

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

An Autonomous Residential College Affiliated to University of Calcutta
Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal
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Annual Report of the Department of Cultural affairs

For the session 2024—2025

❖ **Cultural Activities :**

Cultural activities form an integral part of student life at Vidyamandira for teachers, students and members of the non-teaching staff alike. The multidimensional functioning of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Vidyamandira may be classified broadly into the following heads -

- To organize intra-college cultural competitions all through the year.
- To host inter-college competitions.
- To encourage students' participation in various cultural competitions/events outside the college.
- To conduct cultural festivals inside Vidyamandira throughout the year.
- To run add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Esraj, Violin, Guitar, Vocal Music, Bengali Recitation and Painting.

➤ **INTER COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS :**

1) **Tejasananda Memorial Quiz Competition -**

The Alumni Association of Vidyamandira and the Department of Cultural Affairs of this college jointly organized this competition. The Competition was held on 14th September, 2024.

Around 80 students from different institutions participated in this competition.



2) **Inter-college Bengali Recitation Competition:**

This Competition was held on 7th September, 2024. 72 students (boys and girls) from different colleges took part in this competition



➤ **INTRA-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS -**

1) **Extempore Speech Competition** - This competition was arranged on 10th August, 2024. 30 students participated on this programme.



2) **Debate Competition** - This competition was held on 17th August, 2024 in which 30 students took part.

3) **Tabla Lahara Competition** - This competition was held on 24th August, 2024 in which 11 participants took part.

4) **Annual Drama Competition** - Annual Drama Competition was held on 21st September, 2024 with 10 teams participating in it.



5) **Drawing Competition** - This competition was held on 25th September, 2024. 10 students took part in this competition.

6) **Music Competition** - Annual Music Competition on “Rabindra Sangeet & Bhakti Geeti” was held on 4th January, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. Total 13 students took part in this competition.



7) **Sanskrit Recitation Competition** - This competition was arranged on 11th January, 2025 and 23 students participated in it.

8) **Annual Quiz Competition** - This competition took place on 8th February, 2025.

➤ **Results for Annual Cultural Competitions 2024-25**

Sl	Event	Rank	Name	Year
1	Extempore Speech	1 st	Deep Chatterjee	UG III
		2 nd	Kaustav Paul	UG II
		3 rd	Pritam Khan	PG I

2	Debate	1 st	Sitaj Bag	UG II
		2 nd	Deep Chatterjee	UG III
		3 rd	Protim Ghosh	PG I
3	Tabla Lahara	1 st	Sutirtha Roy	UG III
		2 nd	Pritam Kumar Roy	UG II
		3 rd	Jeevan Wadde	UG III
4	State Level Inter-college-University Bengali Recitation	1 st	Srijan Maity	UG, RKM Residential College, Narendrapur
		2 nd	Momin Mondal	UG, RKM Vidyamandira
		3 rd	Ayesha Sulekha	PG, Aliah University
5	Drama	Best Actor	<u>Jhantu in "Viswakarmar Ghuri"</u> Tirthankar Haldar	
		1 st	<u>Viswakarmar Ghuri</u> Tirthankar Halder, Palash Dutta, Avik Naskar, Shubhadeep Sarkar, Sagnik Pal, Ayan Das, Saikat Pal, Kushal Samanta, Bitan Mondal	
		2 nd	<u>Dharmer Kal Batashe Nore</u> Priyam Paramanick, Sohan Mondal, Debarghya Chakladar, Pathikrit Manna, Rudra Pratap Bhattacharya, Smarta Chakraborty, Aranya Mondal, Siddhartha Basak	
		3 rd	<u>Kshamata, Swapno Ebong ...</u> Priyam Das, Shuvam layek, Anargha Sarkar, Sundar Chattopadhyay, Anish Chakraborty, Agnik Debnath	
6	Drawing	1 st	Manik Das	UG III
		2 nd	Debarun Adhikari	UG I
		3 rd	Chandradip Raha	UG II

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7	Wall Magazine	1 st	Nabarun (Shraddha Bhavan); Editor - Krishnendu Hait, Sub-Editor - Sitaj Bag	
8	Bhaktigeeti	1 st	Joy Jana	UG II
		2 nd	Arkaprabha Khanra	UG II
		3 rd	Archisman Saha	UG III
	Rabindrasangeet	1 st	Archisman Saha	UG III
		2 nd	Sutirtha Roy	UG III

