

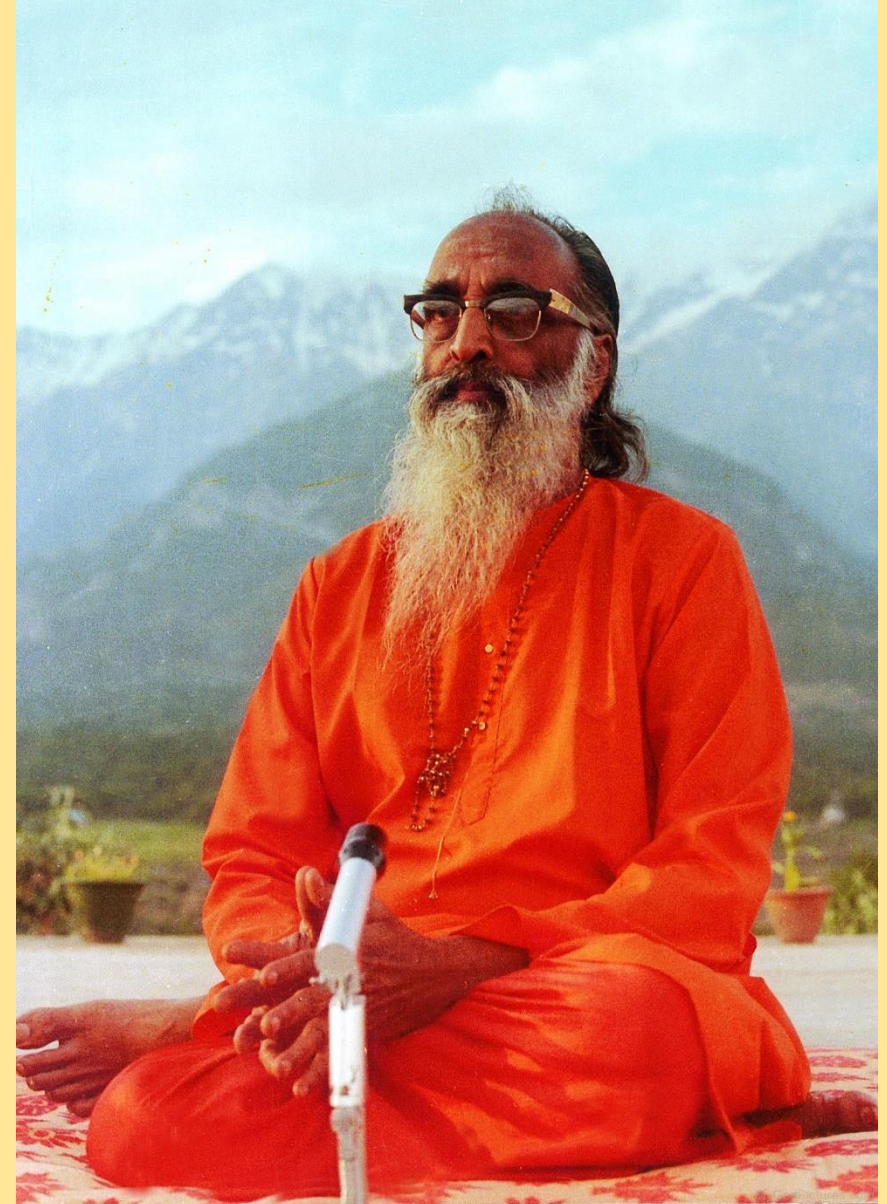
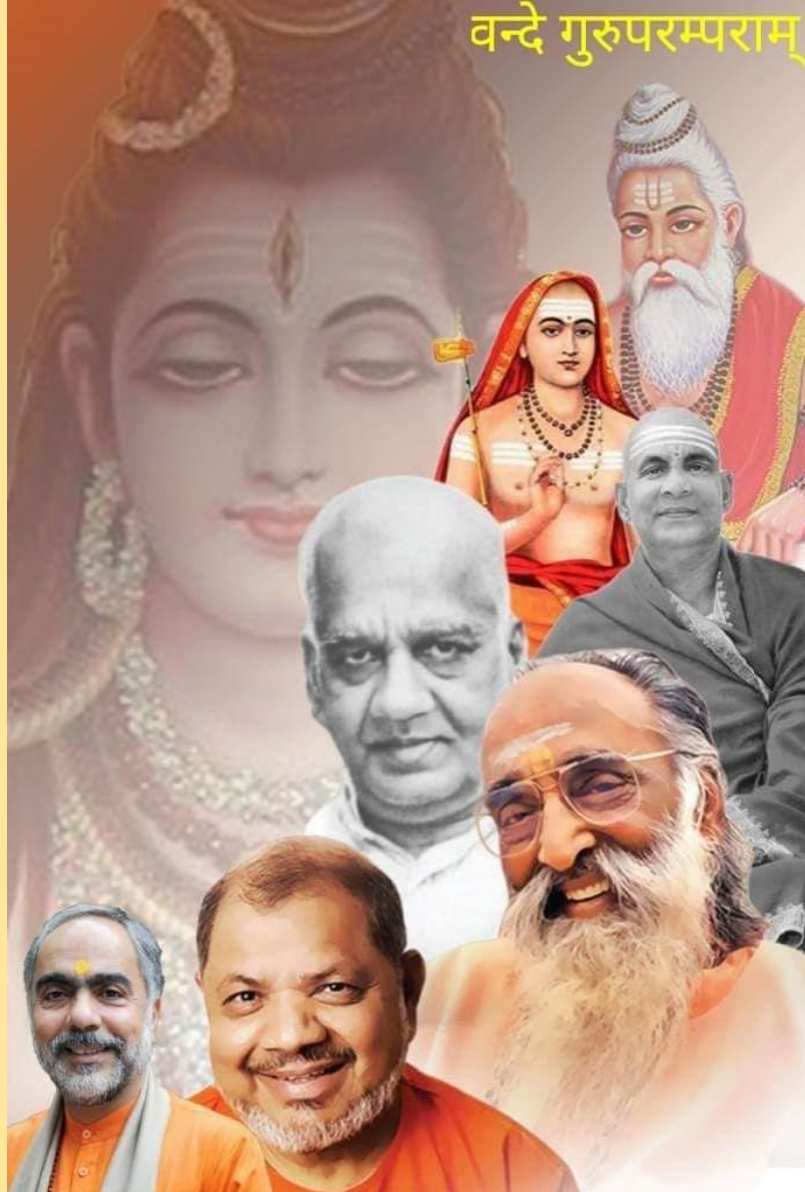


