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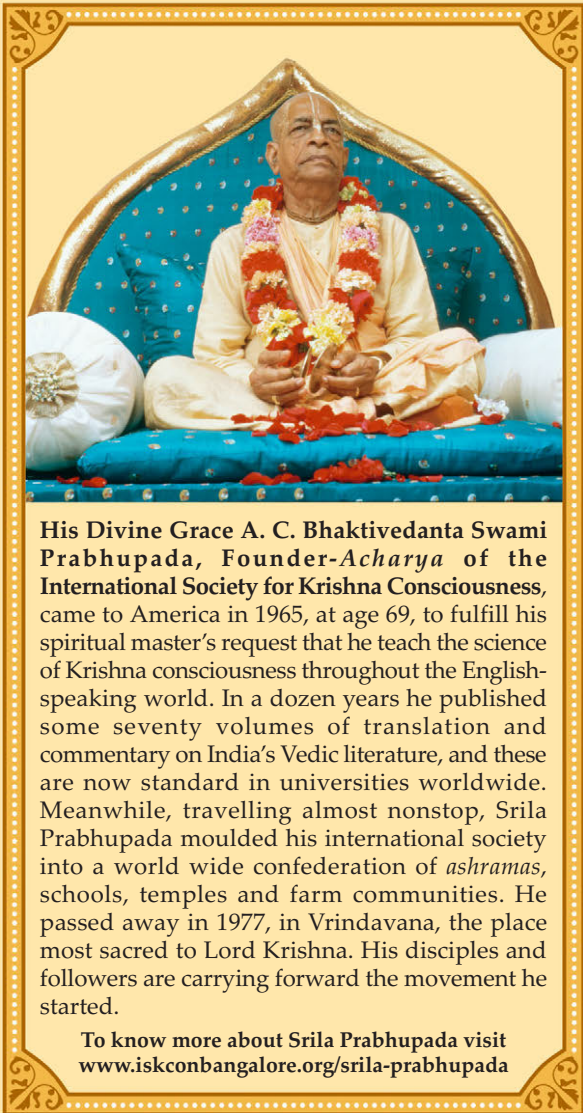
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Activity in Liberation

Action takes on its true purpose for a person with realized knowledge.

A lecture given in London on August 24, 1971

by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

*yah svanubhavam akhila-sruti-saram ekam
adhyatma-dipam atititirsatam tamo 'naham
samsarinam karunayaha purana-guhyam
tam vyasa-sunum upayami gurum muninam*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto him [Shuka], the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyasadeva, who, out of his great compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this *Purana*, supplement to the *Vedas*, the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.”—*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.2.3

These are the qualifications of the spiritual master: *svanubhavam*, “must have assimilated personally,” and *shruti*, “must have heard.”

The *Vedas* are called *shruti* because absolute knowledge has to be learned by hearing, not by speculation. Here Suta Gosvami is offering respect to Shukadeva Gosvami because Shukadeva Gosvami has assimilated the whole Vedic knowledge, or *shruti-sara*. *Sara* means “essence.” What is the ultimate goal of knowledge, the essence of knowledge? That is explained in *Bhagavad-gita*: *vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah*. The real purpose of Vedic knowledge is to search for Krishna.

Shukadeva Gosvami assimilated the Vedic knowledge, and he was searching after Krishna. Although a liberated soul, still he was after Krishna.

To become liberated is not the final stage. Liberation means to understand that one is not the material body. But



that much knowledge is not sufficient; one must also act according to that knowledge. When one is cured of a fever, that is nice. But that is called the convalescent stage. In the convalescent stage, if we do not take care nicely the fever may relapse. Convalescence is a marginal stage. We must come either to the healthy state or to the feverish state.

So even if we are liberated, if we are not engaged in the activities of liberation then we are considered to be in the marginal stage. And the marginal stage means that we may fall into the material condition. *Aruhya krcchrena param padam tatah patanty adho 'nadrta-yusmad-anhrayah*. *Krcchrena* means “with great difficulty.” Philosophers try with great difficulty to understand the Absolute Truth by mental speculation. But simply by mental speculation you cannot stay in that understanding. Or, in other words, by theoretical knowledge you cannot escape. Knowledge must be practiced.

