

**SRI SARADA MATH & THE RAMAKRISHNA SARADA MISSION**  
**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FROM APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022**

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

A property was gifted to Sri Sarada Math in Pashchim Medinipur; possession was taken on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, the auspicious day of Ramnavami. There was special Puja, *Homa*, *Bhajans*, *Ramanam Samkirtan* etc. For the present the unit will run directly under the headquarters. The address of the Unit is:

Sri Sarada Math, E/1 Saratpally, Pashchim Medinipur, 721101.

A new Community Prayer Hall was dedicated at Balurghat centre by installing photos of Sri Thakur, Holy Mother and Swamiji on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Highlights of the year**

During the year, the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Nivedita Institute of Human Advancement and Research (NIHAR) entered into a year-long collaboration with Labhya Foundation, New Delhi to train teachers with a view to enable them to impart life-skill to their students through application of Social-Emotional-Learning (SEL) approach. In this connection a four-day workshop on 'Social Emotional Learning – A Path to Human Advancement' was organized from September 30 to October 3, 2021 at the Sister's House, Baghbazar.

As a part of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Sister Nivedita's arrival in India, webinars were conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> April by RKSM NIHAR which were attended by nearly 1000 participants.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022, a close meeting was arranged at the Golden Pagoda site of Namsai, a 4-hour journey from Deomali, where Sri Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, Govt. of India was invited to interact with a few NGOs who are giving substantial dedicated service to Arunachal Pradesh. On repeated request from dignitaries of the state Pravrajikas Atandraprana and Anilaprana attended the meeting and Anilaprana briefed the members about the work Ramakrishna Sarada Mission is doing in the field of girls' education since the last 49 years. She presented to Amit Shah books published by the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission and handicrafts by the school students. He was very pleased and assured all help from the Government.

**CENTRES AND ACTIVITIES**

Including the headquarters and the units at Baladbandh (Hooghly) and Sister Nivedita Museum & Heritage Centre, Baghbazar, the Mission ran 24 centres distributed as follows : West Bengal, New Delhi with a sub-centre at Devprayag (Uttarakhand), Khonsa and Dirang (Arunachal Pradesh), Thiruvananthapuram, and Calicut in Kerala, Kamptee (Maharashtra), Pangot (Uttarakhand), Indore (M.P.), Guntur (A.P.) and one centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka, while the Math had 15 centres in the following locations : West Bengal, Chennai, Thrissur with a sub-centre in Mavelikara, Ernakulam (Kerala), Pune, Bangalore,

Chikmagalur, Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Almora, Valsad (Gujarat), Indore, Guntur and one centre in Sydney, Australia. The centres at Indore and Guntur are combined Math and Mission centres.

The activities may be classified under seven heads: (1) Educational Work, (2) Medical Service, (3) Rural Uplift Work, (4) Tribal Work, (5) Relief and Help to the Needy, (6) Spread of Cultural and Spiritual Ideas and (7) Work Outside India.

Due to the Pandemic, much of the activities of the Math and the Mission centres were stalled temporarily such as coaching classes, Balmandir etc., Regular classes were conducted online for students and devotees. However, relief operations for Covid-19 victims were conducted by all the branch centres along with the headquarters.

The following activities were conducted by the Mission headquarters at Dakshineswar in a restricted manner: a pre-primary and primary school for poor children, a charitable dispensary (allopathic and homoeopathic) with its physiotherapy section, a vocational school and literacy classes for grown-up girls. During the pandemic period, a library and reading room, yoga classes and Sunday school for children remain closed.

At Rasik Bhita, the Math headquarters conducted a computer centre and spoken English classes for needy girls (No. of students: 792, full free: 78). 198 students of Rasik Bhita were absorbed during the year in various reputed companies in different fields such as DTP operator, Graphic designer, Accountant and so on. Various workshops and webinars were conducted for students as well as teachers. Pecuniary and educational help including monthly data recharge were given to needy students to continue online training.

