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Dear Friend,

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam has now completed 31 years, and the 31st anniversary was celebrated on August 13th of this year. As usual, people in large numbers participated enthusiastically. An additional feature of this anniversary was a play presented by our children to showcase what children learn in their classes during various children's and family retreats at the Gurukulam. The theme of the play was Yakṣa Praśna, a dialogue between Yudhiṣṭhira and Yakṣa from the Mahābhārata. We plan to include a children's program as a regular feature of our anniversary celebrations in future.

We had hoped to complete the construction of the new lecture hall-kitchen-dining hall complex this summer, but for unavoidable reasons that did not happen. The plan is to inaugurate the new building in the summer of 2018.

As in the past, we appeal to you to continue to extend your support for the completion of the new building and also for the sustenance of the Gurukulam, because the Gurukulam is sustained mainly by donations.

About dānam (charity), Pujya Swamiji writes, "The culture of Hindus is one of caring. Elders, animals, air, water, earth, and people - all these we care for. We grow by caring, by transforming ourselves from consumers to contributors. Dānam, giving and sharing, is a mark of growth. Only by giving you become a giver, a contributor. You become big just by using your will. You grow big by caring."

May the Lord inspire you to use your will and help you grow and become happy in a true sense.



Swami Veditatmananda