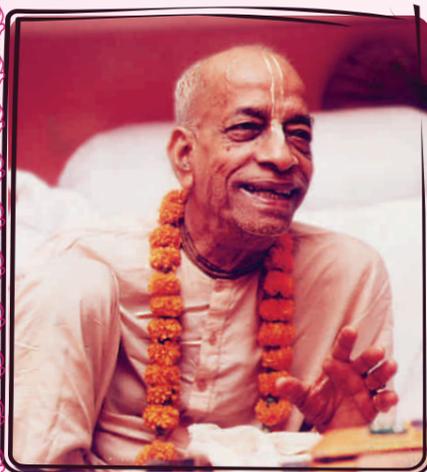


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## Srila Prabhupada Vaani

Krsna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. *Krsnas tu bhagavan svayam* (SB 1.3.28). There are many expansion of God. *Advaitam acyutam anadim ananta-rupam* (Bs. 5.33). He has got many forms, but this form which we know as Krsna, that is the original Krsna, or original God. That is stated in the Bhagavad-gita. Krsna says, *matthah parataram nanyat* (Bg. 7.7) "Although I have got many forms, but the original, supreme form is Krsna." But that does not mean that the other forms of Krsna, not our manufactured, but as it is stated in the sastra... Krsna has got many names: Rama, Govinda, Nrsmiha, Varaha. There are other forms. *Ramadi-murtisu kala-niyamena tisthan* (Bs. 5.39). Rama, Nrsmiha,

Varaha. He has got many forms. Rama is also expansion of Krsna. So these forms... We should not consider they are less powerful than Krsna. Not that. But Krsna is the original form. The example is given in the sastra, just like candles. *Diparcir eva hi dasantaram abhyupetya* (Bs. 5.46). The... There are thousands of candles, so we get one of them ignited, light up, and then second, then third, then fourth, then fifth you can go on increasing millions. The each light, each candle, is equally powerful. There is no doubt. Krsna's expansion not... The Visnu-tattva... It is called Visnu-tattva. *Diparcir eva hi dasantaram abhyupetya dipayate na hi tatha prthag asti hetu* (Bs. 5.46). So Visnu-tattva. Visnu-tattva is one, but still... Just like the example, candle. One candle, first candle, is Krsna. *Sarva-karana-karanam* (Bs. 5.1), *govindam adi-purusam tam aham bhajami*. This is the conclusion.

-SB 7.9.47, Vrindavana, April 2, 1976



# DASHA AVATAR APPEARED DURING CHANDAN..... YATRA FESTIVAL IN ISKCON KOLKATA



During the festival of Chandan Yatra, Their Lordships, Sri Sri Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Devi gave special darshan, dressed up as ten incarnations of Lord Krishna, as described by the Vaisnava poet, Srila Jayadeva Goswami, in his revered song- "Dasavtara-stotra." HG Balarama Govinda Prabhu, one of the pujari devotees

explained "Dasavatara is a category of avatars recognized and sung by the great poet Srila Jayadeva Goswami. Srila Prabhupada desired, in a letter, to bring an attractive book for children in this connection. After these Dashavatara verses, we decorated Jagannatha and Baladeva as Gaur- Nitai, depicting Them to be the essence of all avatars."

## Salil Vihar



Krishna performs many variegated pastimes in the spiritual world, which are celebrated as different festivals in this material world. One such festival is Salil Vihar- The Boat festival, in which Krishna, along with Gopis and Gopas, rides boat in the Yamuna River and takes bath in it. The festival of Salil Vihar is celebrated in such a way to engage each and everybody in the direct service of the Lord. During

the festival, the Ustava Vighras came out of the altar and preside over a lotus shaped pond. Thereafter, each and every person was given a lotus flower, some tulsi leaves and sandalwood pulp to offer to Their Lordships, with love and devotion. The festival started on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 and continued from a month. While the devotees and guests offered their hearts to Their Lordships in the form of a flower, melodious kirtan of Hare Krishna Mahamantra surcharged the environment with devotion.



## DIVYA DISHA: Organised by Well Wisher Forum

In the age of nuclear family life, ISKCON Kolkata's Well-Wishers' Forum (WWF) brought a sublime message of spirituality for reforming the household life, by living a life centered around eternal principles like mutual respect and love, tolerance, truthfulness, etc. On 10<sup>th</sup> May, at Kalakunj, WWF started a series of seminars under the name 'Divya-Disha'. The topic of discussion for the day was "Samskara- a thread for happy family life". The program started with the chanting of auspicious hymns by HG Caru Govind Pr & HG Rajasuya Pr, followed by a drama, performed by Well Wisher Forum devotees. Then Mr. Sushil Goenka, the youngest brother of Mr. Radheshyam Goenka, the proprietor of the Emami Group, gave talk on the subject followed by question and answers. HG Gauranga prabhu, a senior devotee from ISKCON Chowpatty, renowned for his discourses on Star Plus, elaborated the topic, in the context of Ramayana and it's modern day application. The seminar was in Hindi and it concluded with ecstatic kirtan and prasadam.