*Ma Sarada Welfare Centre*, conducted under the Math headquarters, counted 19 local needy women, who received a remuneration of Rs. 21,775/- for sewing children's dresses, ladies' garments etc. for free distribution among the poor at the time of Durga Puja.

*Vivekananda Children Welfare Fund:*

Books and other study materials were distributed among needy students of 8 coaching centres. Total amount spent under this head: Rs. 5,73,142/-.

The *Self-Help Group*, under this head Rs. 1,97,446/- were spent for distributing raw material and monetary help in an effort to promote women empowerment. No. of beneficiaries: 35.

**Educational Work :**

The Mission ran 15 primary schools, 5 high schools, 1 college and 1 junior college, 10 pre-primary schools, 2 cultural centres, 4 adult schools, 11 vocational training centres, 2 Bal Mandirs, 5 coaching classes, 1 painting class, 6 computer classes, 1 spoken English class and 1 nursery school, where a total of 7989 students received education, while 607 were accommodated in the students' homes and hostels attached to these institutions.

The Industrial Section of the Sister Nivedita Girls' School gave training to 12 ladies, while tailoring, embroidery, painting and other crafts were taught at the Mission Ashrama at Entally, and the centre at Guntur (No. of beneficiaries : 26 and 35 respectively). Total of 873 students are pursuing computer courses. The students of our educational institutions achieved again good results this year as indicated in the following table:

Centre	Examination 2022	Students appeared	Passed	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Remarks
Nivedita School	Madhyamik	101	101	88	57 got 90% and above
Khonsa	AISSE (Cl. X)	27	27	27	10 got above 90% & 13 got above 80%
Dirang	AISSE (Cl. X)	21	21	21	5 got above 90% & 12 got above 80%
Indore	Madhyamik	20	20	20	8 students got distinction
Kamptee, Nagpur	Class X	30	30	30	17 students got distinction
	Class XII	22	22	7	1 student got distinction
Thrissur	Class X	143	143	92	32 got above 90%
	Class XII	158	143		

Under the Math centres, apart from daily worship in the shrine, the following activities were conducted: a high school with classes XI & XII, an Open School (Private Higher Secondary School), hostels for girl-students in Thrissur and village Salur under Chennai Math, primary schools for slum children in Bangalore, Pune and Bhubaneswar; vocational training centres for grown-up girls and women at the headquarters and in Chennai, Bangalore, Chikmagalur, Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Almora, Valsad and Sihore. Coaching classes for girls and Sunday schools for children were conducted in Chennai, Bangalore, Chikmagalur, Pune, Valsad, Almora, Guntur and Sihore. Including the computer class at Valsad and the computer classes and spoken English classes conducted under the headquarters at Rasik Bhita, 3186 received education. Online Value Education classes were conducted in 5 districts of Maharashtra, involving 14,186 students. The Old Age Home for women at Ernakulam (Kerala) had 30 inmates. Religious and cultural classes for women were held online in most of the centres.

Educational aid such as uniforms, fees etc. was given by Chennai Math to 95 students. Meals were arranged whenever necessary. Total amount spent: Rs. 1,73,456/-.

During the period under review, stipends were given from the headquarters' *Ma Sarada Scholarship Fund* to 177 deserving needy girl-students of different states amounting to a total of Rs. 7,34,000/-. In all the centres, students received help in various ways.

#### **Medical Service:**

The maternity hospital in Kolkata, Matribhavan, a modern 100 bed medical centre treated 27,889 patients (mothers and children). The hospital has three well equipped operation theatres, set up with provision for all intricate gynaecological and surgical operations, including oncology and laparoscopic surgery. It has also a well-equipped eye operation theatre. The hospital has its own pharmacy, *Sri Maa Pharmacy* for prompt supply of medicines; and also runs a clinic for neonates and children of age of group 1 month to 3 years with full immunization as well as a clinical and bio-chemical laboratory equipped with modern technology to ensure efficient and quick service, details of which are given below :

Tests Done	No. of patients- Free/Concessional	Tests Done	No. of patients- Free/Concessional
Laboratory tests	5446	X-Ray	175
Ultrasonography & Colour Doppler	247	E.C.G	69
Cardio topography	124	Outdoor check-up & other facilities	4930
Echocardiography	84	Medicines	31,783

Free and concessional treatment for Outdoor and Indoor patients including the above tests was given to 45,127 patients (mothers and children) amounting to Rs. 31,37,318/-.