CHINMAYA SARASWATI ASHRAM & DEVI TEMPLE

393 Derby Ave, Orange, CT 06477



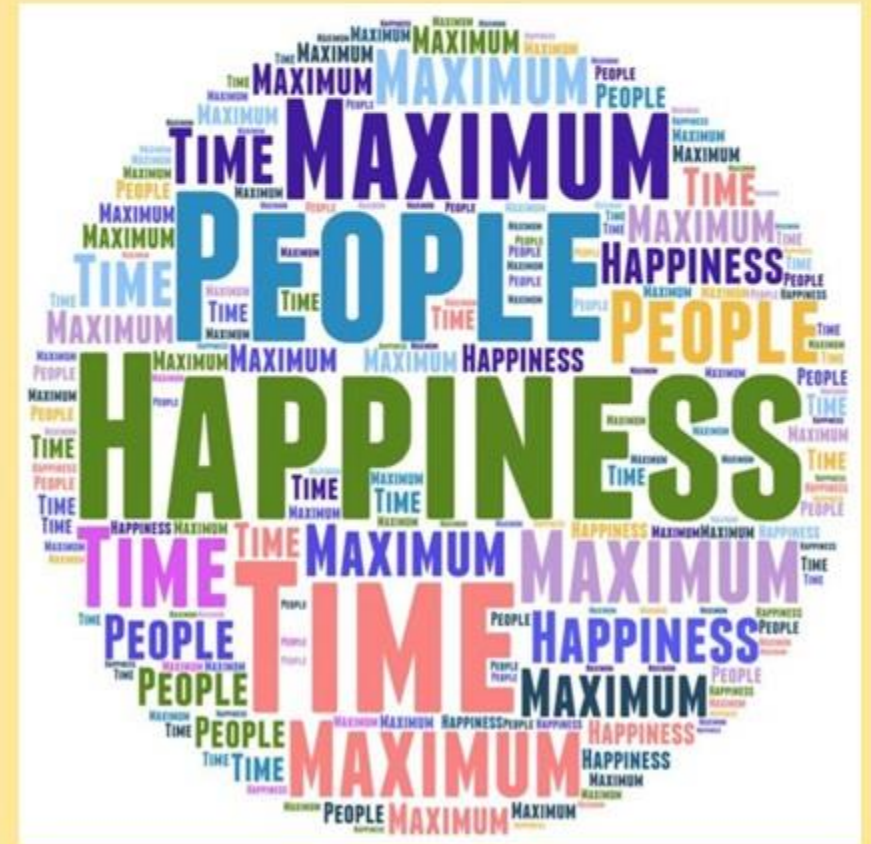
Chinmaya Mission Guru Shishya Parampara





Vision of Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda

“to provide to individuals, from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to become positive contributors to society”



