His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, came to America in 1965, at age 69, to fulfill his spiritual master’s request that he teach the science of Krishna consciousness throughout the English-speaking world. In a dozen years he published some seventy volumes of translation and commentary on India’s Vedic literature, and these are now standard in universities worldwide. Meanwhile, travelling almost nonstop, Srila Prabhupada moulded his international society into a world wide confederation of ashramas, schools, temples and farm communities. He passed away in 1977, in Vrindavana, the place most sacred to Lord Krishna. His disciples and followers are carrying forward the movement he started.
When men become animals


_om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananja-salakaya_
_caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-guruve namah_

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.”

Everyone in this material world is born into ignorance, or darkness. Actually, the nature of the material world is that it is dark. It may be lighted with sunlight, moonlight, fire, or electricity, but its nature is dark. That is a scientific fact. So everyone born in the material world—from Brahma, the chief personality in the topmost planet of this universe, down to the ant—is born into the darkness of ignorance.

Now, the Vedic injunction is _tamasi ma jyotir gama_: “Don’t remain in darkness; come to the light.” And for this, a spiritual master is needed. It is the duty of a spiritual master to open the eyes of a person in darkness with the torch of knowledge, and one should offer one’s respectful obeisances unto such a spiritual master.

People should not be kept in darkness; they should be brought into the light. Therefore, in every human society there is a religious institution of some sort. What is the purpose of Hinduism, Mohammedanism, Christianity, or Buddhism? The purpose is to bring people to the light. That is the purpose of religion.

And what is that light? That is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The _Srimad-Bhagavatam_ states, _dharmam tu saksad bhagavat-pranitam_: “The codes of religion are directly given by the Supreme Personality of Godhead.” In the state there are laws that you must follow. The head of the state gives some laws, and if you are a good citizen you must obey those laws and live peacefully. These laws may be different according to the time, circumstances, or people—the state laws of India may not agree cent percent with the laws of the United States—but in every state there are laws that you must obey. One has to abide by the law. Otherwise one is considered as the lowest in society, a criminal, and is subject to punishment. That is the general principle.

Similarly, religion means to obey the laws of God. That’s all. And if a human being does not obey the laws of God, he is no better than an animal. All scriptures, all religious principles are meant to elevate man from the animal platform to the human platform. Therefore a person without religious principles, without God consciousness, is no better than an animal. That is the verdict of the Vedic literature:

_ahara-nidra-bhaya-maithunam ca samanyam etat pasubhir naranam_
_dharmo hi tesam adhiko viseso dharmaena hinah pasubhih samanah_

Eating, sleeping, sex and defense—these four principles are common to both human beings and animals. The distinction between human life and animal life is that a man can search after God but an animal cannot. That is the difference. Therefore a man without that urge for searching after God is no better than an animal.

Unfortunately, at the present moment in every state and every society people are trying to forget God. Some people publicly say there is no God; others say that if there is a God, He is dead; and so on. They have built such a so-called advanced civilization, with so many skyscraper buildings, but they are forgetting that all of their advancement is dependent on Krishna. This is a very precarious condition for the human society.

Once a rat was being troubled by a cat. So the rat went to a saintly person who had mystic powers and said, “My dear sir, I am very much troubled.”

“What is the difficulty?”

The rat said, “A cat always chases me, so I have no peace of mind.”

“Then what do you want?”

“Please make me into a cat.”

“Alright, become a cat.”

After a few days, the cat came to the saintly person and said, “My dear sir, again I am in trouble.”

“What is the trouble?”

“The dogs are chasing me.”
“Then what do you want?”
“Make me a dog.”
“Alright, become a dog.”
Then after a few days the dog came and said, “Sir, again I am in trouble.”
“What is the trouble?”
“The foxes are chasing me.”
“Then what do you want?”
“To become a fox.”
“Alright, become a fox.”
Then the fox came and said, “Oh, tigers are chasing me.”
“Then, what do you want?”
“I want to become a tiger.”
“Alright, become a tiger.”
Now the tiger began to stare at the saintly person. “I shall eat you,” the tiger said.
“Oh you shall eat me? I have made you a tiger, and you want to eat me!”
“Yes. I am a tiger, and now I shall eat you.”
Then the saintly person again cursed him,
“Again become a rat!”
And the tiger become a rat.

