



Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

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PO Belur Math, Dist. Howrah, West Bengal 711202, India



Department of Sanskrit Studies and Philosophy

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute is a humble attempt at actualizing Swami Vivekananda's vision of education. Established in July 2005 the University tries to impart “life-building, man-making, character-making” education by combining the best elements of the contemplative East and the scientific, action-oriented West. Swamiji envisioned an educational system that would be the right blend of the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of ancient India and the predominantly Western values like scientific temper, technological skill, pragmatic outlook, and team work. Department of Sanskrit Studies under School of Indian Heritage strives to instill into youth these values that are the best of the East and the West through its academic programmes and allied activities.

The Beacon and Source of Inspiration: [Quotes from Swami Vivekananda]

We will do it: “Can you become an occidental of occidentals in your spirit of equality, freedom, work, and energy, and at the same time a Hindu to the very backbone in religious culture and instincts? This is to be done and we will do it. You are all born to do it.” [Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Volume 5, page 29-30]

Need of the hour: “What we want are Western science coupled with *Vedānta*, *Brahmacharya* as the guiding motto, and also *Śraddhā* and faith in one's own self.” [ibid., Vol 5, p 366]

Sanskrit gives strength: “My idea is first of all to bring out the gems of spirituality that are stored up in our books... let them be the common property of all... The great difficulty in the way is the Sanskrit language--the glorious language of ours; and this difficulty cannot be removed until--if it is possible--the whole of our nation are good Sanskrit scholars...Therefore the ideas must be taught in the language of the people; at the same time, Sanskrit education must go on along with it, because the very sound of Sanskrit words gives a prestige and a power and a strength to the race.” [ibid., Vol3, p289-90]



Medha Bhavan, Belur Main Campus

Courses Offered:

- **Integrated MA** in Sanskrit (10-semesters, 3 yrs BA+2 yrs MA)
- **MPhil** (3 semesters)
- **PhD** (6-10 semesters)
- **Communicative Sanskrit:** An outreach programme of four-months.

It is a weekend course (of 3 credits) for the benefit of general public in basic written and spoken Sanskrit. The three-tier course consists of the following levels:

- 1) **Preliminary** – alphabet, sentence construction, spoken Sanskrit
- 2) **Intermediate** – basic grammar, Gita and Upanishad chanting with meaning
- 3) **Advanced** - higher grammar, selections from literature, composition



Eligibility:

- **Integrated MA:** Minimum 65% marks in the aggregate at Higher Secondary (HS - 10+2) or equivalent exam. (5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates.) Students without Sanskrit at HS may also apply. Admissions begin in the month of May
- **M.Phil, Ph.D:** 65% marks in Sanskrit at the BA and MA level from a UGC recognized University. (5% relaxation for SC/ST). Only those with UGC NET-JRF (Junior Research Fellowship) are usually admitted. Admissions begin in June-July
- **Communicative Sanskrit:** Any one interested in learning Sanskrit may apply; no upper age limit. Admissions begin in January and June

Publications:

- **Prajñālokaḥ:** (ISSN 2320 5911) Annual bi-lingual (Sanskrit-English) peer-reviewed research journal edited by the faculty members of the Department
- **Pratibhālokaḥ:** Annual Sanskrit journal of the students, by the students, for the students
- **Vivekabhāskaraḥ:** Quarterly wall magazine in Sanskrit for the students
- **Dīpaśikhā:** Quarterly e-magazine in Sanskrit edited by research scholars of the department
- **Arthasaṅgrahaḥ:** a book on Indian hermeneutics with original Sanskrit text, Bengali translation and a gloss *vivṛti* in Bengali (demi 1/8, pages 136) Rs.100/-
- **Mokṣasādhanaśūtrasaṅgrahaḥ:** a book containing *nārada bhakti sūtra*, *śāṇḍilya bhakti-sūtra*, *pātāñjalayogasūtra*, *vasugupta kṛtāśivasūtra*, and *bādarāyaṇa kṛtā brahmasūtra* in the original. (crown 1/16, pages 72) Rs.30/-

Highlights of the Department

- Gurukula system of education adapted to modern conditions
- Sanskrit is taught in Sanskrit medium – a unique feature



- Character-building, man-making ambience
- Spiritual Heritage classes to impart the rich legacy of ancient India
- Well-equipped hostel with a balanced healthy routine
- Computer Science, Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Linguistics classes to teach modern skills

- UGC-recommended choice-based credit system
- English and Hindi form an integral part of syllabus



- Panini's grammar and Advaita-vedānta are special subjects at post graduate and research level
- Specialization begins from 3rd year BA onwards
- Recital of Gītā, Upaniṣad and traditional vedic chanting (selected portions from all the four vedas) are taught

- Karate, Yoga and gym sessions to ensure harmonious physical and mental growth
- Publications by the department to encourage writing skill
- Coaching sessions for UGC NET-JRF examination



- An exclusive women's wing
- Departmental library in addition to central library

- **Financial Assistance:** Integrated MA Course is almost free for nearly all the students

- **Placement:** Students easily qualify for UGC-NET and get placed in various universities and colleges as Asst. Professors through the West Bengal College Service Commission and Public Service Commission

- **Mānasollāsini:** A weekly forum where students sing, speak, perform, depict, debate and engage in various co-curricular activities exclusively in Sanskrit - inspires talent





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- Sponsor education and hostel expenses (Rs.3000/- per month per student)
- Make permanent endowments in someone's memory
- Contribute for purchase of books, journals etc for library
- Bear the cost of printing & stationery
- Foster talent by sponsoring prizes in competitions
- Offer voluntary service in your area of excellence like maintenance of website, software solutions, editing, proof-reading or by any other means
- Provide funds for seminars, workshops, educational excursions etc.
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