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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Srila Prabhupada

ISKCON PUNJABI BAGH



JANAMASTAMI 2020

CELEBRATIONS IN DIFFERENT WAYS WITH THE SAME SPIRIT AS ALWAYS

Thunder rumbled in distance, Rain pelted against the withered walls. In the cold, dark, heavily guarded yet dimly-lit *Karagar*, at the stroke of midnight, hope was born, our Krishna appeared. Performing miracles after miracles, breaking the shackles of the dungeons and through the flooded waters of Yamuna, carried by his father Vasudeva, infant Krishna reached His devotees at Gokula.

From there on began the epic saga of strength, love, hope, peace and happiness; a tale we fondly call Krishna Lila. Eons hence, today once again we were in our prison cells, some physical some mental.

And once again, Krishna has decided to come to all who call upon Him with unparalleled devotion. So, we sat tight and celebrated Janamasthami with Him, shedding it of all spectacle, in its true glory and intended spirit of joyfully becoming conscious of Krishna.

DEITY SRINGAR



MANGAL AARTI DRESS

One of the most absorbing service to Krishna is to design dresses for Him. Krishna is the most beautiful person. His bodily features are so attractive that the ornaments and dresses derives beauty from Krishna (contrary to common conception!!) This year the most distinct feature of the dress is the use of genuine silk and 100% pure gold zari, 65% of silver and 0.65% of original gold. It took 2 months to complete the whole dress in Mumbai. The *kaarigar* was called during the lock down from Gujarat especially for this kind of mirror work.

The Work used on the silk material is silver sequence zardori along with unique mirror work which is famous from Gujrat. The dress was designed by Mr Pankaj Kharbanda

It is a unique combination on purple colour silk. Silver sequence along with gold and mirror touch make it look more elegant. The best part is that whole lengah of Radha Rani is made of gold zari and sarvoski mirror which is unique and elegant itself.

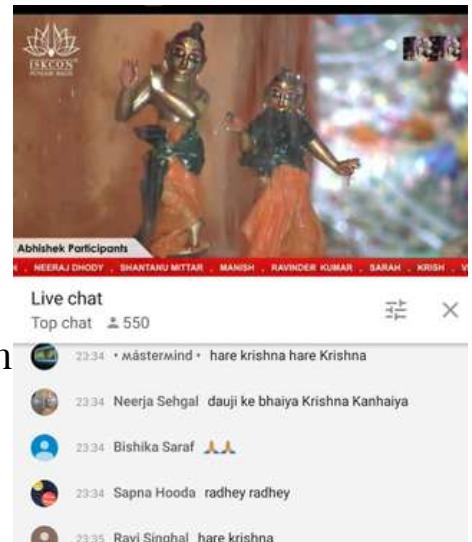


DARSHAN AARTI DRESS

The dress is whitish-gold in colour. It was made with the combination of both pure and raw silk. The design of the dress is original ethnic Rajasthani work. The borders have mirror work, bead work with orange pearl work all over the dress. It took 4 months for 10 to 15 *Kaarigars* to finish the dress. The concept of the design on the lehnga, the blouses, the *Patka*, the waist is off an Indian *baraat*. While emphasizing the intimacy of the gaze in darshan, opulent and devotional dressing is needed for Krishna's pleasure and to ensure that devotees maintain an appropriate relationship with the deity. *Srila Prabhupada always emphasised "The more you make the deity attractively dressed, the more you shall become spiritually attractive"*. The dress was designed by Mr Samant Verma

ABHISHEK AND ONLINE AARTI

When a devotee worships, Loves, chants, develops an inclination towards the service of the Lord, , then he is able to regain the eternal association of Lord. Thousands of devotees developed this association by watching the Abhishek and Aarti of Lord live on ISKCON Punjabi Bagh Youtube Channel.





BHOG

Preparing and offering food to the Lord is an intimate expression of our love to Krishna. In Goloka Vrindavana, mother Yasoda and Srimati Radharani personally cooks for Krishna. Cooking bhoga requires attention to details, meticulous cleanliness and devotional consciousness. ***The bhoga was offered nine times during the day starting from 4am to 12 midnight after Abhishek.*** More than 108 items were offered to deities ranging from various milk sweets like Rabri, Peda, Rasgulla, Kheer to wide variety of Sabjis, Daal, Rice, Juices, Cakes, Sweets, Chatnis, Fried items, Kachoris, Puris.