So, our human civilization is like this. The other day I was reading the World Almanac. It said that within the next hundred years people will be living underground—like rats. Scientific advancement has created the atomic bomb to kill men, and when it will be used people will have to go underground and become like rats. From tiger to rat. That is going to happen; it is the nature’s law.

If you defy the laws of your state, you will be put into difficulty. Similarly if you continue to defy the authority, the supremacy of the Supreme Lord, you will suffer. Again you will become rats. As soon as the atomic bombs explode, all civilization on the surface of the globe will be finished. You may not like to think of these things—they may be very unpalatable—but these are the facts.

Satyam grhyat priyam grhyan ma priyah satyam apriyam. It is a social convention that if you want to speak the truth you should speak it very palatably. But we are preachers, servants of God, and we must speak the real truth, whether you like it or not.

A godless civilization cannot be happy. That is the fact. So we have started the Krishna consciousness movement to awaken this godless civilization. Just try to love God; this is our simple request. You have love within you—you want to love somebody. A young boy tries to love a young girl; a young girl tries to love a young boy. This is natural, because the loving propensity is within everybody. But we have created circumstances in which our love is being frustrated. Everyone is frustrated—husbands, wives, boys, girls. Everywhere there is frustration, because our loving propensity is not being utilized properly. Why? Because we have forgotten to love the Supreme Person. That is our disease.

So the purpose of religion is to train people how to love God. That is the purpose of all religion. Whether your religion is Christianity or Hinduism or Mohammedanism, the purpose of your religion is to train people how to love God. That is the purpose of all religion, because that is your constitutional position.

In the Srimad-Bhagavatam [1.2.6] it is said, sa vai pumsam para dharmo yato bhaktir adhoksaje. Now in English dictionaries the word dharma is generally translated as “religion,” a kind of faith, but the actual meaning of dharma is “essential characteristic.” For example, sugar’s dharma, or essential characteristic, is sweetness. If you are given some white powder and you find that it is not sweet, you will at once say, “Oh, this is not sugar; it is something else.” So sweetness is the dharma of sugar. Similarly, a salty taste is the characteristic of salt, and pungency is the essential characteristic of chili.

Now what is your essential characteristic? You are a living entity, and you have to understand your essential characteristic. That characteristic is your dharma, or religion—not a Christian religion, the Hindu religion, this religion, that religion. Your eternal, essential characteristic—that is your religion.

And what is that characteristic? Your essential characteristic is that you want to love somebody, and therefore you
want to serve him. That is your essential characteristic. You love your family, you love your society, you love your community, you love your country. And because you love them, you want to serve them. That tendency to engage in loving service is your essential characteristic, your dharma. Whether you are a Christian, a Mohammedan, or a Hindu, this characteristic will remain. Suppose today you are a Christian. Tomorrow you may become a Hindu but your serving mood, that loving spirit, will stay with you. Therefore, the tendency to love and serve others is your dharma, or your religion. This is the universal form of religion.

Now, you have to apply your loving service in such a way that you will be completely satisfied. Because your loving spirit is now misplaced, you are not happy. You are frustrated and confused. The Srimad-Bhagavatam tells us how to apply our spirit of loving devotion perfectly:

\[
\text{sa vai pumsam paro dharmo yato bhktir adhoksaje} \\
ahaituky aprathata yayatma suprasidati
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That religion is first class which trains you to love God. And by this religion you will become completely satisfied. If you develop your love of God to the fullest extent, you will become a perfect person. You will feel perfection within yourself. You are Hankering after satisfaction, full satisfaction, but that full satisfaction can be obtained only when you love God. Loving God is the natural function of every living entity. It doesn't matter whether you are a Christian or a Hindu or a Mohammedan. Just try to develop your love of God. Then your religion is very nice. Otherwise it is simply a waste of time (srama evahi kevalam). If after executing rituals in a particular type of religion throughout your whole life you have no love for God, then you have simply wasted your time.

The Krishna consciousness movement is the postgraduate movement of all kinds of religion. We are inviting all kinds of religion. We are inviting all Christians, Muslims, and Hindus—everyone—to please come associate with us and try to love God. And the method is very simple: just chant His holy names—Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Rama.

