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Veda Vijñāna Gurukulam



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VISION -

Bhārata, or India is known for its rich heritage of some of the world's most ancient knowledge systems. It is the land of the sacred Vedic *Adhyātmayoga* (spiritual knowledge). As children of this holy land, we consider it our duty and responsibility to transmit the vast treasure of this Vedic knowledge to our future generations.

Janaseva Trust is known for its relentless service in the field of education for over 48 years. The trust felt the need for *rsi-jñāna* based education for the progress of the Nation. With this background, Veda Vijñāna Gurukulam was established in the month of *Jyēṣṭha*, *Īśvarasamvatsara* i.e. 1997, on the auspicious occasion of Janaseva Trust's silver jubilee celebrations.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GURUKULAM

1. To preserve the tradition of the Vedas, the *Śāstras* and *Yoga* in their original form.
2. To perpetuate the Gurukula tradition in the modern world.
3. To cultivate a social-outlook and spiritual insight in the youth along with scholarship.
4. To teach the *Śāstras* through the right medium i.e. *samskritam*.
5. To develop scholars who can converse with modern Indic scholarship and contribute to contemporary discourses.
6. To protect branches of traditional knowledge which are on the verge of extinction.

CORNERSTONES OF GURUKULAM

The *śāstra-paramparā* (Tradition of *śāstras*) of *bhāratavarsa* is an invaluable treasure. We believe that this *paramparā* can flourish only through the Gurukula tradition. Moreover, in a time when there is a growing influence of consumerism and utilitarianism driven by market forces all over the world, it is rare to find competent and committed young men and women dedicated to the cause of preserving and promoting our rich heritage. In this context, we consider it necessary to train and motivate the youth to take the responsibility of such a mission in the modern age.

Furthermore, we firmly believe that *śāstra* scholars must cultivate a scientific and social outlook and become conscious of their intellectual, cultural and social responsibilities. The Gurukulam, hence, seeks to blend and harmonize scholarship with service orientation and dynamic capabilities (*Kṣātrabala*) with scholastic aptitudes (*Brāhmabala*) in the youth. Also, education should be for developing an all-round personality and not for information gathering alone.



Gurukula parivara



Tatsanga



Study in Nature



Vijnanapathah

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Students learn from their *Ācāryas* in a free and friendly learning space.
- Study and research are done under the keen guidance of learned scholars.
- The competence of the students is examined by many *Sabhās* like *Ganapati-sabhā*, *Vijaya-sabhā*, *Sankrānti-sabhā* and *Yugadi-sabhā* adopting *Śālākā* and *Pravacana* systems.
- The medium of instruction and communication is *Samskratam*.
- The education system is five faceted viz. *Veda*, *Vijñāna* (*śāstras* and science), *Yoga*, *Kṛsi* (Agriculture), *Kālā*(arts) for total development of the students personality.



Gurukulopanayanam



Sharadasikharini

- The development of social concern of students through social activities like *Nitya-śākha* (an hour spent every day on the playground in developing spirit of service to the Nation) *Grāmasamparka* (Visiting villages), conducting *Samskrtam* camps and festivals.
- Education is provided to all deserving and committed students.
- Students receive the benefit of acquiring UG and PG certificates from the *Sanskrita* University.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In line with aims of sensitizing the youth with social concerns, the Gurukulam encourages the students to take up the following social activities:

Samskāra-kendras – Gurukula students visit villages for instilling **Samskāras** in the youth.

rsi-sanjñānam – Visit to houses in the neighborhood to chant the Vedas; talks are also given about the importance of them in the contemporary context.

Samskāra Camps – Week-long camps to instill **Samskāras** in high school students.



Agriculture (Krushi)



Playing (Krida)



Yogasanam

Samvedanā – Visit to organizations for the differently - abled, to perform social service.

Grāmothāna – Help improve the living conditions in villages around the Gurukulam.

Yoga Camps – For the people of the nearby villages.

Spoken Samskrita courses – Conducted in the villages.

Promoting nationalism in Schools – Gurukula Students regularly visit schools to promote spirit of service to the patriotism.

Academics

Syllabi

Theoretical

1. *Vedas* - Complete oral chanting of one *Veda-sakhā* and guidance for understanding the meaning.
2. *Śāstrās* - *Pūrvamīmāṃsā*, *Uttaramīmāṃsā*(*Vedānta*), *Vyākaraṇa*.
3. Basic *Sāṅkhya-yoga*, *Nyāya-vaiśeṣika*, *Āyurveda*, *Sāhitya*,
4. Basic English and Computers.

