

Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Praktani

Minutes of EOGM held on April 27, 2025 at Swami Asaktananda Conference Hall, RKM Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, and attended by 122 members.

1. The meeting started with members observing two minutes' silence to remember monks, teachers and ex-students whom we have lost since the last AGM, and the victims of the terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22. (List of names of departed monks, teachers and praktanis attached at the end of this document)

2. A video message from revered secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Swami Shastrajnananda ji maharaj was played on screen. He identified himself as an alumnus of RKM as well and narrated his experiences with various alumni associations that he has been associated with. He reminded everyone that NRVP is linked to an educational institute. It is not an independent NGO. He narrated the history of the introduction of the first RKM-related alumni association at Belur Vidyamandir in 1956. The then President of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, most revered Swami Bireswarananda ji, blessed the initiative and asked the founding members to stick to the ideal of service (*seva*) in line with the ideals of RKM. He encouraged everyone to go beyond small differences that may crop up within the association and ensure that such differences do not escalate into acrimony. Secretary maharaj proposed that if there is an impasse, the advice of the headmaster of the Vidyalaya and/or the secretary of the ashrama may be taken. Selection instead of election is one way to avoid such escalations, he noted. He ended his speech by reminding everyone of the august heritage of the Vidyalaya preserved and enriched by great monks and teachers.

3. Joint secretary, NRVP, Sri Shivaji Basu Ray welcomed respected headmaster of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, Swami Ishteshananda ji maharaj, and president, NRVP, Sri Sarad Kumar Mirani, on the dais. The president of NRVP was appointed as chairman of the EGM. The president took over the proceedings.

4. The first session on **MoA amendments** began with joint secretary, NRVP, Sri Anirban Bagchi giving the members a brief context on what necessitated the changes. He informed the house about Sri Alope Nag's availability as joint treasurer from May 1, 2025. He also expressed his disappointment over some distasteful comments made on NRVP WhatsApp group/s from time to time that were far below the dignity NRVP and RKM Narendrapur expect from its members and alumni, respectively. He requested everyone to cooperate with the office bearers to successfully run the association with constructive criticism and suggestions.

5. Sri Sasanka Chatterjee, the newly appointed head of batch-coordinators (BC) addressed the house. He thanked the EC for offering him the position. While presented facts and figures about the association in an engaging way, he noted that several phone numbers on BC group were non functional. The presentation made by Sri Chatterjee is attached at the end of this document.

6. Sri Ashok Mukherjee from the 1977 batch made a precise presentation on the shared thoughts of 1977 batch on MoA amendments. Among other things, he

observed that the roles and responsibilities of the assistant secretary and joint secretaries were in conflict and might create confusion. (See presentation attached below).

7. Sri Sumanta Mandal from the 1977 batch made his presentation (attached below). He proposed the use of either of the two terms, executive committee and governing body, to avoid confusion.

8. Sri Suvadeep Sarker from the 1993 batch addressed the members. He wished to resign from the executive committee to make space for representatives of younger batches.

9. Sri Pradyot Majumdar from the 1986 batch raised the question whether someone from outside the EC can directly become a portfolio holder. He sought more clarification on the procedure followed in the formation of the EC and its advisors. He also observed that the overall mood of the EOGM was somewhat different. Smiles and friendly warmth were somewhat missing, he noted.

10. Sri Amitava Bhattacharyya from the 1984 batch proposed doing away with the 'advisors'. he also invited NRVP to look beyond RKM to serve the larger community. He also proposed that honorary membership should not be offered to any politically exposed person and that disqualification or removal of members should require ratification from AGM to avoid misuse of such laws.

11. Sri Suryasarathi Barat from the 1973 batch appreciated the indomitable spirit of NRVP. He sought mention of email ids in the register of members mentioned in the MoA and a calendar of annual events. He also sought clarification on the definition of 'quorum' in the revised MoA, rationalization of the life membership criteria and raising the number of batch coordinator above two.

