



**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute**

**(Deemed-to-be-University as declared under section 3 of UGC Act 1956)**

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

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## ***Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy***



Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) is a humble attempt at actualizing Swami Vivekananda's vision of education. Established in January 2005, the Institute 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 and Philosophy which started in 2007 under the School of Indian Heritage strives to instill into youth these values that are the best of the East and the West. Life and message of Swamiji are the guiding light.

***The Source of Inspiration:*** [Quotes from the Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda]

**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.” [Vol.3, p.289-90]

**Source of Power:** Why do you not become Sanskrit scholars?... That is the secret of power in India. Sanskrit and prestige go together in India. [Vol.3, p.298-299]

**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.” [5, 366]

**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.” [5, 29-30]

Medha Bhavan

Prajna Bhavan



Aerial view of the  
RKMVERI (deemed-University)  
Belur main campus

## Programmes and Courses Offered:

- ★ **MA Integrated in Sanskrit:** 4 yrs BA Hons + 1 yr MA. Eligibility: 70% marks in the aggregate at Higher Secondary (HS) (10+2) (5% relaxation for SC/ST). Students without Sanskrit in Higher Secondary may also apply. Admissions begin in June every year
- ★ **PhD in Sanskrit:** 6 semesters minimum, 10 semesters maximum. Eligibility: 65% aggregate marks in Sanskrit at the BA and MA level from a UGC recognized University (5% relaxation for SC/ST). Applicants should have a national fellowship like UGC NET-JRF (Junior Research Fellowship). Admissions begin in June
- ★ **MA Online:** 4 semesters. Eligibility: 55% marks in 3-years BA (Hons.) in Sanskrit (5% relaxation for SC/ST). Medium of instruction: fully in Sanskrit
- ★ **Communicative Sanskrit:** A three-tier weekend certificate course of 3 credits in basic Sanskrit (written and spoken). Eligibility: Class 10 pass. Any one interested in learning Sanskrit may apply. No upper age limit. Admissions begin in December and June every year. Duration of each of the following levels is 6 months
  - 1) Preliminary - alphabet, sentence construction, spoken Sanskrit
  - 2) Intermediate – basic grammar, Gita and Upanishad chanting with meaning
  - 3) Advanced – basic grammar, selections from classical literature, and compositionYou may enrol for either online or offline classes
- ★ **Pāṇiniya Praveśa:** A two-tier weekend certificate course in Pāṇinī's grammar
  - 1) Laghusiddhānta-kaumudī for beginners (who have basic knowledge of Sanskrit)
  - 2) Siddhānta-kaumudī for those who have some knowledge of Laghu-kaumudī
- ★ **Jñānayaajñaparva:** Scriptural study and contemplation programme (of one month duration) for monks of the Ramakrishna Order conducted twice a year (on request)

## Publications:

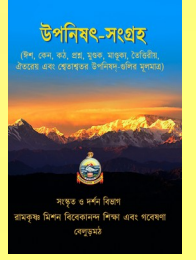
- ★ **Prajñālokaḥ:** (ISSN 2320 5911) Annual bi-lingual (Sanskrit-English) peer-reviewed research journal edited by the faculty members
- ★ **Pratibhālokaḥ:** Triannual Sanskrit journal of the students, by the students, for the students
- ★ **Vivekabhāskarahaḥ:** Quarterly wall magazine in Sanskrit for the students
- ★ **Dīpaśikhā:** Triannual e-journal edited by research scholars
- ★ **Alaṅkāraśāstropakaṇṭham:** a primer to Indian rhetorics
- ★ **Tarkasaṅgrahaḥ:** original text, translation, annotation, along with Bhāṣāpariccheda
- ★ **Arthasaṅgrahaḥ:** a book on Indian hermeneutics with original Sanskrit text, Bengali translation and a gloss *vivṛti* in Bengali
- ★ **Mokṣasādhana-sūtrasaṅgrahaḥ:** nārada-bhaktisūtra, śāṇḍilya-bhakti-sūtra, pātañjala-yogasūtra, vasuguptakṛta-śivasūtra, and bādarāyaṇakṛta-brahma-sūtra in the original



