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Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala!
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

Dear Friends,

"Just as a cow cannot deliver sufficient milk without being affectionate to her calf, the earth cannot produce sufficient necessities without feeling affection for those who are Krsna conscious.

Even though the earth's being in the shape of a cow may be taken figuratively, the meaning herein is very explicit. Just as a calf can derive milk from a cow, all living entities-including animals, birds, bees, reptiles and aquatics--can receive their respective foods from the planet earth, provided that human beings are not *asat*. When human society becomes *asat*, or ungodly, or devoid of Krsna consciousness, the entire world suffers.

If human beings are well-behaved, animals will also receive sufficient food and be happy. The ungodly human being, ignorant of his duty to give protection and food to the animals, kills them to compensate for the insufficient production of grains. Thus no one is satisfied, and that is the cause for the present condition in today's world."

Excerpt from the urport of 4.18.10 by His Divine
Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

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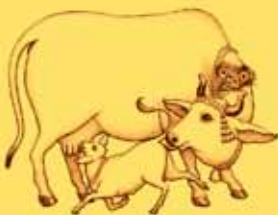
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YARDHANA PUJA



Govardhana Puja is the day Sri Krsna is worshipped in the form of Govardhana Hill which is located in Vraja Mandala. Having felt slighted by Sri Krsna, Indra flooded Vraja Mandala with rain creating chaos for the cows and cowherd community. This calamity inspired the Vrajavasis to take full shelter of Sri Krsna and beg for His protection. In response Sri Krsna lifted Govardhana Hill and placed it on the tip of his small finger and held it like an umbrella for seven days to protect His devotees from the wrath of Indra. The history can be found in Chapters 24-26 in Krsna Book.

This year we celebrated this



Above: We began by honoring His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who brought knowledge about Sri Krsna to the Western world.

Below: Nanda Kisore Dasa offers *arati* to Hamsi and her calf as Hansi pleads for him to open the gate so she can devour the Govardhana Hill made of *halava*, dried fruits and many other delicacies.



wonderful occasion in conjunction with Vrindavan Food for Life at their ten-acre compound in Kiki Nagla. We began with *kirtana* of Sri Krsna's holy names performed by students of the Sandipani Muni School, then hearing from His Holiness Bhakti Vishrambha Madhava Maharaja about Sri Krsna's cow-herding pastimes, worshipping the cows and serving them a feast and finally serving a sumptuous feast to all the guests. The following pages offer a glimpse of the joy to be found in celebrating the wonderful pastimes of Sri Krsna.



Above: Guests make sweet balls to feed the cows (below). Further below: Sandipani Muni School students perform *kirtana*.





Above: Jagat Priya Dasi (center), Anada Dasi (left) and friend begin to construct a replica of Govardhana Hill out of *halava* and *bundi-laddhus*. They brought several types of dried fruits and nuts from Australia to expertly decorate it.



Left: At the top of the Hill can be seen a cone-shaped object which is a peeled watermelon shaped into a dwelling for sheltering Vrajabasis from the heat. Sesame wafers form a staircase to reach it. An orange cow drinks sweet rice from a pond on top of the Hill.



Above: A black *sila* from Govardhana Hill sits atop the replica which is adorned with *campaka* and other flowers, pomegranate seeds, Tulasi, cashews, coconut and many other delicacies.

Below: The completed replica of Govardhana Hill is now decorated with traditional Vrajavasi songs sung by the elder girl students of the Sandipani Muni School.







Above and right:
His Holiness B.V.
Madhava Maharaja
captivates the
audience of two-
hundred by joyfully
narrating some of Sri
Krsna and Balarama's
cowherding pastimes.

Left:
Students from the
Sandipani Muni
School dress as Sri
Krsna's father Nanda
Maharaja (left),
Mother Yashoda
(right) and Krsna and
Balarama dressed
in yellow and blue
respectively.





