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(January 2019 to December 2019)

The Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy, established way back in 1957 has been imparting life-centric education to visually impaired boys for the last sixtytwo years. The guiding force has been the words of Swami Vivekananda – “We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.” It was started in a very humble way with the objectives of offering education, training and rehabilitation service to the visually handicapped and has now developed into a full-fledged institution with several wings viz., General Education upto Higher Secondary (including Craft, Book-Binding, Typewriting etc.), Vocational Music, Vocational Industrial Training, I.T.I., Training in Agriculture & Animal Husbandry for the rural adult blind, Swimming Pool Project, Braille Library, Regional Teachers' Training Centre, Regional Braille Press, Computer Training, Low Vision Centre and Clinic and Audio Book Studio etc.

Annual Celebrations :

The 62nd Annual Celebrations and Exhibition were inaugurated by Shrimat Swami Parasharanandaji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math, Shyampukur Bati , Kolkata on January 19, 2019 by lighting lamp at 1.00 p.m. Swami Bipashanandaji Maharaj, Senior Monk in the Ramakrishna order, Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj of this Ashrama and other monks offered flowers in front of the portrait of Swamiji. Revered Maharajas went round the exhibition arena and in the inaugural meeting they inspired the students, trainees and members of the staff with their loving words. On 20th January, 2019 the prize-giving ceremony was held at 1-30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Academy. Shri Kajal Kumar Banerjee, IAS, Additional Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Dept. of Mass Extension & Library Services presided over the programme. Smt. Madhumita Sinha Roy, Director of Social Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal and Shri National Youth Day was observed on 12th January, 2019 in connection with 156th Birth day Celebration of Swami Vivekananda in the Vivekananda Centenary Hall. Our students performed closing song.

On 19th January,2019 evening Shri Gourab Chatterjee, an eminent singer presented songs. On 20th the students of the Academy put up a drama entitled “SATTI BHUTER GAPPO’ which was acclaimed by the spectators.

Other Celebrations :

(a) The 122nd Birthday of Netaji was celebrated on January 23, 2019 in front of the Vivekananda Centenary Hall. Brig. Niladri Shankar Mukherjee, SM, VSM, Former Station Commander, Kolkata was present as Chief Guest.

- (b) The Republic Day was observed through Flag Hoisting, National Anthem, March-past by cadets, readings and speeches etc. on January 26, 2019 in front of the Vivekananda Centenary Hall.
- (c) The 156th Birthday Tithi of Swami Vivekananda was observed on 27th January, 2019 in the Vivekananda Centenary Hall. Our students performed opening song.
- (d) Public Celebrations in connection with the Birth Anniversaries of Shri Shri Thakur, Maa and Swamiji were held on 3rd February, 2019. The students of the Academy participated in live broadcasting and presented devotional songs and orchestra before the public meeting in the mango grove in front of the vidyalaya. Swami Durgatmanandaji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math, Bamanmura, Kolkata, was present on the occasion and spoke a few words before devotees' present.
- (e) The 184th Birthday Tithi of Shri Shri Ramakrishna was celebrated on 8th March, 2019. In the morning, a colourful procession was taken out and it passed through different streets of the Ashrama and its outskirts. Well-decorated portraits of Sri Sri Thakur, festoons and posters containing the messages of Shri Ramakrishna were carried by the students and trainees of different units of the Ashrama when holy water was sprinkled through the streets and chamaras were waived by the boys in front of the portraits. A meeting was arranged in the Vivekananda Centenary Hall after the procession was over. The programme included chanting, songs, readings, speeches etc. Our students chanted "Shri Ramakrishna Punthi".
- (f) Shri Shri Saraswati Puja was performed in the Vidyalaya Assembly Hall with devotion on February 10, 2019. Our students presented songs and offered pushpanjali along with the students of other units of the Ashrama.
- (g) Shivaratri was celebrated on 4th March, 2019.
- (h) Dolyatra was celebrated on 21.03.2019.
- (i) Vidyarthi Vrata, the vow taking ceremony of the newly admitted boys, was held on the auspicious Ram Navami Tithi on 14th April, 2019 in the Assembly Hall. Special Puja, Homa etc. were performed on the occasion. Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of the Ashrama distributed the mementos to the students and trainees. Guardians, teachers and the members of the staff were present on the occasion and received 'prasad' at noon.
- (j) The 77th Foundation Day of the Ashrama was observed on 7th May, 2019 on the auspicious Akshay Tiritiya Day in the Vivekananda Centenary Hall. Shrimat Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj welcomed the Guests. Dr. Ruma Pal, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India was present as Chief Guest and Prof. Sabujkoli Sen, Department of Philosophy, Visva-Bharati University was present as Guest of Honour. Shri Asok Mohan Chakrabarti, IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal delivered 'Swami Lokeswarananda Memorial Lecture'.