12. The first session ended with the address of respected headmaster of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, Swami Ishteshananda ji maharaj. He urged the members to look beyond personal agenda and interests and work jointly as members of NRVP and torch-bearers of the ideals of RKM Vidyalaya, Narendrapur. He noted that there was a need to take swift decision on necessary amendments. He sought the opinion of the house on the necessity of the post of advisors. The house opined it was not needed. The post of assistant secretary, too, was felt to be redundant by some. It was proposed that the present committee should be allowed to function till the next AGM.

13. Discussion on **NRVP: The Path Ahead** began with a presentation by Sri Arindam Bakshi from the 1987 batch. He appraised the members of the activities of an NGO run by the 1987 batch named 'Uddyom'. (See presentation attached below) He proposed that Udyom and NRVP may undertake joint ventures in future.

14. Janab S M Ali Akbar from the 1971 batch proposed starting an ambulance service and helping people with disabilities. He also suggested taking up some charitable work for villagers of Ukhila, a place linked inextricably to the formation of RKM Ashrama, Narendrapur.

15. The meeting ended with the address of NRVP president, Sri Sarad Kumar Mirani. He reminded everyone that laws and bylaws exist for the smooth functioning of an organization and not the other way round. He also shared his concerns on the ever dwindling number of NRVP members who are physically present with all hand on deck during NRVP programmes like Retreat and Reunion. Sri Mirani also proposed the widening of the scope NRVP's activities beyond the campus. He concluded the programme by thanking everyone for cooperation and inviting the members to lunch at Shivananda Bhavana.

16. Members enjoyed a hearty lunch after the meeting, courtesy Sri Partha Priyo Samanta (1980) and Sri Siddhartha Samanta (1982).

Monks, teachers and praktanis whom we have lost
between AGM held on September 22, 2014 and EOGM held on April 27, 2025,
as per information available.

A) Monk: Swami Akshatananda (Pradip Maharaj) on 11.10.2024

B) Teacher: Shashanka Sekhar Ghosh (former asstt. headmaster) on 15.11.2024

C) Students:

1. Bibek Debray (1970) / 01.11.2024
2. Sudhin Acharya Chowdhury (1963) / 11.12.2024
3. Debabrata Ghosh (1975) / 11.12.2024
4. Aparesch Chowdhury (1968) / 11.12.2024
5. Amitabha Biswas (1980) / 18.12.2024
6. Debasish Ghoshal (1980) / 16.01.2025
7. Debarghya Ghatak (1996) / 28.01.2025
8. Soumitra Dutta (1972) / 18.02.2025
9. Bana Behari Pahari (1965) / 27.02.2025
10. Debajyoti Pal (1968) / 10.03.2025
11. Brojen Paul (1961) / 19.03.2025
12. Prasenjit Ghoshal (1980) / 29.03.2025
13. Abhijit Bose (1972) / 21.04.2025

FEW WORDS ON NRVP- HOBC

SASANKA CHATTERJEE

27TH APRIL,2025

RKM VIDYALAYA, NARENDRAPUR

Who is HoBC?

Fact & Fiction

Fact

NRVP

- # *1st Batch Yr. 1961*
- # *70th Batch till Yr. 2024*
- # *Yr. 1976 has two different batches (HS & Madhyamik)*
- # *Since Yr. 1978 there are two batches (Madhyamik & +2HS),*
- # *We have 2173 Life Members upto 2021 batch as per SHRADDHA-2024*
- # *NRVP Batch Co-Ordinators WApp Group created 28th Feb'17*
 - *There are currently 3 Admins & 151 Batch coordinators*
 - *Many Phone nos. are either No-reply or Not-reachable*
- # *In today's meeting 18 Batches are not here*

Fiction

Here's the story, titled "**Whose Job Is It, Anyway?**"

- # *This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.*
- # There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
- # Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
- # Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.
- # Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
- # It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

PRESENTATION ON NRVP ACTIVITIES

BY 1977 BATCH

27TH APRIL,2025

RKM VIDYALAYA, NARENDRAPUR

PART A

ISSUES ON ALTERATION OF MEMORANDUM

LEGAL BACKDROP-ALTERATION OF MEMORANDUM

Alteration in Memorandum has been provided in the WB Societies Registration Act, 1961.

