

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY ON THE WORKING OF THE ASSOCIATION IN 2006-07

Friends,

We extend to you all a warm welcome to the 98th Annual General Meeting of the Ramakrishna Mission and are happy to place before you, a brief report of the activities of Ramakrishna Mission for the year 2006-07.

The ideal of *Atmano mokshartham jagaddhitaya ca* (for one's own liberation and for the welfare of the world) was placed before us by Swami Vivekananda. This ideal, viewed in the light of the life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, has been the source of inspiration and sustenance for the activities of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission.

You will be glad to know that *National Foundation for Communal Harmony* (an autonomous organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India) conferred *National Communal Harmony Award* for the year 2005 on the Ramakrishna Mission in recognition of its outstanding contribution towards the promotion of communal harmony and national integration. The award, consisting of a citation and a sum of five lakh rupees, was given by the President of India at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

It is also heartening to note that Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission were conferred *M Jalaluddin Rumi International Award* for *Universal Peace, Tolerance and Harmony, 2006*, at a two-day function organized at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, by Interfaith Harmony Foundation of India in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. The function was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India.

However, all this should not cloud our vision and make us complacent. We have to constantly make an assessment of our activities and see that they are in consonance with the ideals and tasks set before us by Swamiji.

NEW CENTRES

A list of new centres and sub-centres started during the year 2006-07 is given below :

In India

1. A new branch centre of Ramakrishna Mission, named Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, was started at **Bhopal** in Madhya Pradesh.
2. A town centre of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, **Belgaum**, was started at *Bhate's House* where Swami Vivekananda had stayed for four days in 1892.
3. A branch centre of Ramakrishna Math was started at Vadodara in Gujarat under the name Ramakrishna Math, **Vadodara**.

Outside

1. Vedanta Centre of **St. Petersburg, Florida, USA**, was made a branch centre of Ramakrishna Math.
2. The Ramakrishna Centre of **South Africa, Durban**, was made a branch centre of Ramakrishna Mission.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following were the important developments in the activities of the **Ramakrishna Mission** during the year 2006-07:

In the educational field several *new educational units / programmes* were started as given below:

1. Courses and programmes launched in the Faculty Centres of **Vivekananda University** :
 - i. Two-year M.Sc. course in Integrated Rural Development and Management at its Faculty Centre at **Narendrapur, Kolkata**
 - ii. Five-year integrated M.Sc. course in Integrated Rural and Tribal Development at its Faculty Centre at **Ranchi (Morabadi) Ashrama**
 - iii. Doctoral programmes in Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Thought, Consciousness Studies, etc at its Faculty Centre at **Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House** in Kolkata
2. Postgraduate courses in Mathematics and Sanskrit at **Vidyamandira** of **Saradapitha** centre. Calcutta University has granted autonomy for these courses

3. A non-formal education centre at **Narainpur** Ashrama (Chattisgarh) for the tribal boys and girls of nearby villages
4. Computer and networking labs and also a video conference system in the Polytechnic of **Chennai Students' Home**
5. Programmes launched by **Coimbatore Vidyalaya** in Tamil Nadu:
 - i. IT Academy to train students in IT career. The academy has been registered by Cisco Systems, USA, as a Network Academy, and by Microsoft, USA, for Microsoft Developer Network Academic Alliance
 - ii. A one-year diploma course on Pre-Primary Teacher Training started by Gandhi Teacher Training Institute with a tie-up with Tamil Nadu Open University
 - iii. A virtual classroom (Online Education) launched by the College of Arts and Science in association with Everon Indian Ltd.
 - iv. An additional computer lab in Polytechnic College
 - v. A computerized Vehicle Emission Testing Centre started by Industrial Training Institute
6. Eleven pre-primary education centres by **Lokasiksha Parishad of Narendrapur** centre, Kolkata.

In the medical field the following *new medical units / programmes* were started :

1. A mobile Outreach Eye Care Facility launched by **Itanagar** hospital centre in Papumpare district of Arunachal Pradesh
2. A medical centre at **Jammu** Ashrama
3. National HIV / AIDS control programme in collaboration with German Leprosy Relief Association by **Kamarpukur** centre in West Bengal

In the rural development field several new *rural development projects* were undertaken by our centres as given below:

1. A rural sanitation project at Hong Basti in Ziro (Arunachal Pradesh) by **Itanagar** centre

2. Jammu and Kashmir Earthquake Economic Rehabilitation project by **Jammu** centre by starting six tailoring centres near LoC area benefiting 1057 people of 151 families
3. Projects organized by **Ranchi (Morabadi)** Ashrama :
 - i. National Horticulture Mission project, under which fruits plantation, spices cultivation and multi-tier plantation were done on 558 hectares of land, involving 1539 farmers in Ranchi district
 - ii. Seed-village programme to ensure availability of seeds to farmers in 8 villages of Burmu block. Under this programme 8 Self Help Groups involving 151 farmers produced 8951 kg of vegetable seeds. A similar programme was taken up in 8 other villages in Angara block also
 - iii. A project under which water was harnessed from springs in two villages, viz. Ober and Dumartoli, and brought to villagers up to 2-3 km by gravitational flow through pipes. More than 120 farmers in each village are getting water for irrigation and personal use, from this project
 - iv. Establishing block level centres to extend agro-clinic and agro services to farmers by way of providing seeds and fertilizers in time. Facilities like power tiller with a trolley and rice huller, power threshers, etc were also provided
 - v. Residential bridge course in villages for dropout girls below the age of 14. Under this programme, 75 girls were imparted education and enrolled in regular schools.
3. Programmes launched by **Lokasiksha Parishad of Narendrapur Ashrama, Kolkata** :
 - i. A Skill Development Training Programme, under Swavlamban scheme, with 38 vocational training courses for distressed rural women in 20 blocks of 4 districts in West Bengal
 - ii. Development of Pilot Brood Lac Farm and Lac Finishing Facilities for production of brood lac and improved quality of lac by extending management support and technical guidance to 300 tribal lac cultivators at Jhalda area in Purulia district