Swami Vasavananda, Assistant Secretary of the Ashrama delivered the vote of thanks. Our students performed orchestra in the programme. The staff members & their family members and ex-students of the Academy took part in the lunch on this occasion.

- (k) The students of the Academy observed Helen Keller Day on 27th June, 2019 in the Academy Assembly Hall.
- (l) The 73rd Independence Day was observed on 15.08.2019 in the Vivekananda Centenary Hall. Dr, Sabyasachi Hazra, Former Chairman & Managing Director, The Shipping Corporation of India, Kolkata presided over the programme and hoisted the National Flag. Col. Debasish Mitra, Head Quarters, Bengal Sub Area, Kolkata was present as Guest of Honour. Our students presented closing song in the function.
- (m) The students of the Academy observed Helen Keller Day on 27th June in the Academy Assembly Hall.
- (n) The students of the Academy observed Janmastami on 24th August, 2019 in the Academy Assembly Hall through Srikrishna Katha, Srikrishna Kirtan, Austottara Satanam, Song, Bhajana, Drama etc. Br. Adrish, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, presided over the programme and enlightened the audience about the life and teachings of Lord Shri Krishna.
- (o) Birthday Tithi of Ma Sarada Devi was observed on December 18, 2019 in the Ma Sarada Hall of the Ashrama.
- (p) The Christmas Eve was observed on December 24, 2019 at Sri Ramakrishna Temple. Piyush Bhai Desai, Chairman, Wagh Bakri Tea Group and Ex-Chairman Federation of All India Tea Traders Association were the Guest-in-Chief and Guest-of-Honour respectively. They gave away the prizes, Certificates and Scholarships to the successful students and trainees.

Performance in the Secondary (Madhyamik) Examination :

The performance of our students in the Secondary Examination has been on the whole satisfactory under the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

On the basis of the marks the following students secured first three positions from the Academy 2019.

1. Shri Subhadip Mondal	...	94.7%
2. Shri Saruk Shaik	...	94.4%
3. Shri Sahidul Islam	...	93.0%

The table showing the results of the boys of the Academy in the Madhyamik Pariksha during the last five years may help the curious readers get a clear idea about the performance of our boys.

Subject-wise Grades Secured

Year 2019	No. of students 14	Beng	Eng.	Math	Phy. Sc.	L. Sc.	Hist.	Geo.
AA-(90-100)		03	12	08	07	08	11	10
A+(80-89)		04	02	03	07	06	02	03
A(60-79)		06	--	03	--	--	01	01
B +(45-59)		01	--	--	--	--	--	--
Year 2018	No. of students 16	Beng	Eng.	Math	Phy. Sc.	L. Sc.	Hist.	Geo.
AA-(90-100)		02	07	16	03	10	-	12
A+(80-89)		11	09	--	13	06	07	03
A(60-79)		03	-	--	-	--	09	01
Year 2017	No. of students 17	Beng	Eng.	Math	Phy. Sc.	L. Sc.	Hist.	Geo.
AA-(90-100)		01	03	17	--	04	06	01
A+(80-89)		11	13	--	09	13	05	14
A(60-79)		05	01	--	08	--	06	02
Year 2016	No. of students 16	Beng	Eng.	Math	Phy. Sc.	L. Sc.	Hist.	Geo.
AA-(90-100)		09	05	15	16	--	--	04
A+(80-89)		07	10	01	--	14	--	12
A(60-79)		--	01	--	--	02	15	--
B+(45-59)		--	--	--	--	--	01	--
Year 2015	No. of students 13	Beng	Eng.	Math	Phy. Sc.	L. Sc.	Hist.	Geo.
AA-(90-100)		--	--	08	06	09	05	03
A+(80-89)		07	11	05	06	03	05	02
A(60-79)		06	02	--	01	01	03	08

