

# 1st Day of Centenary Celebration: A Tribute to Shri Ramakrishna



The Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Sohra kicked off its Centenary celebrations on April 6, 2024, with a grand inaugural function dedicated to Shri Ramakrishna. The event was a testament to the ashrama's rich history and its contributions to the community.

## Inaugural Function Highlights

- The day began with readings from Kathamritam in Khasi by Babu Phaster San Lyngdoh.
- A chariot procession around Khliehshnong Village, carrying the Uttava Murthy Pratishthana was flagged off by Babu Phaster San Lyngdoh after Swami Devarajananda performed the recitation of Shanti mantras and Purushasuktam.
- The procession featured a banner, Sohra band, school tableaux, students, devotees, and ex-students, with songs performed by the Sohbar Group.







## Public Meeting

- The public meeting commenced at 10:30 am, with stage management under Swami Aryeshananda.
- Guests were welcomed with bouquets and mementos, followed by a welcoming address and introduction by Swami Anuragananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Sohra.
- Divine blessings bestowed by Revered Srimat Gautamanandaji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Mission Math and Ramakrishna Mission.
- Swami Achuteshananda declared the centenary celebrations open.



## Distinguished Guests and Addresses

- The event featured addresses by esteemed guests, including:
- Bah Shembhalang Kharwanlang, Headman of Khliehshnong
- Kong Theilin Phanbuh, President of RKM Ashrama Sohra
- Khasimon Phanbuh, Senior Ex-student and well-wisher (1953 batch)
- Swami Achuteshananda, a Trustee of Ramakrishna Math and member of the Governing Body of Ramakrishna Mission
- Smt. Patricia Mukhim, Editor of Shillong Times
- Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Vice Chancellor of NEHU (Chief Guest)
- The benedictory address was delivered by Rev. Swami Viswanathnanda, Ex-Secretary of RKM Sohra.

## Vibrant Cultural Programmes and Inaugural Events

The main stage came alive with an array of captivating cultural programmes, showcasing the rich diversity of our heritage.

## Special Performance by 'Ka Tbian Ki Sur Hara'



The Performing Arts Academy of Seng Khasi Kmie mesmerized the audience with their spectacular performance, 'Ka Tbian Ki Sur Hara'. This enchanting show was a testament to the academy's dedication to preserving and promoting the traditional arts.



## Cultural Programme by RKM Schools



*Selected schools from the Ramakrishna Mission (RKM) presented a vibrant cultural programme, highlighting the talents of their students. This programme was a wonderful display of music, dance, and drama, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of our nation.*

### Inauguration of Annadanam

*The inauguration of Annadanam was performed by Kong Kostlimai Syiem of Khliehshnong Sohra, marking the beginning of this noble endeavour.*

*Annadanam, the sacred act of offering food, is a vital part of our cultural and spiritual traditions.*

*These events came together to create a memorable experience, celebrating the beauty and diversity of our cultural heritage.*



## Alumni Association Meeting and Mangal Arati

- A meeting with the Alumni Association at Vivekananda Auditorium was held to discuss plans and to finalize a working body and goal setting for the centenary celebrations.
- The day concluded with a Mangal Arati on stage.



The centenary celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Sohra marked a significant milestone in the ashram's history, highlighting its dedication to serving humanity and promoting spiritual growth, concluded the day with a Vote of Thanks from Swami Hitakamananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Shillong.