



श्रद्धा Śraddhā

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SUBHASHITA: TWO NECTARINE FRUITS

संसारविषवृक्षस्य द्वे फले हामृतोपमे ।
सुभाषितरसास्वादः सङ्गतिः सुजनैः सह ॥

Meaning: "In this poisonous tree of worldly existence (Samsara), there are only two fruits that are like nectar: the sweet taste of good sayings (Subhashitas) and the company of noble souls."

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

From the Warden's Desk: A Season of Awakening

February brought a beautiful harmony of intense focus and deep devotion to the Mandiram. We celebrated the sacred Jayanti of Sri Ramakrishna and kept all-night vigils for Mahashivaratri. Concurrently, our students balanced inner reflection with rigorous academic striving, successfully navigating PU1 board exams (10th–20th) and preparing for the PU2 finals from the 28th. Amidst this, we welcomed young students from Madihalli and found immense inspiration in the 'Sannyasiya Geete' musical. This month stands as a living testament to our core ideal: achieving excellence in both the secular and the spiritual.

– 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.

IN THE LIGHT OF SPIRIT

February was a profound journey of devotion, marked by the pinnacle of our spiritual calendar.

Swami Adbhutanandaji Jayanti (01 Feb)

We commenced the month by honoring Swami Adbhutanandaji (Latu Maharaj). His life remains the ultimate testament to Sri Ramakrishna's power—proving that absolute faith and surrender can transform a simple soul into an absolute spiritual giant.



All-Night Mahashivaratri (15 Feb)

The Mandiram resonated with the deep, rhythmic chanting of "Om Namah Shivaya" as students and monks kept an all-night vigil. The sacred atmosphere, lit by traditional lamps and filled with soulful bhajans, offered everyone a profound sense of peace and inner stillness throughout the night.



Guru Maharaj Jayanti (19 Feb)

The crown jewel of our month was the Jayanti of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa. The prayer hall overflowed with love and devotion. Special pujas, joyful singing, and reflective discourses reminded our young men of his universal message: that every path, when walked with pure earnestness, leads to the same divine truth.



HORIZONS OF KNOWLEDGE

Overcoming Exam Fright (02 Feb)

We were immensely blessed to hear an insightful speech by **Swami Nityasthanandaji Maharaj**, Adhyaksha of Ramakrishna Math, Basavanagudi. Addressing a highly relevant topic for the season, his words offered practical, compassionate guidance on how to overcome exam fright, blending rigorous academic ambitions with a grounded spiritual discipline.



A Day of Inspiration (14 Feb)

February 14th was a day of profound inspiration. Our students attended 'Sannyasiya Geete', a magnificent musical on Swami Vivekananda's life organized by Ramakrishna Math, Basavanagudi, held at the PESCE auditorium.



Simultaneously, the Mandiram opened its doors with great joy to host school students visiting from **Ramakrishna Ashram, Madihalli**. It was truly heartwarming to watch our older boys step into the role of mentors—guiding the younger children around our campus, sharing stories, and inspiring the next generation, the students also savoured a hearty snack.



ALUMNI CONNECT

Distinguished Alumnus Visit (07 Feb)

We were delighted to welcome back **Dr. Sridhara S.**, a distinguished alumnus from the 1966-72 batch, accompanied by his wife, **Dr. Rajeshwari Sridhara**. Visiting us all the way from Maryland, USA, Dr. Sridhara filled the prayer hall with nostalgia and devotion as he led a soulful bhajan session. His heartfelt visit was a beautiful reminder of the enduring bond our alumni share with their spiritual home, spanning across decades and continents.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Admissions Open 2026-27 (01 Mar)

We are pleased to announce that the admission process for the upcoming academic year (2026-27) officially commences on **March 1st, 2026**. We invite bright and earnest young men seeking a life that harmonizes rigorous academic excellence with profound character-building to join the Mandiram family. For information on application forms, guidelines, and eligibility criteria, please go through the poster below and share widely.



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THE MONTH AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY 2026

A complete record of activities reported by all departments.

Date	Event	Category
01 Feb	Swami Adbhutanandaji Jayanti	Spiritual / Culture
02 Feb	Talk on Exam Fright by Swami Nityasthanandaji	Spiritual / Guidance
07 Feb	Distinguished Alumnus Visit (Dr. Sridhara S)	Alumni Relations
10–20 Feb	PU1 Final Board Exams	Academic / Exams
14 Feb	'Sannyasiya Geete' Musical at PESCE	Cultural / Inspiration
14 Feb	Hosted Students from RK Ashram, Madihalli	Outreach / Community
15 Feb	All-Night Mahashivaratri Vigil	Spiritual / Culture
19 Feb	Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa Jayanti	Spiritual / Celebration
28 Feb	PU2 Final Board Exams Commence	Academic / Exams

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