



**WELCOME PACK**



**BGIS**



**BHAKTIVEDANTA  
GURUKULA AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**

**INDIA'S LARGEST GURUKULA**

Better People **Better World**

**PROSPECTUS**

**B****BHAKTIVEDANTA****Way of Life**

Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International School (BGIS) was founded by HDG A. C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, the founder Acharya of ISKCON, in 1975. He envisioned to create men of character and competence who can lead and inspire others. The ICSE / ISC affiliated school ranks 16th best boarding school in India provides a unique experience of education – both spiritual and academic – that can evolve the children into becoming the next league of scientists, social activists, entrepreneurs, professionals, Olympic winners etc – but with a compassionate heart to serve the society.

"The old system of gurukula should be revived as the perfect example of a system designed to produce great men, sober and responsible leaders"

**G****GURUKULA****lifestyle**

*A rejuvenating morning program that starts as early as 5 am*

*Daily meditation and yoga exercise*

*Sloka recitation and lectures about vedic heritage*

*Disciplined lifestyle away from mobiles with moderated use of technology*

*Chemical free food and milk from our own farm and Gaushala*

*Extensive cultural programs in traditional arts, music and dance*

*Enlivening Trips to Holy Places Daily engagement in serving community*

**I****INTERNATIONAL****Standards**

*India's Largest Gurukula spread over 60 acres, affiliated with ICSE board*

*100% digital Classrooms*

*Round the clock medical facilities*

*Exceptionally spacious hostel and class rooms*

*Sports facilities – basketball, volleyball, football ground among others*

*Zero tolerance on corporal punishment*

**S****SCHOOL****Led By A Team Of Pioneers**

*Guided by HH Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaj, Chairman, ISKCON India*

*Director, Dr. Lila Purshottam Das, senior professor, IIT Kanpur*

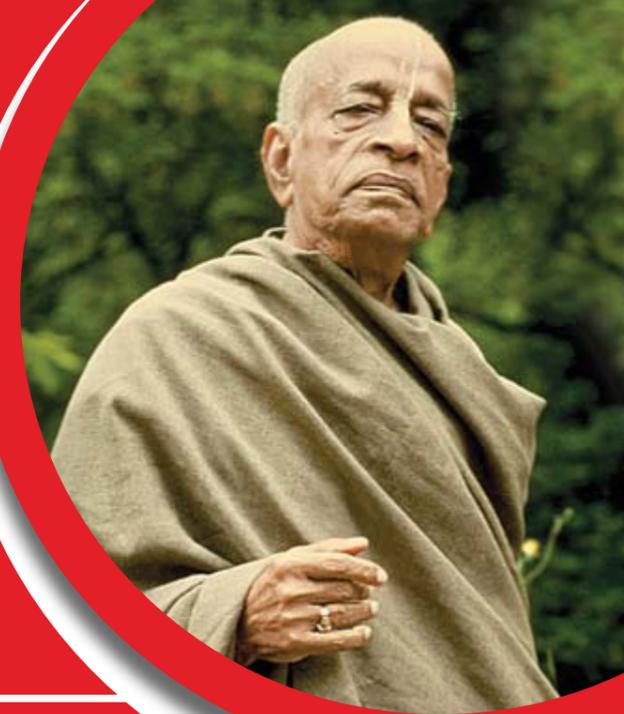
*Team of academicians from IITs / Global MBA / best teaching backgrounds*

*Selfless leaders acting as selfless teachers*

*Ex-professionals from Indian Navy, Goldman Sachs, Ernst & Young, Bell*

*Canada*

# A TRADITION OF COMPLETE EDUCATION



ISKCON Founder Acharya  
His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta  
Swami Srila Prabhupada

The cornerstone of Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International School (BGIS) was laid by ISKCON Founder Acharya A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). He laid the corner-stone in 1975 with a vision of imparting complete education in a spiritual setting.

The basis of knowledge is to "Question our Experience". Knowledge brings in freedom and fearlessness. The meaning of complete education is that the students who get complete knowledge are capable of giving direction to society. They can bring in revolution within the society in a more meaningful manner.

