. R. K. Chauhan, Dy. Commandant, Sikh Regiment, Ramgarh; Lt. Col. R. K. Bhalla, Sikh Regiment, Ramgarh; Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh, Hon'ble Judge, Kolkata High Court along with his wife; Mr. Justice Shailesh Kumar Sinha, Hon'ble Judge, Patna High Court; Mr. Subir Kumar Ghosh, General Manager, NABARD, Ranchi; Mr. V. K. Singh, IAS, MD, Punjab State Milk Production (Milkfed); Pro Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, S. K. M. University, Dumka; , Shri Asim and Nandita Chaudhuri, USA; Shri Mastaram Meena, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Deoghar; Shri Narendra Kumar Mishra, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Deoghar; Shri Narendra Kumar Srivastava, District & Sessions Judge (2009), Deoghar; Shri Pradip Kumar Singh , District & Sessions Judge(2010), Deoghar; Shri Ravi Kant Dwivedi, The Asian Heritage Foundation, New Delhi; Shri Sanat Sarkar, National Athletics Champion, 1961 National Games of India, Kolkata; Shri Sudhin Chatterjee, Ex-International Football Referee (FIFA Badge Holder), Kolkata; Shri T. K. Bhattacharya, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax, Dhanbad; Shri Utpal Subodh Chatterjee, Former Cricketer of Indian Team and coach CAB; Smt. Bratati Mukherjee, Income Tax Commissioner, Dhanbad; Sri Dibyen Mukherjee, Director School Education, West Bengal; Sri P. D. Datta, Member, FINA, Vasant Kunj, Delhi; Sri Ram Balak Singh, General Secretary, Jharkhand Swimming Association, Jamshedpur; Sri Ram Narayan Ram, S. D. O. , Deoghar; Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, OASIS, New Delhi; Shri Manas Bhattacharya, ex-Captain, Mohunbagan Club, and ex-Captain, Indian Soccer team; and Sri Anurag Gupta, General Manager, FCI, Jharkhand were a few to mention.

Our Thanks

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- 9) Mr. A. K. Mukherjee,

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“Each Soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divinity within, by controlling nature, external and internal. Do this either by work, or worship, or psychic control, or philosophy - by one or more or all of these and be free. This is the whole of religion.”

- Swami Vivekananda