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Commemoration of Swamiji's Chicago Address

The 133rd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's historic address at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago was observed at our Ashrama on 11 September 2026. Around 250 students



from various educational institutions participated in the three-hour programme. Swami Shuddhabhavananda welcomed the gathering and spoke about the enduring relevance of Swamiji's Chicago address, emphasising its message of universal acceptance and harmony. The students and teachers offered songs, recitations, and speeches highlighting Swamiji's life and message.

Flood Relief

Following the recent floods in the southern districts of West Bengal, relief was provided to 100 families in the village of



Kalaberia in Purba Medinipur district on 3 September 2026. A relief kit containing 1 kilogram of moong dal, 500 grams of soybean chunks, 750 millilitres of mustard oil, 1 kilogram of sugar, 1 kilogram of salt, and various spices totaling 350 grams was distributed.

Youth Conference

A Youth Conference was held at the Ashrama auditorium on 29 September 2026, attended by 487 enthusiastic youths and students. The programme opened with Vedic chanting and a welcome by the Secretary. Dr. Dipra Bhattacharya explored the intricacies and pitfalls of artificial intelligence, and the keynote by Swami Bodhamayananda, Adhyaksha of Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad, invoked Swamiji's words to urge the young



participants to strengthen their minds through spiritual values and purity, so as to withstand and overcome whatever the world throws at them and attain ultimate fulfilment. The Chief Guest, Srimati Purnima Chakraborty, Minister of State for Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism, Government of West Bengal, also addressed the gathering. All participants received a booklet on Swamiji and a snack pack.

Japa Yajna and Agamani Sangeet

On 27 September 2026, a Japa Yajna and Agamani Gaan were held in our auditorium, joined by 416 devoted participants. The programme featured sacred readings from the Bhagavad Gita and the Chandi, with periods of japa and meditation. The Agamani gaan rendered by Swami Samapriyananda and Sri Anupam Chakraborty filled the hall with reverent devotion, making the occasion both solemn and joyfully expectant of the coming Durga Puja.

Programme of Devotional Songs

On 26 September 2026, a Bhajan Sandhya was held in Vivekananda Hall, attended by 169 devotees and music lovers. Renowned kirtan singer Sri Kishore Padma Palas delivered a moving programme of bhajans and devotional songs of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam, leaving the audience uplifted and inspired.