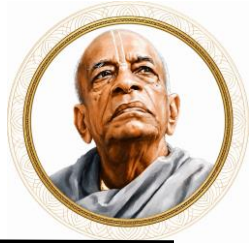




MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (OCTOBER 2026)



Godhead is light. Nescience is darkness. Where there is Godhead, there is no nescience. (- From Srila Prabhupada's Back to Godhead Magazine)

#Prabhupada said:

The finger independently cannot eat anything, cannot enjoy the sweetball, nice sweetball. The finger can pick it up and put it in the stomach. When the stomach enjoys, the finger enjoys. This is our position. So we have to purify the propensity of sense gratification materially. That is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. [Lecture SB 07.05.30 - London September 09, 1971]

#Vedic Wisdom:

Ten (10) glories of the month Karttika (Damodara Maas).

- Hari Bhakti Vilas, Vilas (chapter) 16

Verse 123:

"Of all gifts, the gift of a lamp during the month of Karttika is the best. No gift is its equal."

Verse 112:

"Even a person addicted to all sins and averse to all pious deeds, who somehow offers a lamp during Karttika becomes purified. Of this there is no doubt."

Verse 129:

"Somehow or other a mouse once lit a lamp that someone offered on Ekadashi during the month of Karttika. That mouse attained a rare human birth and then went to the supreme spiritual world."

Verse 103:

"Even if there are no mantras, no pious deeds, and no purity, everything becomes perfect when a person offers a lamp during the month of Karttika."

Verse 54:

"One who during the month of Karttika gives a small gift to Lord Vishnu attains a result that will never be destroyed. This is especially true when the gift is food."

Verse 75:

"During the month of Karttika, they who with love hear the topics of Lord Visnu, even if they hear only half a verse or a fourth of a verse, attain the pious result of giving a hundred cows in charity."

Verse 79:

"Lord Krishna is not as pleased with many yajnas and with charities of many cows, elephants, or other expensive gifts, as He is with discussion of scripture during the month of Karttika."

Verse 89:

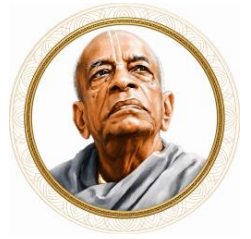
A person who to Lord Visnu offers delicious paayasa made with sugar and ghee, and then eats the remnants left by the Lord, attains the result of performing every day a great yajna."

Verse 77:

O tiger of sages, a person who during the month of Karttika eagerly hears the topics of Lord Krishna delivers a hundred generations of his family."

Verse 121:

"O king of brahmanas, when someone offers Him a lamp on the full-moon day of the month of Karttika, Lord Krishna, finding that He does not have sufficient money to repay that gift, gives Himself in exchange for that lamp."



- **Special Street Sankirtan on Mahalaya:**

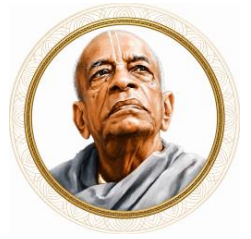
On the auspicious occasion of **Mahalaya**, **ISKCON Jorhat** devotees filled the streets with a **Special Street Sankirtan**, joyfully dancing while chanting ***the Hare Krishna mahamantra***. Passersby paused to witness the blissful kirtan, **with many joining in the singing and clapping**. This collective chanting brought a sense of peace and divine harmony to the community, filling everyone's hearts with pure spiritual joy





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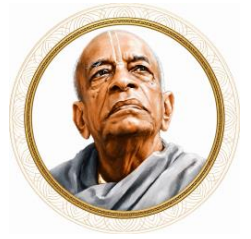


SUNDAY PROGRAMS /EVENTS AT ISKCON JORHAT

Every Sunday, ISKCON Jorhat hosts a series of devotional gatherings that bring together devotees of all ages for spiritual nourishment and joy. The day begins with **Nagar Sankirtan**, where the holy names are chanted on the streets, during sankirtan some devotees approach onlookers, householders, locals and distribute prasadam and some distribute transcendental literatures to the interested individuals. This is followed by the **Youth Session** that inspires young devotees through kirtans and discussions. Children participate in **the Gopala Kids Sangha**, engaging in Krishna-katha and playful devotional activities. The **Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita Class** deepens understanding with shlokas and practical examples, making scriptural wisdom relatable. The evening concludes with blissful **Aarti, soul-stirring kirtans**, and the distribution of **sanctified Prasadam**, leaving devotees spiritually uplifted and united in devotional service.

