Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth

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Letter of Gratitude

Chancellor
Pujya
Swami Swaroopananda



Dearest Well-wisher,

Hari Om!

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) is Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda's visionary project. He was a saint of great wisdom, insight and one who had immense love for the universe and mankind. True to the spirit of our Rishis, Swami Chinmayananda brought the ancient knowledge systems of India – especially in the field of spirituality to the world. His aim for CVV was to pioneer a tertiary institution which blends the time-tested wisdom of India with cutting-edge university practices of the West – this he felt was the key to creating a more harmonious and united world.

Indian knowledge systems (IKS) are replete with great discoveries, advancements and some of the most complex and creative ideas in our history. We see the evidence of them in magnificent architectural structures, hear about them in sciences like Ayurveda, and can even practice them today in our yoga studios! To bring this treasure trove of knowledge into modern application – in all spheres of our life – is the aspiration of CVV.

Today, more than ever before, we are trying to explore new methods of developing our capacity to innovate and utilise our intuitive ability, more commonly known as 'head-and-heart' thinking. Yet, we see that the tools we have are not taking us to where we want to be. This is why institutions like CVV are essential. The fusion of knowledge it provides facilitates a completely new mind-set.

It is well known that IKS taught not only linear and deductive thinking, but various other dimensions of creativity, logic and decision making. It essentially gave individuals a formidable understanding of the power of their mind, which enabled them to devise scientific discoveries, magnificent pieces of art, literature and more. They were true to the spirit of dynamic and spontaneous creativity.

Letter of Gratitude

Chancellor

Pujya

Swami Swaroopananda



The requirement of our time is to go beyond providing education only for gaining employment. Along with it, we need to offer courses which create unique thinkers, leaders and members of society who go forward to build solutions which benefit the masses.

CVV is geared-up to do exactly this! We promise to bring Indian wisdom into modern applications so that we can exceed excellence in this world. I know graduates from CVV will be transformational human beings, who will bring extra inspiration and enthusiasm when shaping our brighter future.

This phenomenal journey of transforming education delivery would not be possible without you! I want to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support which has enabled us to take quantum leaps and get to where we are today. You are truly providing students a chance to experience education in its true and complete sense.

CVV has many exciting plans for the future, including designing new courses, partnering with leading national and international organisations, creating a brand-new state-of-the-art campus and more! We look forward to walking alongside you when taking these giant steps.

Thank you once again for creating history with us. Your generosity will be valued for generations to come.

I invoke Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda's blessings on you and all your loved ones.

At His Feet,

Swaroopananda

Swami Swaroopananda
Chancellor, CVV
Global Head, Chinmaya Mission

A Message of Thanks

Vice Chancellor
Professor Ajay Kapoor



Dear Donor and Friend of CVV,

I have now been in my role for seven weeks and within this short time recognised the tremendous impact your generous support makes. The entire CVV Team remains deeply appreciative, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you. It is your dedication, commitment and enthusiasm that is enabling this game-changing institution to scale up, and we hope you are as proud as we are to be part of this organisation.

Stories in this donor update provide glimpses into all the work we are planning on doing, and we want to reassure you that your funding is being used in the best way possible to create a unique movement in higher education – one which fuses the time-tested wisdom of India with cutting edge contemporary knowledge of the West.

For nearly seven decades, Chinmaya Mission has been transforming lives with its motto of 'Giving Maximum Happiness to Maximum People for Maximum Time'. My vision is to apply this same motto to the work we are doing at CVV.

As a start, we will reach out to the maximum number of students – our goal is 3000 in the next four years. This aligns nicely with the new National Education Policy (NEP 2020) announced by the government of India which wants to double the number of students completing higher education by 2030.

We also want to provide maximum happiness to students and their loving parents by ensuring we create the right avenues for students to secure well-paying jobs, move onto higher education, join their family business or start their own venture! This will also provide much needed support to their parents.

Finally, our aim will be to equip students with the right skills to face life and live purposefully using the self-unfoldment techniques expounded by Gurudev.

Through our uniquely designed courses, every student at CVV will be taught how to think big, act wisely and show results. They will be provided with tools to harness inner potential, break their limitations and achieve results with calmness, efficiency and grit!

In the coming months the entire team will endeavour to reach out much more frequently to provide updates on the happenings at CVV and how we are measuring against our goals. In addition, we are planning some engaging, interactive and insightful events, so do keep a look out for invites!

Thank you once again for being part of the CVV family and helping us multiply our impact for tomorrow's future.