Act- Section 5(2) of the Act states, '*After registration a society shall not change the memorandum **except in accordance with the provisions of this Act***'.

SELECTION OR ELECTION

✦ **Draft:**

- ✦ **Sl 10-Page 5-Manner and method of selection:** ‘The Life Members along with the notice of the AGM shall also get a “Consent Form” whereby they can express their willingness and give consent to serve the Society (NRVP) as Portfolio holder or Advisor. **During A.G.M. the existing EC and Advisors will propose the names from these willing members and/or existing members and new committee will be formed on mutual consent.’-**
- ✦ **Sl 4- Page 3-**‘The Life Members shall have the right to be selected as a portfolio holder in the Executive Committee as well as an Advisor to the Executive Committee. **The Advisors shall be selected by the members of the Executive Committee.’**

SELECTION OR ELECTION

- **Act:** As per section 6 (a) of the Act, the Regulations must provide ***'the composition of the Governing Body and the manner of election or appointment and resignation or removal and the term of office of the members of the Governing Body, the President, the Secretary and other officers;***
- **Views:** Hence the proposed draft is **ultra vires the Act**. The existing members become party to the selection process leaving undue bias and restricting free choice by all and thus bypassing the election route. Existing members will have right to contest for re-election. But they can not have any hand behind election of any other person. Accordingly, everyone shall be elected even if it is unanimously so. The election of Members and Office Bearers of Governing Body to take place in the AGM or any other specified date every year with voting rights to both life members & ordinary members.

JURISPRUDENCE-PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE,EQUITY AND GOOD CONSCIENCE

The principle of "justice, equity, and good conscience" in legal systems, particularly in India, is a guiding principle that allows courts to address situations where existing laws are silent or insufficient. It ensures fairness, right conduct and impartiality when no specific law applies.

Rex vs Sussex Justices case: **“ It is not merely of some importance but is of fundamental importance that justice should not only be done , but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done”**.

Our conduct must not only be law compliant but also appear to be so. All these comes from the well accepted principle in legal parlance that **Ceaser’s wife must be above suspicion.**

ADVISORS OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DRAFT:S1 5-Page-3- Executive Committee- ‘There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of not less than 07 members. The office bearers of Executive Committee shall comprise of President, Vice President (**two posts**), Secretary, **Joint-Secretary (two posts)**, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer and **Asst. Treasurer** and ~~other committee members~~ who shall be elected ~~(elected)~~ **(selected)** at the A.G.M. ***The Executive Committee shall select 17 members as Advisors from the Life Members who will advise the Executive Committee in running the society more effectively.’***-

ADVISORS OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Views- So 7 member executive committee will function with 17 member Advisors- This is absurd. Are the elected **Governing Body Members** not competent to serve without Advisors? But then why 17 only? How the number 17 has been arrived at? Why not it is 19 or for that matter 15?

This will make room for irregular entry through backdoor and violate the principle of fairness and good conscience. Accordingly, this may please be scrapped.

We propose, there shall not be any post of Advisors. Executive Committee to run with Delegation of Power.

ADMISSION-ELIGIBILITY BY DEFAULT

1. Draft: Sl 2-Page-8- Admission- ‘any ex student attaining 18 yrs who in the opinion of governing body will be interested in advancement of the objects of the society’-

2. Views: Any ex-student with 2 yrs stay should be eligible to be a member by default at his consent unless he has a criminal record. Any opinion of Governing Body or Executive Committee is not relevant here except criminal records. Option is always available to remove him if his conduct is found later as violating the spirit of the Praktani. Students expelled, are not eligible.

