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The Qualifications of the Spiritual Master

An address given at the University of Stockholm in September of 1973 by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

In order to enter into spiritual life, two things are required. As enunciated by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, one needs the mercy of the Supreme Lord and the mercy of the spiritual master:

brahmanda bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva
guru-krishna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija

The living entities are wandering throughout the universe changing bodies, transmigrating from one body to another, from one place to another, and from one planet to another. Brahmanda bhramite: they are rotating within this material universe. This science is unknown to the modern educators—how the spirit soul is transmigrating from one body to another, and how he is being transferred from one planet to another. But we have explained this in our book Easy Journey to Other Planets.

In fact, the guru can help you transmigrate from this planet directly to the spiritual sky, Vaikunthaloka, where there are innumerable spiritual planets. The topmost planet in the spiritual sky is Krishna's planet, called Goloka Vrindavana. The Krishna consciousness movement is trying to give information of how one can be transferred directly to the Goloka Vrindavana planet, Krishnaloka. That is our mission.

What is the difference between this material world and the spiritual world? The difference is that in the material world you have to change your body, although you are eternal. ajo nityah sasvato 'yam purano na hanyate hanyamane sarire.

You are not destroyed after the annihilation of your material body, but you transmigrate to another body, which may be one of 8,400,000 forms. Jalaja nava-laksani. There are 900,000 forms in the water, 2,000,000 forms of trees and plants, 1,100,000 forms of insects, 1,000,000 forms of birds, and 3,000,000 forms of beasts. Then you come to this human form of life. Now it is your choice whether to be transferred again, by the cycle of transmigration, from one body to another in the lower species of life, or whether to be transferred to the spiritual sky—to the highest spiritual planet, known as Goloka Vrindavana. That is your choice. You have been given the chance of this human form of body to make your choice. In the lower species you are completely under the control of material nature, but when the material nature gives you a chance to get the human form of body, you can choose whatever you like.

That is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita (9.25):

yanti deva-vrata devan pitrn yanti pitr-vratah
bhutani yanti bhutejya yanti mad-yajino ‘pi mam

Those who are trying to be elevated to the higher planets—deva-loka, or the planets of the demigods, where the standard of living and the life span are very great—may worship the demigods. Or you want you may be transferred to the Pitrloka, to the planets of the ghosts, or to the planet where Krishna lives (yanti mad-yajino ‘pi mam). This all depends on your activities. But samsara—rotating, wandering within this material world from one body to another or from one planet to another—is not advised. Material existence is called samsara. Bhutva bhutva praliyate: you take your birth in some form of body, you live for some time, then you have to give up this body. Then you have to accept another body, again live for some time, then give up that body, and then again accept another body. This is called samsara.

The material world is compared to davanala, a forest fire. As we have experienced, no one goes to the forest to set a fire, but still it takes place. Similarly, no one within this material world wants to be unhappy. Everyone is trying to be very happy, but one is forced to accept unhappiness. In this material world, from time immemorial to the present moment, there have been occasional wars, world wars, even though people have devised various means to stop wars. When I was a young man there was the League of Nations. In 1920, after the First World War, different nations formed the League of Nations, just to arrange for peaceful living among themselves. No one wanted war, but again there was a forest fire the Second World War. Now they have devised the United Nations, but war is still going on—the Vietnam war, the Pakistan war, and many others. So you may try your best to live very peaceful but nature will not allow you. There must be war. And this warlike feeling is always going on, not only between nation and nation, but also between man and man, neighbour and neighbour—even between husband and wife and father and son. This warlike feeling is going on. This is called davanala, a forest fire. No one goes to the forest to set fire, but automatically, by the friction of dried bamboo, sparks arise, and the forest catches fire.
Similarly, although we do not want unhappiness, by our dealings we create enemies, and there is fighting and war. This is called samsara-davanala. This forest fire of material existence goes on perpetually, and the authorized person who can deliver you from this fire is called guru, the spiritual master.

How does he deliver you? What is his means? Consider the same example. When there is a fire in the forest, you cannot send a fire brigade or go there yourself with bucketfuls of water to extinguish it. That is not possible. Then how will it be extinguished? You need water to extinguish fire, but where will the water come from—from your bucket or your fire brigade? No, it must come from the sky. Only when there are torrents of rain from the sky will the blazing forest fire be extinguished. These rains from the sky do not depend on your scientific propaganda or manipulation. They depend on the mercy of the Supreme Lord. So the spiritual master is compared to a cloud. Just as there are torrents of rain from a cloud, so the spiritual master brings mercy from the Supreme Personality of Godhead. A cloud takes water from the sea. It doesn't have its own water, but takes water from the sea. Similarly, the spiritual master brings mercy from the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Just see the comparison. He has no mercy of his own, but he carries the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. That is the qualification of the spiritual master.

The spiritual master will never say, “I am God—I can give you mercy.” No. That is not a spiritual master—that is a bogus pretender. The spiritual master will say, “I am a servant of God; I have brought His mercy. Please take it and be satisfied.” This is the spiritual master’s business. He is just like a mailman. When a mailman delivers you some large amount of money, it is not his own money. The money is sent by someone else, but he honestly delivers it—“Sir, here is your money. Take it.” So you become very much satisfied with him, although it is not his money he is giving you. When you are in need and you get money from your father or someone else—brought by the mailman—you feel very much satisfaction.

Similarly, we are all suffering in this blazing fire of material existence. But the spiritual master brings the message from the Supreme Lord and delivers it to you, and if you kindly accept it, then you’ll be satisfied. This is the business of the spiritual master.

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\text{praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya} \\
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Thus the spiritual master is offered obeisances: “Sir, you have brought mercy from the Supreme Lord; therefore, we are much obliged to you. You have come to deliver us, so we offer our respectful obeisances.” That is the meaning of this verse: the first qualification of the spiritual master, or guru, is that he brings you the message to stop the blazing fire in your heart. This is the test.