With my best wishes,
Ajay Kapoor
Vice Chancellor, CVV

Our Impact



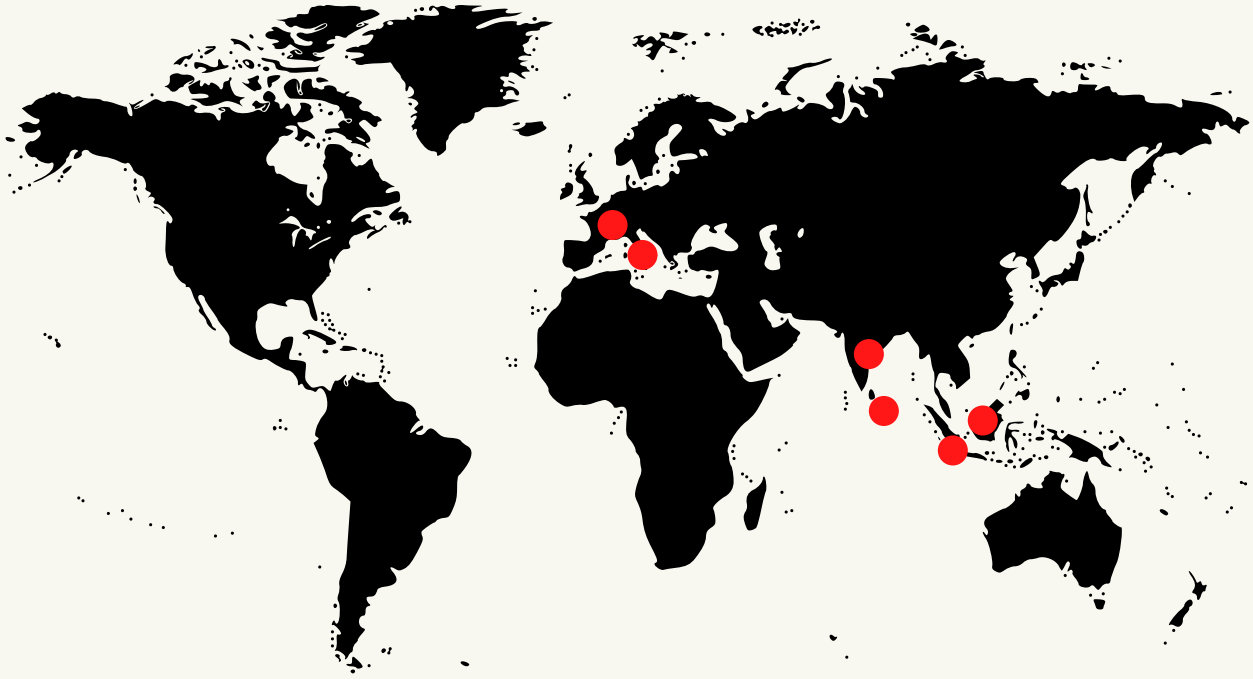
Our Impact

652
STUDENTS ENROLLED

135
STUDENTS GRADUATED

36%
OF STUDENTS ARE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

60%
OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR GIRLS



Students have enrolled from India, Sri Lanka, France, Italy, Malaysia and Singapore. In India enrolment covers close to 30 different States!

42
NUMBER OF FACULTY

109
JOURNAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED

78
BOOKS PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

Figures are cumulative from 2017 (the year CVV was formally allowed to accept enrolment) to date.

New Campus Update





To achieve its ambitious growth plans of enrolling 3000 students in the next four years, CVV is building an incredible new campus on over 50 acers of land in Onakkoor village, Ernakulam district, Kerala. This new learning environment will have state of the art infrastructure and environmentally friendly features such as a solar powered farm, biogas, solid waste treatment and the latest cooling techniques.

Other highlights include a Kalāyoga Centre to support study of classical Indian music and dance, a Meditation Centre for students to refresh emotionally and rejuvenate spiritually, modern sports facilities, an amphitheatre and more!

Our new campus will open in 2022 and we simply cannot wait to welcome you, our students and faculty there! We believe that this campus will be a home-away-from-home and provide students with a space to thrive, create, engage and flourish!



