Ramakrishna Mission, Vijayawada is a branch centre of world renowned Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission having its headquarters at Belur Math, Howrah – West Bengal. This centre has two locations one in Vijayawada city and the other is at Sitanagaram under nearby Tadepalli Municipality. It is a matter of great pleasure that a centre of service in the name of Sri Ramakrishna took shape as early as in 1956. They formed an association called Ramakrishna Seva Samiti and established the present City Centre.

Sri Bapiraju and a group of ardent devotees of Sri Ramakrishna made their sincere efforts to start a School in Vijayawada which was fulfilled in 1965. They built a Prayer Hall and a School offering both spiritual and educational services to the public. Later they started a school at Sitanagaram. Further, the devoted, earnest and enthusiastic group succeeded in affiliating both these centres as the full-fledged branch of Ramakrishna Math and Mission. Swami Sashikantananda ji Maharaj became the first head of this branch in 2001.

For the past 55 years the institution has been serving the public at large in various ways while incorporating gradual development and expansion by stages. In the following pages you will find the service activities rendered:
SITANAGARAM ASHRAMA
SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. HIGH SCHOOL: TELUGU MEDIUM
2. HIGH SCHOOL: ENGLISH MEDIUM

With the following facilities:

a. English Language Lab
b. Digital Classes
c. Communicative English Program
d. Value Education for school students
e. Science Laboratory & Science Exhibitions
f. Library & Computer Lab
g. Sports & Physical Health
h. Virtual Classes
i. Scholarship for poor students

3. PRAYER-CUM-MEDITATION HALL
4. VIVEKA VAHINI MOBILE UNIT
5. GADADHAR ABHYUDAY PRAKALP
6. BALALA SANGHA
7. STUDENTS’ HOSTEL
8. EDUCATIONAL CONVENTIONS
9. CULTURAL COMPETITIONS
10. WELFARE ACTIVITIES
11. OCCASIONAL RELIEF SERVICES
12. HOMOEOPATHIC DISPENSARY
13. PUSHKARALU CELEBRATIONS

CITY CENTRE: SERVICE ACTIVITIES

✧ Prayer-cum-Meditation Hall
✧ Evening Aratrikam, Devotional singing and reading, Evening Aratrikam and Devotional singing Religious discourses
✧ Book-Sales Section of Ramakrishna – Vivekananda literature, Vedanta Philosophy, Indian Culture, Personality Development, Scriptures etc. Show Room-cum-Sales Counter of religious literature
✧ Vivekananda Study Circle for Youth on Sundays.

PRAYER CUM MEDITATION HALL

SHOWROOM-CUM-SALES COUNTER
Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya high School at Sitanagaram, Guntur District was started in the year 1965 with an objective to serve the down trodden sections of society - benefitting students belonging to surrounding villages. Taken over by ‘Ramakrishna Mission’ in 2001. Strength of Telugu Medium is 210.

From LKG to 10th standard
To cover Sitanagaram and surrounding villages for poor, under-privileged, backward and SC/ST communities. The present strength of students is 822.
SCHOOL: VALUE EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Moral Instruction

SCHOOL: SCIENCE LABORATORY
Doing Experiments

SCHOOL: SCIENCE EXHIBITIONS
To improve creative, analytical and communication skills

SCHOOL: LIBRARY
5000 reference books plus 5000 regular books

SCHOOL: COMPUTER LAB
Computer learning plus academic learning

SCHOOL: SPORTS & PHYSICAL HEALTH
K.G. to class 2: children park (SEE-SAW, SLIDING, SWINGS, LADDERS, PYRAMID, SWING BOAT and PULL UP BOX etc.) + Indoor games Class III to Class X: Volley ball, Badminton, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Mass drill, athletes and indoor games.
SCHOOL: VIRTUAL CLASSES

Students interaction with global experts

SCHOOL: SCHOLARSHIP FOR POOR STUDENTS

Every year scholarships worth Rs.3,50,000/- is distributed to Meritorious & average Students who are Economically Backward

SCHOOL: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

10th class Board Examinations: 2017-18, 10 students got 10 out of 10 GPA and 17 other students scored 9.8 and 9.7 GPA -- Better than many corporate schools in this regard

PRAYER CUM MEDITATION HALL

Daily morning service and worship of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna and evening Aratrikam and devotional singing

VIVEKA VAHINI VALUE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Go to remote villages and expose the students of different schools and colleges to the man-making and character building ideas of Swami Vivekananda; 113 schools covered, four districts and a year-long "Viveka Vahini Values Education Program"
**VIVEKANANDA BALALA SANGHA**

For children on Sundays’ moral values, Vedic chanting, Meditation, Bhajans, Moral stories, motivational videos, games etc.