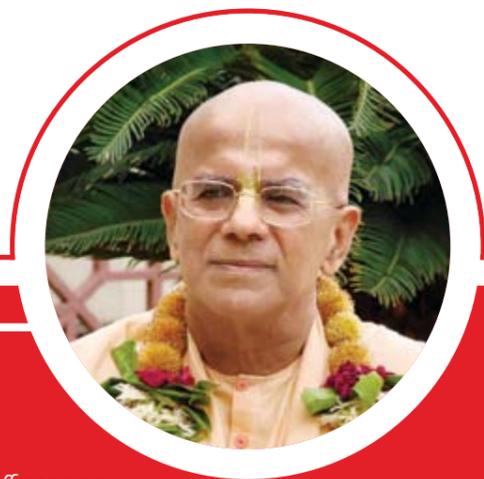
The Bhaktivedanta model of education is based on Indian Gurukula style of education adapted to contemporary societal needs. BGIS offers the best of both worlds - traditional and modern, Vedic and contemporary, spiritual and temporal. As an International School, we offer the students the world class quality education. Simultaneously students inculcate spiritual values based on teaching given in Bhagavad-Gita. Thus, the BGIS experience gives a student the opportunity to excel in his studies while holding on to spiritual values. The outcome is a well balanced individual ready to take on life's challenges. Each feature of BGIS is geared to bring out the best in every student. To offer them not just classroom lessons but a few lessons in life as well. To help them rise above just being good students and let them out into the world as good people.

**"If the children are given a Krishna Conscious education from early childhood, then there is great hope for the future of the world "**

**Srila Prabhupada**



# ISKCON'S ONLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN INDIA



**HH GOPAL KRISHNA GOSWAMI MAHARAJ**

GBC & CHAIRMAN ISKCON

Bhaktivedanta Gurukul and International School is a school with a difference. The children are going to get the best education in a very conducive, eco-friendly environment. This is a project with a difference and this project will produce children with good spiritual education, good character and will be a great help to the society and humanity at large. Hare Krishna.

Your well wisher in service of Srila Prabhupada,  
Gopal Krishna Goswami

## OUR TEAM

Harikeshwar Khushwaha	(B.Tech, IIT Kanpur) Principal
Radhakanta Das	(B.Tech, M.Tech, IIT Kanpur) Project Director
Lila Govinda Das	(M.Tech, IIT Kanpur) Vice Principal
Piyush Sehgal	(MBA, Canada)
Raghunath Das	(MBA)
Prahlad Charan Das	(B. Tech, IIT Roorkee)
Madhumati Pushkarini Devi Dasi	(PhD, Eco)
Savitri Devi Dasi	(MSc ,B.Ed.)

## FROM DIRECTOR DESK

### 'PHYSICALLY FIT, MENTALLY ALERT, SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED WORLD CLASS EDUCATION IN SPIRITUAL AMBIANCE'

BGIS is celebrating the inauguration of its new campus with world class facilities for a holistic development of its students. Located in a serene environment away from the hustle bustle of city, the new campus of BGIS provides the latest facilities, adopting the latest technology and yet maintains a firm connection with nature and natural way of living.

The school has an exceptional team of management and teachers who tirelessly strive to prepare fine citizens of the world, men of character and competence, who can lead and inspire others.

#### DEAR PARENTS AND WELL-WISHERS

HARE KRISHNA,

I am extremely pleased to let you know that the first phase of our new campus in Vrindaranyam campus near Ajhai has been completed. In this year 2018, we have celebrated Janmashtami in this new campus. We conducted an academic cum spiritual camp in November 2018. Our students are very inspired and enlivened to enjoy the most modern facilities along with the mode of goodness ambience. The large space along with sporting facilities made them feel liberated. During these camps, students were engaged in project based learning like sky gazing, organic farming, Robot based puppet dance, physics and chemistry labs, waste management, eco-friendly housing and water filtering. They also learn and practice yoga during these camps under expert guidance. The special emphasis on learning English and Mathematics in an innovative way is another feature of this camp. Students are looking forward to the complete shifting of the school in March 2019. These camps are just a sample glimpse of what is in store for our kids.

Thank you very much for keeping your trust in us which enabled us to set up this world class facility for the kids. We are striving hard to make sure that BGIS students become future role models as leaders, administrators, scientists and entrepreneurs. I look forward to hosting you in this new campus- the spiritual ambience will surely touch your soul.

Dr. Lila Purushottam Das is serving as Director of BGIS. He has worked as a faculty member in IIT, Kanpur, Univer-sity of Ulster, UK, BITS Pilani, BI Mumbai, and ETH, Zurich. He has published more than 120 papers in various inter-national and national journals as well as conference proceedings. He is determined to strive hard to bring this school to a level of international repute in terms of academic performance and real-life skills.



