

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith
Deoghar

(Established in 1922)

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Our Motto

We want that education by which **character** is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on his own feet.

What we want are Western Science coupled with Vedanta, Brahmacharya as the guiding motto, and in addition to that Shraddha (श्रद्धा) and **Faith** in one's own self.

We need technical education and all else which may develop industries so that men, instead of seeking for service, may earn enough to provide for themselves...

It is man-making religion that we want. It is man-making theories that we want. It is **man-making** education all-round that we want.

~ Swami Vivekananda

INTRODUCTION

The Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Deoghar is an Ashrama. It has a residential **Senior Secondary** School for boys from classes VI to XII. It is administered by the monks of the Ramakrishna Order, under the direct control and guidance of the Headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission at Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal.

Being inspired by Swami Turiyananda, one of the monastic disciples of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna, some young monks took initiative and started this school in **1922**. They began with only three students in a small house at Mihijam in the then Bihar State. However, when Mihijam was found inconvenient soon after, the school was ultimately shifted to Deoghar in 1923 and permanently founded on a piece of land where it now exists.

Vidyapith officially came under the jurisdiction of the Ramakrishna Mission in 1924. It later became a High School in 1929 and still later, grew into a Higher Secondary School affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi in 1964. The first batch of students appeared at the Class XI Board examination in 1967.

With the abolition of the Higher Secondary (XI) system and the introduction of the Class X & Plus 2 system by the Central Board, Vidyapith eventually reverted to be a Secondary School again in 1975. Continuing for 25 years as such, it was finally upgraded as a Senior Secondary School under the same Board in 2000. This has become a boon for the students passing the tenth standard and trying to get into the Plus-two category. The boys of Vidyapith have already been proving their excellence in the final AISSC (Plus 2) Examination since its inception. Grappling with numerous adversities, the seed which was sown more than nine decades ago has now evolved into a Multi-purpose Model Educational Institution.

Vidyapith was honoured with the **National Award** for outstanding work in the field of Child Welfare by the Government of India in 1986.

OBJECT

Education, in order to be effective and fruitful, must be “**Man-making**”, that is, it must bring about an integrated development of personality in a student. This can be achieved only if a student is brought up in a congenial atmosphere. Swami Vivekananda had prescribed the Gurukula system of education for the purpose. Vidyapith has therefore taken resort to this ancient system, making it suitable for the students of modern times.

Beside the stipulated academic education, Vidyapith offers training to become active, self-reliant and moral. In a word, it imparts education to build character in line with the ideal of sacrifice and service which is absolutely necessary for Nation building. Contributions of its ex-students in different fields amply speak of the values they absorbed during their stays in the peaceful environment of Vidyapith.

LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Located at Baidyanath Dham, Jharkhand, one of the famous places of Shaiva pilgrimage in India, and only 7 kilometres from Jasidih Jn. (E. Rly.) - from where both train and auto rickshaw services are available, the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith affords its young pupils an opportunity to live in a **pollution free** - spiritually elevating atmosphere. It is in Ramakrishna Nagar, a quiet place with beautiful natural surroundings with villages and agricultural areas within walking distances. A popular health resort with a bracing climate, the place Deoghar contributes significantly towards a healthy growth and development of Vidyapith students.

ADMINISTRATION

The institution is governed by a Managing Committee appointed by the Governing Body of the Ramakrishna Mission, P.O. Belur Math, Dt. Howrah, West Bengal. Its day-to-day administrative work is being carried out by monks placed in its various departments under the leadership of a monastic Secretary.

AFFILIATION AND SESSION

Vidyapith is permanently affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. After qualifying for the All India Secondary School Examination (X) of the Board, boys, if permitted, may continue their studies in the school for All India Senior School Certificate Examination (XII). The academic session for classes VI-X begins in April. Boys newly admitted to class XI join Vidyapith in the month of June.

