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RADHASTAMI!

By Ambika devi dasi

The auspicious day of Radhastami will be celebrated on 3 September.

Srimati Radharani made Her divine appearance in Varsana where She was adopted by the pure devotees Vrsabhanu and Kirtida, who raised Her with great love and affection.

From the moment of Her appearance, She was filled with love for Krishna. She and Her *gopi* friends constantly performed wonderful pastimes for His pleasure.

Srimati Radharani's complexion is lustrous golden, Her deep blue eyes are restless in search of Her beloved, She is filled with feminine charms, She has soft and delicate lotus feet and She is the abode of abundant opulences.

Her very name, Radharani, comes from the verb 'to worship', and indeed, She is the greatest worshipper of Krishna. She is Krishna's internal potency, and She eternally intensifies His pleasure. She embodies the highest transcendental love for Krishna, and is the topmost mistress of the comforts of Her Lord. She fulfills all His desires.

Radha and Krishna are one, but in order to enjoy blissful pastimes, They became two. Krishna is the energy and Radhika is the energetic. Just as heat and fire cannot be separated, Radha and Krishna cannot be separated.

Everyone is trying to love Krishna – to get Krishna *prema*. But He is trying to get the love of Sri Radhika, who is so beautiful and enchanting – therefore in a sense, She is greater.

Radharani is the embodiment of all good qualities. She is very compassionate, and cannot bear to see the sufferings of the living entities.

Since She is the medium transmitting the service of the living entities to Krishna, we can pray to Her for Her mercy. When She is pleased, Krishna is automatically pleased. This is the perfect time to humbly beg Her to bestow Her grace on us.

Taken from Caitanya Caritamrta and a lecture by Srila Prabhupada on Radhastami, 1968

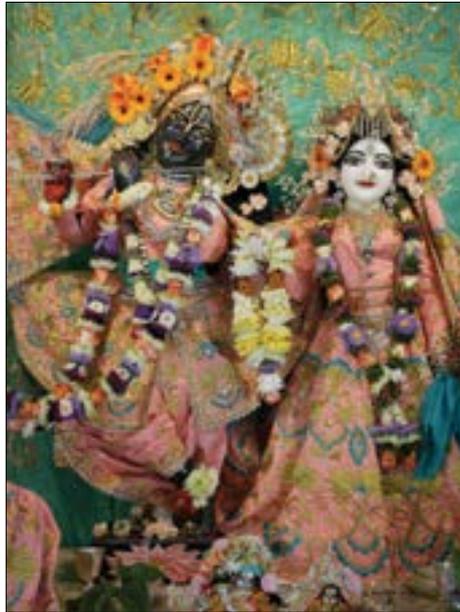


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Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadhari.



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Srimati Radharani, Queen of Vraja.

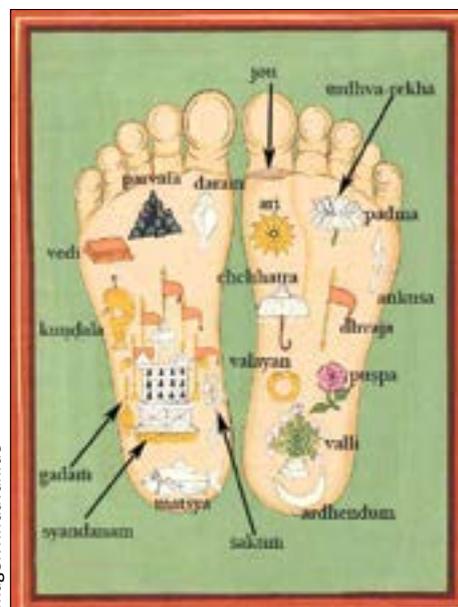


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Srimati Radharani's lotus feet.



