



## श्रद्धा Śraddhā

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### SUBHASHITA: THE SWEETNESS OF WORDS

द्राक्षा म्लानमुखी जाता शर्करा चाश्मताङ्गता।  
सुभाषितरसस्याग्रे सुधा भीता दिवङ्गता॥

**Meaning:** "Upon the origination of the essence of *subhāṣitas*, the grapes [had a] wilted face, sugar solidified and even the divine nectar ran away to heaven in fear!"

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

### From the Warden's Desk: The Dawn of Strength

January at the Mandiram is synonymous with a renewed surge of energy. We began with the blessings of Kalpataru Day and rose to a crescendo with the Jayanti of Swami Vivekananda—the very embodiment of strength. This month, we witnessed a beautiful convergence: our students engaged with the finest academic minds from IITs, immersed themselves in the timeless wisdom of the Ramayana, and stood tall to salute the Tricolour. As we step firmly into the new year, we are reminded that true education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man.

– 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

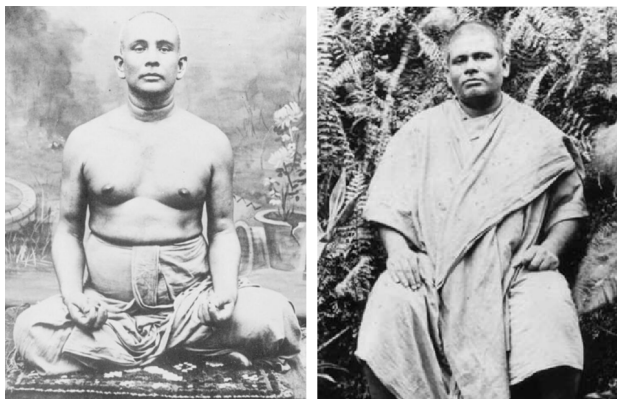
January is a spiritually charged month, commencing with the blessings of the Lord and celebrating the lives of the great monastic disciples.

### Kalpataru Day (01 Jan)

We began the New Year by observing Kalpataru Day, commemorating the day Sri Ramakrishna revealed himself as the Wish-Fulfilling Tree, blessing devotees with spiritual awakening.

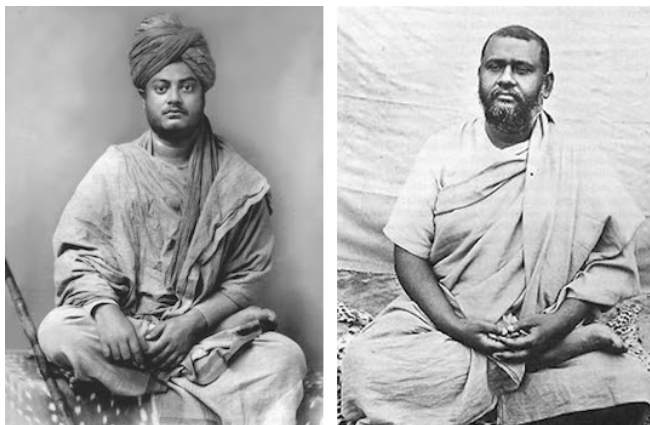
### Jayantis of the Disciples

We honored the birth anniversaries of the direct disciples of the Master: **Swami Turiyanandaji** (Jan 3), **Swami Brahmanandaji** (Jan 20), and **Swami Trigunatitanandaji** (Jan 22). Special pujas and discourses shed light on their austere lives and their colossal roles in building the Ramakrishna Order.



### Swami Vivekananda Jayanti (10 Jan)

The Jayanti of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated with great fervor. The atmosphere was electrified by a soul-stirring musical performance by **Swami Mayadhipanandaji** accompanied by **Abhijit Sarkar** playing Pakhavaj, whose bhajans evoked the fiery spirit of Swamiji.



## INTELLECTUAL HORIZONS

### Meeting the Minds of IIT

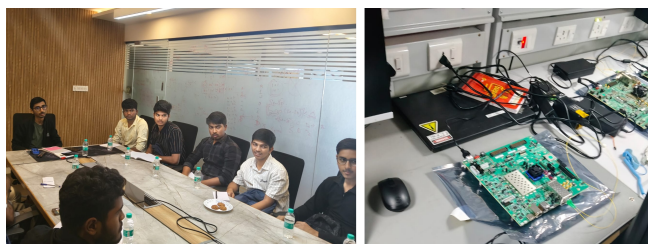
This month, our students had the rare privilege of interacting with distinguished academicians. On Jan 5th, **Prof. Abhijit Pal** from IIT Kanpur engaged the SRVM Math Club, "Ava-Anu" in a stimulating dialogue.

This was followed by a visit from Padmasri **Dr. V. Kamakoti**, Director of IIT Madras, on Jan 11th. His insights on technology and education inspired our students to think beyond the curriculum.