New Campus Update

Construction Progress

Managing Trustee
Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala



Dear Generous Donor,

As of now, CVV and CCMT have acquired about 50+ acres of land in Onakkoor village, near Piravom, about 12 kms from our current location at Adi Sankara Nilayam that is shared with Chinmaya International Foundation. We have appointed eminent architect Shri CN Raghavendra Rao of Chennai to draw up plans for the ambitious state-of-the-art academic, admin, student and library facilities for CVV. Pujya Swami Swaroopanandaji perfomed the shilānyās or the laying of the foundation stone in June 2019 and Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda visited the site in August 2019. We mobilised the approvals, contractors and the funds necessary and construction started in full swing in March this year. We expect to have students join us in the new site named Vidya Pratishthanam in time for the start of the academic year 2022-23.

Our Phase 1 plans include building almost 420,000 square feet of facilities with hostel, dining and academic facilities that will create an excellent learning environment for students. Given the Vice Chancellor's plan to grow the University to over 3000 students within a few years, we are well placed to provide facilities that will be the envy of leading educational institutions around India. Our new campus will be environmentally friendly and green with lush woods, fully powered by solar, cooled by biogas, with rainwater harvesting and may other leading-edge features.

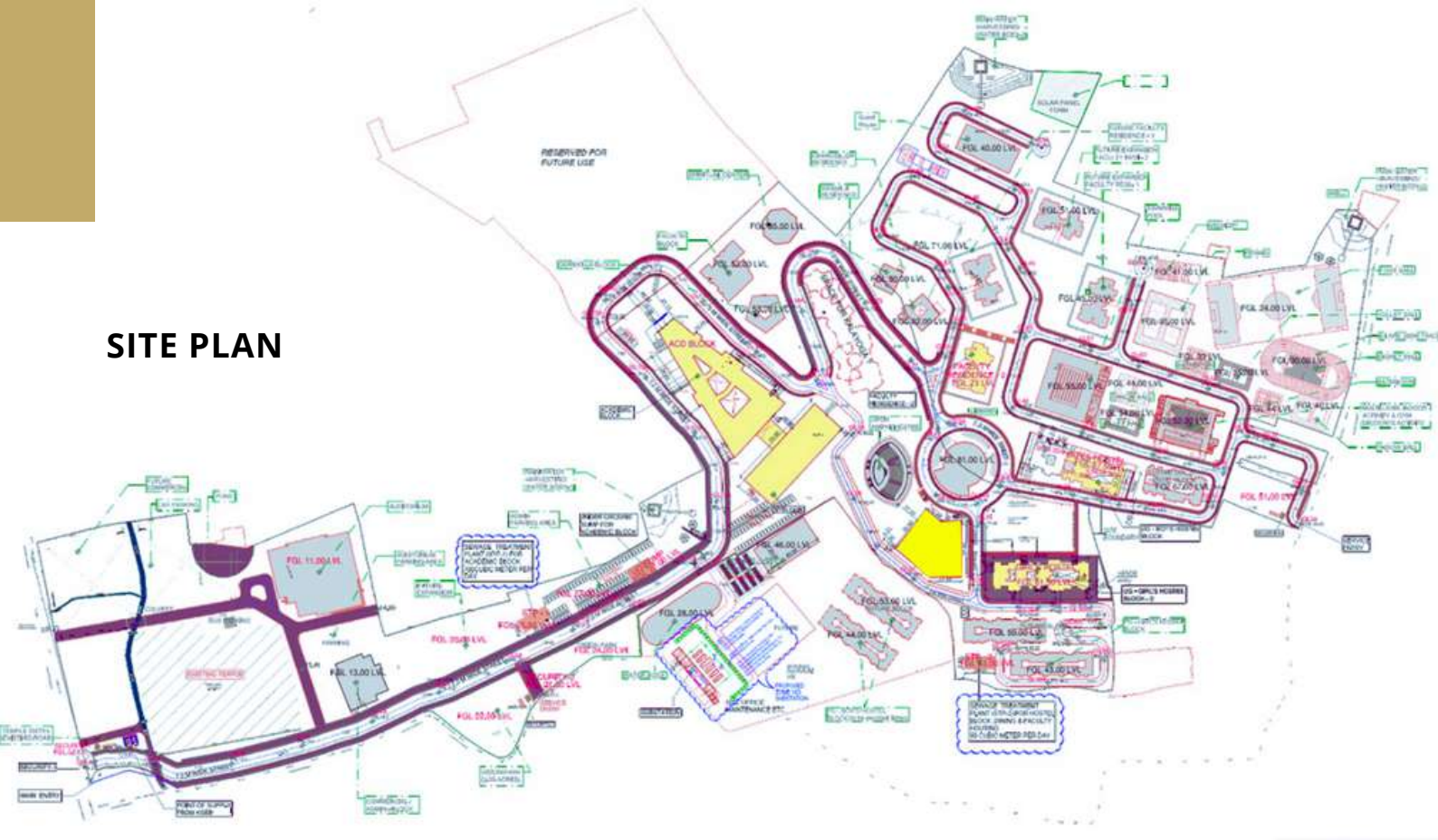
I welcome you to click on this link to view the walkthrough of the site as we envisioned it. In February of this year, we had the students visit the site and offer coconuts during the bhoomi puja for the boys hostel. We have got this far thanks to the generosity of donors from all over the world. I am looking forward to the day when I can take you around in person to show you the Vidya Pratishthanam site. With His blessings, I know we can all do it. We can! We Must! We will!