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Srila Prabhupada Uvaca

So try to understand Krishna. And when Krishna wants to enjoy, what kind of enjoyment that shall be? Try to understand this point. Krishna is so great; God is great, everyone knows. So when the great wants to enjoy, then what quality of enjoyment that should be? That is to be understood ... The loving affairs of Radha and Krishna are not ordinary, these material loving affairs, although it appears like that. But one who cannot understand Krishna, *avajananti mam mudha* [Bhagavad-gita 9.11]. *Mudha*, rascals, fools, they understand Krishna as an ordinary man. As soon as we take Krishna as one of us ... *manusim tanum asritam param bhavam ajananto*. These rascals, they do not know *param bhavam*. They try to imitate Krishna's *rasa-lila*. There are many rascals. So these things are going on. There is no understanding of Krishna. To understand Krishna is very difficult.

Radhastami Lecture, London
29 August 1971

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Srimati Radharani from New Govardhana, Australia.

KULI CATCHUP . . . KRSNABHAVANA

By Govardhana Seva Das

Q. Can you tell me your full name?

A. Krsnabhavana devi dasi, but most people call me Bavi.

Q. Where and when were you born?

A. I was born in Vrindavana in April 1982. My father's name is Jashomati Nandana dasa and my mother, Radhakund devi dasi. I am very grateful to them for showing us how to serve Srila Prabhupada, Krishna and the Vaisnavas.

Q. Where did you attend gurukula?

A. I went to pre-school in the New Talavan Gurukula in Mississippi. I attended the *gurukula* while my parents were serving in Gujarat, India. Unfortunately I missed them so much that I was only able to complete pre-school and year 1, before I returned to India. Later I returned and completed Year 4.

Q. What are your recollections of your gurukula days?

A. Oh, there were so many things: the kind and caring teachers; the daily *Brahma Samhita* prayers; the frequent festivals with lots of 'goodies'; the big swing; the beautiful river with rope swings; visits by Jayapataka Maharaja, and so much more!

Q. What did you do after leaving gurukula?

A. I returned to my parents in India and I attended the local school at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. My father is the president of the local Hare Krishna Temple. My mother and all my siblings were brought up doing service at the Temple. I was married at 18 and have three children.

Q. When did you come to Australia?

A. In 2009, after spending a month in Sydney we moved to Melbourne, where we lived for two years. My time was spent in housework, service, and home-schooling the children.

Q. When did you come to New Govardhana?

A. After a few traumatic events, which included a marriage breakdown and other problems, Krishna guided



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Krishnabhavana devi dasi.

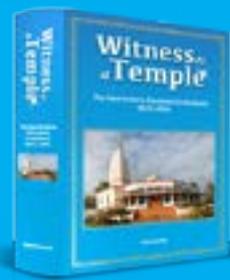
me to New Govardhana in October 2013, where I was re-united with my children. Ajita prabhu kindly allowed us to live in the community. With my children in *gurukula* I started off doing all kinds of service, including my favourite – making garlands! I now work at the *gurukula* four days a week, in administration and as a teacher's aide.

Q. So you like New Govardhana?

A. It's wonderful – I am so grateful for the friendliness and care shown by the management and the devotees. I feel really happy and so close to Krishna.

NEW BOOK from AUCKLAND

Witness to a Temple by Madri devi dasi is an Auckland ISKCON history.



This 406-page softbound book, with 150 pages of colour photographs, will bring back memories to the older devotees, and serve as an inspiration to

those who are new to Krishna consciousness. It is also an ideal book for families and friends, demonstrating the lifestyle, ideals and philosophy of Hare Krishna devotees.

So don't miss out on your piece of history!

The book sells for NZD \$40. Free postage. Reviews and ordering details www.witnesstoatemple.info or contact Madri madri@bhaktiyoga.co.nz

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS

By Vaisnavi devi dasi

Govinda's team has been catering for the Splendour in the Grass festival for the past 10 years, in addition to the numerous other events they cater for around Australia throughout the year. The funds raised support various projects at New Govardhana. Ajita dasa kindly brought Govinda's restaurant *prasadam* for the Govindas' catering crew to add variety to the daily catering menu. Approximately 30,000–35,000 people attended Splendour 2014.

Krsna Gana dasa reported: "The Govinda's crew cooked 600 litres of *subji*; 400 litres of rice; 350 litres of *halava*, and distributed more than 4,500 to 5000 serves of *prasadam*". Koftas were the highlight of the stall yet again, with 30,000 being sold.

