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Hare Krishna Devotees,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The Global Vaishnavi Diksha Guru (VDG) Committee held its inaugural meeting on 14 July 2026 under the chairmanship of Govardhana Dasa, First Vice-Chairman of the GBC Executive Committee.

The committee has been established by the ISKCON Governing Body Commission (GBC) to facilitate dialogue and consultation on the subject of Vaishnavi Diksha Gurus and to prepare a proposal for consideration by the GBC at its 2026 Midterm Meeting.

The committee includes representatives nominated by the Africa Regional Governing Body, Euro Regional Governing Body, India Bureau, Latin America Regional Governing Body, North American Council, Singapore & Far East, and Middle East. Invitations were also extended to the Chinese Council and Russian Governing Council, both of which chose not to nominate representatives for the committee.

Its mandate is to study the relevant GBC resolutions and supporting submissions, engage in respectful dialogue and consultation, and prepare a proposal for consideration by the GBC.

During its first meeting, the committee:

- approved its Terms of Reference and meeting schedule;
- reviewed the relevant GBC resolutions that forms the basis of its work;
- heard introductory perspectives from regional representatives; and
- agreed on the process and agenda for future meetings.

The committee will continue meeting through October 2026, with structured presentations, discussions, and consultation forming part of its deliberations. As part of its work, the committee also intends to invite senior Vaishnavas to share their perspectives during future meetings. Regular updates on the committee's work will be shared with the ISKCON community as the deliberations progress.

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