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Buddhir Balam Yasho Dhairyam

Hari Om!

Dear Chinmaya Families,

I sincerely hope all of you are safe and healthy as we struggle through the challenges of this pandemic. Whoever thought of the mandates of social distancing and isolation!! Even our best school systems have decided to offer distance learning to keep everyone safe. Despite these challenges, our educational institutions still have an obligation to teach, and for us as Chinmaya Mission, our duty to instill spiritual nourishment to our children. We are fortunate to have the strength of our Chinmaya families that have given us the creativity to sustain our programs virtually. We experienced it impromptu in Spring!!!

As you can imagine, your safety is our utmost priority. Even as classroom learning becomes possible, we will still need to explore the logistics of sanitizing our premises and make them welcoming and safe for our children, teachers, and families. We have concluded that we will need to continue our programs with distance learning. Your confidence and support are exemplified in the achievements of our children, who are flourishing with strong internal foundations due to our unique and rich Bala Vihar offerings. The tireless efforts of many of you, who are our sevaks and sevikas (Vedanta Teachers, Bala Vihar Teachers, and volunteers), continue to make us shine. Our sincere thanks to you. It is Gurudev's grace and blessings flowing through us to the world around us.

It is important that we maintain the uniqueness, quality, and vigor of our programs. As a volunteer-run organization, our teachers and sevaks strive to maintain high-quality standards. For the start of the new academic year starting in September, we will continue to thrive with virtual learning. In the meantime, we are continually reassessing and hope to resume to classroom learning as soon as it is safe to do so.

Our annual membership and Bala Vihar registration system are now open. Please **register** early so that you can sign up for a spot in the session most convenient to you. We also invite you to sign up for seva so that we can count upon your special talent, time, and energies. I hope you are also taking advantage of various opportunities to embark upon or continue the study of Vedanta for your own spiritual growth. Together, we can continue to advance and expand our Vedanta based unique programs and activities for the whole family.

- Families with Bala Vihar age children - **register** for membership and Bala Vihar
- Other families - **register** for membership
- Youth (ages 18-28) - CHYK (Chinmaya Yuva Kendra) **registration**

Thus, the vision of Sri Gurudev unfolds, and his work continues. There is not much that will shut our presentations down and despite these challenges and with your support, we will continue!!

We have His blessings, strength, and courage. He is with us when we face obstacles. We have seen our presentations in Spring that were as fulfilling as classroom learning!! I am reminded of this beautiful shloka, the one that inspires us to continue Gurudev's vision for his family.

बुद्धिर्बलं यशोधैर्यं निर्भयत्वमरोगता ।
अजाढ्यं वाक्पटुःत्वंच हनुमत् स्मरणाद्भवेत् ॥

**Buddhir Balam Yasho Dhairyam
Nir Bhayatvam Arogata
Ajatyam Vak Patutvam Cha
Hanumat Smaranat Bhavet**

Lord Hanuman showers his blessings with strength, success, fearless, courage, wisdom and oratory skills. He stays with us in the time when we are in fear or face any obstacles.

Hari OM
Anil Kishore
President

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