Everyone has a blazing fire within his heart—a blazing fire of anxiety. That is the nature of material existence. Always, everyone has anxiety; no one is free from it. Even a small bird has anxiety. If you give the small bird some grains to eat, he’ll eat them, but he won’t eat very peacefully. He’ll look this way and that way—“Is somebody coming to kill me?” This is material existence. Everyone, even a president like Mr. Nixon, is full of anxieties. What to speak of others. Even Gandhi, in our country—he was full of anxiety. All politicians are full of anxiety. They may hold a very exalted post, but still the material disease—anxiety—is there. So if you want to be anxiety-less, then you must take shelter of the guru, the spiritual master. And the test of the guru is that by following his instructions you’ll be free from anxiety. This is the test. Don’t try to find a cheap guru or a fashionable guru. Just as you sometimes keep a dog as a fashion, if you want to keep a guru as a fashion—“I have a guru”—that will not help. You must accept a guru who can extinguish the blazing fire of anxiety within your heart. That is the first test of the guru.

The second test is, mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita-vaditra-madyan-manso rasena. The second symptom of the guru is that he is always engaged in chanting, glorifying Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu—that is his business. Mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita. The spiritual master is dancing and chanting the holy name of the Lord, because that is the remedy for all calamities within this material world.

At the present moment, no one can meditate. The so-called meditation now popular in the West is humbug. It is very difficult to meditate in this disturbing age of Kali [the age of quarrel and hypocrisy]. Therefore shastra [scripture] says, krte yad dhayyato visnum. In the Satya-yuga [the age of truth], when people used to live for one hundred thousand years, Valmiki Muni attained perfection by meditating for sixty thousand years. But now we have no guarantee that we are going to live for sixty years or even sixty hours. So meditation is not possible in this age. In the next age [the Treta-yuga], people performed rituals, as they are described in the Vedic shastra. Tretayam yajato makhaih. Makhaih means performing big, big sacrifice. That requires huge amounts of money. In the present
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age people are very poor so they cannot perform these sacrifices. Dvapare paricaryayam—in the Dvapara-yuga [the age just prior to the present age] it was possible to worship the Deity opulently in the temple, but nowadays in the Kali-yuga, that is also an impossible task. Therefore, the general recommendation is kalau tad dhari-kirtanat: in this age of Kali one can attain all perfection simply by chanting the holy names of the Lord. The Krishna conscious movement is meant to spread chanting. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu inaugurated this movement of chanting and dancing. It has been going on for last five hundred years. In India it is popular, but in the Western countries have just introduced it five or six years ago. Now people are taking to it they are feeling happy. This is the process. Therefore, the guru is always engaged in chanting. Mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita—chanting and dancing. Unless he performs it himself, how can he teach his disciples? So his first symptom is that he will give you such instructions that immediately you will feel relief from all anxiety, and his second symptom he is always personally engaged in chanting the holy name of the Lord and dancing. Mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita-vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena: spiritual master enjoys transcendental bliss within his mind by chanting and dancing. Unless you become blissful, you cannot dance. You cannot dance artificially. When devotees dance, it is not artificial. They feel some transcendental bliss, and therefore they dance. It is not that they are dancing dogs. No. Their dancing is performed from the spiritual platform. Romanca-kampasru-taranga bhajah. There are sometimes transformations of the body with spiritual symptoms—sometimes crying, sometimes the hairs standing on end. There are so many symptoms. These are natural. These symptoms are not imitated, but when one is spiritually advanced, they are visible.

The third symptom of the guru is:

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sri-vigraharaadhana-nitya-nana-
srngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau
yuktasya bhaktams ca niyunjato 'pi
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam
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The spiritual master’s duty is to engage the disciples in worshiping the Deity, sri-vigraha. In all of our one hundred centers, we engage in Deity worship. Here in Stockholm this worship has not yet been fully established, but we worship the pictures of Lord Chaitanya and the guru. In other centers, such as the ones in England and America, there is Deity worship, sri-vigraharaadhana-nitya-nana-srngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau: Deity worship means to dress the Deity very nicely, to cleanse the temple very nicely, to offer nice foodstuffs to the Deity, and to accept the remnants of the Deity’s foodstuffs for our eating. This is the method of Deity worship. Deity worship is done by the guru himself, and he also engages his disciples in that worship. This is the third symptom. The fourth symptom is:

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catur-vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada- 
svadv-anna-trptan hari-bhakta-sanghan 
krvaiva trptim bhajatah sadaiva 
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam
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The spiritual master encourages distribution of prasada (remnants of Krishna's foodstuffs) to the public. Ours is not dry philosophy—simply talk and go away. No. We distribute prasada, very sumptuous prasada. In every temple, we offer prasada to anyone who comes. In each and every temple we already have from fifty to two hundred devotees, and outsiders also come and take prasada. So prasada distribution is another symptom of the guru.

If you eat bhagavat-prasada, then gradually you become spiritualized; it has this potency. Therefore it is said that realization of God begins with the tongue. Sevonmuke hi jihvadau: if you engage your tongue in the service of the Lord, then you realize God. So what is that engagement of the tongue? You chant the holy name of the Lord, and you take this prasada, remnants of foodstuffs offered to the Lord. Then you become self-realized, God-realized—by these two methods. You don't have to be very highly educated or be a philosopher, a scientist, or a rich man to realize God. If you just sincerely engage your tongue in the service of the Lord, you will realize Him. It is so simple. It is not very difficult. Therefore the guru, the spiritual master, introduces this prasada programme. Svadv-anna-trptan hari-bhakta-sanghan: Hari-bhakta-sanghan means "in the association of devotees." You cannot do it outside. Krtraiva trptim bhajatah sadaiva: when the guru is fully satisfied that prasada distribution is going on, he is very much pleased, and he engages himself in the devotional service of the Lord by chanting and dancing. This is the fourth symptom.

The fifth symptom is:

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sri-radhika-madhavayor apara-
madhurya-lila guna-rupa-namnam 
prati-ksanasvadana-lolupasya 
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam
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Sometimes he is thinking about Krishna’s pastimes with the cowherd boys. The spiritual master is always thinking of the pastimes of Krishna with His consort Srimati Radharani and the gopis.

