

Concept:

नास्ति विद्यासमो बन्धुर्नास्ति विद्यासमः सुहृत् ।
नास्ति विद्यासमं वित्तं नास्ति विद्यासमं सुखम् ॥

There is no friend, no companion, no wealth
or no pleasure as Supreme as **Vidyā** (knowledge).

Knowledge is indeed the highest virtue and biggest goal in one's journey. But over time, the word 'vidya' meaning knowledge is being increasingly replaced by the word 'shiksha' meaning education. Though both the words may mean the same in a broader view, we know that Education has a defined set of rules and curriculum whereas Knowledge has no such limitations. The former is viewed as a medium to get future employment while the latter brings enrichment, liberation and work-opportunities.

We know that Lord Macaulay while addressing the British Parliament on 2nd Feb 1835 with his report on India, had said - *"I do not think we would ever conquer this country unless we break the very backbone of this nation, which is its spiritual and cultural heritage, and therefore i propose that we replace her ancient education system, her culture...."*.

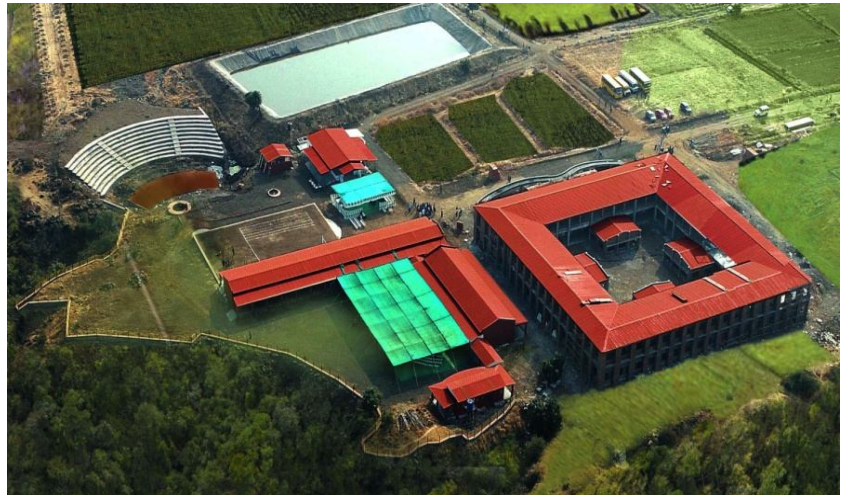
70 years after Independence of our country, we - the children of this land and representatives of one of the oldest civilizations of the world are almost on the cross-roads.... torn between our 'lost' identity and 'tired' of practicing borrowed ideas from the west that might have lost its vision and validity in our context today. Indeed, a time to awaken, contemplate, reflect and act! A time to work on a better and meaningful future for our children - our future generation!

Albert Einstein had once said- " I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.".... A thought-provoking observation and an interesting guess; and one wonders if we are coming closer to that day. The idea of 'learning' in our culture has been a multi-layered journey and experience and seeks to integrate all streams- be it art, skill, literature, archery, philosophy, science, medicine or economics. The time-honored Gurukul Parampara that blends learning, 'seva', creative imagination and insightful realizations remained a strong and nourishing system of education till few outside invasions and influences led us to stop believing in this wholesome education. The world is changing fast and now there are other nations where this system has been adapted in a small way and has been naturally assimilated in the modern education.

In the light of this, it is truly a matter of great pride and gratitude that Mahatma Gandhi Mission pioneered to bring this concept to its scope of educational services in 2017:

Vidyā-Araṇyam

A phrase from Vishnu Puraana aptly describes Vidyā as : **"saa vidya yaa vimuktaye"** meaning **'that is knowledge which liberates'**.



Vidyā-Araṇyam

We welcome you to a new, humble beginning in this direction... a school with a vision to reinstate the lost values blending it with the contemporary needs, futuristic view and ecological harmony. **Vidyā-Araṇyam** is the name of this initiative under the **Mahatma Gandhi Mission** umbrella that seeks to form a 'unique dwelling in the green for vidya' The English and Marathi medium schools under **Vidyā-Araṇyam** began with Class-I and preprimary in June 2017 at Gandheli Campus, Aurangabad. GURUKUL Cottages, Green Campus, Learning with Creativity, Focus on Arts & Academics, Innovative Streams, Skill and Child Development are some of the salient features of **Vidyā-Araṇyam**. Bus Facility is provided to the students, teachers and staff.

Vidyā-Araṇyam expands its educational services from June 2019 to Pre-Primary and Primary (class 1 to 8) in English & Marathi mediums.



Main Building of **Vidyā-Araṇyam**

You are welcome to visit this beautiful island of **Vidyā** surrounded by valleys, hills and water reservoir. Admission forms and information brochure can be collected from **Vidyā-Araṇyam** school or our city office at MAHAGAMI GURUKUL, MGM campus, Aurangabad on weekdays between 10 AM to 6 PM. The school is **open on Sunday** and **Thursday is the weekly off** for **Vidyā-Araṇyam**.

Admissions

New Admissions for Pre-Primary and Classes I to VIII for Marathi (Semi-English) and English mediums are in process for the Academic session 2019-20.

For more details **Vidyā-Araṇyam MGM School**,

Bagh Talav, MGM Hills, Gut No-284, Gandheli, Aurangabad. Mob: 9822244250

Or write to us on VidyaAranyamSchool@gmail.com

You could also drop in at our city office at **MAHAGAMI GURUKUL**, MGM Campus, Aurangabad between Monday to Saturday (10 AM – 6 PM) or Call – 9372093189 / 8237021054