Performance in the Higher Secondary Examination :

10 students of the Academy appeared at the Higher Secondary Examination 2019 under West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education. All have passed in the 1st division.

On the basis of the marks the following students secured first three positions from the Academy in 2019.

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| 1. Shri Abhijit Biswas | ... | 88.8% |
| 2. Shri Arjun Ghosh | ... | 88.6% |
| 3. Shri Uttam Garai | ... | 88.0% |

The table showing the results of the boys of the Academy in the Higher Secondary Examination during the last five years may help the curious readers get a clear idea about the performance of our boys.

Year 2019	Beng.	Eng.	Hist.	Pol. Sc.	Sanskrit	Music
O(90-100)	02	-	02	03	09	-
A+(80-89)	07	08	07	05	01	01
A(70-79)	01	02	01	01	-	06
B+(60-69)	-	-	-	01	-	02
B(45-59)	-	-	-	-	-	01
Year 2018	Beng.	Eng.	Hist.	Pol. Sc.	Sanskrit	Music
O(90-100)	-	-	04	-	-	-
A+(80-89)	08	09	06	09	02	-
A(70-79)	02	01	-	01	08	03
B+(60-69)	-	-	-	-	-	07
Year 2017	Beng.	Eng.	Hist.	Pol. Sc.	Sanskrit	Music
O(90-100)	10	07	02	05	-	-
A+(80-89)	-	03	08	05	10	-
A(70-79)	-	-	-	-	-	08
B+(60-69)	-	-	-	-	-	02
Year 2016	Beng.	Eng.	Hist.	Pol. Sc.	Sanskrit	Music
O(90-100)	01	03	03	-	-	-
A(70-79)	09	07	07	08	08	-
B+(60-69)	-	-	-	02	02	03
B(45-59)	-	-	-	-	-	07
Year 2015	Beng.	Eng.	Hist.	Pol. Sc.	Sanskrit	Music
A+(80-89)	08	-	03	10	-	01
A(70-79)	02	07	05	-	05	02
B+(60-69)	-	03	02	-	05	06
B(45-59)	-	-	-	-	-	01

Educational Achievements :

This year 8 ex-students completed their Graduation from different Universities of West Bengal. Out of 14 students who completed Madhyamik Pariksha, 10 are studying in Class XI in the

Blind Boys' Academy, 3 are in the regular schools and remaining 1 is studying in special school. Out of 10 students who completed Class XII from the Academy, 6 are studying in Jadavpur University, 2 in Law College and remaining 2 are in Rabindra Bharati University. 2 ex-students secured 2nd and 4th position in CLAT among the visually impaired. 1 (one) ex-student has joined as Lecturer in English at Chandannagar Girls' College. 3 ex-students of the Academy became G.R.F Scholar.

Vocational & Industrial Training :

The Light Engineering Training was started in the year 1964. During last 54 years we have rendered training to 647 blind adults. We could place 467 of our ex-trainees in Govt., Private & Govt. undertaking Sectors and in Self Employment. The percentage of placement since inception is 72.18%.

It is to be noted especially that we have achieved to get the affiliation of National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) for starting I.T.I. for the visually impaired persons with effect from August 2018. It runs two courses (a) "MCA"(Metal Cutting Attendant") Course for 2 years and (b) "COPA" (Computer Operation and Programming Assistant) for 1 year. 4 (four) trainees have completed COPA and 10 (ten) trainees are undergoing MCA Course. 11 more students joined in the MCA Course and 10 students joined in COPA in August, 2019.