At His service,
Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala
Managing Trustee, CVV

Construction Phases

Phase	Project Start and End Date	Build
One 420,000 Sq. Ft	March 2021 to September 2022	• UG Girls Hostel • UG Boys Hostel • Academic Block • Dining Block • IT Block
Two 254,000 Sq. Ft	October 2022 to June 2024	• Indoor Sports Centre • Kalayoga • Admin Block • Faculty Residence • Guest House • Library • PG Girls Hostel • UG Girls Hostel
Three 123,000 Sq. Ft	December 2023 to June 2025	• PG Boys Hostel • Faculty Block • Auditorium • Spiritual Centre

SITE PLAN



Measures to Maintain Construction Excellence

To ensure the campus is of the best quality, here are the measures CVV has put in place:

- Hired eminent architect CN Raghavendra Rao who has a rich history and experience in nearly all kinds of projects. He believes that it is important to create developments of lasting value that meet and exceed expectations. He has won many awards, including the coveted 'PADMA SHRI' award by the Honourable President of India in January 2011.

- Established a multi-level supervisory and monitoring structure for the project.

- Appointed a qualified civil engineer with decades of industry experiences in overseeing large construction projects and professional project management consultants.

- Implemented a regular supervision and monitoring timetable for all day-day construction activity which is reported to the Chinmaya Construction Committee (CCC).

- The CCC is a high-level steering committee consisting of Trustees, Finance Managers and the Lead of the Projects Team. Its aim is to set direction, respond rapidly to major issues with schedule, contractor performance and more.

- The Managing Trustee of CVV chairs the CCC and will oversee reporting of project status to donors and Trustees.



Meet the CVV Team



Get to Know CVV's New Vice Chancellor

"One of the most important things a Board does is appoint the right leadership. It gave me great joy earlier this year to announce Professor Ajay Kapoor as the Vice Chancellor of CVV from August 2021. I invoke Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda's blessings on him as he leads CVV to greater heights with his expertise and dedication." Swami Swaroopananda



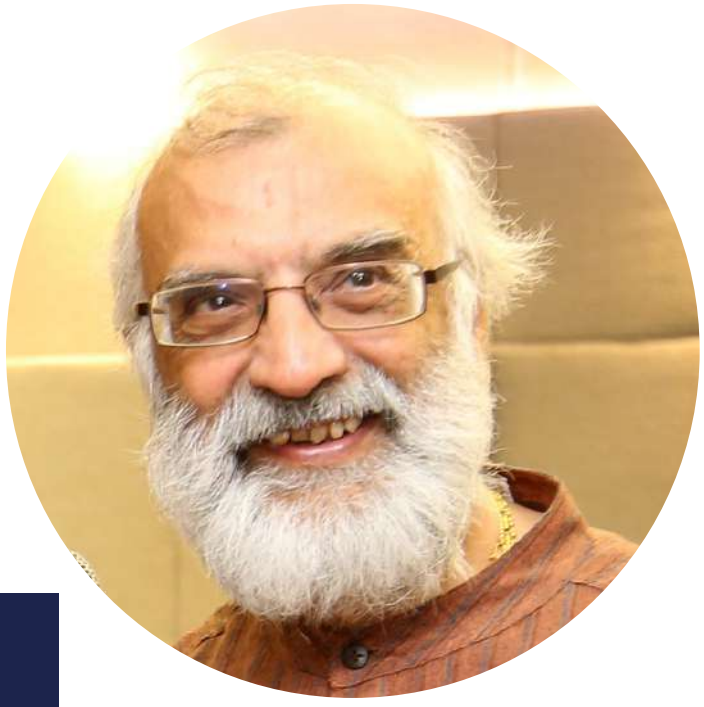
After completing his engineering degrees at IIT BHU and doctorate at Cambridge University, Prof. Kapoor joined academia. He is a world-renowned researcher and has produced over 325 papers/reports, three books, several patents and a university spin-out company.

