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National Youth Day Celebrations held on Sunday, January 12, 2025

Report

National Youth Day was celebrated at Ramakrishna Math, Halasuru on Jan 12, 2025 consisting of a number of programs, spanning the entire day as mentioned below:

- 5:30 am – Marathon “RUN YOUNG INDIA”
- 8:00 am – Garlanding of Swami Vivekananda statue at Halasuru Lake
- 8:30 am – Procession by school students and devotees
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Youth convention at Math premises
- 4:00 pm – 6.00 pm: Garlanding of Swami Vivekananda statue at Vivekananda Memorial Park, KSR Bengaluru railway station followed by Youth convention and cultural program

Marathon “RUN YOUNG INDIA”: About 200 people participated in the Marathon, which created awareness about Swami Vivekananda among the students as well as the citizens. Revered Swami Satyeshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant General Secretary, Belur Math spoke to the runners and flagged off the event. He even joined the Marathon along with some monks and brahmacharins. Swami Bodhaswarupananda and Sharat Basavaraj of Athayoga Training Centre spoke to the people in the valedictory session of the program. The distance covered in the Marathon was 5.3 km.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/A26YUTs7aVr5Zps97>

Garlanding of Swami Vivekananda statue at Halasuru Lake: The devotees paid respect to Swamiji by garlanding Swamiji’s statue at Halasuru Lake by performing Arati and offered flowers. Revered Swami Satyeshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant General Secretary, Belur Math, Dr. Marappa, a distinguished Social Worker, Swami Bodhaswarupananda and others participated in it.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nRqbpjBdZvLPTMKV8>

Procession: A grand procession was taken out with Swami Vivekananda’s photos in a Silver Chariot and in another vehicle photos of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda were mounted. The procession went along the streets of Halasuru, Jogupalya and nearby areas, spreading awareness about Swami Vivekananda and his message. Students carried placards containing Swamiji’s messages. Specialty of this program is that there



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was a lot of local youth were involved in organizing this program and also participated in it. Another highlight of the procession was the accompaniment of Chande and Yakshagana artistes performing drum beats and dances throughout the procession. The sayings of Swami Vivekananda in big banners were put up all along the route. Before the procession, tiffin was served to Marathon Runners and the participants of the Procession. Juice in a tetra pack donated by a generous donor was served after returning to all the participated people of the Procession.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/g9iCtFREugfbwJL28>

Video: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/WDtHQW8aL7vMvY3L9>

Youth convention at Math: Esteemed speakers spoke about the legacy of Swamiji and his message. The program started with Vedic chanting by monks and brahmacharins and opening song by Yogeshwarananda school students.

Revered Swami Satyeshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant General Secretary, Belur Math, vividly conveyed Swamiji's message "Every soul is potentially divine". He struck a match stick to demonstrate how a flame is hidden in a potential form in the match stick.

Mr Prabhuji, a social worker, hailed Swami Vivekananda, who inspired millions of people across the world. **Mr. Ritesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Education department, Government of Karnataka**, spoke about the importance of discipline and making ourselves strong - physically and mentally. He emphasized that our life is meant not only for our good but also for the good of others. He then opened the session for questions from students. Several students asked questions and got satisfactory answers. This Question and Answer session made the students actively participated in it.

Mr. Vivekananda, Advocate and Professor in University Law College, Bengaluru, urged children to read one quotation of Swamiji every day to get inspiration and to seek company of Sadhus at Ramakrishna Math to bring about a positive change in their lives.

Swami Bodhaswarupanandaji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Halasuru Math, highlighted 4 key messages of Swami Vivekananda – Each soul is potentially divine, Power of prayer, Service to man is service to God and Harmony of all religions.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/wpgA7JJ4fu6DoBEu5>



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Prizes were distributed to students who secured top positions in Essay writing, Drawing, Singing, Quiz and Elocution competitions held on 13th and 14th December in which 8 schools participated.

This was followed by National Anthem and Lunch Prasad.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kLnABJrKecxCbnTC8>

Youth convention and cultural program at Railway premises:

Function started with Vedic chanting and Bhajans by Viveka Hamsa Balaga. After that Arati was done and dignitaries offered flowers to the garlanded statue of Swami Vivekananda at Bengaluru Railway station premises. Swami Bodhaswarupananda welcomed the gathering and Sri Sudashan Kumar gave vote of thanks. Several eminent people spoke on Swami Vivekananda, Dr. Nadoja W.P.Krishna (Educationist, Technocrat and Social activist), Mr. Anup Dayananda Sadhu (Chief Commercial Manager, South Western Railway, Hubballi), Revered Swami Satyeshanandaji Maharaj, Assistant General Secretary, RKMM, Belur Math. Prasad was distributed to all the participants from Seshadripuram Evening College Students and others along with Railway commuters.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EYKV8GHb6iQfVXGD6>

Sumptuous cooked food was provided to all devotees / participants - Breakfast: 600, Lunch: 800, Evening : 200 people at the Math Campus and Evening at KSR Railway Station to about 1000 people.

A few photographs from the function, are available at the following link:

All photos link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/X7PbL2ttH1t4ZKWz5>

With respectful pranams / good wishes,

Yours in the service of Sri Ramakrishna,

Swami Bodhaswarupananda

Adhyaksha