Training in Agriculture for the Rural Blind :

6 students coming from rural areas of different districts of the state were imparted training in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry during the period from January 2018 to December 2019. On successful completion of training they rejoined their families to assist their relatives with manual labour and technical know-how that they acquired from the training course. Since the introduction of the programme the total number of blind persons trained in Agriculture & Animal Husbandry comes to 415. Out of them 408 have been resettled at home in rural vocations like cow-keeping, goat-sheep rearing, poultry farming and in kitchen-gardening under self-employment scheme. And the remaining 6 are in the process of resettlement.

District-wise Distribution of trained clients (January 2018 - December 2019) :

1.	24-Parganas (North)	1
2.	Murshidabad.....	2
3.	Purba Bardhaman.....	1
4.	Darjeeling.....	1
5.	Bihar.....	1
	Total :	6

The Ashrama received a grant of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees thirtyfive thousand) only from the Government of West Bengal, Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare for economic rehabilitation of trained rural blind adults of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry Scheme of the Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy during the year 2018-2019.

Music :

The students of Music Section (Vocal & Instrumental) of the Academy regularly took part in different functions. The following table shows the performance of Music Programme.

Date	Organizer/Venue	Purpose	Item
01.01.2019	Yogodyan Math, Kankurgachi	Kalpataru Utsav	Devotional Song & Orchestra
07,02,2019	Krishna Nath Collegiate School	Centenary Programme	Orchestra
14,02,2019	Rotary International	Cultural Programme	Instrumental Music
17,03,2019	R.K.Mission, Belur Math	Sri Sri Thakur's Tithi Puja	Bhajana & Orchestra

Co-curricular Activities :

The Academy organizes regularly different types of Intra-Academy Competitions such as Recitation, Braille Reading and Writing, Clay-Modelling, Story-telling, Debate, Music, Extempore Speech, Quiz, Elocution etc. Besides these, Academy observes Louis Braille Day, Helen Keller Day, Janmastami, Teachers' Day, Bhabani Prasad Chanda (1st Principal of the Academy) Memorial Day for the Persons with Disabilities.

Observance of Louis Braille Day :

The Blind Boys' Academy in collaboration with Dept. of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal observed Braille Day on 4th January, 2019 in the Academy Assembly Hall. In this connection Braille Reading Competition and Speech Competition (Relevance of Braille in Modern Times) was organized on that day. Smt. Sanghamitra Ghosh, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, inaugurated the programme by lighting lamp in front of the portrait of the Louis Braille. Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of this Ashrama welcomed the guests and audience. Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Debabrata Chattaraj, State Commissioner (Disabilities).

Another programme on the same occasion was organized on 31st January, 2019 at the Academy Assembly Hall in collaboration with Amway India. In this connection Braille Reading Competition and intra class quiz competition were held. The students of the Academy staged a Drama on the life of Louis Braille. Smt. Debarati Sarkar, S.D.O., Baruipur was present as Chief Guest, Smt. Sarbani Bhattacharya, Regional Corporate Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, East, Amway India and Shri Debasish Ganguly, Cluster Operations Manager, Amway India were present as Guest-of-Honour.

Competitions outside the Academy :

The students of the Academy regularly participate in various cultural and sports events organized by different institutions/organizations. A glance through the following table will give you an idea about their performance in 2019.