*Welfare activities* for poor children and women were conducted as before. Health Care Assistant Training Course was given to 27 poor and needy girls. Clothes, sarees, medicines, ration kits and pecuniary help were given to 993 poor women.

The No. of beneficiaries of Public Private Partnership Scheme with department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal and Kolkata Municipal Corporation was 8053 during the year under review.

Two doses of Covishield vaccines and booster doses were given to 563 medical, paramedical staff, health care workers and senior citizens.

Medicines were distributed free among poor and needy people. General awareness as well as continuous educational and counselling programmes on health and hygiene were carried for urban slums surrounding Matribhavan and other slums of Kolkata.

312 Nursing staff and other health care providers attended educational training programme on prevention and precaution of Covid-19 infection while 247 medical, nursing and paramedical personnel attended the workshops on continuous awareness on control of Covid-19.

The Matribhavan School of Nursing counted 116 students during the period.

Total expenditure incurred for welfare services to poor and needy persons: Rs.53,42,438/- (No. of beneficiaries : 1,92,844).

Under the headquarters at Dakshineswar, *Sevayan*, the charitable dispensary with physiotherapy unit, eye section and yoga classes remained closed. Regular patients were given medicines (diabetes, blood pressure etc.). No. of patients 532. 241 families were surveyed to detect early symptoms of Covid-19 and the patients were encouraged to avail dispensary services for early diagnosis and treatment and 701 beneficiaries were catered to. Total expenditure during the year Rs. 2,54,032/-.

The Ashrama in Entally ran a charitable dispensary (allopathic, homoeopathic and ayurvedic) for women and children, where 972 patients were treated. Amount spent : Rs. 1,51,585/-. The dispensary run by Vivekananda Vidyabhavan treated 708 patients. Medicines were supplied free. *Sevangan*, the charitable clinic (homoeopathy and allopathy) of the Siriti centre served 4571 needy mothers and children through its different departments as detailed below :

	No. of Patients		No. of Patients		No. of Patients
General	1301	Paediatrics	299	E.C.G	18
Cardiology	444	Ophthalmology	407	Dental	635
Laboratory	428	Orthopaedics	306	Physiotherapy	44
Ultrasonography	78	Gynaecology	242	Dermatology	208

The *homœopathic section* served 83 patients. In all, Medicines worth Rs. 4,49,417/- were supplied free by the Siriti centre.

*Sri Sarada Seva Kutir*, the charitable clinic of the Chennai Math treated 85,668 patients. Due to Covid-19, the laboratory was closed. Regular patients were given medicines worth Rs. 16,03,795/- free of cost.

Sri Sarada Math *Healing Centre* at Indore conducted a Physiotherapy Unit (271 patients treated–5378 sessions), a Handicapped Children’s Unit (21 cases treated–3644 sessions) and a Homœopathic Clinic (No. of patients treated: 5046), while the Pathology Collection Centre served 18,086 cases. The *Yoga Class* counted 25 participants. Expenditure incurred: Rs. 19,12,727/-.

The Math centres at Almora, Valsad and Sihore conducted charitable dispensaries for women and children (No. of patients: 1569, 3294 and 550 respectively). The Math centre at Chikmagalur ran an *ayurvedic* clinic. Pune and Bangalore centres arranged general medical and eye camps in which 305 and 1325 patients were benefitted respectively. Everywhere, medicines were distributed free.

#### **Rural Uplift:**

The Mission headquarters gave educational help amounting to Rs.13,200/- to students of Ramanagar and Kuntighat in Hooghly district.