ONLINE EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

No material condition can check devotional service. Service to Krishna can be performed in all circumstances, in all times and at all places. No one ever imagined that in 2020, the temple would be closed for Darshans on Krishna Janmastami day. But of course this did not stop devotees from celebrating. With internet, it was easier for community members to stay connected with each other and with the temple. ISKCON Punjabi Bagh planned various online events for Krishna Janmastmi Festivals. The events and their winners are as follows: *(though we believe that anyone who participated is an extraordinary winner because of divine absorption in Krishna!!)*



Krishna Book Contest

There is no better world to get lost in (or rather 'find in'), than that of Krishna book. Krishna Book contains 90 authorized pastimes of Krishna in form of stories along with the life Lessons from the Srimad Bhagavatam (10th Canto) and written by ISKCON's Founder acharya- His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami

169 people who participated in the LIVE written Quiz from Krishna book from many cities all over India as well as outside. Online Krishna Book Contest winners were:

1. Arjuna Nātha Keśava Das
2. Sanjita Jha
3. Rādhā Rānī Bhakti Devi Dasi.



Online Drama Contest

Bringing story to life, a lila to represent, an emotion to display Bhakti Vriksha group devotees and Study groups did enlivening dramas performed at home with the family and was broadcasted live on ISKCON PUNJABI BAGH YouTube. The winners of the event were:

1. Radha Gaurangi Devi Dasi , Ram Karuna Das & team
2. Sheetla Kripa Devi Dasi & Nandbaldev Das
3. Sharnagati Das & Vrinda Devi Dasi

Special recognition for outstanding creativity- Mitravinda Devi Dasi and team, Swargapati Das and team.



Vrindavan At Home

Devotees decorated their homes with the theme of 'Vrindavan' on this occasion to welcome Krishna. The participants who made the best Vrindavans were:

1. Ram Garg devi dasi and Varsana Sundaru devi dasi
2. Anjali Bhasin devi dasi
3. Jaya Murari das



SNEAK PEAK INTO VRINDAVAN AT HOME



People created miniature

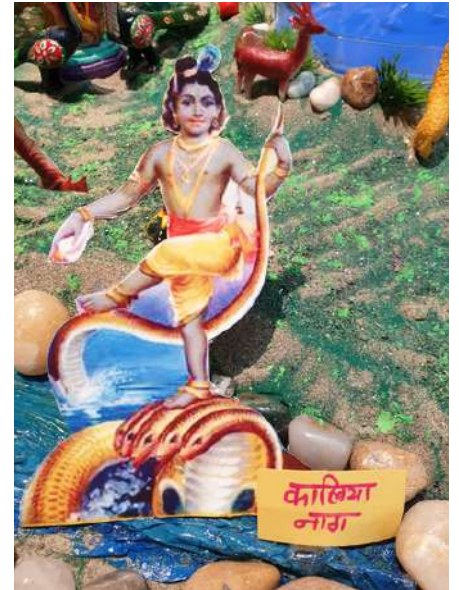
Vrindavans in their homes.



With swans, monkeys, lakes,

Krishna's childhood was reveled.





