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A PERSONAL LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE ABODE OF SRI RAMAKRISHNA AND SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

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ॐ गङ्गे च यमुने चैव गोदावरि सरस्वति। नर्मदे सिन्धु कावेरि जलेऽस्मिन् संनिधिं कुरु॥

Dear Sri Ajay Piramal Makhariya,

We are cordially inviting you to our place, the land of **Sri** Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda, after acquiring the ownership of **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited** (DHFL). Despite the fact that we have *Vidura*'s hut at the bank of the holy Ganges, we are welcoming you to our residence and we can just offer you widow's mite as part of our humble hospitality for visiting the following places:

1. Baranagar Math



Baranagar Math was the first monastery of the Ramakrishna Order. In 1886, after the mahasamadhi of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda and other disciples of Sri Ramakrishna decided to make a dilapidated house at Baranagar their new math.

2. Sri Ramakrishna Mahasamsan



Sri Ramakrishna Mahasamsan, where the mortal body of Sri Ramakrishna was cremated.

3. Cossipore Udyan Bati



Cossipore Udyan Bati, Sri Ramakrishna's last sojourn.

4. Cossipore Adi Chitteswari Temple



Adi Chitteswari Durga Temple (1610 AD), where the wooden icon of the Mother Goddess with Vaishnava icons. Horse is installed as the carrier (vahana) of the Goddess instead of Lion. Sri Ramakrishna visited this temple.

5. Chitpur Sarvamangala Temple



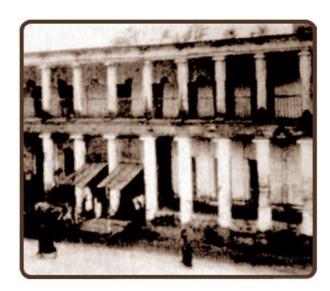
Chitpur Sarvamangala Mandir, where Kali the Mother is worshipped. Sri Ramakrishna used to visit this very place.

6. Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama School



Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama School was established in 1912 by Yogindranath Tagore, a disciple of Swami Brahmananda, who was one of the direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna.

7. Alambazar Math



Alambazar Math is the second monastery of the Ramakrishna Order established in February 1892, which remained the order's headquarters till February 1898, after which it was finally moved to Belur on the bank of the Ganges.

8. Dakshineswar Kali Temple



Dakshineswar Kali Temple, is a navaratna temple. Situated on the eastern bank of the Ganges, the presiding goddess of the temple is 'Bhavatarini', a manifestation of Kali the Mother. The temple was established in 1855 by Rani Rashmoni. The temple is blessed for its close association with Shri Ramakrishna, Ma Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda.

9. Adyapitha Temple



Adyapitha Temple, where the icons of Kali the Mother, Radha-Krishna and Shri Ramakrishna are worshipped together.

10. Baranagar Path Bari Ashrama



Baranagar Pathbari Ashrama: On his way to Puri, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was moving along the Ganges downstream from Panihati, till a sweet reading of the Bhagavata entered his ears. He looked for its origin, to find a brahmin in his tiny cottage reading the text, his cheeks flooding with ecstatic tears. Sri Chaitanya resided at the hut for three days, consulted philosophy with the brahmin, listened to his reading of Bhagavata, and rendered him the title of Sri Bhagavatacharya. The place still preserves the wooden sandals of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Mani Mandir (popularly known as "Kancher 11. Mandir", or the "Glass Temple")



Mani Mandir is a glass-temple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Srimati Sarada Devi, established by Swami Satyananda, a devout follower of Swami Abhedananda, who was one of the sixteen direct disciples of Sri Ramakrishna.

12. Joy Mitra Kripamayee Kali Temple



Joy Mitra Kripamayee Kali Temple is a replica of Dakshineswar Temple, established by zamindar Joy Mitra.

Belur Math 13.



Belur Math is the present-day headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, founded by Swami Vivekananda. It is located on the west bank of the Ganges, Belur. The temple is notable for its architecture that syncretically fuses Christian, Islamic, Hindu and Buddhist elements as a symbol of communal harmony.

All of the above sacred places were once blessed by the holy presence of greats like Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Srimati Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda and their spiritual disciples. We think that you and your family would like to visit these places.

We are eagerly waiting for you and your family.

Yours Sincerely,

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