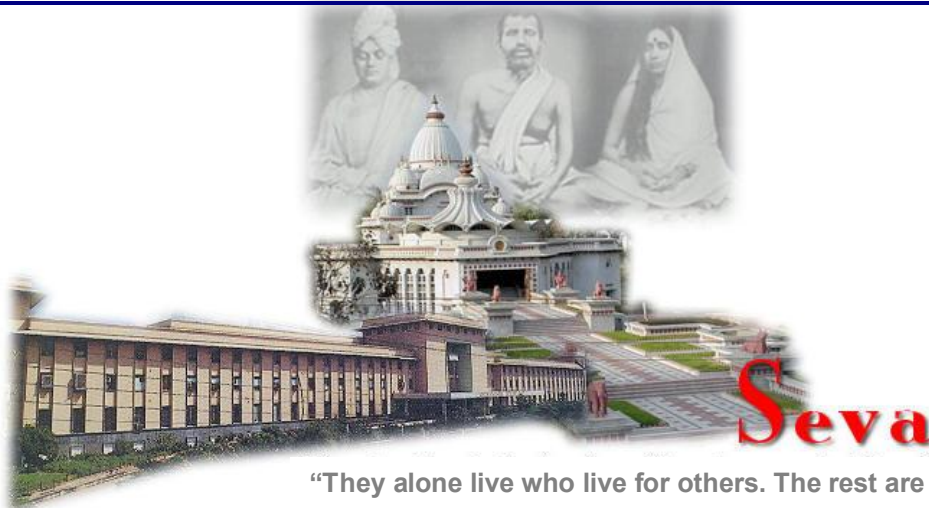




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“They alone live who live for others. The rest are more dead than alive.”

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.

ADVANCED KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY

Dr. Philip Hirst, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Honorary Lecturer at the University of Manchester, U.K. as well as BASK Knee Tutor at the Royal College of Surgeons along with the Orthopaedics team of our Institute performed a Bilateral Knee Replacement Surgery on a 74 year old female suffering from Bilateral Osteoarthritis Knees. The implants chosen for surgery were High Flexion Knee with Rotating Platform. This surgery allows for less hospital stay and reduced cost while achieving high degree of knee flexion in the patient.



HONOUR OF OUR UROLOGY DEPARTMENT

Urology Department of VPIMS is honoured to be the first in the entire state of U.P. to start a full fledged Andrology unit (dealing with both medical & surgical aspects of male sexual dysfunction) under the able leadership of Dr. Salil Tandon, Consultant Urologist, who visited Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA, last year and started Male Infertility Clinic at VPIMS. Recently Dr. Tandon added another feather in his cap after successful completion of his training in comprehensive Andrology at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, UK. The clinic will be held at VPIMS every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENT OF NICU/PAEDIATRIC WARD



The recovery of Abdulah Amir Elahi baby of Mr. Aamir Elahi was almost an impossible task, achieved by the Paediatricians and Paramedical Staff of NICU & Paediatric Ward of VPIMS. Mrs. Elahi conceived after almost 6 years of her marriage but delivered twin babies prematurely at 24 weeks' gestation, at a private nursing home on 4th January, 2008. Both babies were referred to the NICU of VPIMS in a very critical condition for further management. Twin A weighed 700 gms and Twin B weighed 650 gm only at the time of their admission. Both the babies were given Surfactant therapy & were put on ventilator. However Twin A expired on the 4th day of life while Twin B continued to receive aggressive management. During his journey from 650 gms. to 2010 gm, over a period of almost 4 months,

the baby had a very stormy course. Besides receiving treatment for jaundice, acute renal failure & respiratory failure, the baby required multiple blood transfusion, platelet & FFP transfusions. The child also had multiple episodes of apnea and intermittent bluishness.

At the time of discharge, the baby's eye, ear and other organs were normal. Its cardiac examination & MRI test confirmed that the brain was within normal limits. This was only the result of divine grace & the wonderful team effort of our Paediatricians, Neonatal Intensivists, DNB Resident as well as the nursing & paramedical staff of VPIMS.



INAUGURATION OF BLEACHING MACHINE AT DENTAL DEPARTMENT

A Bleaching Machine has been introduced in the Dental Department at VPIMS on 26th April, 2008. Swami Muktinathanandaji, Secretary of the Institution, inaugurated the machine which is meant for removal of stubborn dental stains caused by Pan Masala, Tobacco and Fluorosis etc. which cannot be cleared by ordinary ultrasound scaling. Any person interested to keep his/her teeth shining and spotless, will be benefited by this machine at a very reasonable cost requiring only 30-40 minutes' treatment. An oral proplulaxis (Scaling) is conducted prior to the bleaching procedure.

OPENING OF A SUB-CENTRE UNDER THE SMILE TRAIN PROJECT

A Sub-Centre of Smile Train Project was opened in collaboration with Hazrat Imam Abidin Charitable Trust at Mansoor Nagar on Thursday the 15th of May, 2008. It is meant to provide smooth & high quality care, free of charge to the Cleft Lip/ Palate patients under the Smile Train Project, USA. The function was presided over by Shia Cleric and Vice President, All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Kalbe Sadiq while Swami Muktinathananda was the Chief Guest. This Sub Centre will also provide suitable medical treatment to the underprivileged urban children through the tie-up of Hiza Charitable Hospital and VPIMS, Lucknow.



FREE REGISTRATION CAMP OF CLEFT LIP/PALATE PATIENTS AT PILIBHIT

A camp was organized on 10th May, 2008 at Sharda Hospital, Naugawa Railway Crossing, Pilibhit by the Department of Plastic, Craniofacial & Micro Surgery, VPIMS, Lucknow where free registrations and examinations were performed for 110 cleft lip / palate patients. Each patient was given date for admission at VPIMS as per his / her convenience. They will be transported free of cost to VPIMS as well as operated free of charges including beds, food & medicine under the Smile Train Project, USA.