**GADHADHARA ABHYUDAYA PRAKALPA**

At Vambay and L.B.S.Nagar: for the betterment of neglected slum, drop outs and rural children. Age group 5 to 12 years Moral and cultural values, education through special coaching on their school subjects, cleanliness and hygiene, To nourish for their physical development and to prepare them to be good citizens of India.

**VIVEKANANDA VIDYARTHINILAYAM:**

Free Students’ Home for poor High School Boys started in the academic year of 2009-10.

**CONVENTIONS:**

Participants every year
Youth Convention - Around 1500 Students
Students Convention - Around 500 students
Teachers Convention - Around 300 teachers
CULTURAL COMPETITIONS: JAGRUTI

Competitions held in School level, District level and Final level. More than 40,000 students from 350 Schools participated in Quiz and Recitation.

PUSHKARALU CELEBRATIONS

Free service activities like accommodation for pilgrims, distribution of food, buttermilk and milk.

RELIEF ACTIVITIES: DURING CALAMITIES

COVID - 19 Relief Work

MEDICAL FACILITY HOMOEOPATHY DISPENSARY

Free Homoeo dispensary once a week

WELFARE ACTIVITY: DISTRIBUTION OF MONTHLY RATION KITS FOR THE ELDERLY DESTITUTES

Monthly ration kits consisting of toor dal (1 kg), urad dal (1 kg), moong dal (500 gms), dalia (1 kg), suji (1 kg), wheat flour (1 kg), edible oil (1 litre) and garlic (250 gms) etc. to helpless aged persons.
AN EARNEST APPEAL

We earnestly appeal to the well-wishers, friends and devotees to consider the following and contribute generously:

1. Telugu medium school was started in 1965 for providing education for the poor and backward students of this area. Government Grant for the Telugu Medium School has been stopped from this year. We have to run the school on our own for next 4 years and absorb this Telugu medium school infrastructure with the English Medium School.

2. We have not received the minimum fees from the students for this financial year. Yet we have the liability to pay salaries for teachers and staff of English Medium School.

3. Also, We need funds for the following:
   a. Hostel for the poor students
   b. Day to day expenses of the Ashrama
   c. Tuition fee for poor students
   d. Monthly Ration Kits for aged people.

Once again, we request you to consider the above and contribute generously.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Swami Hridananda
Secretary

Date: 05/08/20

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Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Gandhinagar, Vijayawada-520003,
Phone : 08645 -272248
Mobile : 63011 96506

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS:
https://pages.razorpay.com/Indian-Donors

FOR FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:
Please contact : vijayawada@rkmm.org

Swami Vivekananda teaches.......

This is a great fact: strength is life; weakness is death. Strength is felicity, life eternal, immortal; weakness is constant strain and misery; weakness is death.

It is a privilege to serve mankind, for this is the worship of God; God is here, in all these human souls. He is the soul of man.

I consider that the great national sin is the neglect of the masses, and that is one of the causes of our downfall. No amount of politics would be of any avail until the masses in India are once more well educated, well fed, and well cared for.

Our nation is totally lacking in the faculty of organization. It is this one drawback which produces all sorts of evil. We are altogether averse to making a common cause for anything. The first requisite for organization is obedience.

The power of suffering is infinitely greater than the power of doing; the power of love is infinitely of greater potency than the power of hatred.

Bread! Bread! I do not believe in a God who cannot give me bread here, giving me eternal bliss in heaven! More bread, more opportunity for everybody!

Faith, faith, faith in ourselves, faith, faith in God---this is the secret of greatness.