



VIVEKOTSAV 2026-27

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.

**165th Birthday Celebration of
Swami Vivekananda**

**VIVEKOTSAV
2026-27**

**53rd Inter -School
Elocution And Recitation Competition
&
26th Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition
&
32nd 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 Atmashraddhananda

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.

53rd INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION IN ELOCUTION AND RECITATION 2026-27

- 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.
- Time allotted to each participant is **3 minutes**.
- **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 & Ramakrishna Mission, 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 (Maximum Prize Points)	: 1 Trophy
1st Runner-Up School	: 1 Trophy
2nd Runner-Up School	: 1 Trophy
Champion of Champions (Individual Prize)	: 1 Trophy
Championship Awards	: 20 medals (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 will be awarded certificates.*

READING COMPETITION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Best School Reading Competition : 1 Trophy

Elocution, Recitation & Reading Competition Prize Points			
Championship : 18 points	1 st : 9 points	2 nd : 4 points	3 rd : 1 point

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 •

ENGLISH

Time: 3 min

- Juniors** : (V - VII)
Topic : 1. Brilliant Naren And His Wonderful Teacher
 2. At The Chicago Parliament Of Religions-1893
 3. Real Worship
- Seniors** : (VIII - X)
Topic : 1. Sri Ramakrishna And His Mission By
 Swami Vivekananda
 2. Swamiji's First Public Lecture In The East
 3. Faith And Strength

HINDI

Time: 3 min

- Juniors** : (V - VII)
Topic : १. मेधावी नरेन एवम उनके अनूठे गुरु
 २. शिकागो विश्व-धर्मपरिषद में
 ३. सच्ची उपासना
- Seniors** : (VIII - X)
Topic : १. श्री रामकृष्ण और उनका जीवनोद्देश्य-स्वामी विवेकानंद
 २. स्वामी विवेकानंद का पूर्व में प्रथम सार्वजनिक व्याख्यान
 ३. श्रद्धा और बल

MARATHI

Time: 3 min

- Juniors** : (V - VII)
Topic : १. तेजस्वी नरेन आणि त्याचे अद्वितीय गुरु
 २. १८९३... शिकागो विश्व-धर्मपरिषदेत
 ३. खरी पूजा
- Seniors** : (VIII - X)
Topic : १. श्री रामकृष्ण आणि त्यांचा जीवनोद्देश - स्वामी विवेकानंद
 २. स्वामी विवेकानंदांचे पूर्वमधील प्रथम व्याख्यान
 ३. श्रद्धा आणि बल

Gujarati

Time: 3 min

- Juniors** : (V - VII)
Topic : १. તેજસ્વી નરેન અને તેના અદ્વિતીય ગુરુ
 ૨. શિકાગો ધર્મ પરિષદમાં
 ૩. સાચી ઉપાસના
- Seniors** : (VIII - X)
Topic : ૧. શ્રી રામકૃષ્ણ અને તેમનું જીવનકાર્ય-સ્વામી વિવેકાનંદ
 ૨. સ્વામી વિવેકાનંદનું પૂર્વમાં પ્રથમ જાહેર પ્રવચન
 ૩. શ્રદ્ધા અને સામર્થ્ય

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 ❖

K A L Y A N

Arya Gurukul

Vidyanagari, Nandivali, Malangad Road, Kalyan East – 421 306

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026.

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 21, 2026

❖ VENUE 2 ❖

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, DECEMBER 5, 2026.

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 28, 2026

❖ VENUE 3 ❖

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 6, 2026.

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 28, 2026

❖ VENUE 4 ❖

K H A R

Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission,

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026.

HINDI : 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 28, 2026

DATE, VENUE AND TIME

❖ VENUE 4 ❖

K H A R

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026.

MARATHI : 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026.

ENGLISH: 9.00 am : JUNIORS, 1.30 pm : SENIORS

Last Date To Send Entries: Saturday, November 28, 2026

❖ VENUE 5 ❖

M A L A D

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026

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 5, 2026

❖ VENUE 6 ❖

T H A N E

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026.

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 5, 2026

❖ VENUE 7 ❖

D A D A R

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, DECEMBER 13, 2026.

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 5, 2026

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

First Prize Winners of all groups from all Centres

VENUE : K H A R

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission

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

Tel.: 6181 8000, 6181 8002

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2026

English, Marathi - 9.00 am

Hindi, Gujarati & Sanskrit - 2.00 pm

**32nd 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 11, 2026

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

26th Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition 2026-27

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:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| (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 vivekotsavrkrm@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 15, 2026
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 7, 2026

DEVOTIONAL / PATRIOTIC SONG

(SOLO)

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

Wednesday, December 16, 2026

- Competition is open to amateur boys & girls. Each school can send two boys and two girls for Junior & Senior Groups respectively.
- 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 8, 2026

DRAWING

Thursday, December 17, 2026

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 : (content of the themes are provided on the next page)

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

- 1) True Meaning of Fearlessness
- 2) The Path to Inner Peace

Seniors Boys & Girls (Std. VIII to X)

- 1) Face The Brute : The story and the lesson
- 2) Meditating On The Rock at Kanyakumari

- **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 two boys and two girls for Junior & Senior Groups respectively.
- Exclusively Girls or Boys Schools can send 4 juniors and 4 seniors.