*The melody of Krishna's flute
resonated in each home.*



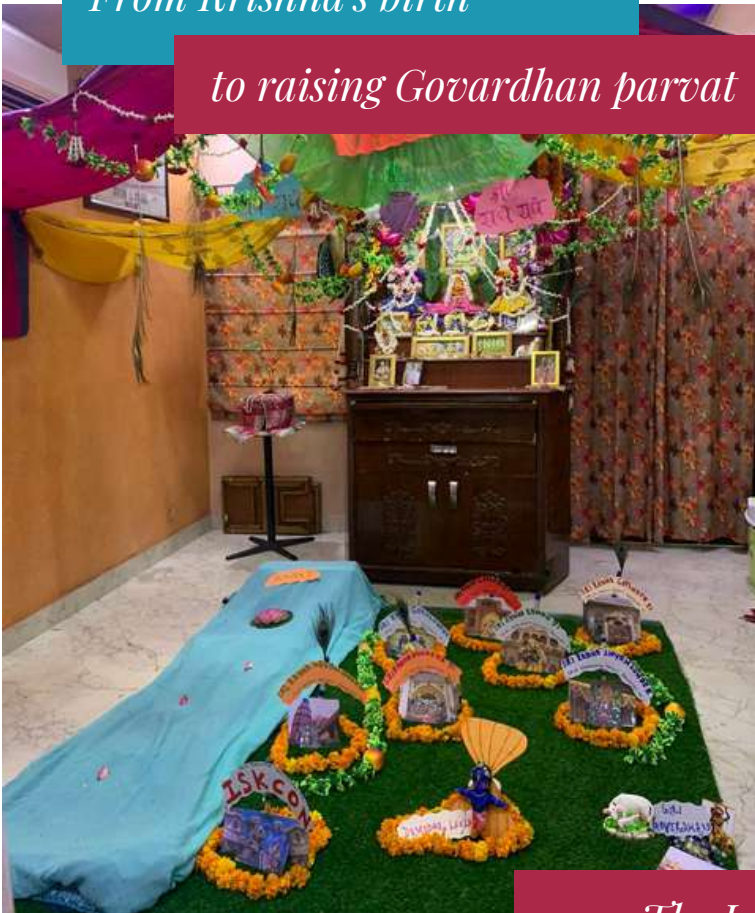
*while Lalla played happily
in his Jhulla*





From Krishna's birth

to raising Govardhan parvat



The Lord's entire Childhood was brought to life in one room.





MEDIA COVERAGE

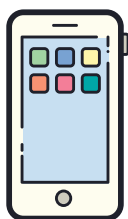
A number of reputed websites, news channels and papers covered ISKCON Punjabi Bagh's E-Janamashtami and acknowledged the efforts of the temple



Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala, published articles covering the event at the temple.



Aaj Tak, ETV, Samachar TV, Times Now in addition to eight channels of Times Network were given coverage rights.



The video of Janamashtami events were also released on all ISKCON Punjabi Bgh social Media Handles.

Click: <https://youtu.be/K-S4UBwW5mo>

Check out: <https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/delhi/city/delhi/janmashtami-celebrated-in-punjabi-bagh-iskcon-temple/dl20200813002323560>



जूम ऐप से मनेगा श्रीकृष्ण जन्मोत्सव भव्यता में नहीं होगी कोई भी कमी

आदित्य पाण्डेय

नई दिल्ली। कोविड-19 के खतरे

लाजपत नगर इस्कॉन मंदिर के सदस्य युधिष्ठिर गोविंद दास ने बताया कि हर साल जन्माष्टमी पर यहाँ 6-7 लाख लोग जुटते हैं। इस साल कोविड-19 की



HARE KRISHNA SUNDAY SCHOOL

Krishna's childhood comes alive in the playful gaggles of young children. With that in mind, several events were organised to help them celebrate the spirit of Janamashtami. The competitions were:

- Vaishnava Song singing competition
- Shloka Recitation
- Story/Rhyme/Poem Telling Competition

Though all students did their best, these selected few stood out with their emotions and extempore in their respective groups.

