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CHINTAMANI

Sri Radha Shyamachandra



The Spiritual Gem of Raichur

As you are hearing the message of Śrīmad Bhāgavatam or Bhagavad-gītā, the process is vidhunoti, washing. Actually, it is brainwashing—but for good.

~Srila Prabhupada





Sarathi Shyama Dasa

Hare Krishna!

Dear Devotees, Donors, and Well-wishers,

Greetings!. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

It is with profound gratitude and joy that I present the inaugural edition of the ISKCON Raichur Newsletter - "CHINTAMANI". This publication is intended to serve as a window into the various devotional, educational, and humanitarian activities being carried out under the auspices of our temple, as we collectively strive to fulfil the vision of Srila Prabhupada — to bring Krishna consciousness to every town and village since 2013 in Raichur.

By the divine mercy of Sri Sri Radha-Shyamachandra, Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu, and through the sincere efforts of our devotees, donors, and well-wishers, our temple community has made significant progress in multiple areas of outreach and service.

Over 10years, we are pleased to share the accomplishments in the pages ahead.

These endeavors reflect the collective spirit of devotion, teamwork, and commitment within our congregation. Each contribution — whether through seva, donation, or participation — has been instrumental in advancing this sacred mission.

As we look to the future, we invite all devotees, friends, and supporters to join hands and contribute generously, so that together we may complete our temple project [Rs.3 crore construction completed, Rs. 7 crore construction balance] and expand these initiatives for the spiritual and social upliftment of humanity.

May the blessings of Sri Sri Radha-Shyamachandra and Srila Prabhupada always remain upon you and your families. May your lives be filled with devotion, peace, and prosperity as we together endeavor to share the light of Krishna consciousness with the world.

With humble appreciation and regards,

Sarathi Shyama Dasa
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1. Distribution of over 1,00,000+ plates of sanctified prasadam (annadanam) to people from all walks of life.



2. 10,000+ copies of the Bhagavad Gita disseminated, spreading the timeless wisdom of Lord Krishna's teachings.



3. Illumination of 10,000+ Damodar lamps during the auspicious Kartik month across various schools and villages every year.



4. Maintenance and protection of 50+ cattle in our temple's goshala, upholding the principles of cow care and compassion.



5. Conduct of 15+ regular satsang programs in various area homes and temple, fostering spiritual education and community development.



6. Ongoing daily Srimad Bhagavatam discourses and Nagar Kirtans, enlivening the atmosphere with the chanting of the holy names.

7. Dedicated youth preaching initiatives - IYF and KISHORIS, nurturing spiritual values and leadership among the younger generation.



IYF



Kishoris

8. Progress in the construction of our eco-friendly temple complex, designed to harmonize spirituality with sustainability.



Bricks of Bhakti



Bird's eye view

9. Organization of spiritual yatra to various holy places across India, where devotees collectively engage in pilgrimage, kirtan, satsang, and the distribution of Krishna prasadam, spreading joy and devotion wherever they go.



10 . “Little Shyama Gurukul” – a children’s program dedicated to imparting spiritual values, cultural learning, and devotional practices to the next generation.



Cultural Learning

11. Grand celebrations of Sri Krishna Janmashtami and Jagannath Ratha Yatra, witnessed by thousands of devotees and visitors, spreading joy, devotion, and the chanting of the holy names throughout the community.



Jagannatha Ratha Yatra



Gaur Nitai Shoba Yatra



Kalpataru - Kids Cultural Carnival



Janmashtami Abhishekam



Kirtan



Janmashtami Arati

Environmental Initiative

In alignment with Srila Prabhupada's vision of caring for nature as part of our devotional duty, the temple also organized a Tree Plantation Program promoting environmental awareness and ecological balance. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including MLA Dr. Shivraj Patil, along with other respected guests and community leaders. Together, hundreds of saplings were planted within and around the temple premises, reinforcing our commitment to a greener and more sustainable environment guided by Krishna conscious principles.



Karnataka's veteran leader and Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science & Technology, Shri N.S. Boseraju taking blessings during festivals.

Join us for every Sunday program (Kirtan, Pravaca, Annadan)

 Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2025

- Utpanna Ekadashi: November 15th

DECEMBER 2025

- Mokshada Ekadashi & Advent of the Bhagavad Gita: December 1st
- Appearance of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura: December 8th
- Saphala Ekadashi: December 16th
- Putrada Ekadashi & Appearance of Jagadisha Pandita: December 31st

Kalpataru is a vibrant cultural festival designed for school and college students, helping them express creativity while grounding themselves in spiritual strength and practical life skills. Just like the divine Kalpa-vriksha that fulfills noble desires, this festival nurtures the holistic growth of today's youth.



Nature

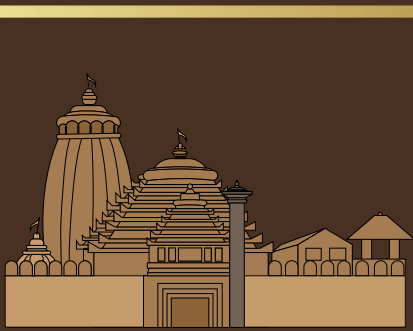


ISKCON Raichur: Clean and Green

Religion and ecology are indelibly linked in India. Sacred texts, devotional narratives, and religious convictions often motivate environmental action and provide cultural resources for ecological initiatives. ISKCON Raichur campus is also home various flora and fauna (peacocks, weaver birds, kingfishers, rabbits, etc)







Why One Should Visit the Temple???

