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Even if a pea falls into a dunghill and sprouts, it does not lose its pea nature. Similarly, even if a wise person is born into a lower caste by fate, their superior nature does not perish.

- Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna

Maha Kumbabhishekam Ceremony of Kotagala, Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre

The Yagasala Kriya events, the opening ceremony of the Kotagala Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre, commenced on Friday, 07 February 2025, on the occasion of the Maha Kumbabhishekam ceremony and the opening ceremony of the welfare centre.

Following this, a series of events such as Bhajans, Thiruvasakiyam Muttuthal, recitation of the Gospel of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Rama Nama Sankirtanam, and Sri Devi Mahatmiyam Parayanam were held, and the Maha Kumbabhishekam was held on Monday, 10.02.2025. The event was graced by the Vice President of the Worldwide Ramakrishna Math and Mission, His Holiness Srimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, and several monks.





Maha Kumbabhishekam ceremony of Kotagala Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre



**Kotagala Ramakrishna Mission holds grand procession on the occasion of
Maha Kumbabhishekam!**



On the occasion of the Maha Kumbabhishekam of the Kotagala Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre, a grand procession was held on Sunday, 09.02.2025 from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. The procession started from near the Kotagala Pradeshiya Sabha and proceeded to Harrington Ramakrishna Mission. More than 2500 devotees and the general public enthusiastically participated in this.



Among the people participating in the procession, villagers and temple management committees set up thirst quenching centers, and water and drinks were provided to everyone. This event was an important expression of devotion and social unity.





Kotagala Sivananda Welfare Center Kumbabhishekam Ceremony

Preparatory events for the Kumbabhishekam ceremony

On the occasion of the Maha Kumbabhishekam festival of the Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre, various preparatory activities were intensively carried out from 01 February 2025 to 08 February 2025. These events were conducted under the leadership of Swami Nilamadhavanandaji Maharaj and Swami Umadhishanandaji Maharaj, with the enthusiastic participation of the students, alumni and devotees.

The entire monastery complex—including the yagasalai, temples, residences, and public areas—was kept clean. Work including garbage removal, tree trimming, and dust removal from the paths was carried out with full intensity. The accommodations for devotees and guests were neatly arranged. The beds, buildings, and rooms for the ascetics were all prepared with cleanliness and amenities.

The distribution of prasadam and daily meals for devotees all went smoothly. Before the ceremony, pujas were performed to the guardian deities and village deities, in accordance with the beliefs of the villagers. This was the foundation for permanent protection, prosperity, and the success of the festival. The yagasalai was beautifully decorated with garlands, pillars, and lights. The temple decorations, flower paintings, and flag decorations brought the necessary spiritual touch to the festival.

All these activities were carried out smoothly and joyfully by the united and dedicated devotees, students and volunteers. They laid the foundation for the success of the festival.





Kotagala Sivananda Welfare Center Kumbabhishekam Ceremony

**Public event held on the occasion of the Maha Kumbabhishekam of
Kotagala Ramakrishna Mission**



A special public event was held on Sunday evening, 09.02.2025, in conjunction with the Maha Kumbabhishekam of the Ramakrishna Mission Sivananda Welfare Centre. Srimad Swami Rajeswaranandaji Maharaj (Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo) was the chief guest at the event and added spiritual richness to the ceremony. The event began with a bhajan performed by students of Ramakrishna Mission. Later, a Thirumurai Samrapanam was presented by the Tejaswaralaya Art Gallery, Colombo.

Swami Nilamadhavanandaji Maharaj (General Manager, Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa) delivered the welcome address. This was followed by Brahmachari Karthik Chaitanya Maharaj address on the topic “The Incomparable Path Shown by Swami Vivekananda”.

This was followed by a dance performance by the students of Navarasa Tritiya Narthanalaya. Later, Srimath Swami Nityadipanandaji Maharaj (President, Ramakrishna Math, Madurai – India) delivered the keynote address.

