

MAY 2026

GURUKULAVAS

Craving the youth for better tomorrow

विद्या ददाति विनयं विनयाद्याति पात्रताम्।
पात्रत्वाद्धनमाप्नोति धनाद्धर्मं ततः सुखम्॥



**SRI VITTAL RUKMINI
SAMSTHAN**



06.05.2026 - 10.05.2026

Sri Vittal Rukmini Samsthan
Govindapuram



Gurukulavas Summer Camp 2026 is a unique residential camp designed to provide children with a joyful blend of spiritual learning, character building and cultural enrichment. Inspired by the ancient Gurukula tradition, the camp offers opportunities for students to learn values, discipline, Sanskrit slokas, yoga, devotional activities, traditional games and life skills in a nurturing environment. Through interactive sessions, storytelling, group activities and seva, children develop confidence, leadership, self-reliance and a deeper connection to Indian culture and spirituality.

FOUNDER SRI SRI VITTALDAS MAHARAJ



His Holiness **Sri Sri Vittaldas Maharaj** is the revered founder and spiritual guide, whose divine vision gave birth to this sacred institution. A beacon of devotion, wisdom and compassion, Maharaj has dedicated his life to the preservation and propagation of Sanatana Dharma. Through his tireless efforts, countless devotees, students and seekers have been inspired to walk the path of righteousness, devotion and selfless service.

His soul-stirring bhajans, filled with divine love and devotion and his enlightening pravachans, rich with the wisdom of the Vedas, Puranas, Ramayana, Bhagavata, and the teachings of great saints, have touched innumerable hearts. Through these spiritual discourses, he continues to awaken devotion, inspire noble living and guide seekers toward inner peace and God-realization. His ocean of spiritual knowledge and compassionate guidance remains an endless source of inspiration for people of all ages.

FOOTPRINTS OF THE SACRED JOURNEY

DAY 1

**“ROOTS & IDENTITY:
EMBRACING HINDU HERITAGE,
CELEBRATING INDIAN PRIDE”**

DAY 2

**“SANATANA DHARMA:
THE ETERNAL WAY OF LIFE”**

DAY 3

**“VALUES THAT BUILD ME:
MORALS FOR A STRONG LIFE”**

DAY 4

**“ANCIENT WISDOM, MODERN STRENGTH:
INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM”**

DAY 5

**“LIVING THE TRADITION:
THE PATH OF SRI VITTAL RUKMINI
SAMSTHAN”**

The Gurukulavas Camp commenced on the evening of 5th May 2026 with an orientation session and briefing for all participants. Throughout the camp, students actively engaged in various educational, cultural and spiritual activities that enriched their knowledge and character.

THE CAMP PULSE : OUR DAILY BLUEPRINT

• TIME	ACTIVITY	TIME	ACTIVITY
• 5:30 AM	YOGA	1:00 PM	CHARITRAM SESSION
• 6:30 AM	MILK	2:00 PM	DIVYANAMAM AND BHAJANS
• 7:00 AM	BATH	3:00 PM	BREAK
• 7:30 AM	SURYA ARGYA	3:30 PM	AFTERNOON ACTIVITY
• 7:45 AM	PRABODHANAM,	4:30 PM	MILK & SNACKS
•	GURU DHARSHAN	5:30 PM	NAGARA SANKEERTHANAM
• 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	6:30 PM	SANNIDHI POOJA
• 9:30 AM	KNOW YOUR VALUES	7:30 PM	DINNER
• 10:30 AM	BREAK	8:15 PM	DOLOTHSAVAM
• 11:00 AM	STOTHRA PATTAM	9:00 PM	SLEEP
• 12:00 PM	LUNCH		

The camp concluded on the afternoon of 10th May 2026 with a grand Valedictory Function. SRI SRI VITTALDAS MAHARAJ, distributed certificates to all the participants and congratulated them on their successful completion of the camp. Awards and prizes were also presented to students who had demonstrated excellence in different activities conducted during the camp.

GURUKULAVAS BRIEFING 05.05.2026



The children had their introductory briefing session and settled into the Gurukulavas atmosphere with excitement and curiosity. A beautiful surprise for them was the visit and blessings of **Sri Sri Vittaldas Maharaj (SRI ANNA)**, which brought great joy and inspiration to everyone.

The team formation was completed and the children enthusiastically embraced their groups, began their journey together with unity and integrity. Though it is a new place and a new experience for many, the children accommodated themselves comfortably and settled peacefully for the night. It is heartwarming to see them feeling at home already. A blessed beginning to this journey.