Below are the events listed broadly for better understanding





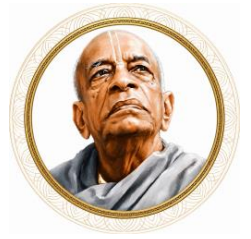
NAGAR SANKIRTAN/BOOK DISTRIBUTION/PRASADAM DISTRIBUTION:

On various Sunday mornings, devotees of ISKCON Jorhat performed Nagar Sankirtan near **East Bengal Pukhuri, Borigaon Borbaruah Tekela Gaon, West Bengal Pukhuri, Cholahara area** at Jorhat Town. With heartfelt chanting of Hare Krishna Mahamantra, the atmosphere was filled with divine vibrations, uplifting the hearts of locals, bringing joy, peace and spiritual strength to the community. Devotees also distributed prasadam to the locals and distributed books to the interested individuals.



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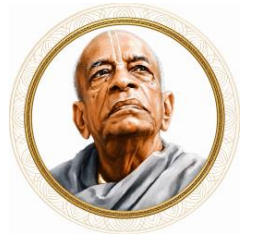
YOUTH SESSION:

Young devotees came together with enthusiasm to engage in kirtans, spiritual discussions, and interactive learning. The session was enriched with group songs, inspiring talks, and devotional activities that nurtured values of discipline, service, and Krishna consciousness. We had a guest also on one Sunday joining our youth session.



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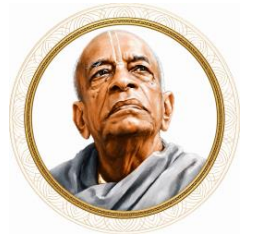
GOPALA KIDS SANGHA :

At the ISKCON Jorhat Centre, the children gathered for kirtan, Krishna-katha, and joyful devotional activities. On one Sunday students learned from **the teaching of the Ramayana** and discussed the significance of **Vijayadashami and conquering the Ravana within**. They also participated in creative colouring activity.



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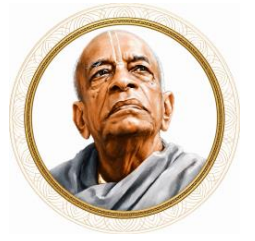
SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM AND SRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA CLASS :

In our recent Bhagavatam classes, we had enriching discussions centering on the core philosophies of the Bhagavad Gita. On one Sunday **Bhagavad Gita chapter-17** was discussed in summary. On other Sundays' **individual slokes** such as **11.55** and **18.78** were discussed. There was another discussion **to create a need to serve Krishna favourably by accepting Tapasya in our lives**. In this month on one Sunday, devotees were blessed with the association of **one of the most senior devotees of Assam, HG Vrindapati Prabhu** and got the opportunity to hear from him on topics of Bhagavad Gita.



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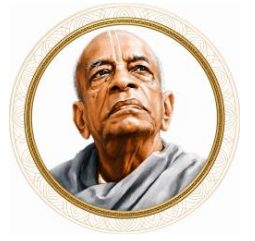


✨ AARTI, KIRTAN AND PRASADAM :

Devotees gathered at ISKCON Jorhat for the blissful evening Aarti, offering lamps and prayers to the Lord. Soul-stirring Kirtan filled the temple with divine vibrations, uplifting every heart. The program concluded with the distribution of sanctified Prasadam, nourishing both body and soul.



JORHAT



MONTHLY TAKEAWAY

This month at ISKCON Jorhat was filled with devotion, joy, and spiritual nourishment - starting with Special Street Sankirtan on Mahalaya, continuing with temple celebrations, kirtans and children's sanghas. We were blessed to have the association of HG Vrindapati Prabhu on one Sunday Love Feast program. All devotees deeply relished his lecture on Bhagavad Gita.

Now as we step into the coming Karttika Damodar Month, may the blessings of the Lord continue to guide us, strengthen our faith, and give us energy to serve with more enthusiasm to spread the mission of Srila Prabhupada by spreading Krishna consciousness everywhere.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa

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