



**RAMAKRISHNA MISSION
VIVEKANANDA EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(RKMVERI)**

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**as declared by Government of India under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)
PO Belur Math, Dist Howrah 711202, West Bengal, India**

**Twentyfirst Foundation Day and Annual Convocation
held at the Belur Main Campus of the University on 4 July 2026 (Saturday)**

Venue: Abhedananda Convention Centre, Belur Math

Minute-to-minute programme – 10.00 AM – 1.20 PM

- (i) Parampujya (Most Revered) President Maharaj, Swami Gautamanandaji, and the Guest-in-Chief Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, will be received at the venue at 9.50 AM, by Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, Swami Sarvottamananda, Vice Chancellor and Swami Kaleshananda, Registrar, on behalf of the University.
 - (ii) **10.00 AM – 1.20 PM: Convocation Ceremony and Foundation Day Meeting** at the Abhedananda Covention Centre (See the **Programme** annexed herewith for minute-to-minute details of the meeting)
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From left to right:

- (1) Swami Kaleshanandaji, Registrar, RKMVERI
- (2) Swami Sarvottamanandaji, Vice-Chancellor, RKMVERI
- (3) Most Revered Swami Gautamanandaji, President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Chairman of the Governing Body of Ramakrishna Mission, the Sponsoring Society of the University
- (4) Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University
- (5) Swami Atmapriyanandaji, Pro-Chancellor

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Chairman of the Sponsoring Society of the University:
Most Revered Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj,
President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission
& Chairman of the Governing Body of Ramakrishna Mission
(Sponsoring Society of the University)

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DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

- 10.00 – 10.10 AM: Invocation – Recitation of the traditional Dikshanta Upadesha (Convocation Address) from the Taittiriya Upanishad – Vedamanoochharya antevasinamanushasti, satyam vada... by the Sanskrit students of the University (with Bengali translation)**
- 10.15 – 10.30 AM: Address of Welcome: Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor & Secretary, RKMVERI, Belur Math**
- 10.35 – 10.55 AM: Award of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) to Dr Sankar DasGupta, an outstanding scientist-engineer-entrepreneur-innovator-philanthropist from Canada (citation etc., to be read out by Swami Atmapriyananda)**
- 11.00 – 11.25 AM: Convocation Address by the Guest-in-Chief, Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, Kolkata**
- 11.25 – 11.40 AM: Benedictory Address by Most Revered President Maharaj, Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj, followed by the launch of two AI-related projects (Swami Paramashivananda, Head, Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things and Mixed Reality, to facilitate this launch)**
- 11.45 – 11.50 PM: Admission of the new graduates to their respective degrees by Swami Sarvottamananda, Vice Chancellor, RKMVERI:**
“As per the authority vested in me as the Vice Chancellor of this University, I hereby admit you to your degrees and diplomas with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining, for which you have duly qualified by satisfying all the programme requirements. Further, I charge you to always strive to adhere to the spirit and letter of the noble vows that you have taken on this occasion to build your lives upon the bedrock of impeccable character thus proving worthy of this University bearing the hallowed name of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda.”
- 11.50 – 12.10 AM: Administration of oath (pledge) to the students (in Sanskrit with English translation) by Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, RKMVERI**
- 12.10 – 12.30 PM: Chancellor’s Address (virtually through video-conferencing)**
- 12.30 AM – 1.10 PM: Award of prizes and medals (with gift of books) to the toppers, and Conferment of Degrees and Diplomas (with gift of books)**
- 1.10 – 1.15 PM: Vote of Thanks: Swami Sarvottamananda, Vice Chancellor**
- 1.15 – 1.20 PM: Concluding Song – murta maheshwaram... (Swami Shivapurnanandaji and students of the Dept. of Philosophy and Sanskrit)**
- 1.30 PM: Lunch Prasad at Belur Math & Disperse**

[Compere (Master of Ceremony): Swami Atmeshwaranandaji, Finance Officer]