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Documentary evidence in support of the selected response/s



Swami Vidyamritananda Principal (Offg.) Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira Belur Math. Howrah-711202, W.B

"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man."



2.3.6: Institution provides exposure to students about recent developments in the field of education through

1. Special lectures by experts

A special lecture series typically refers to a curated set of lectures or presentations delivered by experts in a particular field or on a specific topic. These lectures are usually organised to provide in-depth knowledge, insights, and expertise to a targeted audience.

Special lecture series are often designed to offer a comprehensive exploration of a subject matter, featuring multiple speakers who are considered authorities or prominent figures in their respective fields. The series may cover a broad range of topics or focus on a specific theme, allowing participants to gain a deeper understanding of the subject through diverse perspectives.

The Special lecture series in Sikshanamandira provide an enriching learning experience for attendees. They often aim to foster intellectual growth, promote discussion and debate, and facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge among participants.

These lecture series may span across multiple sessions or be spread out over a period of time, allowing attendees to engage with the material presented and further explore the topic through discussions, Q&A sessions, or supplementary materials.

Here's an overview of these Special lectures:

Topic: What is Hyperbolic Geometry? (<u>https://youtu.be/9zkc94xZoLQ</u>)

Speaker: Swami Vidyanathananda(Mahan Maharaj), Dean & Professor, School of Mathematics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai **Date:** 29.12.2022

Time: 1.12 Hr

Brief Description: On December 29, 2022, Swami Vidyanathananda (Mahan Maharaj), the Dean and Professor of the School of Mathematics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai, delivered a comprehensive 1.12-hour lecture on Hyperbolic Geometry. The talk delved into the fundamental concepts and properties of this non-Euclidean geometry, emphasising its deviation from Euclidean geometry's parallel postulate. Swami Vidyanathananda explained how hyperbolic geometry operates on a curved surface, where lines diverge infinitely and angles differ from those in traditional geometry. He discussed applications in various fields, including art and architecture, and underscored its relevance in understanding the universe's geometry. The lecture shed light on the intricate nature of hyperbolic geometry, challenging conventional perceptions of space and opening avenues for innovative research and understanding.



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Topic: "Changing Course, Transforming Education"

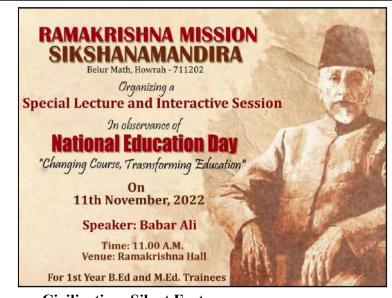
Speaker: Mr. Babar Ali, Youngest Headmaster in the World **Date:** 11.11.2022

Time: 2 Hrs

Brief Description: On November 11, 2022, Mr. Babar Ali, recognized as the world's youngest headmaster, delivered a transformative 2-hour lecture on "Changing Course, Transforming Education." The event was coordinated by Swami Urjitananda. Mr. Ali shared his remarkable journey from a student to establishing a school at the age of nine. His talk emphasised the urgency of reshaping education through student-centred methodologies that foster critical thinking, creativity, and practical skills. He highlighted inclusivity, community engagement, and the integration of technology as pivotal aspects of modern education. Attendees were encouraged to rethink traditional educational paradigms and embrace innovative approaches to ensure a more enlightened and empowered future generation. The lecture resonated deeply, urging participants to play an active role in the transformation of education.