In a world buzzing with notifications and deadlines, the temple is one of the few places where the mind finally exhales. A Krishna temple isn't just a building with rituals happening inside. It's a living spiritual oasis. When you step in, the atmosphere itself does half the work: the kirtan softens the heart, the darshan awakens remembrance of the Lord, and the devotees' smiles remind you that spiritual life can feel like family.

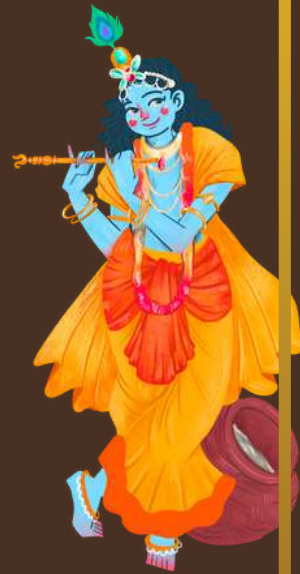
Srila Prabhupada often said that the temple is a "spiritual hospital." We come not because we are perfect, but because we want to heal. Just a few minutes in front of the Deities can reset your inner compass and bring back clarity that gets buried during the week. Krishna says in the Gita that He reciprocates with everyone who approaches Him. A temple visit is simply our way of showing up so He can reach us.

There's also something beautiful about sacred routine. When families visit regularly, children grow up with natural affection for Krishna. When individuals come, stress quietly dissolves and their hearts become lighter. When the community gathers for kirtan or prasadam, loneliness melts into belonging.

And the sweetest part: you don't have to "do" anything extraordinary. Just walk in, sit, look at Krishna, chant a little, and take prasadam. The temple will do the rest.

So whenever life feels too loud, visit the temple. Let Lord Sri Radha Shyamachandra's presence refresh your mind, nourish your soul, and remind you what peace actually feels like.





Krishna and the Curious Fruit Vendor

One sunny morning in Vrindavan, baby Krishna heard a lady shouting in the street, “Fresh fruits! Fresh fruits!”

Krishna, being Krishna, loved anything fun. He ran to the door with his tiny butter-covered hands. The fruit vendor smiled when she saw the adorable blue boy.

“Do you want fruits, little one?” she asked.

Krishna nodded with big round eyes and brought a handful of grains as payment. But because His hands were slippery with butter, almost all the grains fell on the ground. Only two or three grains reached the fruit vendor’s basket.

She laughed gently. “That’s alright, child. I’ll still give you fruits.” She scooped up mangoes, bananas, and guavas and filled Krishna’s little arms.

Krishna happily toddled back inside.

But when the fruit vendor looked at her basket... she couldn’t believe her eyes. Every single fruit had turned into shining jewels: diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls. Her basket glowed brighter than the sun.

Tears filled her eyes. “This is Krishna’s kindness,” she whispered. “He takes a small offering and gives back more than we can imagine.”

And from that day on, every time she walked through Vrindavan calling “Fresh fruits!”, her heart felt full, because she knew that even a tiny act of love catches Krishna’s attention.

Addictions Remedy



Addiction (any kind... phone, food, substances, gaming, even emotional patterns) isn't just about the habit itself. It's about what gap the habit is filling. Once you understand that, the whole thing becomes way more manageable.

Here's a simple, practical, spiritually friendly roadmap.



1. Don't fight it alone.

When you try to "willpower" your way out, the mind gets tired in a week. But if you have even one supportive person, a mentor, a counselor, or a trusted devotee around you, the burden drops by half.

2. Replace, don't remove.

The mind hates a vacuum. If you stop something without putting something better in its place, the old habit creeps back.

Swap scrolling with a walk.

Swap stress-drinking with stress-talking to someone.

Swap late-night binging with mantra music.

Small swaps matter.



3. Shrink the habit instead of smashing it.

Instead of "I'll never do it again," try "I'll reduce it by 20 percent this week."

Small victories create momentum. Momentum becomes freedom.

4. Change your environment.

This one is huge. Your room, your phone layout, your evening routine, your friends... they all trigger a certain mindset. Change the triggers and the addiction loses power.

5. Understand your pattern instead of judging yourself.

Ask:

"When do I usually fall into it?"

"What emotion comes just before it?"

"What problem am I trying to numb?"

Once you notice the pattern, you start catching it early.



6. Bring Krishna into the process.

Even a tiny bit of bhakti changes the heart.

Chanting, reading a page of Gita, visiting the temple, doing seva... these aren't just "spiritual stuffs." They are emotional fuel. When the heart is nourished, cravings stay weaker.



7. Celebrate progress, not perfection.

If you fall, that doesn't mean you're back to zero. It just means you stood up again. Nobody transforms overnight, not even great devotees in the stories. Progress happens quietly, one choice at a time.

8. Seek professional help if needed.

No shame in that. Even Arjuna needed a counselor. Sometimes the smartest thing you can do is say, "I need guidance." Visit ISKCON raichur and get help



Temple Treasure Hunt

Goal: Readers solve clues to discover five sacred objects found in any ISKCON temple.

Clues:

1. "I ring loudly but speak silently. Devotees pull me before arati."
2. "I carry the Lord's sweet fragrance and travel from hand to hand."
3. "I follow devotees everywhere, but vanish once prasadam starts."
4. "I stand before the Lord, shining bright, yet I am never proud."
5. "I give you darshan, but I do not move. You move around me."

Answers:

1. Temple bell
2. Incense stick
3. Japa mala bag
4. Ghee lamp
5. Deity altar



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Sri Nanda Goshala

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- Vamana Purana

"One who builds or helps to build a beautiful temple for the Lord will be freed from all sinful reactions and will enter the Vaikunta planets."
- Narasimha Purana

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