In our Krishna consciousness movement we put the candidate into practice. Without practice, knowledge alone is no good. Simply to become foolishly puffed up—thinking, “I am now liberated”—is not liberation.

That point is explained elsewhere in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. *Ye 'nye 'ravindaksa vimukta-maninah*. *Vimukta-maninah* refers to those who think they have become liberated, such as the Mayavada, or impersonalist, *sannyasis*. They address one another as “Narayana,” implying that everyone has become Narayana, God.

The modern increase of incarnations of God means that the Mayavada philosophy is prevalent, because in the Mayavada philosophy everyone thinks that he is God, Narayana. “I have become Narayana.” No. You cannot become Narayana. You can become Narayana’s *dasa*, the servant of Narayana. That is your healthy state.

Activity after Liberation

Liberation means sufficient knowledge to understand that one is not the body. That is called liberation. After liberation there is activity. That the Mayavadis do not know. They think that after liberation there is no activity. Some of them use the example that when a water pot is full it makes no more sound. But our philosophy is that when one is liberated one’s actual life begins.

What is that actual life? To be engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord. Therefore in the *Bhagavad-gita* Lord Krishna says,

*brahma-bhutaḥ prasannaṭma na socati na kanksati
samah sarvesu bhutesu mad-bhaktim labhate param*

“One who is thus transcendently situated at once realizes the Supreme Brahman and becomes fully joyful. He never laments or desires to have anything. He is equally disposed toward every living entity. In that state he attains pure devotional service unto Me.”

One must realize, assimilate, how he is Brahman, or spirit. Brahman means the Absolute Truth. We living entities, being part and parcel of the Supreme Brahman, Krishna, are certainly Brahman, absolute. There is no doubt about it. But if one stops the activities of Brahman realization, then he falls down.

The Brahman activities are those of devotional service. People may think, “These Krishna conscious people are also working, they are also eating, they are also sleeping, they are also earning money. We are earning money in this way; they are earning money in another way.” So they may see the similarity of action. To fools, karma (fruitive work) and *bhakti* (devotional service) appear the same. But they are not the same. In *bhakti* is the realization that everything belongs to Krishna, whereas on the karma platform, the realization is “Everything belongs to me. It is my house, my money, my child, my country, my society, my property.”

“My” and “I.”

“I am the monarch of all I survey, and I am the proprietor of everything.” This misconception is not there in *bhakti*. In the *bhakti* school everything belongs to Krishna. We don’t take anything as our own. That is called Vaishnava philosophy.

Seeing God

It is stated here *yah svanubhavam*. *Svanubhavam* means “personally convinced.” *Anubhavam*. God can be realized at the present stage by *anubhava*, appreciation. We cannot see God now, but there is no difference between seeing God and appreciating or understanding the nature of God, because God is Absolute. So our business at present is to feel the presence of the Lord in every action.

The presence of the Lord—that is wanted. If you continue in Krishna consciousness, seeing the presence of the Lord in everything, then someday it will be possible for you to see Krishna face to face.



Now we are seeing the Deity of Krishna, so we are seeing Krishna. Here is Krishna. But because we are conditioned souls, sometimes we think, “This is not actually Krishna; this is a statue of Krishna.” But that is not the fact. The fact is that Krishna is one. Krishna is absolute, *advaya-jnana*. He is identical to everything, because everything is a manifestation of His energy.

Energy is not different from the energetic. *Shakti-shaktimatayor abhedam*. The heat and light of the sun appear different from the sun, but actually they are not, because they exist simultaneously with the sun. Wherever there is sun there is heat and light. Or wherever there is heat and light there is sun. In the morning when you see that there is no more darkness you understand that the sun has risen.

Svanubhava means to have no darkness in your heart. When you understand Krishna fully within your heart, your actual liberation is attained.

Giving Knowledge

After assimilating the whole Vedic literature, Shukadeva Gosvami distributed it. That is another instinct of one who has knowledge. If you really have learned the essence of Vedic knowledge, automatically you’ll be inclined to preach it. *Shravanam kirtanam*. *Shravanam* means to hear, to receive the knowledge. And *kirtanam* means to distribute, to describe the knowledge.

