

# Vedic Education in India:

**Period : 2017-2020**

## Vedic Students in Assam performing morning Vedic Education program.

The ancient India had their distinctive culture and civilization over the thousands of years. In the past the great saints have played a decisive role in shaping and molding the ancient heritage. The ancient Indian education emerged from the Vedas. The Vedas are the best expression of an enlightened culture and have contained within themselves the seeds and sources of Hindu thoughts and practices.



The Vedas have laid the foundation upon which the entire Hindu culture and civilization has been building up through the ages. Veda means knowledge. During this period education was divided into two kinds of knowledge-this worldly and other worldly.

This worldly education dealt with the social aspect, whereas, the other worldly education was related to intellectual pursuits for achieving salvation. However, the greater emphasis was laid on the latter because education was regarded as a means of free from life bondage.

### Aim of Vedic Education:

- i. The aim of Vedic education was to realize the supreme and achieve Supreme Consciousness (Brahman).
- ii. Inculcation of a spirit of piety and righteousness was the aim of education.
- iii. Preservation and spread of ancient culture was one of the aims of ancient educational system.
- iv. The chief aim was to unfold the spiritual and moral powers of the individual during their stay in the Gurukulas.
- v. The objectives of education were to perfection of the physical, mental and intellectual personality of the student.
- vi. Formation of good and moral character was also another aim of Vedic education.
- vii. Inculcation of social and civic duties was one of the aims at ASSRA Gurukulas which was necessary for a better future life.
- viii. For the development of vocational efficiency healthy, positive attitude and dignity of labour were fostered in pupils during their stay in the Gurukulas of ASSRA.



Education was free of cost and the students led an exemplary life in Vedic system of education. The teacher-taught relationship was very cordial and just like the father-son relationship during Vedic period. Education was not based on caste, creed, colour or religion.

The Vedas were usually **taught at gurukuls of ASSRA centres at Allahbad, Varanashi, Assam & Mathura**. In the line of Gurukul System of ancient India the residential schooling system involving Students from very poor and marginalised sections of the society attended the gurukul from age of 8 to students in their early twenties. At the end of their education, each student was able to earn their livelihood in dignity.

Many of the students after completing their vedic studies are able to migrate to other countries and maintain a decent life.

## **Vedic Students and the Village community in Assam receiving Vedic Educational Training imparted by ASSRA.**



## **High School in Assam (6th to 12th Standard) comprising of 600 Students and 14 teachers receiving Vedic Educational Training**



## **ASSRA Vedic Educators reaches BSFYF**





## Vedic Students in Assam performing Yoga Asanas on International Yoga day

Yoga takes you into the present moment. The only place where life exists. Yoga is a great practice for both the body and the mind, it offers peace and mindfulness to its lovers and helps them get through daily stress. Yoga is the dance of every cell with the music of every breath that creates inner serenity and harmony

Yoga is not a work-out it is a work-in, and this is the point of spiritual practice to make us teachable to open up our hearts and focus our awareness so that we can know what we already know and be who we already are.



International Yoga Day was celebrated at the Assam Centre of ASSRA. On the said occasion the teachers who are yoga gurus also shared the benefit of Yoga in our daily life among the students.

*Yoga teaches us to cure what need not be endured and endure what cannot be cured.....B.K.S.Iyengar*



## Independence Day Celebrations at Vrindavan Centre



## Diwali Celebrations At Varanashi Centre of ASSRA