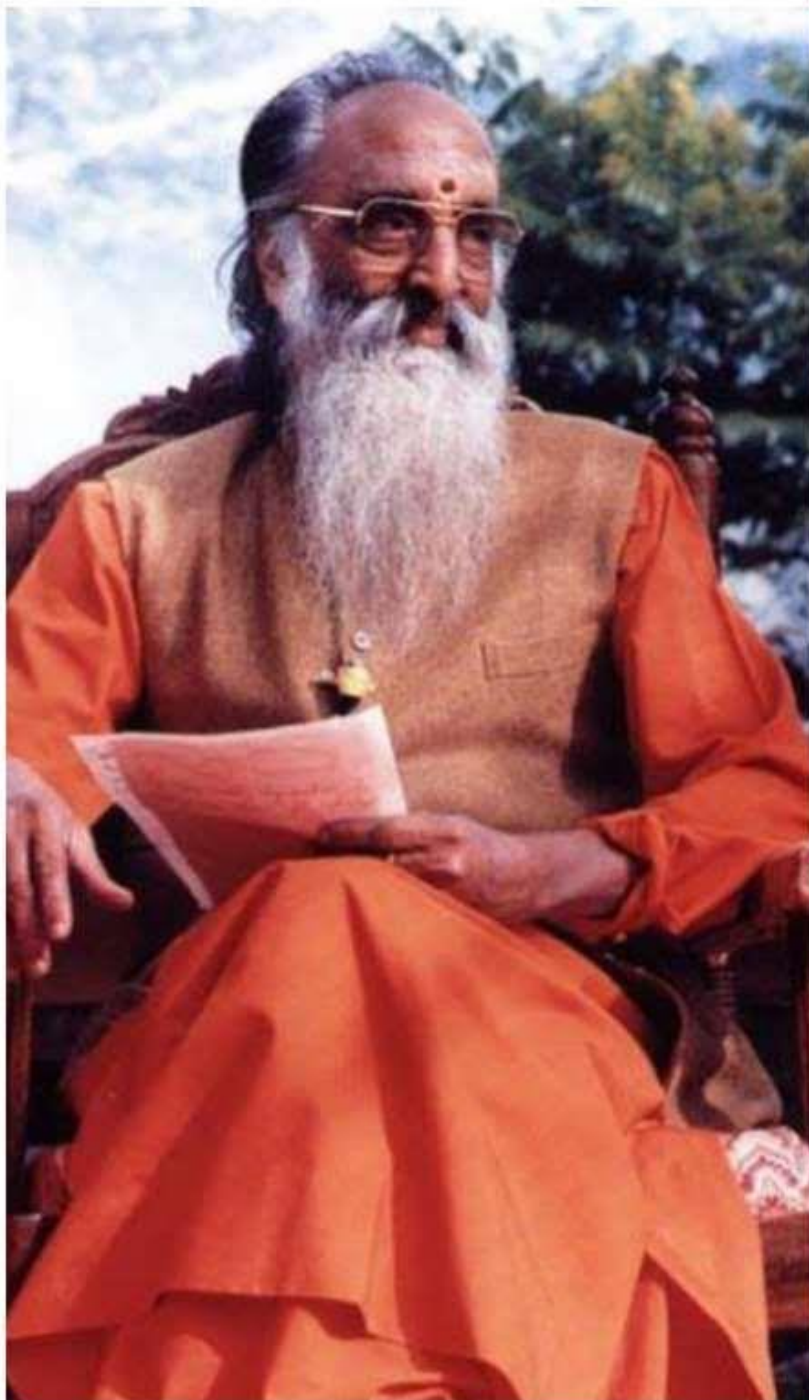
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Think !

Conviction and understanding
must come from within.

- Swami Chinmayananda





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**NO CHALLENGE IN
THE OUTER
WORLD IS
WITHOUT A
SOLUTION IF
YOUR MIND IS AT
PEACE AND
QUIET.**