NEWS FROM VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Annual University Examination of Vivekananda College of Nursing affiliated to Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow for 1st & 2nd year students of Nursing are scheduled to be held in the month of July, 2008. In the meantime, admission notice has been published in various newspapers for entrance test of the fresh batch of Nursing students for the session starting in August, 2008.

GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR THE BEST NURSING STUDENT

A Gold Medal for the best student of Vivekananda College of Nursing is being introduced from this session. The first medal would be awarded during the Lamp Lighting Ceremony in Feb, 2009. The medal is financed by Bhatnagar Memorial Charitable Trust, Lucknow. While deeply appreciating the noble endeavour of Bhatnagar Memorial Charitable Trust, we heartily welcome similar gesture from other individuals and societies for encouraging educational activities and awareness programmes of the Institution.

A NEW BUILDING FOR V.H.P.

A two storied spacious dispensary building, newly constructed by Sri Anand Gupta & Smt. Madhu Gupta was handed over to Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Lucknow to facilitate the ongoing Village Health Programme at Heerpur Ataria under Sitapur district. The building was declared open by Swami Muktinathanandaji in the presence of senior doctors and paramedical staff on Wednesday, the 7th of May, 2008.



The building has airy Registration counters and spacious patients' Waiting Area including cement-concrete benches, separate examination-rooms for Physicians, Ophthalmologists, Gynaecologists, Dentists and Ayurvedic Physicians besides rooms for Dispensary, Radiology, Pathology and Minor O.T. Bathroom and toilets are provided for the doctors and staff inside the building, whereas large number of toilets have been constructed separately for the male and female patients and their attendants adjacent to the main building. The building is being gradually equipped with a Dental Chair, Slit Lamp, Pathological equipment etc. in order to improve patients' care.

VILLAGE HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Village Health Programme team of VPIMS comprising three General Physicians, one Ophthalmologist, one Gynaecologist, one Dental Surgeon, one Ayurvedacharya, one DNB trainee by turn and paramedical staff with equipment and machines continued their programmed visits to HEERPUR ATARIA on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Sitapur district, MEHAORA on Mondays FN and KATRA BAKKAS on Mondays AN in Lucknow District and RAMVANKUTIR on Thursdays in Barabanki District. The following number of patients was treated during the last two months:

Type	Allopathy	Gyn & Obs.	Eye	Dental	Ayurved	TOTAL
New	2527	127	1432	120	344	4550
Old	3639	144	1581	174	649	6187

CHARITY ACTIVITIES

- ✚ A Total of 514 patients were treated totally free as inpatients.
- ✚ In outpatients, 6497 persons received totally free and 2529 partially free treatment.
- ✚ 317 Cataract operations including IOL implantations were performed free.
- ✚ The Smile Train Project continues to progress and 210 children having cleft lip and palate were operated free.

Math News

CELEBRATION OF RAM NAVAMI

Sri Ramachandra Jayanti was celebrated on Monday, the 14th April, 2008 at Ramakrishna Math, Lucknow. The programme started with Mangalarati at 4.30 a.m. followed by hymns, Vedic Chanting and Bhajans. A special Puja, Havan and Pushpanjali and devotional songs were performed at Ramakrishna Temple followed by Bhogarati and distribution of Prasada to all present.

In the evening after Sandhyarti, a discourse on Goswami Tulsidas's Ramcharit Manas was conducted by Swami Muktinathanandaji following which Ram Nam Sankirtana was arranged.

OTHER FESTIVALS

Sri Shankaracharya & Buddhadev Jayantis

Sri Shankaracharya & Buddhadev Jayantis were celebrated on Friday, the 9th May and Tuesday, the 20th May, 2008 respectively during which discourses on the life and teachings of the respective personalities were presented by Swami Muktinathanandaji after evening Arati.



In addition, weekly discourses were delivered by Swami Muktinathanandaji on the gospel of Sri Ramakrishna on every Sunday morning, gospel on Sri Ma Sarada Devi on every Friday morning and discourses on Srimat Bhagavad Gita on Friday evenings while Ramnam, Shyamnam and Devnam Sankirtanas were held after evening Arati on every Ekadashi, Purnima & Amavashya days respectively.

Upcoming Programme Calendar (Math) : June & July - 2008

Weekly Discourses

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

June	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	On the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna by Swami Muktinathananda
July	6, 13, 20, 27	

Fridays - 10.00 a.m.

June	--	On the Gospel of Sri Ma Sarada by Swami Muktinathananda
July	4, 11, 25	

Fridays - After arati

June	6, 13, 20, 27	On Srimat Bhagavad Gita by Swami Muktinathananda
July	4, 25	

Other Festivals and Discourses

June

3	Tuesday	Phalahrini Kali Puja – Special Puja after evening arati.
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July

4	Friday	Ratha Yatra – Worship of the frame of Sri Sri Durga in the morning.
10 to 13	Thursday to Sunday	Discourse : Ram Charit Manas – by Sri Uma Shankar Vyas.
18	Friday	Guru Purnima – Morning (from 8 am) : Special Puja, Discourse, Havan, Bhogarati, Prasad Distribution. Evening : Chorus songs after arati.
30	Wednesday	Swami Ramakrishnananda Jayanti – Discourse after evening arati.

	Ramnam	Shyamnam	Devnam
June	14 (Sat), 29 (Sun)	18 (Wed)	3 (Tue)
July	14 (Mon), 29 (Tue)	18 (Fri)	3 (Thu)

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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