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Gita Jayanti Special



ISKCON Bhiwandi Brahmotsavam

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History of ISKCON Bhiwandi:

ISKCON Bhiwandi began in 2008 in a small, rented apartment in Mansarovar, offering mantra meditation and weekly Bhagavad-gita classes. As participation grew, the first grand Janmashtami festival was held in 2014, drawing over 15,000 people and establishing it as an annual event. During the COVID pandemic (2020), ISKCON Bhiwandi launched Annadaan for migrant workers and needy families, distributing over 1,000 meals daily. By July 2023, over 18 lakh meals had been served.

On Kartik Purnima 2021, the new temple was inaugurated with Sri Sri Radha-Madhava, Gaura-Nitai, and Jagannath-Baldev-Subhadra. The temple schedule includes daily classes, six artis, bhoga offerings, Harinam Sankirtan, and Prasad distribution. From a small apartment to a thriving temple, this growth reflects sincere service, teamwork, and dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Brahmotsavam celebration:



On 5th November 2025, ISKCON Bhiwandi celebrated the 4th anniversary of Sri Sri Radha Madhava Brahmotsavam with devotion and joy. The temple was beautifully decorated with flowers, lights, and festive banners, giving a warm and welcoming atmosphere to all.



The day began with Mangala Aarti, when devotees gathered to offer prayers and sing kirtans. This was followed by Guru Puja and Darshan Aarti. Devotees had the blissful darshan of the Lord adorned in a new outfit. The deities looked divine in their golden and cream - coloured garments, decorated with red and white flower garlands. Their jewellery sparkled beautifully – crowns adorned with gems, long necklaces, and elegant armlets enhanced Their radiant appearance. The altar was surrounded by colourful floral decorations and fragrant incense filled the temple, creating a serene Vrindavan-like atmosphere.





The temple hall was filled with excitement as devotees assembled for the Maha Abhishek of Sri Sri Radha Madhava. Devotees bathed the deities with milk, curd, honey, ghee, rose water and various fresh juices. This was followed by a flower petal abhishek. Everyone joined the kirtan, offering flowers, fruits, sweets to the deities. The entire atmosphere was spiritually uplifted with the sound of Hare Krishna Mahamantra kirtan.



After the Abhishek, "a senior devotee from the temple give an enlightening class on the importance of serving the Lord with a grateful heart. Following the class, the Bhoga Offering took place, where a variety of dishes were lovingly offered to the deities and ecstatic kirtan.



Later everyone gathered for lunch Maha Prasadam.

Takeaways:

Krishna is so merciful that He appears in the form of the Deity just to give us an opportunity to serve Him personally. Through simple acts—offering flowers, lamps, prayers, and our heartfelt devotion—we come closer to His lotus feet. This celebration reminded everyone that Deity worship is not an ordinary ritual but a loving exchange between the Lord and His devotees.

As devotees participated in the festival, they experienced the joy of rendering service, felt spiritually uplifted, and returned home with hearts full of gratitude, carrying the blessings of Sri Sri Radha Madhava.