- iii. A project named 'Dissemination of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies – Photovoltaic' launched with the support of Indo-Canada Fund for developing rural entrepreneurs and other institutional mechanism for sustainable dissemination of clean energy products and services for overall rural development
- iv. A 'Pranibandhu' training programme on artificial insemination and animal health care for unemployed youth

The following *new buildings* at our centres were inaugurated:

1. A dispensary building at **Chapra** Ashrama
2. An annexe to Shivananda Sadan (a hostel for junior boys) and also a bathing ghat at **Purulia** Vidyapith centre
3. Vivekananda Block (additional classrooms for Matriculation Higher Secondary School) at **Chennai Mission Ashrama**
4. A two-storied building having two mini wards and staff quarters at **Itanagar** hospital centre
5. A renovated museum at the **Institute of Culture**, Kolkata
6. Monks' quarters at **Aurangabad** Ashrama and an extension to the monks' quarters at **Patna** Ashrama
7. A kitchen block at **Deoghar** Vidyapith
8. First floor of doctors' quarters at **Vrindavan** Sevashrama
9. A building for High School at **Bhubaneswar** Ashrama
10. Centenary building for polytechnic at **Chennai Students' Home**
11. A high school building for girls at **Jayrambati** Ashrama in West Bengal
12. A shrine and monks' quarters at **Kadapa** Ashrama in Andhra Pradesh
13. A three-storied dispensary building at **Shillong** Ashrama
14. A multi-purpose hall and an extension to the dispensary building at **Bankura** Ashrama in West Bengal
15. Golden Jubilee Block of Polytechnic College, Administrative-cum-Academic Block for Gandhi Teachers Training Institute, and Students' Amenities Block for the Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development at **Coimbatore** Mission centre in Tamil Nadu

Foundation stones were laid for the following proposed buildings of our centres:

1. A building for a 10-bed CCU ward and a 10-bed eye ward at **Itanagar** centre
2. Academic-cum-administrative building for Vivekananda University's Faculty of Integrated Rural Development and Management at **Narendrapur** centre in Kolkata
3. A building for Vivekananda University's Faculty of Integrated Rural and Tribal Development at **Ranchi (Morabadi)** Ashrama

Although this report relates to the activities of the Ramakrishna Mission, we would like to present in a nutshell the activities of the **Ramakrishna Math** also during the year under review for the information of the members.

A self-employment project was started by **Cooch Behar** Ashrama for providing training in food processing, mushroom production and bee-keeping.

The following *new buildings* built by our centres were inaugurated:

1. A library building at **Beni Pal Udyan, Sinthi**, Kolkata
2. Swami Ritatananda Hall at the Vidyarthi Mandiram of **Bangalore** Ashrama
3. A three-storied building at the new campus of Probationers' Training Centre at **Belur Math**
4. Monks' quarters at **Coimbatore** Math
5. A hostel building and a hall at Dhaneti village in Kutch district built by **Rajkot** Ashrama as a part of village development programme
6. A dispensary building at **Antpur** Ashrama in West Bengal
7. Prakashan Bhavan (publication building) at **Hyderabad** Ashrama
8. A building for office and showroom at **Chandipur** Ashrama in West Bengal
9. An additional building for Sri Sarada Vidyalaya (nursery and primary school) at **Madurai** Ashrama

Foundation stones were laid for the following proposed buildings of our centres:

1. Students' home at **Nagpur** Ashrama
2. A kitchen and dining-hall at **Kamarpukur** Ashrama in West Bengal
3. A library building at **Bankura** Ashrama in West Bengal

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The following events / achievements during the year under review are worth mentioning:

1. A student of **Purulia Vidyapith** in West Bengal won the gold medal in the all-India essay competition on *Wild Life and Environment* conducted by the Indian Centre for Wild Life and Environmental Studies.
2. A hostel student of **Chandigarh Ashrama** was qualified for the International Mathematics Olympiad.
3. A bronze statue of Swami Vivekananda was installed at the Higher Secondary School of **Chennai Mission Ashrama**.
4. A student of **Deoghar Vidyapith** centre was awarded *Krishi Vignan Pratibha Yojana Fellowship* by Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata. Another student won gold medal in *Indian National Biology Olympiad 2006*. A student stood first in the National Level Science Seminar on Conservation of Biodiversity: Prospects & Concerns. A statue of Swami Vivekananda was installed in Swami Vivekananda Sports Complex of the Vidyapith.
5. Students from the schools of **Cherrapunjee Ashrama** secured the first seven positions in the Upper Primary School Scholarship Examination 2005 conducted by the Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education. A tribal student stood first in the State Talent Search (Secondary Stage) Examination for 2005-06.
6. A teacher at the Department of Sanskrit, Vivekananda College, **Chennai Vidyapith**, was elected a member of the Consultative Committee of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies, Paris. Four students got scholarships from the National Board of Higher Mathematics. One student got scholarship from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and went to Germany for higher study.
7. The Vidyamandira college team of **Saradapitha** centre won the second prize at the State Level Inter-College Youth Parliament Competition organized by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal.