		3 rd	Ankan Roy	UG I
9	Sanskrit Recitation	1 st	Anupam Manna	PG II
		2 nd	Tanmoy Das	PG II
		3 rd	Shreyan Pakira	UG III
10	Quiz	1 st	Shree Bhavan 1. Deep Chatterjee (UG III) 2. Dhruvajyoti Ganguly (UG III) 3. Anamitra Choudhuri (UG III) 4. Soham Barik Parida (UG III)	
		2 nd	Binay Bhavan 1. Akash Sarkar (UG II) 2. Agnik Debnath (UG I) 3. Shubharthi Dutta (UG I) 4. Sundar Chattopadhyay (UG I)	

➤ **INTER BHAVAN (HOSTEL) COMPETITIONS :**

- 1) **Inter-Bhavan (Hostels) Wall Magazine Competition** - From among five Bhavans wall magazines, 'Nabarun' of Shraddha Bhavan was selected as the best in this year.



➤ **SEASONAL CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN VIDYAMANDIRA:**

Throughout the year, quite a few cultural programmes are organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Here is a summary of the colourful events of this academic session:

- 1) **Bhratrivarana** - On the evening of 29th August, 2024, the day of Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhatrivarana, a cultural programme was organized wherein newly admitted PG and UG first year students presented vocal and instrumental music and recitation.



- 2) **Sharadotsav** - In keeping with the festive mood on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja, Saradotsav (the autumn ceremony) was held on 5th October, 2024. The students of Vidymandira presented Matri Vandana (vocal and instrumental) poetical soiree. Musical instrument was played by our garden-staff Kenaram Ruidas. A couple of



dramas were enacted by the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

- 3) **Independence Day** - Observance of Independence Day program was held on 15th August 2024 morning. The event included hoisting of flag, short speech, patriotic songs etc.

- 4) **Saraswati Puja** - On 2nd February, 2025 Saraswati Puja took place. A cultural programme was also organized on the evening as a part of the celebrations of Mother Saraswati's Aradhana.



- 5) **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna** - On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna Deva, a procession was organized by our college on 1st March, 2025 in which the students went to Belur Math singing devotional songs. It is also to be noted that a team of student-volunteers took part in cultural activities, crowd-control and other activities at Belur Math on the Public Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna birth anniversary, which was held on 9th March, 2025.



- 6) **Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana** - The department of cultural affairs organized Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana on 12th April, 2025. Students staged a poetical soiree and a musical narration. Teachers also participated in recitation, music and discourse.



- 7) **Add-on Certificate Courses** - The add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Classical Vocal music, Bengali Recitation, Violin, Guitar etc. introduced by the cultural department are being continued with much zeal and enthusiasm. The courses are pretty demanding and classes are being held once in a week. In the session 2024 – 25, the number of students admitted to the such different courses were like the following:

- Tabla & Pakhwaj - 12
- Vocal Music - 7
- Bengali Recitation - 4
- Drawing - 4

- 8) **Ambika Sarkar-Jadunath Majumder Memorial Lecture, Distribution of Prizes for Cultural Competitions and Distribution of Certificates for Add-On Courses** - This grand event was held on 22nd March, 2025 with renowned dancer, Smt. Alakananda Roy as the invited speaker and chief guest of the event. The event involved the memorial lecture by the speaker on the topic “Manusher Monojogoter Sarbik Paribartaner Khetre Sanskriti Charchar Bhumika”, followed by distribution of prizes and certificates.

➤ **OTHER ACTIVITIES :**

- 1) **Kabitar Aaddaa (An informal monthly gathering of poetry lovers)** - In this unique forum of poetry-loving teachers and students, the budding talents get an opportunity to recite their self-composed poems. This gathering takes place frequently ever since its commencement on 28th August 2014. In this season, Vidyamandira arranged this event a number of times at Saradananda hall.
- 2) On 5th September 2024 - Teachers’ Day Celebration was organised in college in different departments.

➤ **OFF-CAMPUS CULTURAL PERFORMANCES BY VIDYAMANDIRA STUDENTS:**

- 1) On the occasion of Mahalaya, a Musical narration was staged by the Vidyamandira students at Saradapitha on 2nd October, 2024.



- 2) On the occasion of Sri Sri Jagadhatri Puja, Bhajanas were sung by the Vidyamandira students at Saradapitha on 10th November, 2024.

- 3) On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the opening song was sung by the Vidyamandira students in the holy precincts of Belur Math on 12th January, 2025.

- 4) On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary (Tithipuja) of Swami Brahmananda a musical composition was performed by Vidyamandira students at Ramakrishna Math Sikra-Kulingram on 31st January, 2025.

- 5) A cultural performance was done by the Vidyamandira students in the holy precincts of Belur Math on 9th March, 2025 on the occasion of Public Celebration.