Kalabhushanam S. Saravanabhavan spoke about the main aspects of the event and highlighted the journey of the event. Finally, the prize distribution ceremony was held for the dance groups that participated in the event. Mr. S. Ramachandran delivered the vote of thanks





Kotagala Sivananda Welfare Center Kumbabhishekam Ceremony

Special stage event on the day of Maha Kumbabhishekam ceremony



The program began with a Pannisai performance presented by the Sri Lanka Thevara Pannisai Development Association. Later, Swami Matrushevanandaji Maharaj (Thiruvannamalai, India) and Mr. I. Sriskandaraja performed spiritual bhajans.



The welcome dance presented by the students of Kotagala Tamil Vidyalaya enthralled the audience. The welcome address was delivered by Swami Nilamadhavanandaji Maharaj. Srimath Swami Aksharathmanandaji Maharaj (President, Ramakrishna Mission, Sri Lanka) delivered the keynote address. Srimad Swami Sarvarupanandaji Maharaj (Ramakrishna Mission, Kashi, India) and Mr. Ramaswamy Reddyar Vijayabalan were present to deliver the felicitation address.



The Kumbabhishekam Souvenir, calendar and Ponmozhiyal Booklet were released at the ceremony. Souvenirs were given to all the participants. The program concluded with a Address delivered by His Holiness Srimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, Vice President of the Ramakrishna Maths and Missions Worldwide.



The final part of the event, which was filled with spiritual bliss, included the Homam, Maha Deeparathanai, Anna Naivedyam and Anna Prasadham, which were performed with great spiritual fervor.





Centenary Inaugural Ceremony

Welcome

The Vice President of the Worldwide Ramakrishna Math and Mission, His Holiness Srimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, visited the Batticaloa Ramakrishna Mission on 14.02.2025. Students, alumni, devotees, religious school teachers, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram staff and volunteers gave a grand welcome to Swamiji from the Kallady Clock Tower junction to the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram.





Centenary Inaugural Ceremony

Mantra initiation ceremony

At the Mantra Diksha ceremony held at the Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa on 15.02.2025, His Holiness Shrimad Swami Suhidanandaji Maharaj administered Mantra Diksha to his devotees, opening a new path of light in their spiritual lives.



This magical initiation event was a memorable and noble beginning in the spiritual life of each initiate.

Visit of His Holiness Shrimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj to the Sarada Girl's Home

On 5.02.2025, His Holiness Shrimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, Vice President of the Worldwide Ramakrishna Math and Mission, visited the Sarada Girl's Home. There, Swamiji first had darshan of Mother Sri Sarada Devi and then blessed the children.





Visit to Karaitivu

His Holiness Srimath Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj's visit to Karaitivu and inauguration of Sarada Bhavan



Revered Swami's had darshan of Sri Kannagi Amman, and then from there, the procession proceeded to the Vipulananda Mani Mandapam and then to the Karaitivu Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Welfare Centre. Following the procession, the inauguration of the new Sarada Bhavan located at the Karaitivu Ramakrishna Mission was held. Following this, Swamiji blessed all the devotees present. Then, prasad was distributed to everyone and the event concluded amicably.



Event

Sri Guru Maharaj Jayanti Celebration

The 190th Jayanti of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna was celebrated with great pomp on 01.03.2025. Special pooja homam and Arati were performed to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna.

Students, devotees and musicians sang devotional songs. More than 600 devotees participated in the function.

On the occasion of the 190th Jayanti of Lord Sri Ramakrishna, on 28.02.2025, the chariot carrying the image of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna was taken in a procession starting from the Sri Siddhi Vinayagar, Pechiyamman Temple and was taken to around Nochimunai village.

The villagers welcomed the Lord with a full moon and arranged for alms for the devotees who participated in the procession.





Event

Maha Shivaratri Pooja



The Maha Shivaratri festival began at 8:30 PM on Wednesday, 26.02.2025, and spiritual events including four Jama Poojas, Bhajans, and Shiva Dance were held in a grand manner.

All the pujas were conducted with devotion by Swami Nilamadhavanandaji Maharaj. More than 350 devotees participated and worshipped the Shiva Linga brought from Kailash by Swami Vipulananda with their holy hands, anointing it with abhishekam items such as milk, curd, ghee and honey etc. At the conclusion of the pujas, prasadam was offered to all the devotees.