The spiritual master’s ultimate goal is that he wants to be transferred to the planet of Krishna, where he can associate with the gopis to help them serve Krishna. Some spiritual masters are thinking of becoming assistants to the gopis, some are thinking of becoming assistants to Nanda and Mother Yashoda, and some are thinking of becoming God’s servants. Some are thinking of becoming flower trees, fruit trees, calves, or cows in Vrindavana. There are five kinds of mellows: shanta [veneration], dasya [servitorship], sakhyo [friendship], vatsalya [parenthood], and madhurya [conjugal love]. Everything is there in the spiritual world. Chintamani-prakara-sadmasu: in the spiritual sky, even the land is spiritual. The trees are spiritual, the fruit is spiritual, the flowers are spiritual, the water is spiritual, the servants are spiritual, the friends are spiritual, the mothers are spiritual, the fathers are spiritual, the Lord is spiritual, and His associates are spiritual. It is all absolute, although there are varieties.

In the material world these spiritual varieties are merely reflected, just like trees on a riverbank. A tree is reflected in the water, but reflected how? Upside down. Similarly, this material world is a reflection of the spiritual world, but a perverted reflection. In the spiritual world there is love between Radha and Krishna. Krishna is always young—nava-yauvana. And Radharani is always young, because She is Krishna’s pleasure potency. Sri-radhika-madhavayor apara. Jaya radha-madhava. We worship not Krishna alone but Krishna with His eternal consort Srimati Radharani. There is eternal love between Radharani and Krishna. Therefore the Vedanta-sutra says, janmady asya yatah: the Absolute Truth is that from which everything emanates. In this world we find love between mother and son, love between wife and husband, love between master and servant, between friend and friend, between the master and the dog or the cow. But these are only reflections of the spiritual world. Krishna is also the good lover of the animals, the calves and cows. Just as here we love dogs and cats, there Krishna loves cows and calves. You have seen this in pictures of Krishna. So the propensity to love even an animal is there in the spiritual world. Otherwise, how can it be reflected? This world is simply a reflection. If in the reality there is nothing like that, how can it be reflected here? So everything is there in the spiritual world. But to understand that original propensity to love, you have to practice Krishna consciousness.

Here in this world we are experiencing frustration. Here we love—a man loves a woman, or a woman loves a man—but there is frustration. After some time they are divorced, because their love is a perverted reflection. There is no real love in this world. It is simply lust. Real love is in the spiritual world, between Radha and Krishna. Real love is there between Krishna and the gopis. Real love is there in the friendship between Krishna and His cowherd boys. Real love is there between Krishna and the cows and calves. Real love is there between the trees, flowers, and water. In the spiritual world, everything is love. But within this material world, we are satisfied merely by the reflection of the things in the spiritual world. So, now that we have this opportunity of human life, let us understand Krishna. That is Krishna consciousness—let us understand Krishna. And as the Bhagavad-gita [4.9] says, janma karma ca me divyam evam yo vetti tattvatah—you should understand Krishna in truth, not superficially. Learn the science of Krishna. This is the instruction—you should simply try to love Krishna. The process is that you worship the Deity, you take prasada, you chant Krishna's holy names, and you follow the instruction of the spiritual master. In this way you'll learn how to understand Krishna, and then your life will be successful. This is our Krishna consciousness movement. Thank you very much.

Sri Prabhupada, the founder-acharya of ISKCON, has delivered more than 1500 lectures on Vedic scriptures like Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam and Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita. The audio recording of his lectures are available in ISKCON centers. You can also hear some of these lectures in www.iskconbangalore.org/srila-prabhupada-lectures
Srila Prabhupada: You're saying we can see the Lord only by consulting the scriptures and the succession of bonafide spiritual masters. But supposedly, Lord Krishna is eternal or indestructible. So surely He must be existing today. Which means we should be able to see Him now.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, Krishna is existing. For instance, the sun is existing, but at night you have no eyes to see the sun. That does not mean the sun does not exist. It is your deficiency—at night you cannot see the sun.

Srila Prabhupada: Whatever it may be. The thing is, although the sun is always existing, you require qualification to see the sun at night. Similarly, although Krishna always exists, you must be qualified to see Him in the night of this material world.

That qualification is described in the Brahma-samhita: premanjana-ccurita-bhakti-vilocanena santah sadaiva hrdayesu vilokayanti. Those who are saintly persons and in ecstatic love with Krishna—they are seeing Him twenty-four hours a day. That is not very difficult to understand. If you love somebody, you are seeing him or her always. Is it not?
“I give intelligence.” Unless He talks, how can He give intelligence—“You do this”? So you have to qualify yourself to see and hear Krishna. But Krishna is always present.

Reporter 5: Your Divine Grace, there are many svamis and gurus and religious people throughout the world. How does one know which is the true guru—the one who can help one qualify oneself to see and hear Krishna?

Srila Prabhupada: One who knows Krishna—he is the true guru. Otherwise, he’s a rascal. That’s all.

Reporter 5: But what is the test of a true guru?

Srila Prabhupada: He will describe about Krishna. He will ask you to become a devotee of Krishna. His business is to propagate consciousness of Krishna. That is the symptom of the guru.

Reporter 7: Srila Prabhupada, if we don’t know what Krishna is and still we get a bona fide spiritual master, then what do we call that? Our good fortune?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. That is stated in Chaitanya-caritamrta: brahmanda bhramite kona bhagyanav jiva guru-krishna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija: “The living entity is wandering throughout the universe, life after life. By the mercy of the guru and Krishna, he gets the seed of devotional service to the Lord.” [To disciple:] Read the explanation given in The Teachings of Lord Chaitanya.

Disciple: “Within this brahmanda, or universe, there are innumerable living entities, ...”

Srila Prabhupada: Yes.

Disciple: “...and according to their own fruitive activities they are transmigrating from one species of life to another, and from one planet to another. In this way their engagement in material existence is being continued since time immemorial. The living entities are atomic parts and parcels of the Supreme Spirit. There is, however, a measurement for the length and breadth of the atomic spiritual spark. It is said in the commentary to Srimad-Bhagavatam (10.87.36) that if you divide the tip of a hair into one hundred parts, and again if you divide one part of that into another one hundred parts, such one-ten-thousandth part of the tip of a hair is the length and breadth of the individual soul. This is also confirmed in the Vedas, in the Shvetasvatara Upanishad.

