



VIVEKOTSAV - 2026

Inculcating The Spirit Of Vivekananda

*On the occasion of the
Birth Anniversary Celebration of*

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

**Inter-School Elocution, Recitation,
Reading and Multi-Talent Competition**



**RAMAKRISHNA MATH
&
RAMAKRISHNA MISSION**

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Note : Please read this brochure carefully.

164th Birthday Celebration of Swami Vivekananda

VIVEKOTSAV

52nd Inter -School
Elocution And Recitation Competition - 2026
&
25th Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition
&
31st Inter-School Reading Competition for the
Hearing-Impaired Children

The Heads of Educational Institutions,

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are glad to announce the forthcoming Annual Competitions for School Children under Vivekotsav, held to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

The objective of such competitions is to inculcate the spirit & ideas of Swami Vivekananda in the young minds for holistic development, so that they grow to become noble & awakened citizens of our Motherland.

We request you to kindly extend your co-operation as in the past by sending selected students from your school and making the event a success.

Thanks and with best wishes,

Yours in the Lord,

SWAMI SATYADEVANANDA

Adhyaksha/Secretary

Note : All enquiries should be referred to and all information / material for competition should be collected from Ramakrishna Math, Khar (W), only. Similarly, Entry Forms duly completed with the venue of your choice should be sent to Ramakrishna Math, Khar (W), Mumbai - 52, and not to the other venues.

52nd INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION IN ELOCUTION AND RECITATION - 2026

- There is **No Entry Fee**.
- Schools can participate in any of the 7 venues mentioned in this brochure and indicate the same in the Entry Form.
- **Maximum 5 (five)** students to be sent for each category.
- A participant can compete in more than one language.
- Please ensure that the names and surnames of the participants are legibly written in CAPITAL LETTERS in your Entry Forms so as to avoid any mistakes while preparing Prize-Winners' and Participation Certificates.
- A panel of three judges, whose decision shall be final and binding, will assess the participants. No further enquiry in this regard will be entertained.
- Prescribed Books in Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati & English and Sanskrit Passages can be collected from the office of Ramakrishna Math, 12th Road, Khar (W), Mumbai - 400 052.
- Please send all the Entry Forms to Ramakrishna Math, Khar.
- **Dress Code: School Uniform**
- Criteria for assigning marks will be as follows :

Content	30 Marks
Clarity / Brevity	10 Marks
Impact / Impression	10 Marks
Total	50 Marks

- Please note that the last date for receipt of entries for Elocution, Recitation & Multi-Talent Competition is one week before the Scheduled event. (Venue - wise)
- Participation Certificates will be issued to all participants.
- Organisers reserve the right to make alterations in any programme.



**To Succeed, you must have tremendous
perseverance, tremendous will. - - -
work hard and you will reach the goal.**

TROPHIES & PRIZES

ELOCUTION & RECITATION

Best School	:	1 Trophy
(Maximum Prize Points)		
1st Runner-Up School	:	1 Trophy
2nd Runner-Up School	:	1 Trophy
Champion of Champions	:	1 Trophy
(Individual Prize)		
Championship Awards	:	20 (one in each category)
All Prize-Winning Students	:	Books

Championship Round for Elocution Competition :

- ♦ Only **First-Prize Winners** from all the groups of all venues will contest in the **Championship Round**.
- ♦ Contestants for the "Championship Round" in the Junior and Senior Category have to prepare all the three prescribed topics (except Sanskrit) and speak on the topic which they themselves will choose by drawing lots.
- ♦ All prize-winners and participants will be given certificates.

READING COMPETITION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Best School Reading Competition	:	1 Trophy
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Elocution, Recitation & Reading Competition Prize Points

Championship : 18 points	1 st : 9 points	2 nd : 4 points	3 rd : 1 point
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MULTI-TALENT

Best School Quiz	:	1 Trophy
Best School Power Point Presentation	:	1 Trophy



The greatest sin is to think yourself weak.

