




**RAMAKRISHNA MISSION
VIVEKANANDA EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(Deemed-to-be-University)**

**as declared by Government of India under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)
PO Belur Math, Dist Howrah 711202, West Bengal, India**

PRESS NOTE

It is well known that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, acronymed as NAAC (in Hindi: *Rashtriya Mulyankan ebom Pratyayan Parishad*), accredits various higher education institutions after proper assessment based upon seven criteria, namely, (i) Curricular Aspects, (ii) Teaching-Learning and Evaluation, (iii) Research, Innovations and Extension, (iv) Infrastructure and Learning Resources, (v) Student Support and Progression, (vi) Governance, Leadership and Management, (vii) Institutional Values and Best Practices. NAAC has been continuously improving and modifying its accreditation process to bring about greater transparency, objectivity and reliability. For this purpose, NAAC thoroughly revamped its process from July 2017 introducing 70% assessment through Data Verification and Validation of certain Quantitative Metrics responses to which will be verified and validated by a third party with the help of computer software designed specifically for the purpose while the rest of the 30% assessment is done through an expert team (called Peer Team) visit based on the responses to certain Qualitative Metrics. These Quantitative and Qualitative assessments are then suitably combined according to a certain formula and the final grade is awarded in 0–4 scale. The Institutional Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated using the well-established statistical techniques and Grades awarded. In the recently announced results released on 28 March 2019 in NAAC website, the Deemed-to-be-University, the only one of its kind in the whole of the State of West Bengal, called 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' headquartered in Belur Math, with 'Off-Campus' Centres in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Narendrapur (West Bengal), each of which being devoted to certain unconventional and unique 'thrust areas', has been awarded the highest Grade of A++ with CGPA of 3.66, which is just a wee bit lesser than the CGPA of 3.67 obtained by the reputed Indian Institute of Science at Bengaluru—Refer NAAC website. Thus, **Ramakrishna Mission's Deemed-to-be-University in the hallowed name of Swami Vivekananda ranks SECOND in the whole country among all the Universities that have been accredited in the Revised Accreditation Format (RAF) initiated from July 2017 by NAAC.** This is a unique and unparalleled achievement for a University going for NAAC accreditation in its very first cycle—clear and authentic recognition of the academic excellence of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda (Deemed) University by the autonomous and authorized accrediting institution NAAC. The A++ accreditation will be valid for five years up to 28 March 2024.

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Date: 28 March 2019


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