## Nirjala Ekadashi



On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015, over 150 Bhakti Vriksha devotees, led by HG Ashraya Gauranga prabhu, came together to observe the Pandav Nirjala Ekadasi, at Gurusaday Road. All the devotees chanted around 32 to 64 rounds of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. HG Ashray Gauranga prabhu gave a special lecture on the principle of Saranagati, from Bhagavad Gita 18.65, and discussed Dainya & Atmanivedana principles, from the songs of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur. In the temple also, most of the devotees chanted 32-64 rounds of Hare Krishna Mahamantra and performed kirtans the whole night, led by HH Bhakti Visrambha Madhava Swami Maharaj. Devotees dedicated their chanting and kirtans for good health for HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj.

### Panhati Chida Dahi Festival



Panhati Chida Dahi festival was celebrated first time at Panhati, an extension center of ISKCON Kolkata, on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 by the inspiration of HH Bhakti Caru Swami Maharaj. More than 20,000 devotees gathered for the festivity. Sanyasis from ISKCON & various Gaudiya Mathas also graced the occasion. All the devotees were fed Nityananda Prabhu's mahaprasadam- Chida Dahi and more than 4000 devotees took kichadi prasad.

### Utkarsh 2015 : Mayapur

Utkarsh Camp, 2015 was organised by IYF Kolkata, from 21 to 27 May at Mayapur. Over 220 students from prestigious



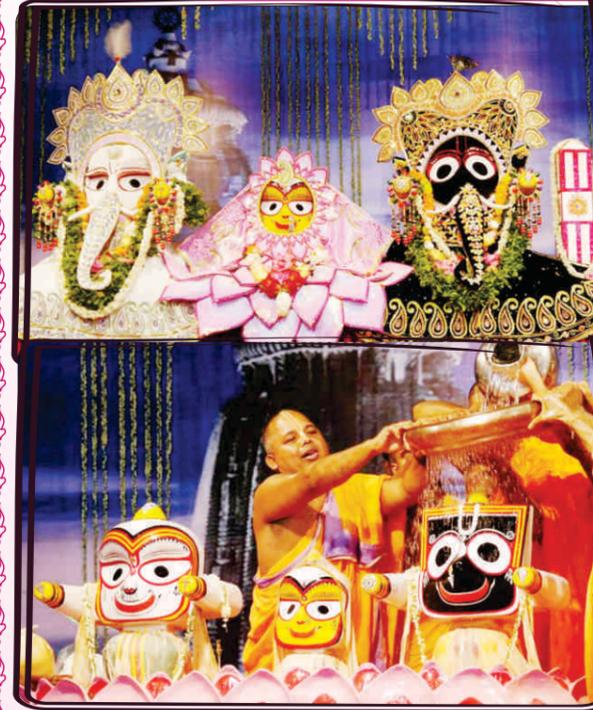
colleges of Kolkata, Durgapur, Rourkela, Silchar, Bhubneshwar, Jamshedpur and Pune participated in the spiritually enlivening camp. They visited Gurukla, Srila Prabhupada samadhi mandir and the upcoming TOVP. HH Bhakti Purushottam Swami Maharaj blessed them as a guest speaker. The regular classes were delivered by HG Radheyshyam prabhu, HG Acarya Ratna prabhu, HG Premswarup prabhu and HG Mukundlila prabhu. HG Krsnanand prabhu also gave a special lecture to senior devotees. One of the evenings, special dancing kirtans by Mayapur Chandra was organized. The camp concluded with visit to Rajapur, via boat ride, accompanied with ecstatic kirtans.

### Vaishnav Calender June 2015

- 2 June: Snan Yatra, Sri Mukund Dutta & Sri Sridhar Pandit disappearance
- 3 June: Sri Shyamanad Prabhu disappearance
- 7 June: Sri Vakreshwar Pandit appearance
- 11 June: Sri Srivas Pandit disappearance
- 13 June: Yogini Ekadasi
- 16 June: Sri Gadadhar pandit & Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur disappearance (fasting till noon)
- 28 June: Padmini Ekadasi

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### Snana Yatra : The Royal Bath



The festival of Snana Yatra was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, at Gurusaday Road. The presiding deities, Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Devi were welcomed with great joy and pomp. First the senior pujari devotees performed abhishek to Their Lordships with many auspicious ingredients like milk, honey, curd, fruit juices, etc. and thereafter invited guests such as film actress Mrs. Rituparna Sengupta, Mr. Bimal Saha, Mrs. Parul Roy, Mr. Ansul Agarwal and others did abhishek. Every devotee present was allowed to perform abhishek. After the abhishek, Their Lordships gave a very special, once a year, darshan in Gaja-Vesha. During the whole festivity, many devotees sang melodious Hare Krishna Mahamantra kirtan, to bring auspiciousness in the whole creation.

*Invitation for ALL*

**ISKCON KOLKATA**

**44<sup>th</sup>**

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18<sup>th</sup> July : Ratha Yatra Starts  
(from Park Circus ground)

26<sup>th</sup> July : Return of Ratha