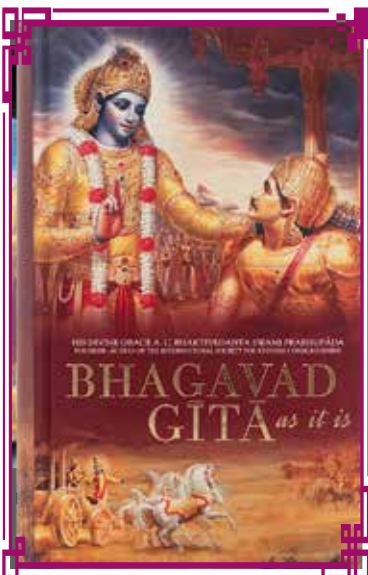




1) The Divine revelation on Mokshada Ekadashi

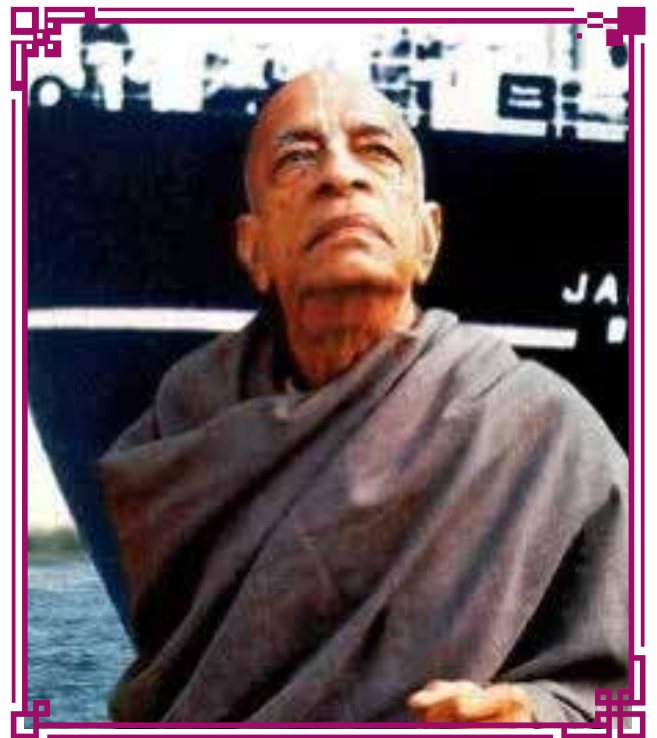
Gita Jayanti, which falls on 1st December this year, and is also known as Mokshada Ekadasi, is the sacred day when Lord Sri Krishna, out of His boundless compassion, spoke the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. Just before the great battle of Kurukshetra, Arjuna broke down in confusion, unable to fight against his own family and teachers.

Seeing His dear friend in such distress, Krishna spoke the Bhagavad Gita to lift his heart, clear his confusion, and show him the path of duty and devotion.



2) The Bhagavad Gita – Soul's eternal medicine

The Bhagavad Gita is Krishna's loving instruction for the upliftment of the entire world. When we read it regularly, its words enter the heart like soothing medicine. It helps us understand that we are eternal souls, parts and parcels of Krishna, and that true happiness comes only when we connect our life to His service. The Gita strengthens our faith, clears our confusion, and gently draws our mind toward Krishna's lotus feet, giving hope, peace, and spiritual direction in every situation.



3) Srila Prabhupada's compassionate mission

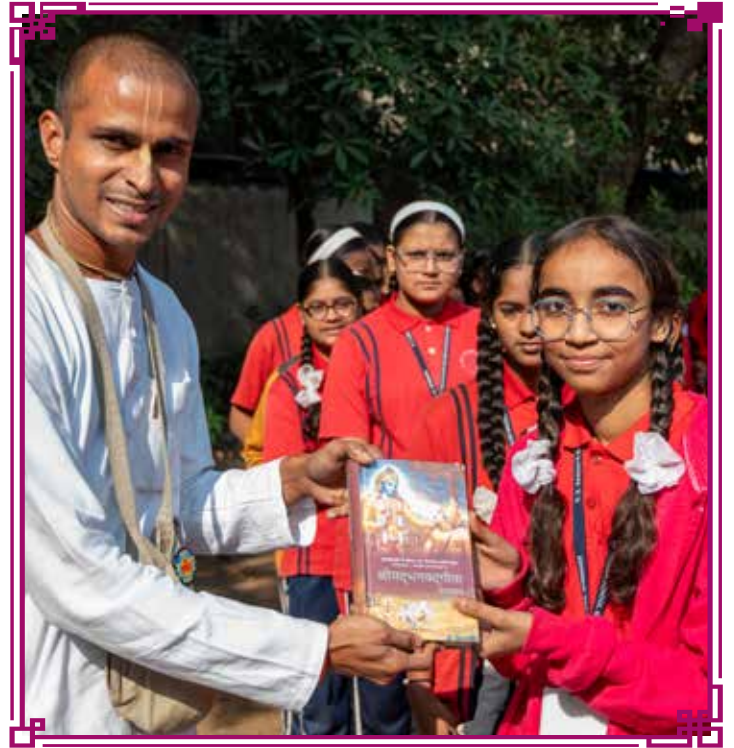
One of Srila Prabhupada's main mission was to distribute the Bhagavad Gita As It Is across the world because he knew that Krishna's words will transform hearts and awaken devotion. Hence Srila Prabhupada emphasized the printing and distribution of Bhagavad Gita and other Vedic texts like the Srimad Bhagavatam. He saw these books as personal extensions of Krishna's mercy, reaching people in every corner of the world and reawakening their dormant devotion for the Lord.

Following in his footsteps, ISKCON Bhiwandi continues this mission by widely distributing Bhagavad-gītā As It Is—as one of our main activities.