# INDIA'S LARGEST GURUKULA

## OUR NEW CAMPUS VRINDARANYAM

BGIS, Vrindaranyam is located in Ajhai, Mathura, nearly 12 KM from Sri Sri Krishna Balaram temple, Vrindavan. Imagine a place in the lap of Mother Nature, full of trees imbued with divinity, free from city traffic and commotion, where one can get fresh air, pure water, organic food and pure milk! This is Vrindaranyam, the new campus of BGIS spread over an area of 60 acres, comprising of an academic building, the hostel building and huge play ground that are up and ready for occupation. Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, Vrindaranyam is an ideal place for learning.

## FACILITIES AT VRINDARANYAM

The beautiful eco- friendly campus of Vrindaranyam has many special features such as

Robotics and Tinkering Labs

Sky gazing facility

Digital classrooms

Hands-on project based learning facilities

Well equipped Physics and Chemistry labs

Organic farming

Goshala

Solar Power generation

# WORLD CLASS EDUCATION IN SPIRITUAL AMBIENCE



SCIENCE LABS



KRISHNA BALARAM TEMPLE  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION



VOLLEYBALL GROUND



OLYMPIC SIZE FOOTBALL GROUND



DIGITAL CLASS ROOMS



MEDICAL ROOM



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



GOSHALA



YOGA



CHANTING



DRAMA



# LIFE AT BGIS

# LIFE ON CAMPUS

## BGIS Gurukula Student (Grade 3rd to 8th)

- 4:00 Wake up and shower
- 4:30 Mangala Arati
- 5:00 Japa - 4 rounds of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra
- 5:45 Yoga Classes
- 6:15 Shastra Class learning slokas, reading Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam
- 7:00 Breakfast and self study
- 8:55 Morning assembly
- 9:15 Academic day begins
- 10:30 Snack Break
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Rest/ individual study
- 4:00 Afternoon assembly/ snack
- 4:10 Sports/ co-curricular activities/ individual study
- 6:00 Shower and ashram duties
- 6:30 Supper
- 7:00 Self study
- 8:00 Bedtime

## BGIS High School Student (Grade-9th to 12th)

- 4:00 Wake up and shower
- 4:30 Mangala Arati
- 5:00 Japa - 4 rounds of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra
- 5:45 Yoga Classes
- 6:15 Self study
- 7:00 Breakfast and self study
- 8:55 Morning assembly
- 9:15 Academic day begins
- 10:30 Snack Break
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Rest/ individual study
- 4:00 Afternoon assembly/ snack
- 4:10 Sports/ co-curricular activities/ individual study
- 7:00 Shower and ashram duties
- 7:30 Supper
- 8:00 Self study
- 9:00 Bedtime

# OUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE



## BGIS IS ORGANIZED INTO TWO LEVELS

1. Gurukula the primary level, classes 3-8
2. International School The secondary level, classes 9-12

## GURUKULA: THE PRIMARY LEVEL

It consists of classes from 3-8. The primary level focuses not only on core academic subjects like languages, Math, Science and Social Studies but children are also trained in core value education based on Bhagavad gita and Bhagavatam. In addition they learn Music, Art and Computers as well.

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL THE SECONDARY LEVEL

The high school students, classes 9-12, take their final exams with the ICSE Board of Education, an internationally recognized board located in New Delhi, India. High school students can choose from a wide range of subjects and can specialize in the Science, Business or Commerce strive to meet the academic goals of each student by offering extra classes or coaching as needed. The council offers a wide range of subject choices to include in the core academic, as well as art, music, physical education, and computer applications.



# 'TOUCHING THE BODY, MIND AND SOUL'

Students at BGIS actively participate in many sporting and co curricular activities. They are provided sporting facilities They also learn musical instruments, art and craft, dance and drama, singing bhajans and kirtans. Students also compete and perform in local, state and national sporting and cultural events.

## SPORTS

 Sports serve as a healthy outlet for the boy's youthful energy. Besides providing excellent physical exercise, it helps develop quick thinking, the ability to work in teams, and the capacity to acknowledge the skills and capabilities of others. Students are trained in games like volleyball, basket ball, badminton, table tennis, kabaddi and kho-kho. The school holds an annual Sports Day and also participates in various inter school sports competitions.



## MUSIC AND DANCE

 The Music Department of our school gives training to students in Indian traditional instruments such as the Mridanga and Harmonium. We also train them in vocal Hindustani classical music as well as bhajans. Students also have the opportunity to learn 'Gotipua', a traditional Odissi dance for boys that is a traditional dance form of Odisha. Traditional Indian music is a powerful and devotional art form and we encourage all students to actively engage in any one of them.