TOPICS AND LANGUAGES

• ELOCUTION •

Time: 3 min

ENGLISH

Juniors Topic	: (V - VII) : 1. Narendra (Swami Vivekananda) Meets Sri Ramakrishna 2. Wandering Days Of Swami Vivekananda 3. Service To God In Man
Seniors Topic	: (VIII - X) : 1. The Great Teachers Of The World 2. Onward Forever 3. Work And Its Secret

HINDI

Juniors Topic	: (V - VII) : 1. नरेन्द्रनाथ का प्रथम आगमन और परिचय 2. परिव्राजक दिनों में 3. नर-नारायण की सेवा
Seniors Topic	: (VIII - X) : 1. विश्व के महान शिक्षक 2. सदा बढ़े चलो 3. कर्म और उसका रहस्य

MARATHI

Juniors Topic	: (V - VII) : 1. नरेन्द्रनाथांचे प्रथम आगमन आणि परिचय 2. परिव्राजक स्वामी विवेकानंद 3. शिवभावे जीव सेवा
Seniors Topic	: (VIII - X) : 1. जगतील थोर आचार्य 2. सतत पुढे चला 3. कर्म आणि त्याचे रहस्य

Gujarati

Juniors Topic	: (V - VII) : 1. નરેન્દ્રનાથનું પ્રથમ આગમન અને પરિયય 2. પરિવ્રાજક સ્વામી વિવેકાનંદ 3. નરસ્ને નારાયણની સેવા
Seniors Topic	: (VIII - X) : 1. જગતના મહાન ધર્માવતારો 2. વણિથંભી આગેકૃય 3. કર્મ અને તેનું રહસ્ય

SANSKRIT RECITATION

Juniors

(V - VII)

&

Seniors

(VIII - X)

- Printed Passages will be provided.
- Audio Recordings will be available on demand.

Time: 3 min

DATE, VENUE AND TIME

❖ VENUE 1 ❖

N A V I M U M B A I

**Lokmanya Tilak College of Engineering, Plot No. 17 & 18,
Vikasnagar, Sector-4, Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai - 400 705.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025.

**HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30 am : JUNIORS, 11.00 am : SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm : JUNIORS, 3.30 pm : SENIORS**

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 22, 2025

❖ VENUE 2 ❖

D A D A R (W)

**I.E.S.'s Raja Shivaji Vidyalaya, Raja Shivaji Vidya Sankul, Gate No. 2,
Sir Bhalchandra Road, Hindu Colony, Dadar (E), Mumbai - 400 014.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

**HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30 am: JUNIORS, 11.00 am :SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm : JUNIORS, 3.30 pm :SENIORS**

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 22, 2025

❖ VENUE 3 ❖

D O M B I V A L I

**S.I.A College, P-88, MIDC Residential Area, Phase II, Dombivli
Gymkhana Road, Near Balaji Mandir, Dombivli (East) - 421 203**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025.

**HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30 am : JUNIORS, 11.00 am : SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm : JUNIORS, 3.30 pm : SENIORS**

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 29, 2025

❖ VENUE 4 ❖

V I R A R

**Swagat Academy School, Swami Samarth Nagar, Wavtewadi,
Phoolpada Road, Virar (East), Tal. Vasai, Dist. Palghar - 401305;
Contact – 98816 22928**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025.

**HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30 am : JUNIORS, 11.00 am : SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm : JUNIORS, 3.30 pm : SENIORS**

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 29, 2025

DATE, VENUE AND TIME

❖ VENUE 5 ❖

K H A R

Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission,
12th Road, Khar (West), Mumbai - 400 052. Tel. : 6181 8002, 6181 8000

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025.

HINDI : 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025.

MARATHI : 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025.

ENGLISH: 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025.

SANSKRIT / GUJARATI : 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 29, 2025

❖ VENUE 6 ❖

M A L A D

Aspee Nutan Academy, Marve Road,
Off. Swami Vivekananda Road, Malad (W), Mumbai - 400 064

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30 am : JUNIORS, 11.00 am : SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm : JUNIORS, 3.30 pm : SENIORS

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, December 6, 2025

❖ VENUE 7 ❖

T H A N E

New Horizon Scholars School, Anand Nagar, G.B. Road,
Nr. Muchhala College, Kavesar, Thane (W) - 400 615.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025.