ADMISSION

Class VI

- Request for admission, which is to be made in the printed application form issued by Vidyapith, must reach the Secretary on or before the stipulated date. Detailed guidelines in this regard are provided in the leaflet "General Information for Admission". Faulty or incomplete information in the Admission Form will not be accepted, and will therefore stand cancelled automatically.
- Selected candidates will have to submit the Transfer Certificate within 15 days of admission positively.
- Any chronic disease (including habitual bed wetting) is held as a bar to admission.
- Boys later discovered physically unfit or harmful by nature are liable to lose their seats, even after joining the school.

Class XI

- Boys appearing for class X examination may collect application forms during the first week of March for **Admission to Class XI**.
- The best students from Deoghar Vidyapith are usually given **first preference** for admission to Senior Secondary course, provided that they fulfil the criteria determined by the authority of the Institution. They are only given provisional admission on the basis of their results of the Pre-Board and other examinations in class X.
- Results of a Written Examination followed by a 'viva-voce' test are taken into account while ascertaining selection of boys coming from other institutions other than Vidyapith. Class XI activity in school commences in the month of June.
- In any case, admission of students to class XI will not be regularised before the publication of class X Board Results.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

Vidyapith, being an English medium CBSE school- besides Hindi, Bengali and Sanskrit - all other subjects are taught primarily in the **English** medium.

STAFF

Monastic members of the Ramakrishna Order are in-charge of the administration of the School. They are being assisted by a body of efficient teaching and non-teaching staff. Apart from preparing the boys for Secondary and Senior Secondary examinations, the teachers, guest lecturers and visiting professors make every possible effort to make them ready for the various entrance and competitive examinations that will open avenues for useful studies ahead. Hence, Vidyapith keeps itself well-informed of the best coaching facilities in order to avail of such services.

CURRICULUM AND SPECIAL COACHING

The School offers courses as per the curricula of the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. Apart from Hindi, Bengali, English, Science, Mathematics, Social Science in secondary school, Vidyapith also offers craft subjects like Computer, Music, and Art. Sanskrit is compulsorily taught up to class VIII.

There is an arrangement of **special coaching** by a professional group for Senior Secondary (and Secondary) students. This is offered in order to prepare students for entrance examinations to Engineering and Medical courses in the premier institutions of the country and other competitive examinations, even at the Secondary levels.

The curriculum for **senior secondary** classes is prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. Vidyapith imparts education in **science stream** only. For their studies here students are offered either of the following combinations of subjects:

- (i) English (core), Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology
- (ii) English (core), Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science/Economics/Physical Education

EXAMINATION

Individual attention, as far as practicable, is given to every student. Continuous evaluation and periodical examinations are being conducted. Results along with reports of conduct are sent to the guardians regularly.

FINAL EXAMINATION

It is at the discretion of the Secretary whether or not to allow the candidates of AISS and AISSC examinations to stay in Vidyapith after their Test Examinations are over. The Centre for the Final Examination is determined by the C.B.S.E., New Delhi. For Vidyapith, it is mostly some at school located within Deoghar.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

The school functions in three terms. The first term is roughly from April to the 2nd week of May, the second from the last week of June till Durga Puja, and the third from immediately after Deepavali to the next March. In addition to the Summer, Winter and Puja Vacations, there are about 15 more other national as well as local holidays. During these holidays, boys are not allowed to leave the campus, unless there is special permission from the appropriate authority. Under all circumstances, the right to change or modify the terms, vacations and holidays remains with the Secretary only.

FEES AND CHARGES

The detailed information regarding fees and charges is available at the Accounts section of the Institution. They are alterable, as and when situation demands, according to exigencies.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

Every year, Vidyapith awards Scholarship and Stipend of more than 4 lakhs to deserving needy students. For availing of stipend, guardians have to apply in writing, along with the income certificate (of guardian) on or before Summer Vacation. After scrutiny, Vidyapith provides stipend to the deserving students. The guardians may contact the office for further details.

HOSTEL

There are twelve dormitories in the Secondary section. Boys are placed in them according to their classes. There is a “dham-sevak” in each dormitory selected from among them, who maintains close contact with rest of the boys. They are trained in various ways to take care of themselves, so that they can inculcate the values which may be useful in their lives afterwards. The responsibility and management of these dormitories are also shared with these student-volunteers, who assist in maintenance of general health and cleanliness in the hostel.

