

**Ramakrishna Mission Secondary School:  
Kalatek Nayabasti  
Dist : East Khasi Hills : Meghalaya**



**RKM UP SCHOOL, KALATEK NEW**

**History of Ramakrishna Mission Secondary School, Kalatek Nayabasti**

*Kalatek Village, located in a flood-prone area, is geographically divided into two parts: Purana Basti and Nayabasti. Due to frequent river destruction, many families were forced to relocate from Purana Basti to Nayabasti, with the constant fear of floods during the rainy season. This had a significant impact on the lives of the residents, particularly the children, who lacked access to proper educational facilities.*

*In 2018, two prominent figures from the village—Shri Nitai Biswas, the former headman, and Shri Biren Biswas, the former secretary—approached the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Sohra to request the establishment of a new school in Kalatek. They highlighted the dire situation where many children could not attend school due to overcrowding in the existing Ramakrishna Mission UP*

School located in Kalatek Purana Basti. The school was already overwhelmed with students, with each classroom exceeding its capacity.

The village representatives, supported by their plea, sought the intervention of the Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Sohra, Swami Anuragananda Maharaj. Their request was for a new school to be built in Nayabasti, where a significant portion of the village population had resettled. To further their cause, they approached Mr. Princhesterwell Sarubai, a landowner from Shella Village, who generously donated a 17,517.28 sq. ft. plot of land for the construction of the school in Kalatek Nayabasti.

### ***The Beginning of the School***

In response to the villagers' efforts, the Ramakrishna Mission established a new school in Kalatek Nayabasti in 2019. The school was built using tin sheets and named "Ramakrishna Mission LP School Kalatek Nayabasti." The school opened its doors with its first batch of Nursery and Kindergarten (KG) students. The enrollment was a remarkable 136 students, with 61 students in Nursery and 75 in KG. The student body was diverse, with a balanced representation of Bengali and Garo communities, each comprising approximately 50% of the total students. The Garo students came from neighboring villages like Umkhabaw and Adarghat. The school was initially staffed by two teachers: Shri Porindro Biswas, who served as the Head Teacher and Smt. Purnima Das as Assistant Teacher

### ***Expansion of the School***

In 2020, the school witnessed its first major expansion. One additional teacher was appointed, and Class I was introduced to accommodate the growing number of students. The school's progress was a sign of the demand for quality education in the area, and it began to fulfill its role in providing education to the children of Kalatek Nayabasti.

### ***Further Growth***

By 2021, the school had grown significantly. Six more teachers were appointed, and the head teacher, Shri Porindro Biswas, was transferred to the Ramakrishna Mission UP School in Purana Basti. In his place, Miss Rumpa Dey was appointed as the new head teacher. With the increase in staff, the school introduced additional classes II, III, IV, and V. This expansion was complemented by the commencement of construction for a new concrete school building to cater to the growing needs of higher-grade students.

### ***Upgrading to Upper Primary***

In 2022, the school continued to grow and improve. Two new teachers were appointed, and the head teacher's position was once again filled with a new appointee, Shri. Sengkam M. Sangma, who took over from Miss Rumpa Dey. Additionally, the school was upgraded to an Upper Primary (UP) level, with the



introduction of classes VI, VII, and VIII. This was a significant milestone in the school's journey, as it allowed more students to continue their education locally.

### ***Reaching New Heights***

By 2023, the school had become an even more vital institution in the

region. Two highly qualified teachers from West Bengal were appointed to enhance the academic experience. Moreover, the school was upgraded to a secondary level, with the addition of Class IX, further elevating its status as a key educational center in the area.

### ***Full Secondary School and Continued Growth***

In 2024, the school reached another milestone, with the addition of Class X to its offerings. The school now provided a full range of education, from Nursery to Class X. With a current student strength of 428, the school continues to serve as a beacon of education for children in Kalatek Nayabasti and surrounding border areas. The total number of teachers had risen to 15, all dedicated to the educational development of the students.

### ***Head Teachers of the School:***

Since the establishment of the school, two Head Teachers has been appointed; Shri Porindro Biswas was the 1<sup>st</sup> Head Teacher of the school (served from 2019 to 2023) and Shri Sengkam M Sangma is serving as the Head Teacher since 2023 till date.

### ***NOC/Affiliation/Recognition/UDISE:***

The requirements needed for official documents have been submitted to the department concerned.

### ***Conclusion:***

Today, Ramakrishna Mission Secondary School, Kalatek Nayabasti stands as the only school in the region offering secondary education. It provides invaluable opportunities to children from impoverished backgrounds, particularly those residing in flood-affected areas with limited road connectivity and government services. The school continues to thrive, providing quality education and a sense of hope for the future. This school's journey is a testament to the perseverance and vision of its founders and supporters, demonstrating the transformative power of education in even the most challenging circumstances.