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Hari Om! We were touched and overwhelmed with each of your responses from across to globe. Here we present a collection of responses which reflect the enthusiasm and love of all the participants. :)

As a sadhak, it has made me a better mother, friend and human. As a seeker it has helped me to become single pointed and more focussed and I seem to understand the deeper meaning of my purpose in life. I am now able to critically examine myself by regular introspection and can be critical about myself by examining my strengths and weaknesses. I am able to ignore most of the distractions that take me away from my spiritual goal most of the times. My aim is to be sincere in my sadhana.

Sydney, Australia

First I was inspired to walk the path . Enrolled and finished E Gita, Fundamental and Advanced Vedanta courses. Became the facilitator of Sydney Chinmaya Vanaprastha sessions and thus have become the squirrel to contribute and gain to the building the bridge to cross from ignorance to enlightenment. I am walking myself on this bridge.

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Chinmaya Yuva Kendra program helped me to look at life from a different perspective. It helped me understand what True Success is. Each session would be loaded with lots of fun yet never fails to be thought provoking.

Study Group rekindles and revitalizes me, inspiring me to stay in the spiritual path. Amidst the hustle bustle of my life, Study group is like a traffic signal which makes me halt, reflect and then move on with right thinking and full vigor to face life. It not only taught me what to think but also taught me how to think!

Puducherry, India

Reading inspirational quotes and listening to Gurudev's video clip on Vivekachudamani in Chinmaya Echoes has now become a daily ritual for me in the morning. The quotes inspire me to be a dynamic and happy person every day, and the knowledge expounded in the Gurudev's video clip, makes me think & reflect on Life itself!

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1. We grow by thinking together in interactive weekly sessions
 2. We bond by acting together in theatre that enriches our lives
 3. We enjoy singing together songs which inspire us
 4. We transform by watching together movies at our inspiring workshops.
 5. We learn by staying together at empowering residential camps
 6. We think by travelling together to exotic destinations as student of lives
 7. We rise by participating together in adventures, games and activities
 8. We love by serving together in national projects and spiritual programs
 9. We inspire by growing together into the Highest & best that we can be.
- I'm blessed to be a part of Chinmaya Mission and bounded to take part in any of the mission activities.

Sricity, India

Study groups!!!! From an aimless house wife.... to realising how much value I can add to the world, and making me realise my own worth.....from someone who didn't like going to temple or to pray.....to understanding the value of God, human life, gratitude.....there is so much to do and such a short time. Pranams!!

Bangalore, India



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Chinmaya eCamps is one of the best initiatives by CCMT. eCamp - enjoy (the nectar of supreme knowledge) from anywhere across the world.

When I feel sad for not being able to attend any spiritual camp, the eCamp comes like a blessing knocking at my door..eCamp has proved that nothing can be an obstacle for a seeker to gain the knowledge of the supreme. Listening to Guruji's talks through eCamp is wonderful. It revitalizes me.

I would love to mention about Chinmaya Clix also. Knowledge is just a click away. Chinmaya Clix- Click Listen Introspect eXplore (Vedanta). Through Chinmaya Clix, one can listen to this supreme knowledge and get benefited by them from anywhere, anytime across the world.

Puducherry, India

Gurudev was a visionary. I have not had the privilege of seeing Gurudev but though the book Manifesting Divinity I have known him. His vision of value based education and the ideal of bringing about holistic education has always touched me. Children are not vessels to be filled but lamps to be lit. Being a teacher at Chinmaya Vidyalaya I would really contribute to his vision by beautifying the lives of children instilling in them values and help them contribute towards nation building.

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Pujya Gurudev had a vision for everybody and every sector of society to grow. Starting from 0 all the way to 100+ years old, from the poor to those who were rich, from re-invigorating, not just the people of Bharat, but the world! He reached people from all walks of life through all the different sections of the Mission (CIF, CIRS, schools, Hari Hara activities, CORD, Chinmaya University, Discourses, Camps, Courses, Singing, Dancing, and the list goes on). It is an all-encompassing, expansive vision in which no one is left behind. In this way, when you think of all that Pujya Gurudev stands for, it is this VIRAATAROOPA of all the Chinmaya programs worldwide. It is unfathomable that a single individual accomplished so much and the blessings keep on unfolding. Pujya Gurudev is none other than the Lover of the Universe, Bhagavan Sri Krishna, Himself. No doubt. Jai Gurudev, Prostrations At His Feet.