Yah svanubhavam akhila-shruti-saram ekam adhyatma-dipam. *Dipam* means “lamp.” *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is just like a lamp in the darkness to see Krishna, or God. And for whom is it meant? *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is not meant for those accustomed to reading nonsense literature. They want to waste their time. They have no engagement. They purchase some book of fiction and read it. But this book—*Srimad-Bhagavatam*—is different from those books. It is meant for persons desiring to get out of this world of ignorance (*tamo 'naham*).

Grham andha-kupam. *Andha* means “blind” or “darkness.” Our materialistic way of life is described as *grham andha-kupam*. Family life is just like a dark well. We are already in darkness, and another darkness is to fall into a dark well. If one falls into a dark well, it is very difficult to get out, because one may cry very loudly and people may not hear.

We are in darkness in the universe. The universe is dark because it is covered. The covering is like a coconut shell. Within a coconut shell it is dark, and outside it is light. Similarly, the universe is just like a coconut, and we are within.

And as a coconut is half full of water, the universe is also half full of water. On that water Lord Garbhodakashayi Vishnu is lying. And from His navel a lotus stem sprouts. Just imagine that within a coconut there is water and someone is lying there and a stem is coming from his navel. The universe is exactly like that.

Outside the universe there is light. Here, within the universe, because it is covered, light is required. Sunlight is required. Moonlight is required. Electricity is required. But in the spiritual world there is no necessity of light—everything there is self-effluent.

Tamasi ma jyotir gama: “Don’t stay in the darkness. Come to the light.” For those who are actually serious to go out of the darkness and go to the light, *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is the lamp.

Samsarinam karunaya. Sainly persons are very compassionate to materialistic men, *samsarinam*. *Samsar* means that people are perpetually wandering within this darkness in different forms of life. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says, *brahmada bhramite:* we are wandering throughout the universe. The modern educational system has no knowledge of this. Modern so-called education teaches, “Our one life is everything. Waste this life by sense gratification, because after death everything is void. Now you have this body, so enjoy your senses.”

That is the materialistic way of life. People have no knowledge that there is life after death. But we should prepare ourselves. We should know what kind of body we shall have in the next life. But instead of understanding these things, people are being carried away by the waves of material nature.

Bhaktivinoda Thakura therefore sings,

(miche) mayar bose, jaccho bhese', khaccho habudubu, bhai
(jiv) krishna-das, e biswas, korle to' ar duhkho nai

Everyone is suffering. Under the influence of maya, the illusory energy, everyone is being carried away by the “waves”—the three modes of material nature—and everyone is suffering. Sometimes we are drowned, sometimes we come up; sometimes relief, sometimes distress. The only way to get out of this anxiety—to stop perpetually being carried away—is to take shelter of Krishna. Krishna says, *sarva-dharmam parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja:* “You are suffering; simply surrender unto Me.”

The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* says the same thing: surrender to Krishna. *Srimad-Bhagavatam* begins, *satyam param dhimahi:* “I offer my respect to the Supreme.” *Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya:* “I offer my respectful obeisances to Lord Vasudeva.” Vasudeva means Krishna.

The Confidential Purana

Samsarinam karunayaha purana-guhyam. The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is also known as the *Bhagavata Purana*. The Mayavadis say that the *Puranas* are stories. No. They are not stories. *Purana* means “to fill, to supplement, to complete.” The *Puranas* are not outside the Vedic literature. *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata*, *Purana*—they all belong to the Vedic literature. The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is called *Maha-purana*, “the great *Purana*.” Why? *Purana-guhyam:* because it is very confidential.

There are three kinds of *puranas:* *sattvika-purana*, for people in the mode of goodness; *rajasika-purana*, for people in the mode of passion; and *tamasika-purana*, for people in the mode of ignorance. The aim of each is to take the reader, according to his quality, to the platform of liberation.

In the *tamasika-puranas* are recommendations to worship goddess Kali. In the *rajasika-puranas* are recommendations to worship demigods in the heavenly planets, such as Indra and Chandra. But in the *sattvika-puranas* only the worship of Lord Vishnu is recommended.