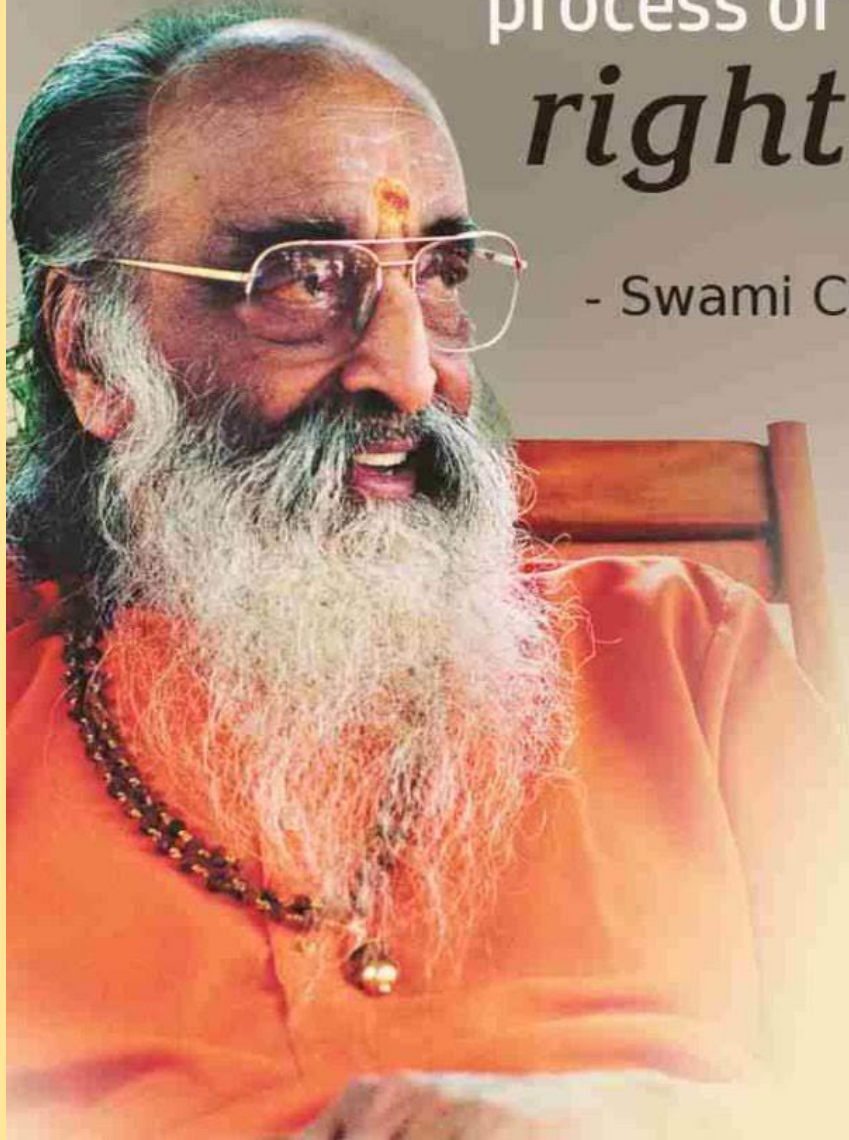
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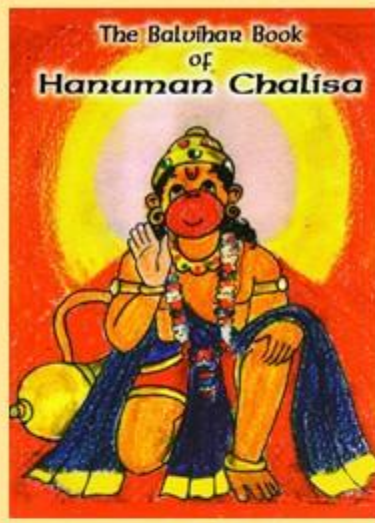
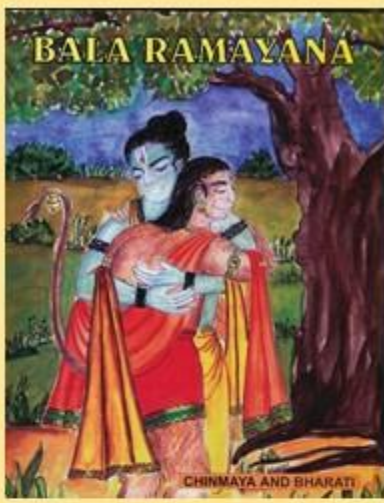
Mind can be purified only by
process of treating it with
right action.

- Swami Chinmayananda





Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram & Devi Temple combines the traditional temple with the study of Hindu scriptures. It is fondly described as Shakti Peetam with the three matas – Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati with Saraswati Mata as the primary Murty. We also have Ganesha, Shivalinga, Hanumanji and Ram Parivar.



Children from 3 years olds to 18 years old learn the values from our scriptures through weekly Shishu Vihar and Bala Vihar classes that mold them to be better contributors to the society. While the kids are in class, the parents learn the teachings of Sanatana Dharma through adult study groups and satsanga with trained teachers/gurus.



Our Offerings

- Regular pujas to all Murties; Traditional celebration of Hindu festivals
- Special pujas or homams – Sahasra Lingarchana, Special homams for Loka Kshemam (health and welfare of all), Sita Rama Kalyanam, Garba, etc.
- Weekly Shishu Vihar, Bala Vihar, Satsanga classes (coincides with school year)
- Gita Jnana Yajnas and special discourses
- Retreats – Spiritual Parenting Retreat, Marriage Enrichment Retreat, JChYK retreats (for kids in grades 8 to 12)



- Cultural programs – annual Saraswati Sangeeta Aradhana and other special music and dance programs; Saraswati Mata, being the Goddess for all arts, we welcome young artists to debut their performances here.
- Community outreach – Food drive to support the local communities, sarees collected for needy Indian women, blankets made for kids in emergency rooms and hospitals, etc. We supported local food banks during COVID in addition to the collections made for supporting hospitals in India during peak COVID time.
- Health Fair and Flu Clinic
- Eco friendly: continue our initiatives to protect our Mother Earth Efforts include: no Styrofoam products, reducing the use of plastics and reducing the amount of garbage. Example: all our Bala Vihar families bring their own reusable water bottles, plates and spoons for annadanam.
- We will be hosting the first Loving Earth Retreat in October this year to educate all to live in a simple and earth friendly way.



