



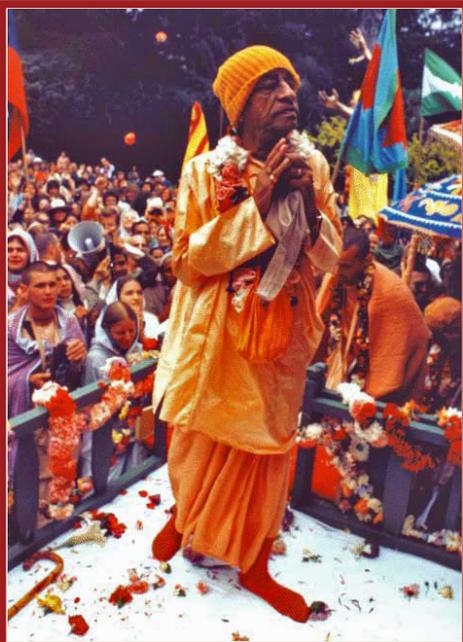
# NEWSLETTER of New Govardhana Community THE CONCH

"Lord Sri Krishna and Arjuna blew their celestial conches to rally and enthuse the devotees."



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder-acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

## SNAPSHOTS FROM DECEMBER ...



ISKCON Founder Acarya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

*Prabhupada uvaca ...*

Deity worship has two divisions, namely pure and mixed with fruitive activities. For one who is steady, Deity worship is compulsory. Observing the various types of festivals, such as Shri Janmashtami, Rama-navami and Nrishimha-chaturdasi, is also included in the process of Deity worship. In other words, it is compulsory for householder devotees to observe these festivals.

*SB 7:5:23 - 24 Purport*

Urvasi devi dasi



Anjali De Jager was named Student of the Year at the recent Gurukula end of year assembly 13 December 2011. All students received recognition of their achievements throughout the year

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Students from Trinity College danced and chanted with pupils from the Gurukula. Yasoda dasi hosted the bus tour. Year 10 students have been visiting New Govardhana for the past 20 years

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Devotees and guests dance together at the Maha Kirtan 11 December 2011

## FARM HOUSING RENOVATIONS CONTINUE



Devotees hard at work refurbishing



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Gita Jyanti was well attended by devotees as well as students (pictured above right) from Trinity College Lismore

## LOCAL DEVOTEE HEADS TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION



“This Temple is rising up on the banks of the Ganga River, Lord Nityananda told Jiva Goswami over 500 years ago, that we will see a great temple appear, and now this is happening”.

www.tvop.org

Temple of Vedic Planetarium, Mayapur (TOVP)

by Sri Hari Bhakti devi dasi

Sadbhuja dasa, whose main residence is in Murwillumbah, spends much of his time in Sri Dhama Mayapur as the Managing Director for The Temple of Vedic Planetarium.

Being in an earthquake belt, the temple superstructure sits on a floating foundation and is reinforced with high quality stainless steel. It is expected to endure for the next 1000 years.

The inner temple, which houses three altars is due for completion in 2016 when the Deities will be installed. Guru parampara will be situated on the left altar with Sri Panca Tattva in the centre and Sri Sri Radha Madhava and the eight principal gopis on the right.

Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur saw the vision of Lord Nityananda’s prediction when he looked over the Jalangi River from his home in Svarupa Ganj.

Iskcon founder-*acarya* A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada strongly desired to manifest the vision of the previous *acaryas* and that desire has culminated in a large team of devotees working together to create an impressive temple.

**For latest construction news and photos please go to [www.tvop.org](http://www.tvop.org)**

## FRESH ORGANIC PRODUCE AT THE SUNDAY FEAST



Milk product distribution at Sunday Feast

Fresh organic produce from New Govardhana’s gardens and goshala are available from 4.00 pm at the Sunday Feast programme. Vegetables in season include, cabbage, spinach, zucchini, cherry tomatoes and capsicum. Milk products include *paneer*, yoghurt (plain and flavoured), burfi, fresh fruit and whey drinks and smoothies.



Organic produce from New Govardhana

Urvashi devi dasi

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## RENOWNED DANCER VISITS NEW GOVARDHANA



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Rajashree Behra instructing students in a recent class held at New Govardhana

by Mohini Murti devi dasi

Wife of the Consulate General to India in Melbourne, Rajashree Behera was a recent honoured guest here at New Govardhana.

Odissi dance exponent, Ms Behera whose family originally hails from Orissa is a senior disciple of Guru Durga Charan Ranbir in the gurusishya parampara lineage of Padmashri Deva Prasad dasa.

She facilitated the Natyashakti Dance Academy. At her weekend master classes she taught a rare Sri Krishna Mangalacharan prayer, culminating in a colourful collective presentation at our Sunday feast programme.

Ms. Behera was delighted by her visit, repeatedly commenting on the excellent behaviour of the participants. In awe of our community and the area's scenic environment, she has decided to choose New Govardhana as her family's next vacation destination.

