



BODHANANDA SEVA SOCIETY

The Bodhananda Seva Society was registered as a charitable organisation on 11th July 1990. The office and ashram of BSS called the Bodhananda Kendram, is situated on the banks of river Karamana, in the holy town of Kalady, in Thiruvananthapuram. The Ashram activities started in the late eighties with regular classes and satsangs organised by a disciple of Swami Bodhananda, Ma Ananda Chinmayi, a reputed headmistress loved by the local community for her social commitments.

Subsequently, a three storied building was constructed in the Ashram premises with a spacious auditorium in the ground floor and residential rooms in the second and third floors. The Ashram also has a conference hall with state-of-the-art amenities and a dining hall. On the eastern side of the ashram, facing the Karamana river stands a temple dedicated to the presiding deity Sidhi Vinayaka.

The temple, and the building with all amenities, which exist today in Bodhananda Kendram, were all financed by a unique project, envisioned by Swami Bodhananda, called "Siddhi Vinayaka Dharma Kalasa" and implemented by his disciples over a period of fifteen years. This project, which continues, is founded on the philosophy of micro-charity combined with the spiritual benefits of chanting Ganesa Gayatri mantra.

OUR VISION

- To become a one-stop destination for teaching, learning and living according to the ideals of Vedanta and serve the society without discrimination.
- To increase the spiritual quotient of people in every walk of life.

OUR MISSION

Initiate innovative programmes to promote cultural values, and develop artistic talents; Promote ecological awareness and holistic life style; Envision and organise women empowerment programmes; Provide charity support for the educational and health needs of the poor and the underprivileged; Develop research in leadership excellence based on Vedanta and the foundational texts of Indian Philosophy such as Panchatantra, Hitopadesa, Mahabharata, Ramayana and Arthasastra.

OUR VALUES

We are particular about quality, integrity, character and inner development as vehicles of excellence. We are happy people who happily work to help others to discover their happiness.

LANDMARK PROGRAMMES

In the past twenty five years we have organised several social, spiritual, charity, management, and interfaith programmes. Every year, during the visit of Swami Bodhananda to Kerala, a series of lectures on Bhagavad Gita, Vedanta, Upanishads, Yogasutra etc. are organised under the banner "Rishi Vision". The landmark programmes of BSS include:

- Annual Gita Gnana Yagna, Bhagavatha Sathram, spiritual retreats and training programmes.
- Youth camps intended to provide exposure to young people on developments in science, technology, culture, literature and arts.
- Yoga training classes and camps.
- Gayatri Archana for children to be acquainted with cultural and spiritual orientation.
- Siva Shakti Archana, Ishta Siddhi Pooja, Ganesa Archana and Vriksha Gayatri Archana to gain inner peace and tranquility by invoking God's blessings.
- Free medical camps based on Allopathy and Ayurveda systems for the poor and underprivileged.
- Food and living support provided to the economically weak families and educational assistance to the needy students, under the banner of the 'Loka Seva Programme'.
- Under the auspices of Bodhananda Research Foundation for Management & Leadership Studies (BRF-ML), Memorial lectures (in the name of V.K. Krishna Menon, Mammen Mappilai and Sri

Narayana Guru) were organised inviting eminent speakers from the fields of Science & Technology, Management & Economics and Spirituality & Culture. BRF-ML has also been organising several lectures and workshops at IIMs, IAS and IA & AS Training centres, Management Associations and several leading organisations in Government and Corporate sector.

Our Paramacharya and Spiritual Guide

SWAMI BODHANANDA SARASVATI

Swami Bodhananda Sarasvati is the Paramacharya of all Sambodh organisations in India and the USA, and is the Spiritual Guru for several sadhakas all over the world. Hailing from Kerala, Swamiji was trained in the Sankaracharya tradition of Vedanta by his Guru, Swami Chinmayananda. He has been teaching Vedanta with its practical applications since 1978. He is an engaging speaker with a keen sense of humour, deep knowledge, and a global vision rooted in Vedantic tradition. He is regularly invited as guest speaker in IITs, Management Associations, Research Institutions, Universities, and Corporate Organisations all over the world. He has authored several books on Vedanta, and Indian Management.

Inspired by Excellence in Thinking and Simplicity in Living

The various centres that were established subsequently by the example of BSS are:

- *Bodhananda Research Foundation for Management & Leadership Studies*, a research centre to foster studies on Indian management styles and leadership excellence.
- *Bodhananda Seva Society, Kollam*, with an ashram and Ganesha Prathista
- *Bodhananda Seva Society, Kozhikode*, comprising a beautiful Ashram, and the Siddhivinayaka temple
- *Bodhananda Sruti Seva Trust, Ernakulam*, an Ashram near the holy temple in Chottanikkara.
- *Bodhananda International Foundation for Inter-religious dialogue (BIFIRD), Ernakulam*, a think tank and apt forum for votaries of different belief systems, perspectives and world views to meet and engage in constructive conversation
- *Sambodh Foundation, Palakkad*, has a beautiful Ashram, and the Siddhivinayaka temple
- *Bodhananda Seva Sangham, Nagarcoil*, organises regular classes and spiritual programmes

In 2013, "Sambodh Foundation, Kerala" a Trust was