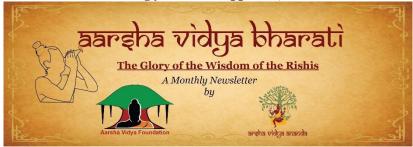
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A monthly newsletter that will bring you more happiness, more wisdom and more freedom



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Second year impact of SHINE (Spiritual Heritage of India for Next-gen Empowerment)

By Swamini Brahmaprajnananda and

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In August 2023, we took a *Sankalpa* to teach 300 children to live a life of *Sanātana Dharma*.

Through the 6 SHINE Tejasvi teachers training programs, we are very happy to have 18 'SHINE Tejasvi teachers' on board teaching 411 children across the globe.



The SHINE Program has its foundation in the teaching of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati ji, that "All that is here is $\bar{I}\dot{s}vara$ ". This is the vision and foundation of our $Bh\bar{a}ratiya$ culture which has pervaded the entire Hindu way of life.

We are happy that SHINE is making a meaningful difference at three levels in the lives of the SHINE children, their Parents and the SHINE Tejasvi teacher.

Our SHINE children, while understanding the importance of the *Guru-śiṣya paramparā*, also find joy in celebrating *Gurupūrṇimā*, following *Dharma*, knowing their family *gotra*, praying to *kula-devatā*-s, knowing the important Rishi-s in *Sanātana dharma*, visiting temples and sharing about their wonderful architecture, chanting *śloka*-s, and more. They have fun in enacting scenes from our epics.

Our SHINE parents proudly share about differences in their children's lives. – better focus, respect for elders and the environment, chanting of śloka-s, applying dharma in challenging situations, etc. These parents recognise that a solid foundation in Hinduism is equally important along with other co-curricular activities such as music, dance, coding, etc. Just like parents of children from Abrahamic religions consider their child's education as complete only by attending mandatory

classes on their respective religion, our parents, too, recognise that children must learn their own culture.

Being a SHINE Tejasvi teacher is not just another job. When SHINE Tejasvi-s share about the impact of conducting classes, they delight in their love and commitment to the Hindu way of life. They are happy to fulfil a part of the <code>rṣi-rṇam</code>, the sacred duty towards the Rishis.

The need for our SHINE program continues to be strong. Our *Bhāratiya* Hindu culture faces many threats and oppositions in the form of misunderstanding and purposeful demeaning.

How will Sanātana Dharma be protected if there is no value for it?

How will there be value for Sanātana Dharma if it is not understood or practiced?

How will the vision and way of life of *Sanātana Dharma* be integrated if we do not learn and live it?

Sanatana Dharma lives in a 'Dharmi', the one who lives Dharma.

411 children is clearly not enough!

Plan for August 2024 – July 2025 – We aim to reach out to 600 children through an additional 10 teachers.

We invite potential teachers who have 2-4 hours a week and a strong commitment to contribute to *Sanātana Dharma*, to come forward and join us on this meaningful journey and take SHINE forward.

Do help us in achieving our goal and your goal by –

• Enrolling as SHINE Tejasvi teacher

https://arshavidyananda.in/shine/shine-for-bharat75/

Next batch Aug 28, 29, 30. Sep 2, 3, 4 (2024)

6 Day Course - 2 hrs each day

• Enrolling your children into the SHINE Program

https://arshavidyananda.in/shine/shine-classes/ https://arshavidyananda.in/contact-shine-tejasvi-teachers/

• Sharing our videos with your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren

Thank you for all your support!