Our Ashram in pictures

2014-2024

















Bhumi Puja

2013

CHINIMAYA
SARASWATI





Giving Tree

Founding Families

2013





Saraswati Mata Pratisthapan 2014

















Durga Mata
Lakshmi Mata
Ganesha
Pratisthapana
2015

















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Hanuman Pratisthapan

2016





















Priest Hanuman Prasad Arvapalli





Bala Vihar Sunday School

For children pre-k to grade 12



Shishu Vihar & Bala Vihar Classes

September 2024-June 2025, Sundays, 9:30 am-11:30 am

Shishu Vihar
Ages 3 - 4 years

Bala Vihar
Grades KG - 12

Adult
Satsang

A Mom, Dad & Me
Class
Stories, Bhajans
Arts & Crafts
Yoga

Structured & Age
Appropriate Curriculum
Stories, Games,
Activities, Discussions
Seva Opportunities

~Bhagavad Gita
Interactive study group
~Virtual Vedanta session
by Shri Vivek Gupta
Chinmaya Mission Niagra

**All classes taught by trained and dedicated
parent-teachers**

"Children are not vessels to be filled, but lamps to be lit."



"Give your children values, not just valuables. Valuables come and go; Values come and grow."

Free Hindi and
Sanskritam classes

Gita Chanting Classes
for Kids & Adults

Community Outings &
Outreach Projects

Celebration of
Hindu Festivals

Annadanam &
Prasadam

Retreats, seva opportunities
and much more!

**All for One
Registration Fee**

Register at
[http://chinmayafairfield.org/
wp/balavihar/registration/](http://chinmayafairfield.org/wp/balavihar/registration/)

Chinmaya Mission Fairfield-New Haven, Orange Center

2024 - 2025 Shishu Vihar, Bala Vihar, Satsanga Calendar

August '24							September '24							October '24								
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Aug 25: SV-BV Open House Aug 30-Sept 1: Gita Jnana Yajna							Sept 8: Ganesh Puja & Vidyaambham Sept 14: Health Fair 10am-1pm Sept 15, 22, 29: Bring a friend to SV-BV Sept 21: Teacher Sammelan at Chinmaya Vindavan							Oct 6: Navaratri Celebration Oct 20: Fall Outing Oct 25-27: Loving Earth Retreat								
November '24							December '24							January '25								
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Nov 3: Deepavali Nov 9: Annual Chinmaya Utsav							Dec 8: Gita Jayanti							Jan 12: Makara Sankranti, Swami Vivekananda's birthday								
February '25							March '25							April '25								
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Feb 2: Vasanta Panchami Feb 23: Shivaratri							March 2: Winter Community Seva March 16: Holi Celebration /ChIK Retreat (Date TBD)							April 6: Sri Rama Navami Celebration April 27: Gita Chanting Yajna (tentative)								
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May 4: Gurudev Jayanti May 8: Guru Paduka Puja at the Ashram May 11: Family Puja							Jun 1: Chinmaya Picnic Jun 8: Annual Day															