The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is called *purana-guhyam* because in this *purana* you won’t find any recommendation for worshipping any demigod. Simply *satyam param dhimahi*—only the ultimate Absolute Truth, Krishna. *Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya.*

Shukadeva Gosvami first of all spoke *Srimad-Bhagavatam* out of compassion for people suffering material pangs. *Tam vyasa-sunum upayami gurum muninam.* Suta Gosvami says, *gurum muninam:* “Shukadeva Gosvami is not only my guru but the guru of great sages and saintly persons.”

Even Vyasadeva, the compiler of the *Vedas*, considered Shukadeva, his son, greater than himself. When Shukadeva Gosvami appeared in the assembly where many saintly persons were present at the time of

Maharaja Parikshit, all the *munis*, saintly persons, stood up to receive him. Even Vyasadeva stood up. Therefore Shukadeva is *gurum muninam*, the spiritual master of all saintly persons.

[*To disciple:*] Read the purport.

Disciple [*reading*]: “In this prayer Srila Suta Gosvami practically summarizes the complete introduction of the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is the natural supplementary commentary on the *Vedanta-sutras*. The *Vedanta-sutras*, or the *Brahma-sutras*, were compiled by Vyasadeva with a view to presenting just the cream of Vedic knowledge.”

Prabhupada: Yes. First of all there was only one *Veda*, the *Atharva-veda*. Then Vyasadeva divided it by subject into four *Vedas*: *Sama*, *Yajur*, *Atharva*, and *Rg*. Then he explained the *Vedas* through the *Puranas*.

Vyasadeva compiled the *Mahabharata* for the same purpose—to help people understand the Vedic literature. The *Srimad-Bhagavatam* says,

*stri-sudra-dvijabandhunam trayi na sruti-gocara ...
iti bharatam akhyanam krpaya munina krtam*

“Out of compassion, the great sage [Vyasadeva]... compiled the great historical narration called the *Mahabharata* for women, labourers, and friends of the twice-born.”

Vyasadeva summarized the Vedic literature by writing the *Vedanta-sutra*. Still he was not happy, and under the direction of his spiritual master, Narada, he wrote the commentary on the *Vedanta-sutra*: *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.

Go on.

Disciple: “*Srimad-Bhagavatam* is the natural commentary on this cream. Srila Shukadeva Gosvami was a thoroughly realized master of the *Vedanta-sutra*, and consequently he also personally realized the commentary, the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. And just to show his boundless mercy upon bewildered materialistic men who want to cross completely over nescience, he recited for the first time this confidential knowledge.

“There is no point in arguing that a materialistic man can be happy. No materialistic creature, be he the great Brahma or an insignificant ant, can be happy. Everyone tries to make a permanent plan for happiness, but everyone is baffled by the laws of material nature. Therefore the materialistic world is called the darkest region of God’s creation. Yet the unhappy materialists can get out of it simply by desiring to get out. Unfortunately they are so foolish that they do not want to escape.”

Prabhupada: People do not know that escape is possible. They think this life is all. That is their education. They have no knowledge. Although they are suffering at every step, they are making plans in their own way within the material world. Big organizations like UNESCO and others are trying to stop the suffering. Their attempts are described in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* as *charvita-charvananam*: “chewing the chewed.” Our present leaders can see that our previous leaders tried to stop suffering but were unsuccessful, but still they want to try in a different way. If you are really anxious to become free from conditional life, you have to take knowledge from spiritual sources.

Go on.

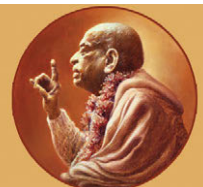
Disciple: “Therefore they are compared to the camel who relishes thorny twigs because he likes the taste of the twigs mixed with blood. He does not realize that it is his own blood and that his tongue is being cut by the thorns.

“Similarly, to the materialist his own blood is as sweet as honey. And although he is always harassed by his own material creations, he does not wish to escape. Such materialists are called *karmis*. Only a few may feel tired of material engagement and desire to get out of the labyrinth.”

Prabhupada: *Bahunam janmanam ante jnanavan mam prapadyate*. After many, many births, those who are intelligent will come to realize, “This material engagement is not the solution. I must take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.”

