

‘VIVEKANANDA ARCHIVES’

Being planned at the Central Library Complex in the Belur Main Campus

CONCEPT NOTE

‘Vivekananda Archives’ will be an integral part of the Central Library Complex in the Belur Main Campus located in the 1st and 2nd floors of the new building complex called *Prajna Bhavan*. It is intended to preserve archival material concerning Ramakrishna-Vivekananda in particular and Indian Spiritual and Cultural Heritage in general. The Conservation Room of the Archives will have about 100 sq.m. Central cooling systems will be in place to create and preserve the environment needed for preserving the archival material. Contiguous to the Conservation Room will be a Laboratory equipped facilities for fumigation and de-acidification. An office room will be provided for administrative purposes.

‘Vivekananda Archives’ of the University will be meant for preservation and conservation of rare books and manuscripts in the areas as stated above, namely, Ramakrishna-Vivekananda in particular and Indian Spiritual and Cultural Heritage in general. Apart from preserving the hard copies, computerized (soft) copies of the rare archival material using the latest techniques will also be made.

At present, the University has quite an impressive collection of rare books on Buddhist literature in Pali, Singali, Thai, etc. There are also many rare books of different categories, manuscripts etc. The focus areas in Indian Spiritual and Cultural Heritage will be Yoga and Vedanta and a huge collection of rare books in these areas is envisaged.

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