The centre at Shillya, Dist. Burdwan ran a primary school (roll strength: 672). Vocational classes were conducted for grown up girls and women (attendance: 20), while computer classes were attended by 138 students. The dispensary (Homœopathic and allopathic) run by the centre treated 1648 patients. Educational help was given to 14 students. Distribution of clothes, warm garments etc. was done regularly. In all, the centre spent Rs.15,59,299/- for the above activities.

The Weaving-cum-Tailoring Training centre in Thakurnagar village, Dist. Purba Medinipore had 14 trainees who earned money while learning. Religious and cultural classes for ladies in and outside the centre as well as other charitable activities continued following covid protocol. Though coaching classes were not conducted regularly due to the pandemic, tiffin, clothes, warm garments etc. were given to the children. Scholarship and pecuniary aid were given to deserving students. Sarees, dhotis, warm garments etc. were distributed among poor women and children of Thakurnagar and nearby villages at the time of Durga Puja and in winter. The homœopathic dispensary and the eye section treated 171 patients. Total expenditure for the above activities: Rs. 10,40,198/-.

The centre at Gangarampore, Dist. 24 Pgs(S) conducted a primary school for poor children of different castes and religions (No. of students: 322) and a Balwadi (No. of children : 15). All

the children were provided with books, uniforms, tiffin, midday meal every day and medicines whenever needed. Clothes and warm garments were given to them twice a year. The vocational section for the village women imparted training in tailoring, embroidery and other handicrafts (attendance: 16). The computer class counted 30 students. *Daridra Narayan Seva*, financial help for medical treatment and supply of medicines and nutritious food to needy women and children as well as distribution of clothes and blankets at the time of Durga Puja and in winter continued as before (No. of beneficiaries: 6931). Due to Covid-19, the coaching classes and Spoken English classes were closed. The health clinic *Sevakendra* gave medicines to the regular patients. In all, the centre spent Rs. 40,07,403/- towards rural welfare.

The Pangot centre conducted welfare activities for needy villagers of Pangot and nearby areas. The computer class counted 11 students. 129 students from different schools were given financial help amounting to Rs. 1,65,893/-. 69 women and girls were taught various handicraft, knitting, embroidery, crochet work etc. As every year clothes, sarees and warm garments were distributed among the poor villagers. The centre spent a total Rs.4,83,703/- towards welfare activities.

Sri Sarada Math, Sihore conducted a coaching class with 148 students and Sunday classes with 121 students. Yoga classes were conducted for 148 students. Sarees, clothes and blankets were also distributed among needy villagers and children, while books, fees etc. were given to school students (No. of beneficiaries: 3677). Amount spent Rs.12,47,635/- for welfare activities.

The Bangalore Math continued its rural development work in the village of Junjaramanahalli, Tumkur Dist., about 85 km. from Bangalore, where the following activities were conducted : *Nivedita Vidya Peetha*, a pre-primary and primary school recognized by the Karnataka Government, with 122 children. They were given textbooks, notebooks, uniforms, lunch etc. free of cost; help in cash and kind to students and others (No. of beneficiaries: 2897), and financial help to needy villagers for medical treatment etc. continued as before. In all, the centre spent Rs. 11,46,792/- for the above purposes.

The Math at Chikmagalur conducted a tailoring class for ladies (average attendance: 10), while the computer class counted 20 students. During the year, two retreats were conducted for ladies. Sarees and grocery kits amounting to Rs. 44,000/- were distributed among needy women.

At village Salur, Kancheepuram district, the Chennai Math conducted the following activities on land allotted by the Tamil Nadu Government for the development of the area: coaching classes with 150 children, Sister Nivedita Girls' Hostel counted 25 students, vocational training for village women with 20 ladies. Free medicines were given to an average of 1254 regular patients. Besides, financial and other help was given to 2335 students and others. Total amount spent: Rs. 20,16,619/-.