There are provisions for indoor **games** and **cultural** activities, in which the students can participate, as and when opportunities are provided. The onus of organizing the cultural activities lies with the students. Wardens, teachers and monks who happen to live with them as their custodians - provide all sorts of support and guidance in their efforts. Boys are also taught to serve in the dining hall as well as in the temple by turns.

The senior secondary (Plus 2) students live in a separate campus with four dormitories in two buildings, with separate prayer hall and dining hall facilities. They have independent arrangements for fitness through sports and games - both indoor and outdoor.

ROUTINE

Timings of the routine are subject to change with the seasons. Classes are held daily in two sessions, in the morning and evening, with the first session starting at 9.00 a.m. The morning session begins with an Assembly which starts with a hymn from the Upanishad and ends with a collective pledge. It also includes a patriotic song and a reading of the daily news headlines in between. No morning session is held on Wednesday, it being a half-day for the school.

The regular activities of the hostel include morning and evening **prayers** in the Ashrama Temple, morning drill, yoga and gymnastics, exercises, sports and games in the afternoon and conducted morning and evening **studies**, before and after the school hours. According to the statutory norms of Vidyapith, all students have to compulsorily abide by its daily routine, until and unless they are, temporarily, given exemption from it for exceptional reasons.

In spite of the best possible attention, boys meet with accidental injuries during their playtime as well as other activities, or suffer from diseases and psychological problems. The Vidyapith administration cannot be held responsible for any such contingency. It provides all medical care available in the campus and also consults doctors in the town, when necessary. Finally the concerned guardians are informed when shifting out from school becomes urgent.

FOOD

Every effort is being made to serve a balanced and wholesome food to the boys. Variations are brought in, keeping their likes and dislikes in view as far as practicable. Two meals and two refreshments are served daily. Provisions are made for both **vegetarian** and **non-vegetarian** food. They are constituted with the courses made of seasonal vegetables and fruits, fish, egg, meat, bakery products, confectionery and many other domestically prepared items. Vidyapith has a reasonably large dairy farm. Boys are served milk and curd from its production three times a day. Likewise, the need for bakery products is met from its own bakery.

All inmates of the Secondary section take their meals together in a common dining hall. The Plus 2 students are served food in a separate building, where the food is carried from the Central Kitchen, located in the Secondary Section.

CLOTHES AND OTHER BELONGINGS

For identification, boys should prominently mark their belongings such as clothes, footwear etc. with their initials or full names. They must take care of their own belongings. Vidyapith will provide all possible assistance to boys, in order to ensure the safety and security of articles in the hostels. Hostel, School and Drill Uniforms are supplied by the **Tailoring** unit of the school, at the guardians' expenses. Vidyapith also has a **Boys' Store** from which students can obtain articles of daily use. No articles other than those permitted should be sent or supplied to the boys, without the express permission from the authority. Violation of this norm incurs disciplinary action.

Guardians are being specially requested **not to** supply food items for their sons/wards. Walkmans, iPods, mobile phones and other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the hostel. Students caught using them in the hostel (or school) will be liable to suspension and monetary fines.

VALUE EDUCATION

The students are made acquainted with the essential ideas of Universal Religion as taught by Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda. One class, on Indian Culture and Value Education (ICVE), is set in the routine - once in a week for all students. Students also attend the morning and evening prayers daily at the Main Temple. The institution believes in the power of a **spiritual atmosphere** for the progress of the boys. It believes in the philosophy of simple living and high thinking in line with India's national ideal. It deems morality as the mainstay of the character of a student.

DISCIPLINE

Perfectly disciplined and morally strong children are the valuable assets of a nation. Cooperation of guardians is necessary to cultivate these qualities, in order to raise them as good citizens. To teach discipline is vital for a school. Boys are better educated putting a sense of **self-discipline** and self-respect, placing trust in their intrinsic ability. Boys who have an aptitude for leadership are thus given opportunities to organize events.

The Parent-Teachers' Association, formed recently, seeks to impose the right discipline in the school with the active co-operation of guardians and teachers.