HINDI, ENGLISH : 8.30am: JUNIORS, 11.00 am:SENIORS
MAR., GUJ, SANSKRIT : 1.30 pm :JUNIORS, 3.30 pm :SENIORS

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, December 6, 2025

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

VENUE : K H A R

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission

12th Road, Khar (West), Mumbai - 400 052.

Tel.: 6181 8000, 6181 8002

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

English, Marathi - 9.00 am

Hindi, Gujarati & Sanskrit - 2.00 pm

First Prize Winners of all group from all centres

**31st Inter-School Reading Competition for
the Hearing-Impaired Children**

VENUE : K H A R

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission

12th Road, Khar (West), Mumbai - 400 052.

Tel.: 6181 8000, 6181 8002

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

Time : 9.30 am

Languages : English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati

**Eligibility : Sub-Junior Boys/Girls (Std. III to V)
Junior Boys/Girls (Std. VI & VII)
Senior Boys/Girls (Std. VIII to X)**



Negative thoughts weaken men

MULTI TALENT COMPETITION

25th Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition 2026

VENUE : KHAR

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission,
12th Road, Khar (West), Mumbai - 400 052.

Tel.: 6181 8000, 6181 8002

- All events in the Multi-Talent Competition will be held only at Ramakrishna Math, Khar.**

Events are:

(1)Yoga-Asana Presentation (2) Devotional Songs
(3) Drawing (4) Quiz
(5)Power-Point Presentation

- The decision of the judges shall be final & binding.**
- The participants must be punctual and maintain strict discipline.**
- There is **NO ENTRY FEE**.**
- Participation Certificates will be issued to all participants.**
- Dress Code: School Uniform (Except Yogasana)**
- Organisers reserve the right to make alterations in any programme.**

For any enquiries call us at :

6181 8000, 6181 8002 (Between 10.00 am to 6.00 pm)

E-mail us at vivekotsavrkm@gmail.com



**The real man is one and infinite, the
Omnipresent Spirit**

YOGA ASANA PRESENTATION

(Team Event)

YOGA FOR MIND AND MEMORY

Tell your body that it is strong, tell your mind that it is strong and have unbounded faith and hope in yourself.

-Swami Vivekananda

VENUE :
RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR (WEST)

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
9.00 a.m. Juniors : 9.30 a.m. Seniors

Categories :

- Junior Boys - Std. V to VII
- Senior Boys - Std. VIII to X
- Junior Girls - Std. V to VII
- Senior Girls - Std. VIII to X

Dress Code : Decent loose fitting clothes

- Boys - Track Suit
- Girls - Salwar Kameez or Track Suit

SURYA NAMASKAR : Students have to demonstrate 2 rounds of Sashtang Namaskar also commonly known as Surya Namaskar.

ASANAS : After Surya Namaskar, students will have to demonstrate **any three Asanas** of their choice.

Time given for total presentation will be **5 minutes**. Each school can send **3 students per group**. All students from the same school will perform together in their respective groups.

१) स्थिरम् सुखम् आसनम् ।

Asana is that which gives you stability and ease.

२) योगः चित्तवृत्ति निरोधः ।

Yoga is that through which one directs, guides and channelises one's thought towards a desired goal.

Last Date To Send Entries: Monday, December 8, 2025

DEVOTIONAL / PATRIOTIC SONG

(SOLO)

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Competition is open to amateur boys & girls. Each school can send two boys and two girls for Junior & Senior Groups respectively i.e. 8 students per school.

Exclusively Girls or Boys Schools can send 4 juniors and 4 seniors.

TIME ALLOTTED: 3 Minutes maximum

Junior Boys & Girls (Std. V to VII) : 9.00 am

Senior Boys & Girls (Std. VIII to X) : 1.00 pm

Participants will not be allowed to use any musical instruments.