8. A statue of Swami Vivekananda was installed at Swami Vivekananda Park on the bank of Ulsoor Lake, Bangalore, by the initiative of **Ulsoor Ashrama**.
9. A bronze statue of Swami Akhandanandaji was installed at **Sargachhi Ashrama** in West Bengal.
10. A team of two students of **Agartala school** was adjudged first in the State Level Science Fair held by the State Council of Educational Research and Training, and a teacher of the school was adjudged the Best Teacher Guide of Tripura state.
11. A student of **Rahara college** in West Bengal was awarded bronze medal in *International Mathematical Olympiad, 2006* held in Slovenia.
12. A student of Sister Nivedita English School of **Jamshedpur Ashrama** secured the all-India second rank in the third *National IIT/PMT Olympiad (NIPO)* organized by EduHeal Foundation.
13. Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra of **Ranchi (Morabadi) Ashrama** was selected as Nodal Organization in Ranchi district under National Horticulture Mission programme. The centre conducted medical camps, audio-visual programmes and spiritual discourses among the prisoners in 4 reformatories in Ranchi. In all, 76 male prisoners and 42 female prisoners were trained in horticulture, pump repair, cycle repair, bee-keeping and *zari* work.
14. The University Grants Commission Expert Committee recommended autonomy to Maruthi College of Physical Education of **Coimbatore Vidyalyaya**.
15. In the field of rural work, 137 gram panchayats and 3 blocks were awarded *Nirmal Gram Puraskar* by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, for the outstanding activities of total sanitation programme implemented by the *Lokasiksha Parishad* of **Narendrapur Ashrama**, Kolkata. Under Vivekananda Child Development Programme, the Lokasiksha Parishad took up the responsibility of imparting education up to secondary level and health care for 557 downtrodden distressed children selected from remote villages.

NEWS FROM CENTRES OUTSIDE INDIA

1. Foundation stone was laid for the proposed temple at **Chittagong** Ashrama in Bangladesh.
2. Durga Puja (in image) was performed at eight centres in Bangladesh and also at **Mauritius** Ashrama.
3. **Sao Paulo** centre in Brazil continued welfare work of providing nutritious basic food articles to some poor families and tuition to poor students. The centre purchased a plot of land in Belo Horizonte for construction of a small building for social service activities. The centre also published a new book 'A Short Life of Holy Mother' in Portuguese language.
4. The centre at **Sydney**, Australia, purchased a precious property at Sydney to facilitate its activities.
5. **Dinajpur Ashrama** in Bangladesh took up a project named 'Gramin Shikshan Kendra' for educational coaching and uplifting morale of the poor inhabitants of remote villages.
6. **Colombo** centre in Sri Lanka celebrated its platinum jubilee (1930-2005) and undertook repairs to houses of poor workers in an Estate in Horamulla as a part of the celebrations. The centre started 'Swami Vivekananda Human Resource Development Centre' for the education of children with special needs (deaf) and training of teachers to teach such children. Sixteen children were on roll.
7. **Vivekananda Cottage** at Thousand Island Park was honoured with landmark award. New York State organization, namely *Traditional Arts in Upstate New York* (TAUNY), presented a plaque stating that the Vivekananda Cottage was honoured as one of the first Northern New York landmarks to be placed on the TAUNY Register of Very Special Places. A number of photographs of the cottage and a description of Swamiji's stay there in 1895 in teaching and preaching his inspired lessons has been featured in TAUNY website. The award presentation news was covered by National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting System, and also in a widely distributed local newspaper.

MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS

With deep sorrow we record the passing away of **Swami Gahananandaji**, 14th President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, on 4th November 2007. He was 91. Keenly interested in serving sick and suffering people he worked tirelessly for 27 years in Seva Pratishthan hospital, Kolkata. He developed the services of Seva Pratishthan to cater to the medical needs of more and more people belonging to poor and low-income sections of the society and converted the original small maternity hospital into a huge 550-bed, modern, well-equipped hospital. He travelled extensively in different parts of India and abroad, and spread the message of Vedanta and the Holy Trio. His demise is an irreparable loss to the organization.

We also record with deep sorrow the passing away of **Swami Vandananandaji** on 22nd February 2007. He was the General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission from 1979 to 1985. The Swami's erudition and intellectual abilities, combined with excellent communication skill and affable manners, won him the love and respect of many. He was a forceful speaker and was also known for being punctilious in the discharge of his duties.

Swami Atmasthanandaji was appointed 15th President, **Swami Smarananandaji** was appointed another Vice-President, **Swami Prabhananda** was appointed General Secretary, and **Swami Suvirananda** was appointed an Assistant Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission.

During the year, the Mission lost 11 members: 10 monastic and 1 lay. 17 new members were admitted: 14 monastic and 3 lay. At the end of the year there were 383 monastic members, 257 lay members, and 87 lay associates.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES OF OUR STUDENTS

Our students achieved brilliant academic results as revealed in the following table.

