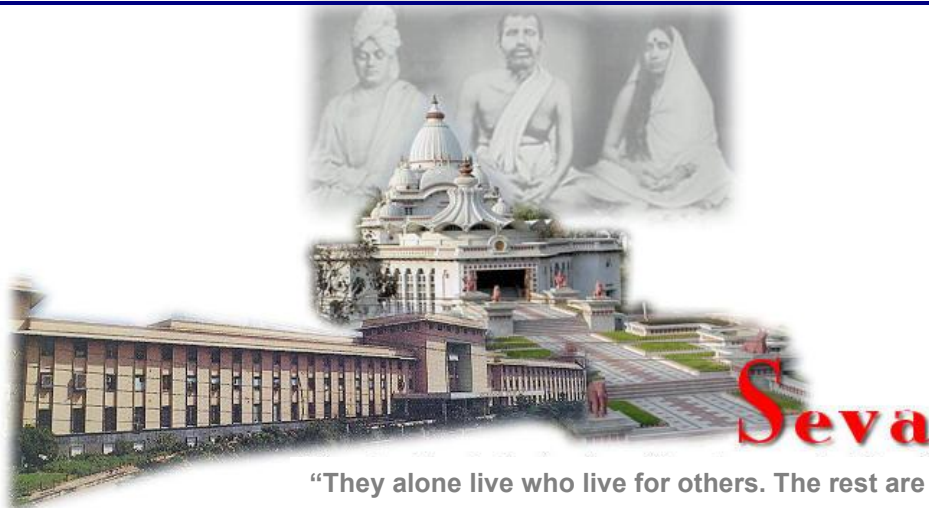




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“They alone live who live for others. The rest are more dead than alive.”

Polyclinic News

Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Lucknow, runs the Vivekananda Polyclinic & Institute of Medical Sciences, a 350 bedded multi-speciality community hospital, with the objective of providing quality healthcare at the lowest cost to all patients and to provide charity services to deserving persons from lower socio-economic strata.

ASSISTANCE TO NEPALI PATIENTS



A large number of Nepali patients, belonging to urban and rural areas of Nepal, are brought from outside Lucknow and also from Nepal at VPIMS for better treatment & cure. Due to language problem, sometimes relatives/attendants of these patients do not understand advices of doctors and paramedical staff which anyhow affect treatment of their patients. Often, they are cheated and misguided by outsiders because of lack of correct local information resulting improper treatment of their patients which demoralize them to come again here at Lucknow. In order to avoid such embarrassment, on 1st of June, 2007, VPIMS commenced an assistance wing by way of providing them proper treatment and

other subsequent facilities available within the premises of the Hospital with the help of Nepal Rural Development Forum (NRDF), Nepalganj. During the last two months 669 patients from Nepal were treated out of whom 103 patients were admitted in the hospital and 34 surgeries were performed.

SQUINT CLINIC

Squint or strabismus or ocular misalignment is the condition where the visual axis of the two eyes do not meet at the point or object of regard. In ophthalmic practice, the most common maladies are related with problems of binocular vision or ocular motility. Squint patients may present with either deviation of eyeball, blurred vision, diplopia, headache, head turn or head tilt. It is always desirable to diagnose and treat early so that maximal effectivity or binocular vision can be ensured right from the younger age group. Dr. Rekha Goel, a renowned strabismologist, formerly of Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Sitapur, is now associated with VPIMS. The inauguration of the Squint Clinic was performed on 7th June, 2007 in the Department of Ophthalmology, Vivekananda Polyclinic & Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow with lighting of lamp amidst Vedic Prayers by the monks of Sri Ramakrishna Math. Swami Muktinathananda, Secretary of the Hospital welcomed all including Dr. Rekha Goel mentioning that it is a blessing for the city of Lucknow to have a competent squint specialist like Rekha Goel who is available regularly for the services of the people here. Dr. Goel expressed her gratitude that VPIMS has given her an opportunity to serve the squint patients in and around Lucknow. Dr. Goel would be running the OPD primarily on the first Thursday of every month at VPIMS. Her patients would be provided subsequent treatment throughout the month at the Department of Ophthalmology, VPIMS including early diagnosis of squint, refraction, orthoptic and pleoptic exercises, diplopia test, amblyopia management and surgical correction of squint.





BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A voluntary Blood donation camp was organised on 4th July 2007 in collaboration with M/S. Larsen & Tubro Limited to mark the centenary celebration of their co-founder Mr. Henning Holck Larsen. 29 persons donated their blood which were processed into various components. Another Blood donation camp was also organised on 7th July '07 in collaboration with Navjyoti Kiran Seva Sansthan (Drug de-addiction & Rehabilitation Centre) where 30 volunteers donated Blood.

NEWS FROM PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- A Fully automated blood donor couch has been installed in the blood bank for early and comfortable blood donation and to avoid donor-reactions.
- The immunology section of the Pathology department has introduced estimation of anti T.P.O. (Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody) and anti Tg (Thyroglobulin antibody) for the diagnosis of autoimmune thyroid disorders.
- **MALARIA HITS LUCKNOW** : Haematology section of Pathology department was the first to diagnose 8 cases of malignant tertian malaria, caused by Plasmodium falciparum, presented as acute hepatorenal failure and one case of dengue haemorrhagic fever within a short span of one week. The district authorities were duly notified.



FREE CAMP FOR CLEFT LIP/ PALATE PATIENTS



A free camp was organised on 28th July '07 at Gola Gokarannath, Dist. Lakheempur Khiri where 42 cleft lip and cleft palate children were examined and registered for plastic surgery at the Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute of Medical Sciences on dates as per their convenience. They will be operated free of cost including beds, food, medicine and transportation to & fro Lucknow under the Smile Train Project, USA.