Srila Prabhupada's books and the *Higher Taste* cookbooks were on display at the Govindas' book table. The large 'Changing Bodies' mural at the table was a wonderful visual preaching aid. Each dining table also had Srila Prabhupada's small books, courtesy of Govindas, for interested people to take home.

The strength Krishna gives His devotees in any circumstance was evident; Vrinda reading *Ramayana* by Valmiki over the loud din of music that literally made the heart throb and pots shake; Krsna Murari dasa sitting at the front of the Govinda's tent and printing free Vedic design ink tattoos on passersby, winning them over with his smile and enthusiasm to share Krishna consciousness; Teiana, sitting during quiet times and drawing Lord Jagannatha in her notebook; and second and third generation devotees engaged in devotional service. What great fortune we have in this Kali-yuga to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission with the devotees!

Like and support 'Govindas catering, New Govardhana' on Facebook.

Correction

In the August issue of The Conch, on page 5, in the 'Delectable Muffins' article, the name should have been spelt Radha Sakhi.

WORMS – WORSE FOR WEAR

By Damodara Pandit dasa

Being the worm lovin' newsletter we are, I thought I'd tell you the latest about our wriggly friends down at the *goshalla*.

Venugopala dasa recently locked up all the grains and cow feed in the *goshalla* to keep the rats at bay. What he didn't realise was that it meant the local rodents began to starve. So when he took a quick look in the worm farm recently, what did he see?

More than 50 starving, carnivorous rodents were in a worm-eating frenzy. Bodies of mutilated worms lay massacred and scattered everywhere. The silent sound of screaming worms was suddenly drowned out as the screech of Venu echoed across the Valley, "Noooooooo – not the worm farm!"

Lesson learned. 🐛



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HELPING ISKCON DEVOTEES IN UKRAINE

By Govardhana Seva dasa

As you will all be aware, the atrocities are continuing in Ukraine, with no apparent relief in sight, and many ISKCON devotees have serious problems, both physically and financially. Most of the devotees in Ukraine are either being located directly from the battle areas or are being isolated within these areas, taking care of the Temples, the Deities and conducting preaching programs.

The Regional Secretary for ISKCON in Ukraine, Acyuta Priya dasa, has launched a worldwide appeal to raise funds for those affected, with the following assurances.

"The money collected will be used to give aid to the refugees who left their

native places. After they relocated, they received US\$150–\$300 from the Bhaktivedanta Fund based in Kiev. Some devotees are staying back within the zone of war, and they need money to relocate themselves. A further expense we have is to feed and support single mother devotees with children in our camp near Dnepropetrovsk. Another intended project is to obtain and develop another camp that will accommodate more devotees."

In response to this, on Sunday, 3 August, a special Sunday Feast fundraiser was organised at New Govardhana to help the Ukraine devotees. A target of \$2500 was set with the Temple management agreeing to match it dollar for dollar, making a grand total of \$5000. It was very pleasing to report that this target was reached. The fundraising was so successful that the Temple management agreed to the same terms at another Sunday Feast fundraiser on 10 August. After the second round of fundraising the amount collected had reached **\$3565**. With the Temple contributing the same amount, the grand total was **\$7130**.

All glories to everyone who participated. Ki Jai!

Ukraine fund raising will be on-going and any future donations should be made directly to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/niranjanaswami.org/ukrainian-vaisnava-refugee-fund/>

MADHUDVISA PRABHU

The New Govardhana community mourns the passing of His Grace Madhudvisa prabhu 6 August. See next issue for a special memorial article.

GOSHALLA GOSS

By Urvasi devi dasi

I am so excited to be able to introduce three new calves. They are Gir/Fresian crossbreeds. Madhu, the Gir bull, sired Shakuntala (heifer) from Kishori, and also Om Shanti (bull) from Mallika. However, our third little arrival, Brihat (bull), is a bit of a mystery. His mother Lila must have somehow coupled with one of the neighbour's bulls.