Vaishnava Song Competition

Aanya saini	Group 1
Aryan Vishal Kshirsagar	Group 2
Gaurang Patel	Group 3



Shloka Recitation

Sanvika Mall	Group 1
Aryan Vishal Kshirsagar	Group 2
Tanmay	Group 3

Story Telling/Poem Recitation

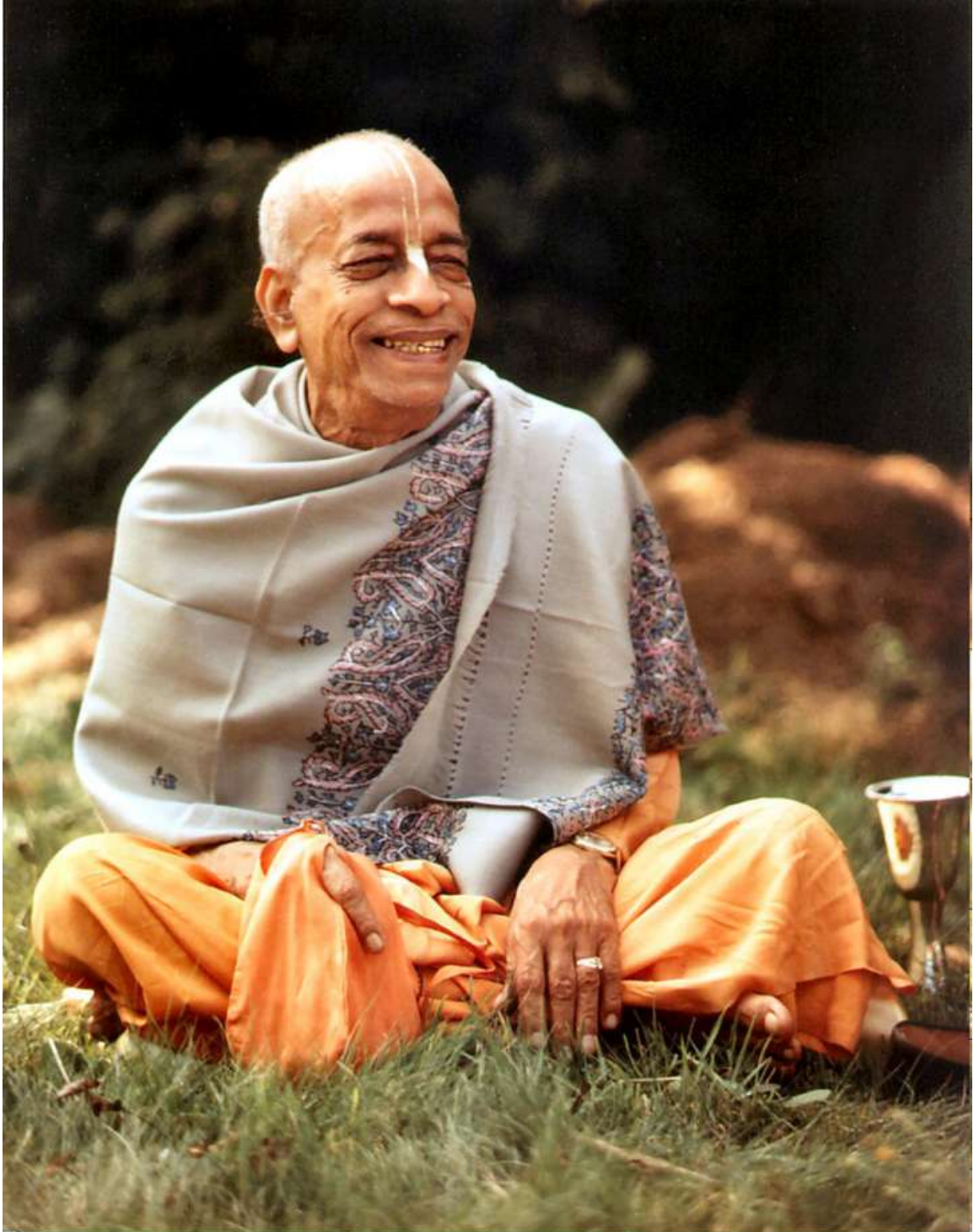
Kirtida	Group 1
Aryan Vishal Kshirsagar	Group 2
Harshita Sati	Group 3



Offering of 53 Lakh Holy Names

By sincere efforts & devotion of devotees, youth wing of ISKCON Punjabi Bagh offered 53 Lakhs Holy name - *Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare- Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare* - to their Lordships on this auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

Dedicated To



*His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada
Founder Acharya:: International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)*

The Pandemic may have prevented devotees from visiting the temple but it did not stop them from inviting Krishna into their consciousness, into their hearts. A sincere thanks to each and everyone who volunteered, who donated, who contributed in every aspect, who stayed in their homes and abide by the norms. Heartfelt Gratitude to each one.



When you love God,
You love everyone.
Beyond illusion and
doubt.

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