2. Draft: Sl 3-Page-8-Life Member- Since 2005, class XI & XII students are also under the Vidyalaya, hence they will also be eligible to become a Life Member.’ –

Views: Students admitted directly in XI & XII upto 2004 for 2 yrs shall also be eligible to become Life Member.

JT SECY-ASST SECY-ROLE CONFLICT

Draft: S1 11-Page-6- Joint Secretary: ‘The Joint Secretaries will assist the Secretary in performing his duties and **in absence of the Secretary perform all duties of the Secretary together with the Asst Secretary.**’

Asst Secretary: ‘**In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall perform all the duties of the Secretary.**’-

Views: The roles are overlapping and hence contradictory. With two nos Jt Secretaries what is the role of Asst Secretary. The roles need to be defined properly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR GOVERNING BODY

- # **Draft:**
- # **Sl 6- Page 3-**‘The management of the affairs of Vidyalyaya Praktani shall be vested in its Executive Committee.’-
- # **Sl 5-Page 8-**‘The Executive Committee shall have general power of supervision and conduct over all the affairs of the society and in particular shall discharge the following duties:’-
- # **Act:** Section 2(b) of The West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 States that ‘*Governing Body means the body, by whatever name called, entrusted for the time being with the **management of a society** under its regulations;*’
- # **Views:** The present Regulations of NRVP refers it as ‘Governing Body’. The reason and necessity of change of such term is not clear.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR GOVERNING BODY

Draft: Sl 1-Page-8- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Funds, properties and assets of the society.

Act: As per Section 18 of the Act, 'All property belonging to a society, if not vested in trustees, shall be deemed to be vested in the Governing Body of the society but shall be referred to as the property of the society.'

Views: If the term 'Governing Body' as exists in the present Regulations of Association is not changed then here the same term shall be used.

AGM-AGENDA and DATE

- # **DRAFT: Sl 7-Page 4-**‘The business to be transacted at the A.G.M. shall be (a) to confirm the minutes of the last A.G.M. and of special general meeting if any. (b) to adopt with or without modification the report of the working of the society of the previous year, (c) to pass audited accounts of the society for the previous year ended, (d) to appoint qualified auditor(s). (e) to transact such business as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. (f) to transact such other business as may brought forward by giving 14 days previous notice from any member.’-
- # **Views:** The Agenda shall include election of the Governing Body including Office Bearers. The AGM shall be fixed latest within three months of the end of the financial Year i.e. by 30th June and never later than that. There shall be 21 days previous notice for AGM

NOTICE & AGENDA-ISSUES

Draft: Sl 6-Page 4-Notice of Executive Committee Meeting- '7 days' notice of the meeting specifying the place, time and the general/nature of business to be transacted shall be given to every member of the Executive Committee and Advisors.'

Views-7 days notice is inadequate- at least 14 days notice is required.

(i) Previous year's agenda points and progress of the same are to be discussed. (ii) Current year's agenda points and budget are supposed to be circulated well in advance. (iii) Members are to be asked for the fresh agenda points and then the final agenda points are to be prepared. (iv) The audit report is to be submitted before GBM. (v) The budget is supposed to be circulated well in advance before the GBM. (vi) Nothing is to be resolved/ratified in any meeting without quorum.

OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

- **Draft: S1 5- Page 1**-‘Spirit of goodwill and comradeship, healthy atmosphere for culture and recreational activities, to maintain cordial relationship with monastic members in times of their distress.’ –

Views –The word ‘distress’ appears to be a kind of encroachment into the matters of the RKM.

- **Draft: S1 5** -Page 1 ‘To render all possible help to the Vidyalaya whenever sought for’-

Views- What about Praktani Members or even any ex-student who may not be a member of the Praktani?