YOGA SESSION

The kids actively participated in the yoga session and enjoyed practicing the asanas as instructed. They followed the session with great obedience and discipline. Our volunteers were by their side throughout, guiding and assisting them whenever needed, making the session smooth and encouraging for everyone.



A WARM BEGINNING



The day began with a refreshing milk session, where the children gathered together and enjoyed a delightful time of interaction and fellowship. Amid smiles, laughter and lively conversations, they shared their experiences and got to know one another, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere of friendship and belonging.



SURYA ARGHYA – OFFERING GRATITUDE TO THE SUN

The children were taught to begin their day with the sacred practice of Surya Arghya, offering water to the Sun God with devotion and gratitude. As the first rays of the morning sun illuminated the surroundings, the children chanted prayers and offered their respects to Surya Deva, the source of light, energy and life. This ancient Vedic practice was instilled in the children with a sense of devotion, concentration and reverence for nature.

नमो विवस्वते ब्रह्मन् भास्वते विष्णुतेजसे।
जगत्सवित्रे शुचये सवित्रे फलदायिने॥





GURU DHARSHAN

The children had the blessed opportunity of Guru Darshan and received the blessings of Sri Vittaldas Maharaj. It was a special and memorable moment for all.

The girl children were lovingly given a Tulasi plant to adopt and nurture, symbolizing care, devotion and responsibility. All the children were also gifted a Tulasi mala and Gopi Chandhan, making the experience even more meaningful and spiritually enriching.



KNOW YOUR VALUES SESSION

One of the highlights of the camp was the inspiring "Know Your Value" session, thoughtfully designed around the timeless teachings of Sanatana Dharma. Through engaging stories, meaningful discussions and interactive activities, the children were guided to discover the true essence of values such as truthfulness, kindness, discipline, devotion, humility and selfless service.

The session encouraged the young minds to look beyond external achievements and recognize that a person's greatest wealth lies in noble character and righteous conduct. As the children reflected on their strengths, shared their thoughts and participated enthusiastically in various activities, the atmosphere was filled with curiosity, confidence and positive energy.

More than just a learning session, it became a journey of self-discovery, helping the campers understand their unique potential and inspiring them to cultivate values that would guide them throughout their lives. The everlasting experience left an impression on the children, reminding them that living by dharma is the foundation of true success and happiness.







EVENING NAGARA SANGEERTHANAM



As the sun gently set and the evening breeze filled the air, the campers participated in the sacred Nagara Sankeerthanam, filling the surroundings with divine vibrations through devotional chanting and bhajans. Walking together with devotion and enthusiasm, the children joyfully sang the holy names of the Lord, creating an atmosphere of spiritual bliss and unity.

The melodious chanting echoed throughout the campus, inspiring devotion and uplifting the hearts of all who participated. The experience helped the children develop a deeper connection with bhakti, while also fostering discipline, teamwork, and collective worship.





ACTIVITIES



The children had a beautiful hands-on learning experience rooted in our traditions.



The girl children were taught how to tie flowers (poo thoduthal), learning patience, neatness, and devotion through this simple yet sacred art.





The boys were taught to prepare pooja thread for Kalasams, understanding its importance in temple and pooja traditions.

What made the session special was that the children did it with their own hands, learning by doing and experiencing our culture in a practical way.

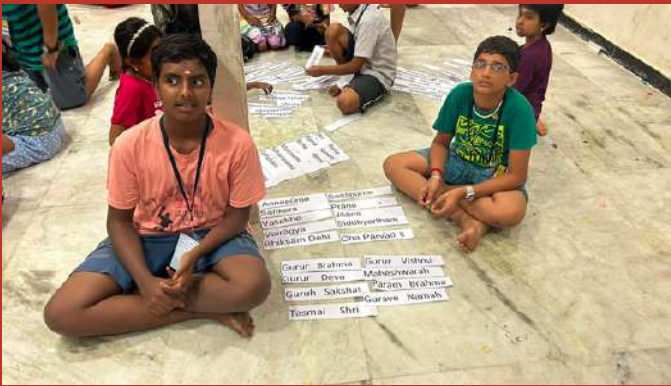
A small step in tradition, a big step in preserving Sanatana Dharma values.





As part of the Sanskrit learning activities, the students enthusiastically participated in a Sloka Unscrambling Activity. They were given jumbled Sanskrit words and challenged to rearrange them to form meaningful slokas. The activity helped improve their memory, concentration, Sanskrit vocabulary and understanding of the spiritual teachings contained in the shlokas.