PHYSICAL TRAINING, GAMES & SPORTS

Vidyapith has adequate facilities of playgrounds and other infrastructures for games and sports. There are fifteen football grounds, four volleyball courts, two basketball courts, besides venues for indoor games and gymnasiums.

Secondary students take part regularly in morning open-air fitness drill and physical training under the guidance of qualified instructors. Outdoor games like Football, Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball etc. are played regularly in the afternoon. There is provision for learning Table-Tennis, Karate, Yoga and Gymnastics too. **Games** are compulsory for all students. Vidyapith conducts various sports competitions (within the school) every year. The Annual Drill Competition, among students of the Secondary Section of the school, showcases the drill by the Secondary students of the school.

Boys interested in swimming can make use of a modern Swimming Pool. They can learn it regularly from a visiting swimming trainer. Special care is taken to keep the water of the Swimming Pool clean and free from contamination.

OUTING AND EXCURSION

Boys go out on long trips and **excursions** for educational purposes. They are taken out according to the different classes. Adequate number of teachers, monks and employees accompany them. All possible attention is given to make their trips safe and enjoyable.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Creative activities, beside the academic affairs, play an important role in the personality development of a boy. Bearing this in mind, programmes of various co-curricular activities are framed. Boys can participate in them according to their preferences. There are provisions for vocal and instrumental music, drawing and painting, modelling, literary work, recitations and elocution, debate and discussion, quiz, drama, project work, science exhibition, gardening and others.

Wall magazines are a special feature of the school. Boys prepare them class-wise and hostel-wise and later, display them before their respective classrooms or their dormitories for public viewing. These are generally prepared to celebrate occasions of national importance. Moreover, an annual school magazine containing poems, stories, paintings and articles composed by boys and teaching, as well as non-teaching staff, is published and released as part of the annual celebration of Vidyapith.

ENTERTAINMENT

The institution has many ways of entertaining the boys. Among them, documentary shows, selected TV programmes of educational values and good films are a few worth mentioning.

LIBRARY

The central library of the Ashrama lies in the secondary section of the school. It is located on the ground floor of the Main Temple block. Being considerably old, the Secondary library has a reasonably rich and good collection of books and periodicals, their number going beyond 17,530 now. The comparatively new library at the senior secondary section has more than 3850 books, on subjects useful to the senior boys. Altogether 5 daily newspapers and 37 Journals in different languages are subscribed in the libraries. Boys are encouraged to make maximum use of the library facility. They have their stipulated periods in the class routine for the purpose.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Functions for distribution of **prizes** for excellent performances in academic and co-curricular activities, sports and games, Cultural excellence and discharge of daily duties are organized in large scales, inviting important personalities as guests. They are attended by guardians and other invitees in large numbers.

The Annual Celebration is the most important function of Vidyapith. The Annual Prize Distribution is held on this occasion. A very attractive presentation on this occasion is the public display of drill and daring feats by the students of the Secondary section.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

Many other significant occasions like Janmastami, Holi, Republic Day, Independence Day, Birthdays of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda, Shivaratri, Bengali New Year and Saraswati Puja are observed with much enthusiasm. Boys put up cultural programmes staging interesting dramas on some of these days.

An **Ex-student Re-union**, with a cultural programme held on this occasion, is held each year, during November/December.

Off and on, well known academicians, scientists, scholars, musicians, sportsmen and senior monks of the Ramakrishna Order visit Vidyapith and interact with the boys, giving them exposure to different important aspects of knowledge outside their curriculum which indeed help them to grow in life.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition engaging all the departments of the school is organised every alternate year. All students and teachers participate in it and it continues consecutively for three days. Other schools of Deoghar are also invited to join the exhibition. Important guests come for its inaugural ceremony. A team of judges go round the exhibition and make their assessment for giving awards to the innovative exhibits. Local school children with their teachers, family members of Vidyapith boys and many other people come to visit the Exhibition.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The institution has a well-equipped **dispensary** under the able supervision of qualified physicians (allopathic as well as homeopathic) and a monk-in-charge. In the event of a boy requiring special and expert treatment beyond the capacity of the school clinic - guardians are advised to have the patient treated at home. In the case of serious illness, the concerned guardian is thus informed at the earliest possible opportunity.