University / JEE	Position(s) Obtained in Examination (2006)	Centres
Calcutta University		
B. A. Sanskrit	1, 4, 5 and 10	Saradapitha-Vidyamandira
B. A. Bengali	10	Saradapitha-Vidyamandira
B. Sc. (Hons) Chemistry	1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9	Saradapitha-Vidyamandira
- " -	7 and 10	Narendrapur
B. Sc. (Hons) Maths	1, 2, 3, 5 and 6	Saradapitha-Vidyamandira
B. Sc. (Hons) Physics	3 and 10	Saradapitha-Vidyamandira
B. Sc. (Hons) Statistics	1 and 7	Narendrapur
B. Sc. (Hons) Computer Science	4, 7 and 9	Narendrapur
Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan		
Purva Madhyama	1	
Uttara Madhyama	1	Veda Vidyalaya, Belur Math
Joint Entrance Examinations (For Postgraduate courses)		
All India Level (IIT—Joint Admission to M.Sc.)—(within top 100)		
Chemistry	4, 17 and 20 5, 9 and 10 (S.C.)	Vidyamandira-Saradapitha
- " -	77 and 96	Narendrapur
Mathematics	1, 8 and 18 2 and 19 (S.C.)	Vidyamandira-Saradapitha
- " -	26, 42, 45 and 61	Narendrapur
Physics	9, 12 and 14 9 (S.C.), 61 and 65	Vidyamandira-Saradapitha Narendrapur
Applied Statistics and Informatics	3, 7, 10, 19, 20, 69 and 91	Narendrapur
- " -	4 and 12	Vidyamandira-Saradapitha

University / JEE	Position(s) Obtained in Examination (2006)	Centres		
Joint Entrance Examinations (For Graduate courses)				
State Level				
Arunachal Pradesh				
- " - Engineering	1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 13 and 16	Narottam Nagar		
- " - Medical	3, 5, 9 and 20	Narottam Nagar		
West Bengal-Engineering				
- " - Medical	59, 61 and 66 32 and 83 35 and 71	Narendrapur Rahara Rahara		
All India Level				
Nursing	1	Lucknow		
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES OF SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS in Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations				
Class	Board	Number of students		Centres
		Total	Star Marks*	
X	Andhra Pradesh	22	16	Visakhapatanam
	Karnataka	94	89	Mysore
	Tamil Nadu	156	84	Coimbatore Mission
	- " -	34	24	Chennai Students' Home
	Kerala	147	45	Kalady
	- " -	261	107	Thrissur
	West Bengal	118	91	Asansol
	- " -	140	127	Baranagar Mission
	- " -	81	51	Kamarpukur
	- " -	48	24	Katihar
	- " -	91	82	Malda
	- " -	74	16	Manasadwip
	- " -	116	82	Midnapore
	- " -	142	141	Narendrapur
	- " -	100	88	Purulia
	- " -	168	161	Rahara

Class	Board	Number of students		Centres
		Total	Star Marks*	
	West Bengal	79	40	Ramharipur
	- " -	90	51	Sargachhi
	C.B.S.E.	62	42	Agartala
	- " -	74	71	Deoghar
	- " -	35	25	Narottam Nagar
	I.C.S.E.	70	46	Jamshedpur
XII	Karnataka	54	45	Mysore
	Kerala	140	65	Kalady
	- " -	217	66	Thrissur
	Tamil Nadu	136	77	Coimbatore Mission
	West Bengal	68	43	Malda
	C.B.S.E.	26	14	Agartala
	- " -	62	58	Deoghar
	- " -	32	20	Narottam Nagar
Nursing - U.P. State		20	8	Lucknow
	Medical Faculty			

*Star Marks : 75% and above

BRANCH CENTRES

Excluding Headquarters, the branches of Math & Mission at the end of March 2007, were as under :

Countries		Centres			
Name	No.	Mission	Combined Math & Mission	Math	Total
Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Russia and UK	9	—	—	9	9
USA	1	—	—	13	13
Fiji, France, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Switzerland	8	8	—	—	8
Bangladesh	1	3	6	2	11
India	1	61	22	40	123
Total	20	72	28	64	164

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Math and Mission may be broadly classified as follows :

(1) Relief work, (2) Welfare work, (3) Medical service, (4) Educational work, (5) Spreading of moral, cultural and spiritual ideas, (6) Work in rural and tribal areas, and (7) Work outside India.

1. Relief Work :

The Mission and Math conducted several relief and rehabilitation operations during the year. The total expenditure incurred on these was about Rs. 3.87 crore (approximately Rs. 2.95 crore in cash, and Rs. 0.92 crore in kind). The details of the operations are given below.

i) Primary Relief :

States in which relief was given	Centres that gave relief
1. Distress Relief	
Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal	Hyderabad, Narottam Nagar, Karimganj, Silchar, Chapra, Raipur, Belgaum, Ulsoor, Pune, Puri Math, Puri Mission, Coimbatore Mission, Ootacamund, Agartala, Kanpur, Varanasi Home of Service, Vrindavan, Antpur, Bankura, Cooch Behar, Garbeta, Ichapur, Jalpaiguri, Jayrambati, Kamarpukur, Koalpara, Kolkata (Baranagar Math, Baranagar Mission, Belgharia, Rahara, Swamiji's Ancestral House), Medinipur, Purulia, Sargachhi, and Sikra Kulingram
Bangladesh	Dinajpur
Sri Lanka	Batticaloa
2. Drought Relief	
Gujarat	Limbd

