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ତତସ୍ତତୋ ନିୟମୈତଦାମ୍ବନେୟବ ବଶଂ ନୟେତ୍ ॥୨୬॥

ଏହି ଶ୍ଳୋକଟି ଭଗବତ୍ ଗୀତାର ସପ୍ତମ ଅଧ୍ୟାୟରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ଶ୍ଳୋକଟିର ସାରମର୍ମ ହେଲା: ମନ ଅତି ଚଞ୍ଚଳ ଓ ଅସ୍ଥିର । ତା'ର ଏହି ସ୍ୱଭାବ ଯୋଗୁଁ ଯଦି ମନ ବିଚଳିତ ହୁଏ, ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ଅନ୍ୟତ୍ର ଚାଲିଯାଏ, ଧ୍ୟାନର ବସ୍ତୁଠାରୁ ଦୂରେଇଯାଏ, ତାହାହେଲେ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ସେଠାରୁ ତାକୁ ଫେରାଇ ଆଣିବା ଉଚିତ୍ ଏବଂ ଆତ୍ମାର ଅଧୀନରେ ପୁଣି ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ କରିବା ଉଚିତ୍ ।

From wherever the mind wanders due to its flickering and unsteady nature, one must certainly withdraw it and bring it back under the control of the self.

Chirantana is a biannual newsletter published in February and August of every year. If anybody is interested to publish his/her article in the newsletter, please send the article to obhajan@yahoo.com by the end of January or July to be published in the February or August issues respectively.



We would like to express our deep sense of appreciation for the Baltimore ISKCON temple president, Nrusingha Chaitanya Dasa, and the priests, Mahasakti Dasa, Sudhansu Dasa, Niranjana Dasa, and Mahasringha Dasa, for their sincere help. We invite everyone residing in Washington DC and vicinity to attend this monthly bhajan program, organized by Jagannath Organization for Global Awareness (JOGA), and to chant bhajans and listen and participate in religious discourses. To learn about its various activities please visit the JOGA web page at <http://www.jogaworld.org>.

Top ten reasons to attend Bhajan Programs:

1. You get a chance to see and get blessings from Lord Jagannath, Bhalabadra, and Subhadra.
2. Listen to heart touching bhajans from many talented singers.
3. Meet your friends and relatives in an Odia atmosphere.
4. Enhance your spiritual knowledge by listening to prabachana.
5. Eat very tasty prasada prepared by the Oriya priests in Oriya style.
6. Your child participates in religious discourses.
7. Sing and participate in group bhajans.
8. Learn about various community activities JOGA volunteers have taken here in the USA and back in Orissa.
9. Your child learns how to speak and read oriya.
10. Above all, your stress and anxiety will be reduced .

What's New?

The souvenir (a resource book) **Jogasutra** will be published to commemorate five years of Holi celebration. Oriya Bhajan Mandali also raised money for the bathroom repair work of the Baltimore ISKCON temple.

The September (2002) month's children program was enjoyed by all. Our Odia teaching continues. We are slowly developing the learning materials which will be published in **Jogasutra** and it will also be available at <http://www.jogaworld.org>.

ଅଚ୍ୟୁତାଞ୍ଜଳମ୍ (achyutASTakam)

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achyutaM keshabaM rAma
nArAyaNaM
kR^ishhNa dAmodaraM
harim.h ..
shrIdharaM mAdhavaM gopikAvallabhaM
jAnakInAyakaM rAmachandraM bhaje

bAsudevaM

Translation:

This traditional melody expresses a sweet nostalgia for the stories of divinity expressed in life. "Lord, I constantly remember you as imperishable, the killer of demons, source of life, remover of sorrows, glorious, beloved of milkmaids (Gopika), lover and protector, beautiful like the moon."

ଆଜି ଆସିଛି, ଆସିଛି ହୋରୀ

(March 22, 2003 at Murugan Temple)
Hori Announcement in Back Side



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Hori Announcement

Naresh Das
Dabaki Nandan Chowdhury
Brahmapriya Sen
Nrusingha Mishra
Shantilata Nayak
Bigyani Das

Oriya Word Search

Dear children, here are the words for you to find. You will get bonus points if you find more oriya words than the list.

English	Oriya	English	Oriya
Come in:	Asa,	Good morning:	namaste,
Flower:	Phula	God:	ThAkura,
Temple:	mandira,	Father:	bApA,
Tree:	gachha,	Mother:	bou,
Thank you:	dhanyabAda,	Sister:	apA,
Brother:	bhAi,	Car:	gADi,
Water :	pANi,	House:	ghara,
Song:	gita,	Bring :	ANa

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Queries on Happiness

By Debaki Nandan Chowdhury, Rockville, MD

Introduction: Debaki Nandan Chowdhury is a resident of Rockville, MD. Recently, when his father passed away, he went to Orissa via Calcutta. In the Howrah station he found a book stall of Gita Press. He purchased one valuable book by Swami Ramsukh Das from that stall.