“The atomic magnitude of the individual living entity is again described in the Srimad-Bhagavatam (10.87.30), as follows: ‘O Supreme Truth! If the living entities were not infinitesimal living sparks of the Supreme Spirit, then each minute spark would be all-pervading, and there would be no necessity of its being controlled by superior power.’ ”

Srila Prabhupada: That is very important. Otherwise, if you the living entity were equal to the Supreme Being, then, for example, you could talk of everything that is going on in another’s mind or body. But you cannot say what I am thinking. I cannot say what you are thinking. Therefore, you and I are not all-pervading. We are limited. That is the position of the living entity. This is a very nice example. [To disciple:] Go on.

Disciple: “But if the constitution of the living entity is accepted as being the minute part and parcel of the Supreme Lord, then automatically he becomes a controlled living entity under supreme energy or power. This is his constitutional position. Therefore, if he remains as he is created in that natural position, he can attain full freedom.”

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. We are created as being controlled. So instead of aspiring to become the controller, if we remain controlled, that is our natural position. But some rascals—they are trying to become the controller.

“But if you are God, then how have you become a dog?”

This is going on. These cheating, so-called gurus—do they not say, “I am God”? Do they not say, “I am God, you are God, everyone is God”?

Reporter 3: Some might say that, but . . .

Srila Prabhupada: So some so-called gurus do say that. I am talking about that “some.” Not all of them are foolish. So these foolish persons—they say that “I am God, you are God, everyone is God.” That is foolishness. We are not God. We are part and parcel of God. We are qualitatively one with Him—but we are not the Supreme Being.

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Riding the Whirlwind Demon
The Transcendental Pastimes of Lord Krishna

The whirlwind demon intended to take Krishna up in the sky and kill Him, but Krishna was simply enjoying the ride....

by Drutakarma dasa

When Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, came to this earth five thousand years ago, He played as a cowherd boy in the north Indian village of Vrindavana. To please the great souls who appeared as His boyfriends and girlfriends and His father and mother, He displayed many wonderful pastimes. In India most people are familiar with Krishna’s activities, and traditionally they celebrate them through music, dance, drama, and literature. In Bhagavad-gita the Lord assures us that anyone who meditates on these pastimes can rejoin Him as one of His eternal companions in the spiritual world.

When Krishna was a mere infant, He killed the witch Putana, who had tried to make Him suck her poison-smereared breast. Soon afterward Krishna foiled Sakatasura (the cart demon), and when He was barely one year old He killed the Trinavartasura (the whirlwind demon).

Just after baby Krishna turned three months old. His mother Yashoda noticed that He was slanting His body in an attempt to rise and turn around. To celebrate this auspicious sign, she arranged to observe the Vedic ceremony called utthana, a bathing ritual performed when a child is due to leave the house for the first time. So mother Yashoda called together the neighbourhood women to assist her. Brahmaṇa priests also came, and they chanted Vedic hymns while bands of musicians played instruments and sang.

During the ceremony mother Yashoda saw that baby Krishna was falling asleep, and she placed Him in a cradle underneath a household cart. While the child slept, Mother Yashoda became absorbed in receiving guests, garlanding them with flowers, and offering them presents. When Krishna awoke. He began crying for His mother. He wanted to drink the milk from her breast. But Mother Yashoda was busy elsewhere and could not hear Him. All of a sudden, Krishna threw His legs upward and struck the cart. Although His legs were tiny and very soft, the cart turned over violently and collapsed. The wheels separated from the axle, the hubs and spokes fell apart, and the pole of the handcart broke. On the cart were many utensils made of various metals, and all of them scattered hither and thither.

When Mother Yashoda, her husband Nanda Maharaja, and all their guests saw the situation, they began to wonder aloud: “Is this the work of some demon or evil planet?” Then the small children present said, “As soon as baby Krishna kicked the cart’s wheel, the cart collapsed. There is no doubt about it.” But the adults could not believe that little Krishna had such inconceivable power.

Mother Yashoda called for the brahmaṇa priests and had them chant mantras to counteract the influence of the bad planet she believed to be the cause of the accident. Meanwhile the stout, strong cowherd men put the pots and other utensils back on the cart and set it up as before. Then Krishna’s father Nanda Maharaja took his child on his lap and bathed Him with water mixed with pure herbs.

Actually, the cart had been haunted by the ghostly demon Sakatasura. Since he was without a body of his own, the ghost had taken shelter of the handcart and had been waiting for a chance to do some mischief to Krishna. But when Krishna kicked the haunted cart with His small, delicate legs, Sakatasura was immediately pushed down to the ground and killed. An ordinary infant would not have been able to do such a thing, but Krishna was more than able, because He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Also, when the cart collapsed, an ordinary child would surely have been injured, but Krishna came out unhurt—in fact, He thoroughly enjoyed the whole episode.

Not long afterward, when Krishna was a year old, Mother Yashoda was playing with Him on her lap. Sometimes a mother lifts her child, and when the child falls in her hands, the child laughs, and the mother also enjoys pleasure. Yashoda was doing this, but suddenly she felt Krishna to be heavier than a mountain peak, and she could no longer bear His weight. Krishna had exercised His inconceivable potencies and had mystically assumed the weight of the universe. It seems that Krishna was aware that the whirlwind demon Trinavarta was coming to take Him away. Not wanting His mother to suffer any difficulty from the demon, He became so heavy that she had to put Him down.

But Mother Yashoda couldn’t understand what was really happening. She called the brahmaṇa priests to chant hymns for her son’s safety. Then, while Krishna was sitting on the ground, the Trinavarta demon came as a whirlwind and very easily carried Him into the air. This
rathe ca vamanam
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Simply by seeing the Lord on the chariot, one makes advancement for stopping the repetition of birth and death.

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was another demonstration of Krishna’s mystic potencies. One moment He had become heavier than the whole universe, so that His mother would have to set Him down, and the next moment He became lighter than a piece of grass, so that Trinavarta could carry Him away. This was all ananda-chinmaya-rasa—Krishna’s blissful, transcendental pleasure.

