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Kartik—The Month of Festivals

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Inauguration of
BGIS'S New
Goshala and
Retreat Center

On the auspicious day of Gopashtami, Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International school inaugurated its own Goshala and Retreat Center at their new land. The inauguration ceremony followed by 12 hours non-stop kirtan and prasadam distribution.

Check out some of the moments of the festival.





Eco Spiritual Event

Vrindavan, November 10, 2012: Friends of Vrindavan organizes an 'Eco-spiritual event' of 'Vrindavan Parikrama' and 'Vraja-Seva Sankalp Yatra' with the students of the Bhaktivedanta Gurukula and International School on the auspicious event of the Rama Ekadashi. Shri Mukesh Gautam, Chairman of the Vrindavan Municipal Council flagged off the 'Seva-Yatra' from the Krishna Balaram Temple. While doing parikrama the students did Kirtan by chanting the Mahamantra with Mridanga and Kartal. The students were holding placards of environmental slogans which included the demand to declare Vrindavan a pilgrimage town, keep Vrindavan clean and green, don't pollute Yamuna etc.



New members of our Team

Dr. Nirmala Krishna Das

He is working as the head of administration of the school. He has served as the Director for Medical Services & Director, Human Resource Management with super specialty hospitals in Bangalore. He has also worked as a course director with medical colleges in Europe. He holds an MD degree in medicine.



Dr. Madhumati Pushkarini Devi Dasi

She is working as the academic director of the primary department of the school. She holds a PhD degree in economics from Mumbai University. She is an alumni of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics.

Team Panchjanya - The Conch of Krsna

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

The prediction of Sri Caitanya 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, Bhagavad Gita, Bible, Koran etc, the team teaches the essence of life among students, middle management etc

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Patron of Education



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 project. 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.

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 border 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



Let's Pray

Sri Sri Damodarashtakam SRI DAMODAR ASHTAKAM

(1)

namamisvaram sac-cid-ananda-rupam
lasat-kunḍalālam gokule bhrajamanam
yasoda-bhiyolukhalad dhavamanam
paramrstam atyantato drutya gopya

(2)

rudantam muhur netra-yugmam mrjantam
karambhoja-yugmena satanka-netram
muuhusvasa-kampa-trirekhanka-kanthasthita-
graivam damodaram bhakti-baddham

(3)

itidrk sva-lilabhir ananda-kunde
sva-ghosam nimajjantam akhyapayantam
tadiyesita-jñesu bhaktair jitavtam
punahprematas tamsatavrtti vande

(4)

varam deva moksam na moksavadhim va
na canyam vrne'ham varesadapiha
idam te vapurnatha gopala-balam
sada me manasy avirastam kim anyaih?

(5)

idam te mukhambhojam atyanta-nilair
vrtam kuntalaihsnidha-raktais ca gopya
muhus cumbitam bimba-raktadharam me
manasy avirastam alam laks̄a-labhaih?

(6)

namo deva damodarananta vishno
prasida prabho duhkha-jalabdhi-magnam
krpa-drishti-vrshtyati-dinam batanu
grhanesa mam ajñamedhy aksi-drsyah?

(7)

kuveratmajau baddha-murtyaiva yadvat
tvaya mocitau bhakti-bhajau krtau ca
tatha prema-bhaktim svakam me prayaccha
na mokse graho me 'sti damodareha

(8)

namas te 'stu damne sphurad-dipti-dhamne
tvadiyodarayatha visvasya dhamne
namo radhikayai tvadiya-priyayai
namo 'nanta-lilaya devaya tubhyam

Let's Pray

TRANSLATION

1) To the supreme controller, who possesses an eternal form of blissful knowledge, whose glistening earrings swing to and fro, who manifest Himself in Gokula, who stole the butter that the gopis kept hanging from the rafters of their storerooms and who then quickly jumped up and ran in retreat in fear of Mother Yasoda but was ultimately caught - to that Supreme Lord, Sri Damodara, I offer my humble obeisances.

2) Upon seeing His mother's whipping stick, He cried and rubbed His eyes again and again with His two lotus hands. His eyes were fearful and His breathing quick, and as Mother Yasoda bound His belly with ropes, He shivered in fright and His pearl necklace shook. To this Supreme Lord, Sri Damodara, I offer my humble obeisances.

3) Those superexcellent pastimes of Lord Krsna's babyhood drowned the inhabitants of Gokula in pools of ecstasy. To the devotees who are attracted only to His majestic aspect of Narayana in Vaikuntha, the Lord herein reveals: "I am conquered and overwhelmed by pure loving devotion." To the Supreme Lord, Damodara, my obeisances hundreds and hundreds of times.

4) O Lord, although You are able to give all kinds of benedictions, I do not pray to You for liberation, nor eternal life in Vaikuntha, nor any other boon. My only prayer is that Your childhood pastimes may constantly appear in my mind. O Lord, I do not even want to know your feature of Paramatma. I simply wish that Your childhood pastimes may ever be enacted in my heart.

5) O Lord, the cheeks of Your blackish lotus face, which is encircled by locks of curling hair, have become reddened like bimba fruits due to Mother Yasoda's kisses. What more can I describe than this? Millions of opulences are of no use to me, but may this vision constantly remain in my mind.

6) O unlimited Visnu! O master! O Lord! Be pleased upon me! I am drowning in an ocean of sorrow and am almost like a dead man. Please shower the rain of mercy on me; uplift me and protect me with Your nectarean vision.

7) O Lord Damodara, in Your form as a baby Mother Yasoda bound You to a grinding stone with a rope for tying cows. You then freed the sons of Kuvera, Manigriva and Nalakuvara, who were cursed to stand as trees and You gave them the chance to become Your devotees. Please bless me in this same way. I have no desire for liberation into Your effulgence.

8) O Lord, the entire universe was created by Lord Brahma, who was born from Your abdomen, which was bound by a rope by Mother Yasoda. To this rope I offer my humble obeisances. I offer my obeisances to Your most beloved Srimati Radharani and to Your unlimited pastimes.



Let's learn from a story



The mind and Jhinni

Once upon a time, there was a man who pleased a sage. As a benediction, the sage offered him a big jinn and told him, "Take this jinn with you. He can fulfill all of your desires; he can do any work you give him. " But the sage warned him, "If you keep him unengaged, then he will devour you. So be careful to constantly engage him. " This man said. "Oh! Don't worry. I have got thousands of things to do. " So this man took the powerful jinn with him home and ordered him, "Plough that thousand acre land. " And the jinn ploughed it all in just five minutes. He returned back and he said, "My dear sir, give me the next order." The man was stunned. "Build a big bungalow for me", he said. And the jinn made a big bungalow for him in a matter of minutes. So in this way whatever he asked for, the jinn arranged for immediately. Now the man became alarmed because he had no engagement to give him; he was just too quick in executing his action. So what could he do? He ran back to the sage and screamed to him, "Please save me from this great de-mon! It is about to devour me. I don't have any work to give him. " So the sage told him, "You fool! It is easy. Take that ladder with you. Place it next to your house and tell the jinn to climb up and down. Whenever you need him, call him and give him service. And at all other 74 times tell him to go up the ladder and come down. " The man acted accordingly and was thus saved from the demon.

Moral

Our mind is just like the demon. It is very powerful; it can do hundreds of things very quickly. And the moment we leave it unengaged, it starts thinking of unnecessary and undesirable things and fills us with insatiable cravings, anxieties and fears. And what is the ladder to deal with the demon of the mind? It is the Hare Krishna mahamantra:

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare



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and
help us to make a new future*

Thanks and Regards

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