Draft: S1 9 –Page 5 ‘The funds of the society shall be kept in bank/post office/mutual funds’

Views- Mutual Funds should be avoided considering the uncertainty/volatility of the market. Govt Bonds/Current A/C with auto sweep may be explored.

PART B

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

NRVP-WELFARE ACTIVITIES

- **To engage in welfare activities hand in hand with RKM round the year as NRVP is rich in expertise, competence and experience.**
- **To engage in welfare activities in areas hitherto unexplored by RKM or any NGO.**
- **Members are to be apprised of such programmes in advance through Batch Coordinators (BC). Many members may be willing to volunteer service but may not participate if they are not intimated timely.**
- **To explore seeking Govt grants if any available for welfare activities promoting social and economic upliftment at large**
- **To explore seeking deployment of the CSR funds by the Corporates to support activities of NRVP aligned to such CSR objectives.**

NRVP-INFORMATION REPOSITORY

- **To compile a directory of all ex-students of the Vidyalaya with office and residential address, contact no & e-mail id. This may be categorized for Life Members/Ordinary Members and Non-Members. This may be uploaded in website. Separate hard copies may be printed in limited quantities for sale at a price in every reunion.**
- **To issue photo identity card of a member of NRVP categorized for Life members & Ordinary Members.**
- **To form an IT & Information Committee within the Governing Body who will exchange all relevant information about NRVP including different welfare programmes, information about members, website management.**

NRVP-OTHER ISSUES

WAPP GROUP

- Respective Batch Coordinators (BC) must be included/updated in NRVP Batch Coordinator WA Group by the Admins asap. Head of Batch Coordinator to be the Admin of such WAPP group.
- All notices in Whatsapp group are also to be sent to respective BC through emails for onward communication to its batch mates by both platform.
- One of the EC members must be assigned to liaison with the Batch Coordinators.

ANNUAL FUNCTION

An annual gathering with cultural programme may be arranged with participation of NRVP members alongwith families to enhance the spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

NRVP-OTHER ISSUES

WEBSITE

- **The website of NRVP should be more user friendly with suitable search facility. One should be able to have free access to every information related to any available therein including information about other batches. The payment gateway may be reviewed to explore minimum bank charges engaging dialouge with banks.**

SHRADDHA

- **To print SHRADDHA in optimum quantity to minimize wastage. Digital Copy is suggested.**
- **To distribute SHRADDHA to Advertisers free of cost**
- **To distribute SHRADDHA to Life Members free of cost.**

NRVP- THE ROAD AHEAD

BRIHADARANYAK UPANISHAD SAYS:

ASATO MA SADGAMAYO

TAMASO MA JYOTIRGAMAYO

MRITYORMA AMRITANG GAAMAYO

**LET THE JOURNEY OF NRVP CONTINUE IN THE ROAD
TOWARDS TRUTH, LIGHT AND IMMORTALITY**

THANK YOU





UDDYOM

A Forum for Social Change



Framework



About Us



Core Activities



Partnership



Future Plan



About Us

UDDYOM is a collective initiative of the Class of 1987 of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur. The alumnis came together in 2012 to form UDDYOM with the aim to participate in the rural Indian society, and help bridge some critical gaps in the delivery of certain basic livelihood requirements.



Principles

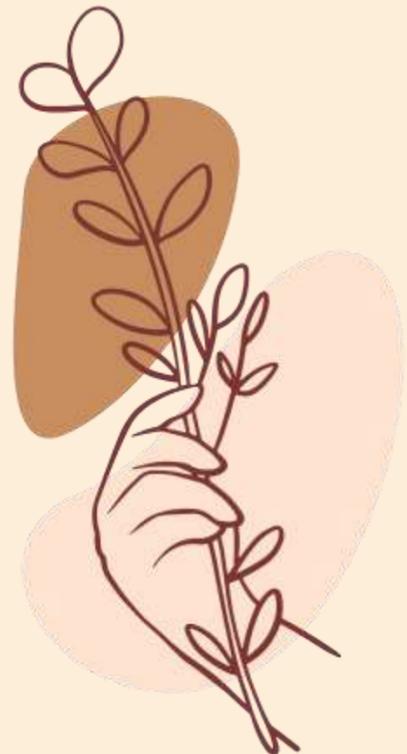
Altruism	Voluntarism
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Vision

