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Celebrate Gita Jayanti At ISKCON Of North Atlanta



Gita Jayanti Special

Gita Jayanti is the auspicious day of the advent of Srimad Bhagavad-gita. This is the day on which Lord Krishna imparted the essence of Vedic knowledge to Arjuna over 5000 years ago and enlightened him about the ultimate goal of life. This day is also called Mokshada Ekadashi. It generally comes in the month of December.

As stated in the Gita-mahatmya, if one properly follows the instructions of Bhagavad-gita, one can be freed from all miseries and anxieties in this life, and one's next life will be spiritual.

December 2025 ISKCON Festivals

- **December 1:**
 - Mokshada Ekadashi (a fasting day)
 - Advent of the Bhagavad Gita
- **December 5:**
 - Katyayani Vrata Ends
- **December 8**
 - Disappearance of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura
- **December 15:**
 - Saphala Ekadashi
- **December 17:**
 - Disappearance of Sri Mahesa Pandita
 - Disappearance of Sri Uddharana Datta Thakura
- **December 20:**
 - Appearance of Sri Lochana Dasa Thakura
- **December 22:**
 - Disappearance of Sri Jagadisha Pandita
 - Disappearance of Sri Jiva Goswami
- **December 30:**
 - Putrada Ekadashi
- **December 31:**
 - Appearance of Sri Jagadisha Pandita

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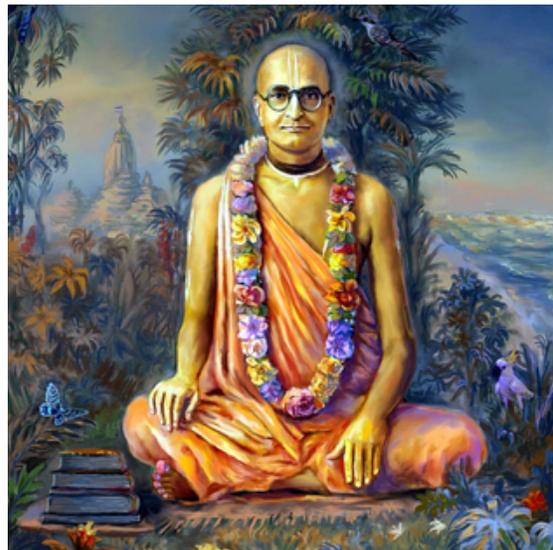
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Disappearance of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura

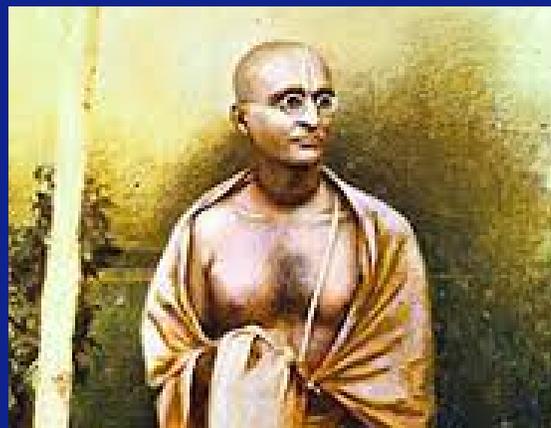
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur was the Guru of Srila A. C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati was born in the holy pilgrimage place of Jagannatha Puri to Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, a great Krsna conscious spiritual master in the line of succession coming from Lord Caitanya. Although employed as a government magistrate, Srila Bhaktivinoda worked tirelessly to establish the teachings of Lord Caitanya in India, where, unfortunately, the people had come to neglect the principles of devotional service to the Supreme Lord, Krsna. He envisioned a worldwide Krsna consciousness movement and prayed to the Lord for a son to help him achieve his dream.

On February 6, 1874, in the sacred pilgrimage town of Jagannatha Puri, where Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura served as superintendent of the famous Jagannatha temple, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati appeared in this world. He was given the name Bimala Prasada. At the age of seven, Bimala Prasada had memorized the more than seven hundred Sanskrit verses of the Bhagavad-gita and could speak illuminating commentaries upon them. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, the author of many important books and other writings on the philosophy of Krsna consciousness, trained his son in printing and proofreading.

By the time he was twenty-five years old, Bimala Prasada had acquired an impressive reputation as a scholar of Sanskrit, mathematics, and astronomy. His astronomical treatise, Surya siddhanta, won him the title Siddhanta Sarasvati in recognition of his immense learning. In 1905, following the advice of his father, Siddhanta Sarasvati accepted spiritual initiation from Gaurakisora dasa Babaji. although Gaurakisora dasa Babaji was renowned as a saintly person and great devotee of Lord Krsna, he was illiterate. Satisfied with the humility and dedication of his highly educated disciple, Srila Gaurakisora gave him his full blessings and requested him to "preach the Absolute Truth and keep aside all other work." Siddhanta Sarasvati then proved himself a capable assistant in the missionary work of his father.



**Bhaktisiddhanta
Sarasvati Thakura**



Devotional Life

1. "Preach the message of Sri Rupa and Raghunatha fearlessly and with great enthusiasm. Through this preaching, you will attain all perfection."
2. "Pay due respects to the extroverts of the world, but do not be appreciative of their manners and conduct."
3. "Physical illness with Hari-bhajana is preferred to physical fitness without Hari-bhajana."
4. "The safest place in the material world is in the kirtan of the holy name."



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CLASS SCHEDULE & VAISHNAVA CALENDAR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

EVERY SUNDAY LOVE FEAST 11:45am

December Speakers :

- 7th Dec : HG Shyam Bihari Das
- 14th Dec : HG Balabhadra Das
- 21st Dec : HG Madhurya Gopal Das
- 28th Dec : HG Makhan Chor Das



Ekadasi Calendar:

December 1st , **Mokshada Ekadashi** Fasting begins 07:57

Parana 07:26 - 10:47 AM the next day

December 15th , **Saphala Ekadashi** Fasting begins 07:57

Parana 07:36 - 10:54 AM the next day

December 30th, **Putrada Ekadashi** Fasting begins at

07:10 Parana 07:43 to 11:01 AM the next day



Monthly Sankirtan



Our monthly sankirtana this month is on November 15 at 5pm. This is our 4 hour uninterrupted Kirtan for the pleasure of our dieties and Srila Prabhupada. Everyone is invited to come and chant, dance and enjoy delicious dinner prasadam.

GBC Adapts Kirtan Standards

Please read the complete guidelines carefully. Pay special attention to the highlighted sections, as they are important for the Lakshmi Narasimha temple kirtans. (Paste in a browser)

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"The question is not how much of our money we should give to God, but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves."

Your tithing dollars help maintain your temple and pay regular monthly expenses: electric gas water bhoga expenses flowers Miscellaneous maintenanc

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Message us today with your commitment. Think of giving not as a Duty, but as a Privilege.





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Dedicated to our ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

CHANT

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare ... and be happy**



Information

Navigating COVID and Flu Season: Temple Guidelines for a Safe and Spiritual Community Covid and flus are making their way through our community. If you test positive for Covid, here are the CDC guidelines we follow at the temple, for when and how long to isolate.

 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

If you are coughing or feverish you should stay home and rest anyway. If you need Prasad let the temple know and we will arrange something for you. If you are symptomatic but going out please wear a mask, especially in crowded areas like temple kirtans during festivals. Everything is live streamed at our temple, including the kirtans. Take care, of yourself and your friends and loved ones. Questions?

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2026 New Year Celebrations



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Midnight Arati sponsors can sign up by sending a text on WhatsApp @ [770-310-4067](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/7703104067)