Covering the whole land with clouds of dust, the demon obscured everyone’s vision and began vibrating everywhere with a fearful sound. For a moment the whole pasturing ground was overcast with dense darkness from the dust storm. Mother Yashoda could not find her son, nor could she understand why. She

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Located in the Vishnu Kanchi part of Kanchipuram is the temple of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Pandava-doota Perumal, locally known as Thirupadagam Temple.

The Legend

The pastime and the form of the Supreme Lord in this temple has to do with the Shanti Parva of Mahabharata, where Krishna goes to Hastinapura on behalf of the Pandavas as their shanti doota or peace messenger. The Lord went to the court of Dhritarashtra with Satyaki and Kritavarma. He addressed Dhritarashtra as follows in a voice that was loud enough for everyone to hear, “My dear king of the Kuru dynasty, I have come to Hastinapura for the purpose of establishing peace between the Pandavas and the Kauravas. The Kuru dynasty has a history of spotless glory, and all of its descendants have been great kings who are worthy of their legendary fame. Now, it would be a shame if you were to perform some act which is not at all befitting your great Kuru dynasty. Maharaja Dhritarashtra, you should restrain your selfish son, for he is acting most abominably towards his cousins. The blame for the present danger rests entirely upon your shoulder if not upon your sons’, and a great slaughter will happen if you do not accept a peaceful settlement. However, we can still rectify everything, for if you bring your sons to extend friendship with the Pandavas, then I will pacify the Pandavas. Oh Maharaja, don’t you see what a glorious position you would be in, if you had both the Pandavas and your sons at your side? You will securely control the kingdom of the entire earth, and thus you will live very peacefully and happily. On the other hand, how can you expect to become happy by allowing either your sons or the Pandavas to be killed in battle? You should avoid mass destruction by establishing peaceful relations with the sons of Pandu. Now, I shall
repeat the message which the Pandavas send to you:

Yudhistira, the eldest of Pandavas says, ‘O venerable uncle, we have successfully completed our term of exile which we underwent at your command. Now, you should keep your part of the agreement by giving us back our kingdom. We assure you that if you do so, then we shall always remain very obedient toward you.’ 

Lord Sri Krishna then appealed to the entire assembly, “My dear respected kings, I urge all of you to follow the virtuous path after considering what is justly deserved by the Pandavas.” Turning once again to Dhritarashtra, Lord Sri Krishna then concluded, “O descendent of King Bharatha, you must remember how, after your sons had tried to burn the Pandavas to death, they had still returned to Hastinapura and placed their full trust in you, as if nothing had ever happened. O Maharaja, I desire the welfare of both your sons and those of your brother, Pandu. The Pandavas are prepared to either serve you or fight against your sons, and so it is now up to you to adopt whichever path you feel.” All of the assembled kings applauded Lord Sri Krishna’s reasonable words, but still, no one dared to speak out against Duryodhana in his presence, for they knew the anger of Duryodhana.

Narada Muni then informed Duryodhana, “O descendent of Bharatha Maharaja, the difficulties which were experienced by Yayati were due to obstinacy and pride. Therefore, you should be intelligent enough to avoid unnecessary suffering by discarding these two faults and giving up all enmity towards the Pandavas.” Duryodhana replied, “O Narada, I fully appreciate the value of your words, but unfortunately, it is not within my power to follow such good instructions.” Dhritarashtra then said to Sri Krishna, “My dear Lord, O best in the Yadu kula, You have come here to offer us advice which is fraught with wisdom and virtue, and Your intention is certainly to benefit both my sons and the sons of Pandu. Still, because my son Duryodhana is not cooperative, I am not free to implement Your proposals. Therefore, please try to persuade my wicked son that he should obey my commands and listen to the advice of his elders such as Vidura, Bhishma, and his mother Gandhari.” Lord Sri Krishna then turned to Duryodhana and, addressing him in a very sweet voice, He said, “O Prince Duryodhana, you should avail yourself of the opportunity to take the virtuous path by making peace with the Pandavas. I am sure that even you will admit that there is a distinction between noble and abominable behaviour. It is My duty to warn you that you are leading yourself towards destruction. Can’t you see how you are foolishly discarding the advice of wise and elderly persons and instead, taking the council of wicked and inferior men? Those who actually know their self-interest, strive for dharma. Just remember what happened to all of the Kurus when they attempted
to attack Virata's kingdom. I can assure you that Arjuna is capable of killing all of the Kauravas, and thus you are simply hoping for victory. Only by making peace with the Pandavas will you be able to enjoy the prosperity which you will highly cherish. On the other hand, if you fight with the Pandavas, then you will reap the infamous reputation of being the destroyer of the Kuru dynasty.

Bhishma then said, "O Duryodhana, you should follow Lord Sri Krishna's advice and cast off your anger and malice. Only by doing so can you avoid causing the extermination of your race and thus plunge your poor father into grief." Drona then added, "O Prince, you can rest assured that what Lord Sri Krishna and Bhishma are saying is for your benefit. Therefore, please give up your stubbornness and follow their good advice." Vidura then commented, "O Duryodhana, I do not grieve for you as much as I do for your elderly parents, for, after the annihilation of all their sons, they will be without protectors."

Dhritarashtra then said, "My dear son, you should accept Lord Sri Krishna's advice and make friends with the Pandavas. Otherwise, if you fight with them, neither victory nor happiness shall ever be yours." Bhishma and Drona then once again spoke, urging Duryodhana to go and embrace Maharaja Yudhishtra while there was still time. However, all of these words were very disagreeable to the son of Dhritarashtra, who then replied, "O Sri Krishna, you are unnecessarily finding fault with me alone. I do not see that I have ever done anything wrong. Did not the Pandavas willingly gamble at dice? Now, they have become very weak, and they are devoid of allies. Therefore, I shall never bow down to Yudhishtra simply on the basis of threats or strong words. I am confident that even the great demigods cannot defeat Bhishma, Drona, Kripa, and Karna. And, besides, even if all of the Kurus are killed in battle, that is also glorious, for such a heroic death on the battlefield awards one eternal residence in heaven. It is the duty of a kshatriya to lay down his life on the battlefield rather than bow down to his enemies.