### Industrial Visit: Qdit Labs (16 Jan)

To bridge the gap between theory and practice, students visited Qdit Labs, Bengaluru. This industrial visit provided practical exposure to cutting-edge technologies and modern workflows. *(Please see the attached detailed report for full coverage of this visit.)*



### Parent-Teacher Meeting (11 Jan)

Coinciding with the dignitary visits, a PTM was conducted for the PUC students to discuss academic progress and holistic development.

## CULTURAL BLOSSOMS

### Divine Flute Performance (06 Jan)

We were treated to a divine Hindustani flute performance by **Swami Mahishthanandaji** (former Assistant Warden, SRVM). His soulful rendition captivated the audience.



### Youth Day Celebrations (15 Jan)

Continuing the spirit of National Youth Day, a special session featured bhajans led by **Tuhin Roy** and inspiring speeches by three students in three languages: **Manoj D** (Kannada), **Vijaya Simha** (English), and **Jnanesh Murthy** (Hindi). They eloquently articulated the role of youth in nation-building.



### Ramayana Lecture Series(25-31 Jan)

We embarked on a spiritual journey with the **Ramayana Lecture Series** led by the erudite **Sri Sureshji**, Sri Ramayana Prasara Kendra, Bangalore. The lectures focused on the *Bala Kanda*, drawing out stories and lessons specifically for teens and young adults. Each talk was engrossing where students listened with rapt attention to the enriching ideas presented.



## NATIONAL SPIRIT

### Republic Day Celebrations (26 Jan)

Patriotism and spirituality go hand in hand at the Mandiram. On the 77th Republic Day, the Tricolour was unfurled by the Warden, Swami Anilayananda, followed by the national anthem and a pledge to serve the motherland.



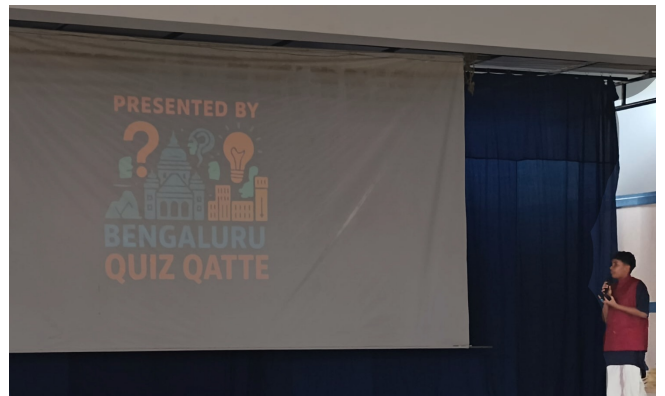
### Republic Day Quiz (25 Jan)

A competitive spirit filled the air during the Republic Day Quiz conducted by **Quiz Master: Chi. Hemanshu**.

**Winners:** Arjun G, Gagan K.

**Runners-up 1:** Jnanesh M, Madhusudan G.

**Runners-up 2:** Niranjana HM, Yashwanth Y.



### Visit to SV Memorial (12 Jan)

On National Youth Day, students participated in a special bhajan program at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial near KSR Bus Stand, paying musical tributes to the great monk.

## THE MONTH AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 2026

*A complete record of activities reported by all departments.*

| Date   | Event                                     | Category             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Jan | Kalpataru Day                             | Spiritual            |
| 03 Jan | Swami Turiyanandaji Jayanti               | Spiritual            |
| 05 Jan | Interaction with Prof. Abhijit Pal (IITK) | Academic / Math Club |
| 06 Jan | Flute Perf. (Swami Mahishthanandaji)      | Cultural             |
| 10 Jan | Swamiji Jayanti (Swami Mayadhipanandaji)  | Spiritual / Culture  |
| 11 Jan | Visit by Dr. Kamakoti (Dir. IITM)         | Academic             |
| 11 Jan | Parent Teacher Meeting (PUC)              | Academic             |
| 12 Jan | Bhajans at SV Memorial (KSR Bus Stand)    | Outreach             |
| 15 Jan | Youth Day Speeches (Tri-lingual)          | Cultural             |
| 16 Jan | Industrial Visit to Qdit Labs             | Academic / IV        |
| 20 Jan | Swami Brahmanandaji Jayanti               | Spiritual            |
| 22 Jan | Swami Trigunatitanandaji Jayanti          | Spiritual            |
| 25 Jan | Republic Day Quiz (QM: Chi. Hemanshu)     | Student Life         |
| 25 Jan | Ramayana Lecture Series (Sri Sureshji)    | Cultural             |
| 26 Jan | Republic Day (Flag Hoisting)              | National Celebration |
| 31 Jan | Ramayana Lectures Concluding Session      | Cultural             |

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