

## **34. Pratibhasthali: Unique and Unparalleled Gurukul in Modern Milieu.**

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The ultimate aim of education is an integrated all-round development of an individual. School and Colleges is centering for versatile personality development includes developing a child physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally as well as spiritually which help in socio-national progress, elevation of culture and civilization. During the ancient golden era of Bharat, there had been multiples world class and well renowned educational institutes which are known as Gurukuls functioned to provide strong system of imparting knowledge. Students evolved their inexhaustible latent talent under the guidance of knowledgeable and elite gurus.

Tremendous kindness, blessing and great vision of Jain saint 108 Vidyasagar ji maharaj who nourished and flourished the unique and unparallel Gurukuls based educational system known as Pratibhasthali where same Guru-disciple tradition perpetuated with aim of education is not sustenance but the fabrication of Lifemanship.

In these institutes ultimate aim of education is not the means to earn and acquire worldly resources but a pious process of

knowledge transfer. At present in order to attain above mentioned objective highly qualified and celibate sisters provide altruistic service round the clock to uphold the bright future of girls. In future similar approach can be imparted to boys also.

Number of literatures, researcher highlighted history of our country as Bharat has irradiated the whole cosmos by its knowledge. It had multitude of enriched centers of education. Both aesthetic and substantial subjects of study viz Maths, Science, Philosophy, trade, astronomy, dance, music, architecture and sculpture etc were readily available in the education center of this holy land. The sole aim of the learning was attainment of perfect bliss. Thus was the reason that education was not the genitor of conundrum but was the key to it.

Pratibhasthali is adherent of the same pristine gurukul tradition in imparting knowledge of must know subjects together with life availing education. Here we aim to instill the human values in true worth to attain the eternal self ultimately.

Pratibhasthali is built on seven pillars which enable us to develop a sound education planning and form the brightest future of an individual, society and the nation along with the retaining of our culture and moral values. These pillars are as follow:

**SOUND BODY:** To develop vigorous and passionate personalities with elevated morale that enables them to uphold in every odds of future life.

**SOUND SPEECH:** To build the expression this is generous, caring, soft and meaningful.

**SOUND MIND:** To impart love, humanity, faith and wisdom of accountability and develop strong, stubborn, indomitable and blissful mind.

**SOUND WEALTH:** To attain noble control through defensible and honest means.

**SOUND ENVIRONMENT:** To enlarge care for animals, eco-friendly outlook and concern for mother earth.

**SOUND NATION:** To generate alertness of rights and duties of a citizen, imbibe loyalty to make BHARAT wealthy.

**SOUND SOUL:** To widen celestial prospect, complete knowledge and appropriate conduct.

We are not to teach but to direct conscience - Aacharya Shri Vidyasagarji Maharaj

Pratibhasthali, provides education in three languages to the deviating new generation children from its culture due to modern education. Sanskrit language to understand our ancient culture. Hindi is our mother tongue, the national language implant in them the sensation of being Bhartiya. To connect with external global world of science and technology, English language taught to them. Child-centered tutoring of the school is widening the perspective of the student's talents and teaches them to stay with self-control and to follow live and let live principle given by lord Mahaveer Swami. It is the learning

dealing with the moral values of life, cultural ethics and standards for qualities. We realize that, today, the appearance of the world is altering. Specialized tutoring has become a vital part of life. Morality or Spirituality has just become a part of trends and regarded as adornments of some community. Aim of education should not to be sustenance of life but the fabrication of Lifemanship. Due to co-curricular activities such as art and craft, dance, music, cooking, events and celebration, sports and yoga, love for nature, visit and excursions, blessing from guru etc, students of pratibhasthali get integrated all round development.