The half of the Kuru kingdom that was formerly given to the Pandavas by my father will never be returned by me for as long as I live! Indeed, I am not even willing to give the Pandavas the amount of land which can be pierced by the sharp point of a needle!"

statement, there was a tense silence in the royal assembly. Lord Sri Krishna, His eyes distinctly red with anger, then replied, "Duryodhana, I can positively assure you that all of the Kurus will very soon lay down their lives in battle. You claim that you are faultless, but it was due to enviousness of the Pandavas' superior prosperity that you conspired with Shakuni to cheat them out of their kingdom. Don't you remember how you had Draupadi dragged out into the assembly of Kurus, so that she could be abused with such vile and cruel language? The words which you spoke at that time were only capable of being uttered by a person who is totally despicable and heartless. Don't you remember how you repeatedly tried to murder the Pandavas in your youth? You may not be willing to voluntarily give the sons of Pandu back their rightful share of the kingdom, but you will be forced to do so anyway when you lie down dead on the battlefield!" At this point, Dushyasana spoke up, saying, "My dear elder brother, if you do not voluntarily make peace with the Pandavas, then all of the elderly Kurus will surely bind you up and hand you over for necessary action!"

Duryodhana was already breathing very heavily due to his repressed anger. Then he ordered the soldiers to arrest Sri Krishna!
Dhritarashtra was very angry at Duryodhana, so he chastised him with strong words, “My son, you are a most sinful wretch, and you are surrounded by the most despicable and evil-minded councilors! How can you dare to even think of harming Lord Sri Krishna, Who is unconquerable even by the greatest demigods? You are infamy personified, having appeared in our dynasty, for only you would stoop so low as to attempt such a dastardly act. Indeed, you are not only wicked, but you are also the greatest fool, for you are trying to accomplish the impossible, like a child attempting to catch the moon.” Vidura then said, “O Duryodhana, you should consider how Lord Sri Krishna has already killed so many demons. Sri Krishna also defeated all of the combined demigods at the time when He forcibly took away the pari jatha flower from heaven for the satisfaction of Satyabhama. Are you actually so stupid that you cannot see how you will also be vanquished if you go ahead and try to capture Him?” Lord Sri Krishna then said, “My dear Duryodhana, due to gross ignorance, you think that I am alone, and for this reason you dare to contemplate taking Me captive.” Then, with an outburst of laughter, Lord Sri Krishna declared, “It is I Who am the complete whole, and all of the demigods, demons, the Pandavas, and even yourselves are My separated parts and parcels!” While Lord Sri Krishna was thus speaking, innumerable manifestations of demigods suddenly streamed forth from His body with blazing splendour. Indeed, Brahma came out from Lord Sri Krishna’s forehead, and Rudra appeared from His chest. Agni blazed forth from His mouth as did limitless Vasus, Adityas, Sadhyas, Marutis, Yakshas, Gandharvas, and Rakshasas. Balarama appeared from Lord Sri Krishna’s left arm, bearing His plow weapon, and Arjuna came out from His right arm, holding the Gandiva bow. The other Pandavas were situated behind Lord Sri Krishna.
and the Yadus, headed by Pradyumna, were in front. All of these myriad forms were splendidous and multi-coloured, and they were beautifully dressed and decorated with ornaments and garlands. Then, while expanding Himself greatly, Lord Sri Krishna exhibited numberless arms, each of which held a different weapon; and from His eyes, ears, and other bodily parts, issued forth sparks and smoke. Indeed, from every pore of Lord Sri Krishna’s body, flames and sparks emanated like brilliant sun rays, and when the assembled kings saw this most wondrous manifestation, they closed their eyes out of fear. Only Bhishma, Drona, Vidura and Sanjaya could bear to behold this dazzling effulgent form, because Lord Sri Krishna had blessed them with divine vision for the occasion. Drums were then heard beating in heaven, and flowers showered down from above as the entire earth trembled and the seas became highly agitated. Thereafter, Lord Sri Krishna withdrew His universal form while all of the assembled kings remained standing like statues, being struck with wonder. Lord Sri Krishna then took permission from the rishis and left the hall.

This vision of the Supreme Lord was described to Janamanjeya, the son of Parikshit. Janamanjeya was eager to see this form of the Lord and he came down upon the advise of Shukamuni, to Kanchipuram, which is one of the seven moksha sthalams, and did penance for the darshana of the Lord as shanti doota or Pandava doota or the messenger of Pandavas. The Supreme Lord explained to Janamanjeya that he wouldn’t be able to bear the sight of the universal form or virat rupa of the Lord, but promised to give darshana of a miniature form of the same, which he could worship in his palace. Thus appeared the Deity of Thirupadagam, the virat rupa of Krishna.

The Temple
The main entrance of the temple faces east and the temple has a rectangular plan. The temple has a four-tiered rajagopuram and a single prakaram enclosed within the walls. The maha mantapa is believed to have been built by the Cholas, while the adjacent hall was built during the period of the Vijayanagara Empire. The central shrine of the temple has the large transcendental presiding Deity of Pandava Doothar. The Deity is about 8 meters high in sitting form. Such a large historical Deity of Krishna is one of it’s kind and was worshipped by Janamanjeya. The Deity is seen seated in arda padmasana posture. Since Krishna appeared in His two-handed form in the court of Hastinapur, there are only two hands to the Deity. His right palm depicts the abhaya mudra for protection and His left arm depicts varada mudra for giving boons. The shrine faces east and the vimana of the temple is called Bhadra Vimana. The preceding hall to the main sanctum, mukha mantapa, has the stage for the festival Deities of the temple and Alwars. The most prominent of them is of Arulala Permula Emburamanar, the disciple of Ramanuja, whose deity is rarely found in other Vishnu temples. The shrine of Rukmini is located to the south of the main shrine and has the Deity of Rukmini Devi. There are modern
additions like the Deity of Chakrathalwar with a Deity of Narasimha on the reverse, located behind the main shrine. Matsya Theertham, the temple tank, is located on the north eastern side of the temple.