Sustainability	Sustainability	Sustainability
Health	Education	Shelter

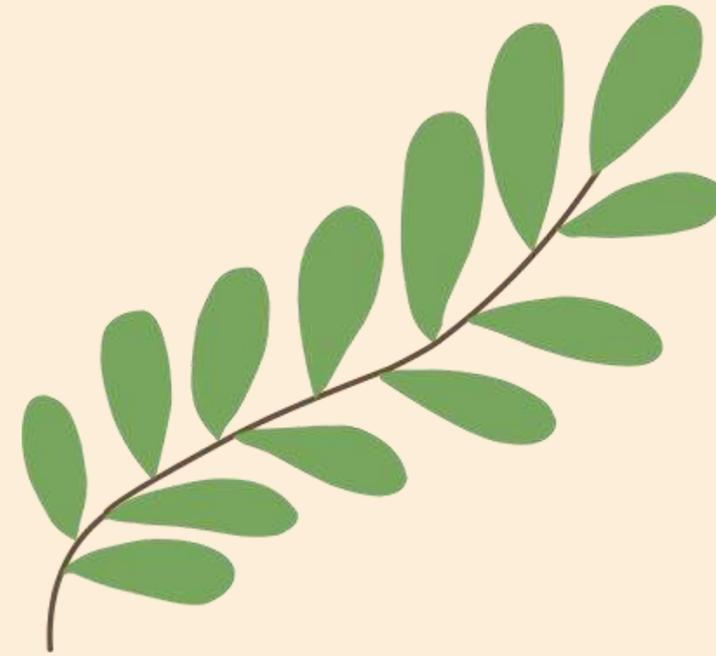
Mission

- Human values & social responsibility
- Create opportunities for everyone
- Excellence in project execution





Core Activities



Education:

- Education Adoption Scheme adopts students and takes responsibility of their education and all-over expenses who are enthusiastic and ardent belonging from underprivileged background.
- Since 2012, about 50 students have been nurtured under the umbrella of our ideology and mission, every year.
- Regular monitoring ensures progress, and provides mentorship and emotional support as well.
- This holistic approach not only makes them qualified but also empowers families and builds a stronger, educated community.



Education & Beyond

Besides the hugely successful **EDUCATION ADOPTION SCHEME**, partnership with renowned skill development institutes to train 60 trainees in of **Hospitality and Healthcare**; covering Phlebotomy, Patient Care Attendant and Food and Beverages segments. Placement opportunity was ensured with employability rate above **80%**

With **Paarvarish**, effectively improving the physical, social and mental well-being of the specially abled children.