#### **Tribal Work:**

The secondary school at Khonsa, Arunachal Pradesh counted 320 tribal students (residential: 305). The primary school at Khonsa village counted 115 students. The children were given uniforms, textbooks, midday meal and medical help, free of charge. Pecuniary and other help was given to meritorious students and needy people. Total amount spent: Rs. 2,61,476/-.

The residential secondary school at Khasso, Dirang Circle, Arunachal Pradesh counted 285 students from different districts of Arunachal Pradesh, mainly from West Kameng and Tawang districts. 4 students were full free and 6 were given half concession. Financial and medical help worth Rs. 56,488/- was given to 20 persons. 17 school students and 3 college students received scholarship worth Rs. 4,03,009/-.

### **Relief and Help to the Needy:**

The Mission headquarters rendered the following services during the year under review : Financial help amounting to Rs.1,79,775/- was given to needy women (monthly: 22), poor students (monthly: 54, occasional: 201) and patients (occasional: 16) during the year, while Rs. 23,76,779/- were spent for distribution of the following items at Dakshineswar and in other places:

Articles	Beneficiaries	Amount Spent Rs.
Blankets & winter garments	12000	20,49,737/-
Sarees & children's clothes	2500	2,78,250/-
Milk powder, biscuits, etc.	500	48,792/-

Due to the pandemic, Youth Day – 12<sup>th</sup> January was observed on a small scale and cakes were distributed among the few children who participated.

### **Covid-19 Relief:**

During the year under review, relief operation was continued by distributing grocery, cooked food, sanitary items etc. as per the details given bellow:

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount spent Rs.
Headquarters		18,84,048/-
Nivedita House	1536	6,55,000/-
Nivedita School	114	95,017/-
Matribhavan	16486	6,80,943/-
Siriti Centre	4980	8,50,716/-
Shillya Centre	1500	4,23,255/-
Balurghat Centre	60	28,860/-

Sri Sarada Math	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount spent Rs.
Headquarters	2450	14,14,666/-
Rasik Bhita		1,46,282/-
Thrissur Math		1,80,000/-
Bangalore Math		

Junjaramanahalli Unit	262	47,000/-
Chennai Math	5000	1,46,000/-
Salur Unit	5000	3,15,500/-
Almora Math	25	4,365/-
Bhubaneswar Math	900	9,81,011/-
Valsad Math	575	46,858/-

### Yass Cyclone Relief:

Relief operation was organized by the Mission headquarters and branch centres, details of which are given bellow :

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission	Items	Beneficiaries
Headquarters	Grocery kits and sarees	2300
Nivedita House	Clothes, bed sheets, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, grocery kits, medicines, soaps etc.	500
Vivekananda Vidyabhavan	Medicines, food items, sarees, mosquito nets, clothes, sarees etc.	120
Shillya	Tarpaulins, bath soaps and sanitizers	500
Gangarampur	Masks, mosquito nets, clothes, sarees etc.	5000

Shillya centre provided shelter to 40 families who were affected by Yass cyclone.

Flood Relief: relief work was conducted in the flood affected villages by the Mission headquarters and centres at Shillya and Thakurnagar. Ration items, food packets, soap etc. were distributed among flood victims (Total No. of beneficiaries: 3350).

Total amount spent by the Mission on **Yass cyclone** and **flood** relief: Rs. 37,35,953/-.

As every year, the Math headquarters also undertook welfare activities : Financial help amounting to Rs. 5,60,701/- was given to needy women (occasional : 2, monthly : 19), poor students (occasional : 11, monthly : 82) and poor patients (occasional :58, monthly : 9), while the following items worth Rs. 35,49,745/- were distributed at Dakshineswar and other places:

Articles	Beneficiaries	Amount Spent Rs.
Blankets	13250	22,86,966/-
Sarees & clothes	4200	6,42,671/-
Milk powder, biscuits, snacks etc.	200	6,20,108/-

The Math headquarters distributed grocery items worth Rs.7,11,646/- among 1300 victims of **Yass** Cyclone in the coastal villages of Sundarbans and in Amta Dist. Howrah, while



320 grocery kits were distributed by Valsad Math among the victims of **Tutakae** cyclone in some villages of Amareli district. Amount spent: Rs. 2,43,272/-.