His research work has won many prizes in the UK and Australia, and he is on the editorial board of IMechE Journal of Rail and Rapid Transit. Recently, Prof. Ajay Kapoor was rated within the top 2% of researchers in the world in his subject area. He served as Pro Vice Chancellor at Swinburne University of Technology in Australia and significantly expanded Swinburne's international research engagement through Joint Research Centres in India, China and Malaysia. He is a Fellow of Engineers Australia and the Cambridge Commonwealth Society.

In teaching and learning, Prof. Kapoor has focussed on developing full-fledged graduates and post-graduates through industry engaged courses and by providing support to students from overseas and from different cultures. This new pedagogy won the Vice Chancellor's prize. Prof. Ajay Kapoor's other awards include the prestigious Sir George Julius Award by Engineers Australia (twice) and TA Stewart-Dyer-FH Trevethick award by Institute of Mechanical Engineering, UK. In the past, Prof. Kapoor has held senior appointments in the UK at Newcastle University, University of Sheffield and Leicester University. He also led the American Society for Mechanical Engineers − UK and Ireland Chapter, as Chairman. He has been on the Swinburne University Council and has been a Board Member of VCAMM, Australia.

Since the inception of Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth (CVV), he has served on the Board of Management and in March 2019 was appointed as Pro Chancellor of CVV.

Meet Our New Faculty



It gives us great pleasure to announce that Dr Ramesh Pattni has joined CVV as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Heritage (PPSH).

His expertise and passion for the field of Psychology and Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) will boost CVV's efforts of seamlessly blending IKS with Contemporary Knowledge Systems.

Dr. Ramesh Pattni Bio

A psychologist and a Hindu theologian, Dr. Pattni's research is at the intersection of these traditions. He has a deep interest in presenting the psychological concepts, tools and techniques of the ancient traditions in today's world for psychological well-being.

He has three master's degrees in psychology, psychology of religion, and study of religion and obtained his doctorate from the University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology and Religion, based on his research into Patanjali's text on Classical Yoga – the Yogasūtra, and Western Positive Psychology.

Currently Dr. Pattni is working as a counsellor and psychotherapist, tutors at the University of Oxford and gives public talks on Hinduism. In his spare time, he writes poetry and is a keen listener of all genres of music and plays the guitar as well. He greatly enjoys walking in woods and parks in the company of family and friends.

For his voluntary work in interfaith relations and community services in the UK, he was bestowed an OBE in the New Year's Honours 2020 by Her Majesty the Queen.

Why are you excited to be part of CVV?

The first reason is my passion for teaching and learning and my aspiration to give the best to students at CVV in terms of both pedagogy and content. The second reason is my keen interest in Indian Psychology and CVV is a great place to meet minds that are also interested in this area of knowledge. Last but not the least is that I fully subscribe to the vision of the University for blending traditions from the East and West for students to achieve their highest potential as human beings.

What particular change will you bring to CVV?

Having had the opportunity to study and carry out research at some of the best institutions in the world, I think the rigour of disciplined thinking and the flowering of creative ideas have been great things to have experienced myself. I would very much hope to bring these to students of CVV and let them experience these for themselves and become great thinkers and creators.

Why is CVV beneficial for the future?

The value of any organisation is in what its strategic vision is for the future, an aspiration for excellence in teaching and learning. Because of its solid vision and mission, I think CVV's strategic vision for developing potentiality both inner and outer for both students and faculty would certainly be beneficial for the future.
I strongly believe that CVV itself has the potential for becoming a leading institution because of its commitment to this vision.

Meet Our New Faculty

We are delighted to have as part of our team Dr. Sunitha Grandhee who has joined us as Director, Centre of Excellence in Applied Indian Knowledge Systems. Dr. Grandhee will spearhead our efforts to raise the standard of research at CVV and enhance our connect with reputed institutions and persons in India and abroad.

Why are you excited to be part of CVV?

I believe in this University and its lofty goals to inspire our younger generation. Combining the latest scientific and technological advances with this timeless wisdom will help people from all backgrounds to live peaceful, prosperous and purposeful lives, and help restore balance and harmony in the world. Integrating the Indian Knowledge systems like Vedanta, Yoga, other Vedic studies into subjects like commerce, economics and more, will make students better contributors to society and have the confidence to lead a fulfilling life free of stresses and anxiety.

What particular change will you bring to CVV?