Images depict the story



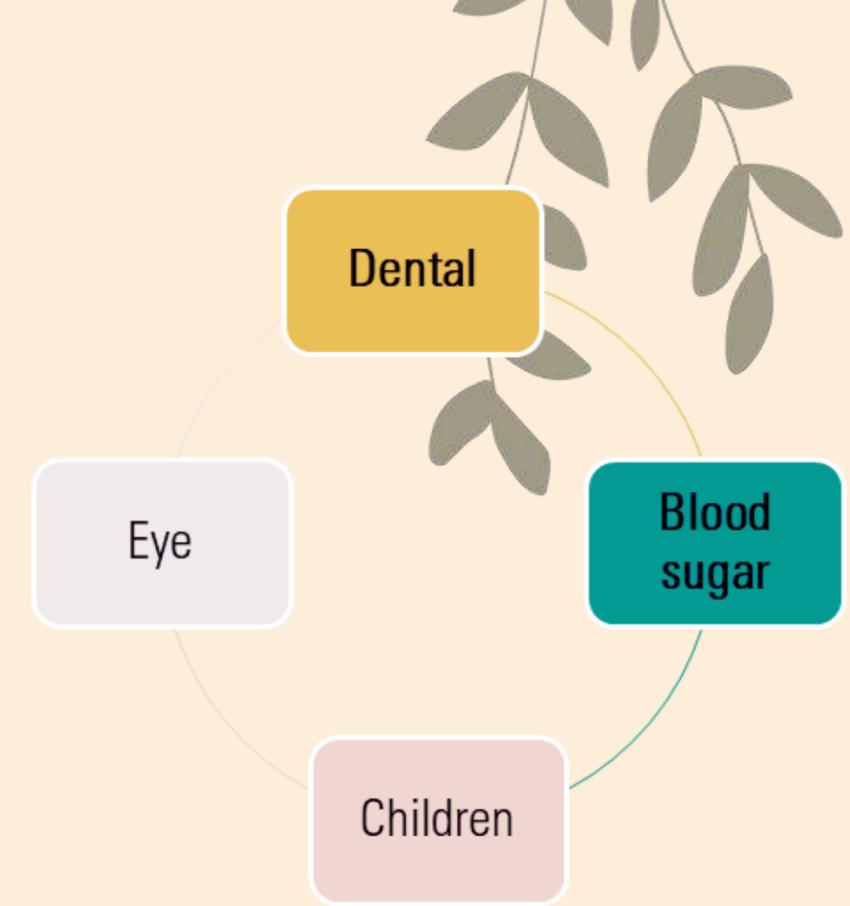
Patient Care Attendant (PCA) batch and Phlebotomy Technician batch captured during their intensive training and grooming process & Food and Beverages (FnB) associate successfully placed at Royal Orchids, Bangalore and Dolphin Group of Hotels, Hyderabad



Educational Scholarship Disbursement for underprivileged, ardent and enthusiastic students

Installation of split A/C for the especially abled children of Paarvarish

Core Activities



Public Health:

- At doorstep - Organised in rural and semi-urban areas catering to the age group from 0 – 80 years.
- Free dental and eye checkup in association with Susrut Eye foundation and Research Centre at Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College.
- Critical care support viz. ECG monitoring, rendered and prescriptive medicines distributed.



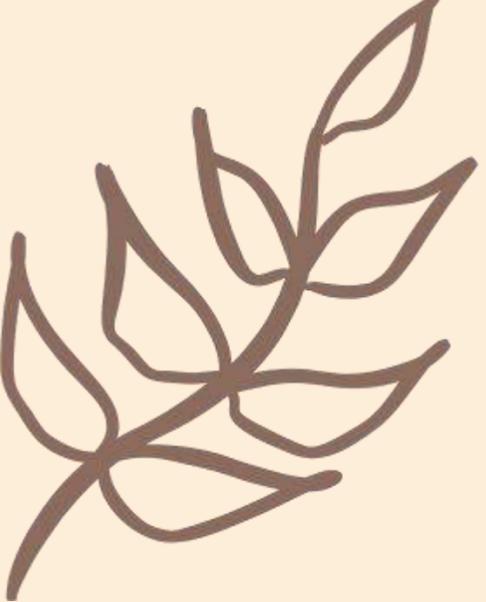
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Health camp organised with Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur witnessed a total head count of **200** for eye check-up, **82** for dental check-up and **80** for blood sugar check-up during the occasion of 65th annual exhibition and celebration.