As you can see from the photographs, Om Shanti and Shakuntala have quite big ears, which is a distinctive trait of the Gir breed. Although a little too early to tell for sure, they also have what looks like a slight hump, another feature of Girs. Both have black and white Fresian mothers; however, the colours reflect more their Gir heritage.

These three calves are now available for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor one of these, or any of our other cows, please contact Venugopal dasa on 0411 444 934. 🐮

Pictured left, top to bottom: Shakuntala, Brihat and Om Shanti. These three calves were all born recently at New Govardhana. Over the coming few months we are expecting another three calves.

Kisori devi dasi – Devotee Doctor

Kisori devi dasi, whose professional name is Dr. Kunam Mani, is presently working at Queen Street Medical Centre, 12 Queen Street, Murwillumbah.

All devotees are welcome to consult with her on weekdays from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, except for Wednesdays, when she is available from 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

IN FOCUS - PREMAVATI DEVI DASI

By Mandakini devi dasi

Premavati devi dasi, a native of Mauritius, accepted initiation when she was 20 years old. Her services included Life membership; Food for Life fund raising; *sankirtana*; girls' *ashram* leader; and Deity worship. Her siblings also became interested in the philosophy with two of her sisters taking initiation.

On a fund raising visit to Johannesburg in 1986, Premavati met her future husband, Patraaka dasa. The couple were married in 1988 and that same year relocated to Australia at the invitation of Sydney Temple President, Pratapana dasa.

In 1989 they moved to Portugal, where their son, Radha Kanta was born. A period of travel followed during which they served in Spain, Mauritius, South Africa, Sweden and New Zealand, remaining in the latter country for eight years, before settling in Brisbane.

Eleven years ago, Premavati, a qualified teacher, was asked to fill in as a relief teacher for one year at the New Govardhana Gurukula. Fortunately for the *gurukula*, she agreed, and continues to teach full time. Her K, 1, and 2 students range in ages from five to eight years old. She is much appreciated by the school administration for her professionalism, exemplary care and staunch dedication to the children.



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Premavati bathing Chota Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadhari.

Premavati divides her time between the farm and Brisbane *yatra*, travelling to the family home in Brisbane for weekends and school holidays. She feels happy and blessed to be serving in two temples. Her services in Brisbane *yatra* range from giving classes, leading *kirtanas*, and helping with major festivals.

A keen lover of *kirtana*, Premavati sings and plays the harmonium every day, as part of her daily *sadhana*. "Without this, my life would be empty," she says.

Despite the intense workload of teaching, Premavati still gives her time to dress Gaura Nitai on Thursdays, and make sweets for some major festivals.

The festivities officially began on 13 August and continued for four days.

This event attracts thousands of visitors every year, who flock to the area to experience the celebration of various ethnic cultures.

With the Deities and cart on display and positioned close to the *prasadam* outlet, devotees took the opportunity to answer the questions of interested party-goers.

As always, many people gleefully participated in honouring the *prasadam* and were further enlivened by daily *kirtanas* and philosophical discourses.

FOOD & FAITH

By Ricky Lashand

From holy days to sacred festivals to everyday life, food plays an important role in the rites and rituals of many faith traditions. In addition to being a feast for the senses, the preparation, serving and celebration of food are seen as critical components of faith tradition and spirituality.

The Griffith University Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue hosted a Public Forum on 22 July, 2014. The theme of the evening addressed the connection faith communities have with the food they eat. The concept for this event was developed by Rabani Shamsul Khairil (a student intern at the Centre, and moderator for the panel) and Ricky Lashand (Centre Administrator and local Hare Krishna devotee).

Panelists for the forum included representatives from the Muslim (Shaykh Abdul Qadir), Jewish (Mr Ariel Heber), Buddhist (Venerable Mioa Xin) and Hare Krishna communities (Mr Madan Gopal Das). Each spoke on the fundamentals of their philosophies and traditions; what can and cannot be consumed; and the justification for such according to Holy Scriptures.