Los Altos, USA

My first ever introduction to Gurudev was through YouTube. I happened to casually click on Pujya Gurudev's lectures on Bhagwad Geeta in form of Geeta Capsules. After watching the clip I searched more about him and found the "On a quest" documentary on his life. And that has changed the direction of my life. It has been 4 years and this association will continue forever.

Jabalpur, India



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I started attending Sunday Gita Study Classes 10 yrs ago in Sydney centre, mainly due to my children attending Balvihar classes and a bit of my curiosity to know about Hindu Scriptures. Gurudev's style of simplifying the subtle knowledge hidden in the Vedas, using animated examples and logic totally resonated with myself and my family. Since then I have been studying Gita, Atmabodha, Tatvabodha and many more scriptural texts and camps, under the tutelage of Swami Shrikananda in Sydney. My knowledge, devotion & faith has grown ten-fold over the past 10 years, and I am grateful to the Chinmaya Mission Guru Parampara for bringing the knowledge of Vedanta to the common masses to build a peaceful & happy universe.

Sydney, Australia

Self Unfoldment. Why? Because it is the Manual for Self Unfoldment. It is simple to read; easy to understand and practical to apply in day to day life and is a great reference book when in need urgently. I don't have to know Sanskrit. Ch X - Tips for success is so encouraging, consoling, comforting and mind blowing.

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Under the Grand Vision of Pujya Gurudev, Guidance from Pujya Guruji and Kind Nurturing from our Guide Swami Siddheshanandaji in Pune, I have been fortunate to be part of the CHYK Group which was so beautifully brought up and trained under Pujya Swamiji. The journey has been very inspiring, full of gratitude towards the Mission and has transformed by life completely. This is the best service that the Mission is providing to all of us to give us seekers a direction in life and purpose to live for. Shat Shat Pranaams to the Entire Guru Parampara !!!

Pune, India

I attended some of the workshops organised by CCMTEC, which helped me in my personal growth and the growth of everyone else around me. I could take my learnings to the classroom as a teacher and to the society as a citizen. "EVERYTHING FLOWS THROUGH US TO THE WORLD AROUND US."

Sricity, India

The Holy Geeta by Swami Chinmayananda is my spiritual strength and encourage me to move forward in my life where one time or the other I will also become Arjuna seeking the guidance of Lord Krishna.

Thiruvananthapuram, India



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- (i) Empower with the vision, values and dynamism for success in all fields.
- (ii) The weekly classes among the youth made them aware of their potential through the study of scriptures.
- (iii) Helps to enhance the personality of children at all levels i.e, intellectual, spiritual, physical and emotional.

Trivandrum, India

Slow and steady progress. But always forward. I have tripped along the way on multiple occasions, and continue to do so. But the Chinmaya Mission connection helps me get up and keep going.

Bangalore, India

In a world torn apart by religious, social, national and cultural divides, Gurudev's overarching message is that the world is one family, and that diverse religions, cultures, and traditions are rooted in the same human values of love, compassion, peace, and non-violence.

Chennai, India



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1) **Kindle Life:** A complete book in itself which guides a novice having absolutely no background slowly to appreciate this Science of Life & then inspire him to take to it completely, thereby bringing about a total transformation in his own life and the community at large. 2) **As I Think:** It portrays Pujya Gurudev's Grand Vision for the Masses & how we seekers must lead our life to Reach the Ultimate Truth !

Pune, India

"Kathopanishad:A dialogue with death" is one of my favorite books by Gurudev. I really like stories and reading mythology is one of my favorite pastimes.I have always contemplated the existence and meaning of life. Nachiketa in the book is a relatable character with his curiosity about life after death and the actual truth behind it and his persistence towards finding the answer from Yama.It also gives us a series of valuable lessons and spiritual knowledge about immortality.

