On the occasion of Samskrit Saptah (Sanskrit Week)

Two-hour programme every day for one week on the following days: 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 August 2025 (from 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM each day)

to be held at Abhedananda Convention Centre, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal

In collaboration with
Asiatic Society, Kolkata
(as a part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute
&
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We are glad to announce that, as in every year, 'Samskrit Saptah' (Sanskrit Week) will be celebrated during the week 6-12 August 2025 (every day 6,7,8,9,11,12 Aug) for two hours from 4.00—6.00 PM each day. This is a collaborative effort between our University, RKMVERI, and Asiatic Society as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions. The details of day by day programme are given below. We request all our students of the Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy, faculty members, all devotees interested in Sanskrit and anyone else interested to please join this Sanskrit Week celebration, in large numbers. While the entire proceedings will be largely in Sanskrit only, Bengali/English translations of the summary will be available.

We announce with joy that Revered Swami Bhajananandaji Maharaj, Senior Vice-President of Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, has kindly agreed to inaugurate this Sanskrit Week celebration on 6 August 2025 at 4.15 PM and deliver a short benedictory address. He is eager to attend the all the sessions day by day owing to his deep interest in and love for Sanskrit.

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Preamble:

It has been a long-standing tradition that 'Samskrit Saptah' (Sanskrit Week) is celebrated during the first week of August every year. This year (2025), the Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy is celebrating this annual event on 6,7,8,9,11,12 August 2025 with a 2-hour programme each day. While the detailed programme is being worked out, tentative items of the programme to highlight the variety, richness, intensity and extensity of this Devabhasha, Sanskrit, that forms the backbone of the thousands of years of Bharatiya Jnana-Samskriti Parampara (Indian Spiritual and Cultural Tradition). Swami Vivekananda's eulogy of Sanskrit is well-known—we present some of his famous quotes in this regard:

- Sanskrit and prestige go together in India.
- The very sound of Sanskrit words gives a prestige and a power and a strength to the race.
- This Sanskrit language is so intricate, the Sanskrit of the Vedas is so ancient, and the Sanskrit philology so perfect, that any amount of discussion can be carried on for ages in regard to the meaning of one word.

RKMVERI, established by Ramakrishna Mission in the holy precincts of Belur Math as prophesied by Swami Vivekananda who said: "The spiritual impact which has come to Belur [Math] will last fifteen hundred years and it will be a great University. Do not think I imagine it; I see it," has laid great emphasis on Sanskrit education and research since inception and its vibrant Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy, conducts inter alia a unique Five-year Integrated (B.A.Hons.+M.A.) programme in Sanskrit wherein Sanskrit is taught fully in the medium of Sanskrit – teaching, interactions, discussions, examinations, all these and much more—are all fully in Sanskrit, so much so the students joining this programme with little knowledge of Sanskrit get groomed as scholars of high standard within these years of study and go on further to pursue research for their Ph.D. degree. The journey that began nearly twenty years ago with just 3 students on rolls has been continuing unabated, having now reached nearly 108 students and scholars: 75 students (both boys and girls) in the Five-Year Integrated (B.A.Hons.+M.A.) programme and 28 Ph.D. research scholars. Over the past two decades, our Dept. of Sanskrit has contributed to the pool of high level Sanskrit scholars in the country-fluent in spoken Sanskrit and flawless in written Sanskrit-nearly 180 scholars who have specialized in Panini Vyakarana (grammar), Vedanta (Advaita), Nyaya, etc.—no mean contribution to the community of high level scholars whose number is dwindling by the day.

Given below is a day to day of programme 'Samskrit Saptah' (Sanskrit Week). Inviting all the admirers and lovers of Sanskrit (samskrita-premika-vrinda) to participate in large numbers and with kind regards to all,

Swami Atmapriyananda Pro-Chancellor & Secretary

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Day by Day Programme for the Samskrita Saptah (Sanskrit Week) Celebration on 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 August 2025

(Chief Organizer: Dr Rakesh Das, Head of the Dept. of Sanskrit & Philosophy)

First day: 6 August 2025 (Wednesday)—4.00 to 6.30 PM

Revered Swami Bhajananandaji Maharaj, Senior Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will grace the occasion with his holy presence and deliver a brief inaugural address

Item of the programme	Presenter	Time (in minutes)
ऋग्वेदीयम् अग्निसूक्तम्, हिरण्यगर्भसूक्तम्	सुकमलझा, सौम्यसुन्दरः, शाश्वतझा, अरुणाभभट्टाचार्यः, सायनदासः	10
उद् बोधनभाषणम्	स्वामी जपसिद्धानन्दः	25
विशिष्टं भाषणम्	स्वामी आत्मप्रियानन्दः	10
आचण्डालाप्रतिहतरयो	शुभम-चक्रवर्ती अन्ये च	7
महाकाव्यपरिचयः (रघुवंशम्)	तुहिनः	15
गुरुपादुकास्तोत्रम्	कन्याः	7
वेदापौरुषेयत्वविचारः (शास्त्रार्थः)	प्रभातः, गौरवः	20
यमनचिकेतस्संवादः	सायनः, अरुणाभः	20
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	3

6.05—6.30 PM each day of the programme:

The programme on each day will conclude with 'Sri Ramakrishna Aratrikam' (composed by Swami Vivekananda) to be sung in chorus by all the participants (led by the students of the Dept. of Sanskrit & Philosophy).