Topics ranged from the ideals of Halal, Kosher, Ekadasi and Puja, which in turn fed into discussions on the similarities and differences between each faith when it comes to food. All faiths did agree that compassion and mercy are the most important values when it comes to treating animals in food cultivation. During the robust Q&A, the audience asked questions relating to fasting, food preparation, animal rites, food and its impact on the environment, and even the rise of genetically modified products.

Madan Gopal, from the local ISKCON Community kindly donated semolina pudding (better known as *halava*) as a dessert for the evening.

The Centre holds regular forums, conferences and events with the many faith and cultural communities of Southeast Queensland. The highlight event for 2014 will be the G20 Interfaith Summit in November on the Gold Coast.

For more information on the Summit, please go to: griffith.edu.au/conference/g20-interfaith-summit

BIG WHEELS TURN IN TOWNSVILLE

By Mandakini devi dasi

In Townsville, Krishna Gan dasa and his catering team were joined by visiting devotees, who were keen to be a part of the first-ever Ratha-yatra Festival in the area.

A lantern parade, in which Lord Jagannatha, Lord Balarama and Lady Subhadra were guests of honour, took place on 9 August, as a precursor to the city's annual Cultural Festival.



HOLY NAME RETREAT NEW GOVARDHANA 18-21 SEPTEMBER

New Govardhana once again hosts HH Sacinandana Swami's Holy Name Retreat.

RETREAT SCHEDULE Thursday, 18 September

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm **Entering the Retreat** by Sacinandana Swami

(Tune in session for the Retreat – philosophy and tips on how to make best use of his Retreat and Sankalpa ceremony)

8.00 pm – 9.30 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava prabhhu

Friday, 19 September

7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshan arati and Guru Puja** at the Temple

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am **Breakfast** prasadam and free time

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Workshop** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava

2.00 pm – 7.00 pm **Lunch** prasadam and free time

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm **Optional group japa** with Gaurahari prabhhu

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm **Optional kirtana**

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm **Krishna Katha** with Sacinandana Swami

8.00 pm – 9.30 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava

Saturday, 20 September

7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshan arati and Guru Puja** at the Temple

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am **Breakfast** prasadam and free time

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Workshop** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm **Lunch** prasadam and free time

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm **Optional group japa** with Gaurahari prabhhu

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm **Optional kirtana**

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm **Krishna Katha** with Sacinandana Swami

8.00 pm – 9.30 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava

Sunday, 21 September

7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshan arati and Guru Puja** at the Temple

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am **Breakfast** prasadam and free time

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Taking the Retreat Home** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Kirtana** with Madhava

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm **Lunch** prasadam and free time

4.00 pm – 10.00 pm **Six-hour kirtana** with Madhava, Sacinandana Swami and others



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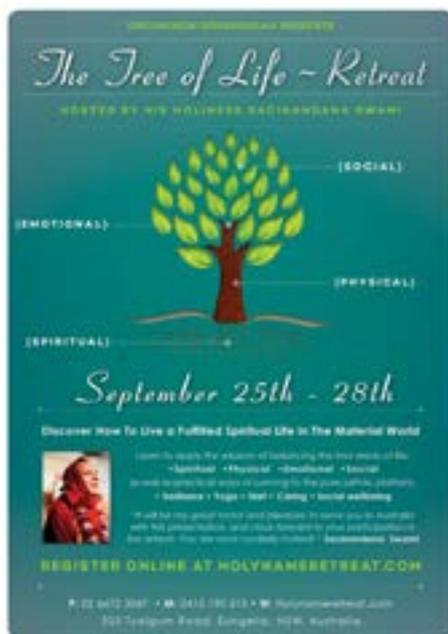
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THE TREE OF LIFE RETREAT

By HH Sacinandana Swami & team

During the Tree of Life Retreat, participants learn to apply the wisdom of balancing the four areas of life (spiritual, physical, emotional and social) as well as practical ways of coming to the *sattvic* platform.

To nourish themselves spiritually participants will learn:

- * how to raise their level of consciousness in daily life
- * how to enter their inner sacred space and practice *sadhana* from there
- * how to study *sastra* through the method of reflective reading.