All my students are Americans, and they have come either from Christian or Jewish families. None of them have come from Hindu families. So the process I have given them—the process of chanting the Hare Krishna mantra—is universal. It is not Hindu, or Indian.

The Sanskrit word mantra is a combination of two syllables, man and tra. Man means “mind,” and tra means “deliverance.” Therefore a mantra is that which delivers you from mental concoction, from hovering on the mental plane. So if you chant this mantra—Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Rama—you’ll find that you are coming from the darkness to the light.

I do not wish to take much of your time, but I simply want to impress upon you the importance of chanting Hare Krishna. Try an experiment: Chant Hare Krishna for one week, and see how much spiritual progress you make. We don’t charge anything, so there is no loss. But there is great profit; that is guaranteed. Therefore please chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Rama.

Thank you very much.
Srila Prabhupada speaks out

Your Leaders are Thinking Like Cats and Dogs

Here we continue an exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of his disciples. It took place in Los Angeles on the morning of December 13, 1973, during a walk along the Pacific shore.

Srila Prabhupada: Now it is our choice: “Am I going to get a dog’s body or a god’s body?” That choice you can make. That is the meaning of having the human form of body. A dog cannot choose to elevate himself in his next life. He has no such discriminatory power. But you can do that. So if you do not do that, then you are missing your real opportunity. Yanti deva-vrata devan pitrn yanti pitr-vratah: “Those who worship the demigods will go to the planets of the demigods. Those who worship Me will come to My abode.” This is what Krishna assures us in Bhagavad-gita. Anywhere you like you can go. So you must use the human form of body properly.

Disciple: Srila Prabhupada, does the government also have the responsibility to protect people from having to take a dog body?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. That is the government’s duty—to see that the citizens do not degrade themselves. For example, a responsible father thinks, “Now these children are under my protection. So I must see that they get a proper education and make advancement in their lives.” This is the father’s duty. Of course, today the father thinks, “Let them go to hell.” That’s all. Today fathers are acting in that way. Nevertheless, their duty still remains.

Similarly, the government’s duty is to see that the citizen makes progress. Unfortunately, your modern government leaders do not know what is meant by progress—what is the real aim of human life. They do not know. So how will they guide? They think, like cats and dogs, “If you can eat more and more, then your life is successful.” Their thinking is very poor. Simply physical strength— they think that is success. They do not reflect that the elephant has so much physical strength, the tiger has so much physical strength, but what is the meaning of their lives? What spiritual realization can they attain? After all, they are animals. And yet your leaders are thinking...
like them. "If you simply get strength like an elephant or a tiger, then your life is successful."

These leaders think like that because they do not know the actual aim of life. A dog does not know the aim of life. Even if I say, "Self-realization is the aim of life," the dog will not understand, because his body is unsuitable for higher, spiritual understanding. But a human being can understand. That is why there are so many books of knowledge. So if people do not get this proper knowledge, they are missing the point of life. Parabhavas tavad abodha-jato yavan na jijnasata atma-tattvam: As long as one does not come to the point of understanding the spirit soul, whatever he is doing is being defeated, because the main point is missing.

Just like cats and dogs, people are accepting the temporary material body as the self, and they are working on that platform. Therefore, their lives are being spoiled. So our mission is to save the human being from wasting his life like that of the animals. This is our mission. It is the greatest humanitarian work.

Disciple: But, Srila Prabhupada, Krishna has given us free will, by which we can accept or reject the godly life. Should the government take away that free will, that choice?

Srila Prabhupada: No. That is not possible. Free will cannot be taken away and cannot be granted. It is always there within us. Krishna says that from all eternity, He has given us free will. But His personal advice is, "I am now telling you these most confidential words. Control your so-called free will. Just surrender to Me." This understanding is the most confidential. "If you surrender to Me, that is good for you. But if you go on simply reveling in your free will, you'll not be happy."

In spiritual life there is still free will. When you rise to the Krishna conscious platform, you serve Krishna with free will. Not that you become a stone. There is free will. For instance, in the temple the devotees are dressing Krishna's form very artistically. Is there no free will? And in the kitchen, they are also creating sumptuous preparations for Krishna. Is there no free will? Free will is there.