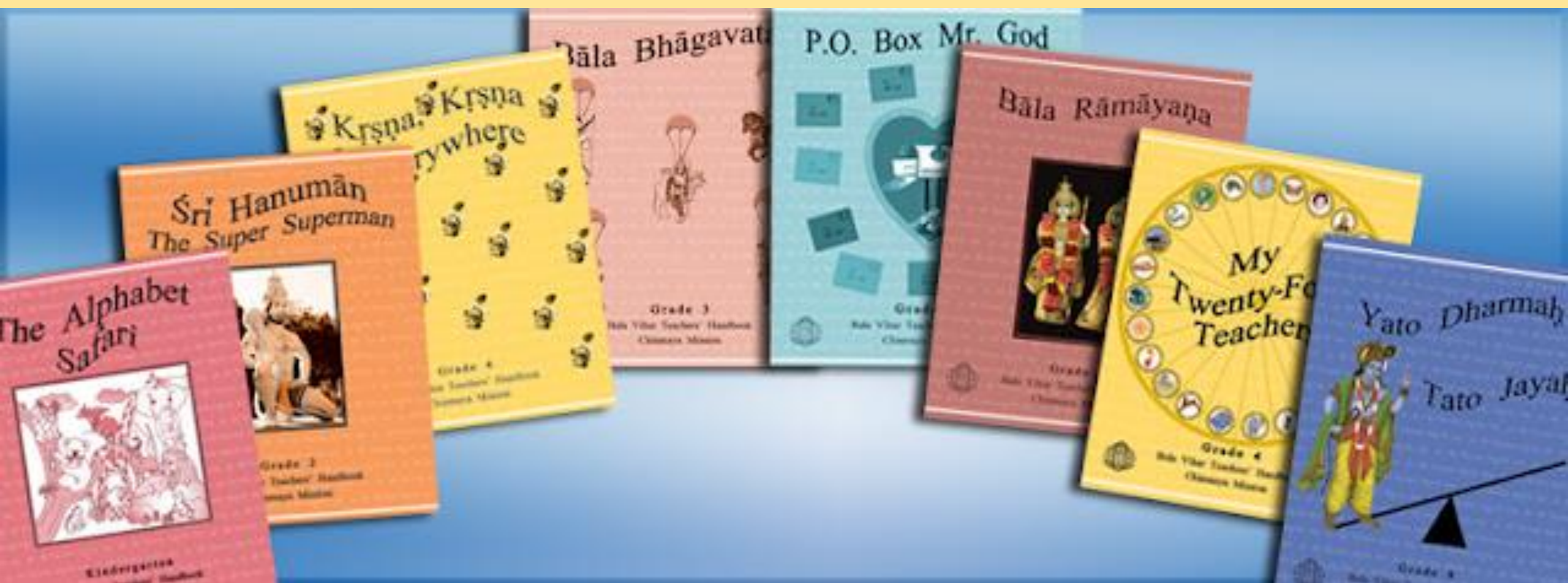
List of Festivals

2024		2025	
Aug 16, Friday	Varalakshmi Pooja	Jan 15, Wednesday	Makara Sankranti
Aug 26, Monday	Janmashtami	Feb 2, Sunday	Vasanta Panchami
Sept 7, Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi	Feb 26, Wednesday	Mahashivaratri
Oct 3, Thursday	Navaratri begins	March 14, Friday	Holi
Oct 12, Saturday	Vijaya Dashami	April 6, Sunday	Sri Rama Navami
Oct 31, Thursday	Deepavali	April 12, Saturday	Hanuman Jayanti
Dec 11, Wednesday	Gita Jayanti	July 10, Thursday	Guru Poonima

