# Bhaktivedanta Gurukula & International School Vrindavan



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## Upcoming New BGIS Campus in Vrindavan Ramayasthan

The shilanyas ceremony was held in the newly acquired 60 acre land for setting up a new campus for the Bhaktivedanta Gurukul and International School (BGIS) on 2nd May 2014, the very auspicious day of Akshay Tritiya.

The ceremony was blessed by HH Gopal Krishna Maharaj. Sri Santosh yadav (senior IAS) graced the occasion as the chief guest along with renowned industrialists. Afterwards an elaborate fire sacrifices ceremony was held to invoke the blessings of Lord Krishna. The whole arena resounded with exuberant Kirtans performed by our Gurukula students.

We are hopeful that the first phase of Gurukula campus will be completed by April 2016 so that the present Gurukula can be shifted to the new campus.





I am especially pleased that your Gurukula project is going forward nicely. I consider that this is one of our most important projects (letter to Satsvarupa, 1971).

Srila Prabhupada

#### The inauguration ceremony of Manasi Ganga

On 9th July, 2014 there was inauguration of a new kunda (pond) which was named Mansi *Ganga*. This will be part of the upcoming *Vrindranyam* botanical garden in the new BGIS campus in which we will recreate the forest of Vrindavan. The inauguration was done by HG Lila Purushottam prabhu, Director, BGIS, with ecstatic kirtan. The gurukula boys helped in laying the stones to beautify the pond and later had great fun by bathing and swimming in the pond.





#### Project Vrindaranyam

- Beautiful landscaping decorated with green trees and creepers, water, bodies, fountains and streams.
- 50 feet high mountain providing reminiscence of the Govardhan Hill.
- 5000 species of trees & vegetation aesthetically arranged in 12 different forests
- A research lab & seminar hall.
- Educational park providing outdoor education facilities

## "The process of learning never stops"

"The process of learning never stops". Considering the statement as an unique instruction to all age people, we had organized a Ashram Teachers Retreat at our new land in Vrindavan Ramayasthan. The purpose of the retreat was to rejuvenate the learning abilities of the teachers.

One of the writer William Arthur Ward said "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." To infuse the qualities of an inspirational teacher, our staff members were involved in various activities like ploughing the field, cooking, cleaning, planting trees for our botanical garden, morning yoga etc. For their spiritual enlightenment, the seminar on "Prayers of Queen Kunti" was taken by H.G Lila Purushottam Prabhu and they had Govardhan parikrama together with H.H Bhakti Ashray Vaishnav Swami Maharaj and also visited Bhandirvan. The whole retreat was a great learning experience for everyone and we intend to organize similar retreats for academic & administration staff and students as well.



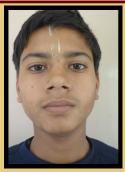


#### **BGIS Success Story**











- The students of the Bhaktivedanta Gurukula have excelled in their board exams.
- Krishna Mital of 12th grade has topped the Mathura District pursuing 94.25 percentage of marks at the ISC (12th) board exams. He has scored 100 in Mathematics.
- Kartik Kureja has scored 91%. Many students have scored above 85 percentage. In the ICSE (10th) board examination, Abhishek, Shantanu, Krishna Murari Goswami & Sanchit have scored above 90 %.

## A progressive step in the service of Vraj —ISKCON Krish



ISKCON Krish is an initiative taken by the team of BGIS. Krish is an original Sanskrit dhatu. Krish mean to attract. Many words such as Krishi, karshan, sankarshan, Krishak Krishka Krishna are all derived from this word. So at Krish we are working to attract qualified village youth to country life where they will be engaged in organic farming, education and health care.

Under the banner of ISKCON Krish, we have opened a girls school in Nandgaon, the village of Krishna where He grew up with His brother Balaram. Lord Krishna performs his pastimes in village like atmosphere in Vraj and teaches us that we can also lead a happy and fulfilling life among cows, land and forest



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#### The New Project



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BGIS Life time membership' including:-

- Always welcome to experience a blissful stay in New Campus.
- Regular invitation to our important festivals and community trips.
- Free access to all BGIS resources including newsletter, publications.
- Will be invited as guest of honor in the grand opening on April, 2016.
- Tax benefits under Section 80G.
- Enlivening trips to various spiritual spots in Vrindavan.
- Will have the names of your loved ones or organization inscribed in recognition as a donor
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I appeal to all our well-wishers to come forward to help us generously to build this world-class Gurukula infrastructure for our kids.

H.G. Dr. Lila Purushottam Das