The Mayavadi philosopher or the Buddhist philosopher says, "Stop this free will and then you'll become happy." But our proposition is not to stop our free will but to purify our free will. Purify.

For instance, if your eye is suffering from a cataract, cure the cataract. Keep the eye. But the impersonalist or Buddhist proposition is, "Get that eye out and throw it away. Then there will be no more bother in seeing what is right and wrong, what is pure and impure."

This is the impersonalists' proposition. Nirvisesa-vadi. Nirvisesa means no individuality, no personality, no variety: "Everything is one." And the Buddhists' proposition: sunyavadi. Sunya means, "Everything is zero." If ultimately everything is one or zero, then there is no question of right and wrong.

So our philosophy is neither of these. There is no "All is one"; there is no "All is zero." We don't say such things. There are varieties. But they're purified varieties. Tat-paratvena nirmalam. Nirmalam means "purified." So our process is to purify everything. We don't want to stop everything. That is not our proposition. The impersonalists and Buddhists cannot find any solution to the world's problems. That is why they want to put everything to a stop: "Stop this business."

Suppose a business is not going very nicely. It is operating at a loss. So somebody says, "Close it."

But an experienced man comes and says, "Why should you close it? All right. I shall do it properly. You'll get a profit."

So which man is better? The first, who says, out of disappointment, "Close this business. There is no profit"? Or the second, who says, "No, don't close it. We shall show a profit. Just manage it properly"?

This is our proposition. We don't say, "Stop all these material activities." No. "Just do it properly, so that you get real profit and real benefit." That is our programme. We don't want to make everything zero. No. Why shall we make it all zero? Everything can be taken and fully spiritualized.

For instance, in the typical firm the workers are not thinking about the proprietor. Nearly everyone is putting some of the firm's assets into his pocket. So with the...
assets being stolen, how will the firm go on nicely? Similarly, these rascal government leaders have no idea who is the proprietor of the world. So they are acting in their nonsensical, stealing way, and therefore there is confusion. The business is not profitable.

On the other hand, if the workers accept—“No, the real proprietor is such-and-such gentleman, and he wants us to perform our work like this”—then the business will be profitable.

Similarly, every one of us in the material world is thinking he is the proprietor. So how will this “firm” profit? This is the real situation. Everyone is thinking he is the proprietor. He forgets he is a worker. He is not the proprietor. That is the mistake. Therefore, the “firm” is being mismanaged, and there is no profit—simply chaos. That is the situation.

Please chant...

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

...& be happy

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In his conversations and letters His Divine Grace Srila A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder acharya of ISKCON, has expressed the importance of spiritual education for children.

“...we shall have to teach character and spiritual understanding to the young children.”

(Srila Prabhupada’s letter to: Dixit — Vrindavana 18 September, 1976)

“Anyone can become good. If we educate a child nicely, he becomes good, but if we train him foolishly, he becomes a rascal.”

(Srila Prabhupada in an interview with the New York Times; September 2, 1972; New Vrindavana)

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Values Plus

Values Plus is a social transformation programme launched by ISKCON Bangalore, with a view to working at the very foundation of the society: Children. The aim of Values Plus is to build a superior value system, reinforce the moral fiber and create an ethical framework in children. To achieve this, Values Plus uses a workshop-based model with an interesting mix of interactive audiovisual content, activity based learning and fieldwork, on a sustained basis, throughout the year, and across years of education.

Values Plus was launched in the year 2009, mentoring roughly one thousand students in one school. In its fourth year, Values Plus has expanded its reach to 4,600 students across three schools.

In this day and age of increasing competition, peer pressure and many strong influences including the print media, internet and television, our children are subjected to a lot of information, views and opinions that are at times variegated in nature. They tend to impact the child’s psyche and character to a considerable degree. We see this influence in our homes and class rooms regularly, in the demeanour of our children and how they interact in society. Not all of these influences are desirable.

More than ever before, we find the need to reinforce the value system of our children that will ensure that our children become responsible, mature, well-informed and well-rounded citizens of tomorrow.

