



RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAMA
Sector 15-B, Madhya Marg, CHANDIGARH - 160015

ਵਿਵੇਕ ਮਹੋਤਸਵ - 2026

133rd Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address

FRIDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 2026

(9.00 AM to 1.00 PM)

Theme

"Swami Vivekananda's Message & Viksit Bharat 2047"

"स्वामी विवेकानंद के संदेश और विकसित भारत 2047"

"ਸਵਾਮੀ ਵਿਵੇਕਾਨੰਦ ਦਾ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਸ਼ਿਤ ਭਾਰਤ 2047"

INFORMATION BROCHURE

Dear Participants Namastey,

To commemorate Swami Vivekananda's historic Chicago address and rekindle his timeless message, the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Chandigarh invites students to join the **Youth Festival** on the theme **"Swami Vivekananda's Message & Viksit Bharat 2047"**.

Swamiji believed the youth are the nation's backbone, stressing character, confidence, and service beyond self-interest. He urged young minds to draw strength from India's cultural heritage and work for national upliftment.

This festival offers you a chance to reflect on his vision and share your thoughts through speeches, discussions, bhajans, and more. The **main program will be held on September 11, 2026. Outstanding participants will receive cash prizes, certificates, and inspiring literature, while all selected entries will get participation certificates.**

Please see the attached brochure for details.

With best wishes,
Swami Bhitiharananda
Secretary

CONTEST DETAILS :

- This contest is open to all students of recognized Colleges/Universities and Professional Colleges in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula and New Chandigarh.
- **Age Limit 17 to 23 years.**
- **Winners will be selected from two age groups***
A. 17 to 20 yrs B. 21 to 23 yrs

Voice Expression Competitions

- 1. Speech Competition**
- or**
- 2. Group Discussion Competition**

Talent Expression Competitions

- 1. Bhajan/Desh Bhakti Singing Competition**
- or**
- 2. Poster Making Competition**

You may participate in any one competition from each group of competitions. e.g.-

Group discussion + Bhajan,	✓
Speech + Bhajan	✓
Group discussion + Speech	✗
Bhajans + Poster making	✗

* If same-age participants are unavailable, organizers may regroup at their discretion.

Speech Competition

(Saturday, 29th August, 2026)

9.30 am to 12.00 noon

1. **Only the First 50 entries will be accepted.**
2. Please read book - '**Call to the nation**' by Swami Vivekananda for preparation.
3. Speech can be given in **Hindi, Punjabi, or English.**
4. Competition will be conducted in two stages

First stage - Multiple choice questions

- An objective test consisting of 30 questions will be conducted to screen out the participants.
- Time 9.30 am to 10.00 am (half an hour)

Second stage - Speech Presentation

- Top 10 selected candidates will deliver a 5 minute speech before the judges.
- Topic will be announced on the spot, one-hour preparation time will be given.
- Time 11.00 am to 12.00 noon (1 hour)

5. Criteria for Judgement:

- Original Content
- Expressions and Voice Modulation
- Audience Connect
- Confidence and Overall Presentation

6. **Top 6 scorers (three each from 17 to 20 yrs & 21 to 23 yrs) will be awarded on 11th Sept. program.**
7. From top scorers, **2 selected participants** will be given an opportunity to **deliver their same speeches on 11th Sept. program.**

Best Performances (2 persons) - 3000/- + Certificate + Literature
Consolation Prizes (4 persons) - 1000/- + Certificate + Literature

Group Discussions Competition

(Sunday, 30th August, 2026)

between 10 am to 12 noon

1. **Only the First 48 entries will be accepted.**
2. Please read the book - '**Call to the nation**' by Swami Vivekananda for preparation.
3. Group Discussion can be in **Hindi or English**.
4. There will be **four groups (two groups each from 17 to 20 yrs & 21 to 23 yrs)** each containing 12 participants.
5. The competition will be conducted in **two rounds** consecutively.
 - a. Express your views individually in 2 - 3 mins one by one.
 - b. Discuss the pros and cons together and conclude.
6. **Topics will be announced on the spot.**
7. Winners will be shortlisted based on the following criteria:
 - Confidence
 - Content Matter & Relevance
 - Leadership & Team Dynamics
 - Communication Skills
 - Analytical & Reasoning Skills
8. **Top 2 scorers from each group** will be awarded on 11th Sept. program.
9. From top scorers **any 2 students** will be given an opportunity to **deliver speeches** on the same topic on the **11th sept** program.

Best Performances	(4 persons) -	3000/- + Certificate + Literature
Consolations	(4 persons) -	1000/- + Certificate + Literature

Bhajan / Desh-Bhakti Singing

(Sunday, 30th August, 2026)

between 4 pm to 6 pm

Solo Singing

1. Only the **first 10 entries will be accepted.**
2. You can select **Indian Traditional** bhakti/bhajan (e.g., Sant Mirabai, Guru Nanak, Kabir) or desh-bhakti songs (e.g., Mere Desh Ki Dharti, Ae Vatan).
3. **Please provide the song lyrics** along with participation form.
4. You can use your own musical instruments or karaoke music.
5. **The top two scorers will be awarded and also given the opportunity to perform in the 11th September program.**
6. Judgement criteria:
 1. Voice Quality & Pitch
 2. Sur & Taal (Melody & Rhythm)
 3. Expression & Emotion
 4. Confidence, posture, and engagement with the audience.