Chennai, India

Put me in touch with "Who I am". Reintroduced me to the Wonder that Sanatan Dharma is. Helped me see Bharat in a totally novel perspective. And, as Gurudev puts it, be a "better Hindu."

Guntur, India



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Receiving books like Balvihar, Tapovan Prasad ,and Chinmaya Udghosh has always been exciting to us as chinmaya students.The inspiring stories, jokes, and puzzles have played an integral part in molding us students in our day to day lives. The stories have been a joyous source of learning , the puzzles being a source of fun and relaxation in between classes , and the jokes providing us comic relief on a sad day. These books have been with us through it all and this is something I love about these products the most. These books will forever resonate with me , and I will never stop cherishing them.

Chennai, India

Tremendous within and without. Inspired by Dr. Kshama Didiji and her dedication and devotion to Param Pujya Gurudev's vision and service. I have dedicated my whole life now for CORD and Pujya Gurudev's vision. My son is a part of Balvihar initiated by me with CORD. He won State level Geeta Chanting competition. One of our Balvihar girl from rural villages selected for International Geeta chanting competition in Chinmaya Vibhooti. Overall it is blessed life under the wings and wheels of Chinmaya Mission.

Dharamsala, India



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Various Camps, CCMT WhatsApp details & Online Satsang by all Acharyas, Sewaks, connecting everyone Globally that makes us realize the feel of Oneness -Vasudaiva Kudumbakkam; Also Gurudev's DynamicTalks, Guruji's loving Yagnas with Bhajans, Story Time by Swami Swaroopananda ji add lots of cheer and brings out the innocent child in me and just revel in the love of Krishna Krishna. Also in a beautiful way to learn lots and lots of values to practise in our daily life.

Chennai, India

There is an inherent honesty in Chinmaya Mission. One can be sure that he or she is nurtured for a great future.

Sultanpur, India

The heart and soul of the program (CHYK) lies in the fact that it aims at students grounded and more in connect with our Indian values, having a strong spiritual foundation and turns them to be more confident and able citizens in this challenging society.

Trivandrum, India



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It has benefited me a lot.. becoming a better human being everyday, loving your own self and enjoying your own company, becoming empathetic towards people around me and more importantly, showing that GodGuru will always keep in you good stand and guide you. All you need to have is unwavering faith and trust in HIM.

Pune, India

When I first joined Chinmaya Vidyalaya I thought that this is just another ordinary school, but over these years I learnt something that no school i ever had been to given me. That was intellectual knowledge and happiness. I had never thought that Bhagavad Gita can be so beautiful when understood correctly. I wish that I continue being part of the chinmaya mission program. Hari om!

Chennai, India

Chinmaya Udghosh keeps us abreast with the latest news and thoughts helpful for the youth of today. Balvihar with its plethora of stories full of values and food for thought enthuse the young and old alike.

Kannur, India



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Chinmaya Channel has helped me a lot in this period of lockdown. Though I am confined to my home for many months, but I am enjoying great satsang of great saints of our time. I studied Kathopnishad, Prahlada Stuti, Guru Paduka Stotra, Guru Tattva Namavali ... and the list goes on. I am very very thankful to CCMT for giving us this privilege of great great Satsang.

Roorkee, India

I have completed the online Geeta course and am currently attending the M.G.M.L.course as well as all online discourses on Youtube. It has broadened my Vision in Life to see the Self in as the Self in all and always be available to serve all and hence purify my mind in performing Karma Yoga. My daughters have also benefitted and Cheenar even attended YEP9 programme while Ananka helps her empower other Youth. Nothing is more fulfilling than offering our Gurus seva as a family. Thank you CHINMAYA MISSION.

Nairobi, Kenya

Balvihar and Tapovan Prasad were the guiding steps to me into this great Mission. Balvihar's tangy and funny stories and other anecdotes has always made me smile widely. Tapovan Prasad's articles and quotes of Gurudev and Guruji, especially has always inspired me.

Rourkela, India