CVV's Centre of Excellence in Applied Indian Knowledge Systems, will be a vehicle for communication, innovation, ideas, motivation, partnerships and interdisciplinary work. It will promote the knowledge base of the various departments of CVV, Chinmaya International Foundation and Chinmaya Mission externally, both national and internationally.The current working thematic areas include: Mental Health and Vedanta, Computers/NLP and Sanskrit, Promote Sanskrit in Unique ways, Indian Knowledge systems Academy, External Collaborations, Explore expansion opportunities for CVV, Application of Vedanta to practical life and Explore collaborative possibilities of IKS of natural products and Ayurveda.

Why is CVV beneficial for the future?

Traditionally Universities are looked upon a place where you get secular education which will help somebody secure a job, and a stable financial future.
I truly believe that *It is not what we receive in form of lectures that makes a great impact, but what we perceive and imbibe in our lives that makes a greater impact.* CVV is a University where young ones character/personality is molded, with a modern gurukula.



Dr. Sunitha Grandhee Bio

Dr. Sunitha Grandhee is a passionate Organic Chemist by profession. She received her PhD from IIT, Chennai and Post-Doctoral fellowship from Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She has worked for 28 years at BASF (the world's largest chemical company) and at GE and Bayer, holding various roles as Research Scientist, Technical Marketing, Marketing and New Business Development Lead.

She has numerous publications and patents to her credit and has been invited to many conferences as a guest speaker on coatings and chemistry. Dr. Grandhee has also taught Organic Chemistry as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Detroit.

In 2019, Dr. Grandhee, along with her husband, successfully completed the two-year Vedanta course at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya in India, and simultaneously took an early retirement to fully dedicate her life to the spread of Vedanta. She has been running various classes in the Detroit area ever since including in local communities, hospitals and corporates.

Dr. Grandhee is also skilled in playing Carnatic music on the Bansuri and has taught many students.

Student Life





Sreehari Suku

Programme: B.B.A.
Years in CVV: 2017 to 2020

Hailing from Nechoor, Ernakulam, tall and lean Sreehari Suku is visibly a sportsman. His mother is a teacher and has brought up the children as a single-parent. In spite of the multitude of hurdles that confronted the family, Sreehari has determinedly continued his higher education, with the support of donors.

Sreehari enjoys reading, watching movies and TV series, listening to music, dancing, but most of all he likes playing football. He says, “I would like to become a football manager. Therefore, I'm planning to go in for an MBA in sports management.”

Currently, he is at home with his family and scouting for a job. He wants to work for two years before going abroad to pursue an MBA in Sports Management.

Scholarship Student Stories



Scholarship Student Stories

Aswathy V. G.

Programme: B.Com.
Years in CVV: 2017 to 2020

Aswathy V. G. is from Thrissur, Kerala, has recently completed her B.Com. at CVV. Aswathy is the older of two siblings. Her father is a driver, while her mother handles home and works too. With a thirst for knowing new things, Aswathy wants to see the world.

Once while travelling by train, Aswathy found the food unpalatable. That triggered the thought of setting up a restaurant near a railway station that would serve safe and quality food, and provide parcels for travellers. It was in line with her interest as she enjoys cooking and has grown up seeing her grandfather run his restaurant.

With that goal in mind, Aswathy plans to pursue a diploma in management or hotel management.

First Convocation Ceremony



Historic Day!

The first convocation of CVV was held in June 2021, and was a momentous event for all those who are directly or indirectly connected with CVV. Owing to the pandemic, the ceremony was held online. But that did not dampen the spirit or enthusiasm among students, parents, faculty, staff, management and the extended CVV family. CVV, now five years old, has produced two batches of UG, three batches of PG and several diploma holders.



Keynote by Sri. Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Kerala

In his keynote address, Sri. Arif Mohammad Khan, remembered Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda and his immense contribution to preserving Indian culture. Further, he said, “The graduates of a university are duty-bound to place the problems of human living at the heart of every academic pursuit and serve humanity by using their wisdom.”





137 Graduates! 2 Gold Medalists!

Congratulations to the Gold Medallists Anagha Pradeep (B.A. Sanskrit) and Aashika Aanie Kuruvilla (B.A. Applied Psychology). In her valedictorian speech, Anagha said, “It took courage to step up to my passion and join a university that had just received UGC approval. But today, I'm very confident and proud to say that I wouldn't have been as good as I am if I hadn't joined CVV.” Aashika said, “We all had different journeys, but today we are all winners, gradutating with the best lessons of life. I will not say that what we have learnt here, we would not have learnt anywhere else. But learning it here, definitely aided my self-exploration and ability to find answers on my own."

