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Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj is the Founder/Director of the only Saraswati Mandiram in the USA, a temple dedicated to the goddess of learning, Saraswati. He is a well recognized Hindu Priest, serving the Hindu Community in the New England area. He has been appointed the **First Hindu Chaplain** at Boston University, Boston Massachusetts. **Vachaspati** Acharya Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj has been honored with the title of “Vachastpati”, for his knowledge and service to Hinduism from the Rastriya Sanskrit University, Tirupati, India.

Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj is a visionary and original thinker who has dedicated his life to developing creative learning methods and building institutions that provide holistic education that combines academic excellence and moral awareness in its students. This has culminated in a teaching methodology called Super Accelerated Learning Theory (S.A.L.T.) that has shown a quantum leap in the quality and quantity of learning in students from diverse backgrounds. His goal is to put his experience and the SALT methodology to use on a national and international scale.

Education:

General Certificate of Education (G.C.E.) Advanced Level (Hindi, Math, Physics, Chemistry) (1972) Presentation College (Chaguanas)/University of Cambridge (London).

Undergraduate Studies (1973 -1976) (Biology, Zoology, Chemistry, Agriculture, Civil and Electrical Engineering), University of the West Indies, Credits transferred to the University of Wisconsin at Stout.

B.I.Mus. Sangeet Kalanidhi (1976) Bharatiya Vidya Sansthaan, Aranguez, Trinidad & Tobago

Sanskrit Kovid (1977) Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Bombay, India

B.S./M.S. (1985) Specialist degree Robotics Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie Wisconsin.

M. Ed. (1992) Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Post Graduate Diploma in Ayurveda D.Ay. (1997) Institute of Vedic Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Doctoral Degree D.Litt (Honorary) (2010) Rastriya Sanskrit University, Tirupati, Andra Pradesh, India.

Honors:

Given a scholarship to pursue a **Ph.D** in Eastern Studies at the University of Minnesota by Swami Rama and the Himalayan Institute USA 1988

Received an honorary Doctoral Degree (**D.Lit.**) on February 1st 2010 from the Rastriya Sanskrit University, Tirupati, Andra Pradesh India.

Conferred the title of “**VACHASPATI**” for his religious and educational work. Rastriya Sanskrit University, Tirupati, Andra Pradesh, India.

Appointed **FIRST HINDU** Chaplain at Boston University, Boston Massachusetts.

Experience:

**Hindu Priest/Pandit
Minister of Religion
1989-Present**

Saraswati Mandiram, USA

Ordained Hindu Priest, Licensed Marriage Officer in the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Florida, Wisconsin, & Minnesota.

Hindu Counselor.

Conducted Yagnas on Ramayana, Srimad BhagwadGita, Upanishads, and Vedas nationally and internationally.

**Lecturer
1972-1981**

University of the West Indies, Extramural Studies

Taught Advanced Math, Physics and Chemistry. Developed an accelerated program for prospective students.

**Examiner
1979-1986**

Caribbean Examination Council

Have been instrumental in developing and setting examinations in Mathematics for all of the High School students in the 13 countries of the Caribbean.

Graduate Assistant	University of Wisconsin-Stout 1985-1986 Worked on a project for the State of Wisconsin, Education Department: "Gender disparity in Technology Education in the State of Wisconsin." Worked with thinking machines, programming and design.
Engineer: 1986-1989	Radix Laboratories, Eau Claire Wisconsin Manufacturing products.
Yoga Instructor Music Instructor 1987-1988	Himalayan Institute, Honesdale, Pennsylvania Taught Yoga at the Himalayan Institute of Swami Rama. Developed and taught a 5 credit Masters Degree Course in Indian Music.
Ayurvedic Consultant: 1990-present	Institute of Holistic Health, Boston Worked with patients in the Boston area using Yoga Therapy and Ayurveda to enhance the health of people suffering with AIDS, asthma, and immune deficiencies of which some patients were from the Deaconess Hospital in Boston.
Yoga Therapist 1990-Present	Used Yoga as a form of therapy with students labeled ADHD in the Boston and Chelsea Public School system. Have taught the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali for the past 15 years.
Educator Headmaster/Director 1997-2007	American Vivekananda Academy Developed a unique educational model accredited and approved by the State of New Hampshire as a non-public private school (K-12), Vivekananda Academy, Epping, NH
Mentor/ Spiritual Guide 1987-Present	Saraswati Mandiram Founder and Spiritual Head of the only Saraswati Mandiram in the West. This Institution gives instruction in Holistic Health, Ayurveda, Yoga, Music, Science and Philosophy. Counselor. Initiated hundreds of disciples in the Vedic Tradition.
Musician 1971-Present	Vocal and Instrumental. Used music in holistic healing, spiritual discourses and educational narratives.
Lecturer/Teacher	Northeastern University, Boston 1990-1992 Taught a non credit course on Shrimad Bhagwadgita.