Poya Day



The Poya day celebrations were celebrated with great enthusiasm at our Ramakrishna Mission on 13.03.2025. During the event, the house students performed devotional Bhajans and Aarti.

This was followed by artistic performances by the house students and the students of the Ramakrishna Mission Moral School, which were appreciated by the participants.

As a feature of the event, a spiritual discourse was delivered by Swami Umadhishanandaji. Mrs. Shakti Arudjyothi also addressed the gathering.

Around 350 people – parents, devotees, and alumni of the Students Home – attended the event and graced the occasion.





Event

Jaba yajna



The monthly Japa Yajna for initiated devotees was held on February 15 and March 15, 2025. This event is an important event to promote the spiritual development of the devotees.

Science Lab Training Classes

Our science lab routinely holds training classes every Saturday. Such training classes were also held in the month of May.





Jivanananda Social Service Project

Jivanananda Social Service Project - Moral Schools in Villages

Moral education classes at the Gran Vivekananda Welfare Centre in Vagarai, Iralakulam, Kudumbamalai, and Korakallimadu



In February and March 2025, 20 students will attend Kokuvil Moral School, 25 students will attend Madurangenikulam Moral School, 20 students will attend Iralakulam Moral School, 24 students will attend Kudumbamalai Moral School, and 40 students will attend the Gran Vivekananda Welfare Center.



Jivanananda Social Service Project

Medical camps at the Kiran Vivekananda Welfare Centre in Vakarai, Kudumbamalai and Korakallimadu



In our medical camps held in Kokuvil, Krimichodai and Madurangenikulam in February and March 2025, 72 patients were treated at Mattapul Thottam, 67 patients benefited from our medical camps held at Periyavattavan and Kudumbamalai and 1322 patients at the Gran Vivekananda Welfare Centre.

Karaitivu Sarada Welfare Centre Medical Camp and Satsang



It is a privilege to have medical services at the Sarada Welfare Center in Karaitivu on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 84 patients benefited from our medical services held in February and March 2025. Satsang is held here every Tuesday.





Vivekananda Centre For Human Excellence

Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa



In our Vivekananda Human Excellence Centre at the Batticaloa Ramakrishna Mission, the following certificate training courses are being conducted. These courses will be taught by experienced experts. For more details, please contact: 0750922595.



Sinhala

Sat 4-6 p.m.
Sun 4-6 p.m.

Violin

Sat 8-10 a.m.
Sun 4-6 p.m.

Pannisai

Sat 8-10 a.m.
Sun 8-10 a.m.

English

Sat 8-10 a.m.
Sun 8-10 a.m.

Mridangam

Tue 4-6 p.m.
Thu 4-6 p.m.

Bharatanatyam

Fri 4-6 p.m.
Sun 5-6 p.m.

Yoga

Sat 6:30-8 a.m.
Sun 6:30-8 a.m.

Carnatic Music

Wed 4-6 p.m.
Fri 4-6 p.m.

Painting

Fri 4-6 p.m.
Sat 4-6 p.m.

Karate

Sat 4:30-6 p.m.
Sun 4:30-6 p.m.

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Sat 10am - 12 pm
Sun 10am - 12 pm

SUPPORT A MEAL FOR HOME STUDENTS

'FOOD IS BRAHMAN' - TAITTIRIYA UPANISHAD

BREAKFAST & TEA

AMOUNT
REQUIRED PER DAY
FOR 110 CHILDREN:
16,500/-

LUNCH

AMOUNT REQUIRED
PER DAY FOR 110
CHILDREN:
27,500/-

DINNER

AMOUNT
REQUIRED PER DAY
FOR 110 CHILDREN:
16,500/-

FOOD FOR AN ENTIRE DAY INCLUSIVE OF AN EVENING SNACK AND TEA

AMOUNT REQUIRED
PER DAY FOR 110
CHILDREN:
74,800/-

SPECIAL LUNCH

AMOUNT REQUIRED
PER DAY FOR 110
CHILDREN: **44,000/-**

FOOD FOR POYA DAY

AMOUNT
REQUIRED PER DAY
FOR 300 PEOPLE:
1,00,000/-

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