COVID 19 Vaccination Camps – Outreach

With a population of 1.3 billion India has been forced to take drastic measures to contain the spread of the Coronavirus. Its people are faced with a human issue of unimaginable proportions. CVV wanted to come together in support of the country and initiated a COVID-19 vaccination camp on campus.

The Edakkattuvayal Grama Panchayat and Thottur Primary Health Centre chose Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth as the outreach centre for COVID-19 vaccination from 19 July 2021, with the intention of maximising vaccination among the public.

The president of Edakkattuvayal Grama Panchayat, Sri. K R Jayakumar inaugurated the vaccination camp. Other legislative members were present along with former Vice Chanellor Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, and Dr. Bindhu M. P., Assistant Professor, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture and Social Systems. Over a thousand people were vaccinated from this centre in July.









Fundraising Efforts



CVV'S Global Crowdfunding Initiative

In May, Chinmaya Mission family members across UK, Kenya, Australia, India and US began their journey as 'Chinmaya Champions' and took part in the inaugural global crowdfunding campaign, to raise funds for CVV. They felt the campaign would be a great way for them to be involved in co-creating this magnanimous and life changing educational project. Each participant reached out to potential donors in their networks via their personalised crowdfunding page and customised messages!



Why Crowdfunding?

As Pujya Swami Swaroopananda so beautifully explained, we embarked on this crowdfunding journey as it was the perfect way to ensure the entire Chinmaya global family and beyond could be involved in co-creating this magnanimous and life changing project of Pujya Gurudev. Along with the funds raised, this initiative also allowed many more new people outside Chinmaya Mission to learn about CVV.

This is the first time the Global Family has come together in this way, with many able to transform themselves, while transforming education. How wonderful!

CVV'S Global Crowdfunding Success!!

The outcome of acting in the spirit of cooperative endeavour, combined with an abundance of grace from Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda really came to fruition in this campaign! The numbers below are still growing!

8 million

USD raised - and counting!

60 crores

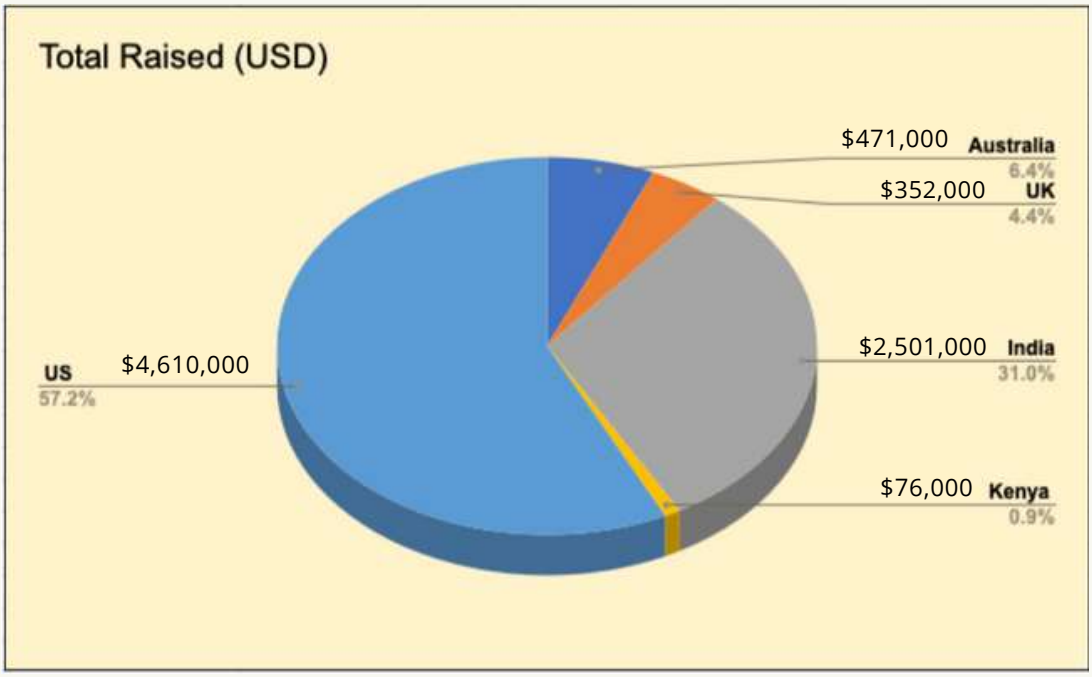
INR raised - and counting!