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Topic: The Harappan Civilization: Silent Features (https://youtu.be/fXkRtTEDqdM?list=PLOzbcezEjXMtv57b60rmWPkuNYC17jQ-o&t=1) Speaker: Dr. Syed tanveer Nasren, Director, Indian Culture Centre, Embassy of India, Male, Republic of Maldives Date: 25.09.2021

Time:11 a.m. onwards

Brief Description: A webinar titled "Celebrating Centenary of Discovery of Indus Civilization" was conducted on 25th September 2021. The event was coordinated by Swami Urjitananda. The webinar featured two esteemed speakers: Dr. Syed Tanveer Nasreen, the Director of the Indian Cultural Centre, Embassy of India in Male, Republic of Maldives, and Dr. Kaushik Gangopadhyay, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Calcutta. The webinar aimed to commemorate the centenary of the discovery of the Indus Civilization and shed light on its significance in the field of archaeology. A total of 200 students actively participated in the webinar, engaging in discussions and learning about the historical and cultural aspects of the Indus Civilization. The webinar was conducted online through a virtual platform, without a specific YouTube link. The event successfully celebrated the rich heritage of the Indus Civilization, providing valuable insights to the participants.



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Topic: Indus Valley Civilization: Development and Decline

(https://youtu.be/fXkRtTEDqdM?list=PLOzbcezEjXMtv57b60rmWPkuNYC17jQ-o&t=1)

Speaker: Dr. Kaushik Gangopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta

Date: 25.09.2021

Time:12 Noon onwards

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Topic: Consciousness & Self

(https://youtu.be/NLyYdyluI9I?list=PLOzbcezEjXMtv57b60rmWPkuNYC17jQ-o&t=3) Speaker: Swami Sarvapriyanandaji Maharaj, Minister-in-Charge, Vedanta Society of New York and Former Principal of Sikshanamandira

Date: 15.03.2022

Time: 3 p.m. onwards

Brief Description: The "Swami Ranganathananda Memorial Lecture" took place on 15th March 2022. The event, coordinated by Swami Urjitananda, featured Rev. Swami Sarvapriyananda Maharaj as the esteemed speaker. The lecture, titled "Consciousness and Self," delved into profound topics of consciousness and self-realisation. Rev. Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister-in-Charge of the Vedanta Society of New York and former Principal of RKMSM, delivered an insightful talk. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 150 students who engaged in thought-provoking discussions. The recorded lecture can be accessed via the YouTube link: https://youtu.be/NLyYdyluI9I. The memorial lecture successfully honoured the legacy of Swami Ranganathananda and provided students with a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of consciousness and self-awareness.



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Topic: The Importance of Focus in Education

(https://youtu.be/tZRrcYcxAqw?list=PLOzbcezEjXMtv57b60rmWPkuNYC17jQ-o&t=272) Speaker: Swami Sarvapriyanandaji Maharaj, Minister-in-Charge, Vedanta Society of New York and Former Principal of Sikshanamandira

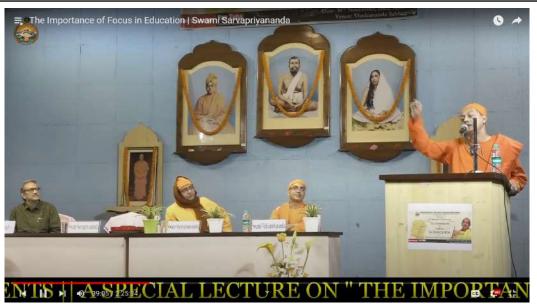
Date:30.11.2022

Time: 11 a.m. onwards

Brief Description: On November 30, 2022, starting at 11 a.m., Swami Sarvapriyanandaji Maharaj, Minister-in-Charge of the Vedanta Society of New York and Former Principal of Sikshanamandira, delivered an enlightening discourse on "The Importance of Focus in Education." The talk, accessible through the provided YouTube link, explored the pivotal role focus plays in the realm of education. Swami Sarvapriyanandaji highlighted the benefits of concentrated attention for effective learning, personal growth, and achieving one's full potential. He delved into practical techniques to enhance focus amidst the modern distractions of the digital age. The speaker's profound insights and practical suggestions left the audience with a renewed understanding of the power of concentration in shaping a successful educational journey.