Last Date To Send Entries: Wednesday, December 9, 2026

DRAWING THEMES

FOR JUNIORS (STD. V TO VII)

1. TRUE MEANING OF FEARLESSNESS

Naren and his friends used to play in a garden, swinging head down, from the branches of a tree. This irked the owner, an old man, who wanted to stop them. He told them that a ghost was living on the tree and would break their necks. This scared the other children. But Naren was undeterred. He convinced his friends that the old man was lying. If there had been a ghost, it would have broken their necks long back. He told them that nothing should be believed until and unless it is tested or experienced.

OR

2. THE PATH TO INNER PEACE

One day a young man came to Swamiji and said, "Swamiji, I have visited many places and have had close association with many religious sects; yet I do not understand what Truth is. Everyday I close the door and sit in meditation but peace remains as elusive as ever. Please tell me why?" Swamiji listened to him patiently, then he said, "My child, if you want peace, you have to do exactly the opposite of what you have been doing so long. You have to keep your door open, you have to look around. If you do, you will be surprised to find how many people are anxiously waiting for your help! Help them, feed them, give them water to drink serve them as much as you can. I guarantee you will find peace!"

FOR SENIORS (STD. VIII TO X)

1. FACE THE BRUTE: THE STORY AND THE LESSON

One day, during his wandering days, when Swamiji was returning after visiting the Durga Temple in Varanasi, a troop of monkeys started chasing him. To save himself Swamiji started running, but the monkeys ran faster and became increasingly aggressive. Suddenly an old monk called out to him, "Stop running. Face the brutes!" Swamiji heard him and turned around. The monkeys immediately stopped harassing him. Swamiji drew a great lesson from this apparently simple incident. He learnt that one should not run away when faced with danger or difficulty; instead one must face it boldly. "This is a lesson for all life", he said. "Face the terrible, face it boldly. Like the monkeys, the hardships of life fall back when we cease to flee before them!"

OR

2. MEDITATING ON THE ROCK AT KANYAKUMARI

At the end of his wandering days throughout India, when Swami Vivekananda reached Kanyakumari, the intensity of his mood was so overpowering that he plunged into the sea. Swimming through choppy waters he reached the area where the three oceans meet. There seated on a rock, lost to the world for three days and three nights, he meditated on his Motherland and thought of the misery of her children and how to make India great again.

QUIZ

(Team Event)

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA MATH, KHAR

Friday, December 18, 2026 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 28, 2026**
- 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 4, 2026 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 18, 2026

- The team comprising 3 top-ranking students representing their school shall participate in the Final Round of Inter - School Quiz Contest.
- **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 19, 2026, 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 : Role of Swami Vivekananda in India's freedom struggle**
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 12, 2026

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. Debjani Dasgupta

(Director of the School of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics,
D Y Patil Deemed to be University, Navi Mumbai)

Entries received from :

177 Schools	4872 Students
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Total prizes distributed :

To Schools	126
To Students	1031

Trophies Awarded :

Best School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition Sri Ma Vidyalaya & Jr. College, Thane (West)
1st Runner-up School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition Children's Academy, Ashok Nagar, Kandivali (East)
2nd Runner-up School Trophy Elocution & Recitation Competition Children's Academy, Malad (East)

READING COMPETITION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

Total No. of Entries received from

Schools	9	Students	128
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Total No. of Prizes awarded to Students : 101

Trophy Awarded :

Best School Trophy Reading Competition KDN Shruti School For The Deaf, Juhu

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

Devotional Songs	356 Entries	72 Prizes
Drawing	502 Entries	83 Prizes
Quiz	43 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	Vasant Vihar High School, 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)

Champion of Champions Award
ADARSH UMESH RAI (Std. VIII)
St. Xavier's High School & Jr. College, Nerul

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

At Vivekananda Hall, Ramakrishna Mission,
12th Road, Khar (W), Mumbai - 400 052.
on Sunday, February 14, 2027, at 2.00 pm
All are welcome



National Youth Day is celebrated on **12th January** to honor the **birth anniversary** of the great philosopher, spiritual leader, and youth icon, **Swami Vivekananda**. To mark this occasion, Youth programmes will be organized on 12th January, followed by the daylong **VIVEKA Workshop** - a Human Excellence Development Program on **13th January** every year.