



## **SYNOPSIS OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S REPORT FOR 2006-07**

The **98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** of the Ramakrishna Mission was held at Belur Math on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 3.30 p.m.

The members recorded with deep sorrow the **passing away of Swami Gahananandaji Maharaj**, the fourteenth President of the Mission, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007. He was 91. He worked tirelessly for 27 years at Seva Pratisthan hospital in Kolkata, serving sick and suffering people. He traveled extensively in India and abroad, spreading the message of the Vedanta and Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda. His demise is an irreparable loss to the Organization. **Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj** was appointed the **fifteenth President**.

During the year under review the **Mission** started a **new centre** at **Bhopal** in Madhya Pradesh and a new sub-centre at **Belgaum** in Karnataka.

In **medical field**, the following new projects deserve **special mention**: starting of a mobile **eye care facility** by Itanagar centre, a **medical centre** at Jammu Ashrama and a National **HIV / AIDS control programme** in collaboration with German Leprosy Relief Association by Kamarpukur centre in West Bengal.

In **educational field**, the following new projects deserve **special mention**: starting of **postgraduate courses and programmes** by Vivekananda University at its faculty centres at Narendrapur, Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Ranchi (Morabadi); **postgraduate courses in Mathematics and Sanskrit** at Vidyamandira college of Saradapitha centre in Belur; a number of educational programmes by Coimbatore centre, viz. **IT Academy, online education programme**, etc; and **eleven pre-primary education centres** by Lokasiksha Parishad of Narendrapur centre.

In **rural development field**, the following new projects deserve **special mention**: starting of a **rural sanitation project** by Itanagar centre; **Jammu and Kashmir Earthquake Economic Rehabilitation programme** by starting tailoring centres **near LoC area** by Jammu centre, a number of projects related to **fruits plantation, spices cultivation, seed production, harnessing spring water for irrigation, residential bridge courses for dropout village girls**, etc by Ranchi (Morabadi) centre and a number of socio-economic rehabilitation projects related to **vocational training programme for skill development, lac cultivation, dissemination of renewable energy, artificial insemination and animal health care**, etc. by Lokasiksha Parishad of Narendrapur Ashrama in Kolkata.

Under the **Ramakrishna Math**, the following new developments deserve **special mention**: starting of a **new centre** at **Vadodara** in Gujarat; inauguration of a **hostel building and a hall** at Dhaneti in Kutch district by Rajkot Ashrama; a **dispensary building** at Antpur Ashrama in West Bengal; an **additional building for nursery and primary school** at Madurai Ashrama, a **self-employment project** by Cooch Behar Ashrama in West Bengal, etc.

**Outside India**, two **centres** were started: a Math centre at St. Petersburg, Florida, USA, and a Mission centre at Durban, South Africa.

During the year, **the Math and Mission** undertook extensive **relief and rehabilitation** programmes in several parts of the country involving an expenditure of Rs. 3.87 crore, benefiting 5.67 lakh people belonging to 1.30 lakh families of 2027 villages.

**Welfare work** was done by way of providing scholarships to poor students, pecuniary help to old, sick and destitute people, etc; the expenditure incurred was Rs. 6.25 crore.


**Medical service** was rendered to more than 85.32 lakh people through 15 hospitals and 173 dispensaries including mobile medical units; the expenditure incurred was Rs. 61.55 crore.

Nearly 3.39 lakh students were studying in our educational institutions from kindergarten to postgraduate level. A sum of Rs. 111.60 crore was spent on **educational work**.

A number of **rural and tribal development projects** were undertaken with a total expenditure of Rs.18.62 crore.

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our members and friends for their kind co-operation and help.

16 December, 2007

  
Swami Prabhananda  
(General Secretary)