Thank you very much. Chant Hare Krishna. 🙏

Srila 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



So Easily Cheated and Befooled

This exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of his disciples took place during a morning walk in Denver, Colorado, on June 28, 1975.

Srila Prabhupada: Wherever my books are distributed profusely, our work is successful. People are in gross ignorance, taking this temporary material body and temporary life as everything. A very horrible situation. But these books give scientific self-knowledge from the *Vedas*, knowledge of our actual, spiritual self and our eternal life.

Disciple: But sometimes, Srila Prabhupada, troublemakers come along. In Denver we have to deal with several bogus groups that have made their world headquarters here. One group is led by a chubby self-styled guru who claims he's God. You've seen their magazine, I think, with this fat man dressing like Krishna and even sporting a peacock feather and a flute.

Anyway, these groups put out tons of propaganda. All impersonalism, atheism. "God isn't really a separate person—God is simply everything and everyone. You are God. We are God. And mainly, our leader is God."

Srila Prabhupada: So make propaganda against them very vigorously. These Vedic texts and this disciplic succession both come from Lord Krishna Himself. We have got sound footing. What do these nonsensical rogues have? Show that they are all nonsense, bogus. This fat rogue is God, and his rascal followers are worshiping him as God? This rascaldom is going on in such a cultured, sophisticated city? This rogue is being worshiped as God?

Disciple: Well, to be fair, the local people are disgusted with him. They don't like him at all.

Srila Prabhupada: I'll issue a challenge: "I shall kick this rascal in the face, and if he is God, let him punish me." I am prepared. Let this rascal come out and meet me in public. I shall kick him squarely in the face. Let him do whatever he likes—I am prepared. If he is God, let him kill me by his mantra or by his will. Only then shall I accept him as God. This is my challenge. "I shall kick him in the face in public, and if he is God, let him punish me."

And as for his followers, "You are such fools that you are accepting this scoundrel as God? You belong to America, a nation advanced and sophisticated in so many ways. And yet you have become such utter fools and rascals?" We shall challenge like that. "This rogue has come to cheat you. How have you allowed yourselves to become so easily cheated and befooled?"

Disciple: This supreme being was recently indicted for smuggling, and now there's a warrant out for his arrest.

Srila Prabhupada: All right, so this is my challenge: "Now there is a warrant out for the arrest of the all-powerful one. So? Does he have the power to nullify it? Everyone knows that God is great. Is *he* great? And yet we have to believe he is God? God is such a cheap commodity that you have accepted this pathetic person as God? What is this nonsense—blindly accepting some rascal as God?"

"At the same time, we give you people some credit, since at least you are inquiring about God. But inquire about God through His authorized channels of education, this Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya disciplic succession and this Vedic literature."

[*On seeing a museum of natural history in the park:*] This is a nice park, but what is this natural history exhibition? "Natural history" means Darwin's bogus theory of evolution. People have become captured by this evolution propaganda. That's all. The whole modern civilization is based on Darwin's bogus theory of evolution.

But common sense dictates, How far back can we trace history with any accuracy? Can we trace the history of the sun—when it was created, when it came into existence? Can Darwin give us the history of the sun, of the moon, of the sky?

Where is the history? There *is* such a history, in the Vedic literature. But where is your history? You simply imagine, "There was a chunk, and it exploded and somehow became manifested as the sun and moon and so on and so forth. And gradually these dull material ingredients developed consciousness and ultimately produced living, conscious beings like us. No need for the soul or the Supreme Soul, the creator." What is this nonsense? How, actually, did this cosmic manifestation come into existence? "There was a chunk." What other nonsense do you want us to believe?

[*Chuckling.*] You will find a nice example in one of the texts I have translated today from *Srimad-Bhagavatam*: Just as a prostitute tries to befool people by changing her appearance, so the material nature changes her appearance



to befool us. Bogus gurus, pseudo scientists. And we are so foolish that we are trying to establish a long-term relationship with this prostitute. We are trying to become her husband. Has anyone ever become happy by becoming the husband of a prostitute?