A GLORIOUS RETURN FROM THE DEATH'S DOOR

Kumari Rolly Shukla, a 16 year old daughter of Sri Laxmi Prasad Shukla residing in Kundri village of Basti district, was admitted to Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute of Medical Sciences on 8th June, 2007 in a completely paralytic condition from neck to feet and was diagnosed to be suffering from G.B. Syndrome which is a rare but serious ailment causing critical complications leading to death, unless treated promptly and efficiently. She was immediately transferred to the ICU where she was put on the ventilator's respiratory support. Unfortunately, despite all possible care for more than 45 days, her condition hardly showed any improvement, though the attending doctors were still hopeful for her complete recovery. In the meantime, her medical bill became more than Rs.2 lakhs whereas her father being a farmer of meager means somehow managed to deposit Rs.50,000/- only and expressed his inability to spend anything more being ready to take Rolly back dead or alive. It was indeed a critical decision since removal of the ventilator would amount to her sure death while meeting the spiralling medical bill was a heavy burden on the hospital. However, on humanitarian ground and on the



optimistic attitude of the attending physicians headed by Dr. Naresh Rajpal and constantly monitored by the intensivist Dr. Subodh, the treatment was continued.

It is indeed a matter of great joy that by the grace of the almighty as well as by the indomitable spirit of the doctors and paramedics, Rolly has started moving her limbs and is now smiling being out of ventilator. Though she is still in the ICU, it is hoped that she will be completely recovered shortly. Nevertheless, continuance of such challenging endeavour is largely dependent on the benevolence of the large-hearted. We, therefore, appeal to one and all to send their mite by A/c Payee Cheque/Draft favouring 'Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, Lucknow' for the aforesaid Benevolent Fund so as to cover the outstanding bill of Rs. 1,91,671/- only. Any amount will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

RURAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Rural Health Programme (RHP)- VPIMS team comprising two general physicians, one Ophthalmologist, one Gynaecologist, one Dental Surgeon, one Ayurvedacharya, one DNB trainee and paramedical staff with equipment and machines continued their programmed visits to HARPAN ATARIA on Wednesdays and Saturdays, MEHAORA on Mondays FN and KATRA BAKKAS on Mondays AN in Lucknow District and RAMVANKUTIR on Thursdays in Barabanki District and treated the following number of patients during the last two months:

Type	Allopathy	Gyn & Obs.	Eye	Dental	Ayurved	TOTAL
New	2914	192	1130	136	356	4728
Old	4062	217	945	132	468	5824

CHARITY ACTIVITIES

- ✚ A total of 524 patients were treated totally free as inpatients.
- ✚ In outpatients, 7992 persons received totally free and 683 partially free treatment.
- ✚ 333 cataract operations including IOL implantations were performed free.
- ✚ The Smile Train project continues to progress and 91 children having cleft lip and palate were operated free.

Math News



THE RATHA YATRA (CAR FESTIVAL OF LORD JAGANNATH)

was celebrated at the Math on the 16th July '07 by way of Kathamo Puja, i.e. worship of the wooden structure on which the image of Goddess Durga will be erected on the occasion of the ensuing Durga Puja festival.

THE GURU PURNIMA

It was observed at the Math on 30th July '07 through a series of events including special worship of Sri Sri Guru Maharaj, a discourse on the Guru-Tattwa, Bhajans, Chorus songs, Pushpanjali and distribution of Prasad to nearly 1000 devotees.



TREE PLANTATION

In order to promote the concept of green revolution, 100 teak saplings were planted at the Math and elsewhere sponsored by the Bank of Baroda to mark their year-long Centenary Celebration starting from 20th July 2007.



RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

A series of discourses on Ram Charit Manas were held at the Math auditorium by Sri Umashankar Vyas, a favorite disciple of Yug Tulsi Late Padma Bibhusan Maharaj Ramkinkar Upadhyaya from 17th to 19th July 2007 which was attended by a large number of devotees from far and near.



Upcoming Programme Calendar (Math) : August & September - 2007

Weekly Discourses

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

August	5, 12, 19, 26	On the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna by Swami Muktinathananda
September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	

Fridays - 10.00 a.m.

August	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	On the Gospel of Sri Ma Sarada by Swami Muktinathananda
September	7, 14, 21, 28	

Fridays - After arati

August	3, 17, 31	On Srimat Bhagavad Gita by Swami Muktinathananda
September	14, 21, 28	

Other Festivals and Discourses

August

10	Friday	Swami Ramakrishnananda Jayanti – Discourse after evening arati.
28	Tuesday	Swami Niranjanananda Jayanti – Discourse after evening arati.

September

3	Monday	Sri Krishna Jayanti – Special Worship & Discourse after evening arati.
10	Monday	Swami Advaitananda Jayanti – Discourse after evening arati.

Sankirtan after Evening Arati

	Ramnam	Shyamnam	Devinam
August	9 (Thu), 24 (Fri)	28 (Tue)	12 (Sun)
September	7 (Fri), 23 (Sun)	26 (Wed)	11 (Tue)

Appeal

Continuance and expansion of the aforesaid activities of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Lucknow largely depends on the benevolent participation of the noble-hearted. We, therefore, appeal to one and all to contribute their mite for selfless service of the common people. Any amount will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Contributions for the Math and the Mission may kindly be sent by M.O. or Cheque / Draft in favour of Ramakrishna Math, Lucknow or Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Lucknow respectively. Donations are exempt from payment of Income Tax under Section 80G.

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