Best Performance (1 person) - 3000/- + Certificate + Literature

Consolation Prize (1 person) - 1000/- + Certificate + Literature

Group Singing

1. Only the **first 5 entries will be accepted.**
2. You can select **Indian Traditional** bhakti/bhajan (e.g., Sant Mirabai, Guru Nanak, Kabir) or desh-bhakti songs (e.g., Mere Desh Ki Dharti, Ae Vatan).
3. You can form a group of a **minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 members (including instrument players).**
4. You can use your own musical instruments or karaoke music.
5. **Please provide the song lyrics** along with participation form.
6. **The top two scorers will be awarded and also given the opportunity to perform in the 11th September program.**
7. Judgement Criteria
 1. Harmony & Coordination
 2. Sur & Taal (Melody & Rhythm)
 3. Teamwork & Cohesion
 4. Expression & Energy
 5. Stage Presentation

Best Performance (1 group) - 5000/- + Certificate + Literature

Consolation Prize (1 group) - 1000/- + Certificate + Literature

Poster Making

(Sunday, 30th August, 2026)

between 4 pm to 6 pm

1. Only the **first 50** entries will be accepted.
2. Posters are to be **made on the spot within 2-hour time limit.**
3. Please **read 'Swami Vivekananda - The Friend of All'** & depict the life events or teachings presented in the book through poster art.
4. Please note that **Posters must be inspirational** which convey **Swami Vivekananda's messages for India, youth, women, etc.**
5. You can make a poster on **A3 or A4 size paper.**
6. Please **bring your own required materials.**
7. Judgement Criteria

1. Creativity & Originality
2. Theme Relevance
3. Design & Composition
4. Color Scheme & Aesthetics
5. Clarity of Message
6. Presentation & Neatness

8. **Top 4 scorers** (two each from 17 - 20 yrs & 21 - 23 yrs) will be awarded on 11th Sept. program.
9. All the **posters will be displayed at the Exhibition on 11th sept** program.

Best Performances (2 persons) - 3000/- + Certificate + Literature
Consolation Prizes (2 persons) - 1000/- + Certificate + Literature

Results & Prizes:

1. To keep the competition fair and authentic, we kindly ask to **refrain from using mobile or AI tools such as ChatGPT etc**, as their use may lead to negative marking or disqualification.
 2. **Copying** from others may lead to negative marking or disqualification.
 3. **If same-age participants are unavailable, organizers may regroup at their discretion.**
 4. **All participants whose entries are selected will be given Participation Certificates and a Inspiring Laminated photograph of Swami Vivekananda on 11th September, 2026.**
 5. The **results** will be posted on our website and also on WhatsApp group - Youth Forum RKM CHD.
 6. All the winners will be declared and awarded on 11th Sept program.
- ★ ***“The Organizing Committee of Vivek Mahotsav reserves the right to interpret, amend, or modify the rules at any stage of the competition. All decisions taken by the judges and committee shall be final and binding on the participants. In case of disputes, the committee’s decision will prevail.”***

Steps to Register:

1. Download the Participation Form, Information Brochure and reference books are available at the Ashrama website.
2. Submit these to the Ashrama on or before 25th August, 2026 along with:
 - Duly filled Participation Form
 - Copy of your College ID card
 - Registration fee: Rs. 50/- (in cash or online through QR in the website)

Submission Process:

DIRECTLY

At Ashrama Office/Book-Stall during **office hours (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)** on ALL DAYS OF THE WEEK.

Address: Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Sector 15-B, Madhya Marg, besides sector 15 petrol pump, Chandigarh – 160015.

VIA EMAIL

Scan your Form and send it in a **single PDF File** along with **College ID & Payment Receipt (with Transaction Number)**.

Email ID: rkmchdevents@gmail.com

VIA GOOGLE FORMS

Scan the QR code given at the back to visit the Ashrama website.

Important :

- We suggest an additional reading of the following books to prepare -
 1. To the Youth of India.
 2. Life of Swami Vivekananda
 3. Letters of Swami Vivekananda
- All Participants are requested to be **present at the venue 15 mins before the starting** of the competitions.
- **Prizes and certificates will be distributed to all those who will attend the program on 11th sept, 2026 from 9 am to 12 noon.**
- Participants can also purchase topic-related material at the Ashrama Book-Stall, open from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm on ALL DAYS OF THE WEEK.

Please take care -

- To **bring your own** pen, pencil, paper, water bottle, etc.
- Please wear **decent attire** to maintain the sanctity of the Ashrama.
- Please **maintain behaviour, cleanliness and discipline** in the Ashrama.

For more details or any clarification please contact

(between 10 am to 6 pm only):

- E-mail: rkmchdevents@gmail.com
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- Venue: Vivekananda Auditorium, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Sector 15 B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh

YOUTH FORUM RKM CHD Grp 1

WHATSAPP GROUP



Scan here to visit website:

<http://chandigarh.rkmm.org/events>



Note: All the details, results and information related to Vivek Mahotsav 2026 will be posted on WhatsApp and Website only.

"When you have men who are ready to sacrifice their everything for their country, sincere to the backbone. When such men arise, India will become great in every respect."

.....Swami Vivekananda