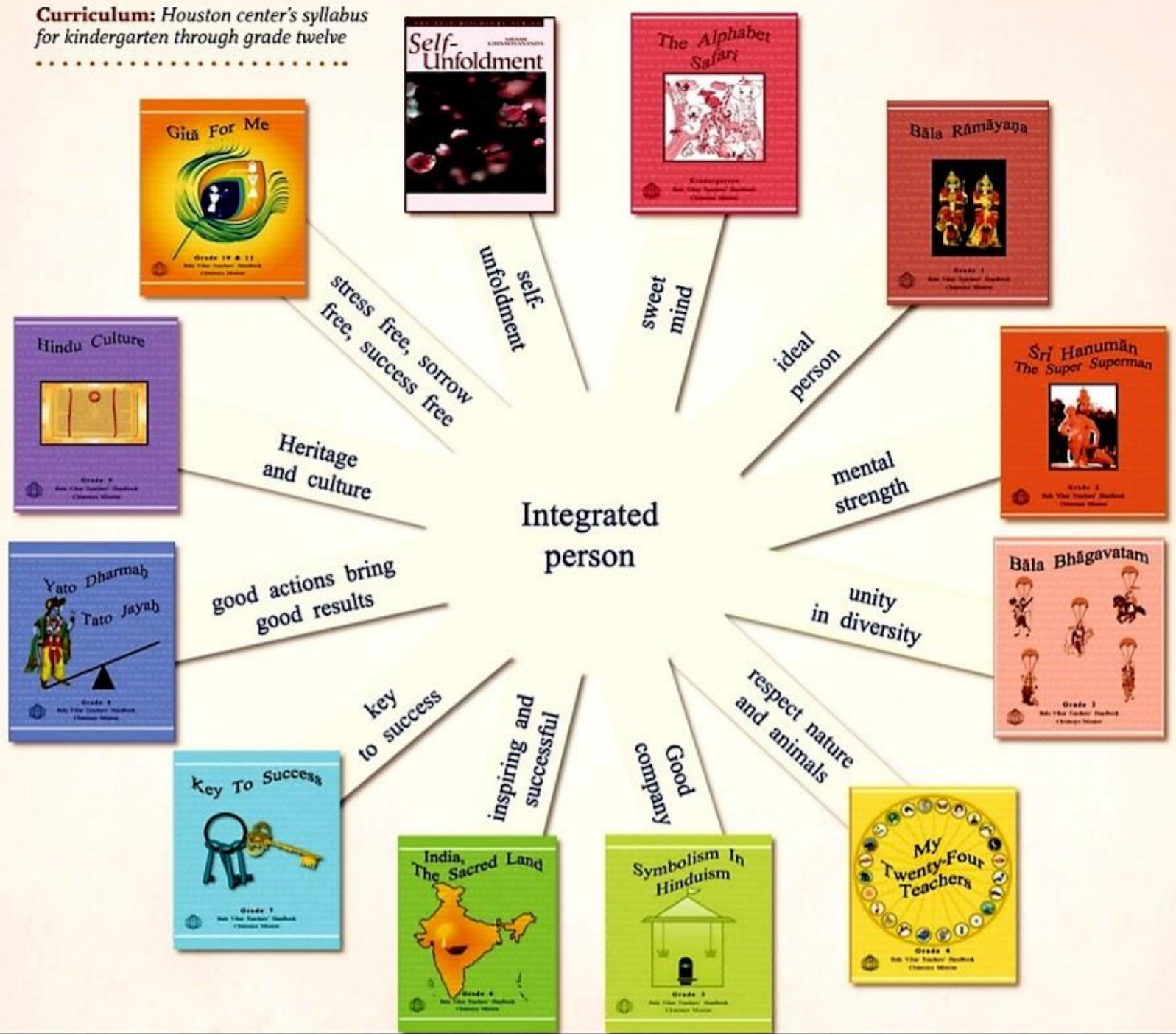


Comprehensive curriculum

Designed by Gurudev



Curriculum: Houston center's syllabus for kindergarten through grade twelve



www.houstoncenter.org



Students and Teachers

In classroom









Gita Chanting Yajna

National level



Chinmaya Mission
Fairfield-New Haven
presents

Open
to ALL

Chant Learn Live
Bhagavad Gita

@UConn Stamford Downtown

Bhagavad Gita Chanting

Chapter 4 – Jnana Karma Sanyasa Yoga

Sunday April 28, 2024
8.30am – 12.30pm
University of Connecticut Campus
Address: 1 University Place, Stamford CT



GROUP	GRADE	VERSES ASSIGNED
A - Anagha	KG	4.1 – 4.7
B - Arjuna	Grades 1 - 2	4.1 – 4.14
C - Bhārata	Grades 3 - 4	4.1 – 4.21
D - Pārtha	Grades 5 - 6	4.1 – 4.28
E - Guḍākeśha	Grades 7 - 9	4.1 – 4.35
F - Dhanañjaya	Grades 10 - 12	4.1 – 4.42
Kaunteya [Reading]*	Grades 10 - 12	4.1 – 4.42
Medhāvī [Optional]*	Grades 1 - 9	4.1 – 4.42

BEFORE APRIL 27th

Sign up for Seva and Potluck !

<https://bit.ly/2024GCCSeva>

<https://bit.ly/2024GCCPotluck>

Contacts for Qs or more info:

Mrudula Madkaikar |
mrudulakamat@gmail.com |
201 282 8135

Gopi Menon |
gopimenon01@gmail.com |
203 807 2910

ON APRIL 28th

Parking (FREE) close to Venue

- Street Parking (any street close to the venue)
- Public Parking @ 35 Summer Place Garage
- UConn Parking @ 1194 Washington Blvd

Enter UConn building from

Franklin Street entrance OR
Washington Blvd entrance

Participants:

Check in @ Registration Desk and be seated in the
Waiting Room until your name is called

All Others: Join us for a special event on 2nd
floor @ the Schreiber Reading Room



Chanting resources (text, audio, guide)

