

Maharshi Dayanand Gurukula (MDG) & Institutional Developments, Guyana – 2025

The year 2025 marked a significant phase of growth, consolidation, and transformation for Maharshi Dayanand Gurukula (MDG), Guyana. Through dedicated efforts in infrastructure development, academic expansion, hospitality services, community outreach, and global engagement, the Gurukula strengthened its position as a center for holistic Vedic education and spiritual living.

Infrastructure Development & Campus Enhancements

Throughout 2025, the Gurukula campus underwent extensive maintenance, renovations, and upgrades aimed at improving both residential and academic life. Classrooms, living quarters, common spaces, and facilities were enhanced to ensure a clean, organized, and professional environment.

A newly opened boutique 11 room hotel - MDG Suites - located on Floors 3 and 4 on campus has become fully operational, offering high-quality accommodations for visitors, dignitaries, and satsang participants, and international guests. To maintain consistently high standards of hygiene and comfort, a dedicated housekeeping team was appointed, significantly elevating campus living and hospitality standards.

Student Enrollment & Academic Journey

In 2025, five new students from India joined the Gurukula and began their foundational training at the start of the year. Each student embarked on a structured program emphasizing discipline, character development, spiritual education, and modern skills.

Faculty, Staff & Key Appointments

To support academic excellence, student development, and operational efficiency, several key Roles were strengthened, and new appointments were made during the year.

Academic & Training Staff

- Basic English instructors were appointed to support new students during their initial training period.
- Advanced English educators were engaged to develop language proficiency and communication skills further.
- Specialized English instruction was introduced to meet international academic and professional standards.
- A dedicated music teacher was appointed to support vocal and instrumental training.
- A resident Junior Acharya was hired to free up the time requirements for Dr Satish Prakash.

Leadership & Administration

- A Deputy Director of Program Studies was appointed to support academic oversight and daily academic and class operations.
- A combined Hotel and Gurukula General Manager role was established to ensure professional hospitality services and efficient campus management, dealing with all matters related to the Physical Building, Operations, and Infrastructure.

Hospitality, Campus Operations & Communications

To ensure high standards across hospitality services, campus operations, and public engagement, several essential roles were strengthened during the year.

- A Head Chef was appointed to lead culinary operations and menu development in line with sattvic, nutritious, and professional hospitality standards.
- An additional chef supports daily kitchen operations, ensuring quality, consistency, and hygiene.
- Dedicated staff were assigned to oversee campus and hotel cleanliness, maintenance, and overall upkeep, maintaining a welcoming and well-organized environment.
- A new and growing project was initiated on The Gurukula Organic Garden - serving the Vegetable needs of the growing Gurukula Community.

Communications

Throughout the year, our Marketing and Communications Manager continued to manage actively Gurukula's digital presence, ensuring consistent content creation, storytelling, and engagement across social media platforms. This ongoing effort strengthened visibility, outreach, and connection with the global community. Several Key Pandits-In-Training Students expressed interest in joining and contributing to the Social Media Team at the Gurukula - providing local talent and presence.

Institutional Leadership & Governance

The Gurukula continues to flourish under strong spiritual and administrative leadership:

- Founder & Chief Acharya: **Dr. Satish Prakash**

Guiding students in values, discipline, spiritual growth, and character building.

- Chief Administrator & Director: **Mr. Bush Prakash**
- Alongside **Mrs. Mala Prakash**, overseeing daily operations, management, and institutional

development.

- The Board at the Gurukula continues to serve in an advisory capacity, alongside **Mrs. Suneeti Rameshwar** and **Mr. Dave Rameshwar**.

Internal Coordination & Program Support - The student body offering their resources

Dedicated internal coordinators [our very own students] continued to oversee the Gurukula's

day-to-day operations, ensuring smooth internal coordination, effective program support, and efficient

management of daily activities. Their consistent involvement contributed to organizational stability

and the successful implementation of academic and institutional programs.

