

Rural Services

Are going on every Sundays at Daharia Bhatta, Katihar nearly 3 kms. away and the response is very good. On an average 200+ poor patients are treated on Sundays by 2 very proficient Doctors. But all this needs a very heavy finance. We acquire 8-10 acres of land on higher plane. A tailoring course of 6 months has been started free of cost for poor village girls (50) in a villae about 10 kms. away from Katihar city.

Free Non-formatl Coaching Classes:

Are conducted in the remote villages (7) and also in towns for the deserving poor students numbering 650.



Permanent funds need to maintain smoothly (annually) all the above department:

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| 1. School | a. Building Maintenance | Rs. 70 lakhs |
| | b. Furniture Maintenance | Rs. 30 lakhs |
| 2. Dispensary: for its overall upliftment | | Rs. 100 lakhs |
| 3. Non-formal Coaching classes to maintain | | Rs. 20 lakhs |
| 4. Rural Medical Project to maintain | | Rs. 100 lakhs |
| 5. Dairy of 15 milch cows to maintain | | Rs. 30 lakhs |
| 6. Shri Ramakrishna Prayer Hall to maintain | | Rs. 50 lakhs |
| 7. A diesel Generator Set & its maintenance | | Rs. 50 lakhs |
| 8. Buses (2) & Rickshaws (9) maintenance | | Rs. 30 lakhs |

It is my fervent request to you to kindly donate generously towards the above needs. Donations to Ramakrishna Mission are exempt from Income Tax u/s 80G of I.T. Act 1961. A/c payee cheques and demand drafts may be kindly drawn in favour of 'Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Katihar'. Also, we gratefully receive donations in foreign currencies.

With deep regards & prayers to the Holy Trio.

Yours in the service of the Lord.

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Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama

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Synopsis of the Centre's Activities



With a small and humble beginning of relief to plague and malaria patients in Katihar - Purnea - Araria in 1925, the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Katihar gradually established the regular seva of Shri Ramakrishna in a small shrine. The devotees then approached the Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math authorities for an affiliation of this centre. The then Most Revered President Maharaj, Swami Shivanandaji, a direct disciple of Sri Ramakrishna, opined, "Katihar is a halting station from Belur Math to Assam. It will be good if we have one Ashrama of Sri Sri Thakur over there." With his blessings and good wishes Katihar Ashrama was affiliated to Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math as a branch centre in 1931.

Over a period of nearly eight decades this centre has bloomed to be one of the most active centres of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math. But the most important negative factor in the smooth functioning of this centre has been its 'WEAK FINANCES'. As people of various strata viz. the devotees, well wishers, the passed out students of this centre and the corporate houses all around the world over know that Bihar is one of the poorest states of India and backward in many respects viz. Education, economy, finance and health services, therefore, it has been our very great endeavour to boost all these services to cater to the poor deserving people of Bihar in a spirit of "Service to jiva as worship of Shiva."

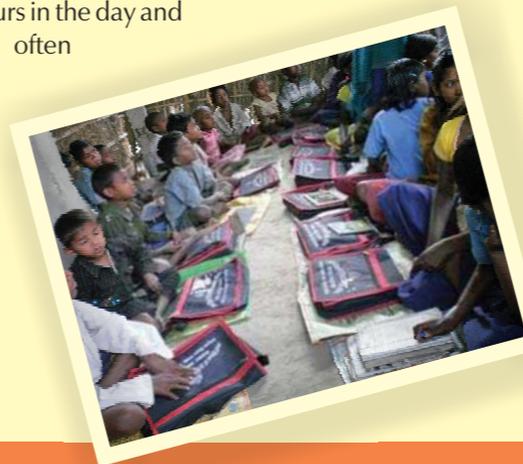
Herewith, I am giving a small synopsis of our activities along with the financial need to pay attention to the various problems that are not being attended to so far in the past decade or so.



RKMA – Vidyamandir

This unit had its origin sometime in the 1950's is now a full-fledged Higher Secondary School (10+2) wherein about 900 students pursue their education. Herein boys & girls receive education from 3rd to 5th standard (i.e. English Media) and from 6th standard to 12th standard (i.e. in English & Bengali media) for boys only. The education standard is well maintained and the annual board results are also satisfactory. Guardians of students long to get their wards admitted in this school as the discipline & education standard are comparatively better than schools around in Katihar as well as it has substantially subsidized tuition fees. This feeling does not make us complacent, as a matter of fact, we would like to do much more than what is being offered today for the betterment of standards. What we lack due to financial crunch is as follows:

The power supply in the state is quite deplorable. Often load-shedding is experienced during many hours in the day and night time also. The classrooms are often plunged into darkness, thereby, causing a lot of inconvenience to both the teacher and the taught. Therefore, the need to have a generator set of 15+ KVA (*Received) which will take care of the requirement of the whole campus of the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Katihar, Bihar as a matter of fact receives only 40% of its requirement.



The RKMA Shishumandir

Is meant for children from nursery to 2nd standard (English Medium). Herein there are nearly 700 boys & girls who receive education with substantially subsidized tuition fees. The problems more or less remain the same as mentioned in the case of Vidyamandir. But there is no compromise made in the teaching standards.

Charitable Dispensary

Three eminent and experienced Doctors of Allopathy (1) and Homoeopathy (2) treat nearly 1000 patients per month. The patients are immensely benefited; hence, a great demand always exists for expansion so that we could cater to many more poor patients in many other faculties. There is a lot of scope to offer many more services of other faculties.



The RKMA provides subsidized buses & Cycle Rickshaw services to the students

They are a great boon to students coming from far distance. But the buses have outlived their lives and need a replacement. A lot of maintenance and repairing charges make it a loss-making service and also the average mileage obtained is very low.

There is a Universal Prayer Hall

Of Bhagavan Shri Ramakrishna where the worship of Shri Ramakrishna goes on from the early morning 5 am onwards. Regular worship of Shri Thakur starts by 8 am or so. Then, we have the evening arati and bhajans as per the sunset timings. There are weekly 3 spiritual discourses viz. on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays. The problem of building maintenance and power supply is always lingering.

