



श्रद्धा Śraddhā

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SUBHASHITA: EFFORT OVER LUCK

अकृत्वा पौरुषं या श्रीर्विकासिन्यपि किं तया ।
जरद्वयोऽपि चाश्नाति दैवादुपगतं तृणम् ॥

Meaning: "So what if one's wealth is blossoming even without his efforts?! Even an old bull can graze the grass that becomes available by chance."

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

From the Warden's Desk: A Month of Courage and Incubation

June has been a memorable month of new beginnings and expanding horizons. As we warmly welcomed our new 1st PU batch into the Mandiram family, we also embarked on journeys that stretched our minds and spirits. From understanding the courage required in the Armed Forces to kindling the entrepreneurial fire within, our students are being prepared to face the world as scholars and leaders. Our Yoga Day celebrations and the Visakhapatnam Naval trip have beautifully reinforced Swamiji's ideal of cultivating 'muscles of iron and nerves of steel'. May we continue this momentum with unyielding Śraddhā.

– 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.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

A Maritime Odyssey: Armed Forces Talk (04 Jun)

Inspiring a spirit of national service, the Mandiram hosted a special talk by Lieutenant Commander Mohan (Indian Navy), a proud alumnus from the 2012 batch. He illuminated the students on the present and future capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces and outlined the diverse career paths available. The session concluded with a highly engaging Q&A, leaving the Vidyarthi deeply motivated by his journey from the Mandiram to the high seas.



Naval Base Expedition: Visakhapatnam (25-29 Jun)

Taking the inspiration a step further, Lt. Commander Mohan graciously hosted a group of our students at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. From June 25th to 29th, the boys experienced the sheer magnitude of India's maritime defense. They toured colossal warships, ventured inside submarines, and interacted with decorated naval officers. Amidst this thrilling exposure to military discipline, the group also found spiritual grounding by visiting the serene Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama in the city.



NURTURING THE MIND

Welcoming the Vanguard (06 & 13 Jun)

June marked the arrival of our new 1st PU students. To ensure a smooth transition, Dr. Mahesh Arvind—founder of Prajna Foundation with over four decades of academic leadership—returned on June 6th to deliver a highly impactful orientation. His wisdom provided the freshers with profound clarity. A week later, on June 13th, Sri Niranjan S (Alumnus, 2016 batch) conducted a warm ice-breaking session, gently acquainting the newcomers with the Mandiram's core rules, traditions, and code of conduct.



Anchoring the Seniors (14 Jun)

As academic pressures mount, maintaining one's inner equilibrium is paramount. On June 14th, our revered Warden, Swami Anilayanandaji Maharaj, led a special character-building session dedicated exclusively to the senior students. The session fortified their resolve, reminding them to anchor their ambitious academic goals in deep-rooted spiritual values.



June 7th. Attended by 1st PU students and selected seniors, the comprehensive program was expertly led by Sri Ranjit Nayak and Sri Sripad Naik. The opening sessions mapped out the exciting journey of a startup—from raw ideation and problem-solving to successfully bringing a product to market.



International Yoga Day (21 Jun)

Aligning breath, body, and mind, the entire Mandiram gathered in the early hours of June 21st to celebrate International Yoga Day. The invigorating session was proudly led by our current student, Sri Yallappa. Practicing ancient asanas together, the students experienced the profound peace and vitality that systematic yoga brings to daily student life.

SKILLS & WELL-BEING

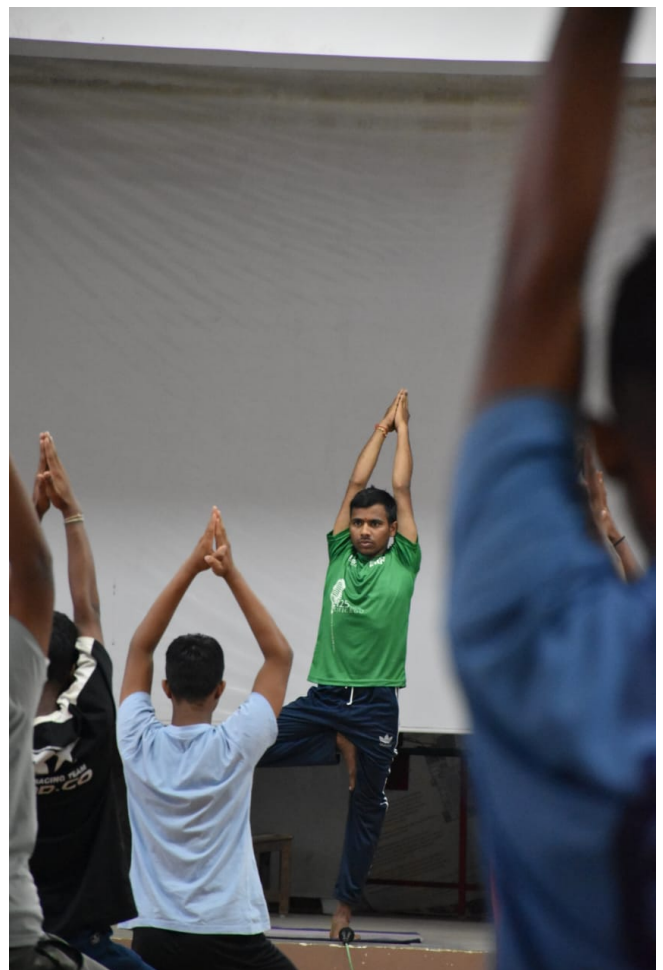
World Environment Day (05 Jun)

In reverence to Mother Nature and to mark World Environment Day on June 5th, our students engaged in a campus-wide tree plantation drive. By actively planting diverse saplings around the Mandiram grounds, the Vidyarthi not only beautified the ashrama surroundings but also embraced the responsibility of ecological stewardship, embodying the Vedantic ideal of seeing and serving the Divine in all of creation.



Seeds of Innovation: EDP Launch (07 Jun)

Recognizing the need for self-reliance and innovation, the Mandiram inaugurated its annual Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) on



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE: JUNE 2026

A complete record of activities reported by all departments.

Date	Event	Category
04 Jun	Armed Forces Talk (Lt. Cmdr. Mohan)	Alumni / Career Guidance
05 Jun	World Environment Day Tree Plantation	Campus / Environment
06 Jun	1st PU Orientation (Dr. Mahesh Arvind)	Academic / Transition
07 Jun	EDP Commencement (S. Naik & R. Nayak)	Skill / Entrepreneurship
13 Jun	Ice-Breaking & Conduct Rules (Niranjan S)	Student Life / Alumni
14 Jun	Senior Character Building (Swami Anilayanandaji)	Spiritual / Guidance
21 Jun	International Yoga Day (Led by Yallappa)	Physical / Well-being
25-29 Jun	Visakhapatnam Naval Base Educational Tour	Exposure / Excursion

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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