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Purushottam Month and Radha Ashtami Celebration



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Prabhupada on Gurukula

Try as far as possible to discipline them with love and affection, so that they develop a taste for austerity of life and think it great fun to serve Krishna in many ways. Rising early and mangal arati, this is enough austerity. Besides that, let them learn something, chant, dance, eat as much prasadam as they like, and do not mind if they have playful nature—let them also play and run, that is natural.



Purushottam Month Celebration

Purusottama month is also called adhika masa, which means an extra month. In India the sadhus, sadhakas and pious people of all sampradayas undertake serious penances and austerities during Purusottama Month. Devotional activities performed during this holy month are rewarded with greater spiritual results.

The students of BGIS also celebrated the Purushottam month with great enthusiasm. Every evening the students offer ghee lamp to Lord Jagganath while singing the Jagganath astakam prayers. Every evening the BGIS students sing Jagganath astakam prayers in front of hundreds of devotees.

Radha Asthami Festival



Bhaktivedanta Gurukula & International School celebrated Radha-Astami festival with great enthusiasm on 23rd Sep 2012. All the middle grade students attended mangla Arti at the ISKCON temple at 4am. The whole temple area was decorated with colorful flowers. Everyone eagerly looked forward to have the darshan of the Lotus Feet of Sri Radharani. Being completely immersed in the transcendental mangal aarti program; all the students danced together for the pleasure of Radha-Krishna. Smiling faces of the students showed their deep love for the lordship. At 10.00 AM all the students again came to the main temple hall to witness the abhishekh of Sri Radharani as the Deities were being bathed with milk, curd, ghee and honey.

While the middle grade celebrated Radhashtami in Vrindavan; senior grade boys visited Barsana Dham on the holy night. It was definitely an enriching experience for them. They arrived at 10.00PM at Shri Ji Temple and participated in the melodious kirtan all night long. The temple area was overflowing with thousand of devotees. Everyone was totally immersed in glorifying Radha Rani at the holy dham and the sound of Radhey Radhey echoed from every corner of the temple. Attracted by the enthusiastic melodious Kirtan by the students of BGIS hundreds of devotees came and joined in singing the glories of Radharani.

Program at Agra



The students of BGIS visited Agra and did ecstatic kirtan at one of the devotee's house. The program started with recitation of 15th Chapter of Srimad Bhagvad Gita and later mridanga demonstration and bhajans performed by the students. They made everyone dance in the crowd and left the marks of happiness on their faces.

The New Project

A great achievement in the history of Gurukula. One of the best things that has happened in the history of BGIS is the acquisition of 87.5 acres of land by ISKCON where Gurukula and goshala will be relocated. Another 12.5 acres will be registered shortly. This 100 acres of plot is situated near Ajhai Village which is 3 km from the national high-way opposite to GLA University. On the western boarder of the land lies 250 acres of forest land. Radha-kund is 10 km from this land via Raal village. The land is 15 km from Krishna Balarama temple. It is a nice feeling to be able to secure this land for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada after persistent endeavor in this regard. It has been more than a year since we started to look for a suitable patch of land. We hope to have a very beautiful and eco-friendly new campus by the mercy of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. Without the blessings of Krishna and His dear devotees, this task would not have been possible. New Gurukula project includes Goshala, Botanical Garden, Organic Farming, Science and music, Solar energy system, Gobargas plantation



Team Panchjanya

**prthivi te ache yatha nagar adi gram,
sarvatra prachar hoibe mor naam.**



The prediction of Sri Caintanya Mahaprabhu came true when Srila Prabhupada went abroad to spread His movement in the whole world. The missionary Srila Prabhupada had established 108 temples throughout this world in 12 years of period which have increased to more than 600 temples all over the world. That the conditioned soul be engaged in the service of The Lordship is the main desire of a true devotee of the Lord. Some-times He comes Himself to spread His glories and sometimes. He sends His associates. Those empowered associates shower their mercy on everyone without any discrimination. They dream to spread the glories of The Lord for no matter whatever the situation exist for them. Following the footsteps of our most beloved Srila Prabhupada, the team of Patron of Education has formed another domain called Panchjanya- the conch shell of Krishna. The team has expertise to communicate the science of Krishna Consciousness among the corporate, engineering , management colleges etc. The purpose

of this team is to establish spiritual and ethical environment in corporate and colleges by conducting courses on Stress Management, Time Management, Conflict Resolution, Behavioral Training etc. By taking references from different scriptures like Srimad Bhagvatam, Bhagvad Gita, Bible, Koran etc, the team teaches the essence of life among students, mid-dle management etc

Patron of Education Program

Vraj Outreach



Children are the future of a nation. For an emerging and developing country like India, development of underprivileged children holds the key to the progress of the nation itself. The vision of village outreach program is to cultivate the villagers of Vraja by educating them to cultivate vaishnava etiquettes, reading scriptures, fulfilling the youth requirements etc. Also scholarships will be provided to bright village students to give them privilege to study in Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International School (BGIS). We welcome the voluntary contribution of everyone to help us in the pro-ject. Either by donations

or by your physical presence, we can make Srila Prabhupada's dream to establish Vedic culture among youngsters. We would also like to thank our donors for their contribution for our project.