To nourish themselves physically they will:

- * spend at least an hour a day in physical exercise – yoga, yogic walking in nature and energy flow exercises
- * learn the principles of a healthy, Ayurvedic diet (and benefit from a healthy and tasty diet while on the retreat)
- * receive tips on how to get a good sleep, stress management, *sattvic* work habits, and more.

To nourish themselves emotionally they will:

- * learn to practice mature self-love
- * apply Rupa Goswami's six loving exchanges

* discover the power of consciously accessing *sattvic* emotions.

To nourish themselves socially they will:

- * learn to develop and offer compassion to others
- * be encouraged to serve other retreat participants
- * learn social skills for improving their social competence.

About the Tree of Life retreat

The Tree of Life is a comprehensive program for spiritual development, a system based on a balanced, *sattvic* life and the teachings of Srila Prabhupada and the sacred texts of our Gaudiya *sampradaya*. Sacinandana Swami has been developing this program for more than 15 years, working with a talented team of 50 devotees.

Why is the Tree of Life Program Important?

The Tree of Life program is important because it recognises and fulfills our needs in a way that fully supports spiritual growth. Here are some important points to consider:

Unfulfilled needs, whether physical, emotional, or social become a stumbling block on the spiritual journey. Fulfilling those needs in a way that supports our spiritual progress helps us succeed where we might otherwise fail.

It's a good tool for outreach. If we can give people a Vedic solution to their material problems, they will find us much more relevant to society.

Vedic wisdom tells us that there are four areas we as human beings need to nourish if we wish to live healthy, fulfilled lives:

- * our spirituality
- * our body
- * our emotional life
- * our service to society.

Nourishing these four areas creates an internal synergy and empowers us to live a purposeful life. When we don't nourish them, we feel unbalanced, discontent, even unhappy – no matter how well we are otherwise positioned in life or what we have achieved.

The Tree of Life is a unique model for living in balance because it nourishes and integrates spirit, body, emotions, and social identity, thus allowing us to find inner harmony.

The market has been inundated by a million and one life improvement programs, and interest in them increases daily. The Tree of Life program is unique in that it is based on Vedic authority and the teachings of the *parampara*.

It aims at bringing people fully into Krishna consciousness.

It is *sattvic* – it helps people address all their needs at once rather than concentrating on only one or two and becoming unbalanced and ultimately unfulfilled.

There are several well-established devotee projects that have become inspired by the wisdom of the Tree of Life program and adjusted it to fit their needs. The Tree of Life program can easily be adapted. Our goal is simply to share the concept with you.

After the Retreat

The Retreat is designed in such a way that participants can find tools that they can apply easily in their life after the retreat, according to their needs. They will get regular training letters that will recapitulate what they have learned and help them to apply the wisdom of the Tree of Life.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Thursday, 25 September

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm **Entering the Retreat** by Sacinandana Swami (Tune in session for the retreat – philosophy and tips on how to make best use of this retreat and Sankalpa ceremony)

8.00 pm – 9.30 pm **Kirtana**

Friday, 26 September

6.00 am – 7.00 am **Group Japa** with Sacinandana Swami

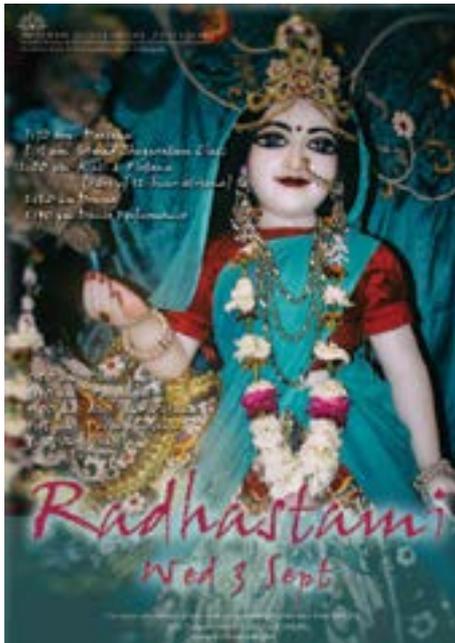
7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshana arati and Guru Puja**