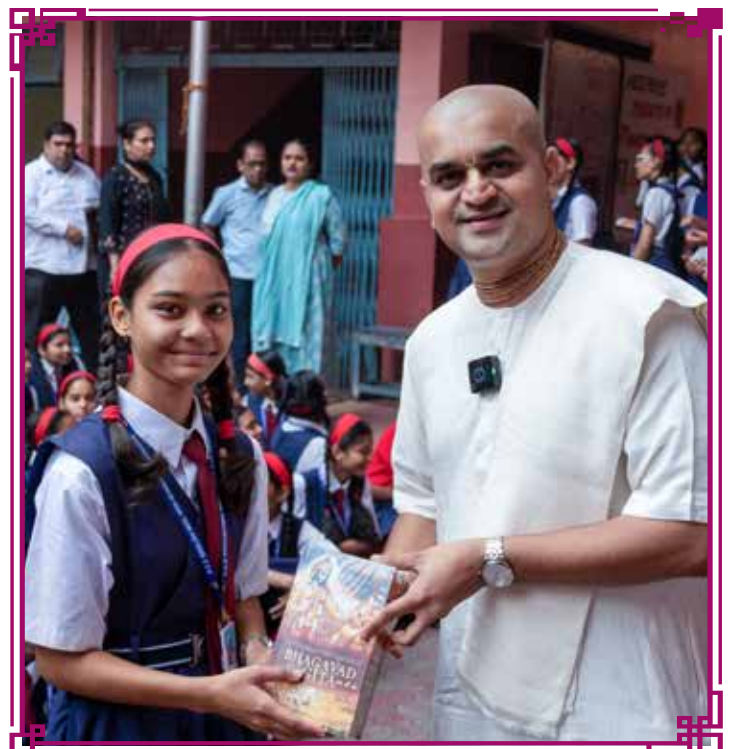
4) Bhagavad Gita distribution in schools

During the month of November, ISKCON Bhiwandi had distributed over 6000 copies of the Bhagavad Gita in the following schools: NES school, PR Dandekar school, SS Sangh English medium school and Chacha Nehru Hindi medium school. All the students who received a copy of the Bhagavad Gita were also given a short talk on how its teachings can be applied in daily life and how it can support them in their studies and personal growth. We also hold regular youth sessions to help them understand the Gita more deeply and apply its wisdom meaningfully.



We urge the reader to allow Lord Krishna's words to positively impact their lives by reading the Bhagavad Gita. If you would like to support our project of widely distributing the Gita, please visit

<https://www.iskconbhiwandi.org/giftgita>





Lord Krishna, the Supreme Lord and master of all beings, sustains everyone with air, water, earth, fire, and food. Just as He feeds elephants with tons and ants with a grain, He is our most loving friend. Whatever we eat or use should first be offered to Him with love, like a child offering a gift to his father. Cooking and offering food from His gifts pleases Him greatly.

In the Bhagavad Gita (9.26), Krishna says that He accepts a fruit, a flower, a leaf and water from anyone who offers it with devotion to Him.

From this verse we understand that we can offer to Krishna vegetables, grains, milk, fruits and water that are prescribed by Krishna for human beings. Keeping Krishna's desires in mind, we can lovingly cook and offer Him meals daily. He accepts food by His glance, making it sin-free and blessed. Once accepted, it becomes prasadam, pure and divine, which purifies the heart and nurtures humility, gratitude, devotion, and compassion.

Krishna accepts only vegetarian food, and when pleased, everyone—from demigods to family—is satisfied. Sharing prasadam fosters selflessness and unity. Krishna especially loves milk products, fresh fruits, and sugar. In October, He provides sweet, creamy custard apples and ripe red pomegranates, rich in nutrients that boost immunity and prepare the body for cooler months.

Here's the recipe to make Sitaphal Chida Dahi:

Ingredients: -

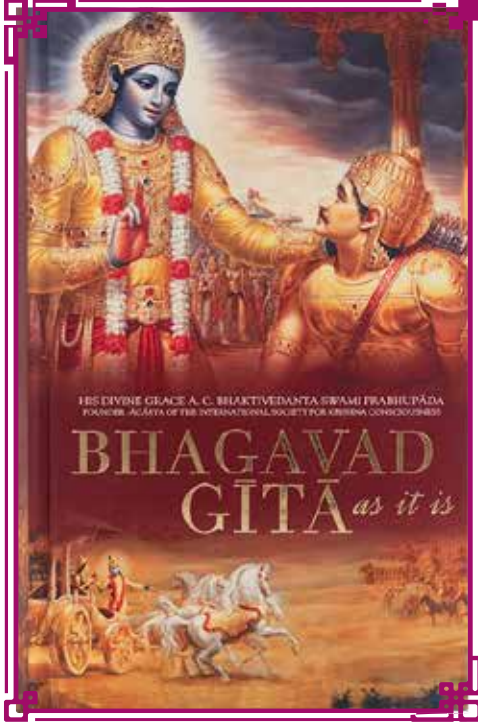
- › Chida (poha) - 4 cups
- › Custard apples – 6
- › Pomegranate – 1
- › Milk - 2 litres
- › Cream - 250 ml
- › Yoghurt - 4 cups
- › Sugar - 3 cups or according to taste
- › Ghee - 2 tablespoons
- › Camphor - 1 pinch (optional)
- › Cinnamon powder - 1 pinch
- › Nutmeg powder - 1 pinch