States in which relief was given	Centres that gave relief
3. Fire Relief	
Chandigarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal	Chandigarh, Jamshedpur, Vrindavan and Baghbazar
4. Flood Relief	
Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal	Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Silchar, Rajkot, Vadodara, Aurangabad, Mumbai, Pune, Bhubaneshwar, Puri Math, Puri Mission, Jaipur, Antpur, Belgharia, Ichapur, Malda, Saradapitha and Sargachhi
5. Medical Relief	
West Bengal	Manasadwip and Seva Pratishtan
6. Refugee Relief	
Tamil Nadu Sri Lanka	Chennai Math Batticaloa
7. Storm Relief	
West Bengal	Antpur
8. Winter Relief	
Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal	Aalo, Narottam Nagar, Karimganj, Silchar, Chapra, Katihar, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Chandigarh, Raipur, New Delhi, Porbandar, Deoghar, Belgaum, Mumbai, Puri Math, Puri Mission, Coimbatore Mission, Agartala, Varanasi Home of Service, Vrindavan, Shyamala Tal, Asansol, Bankura, Chandipur, Cooch Behar, Contai, Garbeta, Jalpaiguri, Jayrambati, Kamarpukur, Koalpara, Kolkata (Baghbazar, Baranagar Math, Baranagar Mission, Barasat, Gol Park and Rahara), Malda, Manasadwip, Medinipur, Purulia, Ramharipur, Saradapitha, Sargachhi, Sikra Kulingram, Taki and Tamluk

The following major items were distributed during the relief operations:

Articles	Quantity	Articles	Quantity
Rice	26,678 kg	Clothes	28,841 pcs
Rice Flakes	2,29,179 kg	Woolen Garments	1538 pcs
Wheat	12,000 kg	Woolen Blankets	42,289 pcs
Flour	11,595 kg	Towels	1000 pcs
Pulses	20,610 kg	School Bags	436 nos
Oil	7004 litres	Notebooks	6350 nos
Vegetables	8203 kg	Utensils & trunks	2265 pcs
Sugar	34,324 kg	Mats	2341 pcs
Spices	3214 kg	Tarpaulins	5049 pcs
Salt	5816 kg	Mosquito Nets	1014 pcs
Milk Powder	19,519 kg	Candles	8076 pcs
Tea	635 kg	Matches	4000 pcs
Molasses	1550 kg	Sewing Machines	60 nos
Biscuits	8097 kg	Bleaching powder, etc	1900 kg
Sweets and snacks	3224 kg	Drinking Water	37,500 pouches
Bananas	5200 pcs	Halazone Tablets	6,61,000 pcs

Approximately, a sum of Rs. 3.56 crore in all (Rs. 2.64 crore in cash and Rs.0.92 crore in kind) was spent on primary relief operations to help 5,67,186 people of 1,30,198 families from 2027 villages.

ii) Rehabilitation Work :

1. Rehabilitaion Projects in Maharashtra (in Ratnagiri district)
<i>Pune</i> centre provided cement, stone, steel, sand and wood to 41 flood-affected families of Pethmap and Ramoshiwadi areas in Ratnagiri district, under “build your own house” scheme, and also renovated a school building at Pethmap.

2. Rehabilitation Projects in West Bengal (in Hooghly and South 24-Parganas districts)
(a) <i>Antpur</i> centre distributed bamboos, kholas, tiles, etc, under “build your own house” scheme, to 160 storm-affected families of Dingalhati, Radhanagar, Antpur and Astara villages of Hooghly district;
(b) <i>Rahara</i> centre sunk a tube well at Dakshin Barasat Vivekananda Palli village in South 24-Parganas district;
(c) <i>Baranagar Mission</i> centre sunk 3 tube wells at Santanpur, Bhurkul and Amarpur areas of Hooghly district.
3. Rehabilitation Projects in Gujarat (in Surendranagar district)
<i>Limbd</i> centre completed de-silting and deepening of ponds at Rangpur, Sejakpur, Mulbhavala and Devapara villages of Surendranagar district.
4. Rehabilitation Projects in Andhra Pradesh (in Ranga Reddy district)
<i>Hyderabad</i> centre sunk 3 bore-wells at Peddapuram, Devarampalli and Kesaram villages of Ranga Reddy district.
5. Tsunami Rehabilitation (in Sri Lanka)
<i>Batticaloa</i> centre in Sri Lanka handed over 26 houses to tsunami-affected families. Construction of another 60 houses was completed and of the remaining 30 houses was in progress.

A total of Rs. 30.17 lakh was spent on these rehabilitation projects during the year 2006-07 apart from the expenditure incurred by Batticaloa (Sri Lanka) centre.

2. Welfare Work :

Both the Headquarters and the branches conducted welfare work by giving the following to the needy persons:

- a. Scholarships and stipends to a large number of students
- b. Medical aid to poor patients
- c. Monetary help to aged and destitute men and women

The Math and Mission spent Rs. 1.68 crore and Rs. 4.57 crore respectively, for these purposes. This was in addition to the huge sums spent by our educational institutions for the benefit of poor students, and by our hospitals and dispensaries for the treatment of poor patients.

3. Medical Service :

During the year under review the **Mission** had the following medical and allied units.

Units	No. of Units	No. of Beds	In-Patients	Out-Patients	Inmates/ Students
Hospitals	10	1986	79,787	29,47,249	—
Dispensaries	86	—	—	28,79,207	—
Mobile Medical Units	42	—	—	13,25,494	—
Old Age Homes	2	—	—	—	64
Nurses' Training Institutes :					
(a) Schools	4	—	—	—	254
(b) Colleges	2	—	—	—	148
Institutes for Postgraduate Studies & Research	2	—	—	—	176

Besides, the Mission conducted 68 eye camps in which 22,867 patients were treated, out of which 4240 were operated on for cataract, free of all charges. Programmes like leprosy and TB eradication, medical camps for other ailments, etc were also conducted by various centres.