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am **Breakfast prasadam** and free time (**Cont., p8**)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sri Radhastami Wednesday, 3 September

7.30 am	Darsana
8.15 am	Class
9.30 am	Bhajan
10.00 am	Abhiseka
11.00 am	Class
11.45 am	Pushpanjali
12.00 pm	Arati and kirtana
1.00 pm	Feast

TREE OF LIFE SCHEDULE (Cont., from p7)

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Workshop 1** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Yoga Class**

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Ayurvedic Lunch *prasadam* and free time

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm **Optional Group Japa** with Gaurahari

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm **Workshop 2** with Sacinandana Swami

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm **Krishna Katha and Kirtana** with Sacinandana Swami

8.30 pm **Light prasadam (take rest by 10 pm)**

Saturday, 27 September

6.00 am – 7.00 am **Group Japa** with Sacinandana Swami

7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshan arati and Guru Puja**

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am Light Breakfast *prasadam* and free time

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Workshop 1** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Yoga Class**

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Ayurvedic Lunch *prasadam* and free time

5.00 am – 6.00 pm **Optional Group Japa** with Gaurahari

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm **Workshop 2** with Sacinandana Swami

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm **Krishna Katha and Kirtana** with Sacinandana Swami

8.30 pm **Light prasadam (take rest by 10.00 pm)**

Sunday, 28 September

6.00 am – 7.00 am **Group Japa** with Sacinandana Swami

7.00 am – 7.30 am **Darshan arati and Guru Puja**

7.30 am – 9.00 am **Discovery Lecture** by Sacinandana Swami

9.00 am – 11.00 am **Breakfast prasadam** and free time

11.00 am – 1.00 pm **Taking the Retreat Home** by Sacinandana Swami

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Kirtana**

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm **Pizza Feast (TBC)**

Evening **Vrindavan Evening** (*Katha* and narrations by Sacinandana Swami, *kirtana*, Vrindavan Slide Show)

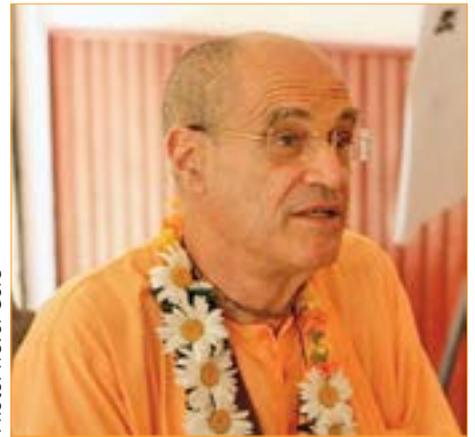


Photo: Trevor Gore

HH Bir Krishna Goswami Visit

His Holiness Bir Krishna Goswami will be giving Srimad-Bhagavatam class on 1–2 October at 7.30 am.

Please put this into your calendar for next month.

HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA

Wednesdays 10.30 am

Byron Bay *harinama* at the park opposite the Post Office. For further details and transport information, contact

Parama Karuna dasa
0439 280 362

Friday Evenings 6.30 pm

Bhakti Centre Surfers Paradise
bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au

Sunday Mornings

Northern NSW & Gold Coast
folkkrishna.com/program.htm
Isvara dasa 0411 825 549

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

(from Vaishnava calendar www.vaisnavacalendar.com)

3 Wed	Radhastami: Appearance of Srimati Radharani
6 Sat	Fasting for Parsva Ekadasi Sri Vamana Dvadasi: Appearance of Lord Vamanadeva (Fast today) Srila Jiva Goswami – Appearance
7 Sun	Break fast 5.54 am – 9.47 am Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura – Appearance
8 Mon	Srila Haridasa Thakura – Disappearance Last day of the second Caturmasya month
9 Tue	Sri Visvarupa Mahotsava Acceptance of sannyasa by Srila Prabhupada Third month of Caturmasya begins (milk fast for one month)
15 Mon	Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the USA
20 Sat	Fasting for Indira Ekadasi
21 Sun	Dvadasi break fast 5.37 am – 9.34 am