

# Vivek-vasat varta

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Saraswati Puja Celebration

On 23 January 2026, students from various courses conducted at the Ashrama organised the Puja of the Goddess of Learning,



Ma Saraswati, at the prayer hall of the Ashrama. A large number of devotees attended the Puja, presented flower offerings and had prasad. A few bewildered toddlers were initiated into writing (*hatekhari*) by the monks of the Ashrama.

### Youth Convention

As a part of the week-long celebration of Swami Vivekananda's 164th birthday and the 42nd National Youth Day, a youth convention was held at the Ashrama auditorium



on January 17, 2026. About 347 students and teachers attended the convention. Apart from talks by eminent speakers on cutting-edge issues relevant for today's students, there was a short musical tribute to Swamiji by school students and an 80-minute highly educative documentary on 'What is education in the opinion of Swamiji?' At the end of the convention, attendees were provided with refreshments.

### Devotees' Convention

The culmination of the Swamiji's Birthday and National Youth Day celebration was the convention of devotees on January 18, 2026. With collective meditation, devotional songs, readings from holy books and words from erudite monks on the practical application of Thakur-Ma-Swamiji's messages in



day-to-day life, a holy and spiritually enriching atmosphere was created for the 350 devotees attending.

### Republic Day Celebration



The 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India was celebrated at the Ashrama by the students, monks and devotees on January 26, 2026. The event began with the unfurling of the tricolour in the Ashrama compound, followed by the singing of the national anthem. In a short address, the Secretary highlighted Swami Vivekananda's idea of 'man-making' – an awakened person aware of his true identity – as the solution to the nation's various problems. He said this would be the true service to the nation and a remedy for the many maladies that still beset the country.