Date	Name of the competition	No. of our participants	Organized by	Group/Item	Result
21.01.2019	Inter-School Sports Meet	5	Calcutta Blind School	Partially Blind (16 – 19 yrs.) Partially Blind (upto 12 yrs.)	2 First, 2 second and 1 third. 2 First & 2 second
19 th -22 nd Jan. 2019	National Blind & Deaf Judo Championship	9	Indian Blind & Para Judo Association, Gorakhpur	Sub-Junior & Junior	Gold – 4 Silver – 1 Bronze - 1
06.07.2019	Inter-School Essay Writing	7	R.K.Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur	Pre-Senior-Bengali Junior– Bengali	3 rd Joint 2 nd
10.08.2019	14 th All Bengal Swimming Competition for the sightless	28	Blind Persons' Association & Indian Life Savings Society	Sub-Junior Junior Senior	Gold – 3 Silver – 2 Bronze – 2 Gold – 2 Silver - 1
20.08.2019	Inter School Cultural Competition	18	Calcutta Blind School	Recitation Rabindra Sangeet Nazarul Geeti Tabla Debate Beng. Braille Eng. Braille Quiz	2nd 3rd 1st & 2nd 3rd 1st & 2nd 1st 2nd & 3rd 1st
03.09.2019	All India Elocution Competition on Swami Vivekananda	2	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park	Swami Vivekananda's 19 th September Chicago Address	2nd and 5th
Nov. 1 to 4,2019	8 th National Para Blind Judo Championship at Hyderabad	20	Indian National Blind Para Judo Association	Judo	Gold – 5 Silver – 4 Bronze – 5

27.9.2019	Commonwealth Judo Championship	1	University of Wolverhampton Walsall, England	Judo	Bronze
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NATMO QUIZ :

30 students of the Academy participated in the Quiz Competition on Geography organized by NATMO on 20.09.2019.

Training Institute for the Teachers of the Visually Handicapped :

This Eastern Regional Centre was established in 1965 and caters to the need of institutions and teachers by providing training and guidance through different kinds of programmes. Since July, 1988 a course of 10 months' duration sponsored by National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, was launched for the Secondary Level Teachers of the Visually Handicapped. Later, it was approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India. During the period of July 1988 to May 2004, 371 teacher-trainees received training from this centre.

From the year 2004-2005, this training institute is conducting B. Ed. Special Education (Visual Impairment) duly approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, affiliated to the University of Calcutta and sponsored by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disability (Divyagjan). At present 56 students [27 of 1st year (2019-21 session) and 29 of 2nd year (2018-20 session)] are undergoing the training. The 2nd semester examination of 1st year (2019-20 batch) and 4th semester examination of 2nd year (2017-19 batch) of Bachelor of Education (Special Education) in Visual Impairment were held from June 18, 2019 to July 11, 2019. Since 2004-05, 318 teacher-trainees have received B. Ed. Special Education (V.I.) Degree from this Institute. In the current year 29 students (2017-19 session) have passed out and 27 students have been admitted in 2019-21 session.

Braille Library :

The Braille Library of the Academy plays a vital role to promote the education and rehabilitation of the visually handicapped students. The beneficiaries are students and trainees of the Academy, ex-students who are attending colleges and universities and the research scholars in the field of blindness and associated disabilities of different universities. All the students (Class I to XII) of the Academy get all the prescribed text books through the Book Bank run by the Library. The number of volumes accessioned in the Library is 48,357 including 37,774 embossed books and 10,583 letterpress books. There are also 882 talking books (in tapes, cassettes and discs). There has been an addition of 532 books in different categories during the year.

Audio Book Studio :

In the year 2007, an Audio Book Studio was set up in the Academy for the production of reading materials in C.D. with the financial help from Force Foundation. Books-both text and general are being recorded here and copies are being prepared for the use of our students as well as visually handicapped students of other institutions. Volunteer readers with good voice and distinct

pronunciation are welcome to lend their voice for quality production of Audio Books for print handicapped readers. 108 books have been recorded up to 2019.

Low Vision Centre and Clinic :

The number of low vision children is increasing all the world over. These children are legally blind but they have apathy for learning Braille because of their residual vision. The alternative way is to provide them with low vision aids like Magnifying Glass, Large Print Books etc. To provide facilities to these low vision children for improvement of quality of life a Low Vision Centre and Clinic has been started on the premises of the Academy to assess the functional vision and prescribe and supply suitable low vision aids to the low vision children with the financial assistance of Kirpalani Foundation and Cognizant.