VACATION

The Vidyapith remains closed in Summer for a month and a half (May-June), for Durga Puja, Dusherah & Diwali etc. about a month or so (October), and for winter, for a couple of weeks (December-January). During these periods, boys have to vacate the Vidyapith hostel. Accordingly, notices spelling out the exact dates and times with regard to the vacations are intimated to the guardians well in advance, so that they can arrange for the departure and arrival of their wards conveniently. Boys have to return from home one day before the re-opening of the school after a vacation. If a boy fails to do so without valid reason, he has to pay a fine for the unwarranted delay.

If a boy suffers from any contagious disease at home, he should not be sent back without a clearance certificate from a competent medical practitioner.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS

Boys of Secondary Section are not allowed to **travel alone**. If guardians are unable to escort the boys from Vidyapith, guardians may send someone with a letter of authority to escort the boy from Vidyapith. The students of Senior Secondary section, however, may travel alone with the permission of their guardians. The concerned guardians have to submit a letter of authority saying his/her ward can travel alone and the authority of Vidyapith holds no responsibility (in case of any eventuality).

LEAVE REGULATIONS

Leave of absence is granted only on the following grounds:-

- 1) Serious illness or death of a very near relative.
- 2) A religious/social ceremony in which his presence is indispensable.

Applications for such leave should be sent by the parents or guardians well in advance.

WITHDRAWALS

If a guardian wants to withdraw his ward during the session, he is requested to note that the entire amount deposited at the time of Admission is generally non-refundable. In case the withdrawal is made in the middle of a session, he will be liable to pay compensation of Rs. 500.00 per month for the remaining months of the academic session.

If a guardian wants to withdraw his ward from the next session, i.e. from April, he should convey his decision in writing by 31st March.

REMOVAL/ SUSPENSION

The Secretary is empowered to remove/suspend a student on grounds of gross disobedience and misconduct, or, in his opinion, if the student has failed to accept the norms of discipline of the institution and his stay is detrimental to other students. The parent/guardian may be asked to withdraw his ward also, if he fails to come up to the academic standard of his class due to negligence in study as well as on grounds such as:

- a) Serious moral lapses,
- b) Leaving the school premises without permission from the competent authority,
- c) Grave insubordination, stealing or extortion, defying Vidyapith authority,
- d) Involvement in Politics,
- e) False information of any type furnished in Application form,
- f) Failing to secure pass-marks in a number of exams,

The Secretary would decide on the disciplinary measures after consultation with Principal, Chief Warden and concerned wardens and teachers. All legal matters relating to Vidyapith are subject to jurisdiction of Deoghar Court only.

GUARDIANS' ROLE

Full co-operation of the parents and guardians is essential in order to attain the high academic standard as well as the ideals and aims of Vidyapith. Parents are requested to keep an eye on their wards so that the ideals, as stated in the foregoing pages, are followed by the boys when they go home during vacations. Early rising, good manners and gentlemanly behaviour, truthfulness and cleanliness should be observed when at home. Boys should not be allowed to be in wayward company or friends. They should not be allowed to see cinema and T.V. shows, except those that are appropriate for students. Unless the guardians have faith in the educational ideals of the Vidyapith, and unless full co-operation is received from them, the training at Vidyapith cannot be effective.

Parents or guardians may visit the Vidyapith once in a month to meet their wards, but that should be done after securing permission of the Chief Warden. If they wish they may put up at the Vidyapith guest-house, subject to availability of accommodation therein.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Use of mobile phones is strictly forbidden for students of Vidyapith. The guardians may ring up at the phone located at the office of the Chief Warden when they can speak to their respective wards.



THE EMBLEM

“The wavy waters in the picture are symbolic of Karma; the lotus, of Bhakti; and the rising-sun, of Jnana. The encircling serpent is indicative of Yoga and the awakened Kundalini Shakti, while the swan in the picture stands for the Paramatman (Supreme Self). Therefore the idea of the picture is that by the union of **Karma, Jnana, Bhakti, and Yoga**, the vision of the Paramatman is obtained.”

- Swami Vivekananda