<https://chinmayafairfield.org/wp/geeta-chanting-vaina/>



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Annual Day

Children showcase learning

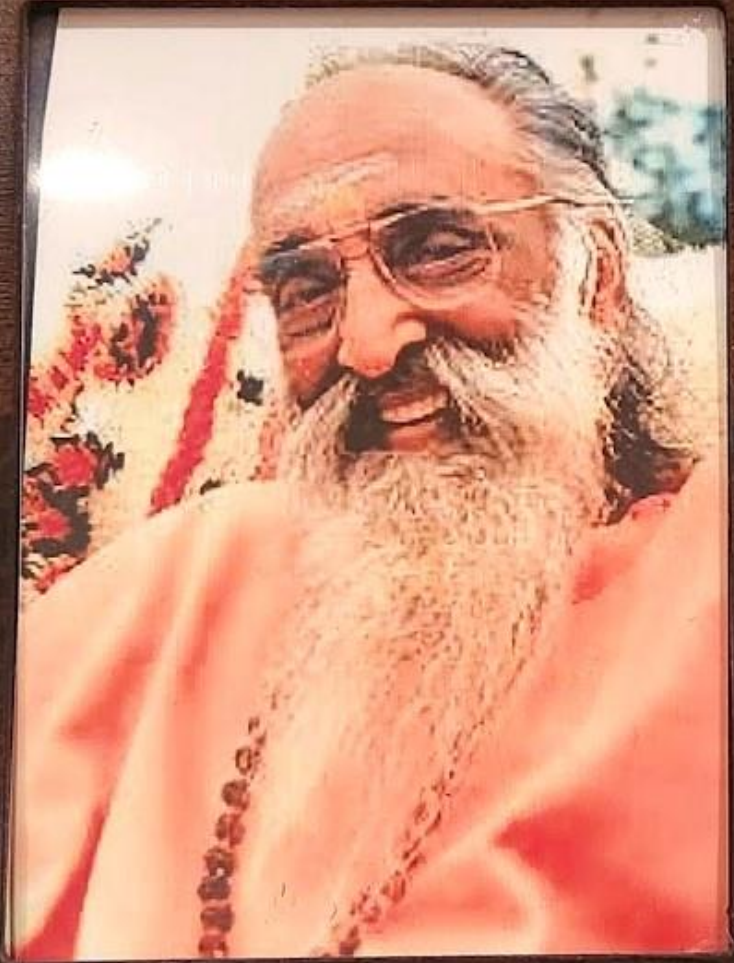












Chinmaya Mission



**Bala Vihar
completion award**



Our Gurus

Swami Shantananda

Br. Shubhani

Vivek Gupta

Jnana Yajnas and Retreats



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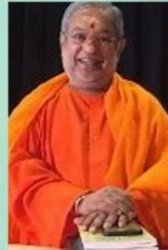
Gita Jnana Yajna 2024

In person discourse on Chapter 17 of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita
'Shraddha Traya Vibhaga Yoga'
'The Three-fold Faith'
by Swami Shantananda

दातव्यमिति यद्दानं
दीयतेऽनुपकारिणे ।
देशे काले च पात्रे च तद्दानं
सात्त्विकं स्मृतम् ॥ 20॥

dātavyam iti yad dānaṁ
dīyate 'nupakāriṇe
deśhe kāle cha pātre cha
tad dānaṁ sāttvikaṁ smṛitam

"That gift which is given, knowing it to be a duty, in a fit time
and place, to a worthy person, from whom we expect nothing
in return, is held to be SATTVIC"



Friday, August 30th: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday, August 31st: 10:30 am -11:30 am
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 1st: 10:30 am -11:30 am

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FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!
Questions? cmfnseva@gmail.com





Chinmaya Mission Fairfield-New Haven

presents

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

"The Joy of Caring"

led by Shri Vivek Gupta,

Shri Suman Rajupet & Shri Shankar Rajupet



November 3-5, 2023

Friday 6:00pm - Sunday 12:00pm EST

Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram

393 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT 06477

“A weekend retreat with discourses, discussions and dialogue with experienced teachers on developing a vedantic vision to caring in relationships”

ALL adults are welcome!

Parallel sessions for children K-12

Registration fee:

\$200/- for families with children

\$175/- for individuals or families
without children

All meals will be provided

Register by October 8th

@ tinyurl.com/cmfnretreat2023

or Scan QR code below



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Cultural Activities and
Community outreach
Quilt-making for donation
Holi color play









108th Birth Centenary

Children offer their learning





Remove
Ignorance
in the
light of
Knowledge



God does not see
our ability or inability
only availability to
serve. Rest is his job
to inspire, educate,
teach, empower
and to enlighten
US

Pujya
Gururaj

DON'T PUT THE
Keys to your
HAPPINESS
In Someone
Else's
POCKET

-Swami
Chinmaya

ananya sushila



I like coming to
Balavihar because
it teaches me
many things
about my
culture and
many
life
lessons

“Weather you
accept or reject it,
God's Love for you
is
PERMANENT”

-Swami
Chinmayananda

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA
“The Goal of Life is
Not To Achieve Power
But To Attain
PEACE”



I LOVE LEARNING
BALAVIHAR IS AN
INSTITUTION THAT
FOSTERS A
CULTURE OF
LEARNING.

The glory of Life is not in
'never falling'. The true
glory consists in 'rising'
each time we fall.

SWAMI
CHINMAYANANDA

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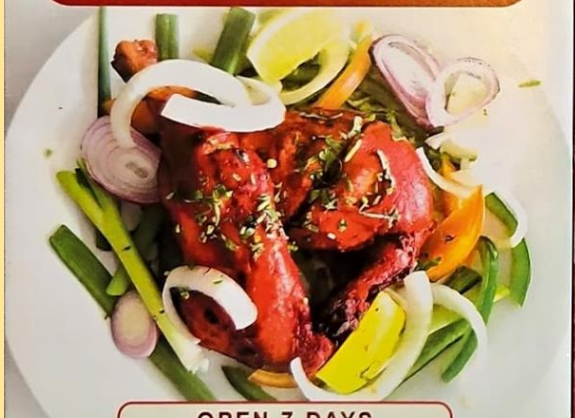
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11 am to 3 pm

Weekdays Lunch Special

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Veg. Special\$12.99

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