Sri Chauragaranya Purushashtakam

Sri Bilvamangal Thakur



(1)

vraje prasiddham navanīta-cauram
gopāṅganānām ca dukūla-cauram
aneka-janmārjita-pāpa-cauram
caurāgragaṇyam puruṣam namāmi

(2)

śrī rādhikāyā hṛdayasya cauram
navāmbuda-śyāmala-kānti-cauram
padāśritānām ca samasta-cauram
caurāgragaṇyam puruṣam namāmi

(3)

akiñcanī-kṛtya padāśritam yah
karoti bhikṣum pathi geha-hīnam
kenāpy aho bhiṣaṇa-caura īdṛg
dr̥ṣṭaḥ-śruto vā na jagat-traye 'pi

(4)

yadiya nāmāpi haraty aśeṣam
giri-prasārān api pāpa-rāśin
āścarya-rūpo nanu caura īdṛg
dr̥ṣṭaḥ śruto vā na mayā kadāpi

(5)

**dhanam ca mānam ca tathendriyāṇi
prāṇāś ca hṛtvā mama sarvam eva
palāyase kutra dhṛto 'dya caura
tvam bhakti-dāmnāsi mayā niruddhaḥ**

(6)

**chinatsi ghoram yama-pāśa-bandham
bhinatsi bhīmam bhava-pāśa-bandham
chinatsi sarvasya samasta-bandham
naivātmāno bhakta-kṛtam tu bandham**

(7)

**man-mānase tāmāsa-rāśi-ghore
kāragṛhe duḥkha-maye nibaddhaḥ
labhasva he caura! hare! cirāya
sva-caurya-doṣocitam eva daṇḍam**

(8)

**kāragṛhe vasa sadā hṛdaye madiye
mad-bhakti-pāśa-dṛḍha-bandhana-niścalaḥ san
tvam kṛṣṇa he! pralaya-koṭi-śatāntare 'pi
sarvasva-caura! hṛdayān na hi mocayāmi**

TRANSLATION

- 1) I offer pranama to that foremost of thieves – who is famous in Vraja as the butter-thief and He who steals the gopis' clothes, and who, for those who take shelter of Him, steals the sins which have accrued over many lifetimes.
- 2) I offer pranama to the foremost of thieves – who steals Srimati Radhika's heart, who steals the dark luster of a fresh raincloud, and who steals all the sins and sufferings of those who take shelter of His feet.
- 3) He turns His surrendered devotees into paupers and wandering, homeless beggars – aho! such a fearsome thief has never been seen or heard of in all the three worlds.
- 4) Mere utterance of His name purges one of a mountain of sins – such an astonishingly wonderful thief I have never seen or heard of anywhere!
- 5) O Thief! Having stolen my wealth, my honour, my senses, my life and my everything, where can You run to? I have caught You with the rope of my devotion.
- 6) You cut the terrible noose of Yamaraja, You sever the dreadful noose of material existence, and You slash everyone's material bondage, but You are unable to cut the knot fastened by Your own loving devotees.
- 7) O stealer of my everything! O Thief! Today I have imprisoned You in the miserable prison-house of my heart which is very fearful due to the terrible darkness of my ignorance, and there for a very long time You will remain, receiving appropriate punishment for Your crimes of thievery!
- 8) O Kṛṣṇa, thief of my everything! The noose of my devotion remaining forever tight, You will continue to reside in the prison-house of my heart because I will not release You for millions of aeons.

The frogs and the tower

There once was a bunch of tiny frogs...

... who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants...

The race began...

Honestly, no-one in crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements such as:

"Oh, WAY too difficult!!"

"They will NEVER make it to the top".

"Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one...

... Except for those who in a fresh tempo were climbing higher and higher...



The crowd continued to yell

"It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!"

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up...

...But ONE continued higher and higher and higher...

This one wouldn't give up!

At the end, everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it?

A contestant asked the tiny frog how the one who succeeded had found the strength to reach the goal?

*It turned out... **That the winner was deaf.***

Moral :- "There is death and life in the power of the tongue". Your encouraging words can lift someone up and help them make it through the day. Your destructive words can cause deep wounds; they may be the weapons that destroy someone's desire to continue trying - or even their life. Your destructive, careless word can diminish someone in the eyes of others, destroy their influence and have a lasting impact on the way others respond to them. Be careful what you say.



*Be the patron of education
and
help us to make a new future*

Thanks and Regards

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