Therefore, Chanakya Pandita says, *dusta bharya satham mitram bhrtyas cottara-dayakah/ sa-sarpe ca grhe vaso mrtyur eva na samsayah*: “If one has a wife who is a prostitute, a friend who is a hypocrite, a servant who is an upstart, or a home with a snake in it, he will die.” He will die; there is no doubt about it. His life will be spoiled. This is Chanakya Pandita’s verdict.

Chanakya also says, *mata yasya grhe nasti bharya capriya-vadini/ aranyam tena gantavyam yatharanyam tatha grham*: “If at home a man does not have an affectionate mother or a wife who speaks sweetly—if, rather, his wife speaks very hotly—then he should give up that home at once and go to the forest. Actually, for him, home is no different than the forest.” [Chuckles.] How intelligent.

Formerly, at least one expected love from one’s mother. That is also being finished. This is the advancement of civilization. Even one’s mother is not reliable—what to speak of others. A small child sleeps soundly on the lap of his mother, because he thinks, “Now I am safe.” But today the mother may kill the child, often with the help of her rascal doctor. This is our modern civilization’s so-called advancement.

Disciple: Srila Prabhupada, in the neighbourhood of our temple, doctors and other supposedly high-class men live.

Srila Prabhupada: The real doctor is he who can cure this material disease of repeated birth and death. What do you think? But you modern people want to be cheated by some pseudo doctor or some pseudo yogi or meditator who is inimical to your real well-being. Therefore, these rascals have gained prominence, by popular support. Only a select group of people have come to me. Otherwise, the mass of people do not understand this Krishna consciousness movement as yet.

Disciple: Well, lots of people just won’t listen to any philosophy.

Srila Prabhupada: That is why they are being cheated so easily by these various scoundrels.

And now people have become so foolish that they cannot understand even the simplest philosophical idea. Not even Krishna’s basic instruction in *Bhagavad-gita*—that just as the baby has his future and the child has his future and the young man his future, so why not the old man? Within this one lifetime, the soul has many little lifetimes, many bodies—as a baby, a child, and so on and so forth—and yet the soul keeps his sense that “After all these changes of body and all these little lifetimes, I am the same person.” So after this life, when the old-man body becomes finished, why not a next life?

Such a dull head these modern people have! If a child says, “No, no, in the future I shall have no new body—I shall remain a child,” is that sensible? And similarly, is it sensible for you to say, “No, no, in the future, after my elderly body is finished, everything will be finished—I shall have no new body”?

So people have become very dull-headed. The simple truth they cannot understand. *Dehino ‘smin yatha dehe kaumaram yauvanam jara/ tatha dehantara praptir*: “As the embodied soul passes, within this lifetime, from one body into another and yet another, so after this lifetime, the soul passes into still another body.” That is the actual situation. The example Krishna gives is so nice and so simple, and yet people cannot understand. What kind of brain do they have? Animal brain.

The only hope is that you continue distributing my books as much as possible, throughout Europe and America and the rest of the world. Someday, people will realize their value. Someday, people will realize what valuable books I have left for the study of the whole world. That day will come. 🙏

Fasting	Festivals
May 12 Ekadashi	May 3 Akshaya Tritiya
May 13 break fast	May 12 Chandan Yatra of Sri Prahlada Narasimha begins (in ISKCON Bangalore)
May 26 Ekadashi	May 14 End of Salagrama & Tulasi Jala Dana
May 27 break fast	May 15 Narasimha Chaturdashi: Appearance of Lord Narasimhadeva Fasting till dusk

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The Deity or *archa vigraha* is the form that the Supreme Lord resides in, to accept the offerings of His devotees and to give them an opportunity to personally relate with Him in this material world. The Vedic scriptures state that worshipping His deity form is non different from worshipping the Lord directly.