Flood relief was conducted by Pune Math at Chiplun where 1555 victims received grocery, medicines and utensils amounting to Rs. 5,55,890/- whereas Sihore Math distributed grocery, food items among 400 families in some flood affected villages of Hooghly and Purba Medinipur district. Amount spent: Rs. 2,35,183/-.

The Nivedita School distributed grocery items among poor and needy people of Baghbazar locality (No. of beneficiaries: 110 per month; amount spent: Rs. 2,91,662/-), while clothes, tiffin, milk, medicines etc. amounting to Rs. 90,738/- were given to some needy people. The Siriti centre also provided clothes, warm garments, pecuniary and medical help worth Rs. 1,72,201/- to 808 needy women and children.

The following centres continued to help students in various ways : Sister Nivedita Girls' School, the Ashrama, Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, and the Siriti centre in Kolkata; the centre in Kantanagar, the village centres in West Bengal and the centres in New Delhi, Khonsa, Dirang and Guntur. The Vivekananda Vidyabhavan and centres in Thakurnagar, Kantanagar and Pangot conducted coaching classes for slum children of nearby areas.

During the year, the **Mission** spent a total of **Rs. 5,16,73,223/-**, while the **Math** spent **Rs. 2,11,38,635/-** towards relief, welfare and rural uplift work.

#### **Spread of Cultural and Spiritual Ideas:**

Due to Covid-19, the headquarters as well as the Math and Mission centres started conducting classes, lectures etc., through online platforms such as Google Meet, You Tube, Webinar etc. Cultural activities were conducted on a very limited scale, abiding by Covid-19 norms and restrictions.

The Math and the Mission also published books as well as periodicals, namely, NIBODHATA, a bi-monthly journal in Bengali and SAMVIT, twice a year in English. Due to Covid-19, special programmes were livestreamed on Sri Sarada Math You Tube channel.

#### **Work Outside India:**

##### **AUSTRALIA**

Under the leadership of Pravrajika Gayatriprana, the Ramakrishna Sarada Vedanta Society of NSW in Sydney conducted regularly spiritual and cultural activities in and around Sydney. Religious festivals were observed, and lectures and retreats were conducted in Adelaide and other places. Due to Covid, Sunday classes for children (to acquaint them with Indian culture), weekly Sanskrit classes, Young People's Forums (for age group 17-35) etc., and the monthly meetings of the Women Interfaith Network as well as the quarterly meetings of the Religion for Peace were conducted online through Zoom platform. However, some classes and meetings were also conducted offline maintaining Covid protocol.

Sunday talks and Friday discussions were held virtually and/or in person (average attendance: 20-25). The Sunday talks were uploaded on the Vedanta Society's You Tube channel also.

## **SRILANKA**

The centre at Colombo, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (Lanka Branch) continued its regular activities. Worship, *bhajans*, *Pradeep Puja*, spiritual and cultural classes, lectures, a *Balmandir* etc. Special Puja was performed on the birthdays of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda as well as on Thai Pongal, New Year and Deepawali days. The centre conducted the *Matri Mandir*, an old age home for women with 10 inmates, 2 *orphanages* in Colombo and Matale with 30 and 22 children respectively. At *Matale* a Sunday school is also conducted to inculcate moral and ethical values in the children (average attendance: 40). Pravrajika Sushantaprana, President and Pravrajika Atmadevaprana, Secretary had to face severe financial hardships due to Covid-19 pandemic and other disturbances. All the activities were going on with full attendance but within closed doors.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Due to the pandemic, weekly online classes were conducted for devotees in USA. Online classes were also conducted occasionally for devotees in other countries.

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