Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture - A move towards eternal India (Phase-I)





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Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: financial assistance for our new project 'Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture - A Move towards Eternal India'.

We are writing on behalf of the Ramakrishna Vivekananda Memorial Vadodara to present our proposal for the establishment of the 'Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture - A Move towards Eternal India'. As an organization committed to the promotion of education, culture, and holistic development, we are excited to share our vision for this transformative initiative.

Inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and driven by our mission to empower individuals and communities, we aim to create a center that celebrates the rich heritage and values of India while providing invaluable educational and cultural experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture will serve as a hub for learning, exploration, and discovery, offering a wide range of programs and activities designed to foster personal growth, intellectual development, and spiritual enrichment. From youth development initiatives to educational workshops, from cultural exhibitions to varied seminars, our center will provide a space where individuals can engage with the timeless wisdom and traditions of India in meaningful and impactful ways.

With your support, we will be able to bring this vision to life and make a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals. Your partnership will not only help us create a vibrant and dynamic center for learning and cultural exchange but also contribute to the preservation and promotion of India's rich cultural heritage for generations to come.

We invite you to join us on this journey towards building a brighter future for our community and our country. Together, we can make a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

We appeal to your good-self for generous financial assistance for this noble Project.

Yours in the service of Lord

(Swami Ishtamayananda)

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Secretary

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Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture A move towards eternal India

Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission are non-sectarian and spiritual organizations founded by Swami Vivekananda in his guru's name Sri Ramakrishna, who is regarded as a prophet of modern age having Headquarters at Belur Math, Dist. Howrah, West Bengal. Its motto is 'Atmano moksartham jagata hitaya ca' (For one's own salvation and for the welfare of the world).

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Memorial, Vadodara is a branch centre of this worldwide organization. The Vadodara Mission is serving the people of Gujarat in its own humble way through various spiritual, cultural, educational, medical, relief and welfare activities since its inception. The place is sanctified by the stay of Swami Vivekananda in 1892. Shri Narendrabhai Modi, the then Chief Minister of Gujarat handed over it to Ramakrishna Mission to convert it into a befitting Vivekananda Memorial in 2005. Since then, Vadodara Mission is actively involved in various initiatives for the betterment of the society.

During our regular interactions with children and youth, we found various problems the young generation is facing. In spite of having enough strength to face the challenges, enthusiasm to overcome difficulties and willingness to struggle, they are in a state of perplexity and flux. Society is slowly moving away from the mainstream; away from the very roots of our legacy. The reason is the lack of Indian values and influence of western culture. Even elder citizens are unable to cope up with the challenges of so-called modern civilization.

Looking at this scenario, we feel there should be a creative and transformative space where each individual will get an opportunity to know the inner potential and discover the self.

So, we have undertaken a groundbreaking initiative - *Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture – A move towards eternal India* as espoused by Swami Vivekananda. It will have the state-of-the-art infrastructure offering exceptional facilities and services specially designed for the holistic development of the masses.

This centre will serve as a beacon of light, guiding individuals on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth. Here, the participants will get the opportunity to reconnect with forgotten Indian ethos and values, fostering the development of strong character and a deep sense of service to society.

BIRD EYE VIEW OF THE PROJECT:

Bird Eye View of Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture



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PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Centre for Holistic Development of Children

- Free coaching classes for underprivileged students
- Value oriented activities for children
- Academic support and training for students
- Children's library & digital literacy computer training
- Creative activities to enhance talents

Centre for Integrated Youth Development

- Counselling centre for positive thinking
- Short-term courses on life skills & personality development
- Career guidance workshops & value education seminars
- Special activities enriching thinking ability
- Collaborations with universities, colleges and institutions
- Seminars focusing on Indian art, culture, heritage and eternal values

Meditation and Yoga Hall

- Guided meditation sessions
- Yoga classes for all age groups

Residential Facilities for Retreats, Seminars, Workshops etc.