Second day: 7 August 2025 (Thursday) —4.00 to 6.30 PM

Program	Presenter	Time (in mins.)
सामगानम्	आदित्यकुमारझा	10
गङ्गाधरस्तोत्रम्	कन्याः	7
महाकाव्यपरिचयः (कुमारसम्भवम्)	अमितकुमारगडाइः	15
ज्ञाने धर्म उत प्रयोगे (शास्त्रार्थः)	प्रलयनन्दी, प्रीतमबेरा	15
सरस्वतीस्तोत्रम्	शुभदीपदासः, तुहिनमण्डलः, बुद्धदेवदासः, राजेश-अधिकारी, राजकुमारमण्डलः	10
आरुणिश्वेतकेतुसंवादः	सौरभघोषः, बुद्धदेवमण्डलः	15
शिवाष्टकम्	प्राक्शास्त्रिच्छात्राः	7
वैदिकसूक्तपरिचयः (नासदीयसूक्तम्)	प्रभातकुमारमण्डलः	20
विशिष्टातिथिभाषणम्	स्मिता पाण्डेय (IAS)	15
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	3

Concluding Song: Sri Ramakrishna Aratrikam in chorus (6.05—6.30 PM)

Third Day: 8 August 2025 (Friday) —4.00 to 6.30 PM

Program	Presenter	Time (in mins.)
ईशावास्योपनिषद्	शैलजनाथपण्डाः	7
श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता (द्वादशोऽध्यायः)	कन्याः	15
महाकाव्यपरिचयः (किरातार्जुनीयम्)	नयनचौधुरी	15
श्रीरामकृष्णस्तोत्रदशकम् (ब्रह्मरूपमादिमध्य)	सुरजित् प्रामाणिकः	10
अन्तर्यामिब्राहमणम् (वाक्यार्थः)	शुभदीपदासः	20
अच्युताष्टकम्	शुभजित् जाना	10
वैदिकस्कतपरिचयः (अक्षस्कतम्)	शान्तनुनायेकः	10
गङ्गावताररहस्यम्	सैकतमोहान्तः	15
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	3

Concluding Song: Sri Ramakrishna Aratrikam in chorus (6.05—6.30 PM)

9 August 2025 (Saturday)—4.00 to 6.30 PM

Program	Presenter	Time (in minutes)
सामवेदीया छान्दोग्योपनिषत्	आदित्यकुमारझाः	10
शिवाष्टकम्	प्रथमवर्षीयच्छात्राः	8
महाकाव्यपरिचयः (शिशुपालवधम्)	सैकतमोहान्तः	15
गोपिकागीतम्	कन्याः	15
आनन्दमयोऽभ्यासात् (वाक्यार्थः)	सुदर्शनः	15
प्रहेलिकाकथनम्	शाश्वतझा	15
भज गोविन्दम्	शुभमचक्रवर्ती	10
वैदिकसूक्तपरिचयः (मण्डूकसूक्तम्)	सौरभपोडेलः	15
Rare manuscript archives at Asiatic Society, Kolkata—Preservation, conservation and digitization	Lt.Col. Anant Singh, Administrator, Asiastic Society, Kolkata (Collaborator in this 'Sanskrit Week' programme)	15
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	5

Concluding Song: Sri Ramakrishna Aratrikam in chorus (6.05—6.30 PM)

10 August 2025 (Sunday)—Alumni Meet of the ex-students of Sanskrit Dept (not open to all) 11 August 2025 (Monday)—4.00 to 6.30 PM

Program	Presenter	Time (in minutes)
शिवसङ्कल्पसूक्तम्, पुरुषसूक्तम् (वाजसनेयी)	प्रथमवर्षीयच्छात्राः	10
मूर्तमहेश्वरमुज्ज्वलभास्करम्	शुभमचक्रवर्ती	5
महाकाव्यपरिचयः (नैषधीयचरितम्)	वासुदेवगडाइः	15
अम्बास्तोत्रम्	भगीरथगडाइः	7
सत्कार्यवादः	बुद्धदेवः, तुहिनः, राजेशः, अनीकः	15
श्रीहरिस्तोत्रम्	कन्याः	10
वैदिकस्कतपरिचयः (अरण्यानीस्कतम्)	सुवर्णा	10
कथामृतात् संवादः	अनीककुमारदासः	20
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	3

12 August 2025 (Tuesday)—4.00 to 6.30 PM

Program	Presenter	Time (in minutes)
तैत्तिरीयशाखायां रुद्रप्रश्नः	सुदर्शनः	15
विवेकानन्दपञ्चकम्		5
काव्यपरिचयः (मेघदूतम्)	प्रलयनन्दी	15
गरुडगमन तव	कन्याः	15
ब्रहमणो हि प्रतिष्ठाहम् (वाक्यार्थः)	तीर्थङ्करः	15
निखिलभुवनजन्म	शुभमचक्रवर्ती	5
वैदिकसूक्तपरिचयः (सरमापणिसंवादसूक्तम्)	उत्तमघोषः	10
अवधूतगुरुप्रसङ्गः (श्रीमद्भागवतात्)	सुखदेवभट्टः	20
कृतज्ञताज्ञापनम्	राकेशदाशः	3

Concluding Song: Sri Ramakrishna Aratrikam in chorus $(6.05-6.30\ PM)$

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