

NEWS UPDATE FROM RAJA HARRIS

The Maharishi Vedic Pandit Programme in the Brahmasthan and associated campuses continues steadily.

We have done so much together with everybody's help since the Ambassador Resource programme started:

1. We built up the Pandit numbers
2. We paid off construction debts
3. We started, and are doing every day: AtiRudrabhishek, Lakshchandi Yagya, and six Adbhutashanti Yagyas
4. We have grown the Brahmananda Saraswati Trust endowment for the Maharishi Vedic Pandit project from \$3.7 million in 2012, to \$37 million in 2020.
5. We have done so much major work at the Brahmasthan
6. We have already build 8 of 48 Brahmananda Saraswati Nagars

Some of the construction in the Brahmasthan

Finished Sidha Baba campus + Shri Raam and New Shri Raam

5 New Adbhutashanti Yagya Haven Mandaps

New kitchen, dining room and equipment

AC for Yagya halls

Concrete roads

Two electric substations

Solar hot water

Ten gardens

Maharishi Vedic Pandits update

During the lockdown we are managing as per Government regulations.

No active Maharishi Vedic Pandits are ill, although there is one exception:

recently one Pandit came back to Brahmasthan and the testing showed that he had the virus. That was an exceptional situation and he is in lockdown. India goes through a difficult time, but so far, all the active Vedic Pandits are fine.

24 of 38 locations are open. Usually around this time of the year we have about 4,200 Pandits present in all our locations, right now we have around 2,032. This is very good considering.

Our focus has been on recruiting and doing all the Yagyas as usual.

Here is our plan for this year:

We have 20 teams recruiting trained pandits and student Pandits
When advertising for recruitment of trained Maharishi Vedic Pandits, we received 1,800 applications, and 200 Pandits are interviewed so far. We are expecting to admit 1,000 this year if/when restrictions are lifted.

We received admission inquiries for the student Pandit training program. The target for 2020 is 1,000 new students Pandits

Our target for 2020 is 3,500 Pandits: 1,500 existing plus 1,000 recruited trained Pandits, plus 1,000 new students.

Recent question to Raja Harris: How everybody is doing in Brahmasthan?

Raja Harris: Everybody is doing very well. I have daily and weekly updates with all the leaders at the Brahmasthan, and all is going well, but we have to very carefully monitor any returning Pandits.

Our goal of course is to get 9,000 Maharishi Vedic Pandits and there is a big plan for that. I will talk about this in our future meetings. We continue to build up these Brahma-nanda Saraswati Nagars throughout India.

I just can't express enough of the appreciation I feel for everybody who was working to support Maharishi's dear plan to have these Maharishi Vedic Pandits.

All heads of the Ashrams express gratitude for the continuing support of the project at this difficult time for the world. It's such a great source of comfort and feeling of Maharishi's blessings.

And of course, greatest thanks to Susie and all the team of people who are working with you and with the great Rajas around the world.

We are going to continue to do what we can to support the Pandits. And it means that we have to find the ways in India to do that.

Three Projects in India to help support Maharishi Vedic Pandits: Maharishi Institute of Skill Development and Training, Maharishi Dairy, and the Maharishi Garden Nursery.

1. Maharishi Institute of Skill Development and Training, and employment after training.

Training rural/village ladies. This institute cannot do 'for profit' business.

Starting with 250 ladies from families in need.

Training in designing, cutting, tailoring, embroidery, computer education, reading and writing (Hindi and English).

This includes TM and the TM-Sidhi programmes.

Government authorities are thrilled supporting big projects and are very much in favour of this.

2. Maharishi Dairy:

There are about 200 cows, they give organic ghee and paneer and special milk for the Yagyas.

Our people also teach the local farmers how to take care of cows properly, because they do not have this supreme knowledge.

3. Maharishi Garden Nursery

Past year 100,000 saplings and plants sold

Vegetables: Eggplant, tomato, cauliflower, radish, carrot, cabbage, mustard, chana, potato, capsicum, coriander, beans, loki, squash

Fruits and flowers: mango, tangerine, jamun, custard apple, roses and marigolds

Roof-top vegetables garden kits

Making and selling own organic fertilisers and organic pesticides

Jai Guru Dev