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Topic: Facets of School Administration

(https://youtu.be/n73fujBmamQ?list=PLOzbcezEjXMtv57b60rmWPkuNYC17jQ-o&t=3) Speaker: Swami Vedapurushananda(Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Jhargram; Ex-Headmaster of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur; & Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia)

Date:25.09.2021

Time: 3 p.m. onwards

Brief Description: A webinar titled "Facets of School Administration" was organised on 25th September 2021. The event was coordinated by Swami Urjitananda. The esteemed speaker was Rev. Swami Vedapurushanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama in Jhargram and former Headmaster of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya in Narendrapur and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapitha in Purulia. The webinar focused on various aspects of school administration. A total of 215 students actively participated in the webinar, gaining insights into effective management strategies, leadership skills, and best practices in school administration. The webinar was conducted online through a virtual platform, without a specific YouTube link. Rev. Swami Vedapurushanandaji Maharaj shared his valuable experiences and knowledge in the field of school administration, providing guidance to the participants. The event successfully enhanced the understanding of school administration among the students, empowering them to become effective educational leaders in the future.



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2. 'Book reading' & discussion on it

In Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira Book reading and discussions on it are activities where individuals come together to read a book collectively and engage in thoughtful discussions about its content, themes, and ideas. This activity provides an opportunity for participants to deepen their understanding of the book and share their perspectives and insights with others.

The process typically involves selecting a book of mutual interest and allocating time for individual reading. After completing the reading, participants gather to discuss their thoughts, interpretations, and reflections on the book. The discussions can cover various aspects such as characters, plot, writing style, symbolism, social commentary, and personal connections to the material.

Book reading and discussions can take place in various settings, including book clubs, literary circles, classrooms, or community groups. These discussions encourage critical thinking, broaden perspectives, and foster a sense of community and shared learning. They allow participants to explore different viewpoints, engage in lively debates, and gain a deeper appreciation for literature.



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Through book reading and discussions, participants can not only enhance their comprehension of the book but also develop their analytical and communication skills. The exchange of ideas and diverse interpretations often leads to a richer understanding of the book and encourages a deeper engagement with literature as a whole.

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3. Discussion on recent policies & regulations

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has been a significant development in India's education sector. This policy launched by the Government of India aims to bring about comprehensive reforms in the education system. It emphasises holistic and interdisciplinary learning, flexible learning pathways and integration of technology. NEP 2020 also emphasises on promoting critical thinking, creativity and vocational skills. Moreover, it advocates early childhood care, inclusive education and the use of mother tongue as a medium of instruction. The policy encouraged greater autonomy and accountability in educational institutions and introduced reforms in teacher training and evaluation systems. It also emphasises the importance of research and innovation. NEP 2020 sets out a vision to transform education in India to meet the demands of the 21st century, fostering an inclusive and globally competitive learning environment. In view of this consequence Sikshanamandira organised a Webinar on "National Education Policy 2020".

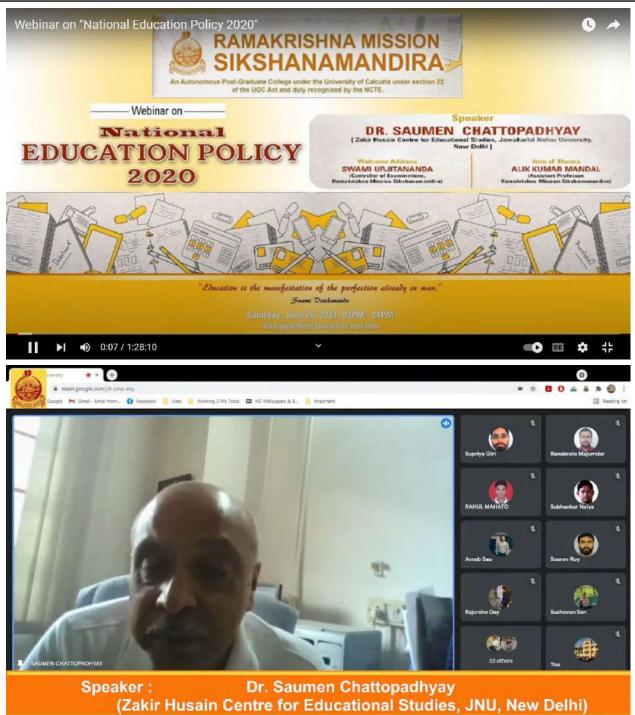
Topic: Webinar on "National Education Policy 2020"