Left: Mr. G. Nair, Managing Trustee of the neighboring Che Sekhar Mandir in Sundrakh assists the South Indian Priest Sri Peringara Kesavan Namboothiri who performs *arati* to Sri Giri Govardhana.

Below: Parvati Devi Dasi adores Govardhana Hill while devotees perform *kirtana* with *karatalas* and *mridanga*.





Above & Below: Nanda Kisore Dasa and Braja Sevaki Dasi are reunited with thier old friends while Ananda Gauranga Dasa (right) is introduced to several members of our herd.





Left:

The long-standing Go-sevak Srimati Nalini Patel lovingly offers treats to our herd

Left Below: Pancha Tattva Dasa admires our two bull calves born this month named Krsna and Balarama as one is dark and the other white.





The Vrindavan Food for Life cooks are famous for their talent to cook sumptuous preparations for hundreds, if not thousands of people at a time. On Govardhan Puja day they prepared a delicious eight-course feast for three hundred.





RESCUE ATTEMPT

This abandoned brown cow was struck on the rump by a reckless driver and left to fend for herself with her four-month-old calf. As the days went by crows picked at her injured rectum devouring most of the external tissue creating and

ideal environment for flies to lay eggs and hatch maggots which, in turn, complicated and expanded the injury. In her weakened state she tried to feed herself and provide for her calf but after a week she collapsed and was





The patient is administered an injection.



Two vets begin to clean the renal injury which shows serious deterioration and proved to be fatal.

Right: Members of our herd console the new calf by licking her and showing concern.





unable to get up. Care for Cows was called to the rescue and she was treated by two vets upon arrival.

Besides her renal injury she had several gashes, the most serious one on her udder. She was covered with ticks and weakened by famine and blood loss. The vets also suspected internal injuries.

It took several dressings to get all the maggots out and we were hopeful as the cow had a good appetite. We kept her in a private room with her calf and four men assisted her to stand so she could walk in the sun during the day. After four days of healthy food she could get up by herself and nurse her calf.

Her renal injury complicated elimination and it appeared that there was permanent damage to the area. She began to fast and after two days gave up the desire to live and departed.

Her calf bellowed for a day after her burial but has integrated well enough with the other calves. She has also been adopted by Alena Pimenova.





BELVAN

Our herd at Belvan now numbers one hundred-seventy-five. Last year we put up a boundry wall which allowed the herd to use areas of the goshalla property providing them more room. This year we are again expanding the area they can use by building another perimeter wall which will provide an area for the calves and elderly members of the herd and serve to protect the *goshalla* from the flooding since the property is only three-hundred meters from the Yamuna.

The pristine natural atmosphere of the Belvan facility is a boon for the herd. From May to October they have the priveledge of swimming accross the Yamuna and grazing in the vacant fields in the vast basin. This is a great luxury for them. The fifteen-minute swim accross the river in the morning and afternoon serve to remove ticks and other parasites.





Above: Three cowherd men take the herd across the Yamuna.

Below: The herd anxiously awaits the gates to open so they can go out to graze.

REPORT





Left: We are constructing a fourteen-inch wall with reinforced concrete pillars every ten feet. Although the Belvan *goshalla* has never yet flooded, we are taking precaution as the shastra mentions that one should never trust a river.



View from inside the *goshalla*. The Yamuna can be seen in the background.



View from the outside of the *goshalla*.





Tilak is one of our first residents and he is now helping with the construction.



Above: the herd wading in the shallows and entering into the deep water (below)





THE APPEARANCE OF KRSNA & BALARAM

On October 9, 2011 two healthy bulls were born: Krsna was born to Ananda and Balarama was born to Vanamali.

Both are happy and growing fast.





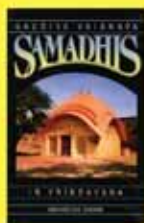
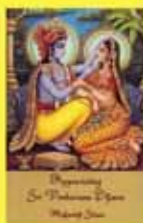
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May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows. —Hari Bhakti Vilas 16.252