Boston University, Boston 1994-1995

Taught a non credit course in Hindi. Lectured on Yoga, Srimad Bhagwadgita, Sustainable Living, The Incredible Human Brain, and the Biology of the Mind.

Harvard University, Cambridge 1994-1996

Conducted a Hatha Yoga Program at Harvard Business School for professors and students.

Tutor
1997

Was the only resource for a Northeastern University graduate nursing student in completing her Master's thesis on breathing and natural child birth.

**Research Scholar/
Lecturer**
2008 - Present

**Center for Indic Studies,
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth**
Dartmouth, Massachusetts

**Founder/
Executive Director**
2008-Present

Three R's Foundation, Dartmouth, Massachusetts
Promoting the Super Accelerated Learning Theory developed by Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

Director
2009- Present

**Light on Ayurveda Educational Foundation,
Dartmouth, Massachusetts**
Supports the publication of the only peer-reviewed Ayurvedic Journal in the USA, *Light on Ayurveda Journal*.

Director/Headmaster
2011 - Present

American Vivekananda Academy,
28 Lowell Road, Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

Founder
2011

**Trindic Corps, Three R's Foundation & UMass
Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.**
Volunteer Youth Movement that works with the University of Massachusetts and the Three R's Foundation in promoting the SALT Theory of Education in different towns and countries.

Other Credentials

One of the founders of the charter school movement in the USA, setting up innovative schools K - College .1993

Founded Institutions of **Holistic Health** in USA, India, Trinidad and Tobago (Saraswati Mandiram)

Petitioned the State of New Hampshire, to pass a bill on alternative medicine to include **Ayurveda**, as a licensed medical profession, such as chiropractor, naturopathy, acupuncture, etc.; passed the House, placed in study in the Senate.1998

Organized the first **WAVES** conference in Trinidad and Tobago: “Vedic Knowledge for Civilizational Harmony” 2010

Resource for advice on matters of ethics and morality, according to Vedic scriptures and tradition in the greater Hindu population.

The first **faculty advisor** to HSC, Hindu Student Council of America. 1990

Invitation to the **White House** as a Hindu Priest, to the **First Divali Celebration** held in Washington, D.C., hosted by **President George W. Bush**, President of the United States of America 2005

Initiated the **Hindu-Jewish Dialogue** with the **AJC** Boston 2007

Presided as the priest of honor, Give invocation at the at the **American Red Cross** Breakfast of the Greater Boston Area 2007

Hindu Priest rep at the first “*America’s Promise*” Youth Summit initiated by **General Colin Powell** in Boston, Massachusetts 1997

Related Publications:

Coauthored with Dr. Anil Sookdeo “Trinidad Then and Now”, Kewal Printing Press, San Fernando, Trinidad in 1996

“The S.A.L.T. school model” Super Accelerated Learning Theory. *Book in preparation*

Paper on “Vedic Model for Whole Brain Education” presented at the WAVES conference at the University of Central Florida in June 2008

Paper on “Whole Brain Learning, Sanskrit and its importance in S.A.L.T.” presented On a seminar on Science and Technology in Ancient Indian Text (SATAIT), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India , January 2010

Paper on “Super Accelerated Learning Theory” presented at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, UP, India. January 2010

Paper on “Whole Brain Learning, S.A.L.T: The American Vivekananda Academy and its Global Application” presented at the WAVES International Conference, University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine Campus Trinidad and Tobago, August 2010

Institutions and Affiliations

- 1990 Founder Director, Saraswati Mandiram Inc, Massachusetts USA
- 1997 Founder, Saraswati Mandiram Inc, Trinidad and Tobago
- 2008 Founder Director, Three R’s Foundation Inc, Massachusetts USA
- 2008 MOU collaboration SALT, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- 2009 MOU collaboration, Light on Ayurveda Educational Foundation, Massachusetts
- 2010 MOU, collaboration, SALT Rastriya Sanskrit University, Tirupati India
- 2010 MOU (pending), SALT University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago
- 2010 MOU (pending), AYURVEDA Government of India, (AYUSH) New Delhi, India
- 2011 Founder/Director ***Trindic Corps, University of Massachusetts and 3R’s Y.E.S. (Sustainability through Youth Education) volunteer movement***, Dartmouth Massachusetts