



# VIDYASAGAR SMRITIRAKSHA SAMITY

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### Nandan Kanan, Karmatandr Vidyasagar: A Brief Chronology

1974 - On 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1974 Bengalee Association, Bihar purchased this last abode of Pundit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar (the house along with the land measuring 3 acres and 19 decimal) for Rs. 24000/- from the, the then owners, Birendra Nath Mallik and Jitendra Nath Mallik. Aim was to repay the debt of the Guru, Vidyasagar and save Nandan Kanan as a memorial. The Bengalee Association, Bihar collected funds for this purchase by selling one rupee coupons all over Bihar. The then Chief Minister of Bihar, Janab Abdul Gaffoor sahib donated Rs. 15000/- (fifteen thousand rupees).

1975 - Bengalee Association, Bihar formed Vidyasagar Smriti Raksha Committee and established Vidyasagar Balika Vidyalaya. Renowned litterateur Bibhuti Bhushan Mukhopadhyay was elected the President of the Committee.

1978 - Hon'ble Minister of Education (Secondary) Janab Ghulam Sarwar inaugurated the Adult Education Programme of the Government of Bihar at Karmatar and announced recognition of Vidyasagar Balika Madhya Vidyalay as Vitta-rahit (Non-financed) Minority School. Hon'ble Minister sanctioned running of 120 Adult Education Centres to Vidyasagar Smriti Raksha Committee.

1978 - Persistent efforts by Bengalee Association, Bihar for years succeeded in getting renamed the name of Karmatar railway station as “Vidyasagar” by Ministry of Railways after recommendation from Government of Bihar.

1993 – Marble statue (bust) of Vidyasagar was laid on an erected pedestal at the place where Vidyasagar used to sit in the evenings. Cost of the statue was borne by Shri Shyama Prasad Mukherji, famous advocate, Patna High Court (our respected ‘Shyamada’). Shri Bimal Chandra Basak, Chief Justice, Patna High Court unveiled the statue.

1994 - Bhagwati Bhawan was built by the funds donated by ‘Vishwakosh Parishad’ and ‘Pather Panchali (Kolkata)’. One building for the school was built by LAD Fund of local MLA Shri Shashanka Shekhar Bhokta.

1994 - Shri Subhash Chakrabarty, Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Transport, Government of West Bengal arranged a donation of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh) to Vidyasagar Smriti Raksha Committee from ‘Friends of Stadium’.

2008 – The construction of building for ‘Vidyasagar Databya Homeopathic Chikitsalaya (Vidyasagar Free Homeopathic Dispensary) was funded by Shrimati Chameli Chatterji of Jamshedpur. Committee arranges free treatment and medication through this dispensary.

2009 - Shrimati Ramala Chakrabarty, on behalf of ‘Pather Panchali (Kolkata)’ has donated Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five lakhs) to the reserve fund of the School.

2011 - ‘Smriti Tarpana’ programme named ‘Guru Dakshina’ is being organised every year, from the year 2011, preferably on 29<sup>th</sup> March, the day of acquisition of the property by Bengalee Association, Bihar. Besides, on 26<sup>th</sup> September and on 29<sup>th</sup> July, Birth and Death Anniversaries respectively, are being observed every year.

School building measuring 30 ft. X 28 ft. at the base has been constructed from the LAD Fund of local MP hon'ble Shibu Soren.

2012 – Guesthouse named ‘Manomandir’ in the memory of Ashwini Kumar Roy and Manorama Devi was built. Low cost stay is available for the guests here.

Dr. Madhu Sudan Saha of Durgapur has donated Rs. 1,00,000/- to the Scholarship Fund meant for poor and meritorious students.

Guesthouse ‘Jamshedpur Bhawan’ has been built by Jamshedpur branch of Bengalee Association, Jharkhand.

2015 – Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Raghubar Das announced in a function organised by the Jamshedpur branch of Bengalee Association, Jharkhand at Jamshedpur that Nandan Kanan will be developed as Heritage place.

2017 – During the function of Guru Dakshina – 2017, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Jharkhand Government, Shri Randhir Singh laid the Foundation Stone for beautification of Nandan Kanan.

2019 - “Vidyasagar Skill Development Training Centre”: A six months training course on ‘Sewing and Cutting’ started on 15th May 2019 for the Women and Girls.