



# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

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## **About VIVA**

Vivekananda Institute of Values (VIVA), established under the aegis of Ramakrishna Mission, Gurugram, serves as the National Hub for providing value-based programs to various stakeholders across the country. It began its journey over a decade ago with the vision to enable people to experience the depths of Swami Vivekananda's ideas in their own lives. One of its core areas of work has been the spreading of the concept of man-making and character-building education.

## **Journey so far**

Our flagship program 'The Awakened Citizen Program' (ACP) was launched in the year 2013, a 3-year graded program for middle schools. The CBSE has endorsed and recommended this program for its affiliated schools. It is currently being run in over 6000 schools nationwide, comprising of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government schools in the states of Rajasthan and Haryana, Defence schools like Navy Children School, Army Public School, Air Force School as well as CBSE affiliated Private Schools.

## **New Version – FCP**

Although the ACP was extremely well received by schools, teachers and students, there were certain critical issues in implementing it. For example, schools found it very difficult to send the same teacher for training for three successive years, not to speak of the transfer, attrition and superannuation of teachers. To mitigate these issues, a compact one-year version of ACP was launched in the year 2023 under the name FOUNDATION OF CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM (FCP). The program is developed in such a way that it aligns with National Education Policy, 2020.

## **Our Uniqueness**

Traditionally, values were imparted through prescribing lofty moral standards and following recommended do's and don'ts. VIVA's 16-module-program focuses mainly on Voluntary Values Assimilation through self-discovery of choices open to each one of us. Through various explorations and case studies relevant to students, they identify values through triggering questions and peer learning. Students understand why certain character traits and skills are worth building upon through self-belief and right effort.



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## **Our Approach**

FCP is a structured one-year program for middle schools. Class 7 is the recommended year for conducting FCP. However, it can be conducted in all the classes of middle school parallelly. After 16 modules are completed, students and teachers will be engaged in other interventions that will help students practice the ideas they have learnt. A manual of activities will be provided to schools in the second year. These activities will re-enforce the values discovered through FCP and children can become Awakened Ambassadors of Community Transformation.

## **Our Offer**

The program is available in both English and Hindi. It can be implemented in schools in weekly classroom sessions. Teachers nominated by schools are trained as facilitators through a 1-day Facilitator Development Program (FDP). A Program Guidebook will be provided in both the vernaculars along with an online access to the modules, which can be downloaded to conduct the program. Hand-holding through regular follow-ups and school visits by VIVA Resource Persons throughout the academic session will ensure effective implementation of the program and best outcomes.

## **How to Register**

School management will be provided with a link where they may register the details of the teachers whom they wish to nominate for training. Ideally, one teacher per section is recommended. The management will be required to pay a nominal Commitment fee of Rs 5,000 (+18% GST) on an annual basis, for support throughout the year. Further, Rs 700 (+18% GST) is to be paid for every teacher nominated for training. Schools may also pay through donation to avail Tax benefits under section 80G, of the I.T. Act and avoid paying GST, provided they furnish the PAN of School.

## **Going Forward**

The impact of ACP has been evaluated by both qualitative and quantitative means and results are presented on our website [www.viva.rkmm.org](http://www.viva.rkmm.org). The impact survey of FCP will also be conducted and the school may choose to participate.



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## OUR OTHER PROGRAMS

### Awakening

Responding to the demand from educationists to develop a value education program for primary school children, Awakening, a program for children of Classes I to V was created. Awakening also serves as a feeder program for our Foundation of Citizenship Program (FCP) for middle school children. Awakening consists of a mix of age-appropriate stories of real life and fun activities that introduce and reinforce noble values for children. Children are encouraged to share their learning with their families through home activities and create an overall values-enabling environment for them. The use of story-based narratives and activities by trained facilitators aims to encourage the child to explore, find, choose and adopt voluntarily and thereby aid in socio-emotional development.

### ARISE

A platform to encourage peer learning among parents to help them enjoy their parenting journey and bring out the best in their children. ARISE is about forming a loving bond between the child and parent, that enables the child to live a fulfilling life. The acronym stands for Accepting, Reflecting, Involving, Sharing and Encouraging. Online as well as offline sessions with a nominal fee has helped create a parent community of 200 plus members, which is growing.

### Vivek Shakti

This is a platform that strives to establish a nationwide community of facilitators for the Foundation of Citizenship Program (FCP). This community is dedicated to delving deep into the educational ideals of Swami Vivekananda, serving as catalysts for community transformation and national awakening. The aim is to nurture facilitators to become Ambassadors within their respective schools and communities. Currently we have over 750 facilitators hailing from private and defence schools across the country.



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## **Vivek Deep**

On the lines of Vivek Shakti, another platform was conceived called Vivek Deep for engaging teachers who were trained for the Awakening program and have implemented the program in their schools for at least 1 year. This platform will give them scope to engage with their peers across the nation and share novel ideas on executing the ideas of the New Education Policy, 2020. Above all, they will be able to develop themselves to take on the role of value ambassadors in their institutions.

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