

Dear Parents,

Pandharpur Seva Yatra

Ashadi Ekadashi and Pandharpur Dham go hand in hand. This big annual event in this divine Dham of simplicity offers ample opportunities to serve the devotees and humanity.

Bhaktivedanta Hospital of Miraroad has been organizing a medical camp for the Warkaris who visit Pandharpur during this time since many years. This year, Gopal's Garden High School students were given the unique opportunity to participate in serving the devotees.

Twenty-three students from classes VIII and Classes X volunteered to join the camp (22nd July to 24th July). Our students participated in various sevas like: **Registration work, Ushering the Warkarais to the right Pharmacy Counters, Patient Queue Management, Food for the soul- Literature Distribution , Prasadam packing and distribution and Kirtan seva.** The Literature distribution team distributed 20 books in few hours of seva on two days.

The students were prompt and punctual enough to be present in their deputed positions for the seva and readily performed every task given to them with dedication and happiness. The students' enthusiasm in giving themselves fully to the cause of seva drew praises from the Director of Bhaktivedanta Hospital Dr. Sankhe and other senior doctors like Dr. Rathod and Dr. Shanbhag of the medical camp and we are grateful to the Bhaktivedanta Hospital team for giving us this opportunity and guiding us so wonderfully.

The children were amply rewarded by the Lord with his 'MUKH DARSHAN' on the Dwadashi day, CHANDRABHAGA NADI SNAN and an opportunity to meet H G LOKNATH SWAMI MAHARAJ and receive gifts from his holy hands.

Our Mission Statement being :

Living with Excellence and Giving with Benevolence

Such initiatives like this Seva Yatra at Pandharpur stands true to our Mission Statement and we wish to encourage such trips to inculcate service attitude in our children.

In such yatras, as we train our children to part take in community service, the focus is not on taking service from Vithal Dev but in serving the community and devotees of Vithal Dev.

Hence this austere yatra (as compared to Mumbai standards) teaches our children to look at service as their focal point disregarding their comforts and discomforts.

The next year's Ashadi Ekadashi falls on 12th July 2019.

The exact dates of the Seva Yatra (2019) will be announced at a later date but only the first 30 entries (i.e on first come- first serve basis) will be considered for the trip.

Gopal's Garden High School looks forward to your encouraging cooperation in many more such endeavours to come in future.

The Video Links of the above Pandharpur Medical Camp are as follows:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OfbtijdPzq9wscYxE74Ca5HXyTXa5OQI/view?usp=sharing>

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