

The Foundation Day commemorating 123rd Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's visit to Shillong , was held at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Shillong on 27th April 2024.

The auspicious event was graced by Major General Rajesh Kumar Jha, AVSM**, Director (Personnel), NEEPCO as the Chief Guest, Swami Vedaśwarupanandaji Maharaj, a senior Monk from Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata as the Guest of Honour and Swami Hitakamananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Shillong.

The event was inaugurated with a floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda and lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and dignitaries.

In his address, the guest of honour, Swami Vedaśwarupanandaji, inspired the youth through the words of Swami Vivekananda that all are potentially divine and perfect, it is just the effort to manifest themselves into a perfect and divine person. He insisted on all to read Swami Vivekananda to draw inspiration and excel in their life.

The Chief Guest Major Gen Rajesh Kumar Jha mesmerised the audience through his speech by quoting a few stories of Swami Vivekananda and how his teachings have contributed in overcoming some of life's challenges. He further asserted that the teachings and thoughts of Swami Vivekananda continues to resonate with people of all ages and backgrounds, particularly for the youth of today. He encouraged the youth to develop the art of understanding & their own inner strength .

The tri-languag Magazine "*Ka Jingshai – The Light Jyoti*" Volume: 5 Issue: 1, e-zine and the magazine was released by the Chief guest.

The event was followed by cultural programmes depicting the culture of India, particularly the Northeast India. About 1800 students took part in the function.