These questions and answers are extracted from that book and translated from his language:

Question: Why do we get the desire to have happiness?

Answer: As we have established a relationship with the body (the relationship is so deep that we mean “I” = body), we run after happiness.

Question: Should we have the desire “This bad time should go”?

Answer: One should have no desire. If someone desires that bad time should go, he means good time should come. With our limited vision, we term things as good or bad. We may have good times and feel happy being unaware of the bitterness that can be associated with those good times. When Lord Shiva appeared before Devotee Narsi and offered him to grant him everything he could wish, the devotee wished that whatever Lord Shiva could feel would be good for him, He might offer him. This way, the responsibility went to Lord Shiva.

Question: GOD is like ”KALPA BATA”. Every human being stays under its shadow. If people ask for things, why their wishes do not come true?

Answer: “KALPA BATA” or Demigods are like the shopkeepers. You ask for something, they will give it to you. They do not think about what is good or bad for you. God is the Father. He always tries to protect you. He knows that the current desire to have something will lead to a lot of problems or complications later. That is why he decides and gives whatever is better.

Question: In some scriptures it is mentioned that whatever man desires, it should be fulfilled. Is that right?

Answer: No. Desires are limitless and all desires can not be fulfilled. However, if one meditates and prays to God seriously, that desire gets fulfilled. DHRUBA prayed God to become a king. Later, when he saw God, even though he did not have the desire to be a king, God fulfilled his desire. Similarly, Bibhisana had a desire to be a king when he went to Lord Rama. God fulfilled that. In summary, when some one really attempts to reach God, whatever desires he or she has, become obstacles on the way. Hence, God fulfills that, so

that they can cross that obstacle and thus can reach Him.

Question: If someone calls God just to fulfill some desire, will that be fulfilled?

Answer: No.

Question: What is the key element of any religion?

Answer: Selflessness and desire to help others.

Question: How to preach religion?

Answer: Practice (maintain your lifestyle as per) the religion. That is the best way to preach any religion.

Question: If we do some good work, will it neutralize the bad work or sins we have done?

Answer: No, the books of accounts are different. Good work has its separate book and bad work has its separate book. If one repents for his bad work and pays the price (not on monetary terms, we say "PRAYASCHITA") for the bad work, that may neutralize the bad work.

Question: What is the key element in prayer?

Answer: To accept one's weakness before the almighty God.

POEMS/STORIES/ESSAYS:

Testing of Faith

By Brahmapiya Sen, Columbia, MD



Victories and failures are both sides of the same coin. While too much sunshine burns, the lack of it could wipe you out. But, these trials and tribulations test our faith, shape our character and build our strength. Even thorns and thistles are blessings if they bring opportunities to perfect our character. They are the stepping-stones in the path to success. Some flowers like the rose must be crushed before their full fragrance is released. Some fruits like sycamores must be bruised before it will attain ripeness and sweetness. Some metals like gold must be flung into the furnace before they reach full value and purity.

It is true with many of us that we must be laid low before we will look high. We must know His

smiling before we appreciate His smiling. The old oak log must be laid on fire and the flames encircle it before its imprisoned music is set free. So it is with saints. The potter must break the vessel then he can make of the same material a new and beautiful vase. Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let endurance have its perfect result, so that you must be perfect and complete, and lacking in nothing.

Glory of Mata Tulasi Devi

(Adapted from Padma Purana)

By Nrusingha Mishra, Germantown, MD



One day Goddess Parvati asked Her husband, Lord Siva to narrate the essence of "Krishna Kriya Yoga", which deals with the practice of devotional services to Lord Krishna. During his long narration, Lord Siva described how glorious Tulsi Devi was. Tulsi Devi is one of the nearest and dearest devotees of Lord Krishna, and so for all ages she remained as a symbol of purity and holiness. Everybody in the universe, everyday morning and evening, worships Her for blessings. Any body, who worships Tulasi Devi and takes Her leaves as prasada, gets his/her wishes fulfilled, becomes healthy and wealthy, gets spiritual energy and finally attains salvation.

All deities, Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, stay near Tulsi Devi. On the top, Brahma is located. Near the root, Siva is located. In the middle, stays Vishnu. All Goddesses, Laksmi, Saraswati, Parvati, Savitri, and Gayatri, are around Tulasi Devi. Devas like Indra, Agni, Nairuta, Varuna, Kubera and Nabagrahas, all surround Tulasi Devi in Her protection. Tulsi Devi, as mentioned earlier, is the most liked by Vishnu. The Ganga, Jamuna. Saraswati, Narmada, Kaberi and Chandrabhaga, all stay around Tulasi Devi. All the symbols of sacredness in this Universe are manifested in Her. He, who waters Tulasi Devi with devotion everyday, gets all of his/her sins washed away. He, who lights a lamp and offers it to Tulasi Devi every evening, goes to the abode of Lord Vishnu after death. Water from Tulasi Devi's leaves is equivalent to the water from the river Ganga. Tulsi Devi's leaves are needed for each and every worship of Gods and Goddesses, like Ganesha, Saraswati,

Narayana, Siva etc... One needs to chant a particular mantra before taking the leaves for the puja. Each and every house needs to have the presence of Tulasi Devi to be purified. By moving around Her in circles and remembering Her names, all the sins that one may have committed are destroyed at every step, even the sin of killing a brahmana. On hearing all the glory of Tulasi Devi from Lord Siva, Goddess Parvati was filled with bliss.

