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On the auspicious day of*

Gopashtami

21st November 2012 @ Ajhai Village (new Gurukula Land)

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|| Born to Win... Gurukulies ||

|| BGIS Boys Win Volleyball Championship ||

The Bhaktivedanta Gurukula students again brought laurels for their school. After showing their temperament in ICSE Board examination, District level swimming competition and various quizzes, now the students won another trophy for their school.



From the 20th to 22nd of October, the Interschool District Volleyball Championship was held at Shore Wala School, Mathura. Over 13 schools had participated. It was a well fought tournament, keenly contested by all schools. Our BGIS school team players were Manoj, the captain, Nikhil, Anil, Sacin, Ankit, Krsna Khumar, Surya dev, Harvesh, Ksheersagar, Preetam, Ishu, and Shubam. All of them were from the 12th grade.

Overall, the entire team exhibited great team effort and their excellent coordination made the BGIS boys the undefeated champions of the Interschool District Volleyball Championship 2012!

The school coach Yogesh Yadav deserves all of the appreciation that a coach of a winning team deserves. His continuous training throughout the year helped prepare the team to be the envy of the other schools and pride of our own. He was ably assisted by assistant coach, Govind Sharma. It was a moment of pride to hear the principal wishing his own school was in the position of the BGIS boys!

|| BGIS Celebrated Dussehra Festival 2012 ||



Dussehra is a popular festival. It is also known as Vijayadashmi ('Vijay' means 'victory' and 'Dashmi' means 'tenth day'). It was on this day that Lord Rama killed the demon Ravana and rescued His abducted wife - Sita. In other words it signifies the triumph of good over evil.

BGIS also celebrated Dussehra festival in the school sports ground on 24 Oct 2012. Senior grade students made a big effigy of Ravana with great enthusiasm. Fireworks were placed inside the effigy.

The program began with a prayer and a message on Dussehra by H.G Ksudhi Prabhu. This was followed

by Vaishnava bhajans & Ram Stuti. Students of middle grade presented a short drama on one of the episodes of Ramlila with great zeal and excitement. Everyone enjoyed the Ramalila performance with great pleasure. At the end of the program the effigy was set on flame signifying the end of evil.

|| Vaishnava Sadhachar Training for the teaching staff ||

Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International School (BGIS) focuses on an all-round development of the students as well as teachers by imparting not only subject related knowledge, but also inculcating the subtle values of life.



Our team Panchjanya has already conducted various training programs for stress management, conflict resolution, personality development etc for various corporate houses. After analyzing the need we had invited **H.H Bhakti Brhad Bhagvat Swami** to conduct a behavioral training module (vaishnava etiquette) for our staff members.

The camp helped the staff members by:

1. Exploring and developing Vaishnava qualities in them through education, culture and devotion
2. Giving Krishna Conscious ideals, heroes and/ or role models to them
3. Giving trained and Krishna Consciousness 'peer association'

The training included quizzes, plays and other ice-breakers and was relished by everybody.

|| Stress Management seminar at IOCL ||

The team Panchjanya conducted another seminar on stress management in Indian Oil Corporation Ltd on 5th October 2012. The speaker, Dr. Lila Purushottam Prabhu (Director- BGIS and Sr. Professor - IIT Kanpur) addressed the Sr. Engineers who are about to get retired from their services in the near future. The seminar was focused on the complications which come after getting retired and how to overcome them.

The talk covered the following:

1. What is stress
2. Source of stress
3. Causes of stress
4. Five quick ways to measure stress
5. Stress at work and later at home
6. Worrying less and overcoming anger
7. 25 stress winning techniques and so on.

**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 Sril 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, middle management etc

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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



Kartik Month ahead



Kartik (Damodar) is the best, the purest of purifiers, and most glorious of all months. Kartik month is particularly dear to Lord Sri Krishna. This month is full of bhakta vatsalya. Any vrata, even the smallest, will yield huge results. The effect of performing a Kartik Vrata lasts for one hundred lifetimes, Kartik or the festival of offering lamps to Lord Krishna, glorifies Lord Krishna's pastime of being bound with ropes by Mother Yashoda.