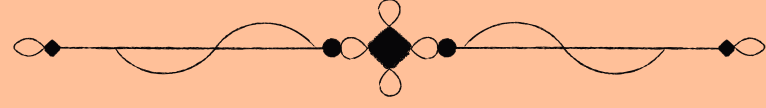




Receiving the Blessings of Swami and Thayar

One of the most cherished moments of Gurukulavas 2026 was when the students were blessed with the sacred opportunity (bhagyam) to offer their respects at the holy feet of Swami and Thayar. The garlands prepared by them were offered to the Lord.





ANNAM BRAHMA

अन्नपूर्णं सदापूर्णं शङ्करप्राणवल्लभे ।
ज्ञानवैराग्यसिद्ध्यर्थं भिक्षां देहि च पार्वति ॥

ब्रह्मार्पणं ब्रह्म हविर्ब्रह्माग्नौ ब्रह्मणा हुतम् ।
ब्रह्मैव तेन गन्तव्यं ब्रह्मकर्म समाधिना ॥



GOSHALA VISIT

The Goshala visit was one of the most joyful and meaningful experiences of Gurukulavas. The students visited the Goshala with great excitement and learned about the significance of cows in Sanatana Dharma and the importance of caring for all living beings.

A special highlight of the visit was when the children enthusiastically fed fresh grass to the cows. With smiling faces and loving hearts, they eagerly participated in this act of Go Seva, experiencing the joy of serving and caring for the gentle animals.



STOTRA PATTAM



One of the spiritually enriching sessions were the Stotra Patham conducted by Sri Krishnadas ji and Sri Srinathdass ji. The students participated with great devotion and enthusiasm as they learned and recited various sacred stotras.



TULASI POOJA



काञ्चित् तुलसी कल्याणि गोविन्दचरणप्रिये।
केशवार्थे चिनोमि त्वां वरदा भव शोभने॥

"Oh auspicious Tulasi, beloved of the feet of Lord Govinda, I pluck you for the worship of Lord Keshava. Oh beautiful and blessed one, kindly bestow your grace and blessings upon me."

Tulasi Pooja was one of the sacred and spiritually uplifting activities conducted during the Gurukulavas camp. Students were taught the significance of Tulasi Devi, who is revered in the Hindu tradition as the beloved of Lord Vishnu and a symbol of purity, devotion, and auspiciousness.

Ekknath Award Presentation

During the Gurukulavas programme, the prestigious **Ekknath Award** was presented to student **Hari Vittal** in recognition of his outstanding dedication, discipline and exemplary conduct. His sincere commitment to learning, adherence to Gurukula values and active participation in various activities made him a deserving recipient of this honour.



TOKEN OF LOVE

As a token of love and affection, Shri Srinathdass ji graciously presented T-shirts to all the students participating in Gurukulavas. The children received the gifts with immense joy and gratitude.











As Gurukulavas 2026 came to a close, the camp left behind countless cherished memories, valuable lessons, and lasting friendships. Over the course of the camp, the children immersed themselves in spiritual learning, Sanskrit chanting, value-based activities, seva, yoga, cultural programs, and joyful interactions that enriched both their minds and hearts.

The camp nurtured qualities such as discipline, devotion, humility, respect, teamwork, and compassion. More importantly, it inspired the children to carry these values into their daily lives and become responsible, kind, and virtuous individuals.

Until we meet again, let the spirit of Gurukulavas live on in our hearts.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all the organisers, volunteers, resource persons, parents, and well-wishers whose dedication and support made Gurukulavas 2026 a grand success.

May the divine blessings received during this sacred journey continue to guide and protect every child. May the seeds of wisdom, devotion, and service sown during Gurukulavas 2026 blossom into a lifetime of righteous living.

The Guiding Lights

**The visionaries who planned and coordinated Gurukulavas
2026 with dedication and care.**

- **SRI SRINATHDASS JI**
- **VAMSHIDHARAN**
- **NARAYANAN**
- **RAM KUMAR**
- **SRIPRIYA**



The Hearts of Service

**The selfless volunteers whose tireless service ensured the
success of every activity.**

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| • ARADHANA | • SUJITHA |
| • SHUSHRUTHA | • SHARMILA |
| • RAM HARIDRA | • BALAJI |
| • BHUVANESHWARI | • DHANYA BALAJI |
| • MANJULA | • LOGPRIYA |



Illuminators of Young Minds

**The esteemed resource persons who enlightened young minds
through their knowledge and guidance.**

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