The responsibility to achieve this lies as much with the school as it does with parents, since it is in school and home that children spend their maximum time. It is with this background that ISKCON, Bangalore launched Values Plus. It is aimed at instilling a set of emotional, social intellectual and spiritual values into students by sustained training, using contemporary and relevant teaching techniques. Values Plus draws on the timeless teachings of the Indian heritage and culture as well as the wisdom of the Vedic literature.

This programme will supplement the mainstream education that a child receives in the class room, ensuring a more holistic development that supports the individual throughout the life.

The course is spread over 30 sessions of 40 minutes duration each. This programme is conducted in schools during the class hours (except during exams) spread over an academic year (June to March). Each child is trained in different values—according to the age group of the child—by engaging him/her in meaningful and impact-filled dialogues and discussions.

Each session is filled with interactive sessions, group exercises, games, practical case studies, audio-visual content, easy-to-apply-tips and practical ideas to mould the child into a beautiful, dynamic and principled leader of tomorrow.

The programme is conducted in a separate teaching area, well equipped with audio-visual equipment, provided by the school, to ensure that children receive this education in a very supportive ambience. The faculty from Values Plus, tenured in value education over many years, runs this programme.

Every student who attends this programme would benefit immensely in their personal, academic and eventually their professional lives.

Content

Values Plus content is designed to cater to specific needs of different age groups, and synchronized sequentially to help children receive, resolve, internalize and implement ideas and concepts related to morality, ethics and model citizenry, easily and completely.

Values Plus content is derived from what we describe as world wisdom; wisdom that is common to all civilizations across history, and embodied in the timeless and quintessential Vedic culture or the original heritage of India.
Students of New Horizon Gurukul at a mridanga-karatala training session as part of the Vedic Sciences programme conducted by Values Plus.
The Seven Purposes of Values Plus

1. To transform children into refined, cultured and civilized gentle persons having a strong value system as the basis of all the activities they perform.

2. To awaken in children a respectful awareness of ancient Indian history and to establish an appreciation for spiritual India, its language Sanskrit and all the ancient personalities associated with the history of our country.

3. To develop in children a respect for all religions by presenting details of the life and history of great personalities from all religions and to instill in them an understanding that love of God is the highest principle, which can resolve all conflicts in their lives.

4. To widen the consciousness of children into one of universal brotherhood by accepting that all life forms are children of God.

5. To enhance the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of children.

6. To inculcate in children a responsibility towards society at large by helping them grow into conscientious adults who put humanity before the self.

7. To help children develop a concern for the environment by becoming environment conscious and by practicing the principle of limited consumption.
Values Quest

Values Plus focuses on personal transformation, by using a delivery mechanism that places the student in the center. Our unique “Student View” model of “Receive: Resolve: Internalize: Implement,” is based on the ancient Vedic system of learning, where enquiry was central to the acquisition of knowledge. To this end, Values Plus has launched an annual event called Values Quest, an assessment programme that helps place emphasis on and assess the extent of personal transformation in a child. Values Quest reviews a child's participation in Values Plus, holistically. As a part of the Values Quest evaluation framework, for each child, we carefully consider participation level across the year in Values Plus sessions, performance in written tests that urge contemplation and decision making on “soft” topics, fieldwork and finally, observations on individual and group behaviour during outbound learning trips. The feedback from all these areas is integrated to assess the extent of personal transformation a child has undergone.

Values Quest events focus on evaluation of projects being presented by children, based on their fieldwork. Each of these projects has a social reengineering theme, ranging from care for the aged to environment conservation, and from helping the less privileged to community development. The evaluation is done based on well-defined parameters and rating structures that ensure fair and standard evaluation across varying themes of projects.

Selections lead to a next level of evaluation, where children participate in a comprehensive out bound learning session that spans three days.

The aim and success of Values Plus lies in creating a responsible, sensitive, honorable and gentlemanly citizenry that has the potential of creating a new world culture, founded firmly on Righteousness, Goodness and Godliness.

Values Plus is part of ISKCON Bangalore’s key initiative.