Last Date To Send Entries: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

DRAWING

Thursday, December 18, 2025

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

Junior Boys & Girls (Std. V to VII) : 9.00 am

Senior Boys & Girls (Std. VIII to X) : 1.00 pm

Theme :

Juniors Boys & Girls (Std. V to VII) :

- 1) Swamiji Practised What He Preached
- 2) Innocent Biley

Seniors Boys & Girls (Std. VIII to X)

- 1) The Baranagore Math
- 2) Brave Naren

- **Time allotted shall be 2 hrs.**
- The Organisers will provide one sheet of drawing paper (11"x15" size).
- The participants should bring their own painting materials.
- **Note** - Participants (Juniors & Seniors) are free to choose any medium of their choice like Crayons, Oil Pastels, Water or Poster Colours etc. or Mixed Media.
- The drawings will be the exclusive property of the organizers.

ASSESSMENT :

This will be made on the basis of composition/colour scheme/ finish. Each school can send 8 participants. (2 in each group)

Last Date To Send Entries: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

FOR JUNIORS (STD. V TO VII)

1. SWAMIJI PRACTISED WHAT HE PREACHED

In one of his discourses at a Western American town, Swamiji said that one who has attained Absolute Truth or Knowledge remains the same under all circumstances; he is always calm and unruffled by things external. A few churlish cowboys heard this lecture and decided to test him. When Swamiji went to their village to deliver a lecture, they asked him to stand on a reversed tub and address the gathering.

Swamiji did as requested and then became absorbed in his subject. The cowboys meanwhile started firing from close range, the bullets whizzing past Swamiji's ears. This did not perturb Swamiji in the least. He continued his speech with as much composure as he had started with. When he had finished, the cowboys surrounded him, shook hands with him and declared : "Yes Swamiji, you are absolutely genuine. You are what you preach!"

2. INNOCENT BILEY

OR

The elders of the household had told Biley, in fun, that if one meditated, one's hair would become as long and matted as the monks', and would gradually enter deep into the earth like the roots of a banyan tree. So the simple child, seated in meditation, would once in a while open his eyes to see if his hair had grown long and matted. But when his expectations were not fulfilled, he ran in bewilderment to his mother, and asked, "I have meditated; but why has no matted hair grown?" His mother consoled him: "It is not grown in an hour or a day. It takes many many days, yes, many many months, before matted locks can be grown."

FOR SENIORS (STD. VIII TO X)

1. THE BARANAGORE MATH

After the Mahasamadhi of Sri Ramakrishna, Narendranath and his brother-disciples rented an old dilapidated house at Baranagore where they founded the first Monastery of the Ramakrishna Order. The garden was full of weeds and cobras lived under the ground floor ! For months they had nothing to eat but rice and boiled leaves. But Naren and the brother monks cared nothing for it. They thought only of God. They meditated for long hours, sang songs and discussed the religious ideas of all sects and religions. During this period they took the monastic vow of Sannyasa They tried to follow everything that Sri Ramakrishna had taught them.

2. BRAVE NAREN

OR

Once 6 year old Naren was returning from a fair with one of his younger cousins. He has purchased some Shiva idols. It was dark and they got slightly separated. At that moment, a carriage came dashing along. Naren turned at the noise and was horrified to see that it was a question of life and death for the little lad who stood terrified in the middle of the road, about to be run over! Putting the Shiva idols under his left arm, Naren rushed to him and heedless of his own safety, pulled him almost from under the horses' hooves! Some people patted Naren for his bravery while others blessed him.

QUIZ

(Team Event)

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

Friday, December 19, 2025 at 9.00 am

**ONLY FOR SENIOR GROUP IN ENGLISH
(STD. VIII to STD. X)**

ELIGIBILITY: Students (Girls & Boys) only Senior Group

(Std. VIII to Std. X) Time : 9.00 am Language : English

Study Material :

Quiz Booklets containing questions and answers on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda will be provided to schools on request for distribution to the participants. Please indicate your requirement of Quiz Booklets at the earliest.

Please note that any number of students can participate in the Preliminary Round. Kindly arrange to collect the Preliminary and Final Round books.

Preliminary Round :

- The preliminary round of quiz, based on the quiz booklets supplied, is to be conducted by the school itself on any convenient day on or before **Saturday, November 29, 2025**
- We will also supply the Question Papers for the Preliminary Round of written quiz, which are to be kept confidential till the time of the quiz.
- These papers are to be evaluated by the school teachers at their respective schools.
- The schools are requested to return the evaluated papers of the three top-ranking students to us on or before **Friday, December 5, 2025 and collect the set of prescribed books, one each for three top rankers, for the following Final Round.**
- We will supply the books free to each participating school.