Method: -

- › Deseed the custard apples and set aside.
- › Deskin and keep ready the pomegranate.
- › Boil the milk in a heavy bottomed vessel or pot.
- › Soak the chida until soft but avoid over-soaking it to prevent it from turning mushy.
- › Separate the soaked chida from the milk by passing it through a sieve.
- › Set aside the soaked chida.
- › Put the milk back in the pot, add cream, and simmer on low heat until it reduces to one-third of its original volume or reaches the desired consistency.
- › Mix in the ghee, 1/2 the sugar, and camphor into the condensed milk. Let it cool to room temperature. Blend the remaining sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon powders with the yoghurt.
- › Gently mix in the prepared custard apples and pomegranate in the yoghurt.
- › Before offering to Krishna, mix the condensed milk, chida and yoghurt mixture together gently.
- › Serve in bowls reserved for Krishna, placing a Tulasi leaf, and offer to Him.
Chant the Hare Krsna Mahamantra three times while ringing the bell and allow Krsna to accept the bhoga in privacy.

After ten minutes the Sitaphal Chida Dahi prasādam can be taken by everyone. The above dish can be made with any seasonal fruits which are sweet.

Verse of the month



Bhagavad Gita – 18.66:

The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita

Verse –

sarva-dharmān parityajya
mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja
ahaṁ tvām sarva-pāpebhyo
mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ

Translation -

Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.

Analogy Arena

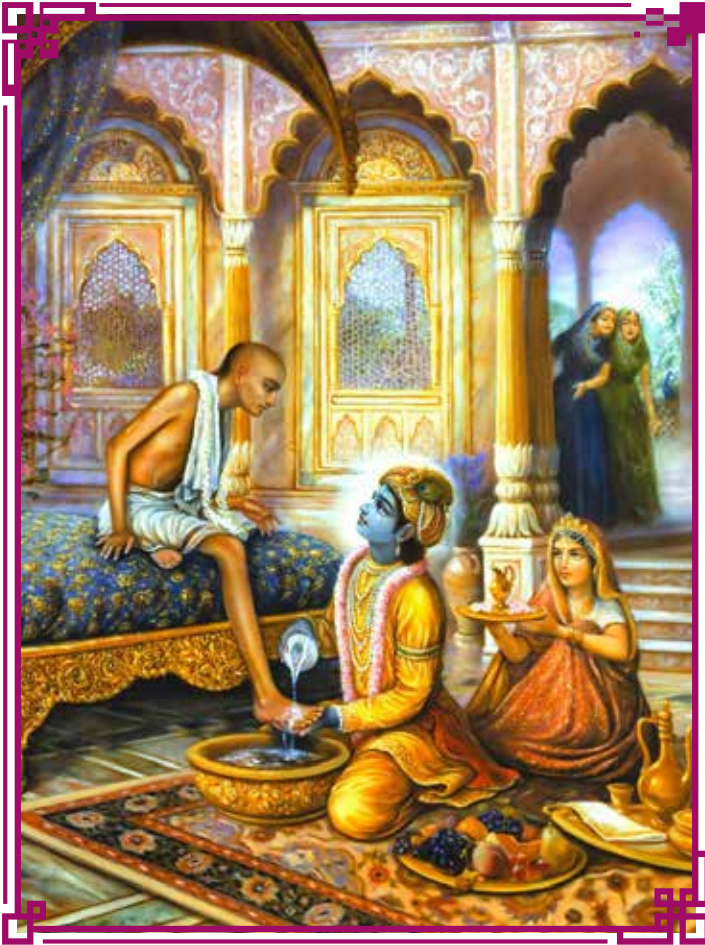
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Srimad Bhagavatam 6.2.49

If one extracts the poison fangs of a serpent, this saves the serpent's future victims from poisonous effects, even if the serpent bites repeatedly.