The Mission spent a sum of Rs. 55.35 crore towards medical service.

In the year under review the **Math** had the following medical and allied units :

Units	No. of Units	No. of Beds	In-Patients	Out-Patients	Inmates/ Students
Hospitals	5	278	11,007	3,00,292	—
Dispensaries	35	—	—	8,21,556	—
Mobile Medical Units	10	—	—	1,69,699	—
Old Age Homes	1	—	—	—	40
Nurses' Training Schools	1	—	—	—	75

Besides, the Math conducted 21 eye camps in which 6484 patients were treated, out of which 2229 were operated on for cataract, free of all charges. Math centres also conducted programmes for leprosy and TB eradication, medical camps for other ailments, etc.

The Math spent a sum of about Rs. 6.20 crore towards medical service.

4. Educational Work :

In the year under review the **Mission** had the following educational units:

Units	No. of Units	No. of Students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Degree Colleges	10	8269	643	8912
Teachers' Training Institutes	4	673	—	673
Junior Basic Training Institutes	5	158	150	308
Higher Secondary Schools	22	17,254	9239	26,493
Secondary Schools	39	13,509	5565	19,074
Junior High/Middle/Basic Schools (I to VIII)	107	13,216	8569	21,785
Nursery Schools / Crèches	378	6200	5996	12,196
Students' Homes	89	11,944	2458	14,402
Orphanages	6	775	94	869
Polytechnics	4	2037	—	2037
Junior Technical & Industrial Schools	6	871	—	871
Schools of Languages	1	46,946	24,629	71,575
Computer Training Centres	9	3487	1713	5200
Blind Boys' Institutes	1	180	—	180
Centres for the Disabled	1	35	70	105
Vocational Training Centres	56	6205	3932	10,137
Institutes of Agriculture	3	3081	902	3983
Rural Development Training Institutes	25	14,124	7197	21,321
Non-Formal Education Centres	138	4181	4100	8281
Night Schools / Adult Education Centres	9	289	148	437
National Open School Centres	7	412	584	996
Coaching Centres	111	3351	2459	5810
Others (Balak Sanghas, Jnana Vahini, Chalaman Vahini, etc)	313	9486	16,051	25,537
Total	1344	1,66,683	94,499	2,61,182

The Mission spent a sum of Rs. 102.72 crore for educational work.

In the year under review the **Math** had the following educational units :

Units	No. of Units	No. of Students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Sanskrit Colleges	1	26	—	26
Teachers' Training Institutes	1	100	—	100
Higher Secondary Schools	3	2683	305	2988
Secondary Schools	1	—	667	667
Sanskrit Schools	3	371	213	584
Junior Basic Schools (I to V)	6	1302	1200	2502
Nursery Schools / Crèches	3	193	147	340
Students' Homes	14	1052	—	1052
Orphanages	1	48	—	48
Schools of Languages	1	14,079	4446	18,525
Vocational Training Centres	7	6	471	477
Computer Training Centres	2	281	18	299
Non-Formal Education Centres	11	251	249	500
Night Schools / Adult Education Centres	1	7	15	22
Coaching Centres	73	2350	2308	4658
Others (Balak Sanghas, Jnana Vahini, Institute of Human Excellence, etc.)	26	28,560	16,728	45,288
Total	154	51,309	26,767	78,076

The Math spent a sum of Rs. 8.87 crore for educational work.

5. Work in Rural and Tribal Areas :

Rural and tribal welfare work has come to occupy a prominent place in the scheme of services rendered by the Mission. With its limited funds and workers, the Mission has been doing its utmost for serving the poor, backward and tribal people in different parts of the country. This is accomplished in three ways :

- i. through our centres located in rural and tribal areas, primarily set up for this purpose;
- ii. through our urban centres, which have taken up development projects in rural and tribal areas;
- iii. through our educational and medical institutions in urban areas, where rural folk form a significant percentage of the beneficiaries.

Besides, some centres also conduct **Pallimangal** (integrated rural development) activities in selected villages.

The Math and Mission spent a sum of nearly Rs. 1.11 crore and Rs. 17.51 crore respectively, specifically for rural and tribal development work. Apart from this, a huge expenditure was incurred by the following medical and educational institutions located in rural and tribal areas.

(A) Medical and Educational Units of the Mission: In the year under review the **Mission** had the following medical and educational units in rural and tribal areas :

(i) Medical Units

Units	No. of Units	No. of Beds	In-Patients	Out-Patients	Inmates/Students
Hospitals	3	461	11,500	2,73,708	—
Dispensaries	36	—	—	7,00,028	—
Mobile Medical Units	40	—	—	12,79,174	—
Nurses' Training Centres	1	—	—	—	65

(ii) Educational Units

Units	No. of Units	No. of Students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Degree Colleges	1	1674	—	1674
Teachers' Training Institutes	2	432	—	432
Junior Basic Training Institutes	4	158	150	308
Higher Secondary / Secondary Schools	24	9283	3234	12,517
Junior High / Middle / Basic Schools	78	7357	5927	13,103
Nursery Schools / Crèches	367	5442	5371	10,813
Students' Homes / Orphanages	43	6372	2209	8581
Polytechnics	1	786	—	786
Junior Technical & Industrial Schools	1	353	—	353
Centres for the Disabled	1	35	70	105
Vocational Training Centres	38	4193	2475	6668