Final Round (At Ramakrishna Math, Khar) : on Friday, December 19, 2025

- a. The team comprising 3 top-ranking students representing their school shall participate in the Final Round of Inter - School Quiz Contest.
- b. **The students are required to prepare for the final round of quiz from the quiz booklets and other prescribed books supplied by us.**

Awards :

- Four top-ranking schools and the participants from those schools will be awarded prizes.



**That which is selfish is immoral and
that which is unselfish is moral.**

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

(Team Event)

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025, AT 9.00 am

ONLY FOR SENIOR GROUP

(STD. VIII to STD. X)

FORMAT FOR THE COMPETITION

1. This competition is open to school students of standard **VIII to X (Boys & Girls)**.
2. The participants of the competition are required to make a Power Point Presentation on the topic : **What is real personality as per Swami Vivekananda**
3. Three students of the same school have to form a group.
4. The presentation has to be made by the group.
5. The PPT has to be made in any version upto **2016**.
6. The PPT can consist of relevant photos, graphics, words and even music.
7. **Presentation can be in English/Marathi/Hindi or in combination.**
8. A Stop Sign will be displayed after **6 minutes**, when the PPT has to end.
9. Students should not continue after the Stop Sign.
10. There is no restriction on the number of slides which the group can make. However, all slides should be shown within the allotted time of **6 minutes** per group.
11. **The students have to bring their PPT in a pen-drive or in the laptop on the day of the competition.**
12. **DO NOT mail the PPT to us.**

Last date to send entries : Saturday, December 13, 2025

JUDGING STANDARDS :

1. The presentation will be judged by a panel of three judges whose decision will be final and binding.
2. Marks out of 100 will be allotted as under :

Contents of the PPT	-	40
Presentation Skills	-	25
Student's Creativity	-	25
Overall impact	-	10

PRIZES :

Trophy will be presented to the Best School and Individual prizes will be given to the prize winning students.



**We are what our thoughts have made us;
so take care of what you think**

Highlights of last year's VIVEKOTSAV Elocution & Recitation Competition

Chief Guest

Dr. Roshan Shetty

(M.D Radiologist & Director of Pinnacle Imaging CT and MRI center Juhu & Andheri and Infinity Medical centers Parel)

Entries received from :

174 Schools	3633 Students
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Total prizes distributed :

To Schools	102
To Students	872

Trophies Awarded :

Best School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition
Children's Academy, Malad (East)

1st Runner-up School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition
Sri Ma Vidyalaya & Jr. College, Thane (West)

2nd Runner-up School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition
Yashodham High School, Goregaon (East)

READING COMPETITION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

Total No. of Entries received from

Schools	13	Students	108
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Total No. of Prizes awarded to Students : 97

Trophy Awarded :

Best School Trophy Reading Competition
The Central School For The Deaf, Agripada

Highlights of last year's VIVEKOTSAV Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition

Devotional Songs	311 Entries	69 Prizes
Drawing	525 Entries	61 Prizes
Quiz	44 Schools consisting of 3 students in each school in the Final Round. Approx 2000 students in the Preliminary Round	
PowerPoint Presentation	51 Schools consisting of 3 students in each school	

Quiz

Best School Trophy	Lakshdham High School, Goregaon (E)
1 st Runner-Up	Children's Academy, Malad (E)
2 nd Runner-Up	St. John High School, Tata Power, Borivali (E)
3 rd Runner-Up	Sri Ma Vidyalaya (CBSE), Thane (W)

Power Point Presentation

Best School Trophy	Sri Ma Vidyalaya & Jr. College, Thane (W)
1 st Runner-Up	Lakshdham High School, Goregaon (E)
2 nd Runner-Up	Children's Academy, Thakur Complex, Kandivali (E)
3 rd Runner-Up	Children's Academy, Malad (E)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

At Vivekananda Hall, Ramakrishna Mission,
12th Road, Khar (W), Mumbai - 400 052.

on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 2.00 pm

All are welcome



All power is within you. You can do anything and everything. Believe in that. Do not believe that you are weak.