- Seminars and camps for children and youths
- Discussions and interactions with experts on varied topics
- Workshops on Indian art, culture and heritage
- Spiritual retreats for common masses

Auditorium and Seminar Hall

- Value oriented workshops for teachers and students
- Personality development sessions for youth
- Retreat for devotees, bhajan sandhya etc.
- Classical performances by musical maestro

Exhibition Section

- Indian art, culture, architecture, music, dance
- Indian sages, great women of India, divine children
- Swami Vivekananda life and message
- AI technology, virtual augmented reality
- Multidimensional multisensory experience area

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CENTRE FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Swami Vivekananda said '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 one's own feet.' Value based education is vital since childhood. Along with teaching the values, it is imperative that child gets exposed to Indian history, it's rich tradition and heritage. The centre aims at supporting the children for their academic, cultural and holistic development.

Following will be the major activities:

- Free coaching classes for underprivileged students
- Value oriented activities for children
- · Academic support and training for students
- · Children's library & digital skill development computer training
- Creative activities to enhance talents
- · Activities to enhance morality, ethics and wisdom among the children
- · Various sessions to develop concentration and to increase will-power

CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Swami Vivekananda said "My faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation, out of them will come my workers. They will work out the whole problem, like lions."

Today India is one of the youngest nations in the world having more than 65% of its population under the age of 35.

The youth have power to change the world. They have ability to face any issues and challenges. This holistic development programme will encompass intellectual, physical, mental, and spiritual growth of the youth. Here youth will get an opportunity to mould their personalities, realize their inner potentials and become the responsible citizens.

It is the youth only who can make our motherland flourish and shine in success.

Activities:

- Counselling centre for positive thinking
- Short-term courses on life skills & personality development
- · Career guidance workshops
- Value education seminars
- · Special activities enriching thinking ability
- Collaborations with universities, colleges and institutions
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MEDITATION HALL

Meditation connects individual mind with cosmic mind, individual consciousness with universal consciousness and finite energy with infinite energy. Meditation gives a sense of calm, peaceful and balance state of mind benefiting overall health. There will be regular sessions for guided meditation.

The meditation hall will give experience of divine serenity. Additionally, the light music will soothe the environment.

YOGA CLASSES

The meaning of 'Yoga' is to connect. The art of practising it helps in controlling an individual's mind and body. It brings together physical and mental disciplines to achieve a healthy body and peaceful mind. Besides increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone, it helps in managing stress and anxiety.

Yoga classes will be conducted for all age groups.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR RETREATS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS ETC.

Participants will get an opportunity to stay in the serene and pure atmosphere of the Ashrama. This unique ambience will inspire them to think and explore inner strengths. Additionally, the experience of solitude will provide soothing, peaceful and sublime joy. This residential unit will have following activities:

- · Seminars and camps for children and youth
- Discussions and interactions with experts on varied topics
- Workshops on Indian art, culture and heritage
- Spiritual retreats for common masses

AUDITORIUM AND SEMINAR HALL

The centre will have two exclusive seminar halls with 100 capacity each. An auditorium of 400 capacity will have performing stage facilities and latest amenities.

Following activities will be conducted:

- Value oriented workshops for teachers and students
- Personality development sessions for youth
- Retreat for devotees and bhajan-sandhya
- A platform to express the hidden talents of youth
- · Inter school competition like elocution, drama, music etc.
- · Classical performances by musical maestro

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EXHIBITION SECTION

India is a home to over a billion people accommodating incredible cultural diversity. Its culture, heritage, philosophy, dance, music, art have had a profound impact across the globe.

Exhibition section will be well quipped with audio-visual facility, latest digital and AI technology, virtual scene using augmented reality, multidimensional and multisensory experience areas etc. to vividly portray culture, heritage and our rich legacy.

Following will be the major themes:

- Life & Message of Swami Vivekananda
- Great Indian Sages
- Great Women of India
- Divine Children of India
- Indian History, Art, Culture etc.

Life & Message of Swami Vivekananda:

Swami Vivekananda is a great source of inspiration to entire humanity. There will be panels, multisensory experiences to present his life and message. Special section to depict his contribution towards the emergence of India as a world leader will be a centre of attraction.

Great Indian Sages:

Indian Sages are considered to be the manifestations of God. They are role models for the masses. This section will depict the life sketch and significant contributions of rishis from vedic period to recent era.

