



BHAKTA-SAMMELAN

Organized by Ramakrishna Mission, Khetri (Rajasthan)

To consolidate and boost up the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda movement in Rajasthan, a Bhakta-Sammelan (congregation of devotees & admirers) is being organized by the Ramakrishna Mission at Khetri, Rajasthan.

Objectives of this S sammelan are:

1. To promote a closer association between devotees and admirers of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Bhagavati Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda.
2. To encourage devotees and admirers to build their character according to the ideal of the Holy Trio and spread their messages into the society.
3. To encourage devotees and admirers to do some service work for the underprivileged.

Date: Saturday, 6th March, 2010 (afternoon) & Sunday, 7th March, 2010 (whole day)

Place: Darbar Hall

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Smriti Mandir, Khetri-333503, Rajasthan

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Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Smriti Mandir, Khetri is a branch center of the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, West Bengal. The Ashrama building was donated to Ramakrishna Mission by the last Raja of Khetri State in 1959. It's a memorial building sanctified by Swami Vivekananda's holy stay.

Surrounded by stately hills from all sides, Khetri is a panoramic spot, situated in the district of Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan bordering Hariyana. It is about 160 km north-west of Jaipur and nearly 200 km south-west of Delhi.

Khetri occupies a historic place in the Ramakrishna Movement. This is the only place outside Bengal where Swami Vivekananda had visited three times. Raja Ajit Singh of Khetri, a patron of talents and ardent lover of arts and music, science and technology, was fortunate to have come in contact with Swami Vivekananda during his Parivrajaka days in June 1891. Inspired by the impressive effulgent personality and eloquence of erudite Swamiji, the Raja accepted him as his Guru and reverentially brought him to Khetri. Swamiji reached Khetri for the first time on August 7, 1891 and stayed with the Raja until October 27, 1891. It is remarkable that Swamiji stayed here for such a long time. This was partly out of his deep affection for the new disciple. During his stay at Khetri both of them had exchanged their views on spiritualism, literature, music and science. To broaden the mind of the Raja, Swamiji not only brought home the importance of modern science to him, but also taught him astronomy and chemistry and other things. Not only that Swamiji too studied the Panini Vyakarana Ashtadhyayi with Patanjali Bhashya under Raj pandit Narayan Das Shastri and enriched his knowledge in this field. During this visit, the famous incident of "Baiji" took place here by which Swamiji attained practical perfection in his Advaita faith.

He came here for the second time during 21st April to 10th May, 1893 to give his blessings to the newly born son of Raja Ajit Singh and participate in the birth celebrations of the newly born prince. From here he began his journey on 10th May, 1893 for his Mission to the West at the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago, USA.

He visited Khetri for the third time after his triumphant return from the West in December 1897 and stayed here from 12th to 21st December. He was given a warm public reception accompanied by a gala feast amidst dazzlingly illuminated Khetri. In Swamiji's success the Raja had a noteworthy role. The dress he used at the Parliament of Chicago was given by the Raja. Even Swamiji finally started using Swami Vivekananda as his name after being suggested by the Raja to do so as Swamiji was the embodiment of Jnana. The Khetri Naresh was his beloved disciple as well as his friend.



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Enrollment Form

To
The Secretary
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Smriti Mandir, Khetri-333503, Rajasthan.

Maharaj,
Please allow me to attend the Bhakta-Sammelan as a delegate.

Signature

Name (in capital letters)

Male/Female; Age; Any special treatment required

Address

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E-mail (if any)

Telephone No.: Code; No.....; Mobile

Associated with (Name & place of Ramakrishna Mission or Private centre)

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Please tick (✓) the appropriate: **Resident Delegate** (Who wishes to make night stay in the Ashrama)/**Non-Resident Delegate**(Who wishes to attend the programme without night stay)

For Resident-Delegates: Arrangement for staying at Ashrama from 6 March 9 am to 8 March 9 am will be there for resident delegates. Meals, tea & snacks will be served at the Ashrama. A minimum contribution of Rs. 250/- per delegate is expected from resident delegates to cover the expenses of meals etc.

Date of arrival Time

Date of departure Time

For Non-Resident Delegates: They should reach the Ashrama by 8 am on 07 March. A minimum contribution of Rs. 50/- per delegate is expected from non-resident delegates to cover the expenses of meals etc.

1. This Form may be printed or copied and sent by post after filling up.
2. Programme details may be downloaded from Ashrama's website from 15th February.