Practical

1. *Yoga-āsana*, *Prāṇāyāma*, *Kriyā*.
2. Agriculture.
3. Basic self defence techniques.
4. Basic Computing.
5. *Yajña-vidhi*

Alumni

More than hundred students have completed Gurukula education since its inception.

They are-

- Serving as *Ācāryas* in Gurukulas.
- Employed in institutions that are associated with the Gurukulam.
- Working in Organizations in the field of Samskr̥tam.
- Employed in Universities and Research Institutes.
- Cultural ambassadors abroad.
- Working to establish new Gurukulas.

- Research Scholars.
- Teaching faculties in Schools/Colleges.
- Employed /Employers in the field of Yoga.
- Working in the field of agriculture

Seminars and Workshops

The Gurukulam has hosted numerous International and National seminars and Workshops. In 2015, “The International conference on *Yajña* therapy” was organized. Scholars and dignitaries from all around the world attend the conferences.



Vidvadgosthi



Vidvatsammananam

Blessings of Luminaries

Great luminaries like *Śrī Bhāratīrtha Mahāsannidhānam*, *śaṅkarācārya of śringeri śāradāpītham* have visited the Gurukulam and have showered their blessings.

Other notable traditional scholars too visit the Gurukulam regularly and give their inputs.

International scholars in the field of *Śāstra study* also visit the Gurukulam. We believe that the association of students with these kind of great people is an important element in education.

RESORUCES AND OTHER FEATURES

The Gurukula is equipped with

- Computers with internet connectivity to support the academic pursuits of the students and teachers
- A library with a very good collection of fifteen thousand books and palm leaves manuscripts for study and reference

The Gurukula has

- *Medhā Dakshināmūrthi* temple atop the *Vṛṣabhācala* hillock
- A *Go-śāla* of sixteen Cows – indigenous breed
- *Sāradā-śikharinī* (a pyramid shaped structure) for meditation and *anusthāna*
- *Yajñśālā* – a hall for performance of Vedic *yajña*
- *Gurubhavanam* – an auditorium for lectures workshops and seminars.
- *Chātrāvāsas* – two dormitories for the students
- *Navagraha Vana* and *Dhanyantari Vana* – two plots of agricultural land where plants connected with the nine Grahas and other medicinal herbs are being planted and maintained
- First aid and Medical support

Admission

1. Interested male candidates of age 15-16 who have passed their SSLC or equivalent examinations with Sanskrit as a subject can apply
2. Candidate must be ready to study for seven years according to the Gurukula tradition and must have sound physical, mental health and favourable intellectual inclination.
3. Interested students should apply before the end of April. (Application form is available in the website)
4. Written Entrance exam will be conducted, which will be followed by an interview.

An Appeal -

In line with the principles of the ancient Gurukula system, it is our resolve that, education, food and primary healthcare are to be given free of cost to students. We are happy to share that from day one, the Gurukulam has been supported by different sections the society and hence we are able to provide education, boarding, lodging and basic healthcare completely free of cost to the students.

In this context, we solicit the support of philanthropists, organizations and well-wishers to help us uphold and spread the light and knowledge of the *Śāstrās*. The Gurukulam whole-heartedly welcomes and acknowledges any monetary, material and academic assistance.

YOU CAN HELP US BY -

Sponsorships	Amount
Sponsoring a student for the entire duration of his stay in Gurukulam	3,00,000/-
Sponsoring a student for a year	30,000/-
Sponsoring one month expense of Gurukulam	3,00,000/-
Sponsoring a day's food per annum	1,00,000/-
Sponsoring food for a week	45,000/-
Sponsoring food for a day	8,000/-
Sponsoring food for an occasion	3,000/-
Sponsoring for library maintenance per year	60,000/-
Sponsoring for library maintenance per month	5,000/-
Sponsoring for computer lab and maintenance	2,00,000/-
Donating a cow [<i>go-dānam</i>]	40,000/-
Sponsoring monthly fodder for a cow	10,000/-
Maintenance of temple for a month	15,000/-
Maintenance of environment [<i>Agriculture field, navagrahavanam, dhanvantarivanam</i>] etc. for a month	10,000/-
Gurukulam Welfare fund	Above 25,000/-

All contributions are exempted from Income tax under 80G

The account details are as follows:

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