## QUIZ AND LITERARY EVENTS

 For every major festival, students participate in a literary quiz. Questions are from ancient scriptures, i.e. Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and the Ramayana. The prize giving ceremonies are a spectacular event.



## DRAMATICS

 With classroom plays and productions performed before thousands, the drama de-partment brings life, color and energy to the school. Learning through drama has always been effective - voice, movement, teamwork and memorization are some of the skills learned, not to mention handling the excitement of the performance. Our drama troupe is regularly invited to perform in major Indian cities.



## ART

 Art is an integral part of learning at BGIS where students are encouraged to express themselves through a variety of art activities such as sketching, modeling, paper mache, painting and mask making. Students participate in inter school art competitions and also engage in the aesthetic decoration of their school campus.



## YOGA RETREATS

 Yoga retreats are arranged for the students to places like Varsana, Goverdhan, Gomukh every year. Living a natural and austere life are some of the challenges the young men face in the wilderness which moulds their character to become the leaders of tomorrow.



# OUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICES



A fundamental and unique aspect of the BGIS experience is regular spiritual practices like rising early, mantra meditation, bhajans, kirtans and shastric studies. Both teachers and students strictly follow four basic tenets of spiritual values austerity, compassion, cleanliness and truthfulness. Students learn these values by following the devotional practices, through exposure to cow protection and organic farm communities.

Here, the students imbibe in their hearts a devotion to Lord Krishna based on the teachings of the Bhagavad-Gita. Teachings are delivered not sentimentally or dogmatically but in a philosophical and cultural way, using both contemporary and traditional educational methods. This is why we call ourselves a Gurukula.

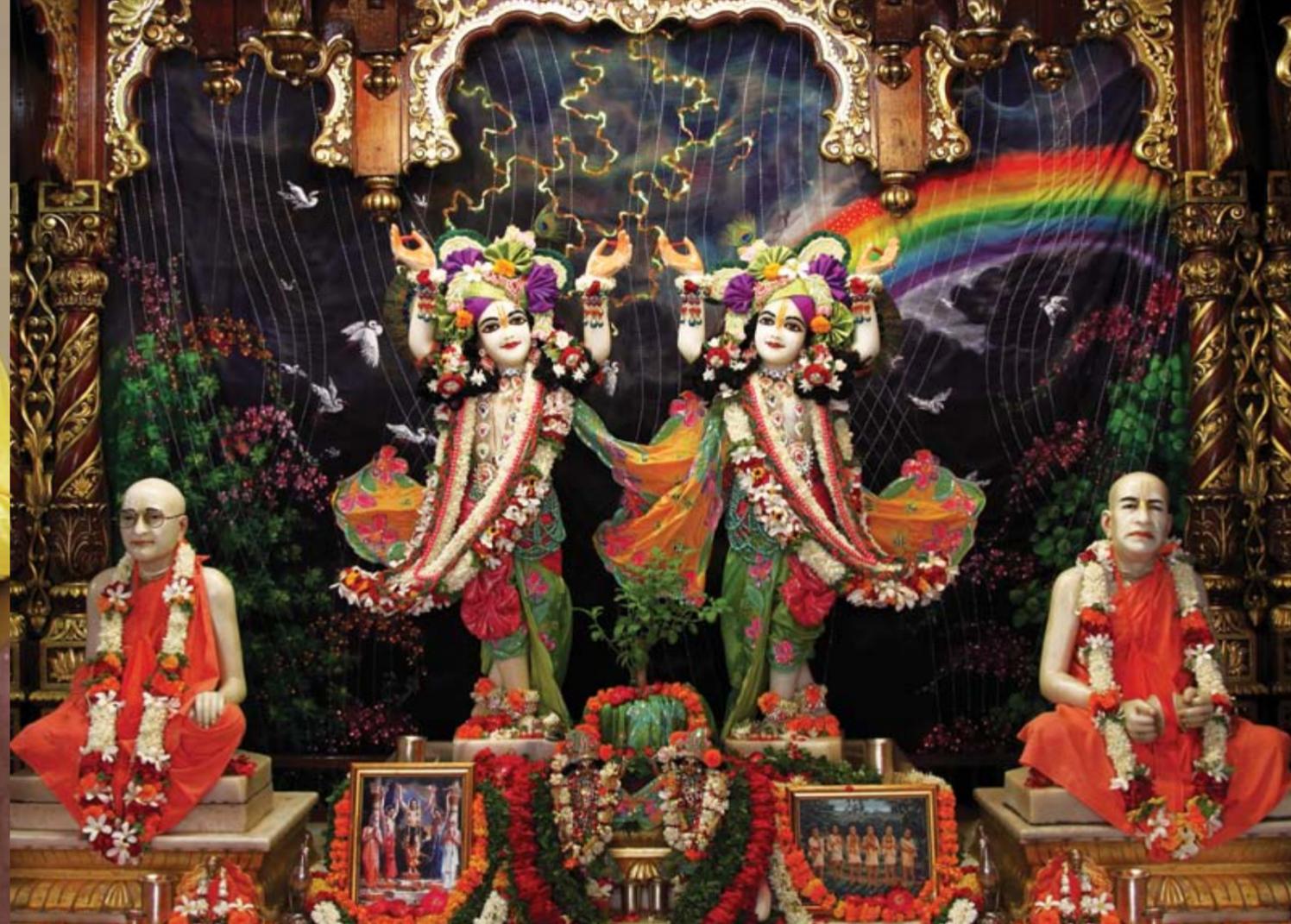
Students are privileged to attend many retreats in places such as Mayapur, Jagannatha Puri, Udupi, Gangotri, Jamunautri, and Simla during their stay in BGIS.