## SRI SRI RADHA GOVARDHANADHARI'S TEMPLE GARDENS



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Rotunda just outside of the temple

### EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Articles submitted to the Conch should contain 200 words or less and can be supplied in either MS Word format or typed directly into the body of an email. Photos must be submitted in JPG format. All articles and photos must be sent to [newgovconch@gmail.com](mailto:newgovconch@gmail.com) by the 21st of each month. Articles and photos must include the names of the author and photographer. Your name will appear exactly as you submit it.

by Karunika devi dasi

In recent months a small team of gardeners has been transforming the area around the temple. The centrepiece has been replanted with gardenias and other colourful flowers and a Balinese pot holding a pink lotus is now the central feature.

Removal of the cocos palms has enabled the garden beds to be replanted with exotics and flowering annuals. Along the boundary of the fence a hedge of gardenias has been planted as well as small shrubs in the garden leading to the entrance. For the pleasure of Their Lordships Tulasi has now been planted in large pots at the entrance of the temple room.

Head gardener Dhanesvara dasa

would like to thank the devotees for their patience and extends his special thanks to the gardening team, Shannon, Shaun, Aravinda dasa, Nitai dasa, Govinda dasa, Ajita dasa, Shankar Mitra, Krishna Gan dasa, Radha Madhava dasa and Heather Macalister.

Plans for the large pond area are still under discussion and a community working bee will be organised in the coming months to address the needs for that area.



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Miniature lotus in circular garden

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## HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA



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Accordian takes kirtan to a new level

**Friday Evenings 6.30 pm**  
Bhakti Centre Surfers Paradise  
[bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au](http://bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au)

**Sunday Mornings**  
Northern NSW & Gold Coast  
[folkkrishna.com/program.htm](http://folkkrishna.com/program.htm)  
Isvara Prabhu 0411 825 549

1 Jan Broadbeach Market  
8 Jan Coolangatta Market  
15 Jan Pottsville Market  
22 Jan Coolangatta Market  
29 Jan Burleigh Heads Market

## JANUARY CALENDAR

(from the online Vaisnava calendar [www.vaisnavacalendar.com](http://www.vaisnavacalendar.com))

5	Thu	Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Putrada Ekadasi Community Meeting 5.00 pm
6	Fri	Dvadasi - break fast 04:58 - 09:35 Sri Jagadisa Pandita — Appearance
9	Mon	Sri Krsna Pusya Abhiseka
14	Sat	Sri Ramacandra Kaviraja — Disappearance Srila Gopala Bhatta Gosvami — Appearance
15	Sun	Sri Jayadeva Gosvami — Disappearance Ganga Sagara Mela
16	Mon	Sri Locana Dasa Thakura — Disappearance
19	Thu	Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Sat-tila Ekadasi
20	Fri	Dvadasi - break fast 05:32 - 09:42
28	Sat	Vasanta Pancami Srimati Visnupriya Devi — Appearance Sarasvati Puja Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura — Disappearance Sri Pundarika Vidyanidhi — Appearance Sri Raghunandana Thakura — Appearance Srila Raghunatha Dasa Gosvami — Appearance
30	Mon	Sri Advaita Acarya — Appearance (Fast today)
31	Tue	Bhismastami



### Friday 6

**2.30 pm – 4:30 pm** Seminar by HG Uttama Sloka dasa  
“Life without Conflict” Pt.1  
**5.00 pm until late** Maha Kirtan featuring HG Vaiyasaki dasa  
**6.00 pm** Adivasa Ceremony for Krishna Balarama and Gaura Nitai

### Saturday 7

**8.00 am** Srimad Bhagavatam class given by HH Prahlanananda Swami  
**10.30 am – 12.30 pm** Seminar by HG Uttama Sloka dasa “Life Without Conflict” Pt.2  
**1.00 pm – 3.00 pm** Seminar by HH Prahlanananda Swami “Whom Should We Love and How” Pt.1  
**4.30 pm** Grand Abhiseka of Sri Sri Krsna Balarama and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai  
31st Anniversay Installation  
**7.00 pm** “Swamiji at Sea” (drama) in the main tent

### Sunday 8

**8.00 am** Srimad Bhagavatam class given by HH Prabhavisnu Swami  
**10.30 am – 12.30 pm** Seminar by HG Uttama Sloka Dasa “Life without Conflict” Pt.3  
**12.30 am – 2:30 pm** Seminar by HH Prahlanananda Swami – “Whom Should We Love and How” Pt.2  
**3.00 pm** Ratha Yatra (assemble at front entrance bridge)  
**4.30 pm – 5:00 pm** Natyashakti Dance Troupe perform traditional Odissi Jagannatha Dance in main tent  
**5:30 pm till late** HG Vaiyasaki dasa to lead Grand Finale Kirtan

### Monday 9

**8.00 am** Srimad Bhagavatam class given by HH Jananada Swami  
**10.30 am – 12.00 pm** Seminar by HH Prahlanananda Swami “Whom Should We Love and How” Pt.3

For a more detailed program please visit [www.krishnafarm.com](http://www.krishnafarm.com)

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