(https://youtu.be/8SVEcMAij44?t=15)

Speaker: Dr. Saumen Chattopadhyay (Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)
Date: 26.06.2021
Time: 3 p.m. onwards



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Topic: Facets of School Administration

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4. Teacher presented seminars for benefit of teachers & students

In Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, teachers often present seminars that are beneficial for both teachers and students. These seminars are aimed at enhancing professional development, sharing knowledge, and fostering a spirit of continuous learning among educators.

When teachers present seminars, they have the opportunity to share their expertise, experiences, and innovative teaching methods with their colleagues. These seminars can cover a wide range of topics, including effective classroom management, teaching strategies, educational technology integration, assessment techniques, and subject-specific insights. By sharing their knowledge, teachers inspire and empower each other to improve their teaching practices and create a positive impact on student learning.



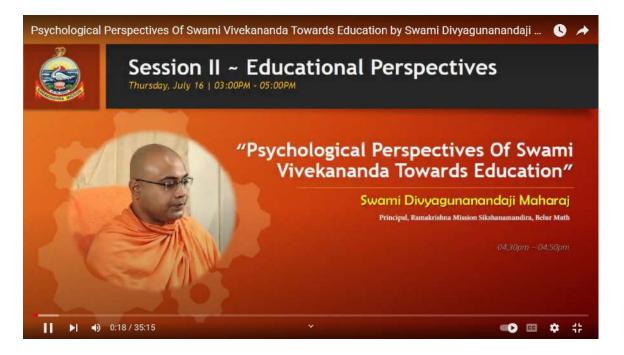
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Additionally, these seminars can also benefit students indirectly. When teachers enhance their skills and knowledge through seminars, they become better equipped to create engaging and effective learning experiences for their students. The improved teaching methodologies, pedagogical approaches, and subject expertise gained from the seminars can positively influence the overall quality of education provided by the teachers.

Furthermore, these seminars often provide a platform for teachers to collaborate, exchange ideas, and learn from one another. This collaboration fosters a sense of community and professional growth among educators, ultimately benefiting both teachers and students within the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira education system.

Topic: Psychological Perspectives of Swami Vivekananda Towards Education (<u>https://youtu.be/eKm4Z-dOn0k?t=23</u>)

Speaker: Swami Divyagunanandaji Maharaj(Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date:16/07/2020 Time: 4:30 p.m. -5:05 p.m.



Topic: Swami Vivekananda's Ideas of Nationalistic Education

(<u>https://youtu.be/44Wohy7qFaw?list=PLOzbcezEjXMu2YNiORHLB5x730_ZgQLBU&t=2</u> 6)

Speaker: Dr.Siharan Chakraborty (Assistant professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date:16/07/2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. -4:20 p.m.



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Topic:Doing Research in Social Science Selection of a Research Problem Part 1 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=507

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Assistant professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 22.03.2021 Duration: 15 minutes



Topic:Doing Research in Social Science Selection of a Research Problem Part 2 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=508

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 25.03.2021

Duration: 25 minutes



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Topic:Types of Educational Research

http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=513

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 14.04.2021

Duration: 50 minutes



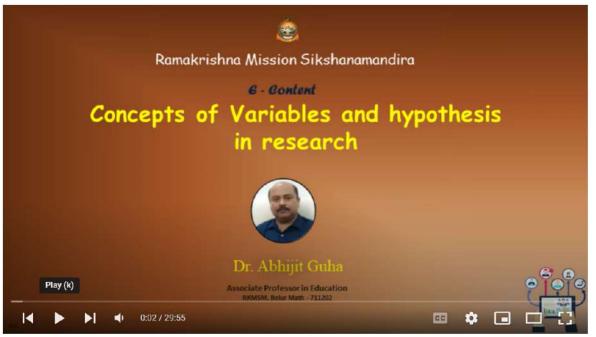
Topic:Concepts of Variables and Hypothesis in Research 1 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=509