## VAISHNAVA CULTURE

Ancient vaisnava culture, is a tradition of mutual respect ,integrity, compassion, cleanliness (internal and external), mercy and tolerance. Students are taught to manage their emotions and channelize their energies positively and constructively.

## MANGAL ARATIKS

Mangal Artik according to vaisnava tradition is a very important part of the day. Students get up at 4 a.m. to worship Lord Krishna in the temple. They do this everyday inspite of the weather, except Sunday.



## JAPA MEDITATION

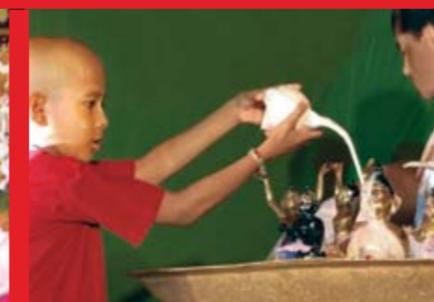
The top most yoga system in all traditions is the chanting of the Lord's Holy Name. Students chant a minimum of four rounds on beads everyday. This gives them a strong spiritual foundation for the battles that lie ahead.

## DEITY WORSHIP

Each ashram worships Lord Krishna in His Deity form. Students after chanting japa, wake up the Lord, bathes, dresses and perform puja and arati. This is a daily service which gives the students an early start in understanding a deeper aspect of vaisnava culture where the reali-zation of The Lord being a person is imbibed.

## HONORING PRASAD

This one of the most important aspect of vaisnava tradition, the honoring of food offered to Lord Krishna. Students enjoy a healthy diet of milk, grains, fruit and vegetables. Food prepared in the mode of good-ness is not only good for the body but also for the soul.



# OUR CARE



**HEALTHY FOOD :** Students of BGIS enjoy fresh organic food that is grown on campus. They also drink fresh and pure cow's milk from in-house Goshala.

**HEALTHY SLEEPING HABITS :** Our primary grade students sleep as early as 7:30 pm and high school students by 9:30pm. They also rise as early as 4 am.

**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES :** BGIS provides round the clock medical facilities for our students with a well- equipped Health Center and a 24 hour nurse available. We also have doctors on campus during the day.

**CHILD PROTECTION TEAM :** BGIS follows a zero tolerance to all forms of child abuse including corporal punishment to students. We have a Child Protection team within our campus that provides health and safety training to our students and staff at regular intervals.



## OUR ADMISSION PROCESS

### Admissions

The Academic session of the school begins in April every year. The admission process for standards 3rd to 9th and standard 11th starts in January. The admissions are taken on merit basis. An admission test is conducted to test the candidate according to his current grade level in English, Mathematics and Science. The boys qualifying the written test are called for an interview in which their habits, social interactions and aptitude are assessed.

### Fee Structure

The school is a non-profit organization. Thus the fee is charged only to meet the operating expenses of the school. The teacher student ratio is very low and we provide international facilities like swimming pool, large play ground etc. The fee includes all the expenses of the child like uniform, books, stationary, yoga retreats etc. Compared to other International residential schools in India, the fee is quite reasonable.