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| Age group range         | Grade 6 to 10 for Values Plus (Senior)  
Grade 1 to 5 for Values Plus (Junior) |
| Course content – Values Plus (Senior) | 30 values and life skills across 5 years. Each year has 6 values delivered through a total of 30 sessions per year for each child. |
| Learning environment    | Sessions conducted in specially designed room in the school premises  
Field work |
| Duration                | Across the academic year and across grades |
| Integration with mainstream learning sessions | Values Plus sessions are designed to integrate with mainstream education time table of the school |
| Fees                    | Values Plus is a paid programme. Fees depend on the level of engagement. |
| Engagement method       | Values Plus contracts with the school administration |

A Values Plus session in progress at Vidyaniketan Public School.
Bangalore: above: A massive annakuta of cake, cookies, fruits and sweets was offered to Sri Sri Krishna Balarama who were decorated in Giridhari alankara.

below: Devotees worshipped the temple cows as Go Puja is also celebrated on this day.
Govardhana Puja in other centers

Ahmedabad

Bhilai

Guwahati

Hubli

Hyderabad

Mangalore

Visakhapatnam

Vrindavan
Deepotsava 2012

Devotees offer ghee lamps to the Lord every evening during the month of karthika, worshipping His form as Damodara. This name of Krishna commemorate the pastime of His being bound with a rope to a grinding mortar around His belly by Mother Yashoda, for stealing butter.
Distinguished guests during Deepotsava

Sri S Yoheswaran, Honourable MP, Sri Lanka

His Excellency Sri Prasad Kariyawasam High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India

Sri Abhinava Vidyashankara Bharathi Mahaswamiji, Peethadhipathi - Sri Sri Avani Sringeri Jagadguru Shankracharya Mahasamsthnam Sri Sharada Peetham

Sri B J Puttaswamy Honourable Minister for Co-operation, GOK

Sri B N Bacche Gowda Honourable Minister for Labour, GOK

Sri Puttanna, MLC

Sri Kota Srinivasa Poojary, Honourable Minister for Muzarai, Ports, Inland Water Supply Transport, GOK

Sri OM Prakash, IPS. DG, Home Guards & Fire Services

Dr R P Sharma IPS- ADGP, BMTF & Dr Nagambika Devi, IAS

Sri B G Sridhar, Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka

His Excellency Sri Prasad Kariyawasam High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India
Dasara, Vijayadashami Celebrations at ISKCON Mysore

Dasara was a grand festival at ISKCON Mysore. Celebrating Vijayadashami, the day Lord Rama slew the demon Ravana, ISKCON Mysore organized an evening of festivities dedicated to glorifying this extraordinary feat of the Supreme Lord.

Devotees from Bangalore, Mangalore and Hubli gathered at Mysore for this unique festival. In the morning, the utsava Deities of Sri Sri Krishna Balarama were decorated in Sri Rama Lakshmana alankara.

Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana

On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, ISKCON Bangalore's Sri Krishna Kalakshetra organized Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana for the welfare of society.

Hundreds of devotees participated in the congregational chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and received the blessings of Sri Radha Krishna Chandra.
Sri K Janardhana Bhat, Former Manager, Syndicate Bank (Mysore) donated a food distribution vehicle to The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Hubli.

This is the 12th vehicle he has personally donated to kitchens in Mysore, Puri, Mangalore, Vrindavan and Hubli.

Bank of Baroda donated a food distribution vehicle to The Akshaya Patra Foundation. Sri Madhava Reddy, General Manager, Bank of Baroda, hands over the key to Sri Chanchalapathi Dasa, Vice-Chairman, The Akshaya Patra Foundation.

On Children’s Day, The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Guwahati, which is currently providing midday meals in 512 Government schools, distributed steel plates to 47,000 school children.
Hare Krishna temples on net

Deepotsava 2012 Celebration


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Govardhana Puja 2012

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Srila Prabhupada Disappearance Day

https://www.iskconbangalore.org/Srila-Prabhupada-disappearance-2012

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This festival commemorates the day Sri Nammalwar, one of the great devotees in the line of Sri Ramanuja, entered the spiritual abode. Lord Srinivasa was waiting at the door to receive His great devotee. It was on this day also, during the churning of the milk ocean, that nectar emerged out of the ocean and was distributed to the gods.

Celebrations at Hare Krishna Hill, Bangalore

Celebrations also at
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