

SAMKALPA

Moral Education Camp

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Moral Education Camp at Hariharananda Balashram

A Moral Education Camp was organized in the premises of Hariharananda Balashram at Sadhana Sadan for class IV to IX students of the Balashram between 11th April and 15th April 2021. The camp was held in two sessions - morning and evening. The morning session was attended by class VII to IX students while the evening session was attended by class IV to VI students.

The morning session began at 7.30 am and closed at 12 pm and the evening session began at 3.30 pm and closed at 7.30 pm. There were more than two hundred children participated in both the sessions. The senior students volunteered in managing the camp activities under the guidance of Sri Parsuram Das.



Message from Sri Guruji

My loving and sweet ones,

Let the blessings of God and Shri Gurudev be upon all of you. I send my love and best wishes to you and everyone in the Balashram family.

I am happy that you are all having a camp about Value Education called *Samkalpa*. I will explain a little about *Samkalpa* and value. *Samkalpa* is a sanskrit word that is

used in Odia. *Samkalpa* means "wish", "good idea", "noble vision" or "determination to achieve something." Before any pooja, there is *samkalpa*: someone chants a prayer mentioning what they are going to do.

You are young and dynamic. You should have a constructive vision of yourself, your society, your country and this world. Without a dream or, a vision we cannot make progress. Be dreamers and visionaries. Then make the dream a reality by working hard.

Now I will talk about value. What is value? Suppose you are going to purchase a book. Its price is its value. Gold has some value, but when it becomes an ornament, its value increases. Our lives have value, and we can make them more valuable. What are values in life? Being good, active and punctual, helping others, speaking truth, not hurting anyone, and not wasting anything are a few examples of values. Life without value makes life valueless. Life with values makes it more valuable. Be good. Do good and see good.

Let camp *Samkalpa* have a positive impact on your life and help you become a better person. I am praying for all of you.

With love

Prajnanananda

Inauguration Programme

The camp was inaugurated by Swami Samarpananandaji and Swami Gurukrupananda Ma by lighting the lamp at 7.30 am on 11th April 2021. Swami Samarpananandaji advised the children to possess four qualities such as truthfulness, respect towards teachers, helping others and showing our love and regards to others. Gurukrupananda Ma urged the students to acquire at least one good quality in life by which other good qualities will automatically come to us.





MORAL EDUCATION CLASSES BY MONKS

Moral Classes were taken by the monks of Hariharananda Balashram to create a positive impact on the minds of the children. Swami Anirvanananda Giri took classes on topics named 'Vidyadayini Sarade' (Goddess of Learning Mother Sharada), 'Pencilra Nitikatha (Parable of Pencil), Yudhara Nadi (River of Battle from Geeta Dhyana), Poropakartham Edam Shareeram (This body is meant for helping others), He conducted a Group Quiz Programme based on his presentation on 'Yudhara Nadi'.

Swami Anandananda Giri took Classes on Bhagavatam for both junior and senior students and conducted a presentation session on 'Know Yourself' (expressing the real identity of human being).

Swami Jyotirmayananda Giri took class about 'Living an Ideal Life' and a debate competition was conducted for junior students based on her talk.

Swami Viswaroopananda Giri took a class on 'Environment' and explained our role and responsibility to protect trees and wildlifes.



GAMES FOR CHILDREN



THE CHILDREN PLAYED DIFFERENT TYPES OF VALUE BASED GAMES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN SEPARATE GROUPS.



COMPETITIONS

Competitions like Geeta Chanting , Debate, Dance, Song , Quiz, Performing Art, Fine Art, Prose and Poetry Writing were held in order to inculcate moral values in them and to appreciate the skills within the children.

The song, music, dance and language teachers of Balashram guided and inspired the children and helped in the evaluation of their performances.



GROUP PRESENTATION



THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR STUDENTS WERE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS EACH AND WERE GIVEN TOPICS FOR GROUP PRESENTATIONS. THE TOPIC FOR JUNIOR GROUP WAS 'CLEANLINES' AND THE TOPIC FOR SENIOR WAS 'HOSTEL LIFE'.



CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing Ceremony was organized at Sadhana Sadan Auditorium at 6.15pm on 15th April in the auspicious presence of Swami Gurukrupananda Giri Maa , Swami Achalananda Giri , Swami Anirvanananda Giri and the Principal of Balashram, Brahmachari Bodhanandaji along with other monks and teachers of Balashram. Swami Achalanandaji citing the example of Taj Hotel of Mumbai, said that the moral values play an important role in selection criteria for jobs in big companies.

The students expressed their nice joyful experiences and also performed some of the events like dance and music . Then the revered monks showered their blessings to the children. The students who were successful in different competitions got their prizes from the hands of monks and teachers.

CAMP FIRE



THE CAMP CAME TO A CLOSE WITH CAMP FIRE. EARLIER IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE STUDENTS TO WRITE ONE OF HIS/HER BAD HABIT IN A SMALL PIECE OF PAPER WHICH WILL BE PUT INTO THE CAMP FIRE TO BE BLAZED AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AS A SYMBOL TO GIVE UP THAT BAD HABIT. THE CHILDREN PUT THE PIECES OF PAPERS INTO THE CAMP FIRE AND BOWED DOWN TAKING THE SANKALPA TO RENOUNCE THAT BAD HABIT.