Brahmotsava is the commemoration of the installation of the Deities of the temple and is usually a ten-day celebration. This year's celebrations on Hare Krishna Hill began on April 14 and ended on April 25. Every evening, Lord Krishnachandra and Smt Radharani rode on different *vahanas* or carriers, dressed in various *alankaras* depicting Their transcendental pastimes. They then receive *dolotsava seva* accompanied by *sangeetha seva* for Their pleasure.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**



Ananta Shesha Vahana — Lakshmi Narayana Alankara



Ashwa Vahana — Rukmini Vijaya Alankara



Chandra Prabha Vahana — Radha Rasavihari Alankara



Surya Prabha Vahana — Radha Swarnendu Sundara Krishna Alankara



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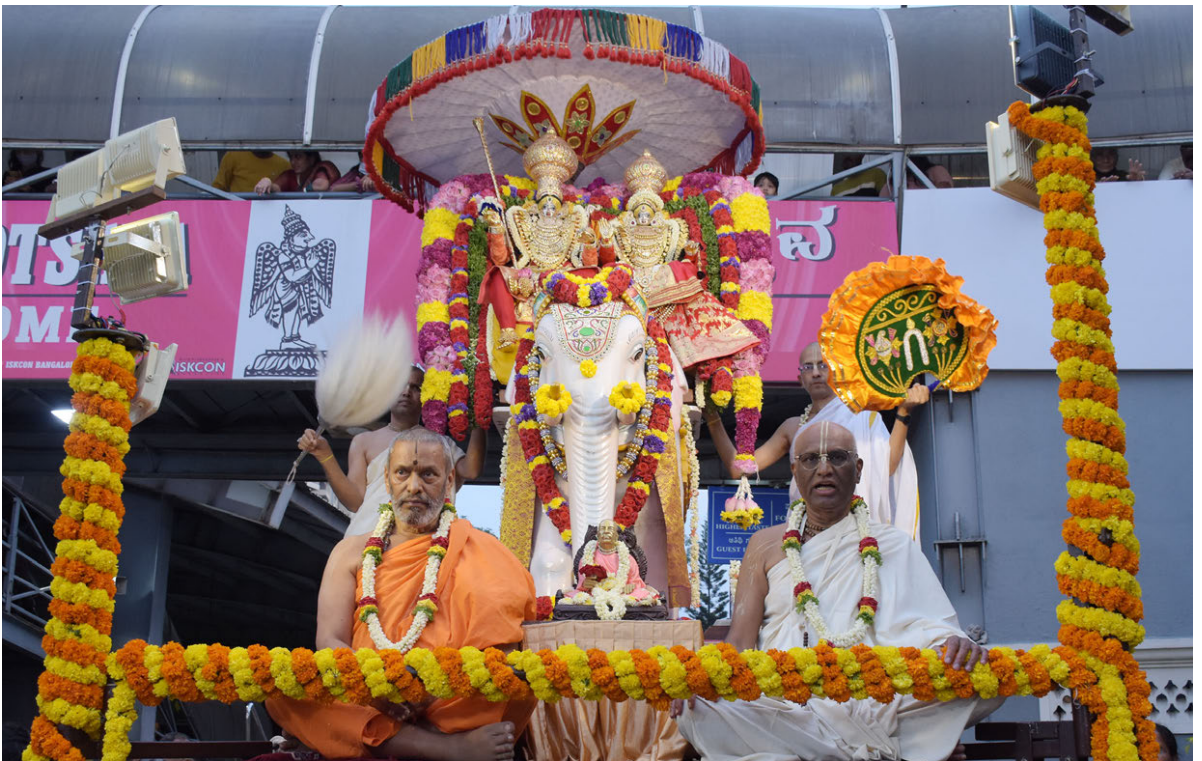
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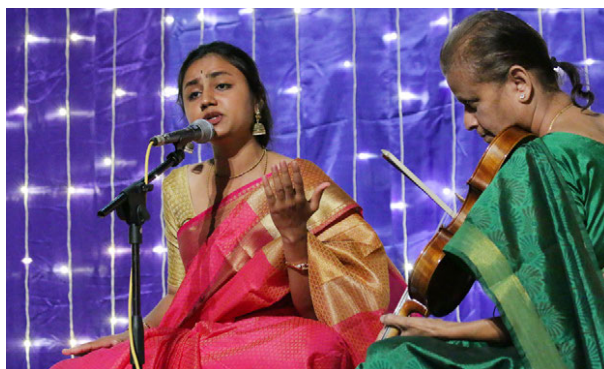


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Date of Travel:

Batches from May 10th to October 20th

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Places of visit:

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