

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DR. PRADIP K. GHOSH OF USA AND HIS TEACHER AND MENTOR SWAMI NITYANANDA, FOUNDER OF RAMAKRISHNA VIVEKANANDA MISSION, BARRACKPORE, 24 PGS.

Through the attached Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding, the Mission formed a partnership with Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh, who has rendered substantial assistance for executing different welfare programs of the Mission, to come forward for joining hands with the Mission, as Dr. Ghosh, a very successful educator and a philanthropist was also interested to build up Vivekananda University on the said plot of land. Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh has come forward to implement this dream project jointly with RKVM and PKKGF.

That Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh having absolute faith in the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda will be co-opted as a member of the Governing Body as per rule 10(a) of the registered rules of the Mission Society. Dr. Ghosh or his designees from the aforesaid foundation will be fully responsible for the development, financing and operation of this Project. Swami Nityananda, General Secretary, RKVM will be the co-founder of this project along with Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh.

Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh, USA, will provide financing and also intellectual/technical resources. He shall act as the Director of the Project wherein the General Secretary of the Mission or his representative shall be Ex-Officio Chairman.

As per rule 11(xxi) as aforesaid, a Governing Council for the said Project shall be constituted with total 15 members with eight from the Mission Society and seven from Pradip K. and Kumkum Ghosh Foundation wherein the General Secretary of the Mission or his representative shall be Ex-Officio Chairman and Pradip K. Ghosh shall be the Director and the meetings of the Council will be convened by the Director in consultation with the Chairman.

All academic, financial, developments and other operating functions and decision making authority will remain with the Pradip K. Ghosh Family Foundation and its designees in consultation with Council shall the Governing Council.

The Governing Council and Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission shall extend full support to Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh and his Foundation to materialize this Project as required by government and educational authorities..... Pradip Ghosh will have full liberty to develop Vivekananda University and invest necessary funds for the same as and when necessary.

HISTORY OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN PRADIP K. GHOSH AND SWAMI NITYANANDA SINCE 1986

1. In February of 1986, late Sri Dinabandhu Ghosh, asked his second son Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh to visit Swami Nityananda (also referred as Maharaj) and his new Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission to give him a helping hand in the development of his mission.
2. Following his instruction Ghosh visited the mission and asked him whether he can join Maharaj in his spiritual journey in the footsteps of Swamiji and Sri Ramakrishna. Ghosh was ordained in their philosophy since his association with Raakrishna Mission of Rahara and Maharaj since 1955.
3. Ghosh took this opportunity, by fulfilling his request to send a ULTRASOUND machine from the United States. The machine was sent during the early part of October in 1986.
4. Pursuant to advice from Maharaj, Ghosh in December of 1987, founded and incorporated a nonprofit philanthropic organization named “Ramakrishna Vivekananda International Foundation” (RVIF) in Maryland, USA. Goals of this organization was to provide financial and institutional support to the Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission and its programs.
5. In December of 1987, RVIF organized its first fundraising program with a goal to sponsor 50 orphan children of the Mission. The target was easily accomplished. From this point on RVIF have sponsored hundreds of orphan children and destitute women of the RKVM. The RVIF contributed toward the construction of buildings and supporting numerous programs of the RKVM.
6. In June of 1989, Ghosh invited Maharaj to come to the United States to speak to an American audience about the Mission. This program was organized by the RVIF to raise funds for the Mission and raise awareness about Swami Vivekananda’s teachings. The performer during this concert was Pandit Ravi Shankar and Pandit Kumar Basu in Tabla. The program was held at the world famous symphony hall in Baltimore, the Myerhoff Symphony Hall. Maharaj Swami Nityananda gave a speech for 30 minutes before the concert began. He was applauded by more than 2000 people in the audience. Proceeds from the concert was sent to the Mission. Following are few pictures from that event:
7. Ghosh subsequently during the next few years expanded the base of RVIF and formed partnership with Dev Purakayastha of San Diego, California to expand the sponsorship program. RVIF sponsored more than 100 orphan children and participated in many charitable activities of the RKVM.
8. Ghosh established the ultra sound unit and donated the ultra sound machine to the Mission. He also donated surgical equipments for the eye surgery program of the Mission. Ghosh contributed funds toward the construction of buildings at the Purulia Center, Barrackpore Center, Surjyapur Center, Joyrambati Center in addition to contribution to numerous other projects including the Dinabandhu Ghosh Seva Sadan at Surjya pur.

8. Pursuant to request from Swami Nityananda, Ghosh was instrumental in the approval of Higher Secondary school at the Mission.
9. Ghosh organized a major conference on Pediatric Cardiology at Taj Bengal Hotel.
10. In the year 2000, Swami Nityananda visited Ghosh in USA. During this trip, Ghosh organized several fund raisers for the Mission. One day while driving from Maryland to New York City, Maharaj asked Ghosh whether he would help him in building an University in the name of Swami Vivekananda. Ghosh consented to Maharaj's request and the journey began. Now Ghosh is in the process of making reality of Maharaj's vision. It is expected that the University will open it's doors in June of 2014.