Distribution of New Clothes and Essential Items by Srirampur Primary School, run by RKM, Jhargram



Our Significant Contribution in the fields of Education and Health



**Skillong Session at
UAC**



**Paarvarish Art
Workshop**



**Mobile Dental
Check-up**

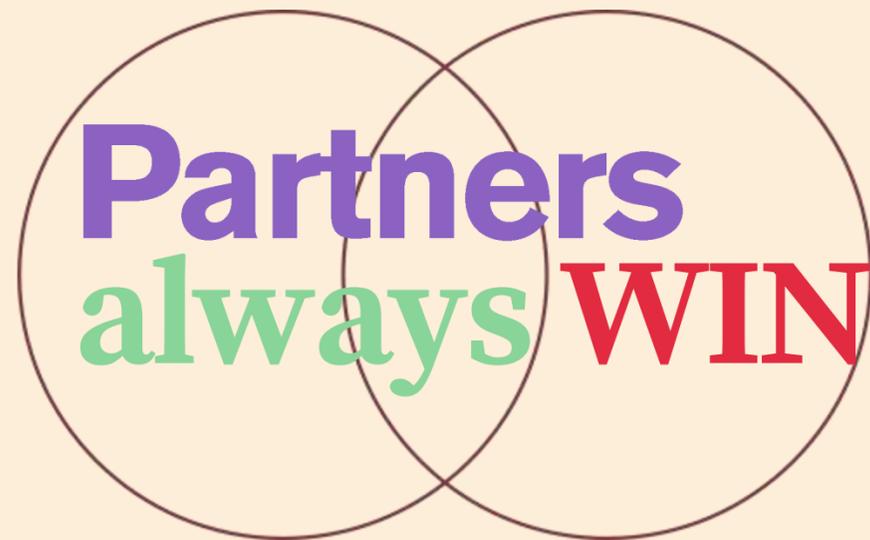


**Eye check-up at RKM,
Narendrapur**





Partnership



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Infovity

- Access to scholarship to students in Hospitality and healthcare courses.
- Intensive training and grooming was also conducted.
- Currently, the (Fnb) students are placed at Star hotels and restaurants.

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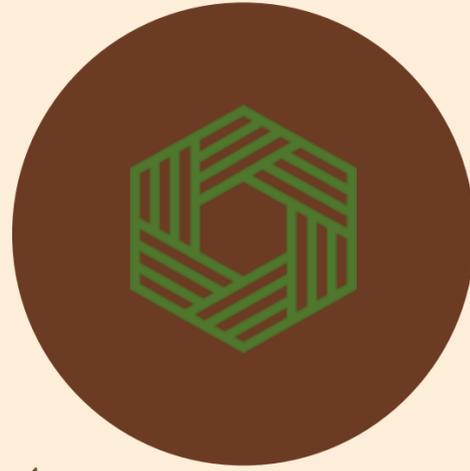
Ramkrishna Mission

- Scholarship distribution to to HS and students enrolling in competitive exams.
- Health camp and mobile dental and eye check-up in rural and semi-urban areas annually.

03

State Bank of India (SBI)

- Educational support and assistance to underprivileged students.
- Academically capable and promising students are given a better future.



Future Plan



Education:

To make socio-economic changes in the lives of students under the Education Adoption Scheme.

- **To empower and uplift the especially abled children of Paarvarish through ongoing and advanced therapies.**

Shelter for the Elderly:

- **Providing relief & shelter to the elderly.**
- **Engage them productively to feel an essential part of the society.**

Association with Paarvarish



By building network and establishing relationship with reputed organisations, through Paarvarish, Uddyom will strive:

- To weave an all-inclusive support and guidance program with therapeutic services; providing comfort and counselling to the children and their families.
- To formulate and deliver customised learning experiences for children with special needs by leveraging adaptive learning tools, assistive communication technologies, and mobility support devices.
- To increase employability rate among specially abled children and make them socio-economically independent through skill-based training in various diverse fields.
- To conduct awareness drive with advocacy and knowledge among Stakeholders viz. facilitators, parents & teachers; to create an empathetic and understanding atmosphere generating diversity and inclusivity.



Thank You



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