Units	No. of Units	No. of Students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Computer Training Centres	1	158	102	260
Institutes of Agriculture	3	3081	538	3619
Rural Development Training Institutes	25	14,124	7197	21,321
Non-Formal Education Centres	122	2900	2787	5687
Night Schools / Adult Education centres	7	218	135	353
National Open School Centres	5	361	584	945
Coaching Centres	83	2169	1534	3703
Others (Balak Sanghas, Chalaman Vahini, etc)	296	8416	15,186	23,602
Total	1102	67,512	47,627	1,15,139

Apart from this, there were 49 libraries and 13 audio-visual units, which screened educative films, etc, to serve rural and tribal people.

Besides, the following services were conducted in rural and tribal areas by our various **Mission** centres:

- a. The rural development training institutes at **Narendrapur** (Kolkata), **Narainpur** (Chattisgarh) and **Saradapitha** (Belur) centres as also the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Divyayan at **Ranchi (Morabadi)** centre trained youths in modern methods of agriculture, dairy, poultry farming, etc.
- b. The **Ranchi (Morabadi)** centre has taken up massive rural development projects by way of extension and follow-up of the training programmes of Divyayan.
- c. The centre at **Narendrapur** (Kolkata) is conducting numerous integrated rural development projects in several districts of West Bengal.
- d. The **Aalo, Cherrapunjee, Itanagar, Narainpur, Narottam Nagar,** and **Shillong** centres have won the love and esteem of the tribal people of the respective areas for their educational and medical work.
- e. The centre in **Mumbai** continued its comprehensive rural development project at Sakwar with vocational training, medical service and other programmes.

f. The **Saradapitha** centre (Belur) through its two units Janasiksha Mandira and Samaj Sevak Sikshana Mandira trained rural youths in various vocations, and conducted educational and health awareness programmes, agricultural camps, etc for rural people.

(B) Medical and Educational units of the Math : In the year under review the **Math** centres also served rural and tribal people through their following medical and educational units:

(i) Medical Units

Units	No. of Units	No. of Beds	In-Patients	Out-Patients
Hospitals	3	53	934	1,45,651
Dispensaries	13	—	—	1,06,839
Mobile Medical Units	10	—	—	1,69,699

(ii) Educational Units

Units	No. of Units	No. of Students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Higher Secondary Schools	2	2260	305	2565
Sanskrit Schools	1	324	171	495
Junior High / Middle / Basic Schools	3	716	552	1268
Nursery Schools / Crèches	3	193	147	340
Students' Homes / Orphanages	3	304	-	304
Computer Training Centres	1	1	18	19
Vocational Training Centres	6	6	460	466
Non-Formal Education Centres	9	224	220	444
Coaching Centres	46	1167	906	2073
Others (Balak Sanghas, Chalaman Vahini, etc)	10	442	124	566
Total	84	5637	2903	8540

Twelve libraries and two audio-visual units of Math also served rural and tribal communities. Besides, the Math centres in Hyderabad, Ichapur, Jamtara, Mysore, Rajkot, etc. undertook integrated rural development projects.

(C) Pallimangal Activities: The activities under Pallimangal (a pilot project, which was originally initiated in 1980 by the Headquarters) continued in the villages in and around Kamarpukur and Jayrambati in West Bengal. The major service programmes conducted under this project during the year are given below:

(i) Agricultural Development Programmes : (a) Soil analysis was done for 433 soil samples, and agricultural and technical guidance was given to farmers. (b) The Seed Production Unit continued to function. Certified mushroom seeds were produced on large scale during the year. More than 150 species of herbal plants were cultivated at the herbal resource garden in Kamarpukur. It helped and encouraged farmers for cultivation of medicinal herbs. (c) For spreading awareness of the benefits of renewable sources of energy, the use of solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems was promoted.

(ii) Medical Activities: (a) 14,735 patients were treated by the mobile medical unit. Special medical programmes and camps, and health care and awareness programmes were also conducted at Kamarpukur. (b) Under *Leprosy Eradication Programme*, after an extensive survey and medical examination, 511 persons were given treatment. (c) A programme on *Control of Tuberculosis through Community Based Directly Observed Treatment with Short-Course-Therapy (DOTS)* under *Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP)* continued, under which 17 cases were treated during the year. (d) 656 patients were operated on for cataract under *National Blindness Control Programme*. (e) Extensive survey and medical examinations were done along with health education campaign under *National HIV /AIDS Control Programme* launched during the year. (f) Nutritious diet was provided to children at Kamarpukur under *Child Nutrition Programme*.

(iii) Educational and Cultural Activities : (a) 18 non-formal education centres and 24 free coaching centres benefited 1405 students. (b) An audio-visual unit screened 31 educative films in 21 villages benefiting about 20,700 villagers. (c) A number of students were given textbooks, uniforms, etc. Scholarships and financial assistance were given to a good number of students. (d) Cultural programmes, competitions in sports and games, etc were also organized.

(iv) Training Programmes : 62 poor men and 11 destitute women were trained in apiculture, weaving, jute handicraft, dhoop-making, TV repairing and food-processing projects.

Thus the year also witnessed a major expansion in the activities, as in previous years, resulting in better utilization of the available infrastructural facilities. The statistics relating to the institutions furnished in this section form part of the figures already mentioned under 'Medical Service' and 'Educational Work'.