★ **Upaniṣat-saṅgrahaḥ:** (Devanāgarī characters) a pocket edition containing only the original text of the Īśa, Kena, Kaṭha, Praśna, Muṇḍaka, Māṇḍūkya, Taittirīya, Aitareya, and Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣads

★ **Upaniṣat-saṅgrahaḥ:** (Bengali characters) details are same as above

★ **Pāṇinīyatantre Asiddhatvātideśau:** proceedings of the National Seminar on Pāṇini's grammar held in October 2016



★ **Mahānārāyaṇopaniṣad:** (Bengali characters) the original text according to the Āndhra recension, word for word meaning, and simple translation in Bengali

★ **Mahānārāyaṇopaniṣad:** (Devanāgarī characters) same as above + the commentary of Sāyaṇācārya, its Bengali translation, and elaborate and highly useful appendices

★ **Stotramālā:** a collection of familiar traditional hymns (Second edition)

★ **Vedamūrti-śrīrāmakṛṣṇaḥ:** life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Saradadevi

★ **Yakṣapraśnaḥ:** (Devanāgarī letters) the conversation between the Yakṣa and Yudhiṣṭhira in Mahābhārata: the original verse, its prose order, word for word meaning and paraphrase both in Sanskrit, with the glosses Bhāratakaumudī and Bhāratabhāvadīpaḥ

★ **Yakṣapraśnaḥ:** (Bengali characters) details are same as above + Bengali translation

★ **Prācīna-bhāratīya-manovidyā:** Indian psychology as found in the ancient Yoga texts

★ **Yugācārya-vivekānandaḥ:** life and message of Vivekananda in Sanskrit (with hymns)

★ **Śrīmadbhagavadgītā:** (in 3 volumes) verse, prose order, Bengali translation, the Subodhinī gloss of Śrīdharasvāmī and its translation by Swami Jagadishwarananda

### Highlights of the Department

★ Gurukula system of education adapted to modern conditions. Character-building, and man-making ambience conducive for formation of integral personality

★ High class infrastructure and well-equipped hostel

★ Top faculty and excellent mentor-mentee programme

★ Financial Assistance: 5-year Integrated MA programme is totally free of cost

★ Sanskrit is taught in Sanskrit medium – a unique feature. Spiritual Heritage classes are conducted to impart moral and spiritual values and the rich legacy of India

★ UGC recommended Choice Based Credit System. Coaching in Computer Applications, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Linguistics, and English

★ Specialization begins from 3rd year BA onwards

★ Publications of the department to encourage writing skills

★ Research in Pāṇini's grammar, Vedānta, manuscriptology, etc.

★ Free coaching for UGC NET-JRF examination

### Students in prayer



### Computer Training





★ Training in traditional recital of Gītā, Upaniṣad and the Vedas (selected portions from all the four vedas)

★ **Placement:** Students easily qualify for UGC-NET and get placed in Central and State Universities, and in colleges as Assistant Professors through the West Bengal College Service Commission, Public Service Commission, etc.

★ **Mānasollāsini:** a weekly forum where students sing, speak, perform, depict, debate and engage in co-curricular activities exclusively in Sanskrit. That inspires and sustains talent

★ **YouTube Channels** | 1) Brahmajyoti Mandira: free access to videos of scriptural lectures etc.  
2) Jnanajyoti Mandira: videos of events, celebrations, and lectures

#### Traditional Vedic Chanting



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#### Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy



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- ★ Bear the cost of printing & stationery
- ★ Donate in kind: give note books, pens text books, sports material, winter clothing etc.
- ★ Sponsor for camps for promotion of Sanskrit language, literature, and culture

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