Festivals
The major festival of the temple is Krishna Janmasthami, celebrated during the Tamil month of Aavani (August - September). The other major festival of the temple is celebrated during Bharani of Karthigai (November–December), in honour of Arulala Perumal Emperumanar.

Arulala Perumal Emperumanar Jeeyar
Born in Vinjimur in Andhra Pradesh, he was originally known as Yagya Murthy and was a mayavada follower. He once went to the Ganges for pilgrimage, won many scholars there and became a mayavada sannyasi. He acquired great fame and many disciples due to his vast knowledge in shastras. Hearing about Ramanujacharya's glories, Yagya Murthy desired to debate with him. He prepared many books, had them carried by his many disciples and arrived at Srirangam to meet Ramanujacharya.

Ramanuja welcomed Yagya Murthy and they made an arrangement to debate for 18 days. Yagya Murthy declared that if he was defeated he would change his name to reflect Ramanuja's name, carry the sandals of Ramanuja on his head and become a disciple of Ramanuja. Meanwhile Ramanuja declared that if he was defeated he would give up touching any Vedic scripture.

The debate started and went on for 16 days in Thirupadagam divya desam. Both of them debated eloquently and furiously like two elephants fighting each other. On the 17th day, it appeared that Yagya Murthy was gaining an upper hand. Ramanuja became a bit worried and left for his matha. At night, Ramanuja meditated on Varadaraja Perumal (his personal worshipable Deity, the Lord of Kanchipuram) and asked Him if he would end up losing the debate, which would lead to the downfall of the great Vaishnava theology which was nourished by great Vaishnava acharyas. He also worried that he would become the reason for such downfall. Varadaraja Perumal appeared in Ramanuja's dream subsequently and told him not to worry, that this was a divine pastime to bring a great scholar like Yagya Murthy, (who is adequately intelligent and brilliant) to Ramanuja. He instructed Ramanuja to use Yamunacharya's refutations for mayavada philosophy and defeat Yagya Murthy in the debate. Ramanuja trusted the supreme Will of Varadaraja Perumal and continued to recite Krishna's holy names until early morning, performed Deity worship and arrived for the debate for the last (18th) day majestically. Yagya Murthy, being an intellectual, right away recognised the lustre and knowledge in Ramanuja, fell at his lotus feet, kept Ramanuja's sandals on his head and accepted his defeat. When Ramanuja asked if he wanted to debate further, Yagya Murthy says, "No need to debate further."

But out of his mercy, Ramanuja still explained the Sri Vaishnava philosophy. Yagya Murthy requested Ramanuja to give him proper sannyasa initiation. Ramanuja obliged and gave him the tridanda, naming him Arulala Perumal Emperumanar, in memory of the favours done by Arulala Perumal, another name for Varadaraja Perumal. Later on, he became a very close disciple of Ramanuja and his specific duty was to arrange all things necessary to perform the daily worship of Ramanuja. Thus Thirupadagam happens to be the place where the great mayavada sannyasi was converted to Sri Vaishnava sannyasi by Ramanujacharya.

Peyalwar, Bhoothathalwar, Thirumazhisai Alwar, Nammalwar and Thirumangai Alwar have sung praise on the different forms of Pandava-doota Perumal in their prabandams.

Photo courtesy: Santhanakrishnan, Srirangam
It was during the auspicious month of Karthika that Lord Krishna saved the Vrajavasis from the wrath of Indra. The Vrajavasis were preparing to offer Indra his annual worship and sacrifice when Lord Krishna told them to direct their offerings to Govardhana Hill instead, as the hill provided the villagers with all that they needed - fresh green grasses for their cows, water from lakes and streams, fruits and flowers from the groves and forests that covered the hill. While the Vrajavasis circumambulated the hill after their worship, keeping their cows in front of them in procession, Lord Krishna appeared from the hill in a gigantic form to accept all the offerings, thus revealing that Govardhana Hill is non-different from Himself. Soon after, when he heard the news of this worship of Govardhana Hill, Indra was furious and sent torrential rainfall to inundate Vrindavana and destroy the villages and people. The Vrajavasis sought Krishna’s protection and He saved them by easily lifting Govardhana Hill on the little finger of His left hand, and holding it up as an umbrella from the storms. Indra’s pride was defeated and he surrendered in submission to Lord Krishna, realizing that the little boy whose instructions the Vrajavasis had followed was none other than his own Supreme Master.

Devotees celebrate Govardhana Puja every year to commemorate this amazing pastime of Lord Krishna. In ISKCON temples around the world, devotees offer a mound of food stuffs or annakoota to the Lord and also perform go-puja on this auspicious day. Here is a photo feature of the celebrations of Govardhana Puja in some of the temples of the Hare Krishna Movement.
fell down on the ground like a cow who has lost her calf, and she began to lament very pitifully. When the force of the dust storm subsided, Yashoda’s friends approached her. Not seeing Krishna, they joined mother Yashoda in crying.

Meanwhile, by his mystic power the whirlwind demon was carrying Krishna high into the sky. But then Krishna suddenly became much heavier, and the demon had to stop in midair. Krishna was challenging Trinavarta to a competition in yogic power, and Trinavarta was doomed to lose, because Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Unfortunately, even today many so-called yogis and babas present themselves as greater than God by showing some insignificant mystic wonder before foolish people who have no knowledge of Krishna. Trinavarta intended to take Krishna up in the sky and kill Him, but Krishna was simply enjoying the ride. Now Trinavarta was falling because of Krishna’s heaviness, and he wanted to save himself by throwing Krishna off from his neck. But he was unable to do so, because Krishna was grasping him by the throat. Unable to make a sound or even move his hands and legs, Trinavarta choked and his eyes popped out. The demon lost his life and fell, along with little Krishna, down to the ground.

While the women who had gathered were crying for Krishna, the demon fell from the sky onto a big slab of stone, smashing and dislocating all his limbs. The astonished cowherd women saw that Krishna was uninjured and free from misfortune and was playing on the demon’s chest very happily. They immediately picked Him up and brought Him back to mother Yashoda. She and Nanda Maharaja and all the inhabitants of Vrindavana were overjoyed.