Similarly, if a devotee chants the holy name even once inoffensively, this protects him eternally. He need only wait for the results of the chanting to mature in due course of time.



Story Time (Taken from the Srimad Bhagavatam) Krishna & Sudama: A Friendship of the Heart

Sudama, a close friend of Lord Krishna, lived a very simple life with no material desires. He and his wife were poor and barely had enough to eat. One day, unable to provide food, his wife requested that he visit Krishna in Dvarka and ask for help. Sudama agreed, mainly because it would allow him to see Krishna. She obtained a small amount of flattened rice as a gift, and Sudama began his journey.

When Sudama arrived in Dvarka, Krishna saw him from a distance and warmly welcomed him. Krishna embraced him, seated him on His own bed, personally washed his feet, and treated him with great respect. Rukmini fanned him as other attendants watched in surprise.

Krishna and Sudama then spoke about their days together as students. Krishna asked if Sudama had brought a gift. Embarrassed by the simple offering of

flattened rice, Sudama hesitated, but Krishna took it, ate a handful joyfully, and was about to take more when Rukmiṇī stopped Him.

Sudama stayed the night in the palace. The next day, he returned home reflecting on how kindly Krishna had received him. When he reached his village, he was shocked to find his old hut replaced by beautiful palaces. His wife, now dressed in fine clothing, welcomed him with affection. Sudama understood that this change was due to Krishna's kindness.

Despite the new wealth, Sudama remained humble, continued remembering Krishna, and eventually attained the spiritual world.

What we learn:

Sudama's story teaches that Krishna loves us for our heart, not for what we own. Even though Sudama was poor, he went to see Krishna with a small gift and lots of love. Krishna welcomed him with joy, washed his feet, and treated him like a king because they were true friends. Sudama never asked Krishna for anything, but Krishna still blessed him with everything he needed.

This story reminds us to be thankful, kind, and loving, because God is pleased when we offer Him anything with a happy and sincere heart.



March 20th, 1971, Mumbai



So, our Krishna consciousness Movement has taken up this injunction of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu very seriously, and we are talking to the people simply about Bhagavad-gītā and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and it is acting very nicely. It is acting very nicely. We have got now forty branches all over the world, and everywhere, boys and girls like these, our all disciples, are all young men and young women. They are from twenty to thirty years of age, but they are doing very excellently. They have no time otherwise; each of them would have talked with you how they are feeling, how they have come to the Krishna consciousness, and how they have become purified by this movement.

So we have brought these boys and girls in India just to show you example. If persons who had no knowledge of Krishna five years ago, they can take to this life Krishna

consciousness so seriously, you cannot do this? You also can do, but you are neglecting. Don't neglect. Don't spoil your life simply by imitating the animals. Take to Krishna consciousness. It is very simple. Krishna consciousness is not very hard task. Anyone can chant anywhere. There is no hard-and-fast rules and regulation for chanting. You can chant on the street, you can chant on your bus, you can chant in your office—anywhere. Nobody will object.

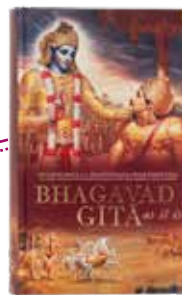
Please try these transcendental activities and see how you are happy. That is our Movement. We don't impose any artificial gymnastic process, that place your nose in this way and to keep your head like this way. No. In whatever position you are, simply utilize your tongue by chanting Hare Krishna, and tasting bhagavat-prasād. That is the way of realizing Krishna.



Date	Event
1 st December	Gita Jayanti
1 st December	Mokshada Ekadashi
2 nd December	Paran time 06:56 am to 10:57 am
31 st December	Putrada Ekadashi
1 st January	Paran time 07.11 - 10.52 am



Srimad Bhagavatam



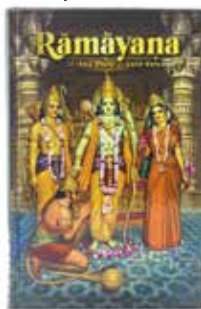
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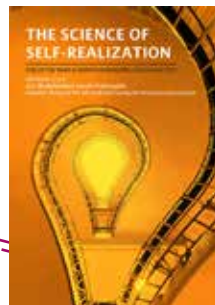
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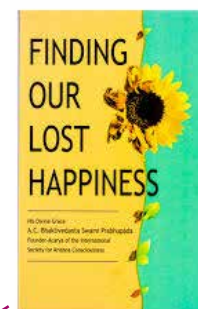
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