

Vivekananda Shiksha Ratna Award

(Award for Teachers)

Purpose of VSRA: Awards to Teachers is to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers of our school and to honour those teachers who, through their commitment and industry, have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

Eligibility Criteria: This Award is for those teachers who have successfully completed one year in our school. A teacher can apply for Award only after a gap of minimum one years.

Procedure for application: Willing Teachers shall apply for VSR Award 2027 directly by filling the online application form on the official website of Ramakrishna Mission, Imphal between 01/02/2027 and 05/02/2027 (both days inclusive). In addition to the online application, candidates shall submit hard copies of their online applications (along with all documents supplied) before/on the last date during office hours.

Evaluation Criteria: The applicants are evaluated based on the evaluation matrix consisting of two types of criteria:

Objective criteria: Under this, the teachers are awarded marks based on clearly given logic against each of the objective criteria. Candidate has to apply by filling the VSR Application form.

Criteria based on performance: Under this, teachers are awarded marks on criteria based on performance, e.g., initiatives to improve learning outcomes, innovative experiments undertaken, organisation of extra and co-curricular activities, use of Teaching Learning Material, social mobility, ensuring experiential learning, unique ways to ensure physical education for students, etc. The independent Committee of 'Jury' will evaluate the actual performance.

Performance Indicative Areas: The selection of teachers for the awards is done based on their performance in the following indicative areas:

- a) Innovative pedagogy and joyful learning: Using joyful activities like story-telling, arts, games, sports, examples, etc in order to ensure that education is maximally relatable, relevant, interesting, and effective for our students.
- b) Use of technology for learning: Innovating and channelling cost-effective tech resources for enriching classroom learning, creating Information and Communication Technology (ICT) content as envisioned under NEP

c) Learning material and mentorship: Create low-cost teaching-learning materials and undertake mentorship and nurturance beyond classroom walls for the holistic development of students.

d) Governance: Strengthening school administration by adopting innovative measures to improve attendance, school management systems, staff training, programme monitoring, etc

Criteria for evaluation: Candidates are evaluated based on their application letter and a presentation comprising of following aspects, which are indicative in nature, not exhaustive.

- (i) Demonstration of an innovative mindset.
- (ii) Teacher's design and implementation of methods showed innovation and out-of-the box thinking.
- (iii) The innovation in the methodology addressed a felt need or issue in the school, classroom, students, or community.
- (iv) In addition to innovation, the design and delivery of the pedagogy reflected sustainability, quality, inclusiveness, and impact.
- (v) Contributed significantly to strengthening collaboration and communication in the school teaching community.
- (vi) Demonstrating community spirit and going the extra mile for others in the interactions with students and their parents.
- (vii) The teacher has effectively aligned the school's vision and mission with the aspirational goals of the student and parent community.
- (viii) Demonstrate a clear-cut idea and vision for change.
- (ix) Designing and implementing actions to achieve the change.
- (x) The teacher successfully achieved the change sought, which made a visible difference in the students and community.

Every candidate must upload relevant supporting documents/ material in support of the claims made in the Entry Form. These may include photographic evidence, documentary evidence. Please ensure that the same evidences/ proofs provided by the applicants are not repeated for different points. Wherever required, please provide proper link/ details.

Candidates must note that mere mention of an Achievement/Activity - which is not substantiated by an attested photographic & documentary evidence - will not get any credit/marks. All attachments should be in PDF file format (Max Size 2.5 Mb)

Each applicant shall give an Undertaking to the effect that: All the information/data/photographic evidence etc. submitted by the applicant is true to the best of his/her knowledge and is as per the official record.

If any information/document/undertaking provided by the applicant is found untrue/manipulated/forged or contrary to facts, the school is at liberty to withdraw the award (even at a later stage) and initiate action as per rule.