For thousands of years, sages have meditated upon these pastimes with great pleasure. It is said that both Krishna and those who enjoy Krishna’s pastimes are ananda-chinmaya-rasa—always free from unhappiness and full of transcendental bliss.

“Riding the Whirlwind Demon” was adapted from Srimad-Bhagavatam, translation and commentary by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
ISKCON Bangalore group has awarded sannyasa, or the renounced order of life, to one of its earliest devotees – His Grace Stoka Krishna Dasa Brahmachari. The new monk will now be addressed as His Holiness Stoka Krishna Swami. At a ceremony held recently in the holy town of Vrindavana, Mathura, His Holiness took his renunciate vows in the presence of several senior devotees and the Governing Body members of ISKCON Bangalore.

His Holiness Stoka Krishna Swami was born in the year 1960 in Mysore. After obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from REC Nagpur, he taught for a while at the Malnad Engineering College, Hassan. He also worked for some time with Tata Boroughs Ltd., and then he joined the fledgling Infosys Ltd. While travelling to the U.S. on assignments, he came in touch with ISKCON and his spiritual journey began. Greatly inspired by the dedication of the devotees of ISKCON Bangalore, he joined as a full time missionary there in 1989.

Having served in various capacities for a decade at Bangalore, he started an ISKCON centre in Mysore in 1999. For many years thereafter, he worked to see the centre grow into a large, earnest congregation. In 2014 he was asked to head the Hare Krishna Movement at Chennai and since then has been responsible for the centre’s amazing growth.

His Holiness has a natural talent for devotional singing and oratory, and is the go-to person for scriptural discussion. He has thus also been training novices in all our centres on the philosophy of Krishna consciousness. He has also assumed preaching responsibilities in the holy land of Vrindavana now.

We at Krishna Voice wish His Holiness Stoka Krishna Swami all the very best in his future endeavors, and pray to Lord Krishna to bless him with good health and a long life in His service.
Smt. Chitra and Arvind Sonde donated two food distribution vehicles to Akshaya Patra Foundation.

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**Vishnu Sahasranama Recital**
ISKCON Bangalore organized Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Akhanda Parayana on November 1. About 1100 members from over 30 Bhajana Mandalis participated in the event.

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**Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami**
Sri Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami was a close associate of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He was an expert at reciting Srimad-Bhagavatam. Anything that he cooked would be nectarine.

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**The Best Agent of Krishna**
When jivas forget the service of Krishna, they are confined to the mundane prison house, the citadel of Durga. It is the duty of Durga to purify these penalized jivas.

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**Gita Prachara**
Contribute towards the propagation of the divine teachings of Lord Krishna for the benefit of the people at large on the occasion of Gita Jayanti (December 19, 2018).

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**Peace and tranquility:** ISKCON is a beautiful temple with mesmerizing paintings on its ceiling depicting the playful Krishna and Gopis. The morning Aarti is divine with the music and foot-tapping by the devotees to honor the benevolent Lord Krishna...

- Neha G

**Visit on birthday:** We visited ISKCON early morning at 7:00 AM. It was very serene and peaceful. The prayers were very intriguing and we were fully engrossed. The rush was very limited and we could do peaceful darshans.

- Seaside43677824571

**Temple complex is nice but food is the highlight:** ISKCON temples everywhere are organized unlike well-known old school temples. So you can pray peacefully without being harassed to conduct paid worship. The food counters at the end of the journey offer delightful veg snacks, which you can take away or eat on the spot.

- shardul_bahuguna

**Peaceful and serene:** Beautiful and very peaceful atmosphere. Amazing views. I liked the temple architecture. Felt inner peace, rejuvenation and spiritual.

- jtv021
The doors of Vaikuntha to open soon at ISKCON Bangalore

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is one of the biggest festivals celebrated at ISKCON Bangalore every year. Over one lakh devotees visit the temple on this auspicious day to have darshan of the Lord and seek His blessings. Vaikuntha Ekadashi falls on December 18 this year.

On the day of the festival, the utsava Deities of Sri Sri Radha Krishnachandra adorned gorgeously in Lakshmi Narayana alankara are taken out in a royal procession towards the Vaikuntha dwara early in the morning.

The devotees assembled in front of the Vaikuntha dwara get an opportunity to listen to a short discourse by a senior devotee of the temple while Sri Lakshmi Narayana are being seated on a pedestal at the dwara, behind closed curtains.

The elegantly crafted Vaikuntha dwara, glittering in a golden hue is a visual treat and a prominent part of the celebrations. Preparations to set up this dwara at the entrance of the main temple hall begin well ahead of the festival.

Read the full photo-essay at: https://goo.gl/v1UiG9
In a humble attempt to recognize the important contribution made by unsung heroes in our city, like police personnel, rickshaw drivers, railway porters, paurakarmikas and daily wage workers, ISKCON Bangalore has been awarding scholarships to the students of these families on merit basis. This year, 400 students have been selected from 800 applicants. The scholarships are sponsored by The Learning Society, Bangalore, Sri Srinivasalu Reddy & Himalaya Wellness to help these students to pursue higher education. The total amount awarded is about 45 lakhs. This is an annual feature and this year the cut off percentage was 95%. The entire process has been transparent and conducted online.
The Cultural Education Services (CES) division of ISKCON Bangalore, conducted a 7-day refresher camp for children during the Dasara vacations in the month of October. About 50 children participated in the rejuvenating camp that had Dasara Festival as its central theme.

The camp comprised of soulful kirtans, Bhagavad-gita sloka recitation, blissful mantra meditation, captivating festival-based story telling presented by eloquent devotees of the temple, colourful art and craft, origami and best out of waste modules hosted by a professional team of artists.

The fun-filled camp that created innumerable cherishable moments for the children in the auspicious environment of the temple, concluded, with a grand exhibition of the children's artwork. The children joyfully expressed their eagerness to participate in the next program.

We are pleased to announce our next program Gita Fest 2019. A unique inter-school literary, oratory and art competition for students from Pre-Nursery to Class X.

For more details:
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Sri Krishna Contest & Goloka Shades 2018

ISKCON Mangalore has conducted Sri Krishna contest & Goloka shades on November 16 & 17, 2018. More than 4500 students have participated in this competition.
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