Everybody should follow following practices in Kartik (Damodar) month:

1. Daily offer a ghee lamp to Krishna and sing the Damodarastakam, meditating on meaning.
2. One should always remember Supreme Lord Hari. Devotees should try to do more Harinam Chanting. Do extra rounds and more kirtana.
3. Hear Srimad Bhagavatam, daily in association of exalted Vaisnavas, if possible. All other duties should be given up in favor of hearing the scriptures from sadhus during this month. It is most beneficial to recite and read Gajendra Moksha Lila-stava from 8th canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, which teaches complete surrender/dependence of Supreme Lord.
4. Eat only prasadam.
5. Daily recite Siksastaka of Sriman Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and meditate on its meaning. Read the commentary on Sikastaka by Bhaktivinod Thakur.
6. Daily offer lamp to Tulsi devi and pray for eternal residence in Vrndavana and eternal service of the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna. Do 4 parikrama (circumbulation) of Tulasi.
7. Make nice offerings for Krishna. Devotees should observe the festival of Annakuta, Giriraj Govardhan Puja.
8. Associate more with devotees.
9. Perform austerities.

Following are excerpts from some scriptures (Puranas) describing the glory of the pious Kartik month:

"If somebody performs even a little worship of Lord Shri Hari in this month, He offers that devotee His own abode."

"If somebody burns a lamp in the temple of Lord Shri Hari even for a short time (in the month of Kartik), then whatever sins, he has acquired for millions of kalpas (one kalpa equals 1000 yugas) are all destroyed."

"A person, who for the entire month of Kartik eats only once a day, becomes very famous, powerful and heroic."

"A person who happily reads the Bhagavad Gita in the month of Kartik does not return to the world of birth and death."

"Of all gifts, the gift of a lamp during the month of Kartik is the best. No gift is its equal."

"The pious result obtained by bathing in all holy places and giving all charities is not equal to one ten-millionth part of the result obtained by following the vow of Kartik."

Let's Pray

Hari Hari Ar Ki Emona Das Haba

Author: Narottama Dasa Thakura

(1)

*hari hari! āra ki emon daśā hobo?
e bhava saṁsāra tyaji, parama ānande maji,
āra kobe vrajabhūme yābo*

(2)

*sukhamaya vṛndāvana, kobe hobe daraśana,
se dhūli mākhibo kobe gāya
preme gada gada hoiyā, rādhā-kṛṣṇa nāma loiyā,
kāñdiyā beḍābo ubharāya*

(3)

*nibhṛta nikuñje jāiyā, aṣṭāṅga praṇata hoiyā,
ḍākibo hā rādhānātha boli
kobe yamunāra tīre, paraśa koribo nīre,
kobe pibo karapuṭe tuli*

(4)

*āra kobe emana hobo, śrī rāsa maṇḍale yābo,
kobe gaḍāgaḍi dibo tāya
vaṁśivaṭa chāyā pāiyā, parama ānanda hoiyā,
paḍiyā rahibo tāra chāya*

(5)

*kobe govardhana giri, dekhibo nayana bhari,
kobe hobe rādhākunde vāsa
bhramite bhramite kobe, e deho patana hobe,
kohe dīna narottama dāsa*



TRANSLATION

1) When will I renounce the circle of material family life, and, drowning in transcendental bliss, go to Vrajabhumi? O Lord Hari, Lord Hari, when will this be?

2) When will I see the blissful land of Vrndavana? When will I smear the dust of Vrndavana over my body? When will I walk about Vrndavana, loudly singing the names of Radha and Krsna, and crying, my voice choked with ecstatic love.

3) When, in a solitary grove in Vrndavana, will I offer my full obeisances to the Divine Couple? When will I call out: "O Krsna, O master of Srimati Radharani?" When standing on the shore of the Yamuna, will I drink some of its water in my cupped hands?

4) When will this be? When will I go to the arena of the rasa-dance, and roll about in the dust, overwhelmed with ecstasy? When will I visit Vamsivata, and fall down to the ground, overwhelmed by transcendental bliss?

5) When will I see Govardhana Hill, my eyes filling with tears? When will I reside at Radha-kunda? When, as a result of constantly wandering in Vrndavana, will this body fall down? Poor-hearted Narottama dasa speaks in this way.

Let's learn from a story



"The Wolves Within"

An old Grandfather, whose grandson came to him with anger at a schoolmate who had done him an injustice, said, "Let me tell you a story. I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times."

He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me; one is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and in the right way."

"But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit."

The boy looked intently into his Grandfather's eye and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?"

The Grandfather solemnly said, "The one I feed."

Moral :- We get what we feed to our thoughts and mind. Mind is our friend only if we have control over it and that is possible by engaging him in positive and God conscious activities. Otherwise he will act as a demon and harm our consciousness which will lead to failure in our relationships.



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and
help us to make a new future*

Thanks and Regards

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