Hospitality Expansion: Hotel & Upcoming Restaurant

The newly opened hotel has become a major asset, contributing to:

- Financial sustainability of the Gurukula
- Growth of spiritual tourism
- Comfortable accommodation for international guests
- Enhanced public image of the institution
- Preparations are currently underway for the **opening of a new restaurant**, which will:
- Feature menus designed by our own 5-star trained Indian chefs
- Serve healthy, protein-rich, vegetarian, sattvic meals
- Maintain exceptional standards of cleanliness and presentation
- Blend traditional Indian cuisine with modern hospitality - a real contribution to the growing West Coast Demerara, Guyana Community and Residents.

The restaurant will also serve as a practical training platform for students interested in hospitality services.

Academic Curriculum & Subjects of Study

The Gurukula curriculum ensures balanced development through a blend of traditional wisdom and modern education:

- English Language (Basic & Advanced)
- Music (Vocal & Instrumental)
- Karmakand (Rituals & Priesthood)
- Sanskrit Literature
- Vedas & Upanishads
- Philosophy (Indian & Global)
- **Modern Skills:**

Computer Science, AI, Web Design, Electronics, Social Media, Camera Operations, Communication Skills

Student Progress, Certification & Placement

Students demonstrated consistent academic and personal growth throughout the year, particularly in:

- English proficiency
- Communication skills
- Daily discipline and conduct

Certifications in progress:

- 2-Year Diploma in Priesthood & Rituals
- Full Priest Training Certificate (recognized by the Government of Guyana)
- Completion Diploma reflecting academic and practical achievements

Graduates are placed in temples and educational institutions in Guyana and abroad, serving communities through spiritual leadership.

Gurukula Heritage Campus Program – August 2025

From 16th to 24th August 2025, the Gurukula Heritage Campus hosted an international spiritual program led by **Dr. Satish Prakash**. Participants attended from Trinidad, the USA, Canada, Suriname, India, and neighboring countries.

Program highlights included:

- Character education & mantra chanting
- Yoga and wellness sessions
- Vedic and Hindu scripture studies
- Hindu literature reading & comprehension
- Sattvic meals and cultural immersion

The program offered a holistic experience integrating spiritual, intellectual, and physical development.

Social Work & Community Service

MDG Gurukula remained deeply engaged with the local community throughout the year:

- Weekly Saturday satsangs open to villagers and nearby communities
- Bhajans, kirtans, and spiritual discourses fostering unity and learning
- Organization of all 16 Hindu sanskaras for special occasions such as as weddings, naming ceremonies, anniversaries, and birthdays.
- Community meals are served after every ceremony, strengthening social bonds

These initiatives preserve cultural traditions while offering spiritual guidance and inclusivity. Our Pandits-in-Training have led these satganga sessions. These weekly sessions have offered tremendous experience to our Priests in Training.

Digital Presence & Outreach

Throughout 2025, the Gurukula maintained an active and consistent social media presence, sharing educational content, events, student life, and institutional updates. This strengthened global visibility, community engagement, and international outreach.

Looking Ahead

By February 2026, the Gurukula plans to admit five additional students, selected through evaluations, interviews, and entrance examinations. All admissions will continue to be offered on full scholarships, reaffirming the Gurukula's commitment to accessible, value-based education.

The Vedas Project: With the Gurukula settling down with more reliable operations, Dr Satish is now more heavily focused on The Vedas Project - specifically on the approximate 10,000 mantras of the Rig Veda. A special Research Team is being assembled, led by Dr. Satish, and a number of our own students have applied for key roles.

This promises to be a revolutionary and eye-opening translation - offering Stark Differences from previous translation works by Sayana Acharya, Wilson and Griffiths.

Refer to this page (<https://guyanagurukula.com/the-vedas-project>) for more information.



The year 2025 stands as a milestone in the journey of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula. With expanded infrastructure, strengthened academics, growing hospitality services, active community engagement, and a clear vision for the future, The Guyana Gurukula continues to nurture spiritually grounded, intellectually capable, and socially responsible individuals for Guyana and the world.

Looking ahead, the Gurukula will release the documentary Swami Dayananda – Path of the Vedas in 2026, honoring the life, teachings, and enduring legacy of Swami Dayananda Saraswati.