Computer Training :

The Computer Training Programme for the Visually Handicapped was formally inaugurated on 19.08.2003 with the financial support by Amway Opportunity Foundation, New Delhi. It serves the blind learners in two ways. Those who have completed studies up to Xth Standard can undergo a full-fledged Vocational Course. Those who are yet to achieve that Academic Standard i.e. the present students and trainees of the Academy also learn the basics of computer application. The students of Classes V to XII of the Academy are attending Computer Application Classes regularly. Apart from these, Computer Application has been included in the syllabus of MCA Training Courses.

Sub-Contract Workshop :

In the Sub-Contract Workshop, 10 (ten) trainees are engaged in spice-powder production, manufacturing of folding sticks for the blind, stylus to be used for writing on Braille slates, signature guide, production of candle, soap cake, plates of Shal Leaves, chau and potato chips. Nearly 35 of our ex-trainees are engaged in selling the spice powder, candle, besan, chattu etc. and thus they are earning at least a portion of their livelihood.

Self-Employment :

Blind persons are selling spice powder in different companies like South Wind, Amway India, Lexmark, Aquaguard as the CSR initiative and earning their livelihood.

Rojgar Mela :

An ex-trainee of the Academy Shri Sanjoy Biswas participated in the Rojgar Mela on 4th December, 2019 at College Square, organized by the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal.

Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown :

A meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta, Midtown was held on 28.07.2019 in the Academy Assembly Hall where they gave running trophy and running cup for the best sportsman and best musician of the Blind Boys' Academy respectively. Apart from these, three boys who performed best results in the Academy in Madhyamick Pariksha, 2019 have been awarded scholarships. Award is

also given to the best team of Quiz Competition and two Runners-up team (Buddhi Juddha) which was conducted by the Rotaract. Scholarships giving ceremony were also held like previous years

Kavi Pranam & Barsha Baran Celebration :

On the occasion of the Death Ceremony of Rabindranath Tagore, the Information & Culture, Govt. of West Bengal, Baruipur & Blind Boys' Academy celebrated "Kavi Pranam & Barsha Baran" on 8th August, 2019 in the Academy Assembly Hall. Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of the Ashrama welcomed the guests and audience. Smt. Debarati Sarkar, S.D.O., Baruipur, South 24-Parganas and Prof. Ayantika Ghosh spoke on the occasion.

Regional Braille Press :

The Regional Braille Press of the Blind Boys' Academy, began its services in 1967. It is engaged in printing and publishing braille text and reference books in various languages viz. Bengali, English, Manipuri, Sikkimese, Meghalaya (Garo) and Sanskrit on various subjects including Mathematics, Science and Geography from beginner's class to secondary level and some books for Higher Secondary and 3-year Degree Course. Besides, the Press has been publishing Braille Calendar every year since 1969. Now technologically advanced computer operated machines are being used for embossing braille books. In this year one Braillo 650 SW Embosser has been installed in our Press with the financial assistance from the Department of Mass Education Extension and Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal. In the course of its services to promote braille literacy among the blind in India, the Press has been honoured by the Govt. of India as the best Braille Press with National Award in the year 2009 & 2016. The Press has been also honoured by the Govt. of West Bengal with State Award in 2009 as the best Braille Press.

The following table will reflect the services rendered by the Regional Braille Press from January, 2019 to December, 2019.

<i>Language</i>	<i>No. of Titles Produced</i>	<i>Complete in volume</i>	<i>No. of vols. Printed/ Reprinted</i>	<i>No. of vols. Sold/ Distributed</i>
Bengali	22	84	20,374	20,555
English	15	65	4,349	4,338
Sanskrit	1	1	106	73
Total	38	150	24,829	24,666

Awareness Development :

The Demonstration Van which was equipped with power-driven mini lathe, grinding & drill machine and others which the blind people can operate was taken to Sarkar Bagan Friends Circle, 19/4B, Nilmoni Mitra Road, Kolkata – 7002 from 11th to 14th January, 2019 to make the common people aware of the abilities of the visually handicapped people.

Educational Tour :

The students of Class VI – XII of the Academy visited the Visva-Bharati on March 12, 2019 and junior students upto Class V visited Jayrambati and Kamarpukur on March 24, 2019.