Great Women of India:

The position of women in any society is a true index of its cultural and spiritual potential. In the building up and preservation of Indian culture, women have led a significant and important role.

Indian womanhood has outstanding virtues like courage, serenity, self-control, compassion and wisdom. In this exhibition, we will present the life sketches of some great women of India from Vedas to Ramayana, Mahabharata to recent times.

Divine Children of India:

History has witnessed numerous children who have contributed enormously towards glory of India. This section will display the life sketches of some divine children who possess values like truthfulness, courage, compassion and determination.

History, Art, Culture:

India is known for its rich cultural heritage. Unity in diversity is the hallmark of this country. India's scriptures, literature, art, dance, music, paintings, monuments are vivid, distinct and represents its legacy, ethos and values transmitted from generation to generation.

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AN APPEAL (Phase-I)

ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT:

Sr. No.	Discription	Built-up Area (Sq. ft.)	Construction Cost in Rs. (Crore)
1.	Block - A	23120	9.5
2.	Block - B	11023	4.5
3.	Basement Parking	8003	3.0
4.	Toilet Block	526	0.2
5.	Campus Development (Rooftop Solar, Compound Wall, Drainage System, Landscaping etc.)	L.S.	0.6
6.	Misc. Expenses	L.S.	0.2
Total Rs. Eighteen Crore Only (Approximately)			18.00

The Indian culture is built upon centuries of history and heritage making it one of the oldest in the world. Amidst the growing detachment of the Indian masses from our rich culture and heritage, what our country needs the most, is a force, that can inspire them to revive the glorious era when India stood as the epitome of excellence.

Vivekananda Centre for Excellence and Culture will definitely help children, youth and masses of India to mould their character and personality by imbibing our ancient glory and culture to become a contributor in the nation building.

For the glorious future of our children, youth and generations to come, we appeal to all the kind hearted donors, well-wishers, corporates and followers of Swami Vivekananda to contribute generously in this noble project.

Yours in the service of Lord

Date: Ram Navami, 17 April 2024

Iwami Le Hamojaranda Swami Ishtamayananda

Secretary

SCAN FOR DONATION

Donations may kindly be sent by cheque in favour of

'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Memorial'

(Kindly provide PAN no., Phone No., Full Address of the donor)

You may kindly contribute online through Mission's website

www.rkmvadodara.org or by scanning the QR code.

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For foreign contribution please contact Mission's official whatsapp no. +91 6353420198

PRESENT ACTIVITIES

SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Prayer & Meditation Hall: Daily morning and evening prayers, meditation etc. are conducted. Birthdays of saints and prophets of all religions are celebrated.

Lectures and Bhajans: Talks on Gita, Upanishads etc., bhajan sandhya and various spiritual and cultural activities are conducted regularly.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Library: Enrich with more than 19000 books on various subjects.

Vivekananda Book World: Exhibition-sale of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda literature.

Value Education on Wheels: Value oriented talks, bookstall & exhibition in villages.

Computer Centre: Courses for students and professionals at nominal rates.

Study Room: Reading room facility for students in pure & serene atmosphere.

Value Education: Value oriented activities are conducted throughout the year.

Ramakrishna Jnana Ganga: Free coaching classes for underprivileged children.

Nivedita Study Circle: A platform for girls to explore their potentials.

Girls Education: Offering opportunity to meritorious and needy girls to excel in life.

Youth Study Circle: Personality development programmes for youth.

Educational Help: Distribution of educational kits to needy students.

WELFARE AND RELIEF ACTIVITY

Free Distribution of Ration Kits to Blind Families: Monthly ration kit to blind families. (Kit contains wheat flour, rice, pulses, oil, salt, sugar, tea, spices etc.)

Welfare Activity: House hold items, sarees, dresses, kitchen utensils are given to needy people.

Relief Activity: Relief work during natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone etc.

MEDICAL ACTIVITY

Vivekananda Medical Centre: It offers Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Dental & Eye services at free/subsidized rates. Eye operations are done free of cost at Narayan Eye Hospital, Tajpura.

Free Eye Camps: Eye camps are arranged in villages and operations are done free of cost.

Mobile Medical Van: Free medical services in rural area.

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