### Scholarships



There are various schemes of scholarships for bright students. There is a provision of merit-cum-means scholarship for the students whose parents are financially weak.



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2017

- Students got selected in prestigious institutes such as BITS Pilani, NISER and NITs
- BGIS won the 'Green School Award'
- Won the Freedom Cup Inter School Debate competition

## 2016

- Ranked as the 16th best boys residential school by Education World.
- Milind Singh, BGIS student qualified and selected in NDA, Pune.

## 2015

- Ranked Number 1 Boys Boarding School in U.P. By Education World
- Mathura District Swimming Champions.
- Excellent performance by students in ICSE & ISC Board Exam 2015
- 100% in Commerce in ICSE Board Exam 2015

## 2014

- Topped Mathura District in ISC board, Krishna Mittal Scored 100% in Mathematics.

## 2013

- Guru Sharan Agarwal, BGIS student got admission in IIT Kharagpur
- Best Swimmer Award, District Swimming Championship, Mathura

## 2012

- Top scoring student, ISE Board exams, Mathura District.
- Best Swimmer Award for the third time, District Swimming Championship, Mathura
- Won Interschool District Volleyball Championship 2012
- Second Prize, National Creativity Olympiad, 2012, IIT Delhi

"During my training days in Miami, I realized how important it is to have a strong academic, spiritual and disciplined background in life. I feel fortunate to have been a student of BGIS where teachers build careers, characters and leaders of the society. Teachers were helpful, friendly and cooperative. The advice that teachers gave me back at BGIS help me develop in different aspects of life, be it Bhakti or to pursue my goal. I don't think I would have been what I am today, a commercial pilot who chants and goes for managalarati. My parents, they did the best thing for me by choosing this school. I am very grateful to them and to Srila Prabhupada"

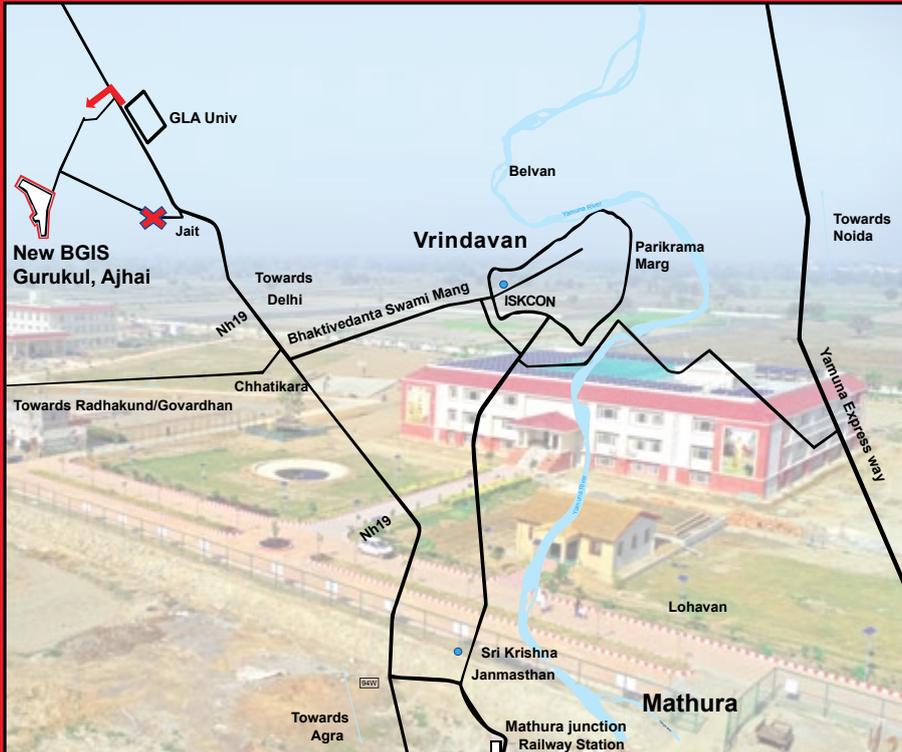
– Nakul Neupane, student of BGIS 2015 did his commercial pilot training in United States from Pilot training academy, Miami.

## LEARNING | LESSONS | FOR LIFE



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BEST BOYS BOARDING  
SCHOOL IN INDIA



**2 KM FROM HIGHWAY**



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(AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY OF ISKCON)

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