Observance of "Teachers' Day" :

On the occasion of the "Teachers' Day", the Samskriti Parishad of the Academy organized a programme in the Academy on the 5th September, 2019 from 9:45 a.m., which included two Mock Classes by the students of the Higher Secondary Section in the first phase and songs, speeches, recitation, musical recital etc. in the second phase. Sri Sagar Chakrabarti, Addl. District Magistrate (Development), South 24-Parganas, Govt. of West Bengal presided over the programme. Swami Vasavanandaji Maharaj, Assistant Secretary of the Ashrama delivered welcome address and Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of the Ashrama blessed the teachers on this auspicious day.

Inter-School Debate Competition :

The 48th Inter-School Debate Competition was organized on 21st September, 2019, the motion being, In the opinion of the House, "Abundant use of Social Media is very much congenial to the development of youth". 14 (fourteen) Schools in and around Kolkata participated in the Debate. The Future Campus School emerged Champion and won Swami Vivekananda Challenge Shield. Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy was Runners-up and won Swami Vijnanananda Challenge Cup. Sri Subhadeep Mondal of R.K.Mission Blind Boys' Academy stood first; Sri Surya Sekhar Bhattacharya of National High School stood second and Km. Lucifa Rahaman of Future Campus School stood third individually. The Board of Judges of the competition comprised Sri Biplab Kumar Ghosh, Senior Journalist, Sri Ayan Bhattacharya, Journalist, News 18 Bangla and Smt. Indira Sur, Associate Professor of Muralidhar Girls' College. Sri Debasish Basu, Eminent Audio Artist acted as Chairman. The Chairman and other judges gave away the certificates and prizes to the participants.

Observance of the International Day for the Persons with Disabilities :

On December 03, 2019, the Blind Boys' Academy in collaboration with Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. organized a programme on the occasion of International Day for the Persons with Disabilities. An Awareness Rally from Blind Boys' Academy to Kamalgazi and back to the Academy via. Eastern Bypass was organised. Students, trainees and staff members of the Academy and around 50 students and staff of 8 neighbouring schools participated in the Rally. Dr. Ravi Inder Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Mass Education Extension and Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal was present as Chief Guest and Flag Off the Rally. After Rally a programme was arranged in the Academy Assembly Hall. Shri Malay Kanti Murmu, Joint Director, Mass Education Extension Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal was present as Guest-of-Honour. Key Note Address was given by the representative of Amway India Enterprises. Dr. Ravi Inder Singh, Shri Malay Kanti Murmu, Smt. Tulikax Das (Director, SANCHAR) spoke on the occasion. Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of the Ashrama welcomed the guests and other dignitaries present on the occasion. Shri Biswajit Ghosh, Principal of the Academy delivered Vote of thanks.

Observance of International Literacy Day:

The Govt. of West Bengal, Dept. of Mass Education Extension & Library Services observed the International Literacy Day on 9th September, 2019 at Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata. They honoured the Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy as best NGO in the field of visually impaired. Our students performed inaugural song in the programme.

State Award :

From 1979, the Government of West Bengal also started giving State Award to the most efficient visually handicapped workers. This year on 3rd December, the following ex-trainee of the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Course of the Academy received State Award from the Government of West Bengal, in a function at the Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata as outstanding self-employed worker

Year	Name of the Recipient	Duration of Study/Training in the B.B.A.	Nature of Employment/Occupation
2019	Shri Jahangir Sk.	2016-17 batch	Self Employed in Agri. & Cow keeping

Glimpses of the recipients of the award for the last 5 years are given below :

Year	Name of the Recipient	Duration of Study/Training in the B.B.A.	Nature of Employment/Occupation
2014	Shri Nikhil Ch. Sil	1-2002 Batch	Self-employed in Agri., Cow-keeping & Mushroom Cultivation
	Shri Somnath Mondal	2009-2010 batch	Self-employed in Cow-keeping & Agri.
	Shri Kanan Ch. Halder	1988-1989 batch	Self-employed in Poultry Farming
	Shri Shibsankar Sannigrahi	1995-1996 batch	Self-employed in Agri., Fishery & Nursery Management
2014	Shri Sanjib Samanta	2014-2015 batch	Creative work in making things with leather, nylon, jute & plastic
2015	Shri Bhaskar Halder	2011-2012 Batch	Self-employed in Agri. goat rearing, fishery & Cow-keeping