2,500

Champions

29,363

New Donors



The entire CVV team would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the 'Chinmaya Champions' and donors for their incredibly generous support of the Reimagine Education campaign. Thanks to your incredible help we will be able to spearhead our game-changing educational initiatives, which will make a positive impact on generations to come.

New CSR Donors Thanks to Crowdfunding Campaign from India





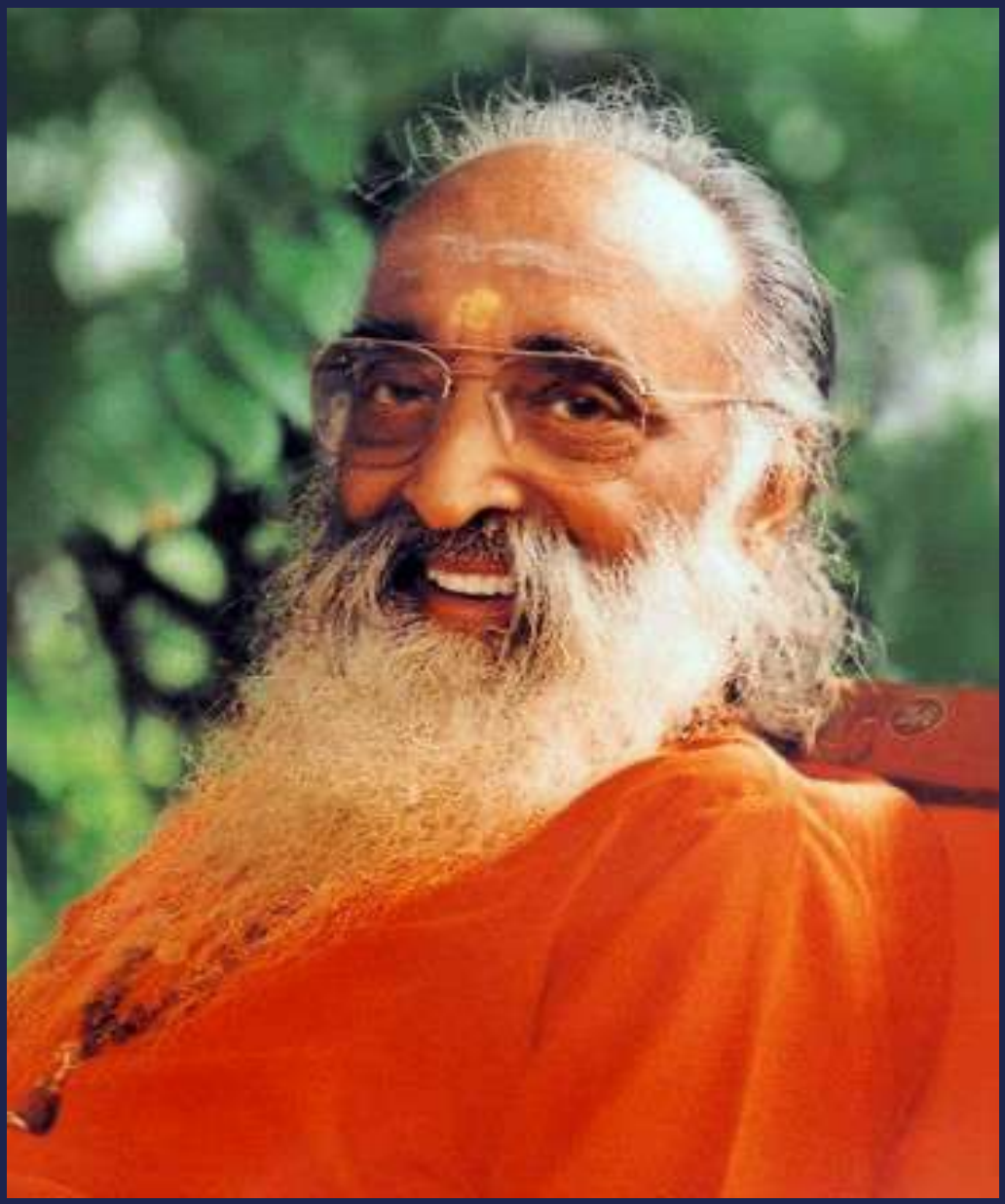








Pujya Gurudev
Swami Chinmayananda



"Never can a child's education be complete unless we impart to them a true appreciation the eternal values of life and also help them to open up their sense of beauty, rhythm, ethics and aesthetics" ***Swami Chinmayananda***

Thank You!

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