



श्रद्धा Śraddhā

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SUBHASHITA: SENSING THE UNSEEN

अकारणेनैव चतुराः तर्कयन्त परेऽङ्गतम् । गभर्कं केतकपुष्पम् आमोदेनेव षट्पदाः ॥

Meaning: "Wise people can sense the hidden thoughts or intentions of others without being told, just as bees can smell the fragrance of a Ketaki flower even when it is still hidden inside its bud."

Ref: Sanskrit Pearls (consolidated and enhanced) by Rashmi Kashi, Samskruti Publications, First Ed., February 2025

From the Warden's Desk: A Season of Effort, Empathy, and Transitions

April has been a deeply fulfilling and emotionally resonant month, perfectly balancing academic harvest, spiritual giving, and heartfelt transitions. We proudly witnessed our 2nd PUC students reap the fruits of their rigorous efforts with commendable board exam results, and subsequently bid them a fond farewell on the 25th. Yet, at the Mandiram, true education is incomplete without a heart that feels for others. Honoring the egalitarian saints, Sri Basavanna and Sri Ramanujacharya, our young men engaged passionately in *Narayana Seva* and attended *Digiseva*. Alongside our *Vijñāna Vardhini* sessions, these acts reinforce our core belief: secular knowledge must invariably blossom into spiritual compassion.

– Swami Anilayananda

THE SPIRIT OF OUR NAME

Swami Vivekananda considered *Śraddhā*—a deep, reflective faith in oneself and the Divine—to be the foundation of character. He taught that this internal conviction is what empowers individuals to stand on their own feet. Inspired by the determination of Nachiketa and the realization of the lion cub in Swamiji's parables, we selected this name to anchor our newsletter. It stands as a reminder that true education goes beyond textbooks; it is the process of recognizing and cultivating one's inherent strength and dignity.

ACADEMIC MILESTONES

2nd PUC Results (09 Apr)

The month brought immense joy and pride to the Mandiram family as the 2nd PUC board examination results were declared on April 9th. Our students showcased brilliant performances. Their success stands as a testament to their disciplined routine, the dedicated guidance of their teachers and monks. We congratulate all our senior students and wish them the very best for their upcoming competitive exams and future endeavors.

Bidding Adieu: 2nd PUC Farewell (25 Apr)

On April 25th, the Mandiram hosted a heartfelt farewell ceremony for our outgoing 2nd PUC batch. Having spent their formative years imbibing the twin ideals of academic rigor and character building, the students shared nostalgic memories of their time here. The monastic members and teachers blessed the young men, reminding them to carry the light of Swamiji's teachings wherever they go.



Vijñāna Vardhini: Weeks 4 & 5 (05 & 14 Apr)

The *Vijñāna Vardhini* course, our intensive personality and character development program, successfully advanced through its 4th and 5th weeks. Sri Suvro Banerjee continued to lead the close reading sessions of "*My India, the India Eternal*", deeply engaging the students in Swamiji's vision for a resurgent nation. Following the readings, students actively participated in hands-on activities designed to practically actualize these lofty ideals in their daily lives.



Vijñāna Vardhini: Mini Session Week 1 (26 Apr)

Complementing our regular course, a special *Vijñāna Vardhini* mini-session was inaugurated on the 26th. Led by Sri Sathish Aryabhata, this interactive session introduced fresh, dynamic perspectives on innovation and character building to our students.



THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Digiseva Initiative (19 Apr)

Understanding that modern service must encompass technological empowerment, our students organized a *Digiseva* (Digital Service) initiative on the 19th. By extending their knowledge and technical skills to assist others, our young men are learning to use technology as a powerful tool for social upliftment.

Narayana Seva: Honoring the Saints (20 & 23 Apr)

April was blessed by the Jayantis of two monumental spiritual figures who championed equality and devotion: **Sri Basaveshwara** (Basava Jayanthi) on the 20th and **Sri Ramanujacharya** on the 23rd. To honor their egalitarian teachings, the Mandiram organized special *Narayana Seva* (feeding the Lord in the poor) on both days. Serving warm meals to the underprivileged, our students experienced the profound joy of seeing God in every human being, bringing the timeless teachings of these great saints to life.



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE: APRIL 2026

A complete record of activities reported by all departments.

Date	Event	Category
05 Apr	Vignana Vardhini (Week 4)	Skill / Character Bldg.
09 Apr	2nd PUC Results Declaration	Academic / Milestone
14 Apr	Vijñāna Vardhini (Week 5)	Skill / Character Bldg.
19 Apr	Digiseva Initiative	Outreach / Service
20 Apr	Basava Jayanthi & Narayana Seva	Spiritual / Seva
23 Apr	Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti & Narayana Seva	Spiritual / Seva
25 Apr	2nd PUC Farewell Ceremony	Student Life / Transition
26 Apr	Vijñāna Vardhini Mini Session (Sathish Aryabhatta)	Skill / Character Bldg.

Partner in Our Seva

The Vidyarthi Mandiram is more than a hostel; it is a home where character is forged. Your generous support ensures that deserving students continue to receive this holistic education regardless of their financial background.

To ensure the holistic growth of our students—intellectually, physically, and ecologically—we are embarking on these vital initiatives:

- Operational and Maintenance Fund for NICE
- Integrated Smart Learning Hub
- Comprehensive Rainwater Harvesting System
- Sports Complex Development
- Utility Vehicle for Medical Emergencies & General Use

We also invite you to contribute generously to our Corpus Fund, ensuring the Mandiram stands as a financially independent beacon of service for generations to come.

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