6. Spreading of Moral, Cultural and Spiritual Ideas :

This was accomplished through a large number of libraries, lectures, seminars, youth camps, balak sanghas regular classes, public celebrations, occasional exhibitions, screening films of religious and cultural values, etc.

During the year under review, 211 **libraries** containing a large number of books were run by our Math & Mission centres. Most of these libraries had attached reading rooms also.

Started in 1993, the **Vivekananda Veda Vidyalaya**, Belur Math – a residential institution affiliated with Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi – has been functioning, as dreamt by Swami Vivekananda, for the promotion and propagation of Sanskrit learning, with particular reference to Vedic studies. Twenty-five boys from poor families are taught from Purva Madhyama (equivalent to Secondary course) up to Uttara Madhyama (equivalent to Higher Secondary course). Board and lodging as well as teaching are fully free of all charges. Two students of the Vidyalaya stood all-India first, one each in Purva Madhyama (Secondary) and Uttara Madhyama (Higher Secondary) Examinations 2007, conducted by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.

Centres of the Math and Mission **published** several books and 15 journals in different languages. The Math centres at Mayavati, Baghbazar (Kolkata), Chennai, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Mysore, Rajkot, Thrissur and Bhubaneswar, in particular, have to their credit a considerable number of publications. A sum of Rs. 10.49 crore was spent on publication work during the year. Some of our centres in other countries are also publishing valuable books.

Besides, many of our centres initiated **mobile projects** like 'Jnana Vahini' to spread spiritual and cultural ideas among rural folks. Educative and religious film shows, lectures, exhibitions, guided meditation, personality development classes, book-sales, etc. were organized in the interior parts of the country. Many centres have started imparting value education and providing guidance for self-reliance to the inmates of different prisons. Noteworthy **services in the prisons**

were provided by Malda, Jalpaiguri, Saradapitha, Vadodara and Cooch Behar centres.

The Math and Mission centres maintained **temples** and **prayer halls**, and organized **lectures**, **retreats** and **devotees' meets**. Thousands of people were inspired to accept higher values of life by coming into contact with the different centres.

It is also noteworthy that the spreading of moral values and culture was taken up in good measure by the member Ashramas of **Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Bhav Prachar Parishads** in different parts of the country.

7. Work outside India :

The 8 Math centres and 9 Mission centres in Bangladesh conducted religious classes, discourses, daily worship and prayer, dispensaries, schools, students' homes, libraries, relief and welfare work such as distribution of food, clothing, etc.

The Mission centres in Fiji, France, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Switzerland carried on cultural work and spiritual ministrations. Some of these centres conducted educational work also.

In the 22 Math centres situated in other countries, our Swamis gave lectures at the centres and also in colleges, universities, etc, conducted religious classes, observed religious festivals with special worship, organized seminars, and held retreats. Some of them also brought out publications on philosophical subjects and spiritual teachings.

The **major activities of the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission** are indicated in a nutshell in the following table :

Nature of Activities	Number of Institutions	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount spent in Rs. (crore)
Educational Work in Rural and Urban Areas	Schools, Colleges, Hostels, etc 707	Students 2,06,312	111.60
	Non-formal education centres, Night schools, 791 Coaching classes, etc.	Students 1,32,946	

Nature of Activities	Number of Institutions	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount spent in Rs. (crore)
Medical Services in Urban and Rural Areas	Hospitals 15 Dispensaries 173 Nurses' Training Centres 7 Medical Research Institutes 2 Old Age Homes 3	Inpatients 90,794 Outpatients 84,43,497 Trainees 477 Students 176 Inmates 104	61.55
Relief and Rehabilitation	Beneficiaries : Around 5.67 lakh		3.87
Rural Development Activities	Agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy, soil testing, improved sanitation programmes, solar energy promotion programmes, training programmes, afforestation, cultural activities, seminars, workshops, etc.		18.62
Welfare Activities	Scholarships, stipends, medical aid and pecuniary help to poor and needy students and people		6.25
Moral, Cultural and Spiritual Activities	Through libraries, lecturers, seminars, regular classes, public celebrations, occasional exhibitions, screening of films of religious and cultural values, publication of religious books, etc. (Centres published several books and 15 journals in different languages. A sum of Rs.10.49 crore was spent for this purpose.)		—

CONCLUSION

In this short report we have attempted to place before you a summary of the activities of the Ramakrishna Mission. By way of additional information we have also given a brief outline of the activities of the Ramakrishna Math. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to our dedicated workers, members, associates, devotees, admirers and patrons for their unstinting co-operation and support. We pray earnestly to Sri Ramakrishna, the Holy Mother and Swami Vivekananda to guide us and lead us forward in our efforts to establish universal love and fraternity through renunciation and service.

In this age work without devotion to God has no legs to stand upon. It is like a foundation on sand. First cultivate devotion... First devotion, then work. Work, apart from devotion or love of God, is helpless and cannot stand.

-Sri Ramakrishna

One must perform work. It is only through work that the bondage of work will be cut asunder and one will acquire a spirit of non-attachment. One should not be without work even for a moment.

-Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi

Be thankful that you are allowed to exercise your power of benevolence and mercy in the world and thus, become pure and perfect. Be grateful to the man you help, think of him as God. Is it not a great privilege to be allowed to worship God by helping our fellowmen?

-Swami Vivekananda



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