କେହି ଜଣେ

ଶାନ୍ତିଲତା ନାୟକ (୧୯୩୮-୨୦୦୧),
ବଡକୋଦଣ୍ଡ, ଭଞ୍ଜନଗର, ଗଞ୍ଜାମ, ଓଡ଼ିଶା

[ତାଙ୍କର ନାତୁଣୀ ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ତାପସୀ ପାଣିଗ୍ରାହୀଙ୍କ (ରକ୍ତଭିଲ୍, ମେରୀଲାଣ୍ଡ) ଭାଷାରେ: ଏହି ଭଜନଟିର ଲେଖିକା ହେଲେ ମୋ ଆଇ । ତାଙ୍କ ନାଁ ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ଶାନ୍ତିଲତା ନାୟକ । ଜଣା ଶୁଣା ଲୋକରେ ସେ ଜଣେ ଅଜଣା ଲେଖିକା । କିନ୍ତୁ ସେ ଏମିତି ବହୁତ ଭଜନ ଲେଖିଯାଇଛନ୍ତି । ପୁରୀରେ ସବୁ ପଣ୍ଡା ତାଙ୍କୁ ଜାଣନ୍ତି ଜଣେ ଭକ୍ତ ହିସାବରେ , ଆଉ ଯେତେବେଳେ ସେ ଗାଇବା ଆରମ୍ଭକରନ୍ତି ଶୁଣିବା ଲୋକ ଶୁଣି ରହିଯାଏ । ଏବେ ସେ ଆଉ ଆମ ଗହଣରେ ନାହାନ୍ତି ।]

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ବିଜ୍ଞାନୀ ଦାସ୍, କଲମ୍ପିଆ, ମେରୀଲାଣ୍ଡ



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ବିହରେ ବସନ୍ତ କାଳ, ଧରଣୀ ଦିଶେ ସୁନ୍ଦର
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Thank You:

Thanks to all the families for their participation and contributions for the success of the bhajan program. Our heartfelt thanks to the following families for sponsoring feasts on different months.

Anjana and Debaki Chowdhury,
Bigyani and Naresh Das
Meera and Shashadhar Mahapatra,
Jhunu and Indu Mishra
Bandita and Nrusingha Mishra,
Sikha and Brahmapiya Sen

Food For thought:

Talent does what it can; genius does what it must."

-Edward George Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)





The Souvenir Jogasutra will be published as a Resource Book to

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Jagannatha Organization for Global Awareness (JOGA)

Celebrates 5th Holi festival

22 March 2003, Saturday, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Murugan Temple Auditorium

6300 Princes Garden Parkway, Lanham, MD 20706, Ph. (301) 552-4889

Program:

- Holi procession of Deities
- Arati and Bhajan
- Cultural: Songs, Dance (*Bharat Natyam, Kathak, Odissi, Dandia, Sambalpur*), Children's Drama "Durgati-nAshini", Play by Adults, Talent shows, and Pala "Americare Odiya" by Pratap Dash, MD and group.
- Prasad Sebana

Coordinators:

Holi Program: *Nrusingha Mishra, Debaki Nandan Chowdhury*

Cultural: *Hosensu Sahoo, Bigyani Das, Tapasi Panigrahi*

Prasad: *Indu Mishra and Ila Ojha*

Please confirm your participation by Mar. 15, 2003 to any of the following volunteers.

Bigyani Das	(301) 498 3729	Meera Mohapatra	(301) 879 8188
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Sikha Sen	(410) 531 1943	Padmanava Pradhan	(732) 572 3055

Donation: Family \$25.00 Single: \$15.00

All registered participants will receive the souvenir "JOGASUTRA"

Balabhadra sponsorship: \$200.00,

Subhadra Sponsorship: \$150.00,

Jagannatha Sponsorship: \$100.00

(Each sponsor will be acknowledged in Holi program booklet and will receive a special gift)

Direction to the temple: From I-95/I-495 CAPITAL BELTWAY, take BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PKWY exit, exit number 22A, towards BALTIMORE. take MD-193 exit towards GREENBELT/NASA GODDARD. Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp, Turn LEFT onto MD-193 E/GREENBELT RD. Turn RIGHT onto CIPRIANO RD. Turn RIGHT onto SPRING AVE., turn RIGHT onto PRINCESS GARDEN PKWY.