	Md. Anuar Hossein Molla	2013-2014 Batch	Self-employed in Cow, duck, poultry & Agri.
	Md. Badiruddin Sheik	2012-2013 Batch	Self-employed in Cow, goat, poultry & agri. farming
	Shri Milan Mondal	2012-2013 batch	Self-employed in Cow-keeping, mushroom cultivation & Agri. farming
	Shri Abhijit Bar	1989-1990 batch	Self-employed in Cow, Goat & Agri farming.
	Shri Milan Barman	2013-2014 batch	Self-employed in Cow, Goat & Agri farming
2016	Shri Amiruddin Seikh	2012-2013 batch	Self-employed in Cow, goat, agri. Poultry & mushroom cultivation
	Shri Joykrishna Barik	2013-2014 batch	Self-employed in cow, agri. & fishery
	Shri Pratap Ch. Maity	2007-2008 batch	Self-employed in cow, goat, agri, fishery & mushroom cultivation.
	Shri Tarak Ch. Mondal	2002-2003 batch	Self-employed in nursery, kitchen gardening & cow keeping.
	Shri Hiranmoy Dubey	2014-2015 batch	Self-employed in cow, goat, agri. & poultry farming.
	Shri Baburam Sardar	2009-2010 batch	Self-employed in mushroom cultivation & L.E. Trg.
2017	Shri Subrata Bhowmick	2011-2012 batch	Self-employed in cow-keeping, mushroom cultivation & agri.

	Shri Gobinda Roy	2015-2016 batch	Self-employed in cow-keeping, mushroom cultivation & agri.
	Shri Pradip Das	2015-2016 batch	Self-employed in cow-keeping, mushroom cultivation & agri.
2018	Shri Subhas Saw	2006-2007 batch	Self-employed in mixed-farming.

Staff Picnic :

The Samskriti Parishad of the Academy organized Staff Picnic at Burul, Falta, South 24-Parganas on 08.12.2019. Some members of the staff have participated in the picnic.

Mushroom Project :

The Mushroom Project, during the period continued with its normal activities with financial resources of the Ashrama.

The main objective of the project is to provide the training on mushroom awareness and its cultivation techniques to the trainees of Blind Boys' Academy and rural farmers. The programme could not be taken up in rural areas during the period due to financial constraint. However, six one-day training programmes have been conducted in the Ashrama premises. Total participants attended : 310 (Female-35, Male-120, SC-150, OBC-15, General-90).

Retirement :

During the year 2019, six staff members of the Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy retired from their services. Their sincere and dedicated services to the Academy will always be thankfully remembered. We wish them long, happy and peaceful post-retirement life.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the staff</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Section</i>
1.	Sri Subrata Nag	Resource Teacher	School
2.	Sri Ujjalendu Chakraborti	Teacher (Sitar)	School
3.	Sri Gangadhar Das	Assistant Helper	Hostel
4.	Sri Banamali Sethi	Helper	Hostel
5.	Sri Kamal Ch. Majhi	Helper	Hostel
6.	Sri Rathin Ch. Nath	Workman-cum-Mechanic	SBI Scheme

Appointment :

During the year 2019, the following five persons have been appointed in the Academy, we extend a hearty welcome to all of them.

Sl. No.	Name of the staff	Post	Section
1.	Sri Birendra Nath Jana	Instructor (Cane, Coir)	School
2.	Sri Prakriti Maity	Assistant Helper	Hostel
3.	Sri Manabendra Garu	Helper	Hostel
4.	Sri Surajit Panda	Helper	Hostel
5.	Sri Debasish Maji	Braille Instructor	Agri & Tech. Trg. (Adv. Course)

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