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 21.02.2022

Duration: 30 minutes

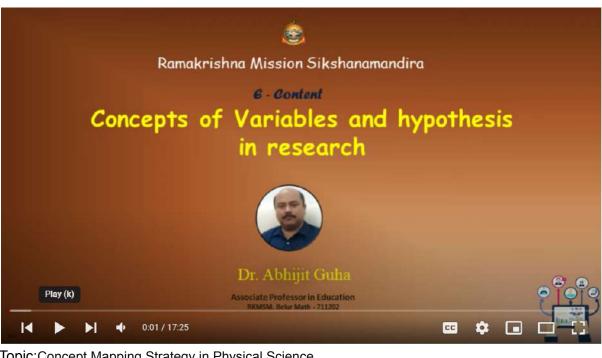


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Topic:Concepts of Variables and Hypothesis in Research 2 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=510

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 25.02.2022 Duration: 17 minutes

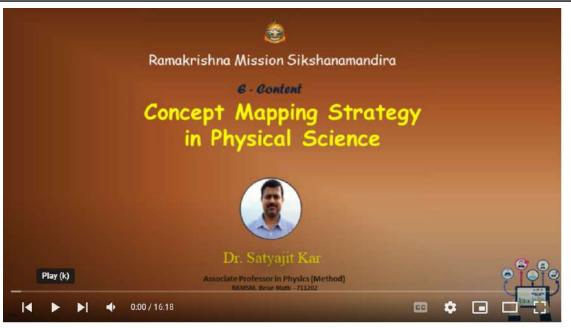


Topic:Concept Mapping Strategy in Physical Science http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=515

Speaker: Dr. Satyajit Kar (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 17.02.2022 Duration: 16 minutes



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Topic:Types of Research

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Speaker: Dr. Pradip Sarkar (Assistant professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 29.03.2022

Duration: 10 minutes



Topic:Psychology of Teaching

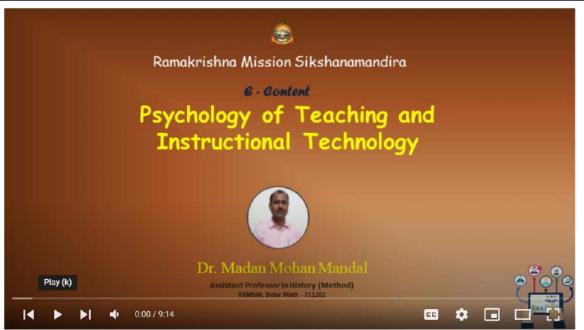
http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=520

Speaker: Dr. Madan Mohan Mandal (Assistant professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 10.04.2022

Duration: 10 minutes



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Topic:Research Tools Techniques & Characteristics 1 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=511

Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 12.03.2023



Topic:Research Tools Techniques & Characteristics 2 http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=512 Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Guha (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 18.03.2023 Duration: 30 minutes



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Topic:Educational Technology and ICT http://116.193.128.18:84/moodle/mod/url/view.php?id=516

Speaker: Dr. Satyajit Kar (Associate professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) Date: 14.03.2023

Duration: 18 minutes



5. Use of media for various aspects of education

At Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, media plays an important role in various aspects of education, enhancing teaching, learning and communication within the mission. The use of media in the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira supports and enhances



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education by providing accessible and engaging learning experiences, facilitating distance learning, empowering teachers, promoting effective communication, and disseminating research and documentation in the field of education. Here are some examples of how media is utilised:

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1.	2022-2023	Workshop on Digital Hygiene	13th February, 2023	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	offline	Sri Jaydeep Dasgupta, Editor, News Sense and Trainer, GNI India Training Network
2.	2021-2022	Webinar: Carbon Affected Cities of the World : A Perspective	4th October, 2021	3.00 to 4.00 pm	online (Meet)	Dr. Anuradha Banerjee Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
3.	2021-2022	Webinar: Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's view on Education in the modern global context	18th September , 2021	11.00 am to 12.15pm	online (Meet)	Swami Atmapriyananda Pro Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math
4.	2021-2022	Webinar: Cyber Security – A Mild Introduction	24th July, 2021	11.00am to 12.00 noon	online (Meet)	Dr. Swapnoneel Roy Associate Professor, School of Computing) (University of North Florida, United States of America
5.	2020-2021	Webinar: "Bangla Porar Nana Upaay"	23rd June, 2021	06:00PM - 07:00PM	online (Meet)	Sri Biswajit Roy Assitant professor, Visva-Bharati University
6.	2020-2021	Webinar: Digitalization in Indian Education System	17th June, 2021	06:00PM - 07:00PM	online (Meet)	Dr. Khagendra Nath Chattopadhyay (HoD & Professor, Department of Education, University of Burdwan)

Details of the Sessions

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7.	2020-2021	Webinar: Inclusive Pedagogy for Teacher Educators: Psychological and Educational Bases	05.06.2021	3pm - 4pm	online (Meet)	Dr. Santoshi Halder (Associate Professor, Department Education University of Calcutta)
8.	2020-2021	Statistics in Social Science Research Webinar	12th September , 2020	3.00 pm to 4.30 pm	online (Meet)	Dr. Tarak Nath Pan (Professor (Retd.). Visva-Bharati University)

6. Discussion showcasing the linkages of various contexts of education-from local to regional to national to global

Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, a renowned spiritual and educational organisation founded in 1958, is actively involved in the promotion of education at various levels from local to regional, national and even global contexts. Through its educational initiatives, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira has established strong linkages that contribute to overall development and instill a sense of global citizenship. Let's explore these connections in more detail:

Local Context:

At the local level, the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira operates this teacher training institution. This institution caters to the educational needs of the surrounding communities, providing quality education to students from diverse backgrounds. By focusing on the local context, the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira ensures that education meets the specific needs and challenges of the immediate community.

Regional Context:

In the regional context, the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira plays a significant role by establishing the educational institutions in the midst of West Bengal. This institution offers a wide range of education to students, enabling them to access quality education without having to travel long distances. A variety of students from different districts coming from various socioeconomic backgrounds take admission in this institution. By spreading its educational network regionally, the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira contributes to regional development and growth.

National Context:

In the national context, the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira has established flagship educational institutions recognized at the national level. Institutions like Ramakrishna Mission



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Sikshamandira affiliated to University of Calcutta are known for their academic excellence and contribute significantly to the education scenario of the country. This institution produces well-rounded individuals who make valuable contributions to various sectors of society.

In the global context:

Ramakrishna Mission Sikshamandira also works in global context by promoting education internationally. It has established its own research wings, enabling students from different cultural backgrounds to access the teachings, research and principles of Swami Vivekananda. These global initiatives foster intercultural understanding, promote dialogue and contribute to the global exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Moreover, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshamandira actively participates in global educational collaborations, partnerships and forums. Through these engagements, it shares its expertise and experience while learning from educational institutions and organisations worldwide. Such collaboration strengthens the global network of education, fosters innovation and promotes educational best practices.

In conclusion, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshamandira's educational efforts range from local to regional, national and global contexts. By establishing and nurturing educational institutions at every level, the Mission contributes to the overall development of individuals, communities and nations. Through its commitment to education, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira creates connections that transcend boundaries, promoting the values of knowledge, compassion and universal brotherhood.

For this Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira has made the following changes in their curriculum considering the said aspect:

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1	Course 143 Special Paper 'Comparative Education (COME)'.	A new unit on "Unit III: Comparative Study of Educational Systems among		
2	Course 143 Special Paper 'Comparative Education (COME)'.	Different Countries and India". A new unit on "Unit IV: Problems Prevailing in Developing (SAARC) Countries with Special Reference to India, Their Causes and Solution through Education".		