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Srila Prabhupada uvaca-“If you want to please me...”

“I have received your description of the books sold during three-day Christmas period, and I am very much pleased upon all of the nice boys and girls who have helped me in this way. I could never have thought it was possible to distribute so many of our literatures. Therefore I can understand it is simply

Krsna's blessing us for your sincerely working on His behalf. Actually, that is the secret of my success, not that personally I have done anything wonderful, but that because those who are helping me are sincere, they have done the work, that is the reason for our success all over the world where others have failed. A little sincerity is very difficult thing in this age of hypocrisy and bluff, but I am so fortunate that Krsna has sent me all of you nice boys and girls who are sincerely working. Please convey to all of them my deepest appreciation”.

- letter, 1973



NEWS FLASH...

- Brhad Mrdanga echoes at Arizona state university by VOICE devotees.
- Corporate program at TechMahindra successfully evolves into a house program.
- YOGAs in Pune venture into college preaching.
- “Gaur Bhakta Vrinda” camps for VOICE & YOGA devotees on 1st & 3rd weekends.
- Chitra & Vishaka camps held in Pune on 29th & 30th Nov.

BOOK DISTRIBUTION

The Greatest Welfare Activity for All the People of this World.



We wish Devotees all over World the very best for this December's Srila Prabhupad Book Distribution Marathon.

Discover Yourself Certificate Distribution at ISKCON Pune.

A total of 112 DYS certificates were distributed for participants in the May, July and Sept batches. Lecture was given by HG Radheshyam pr. The chief guest was Mr. S. Ramprasad, CEO, Expansion. He himself along with his wife received the certificate with 'Honors', from the hands of HG RSP. (He hails from a Sri Vaishnava family; he is chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra 8 rounds regularly.) 12 girls of Girls' VOICE, counselees of HG Rasalila mataji also received their DYS certificates. HG Vamsi Gopal pr & HG Vamsi Vadan pr were the spearheads to arrange the program.

-Bh. Manojyoti, Muralidhar VOICE



Mr Ram Prasad[CEO-Expansion] receiving certificate from HG Radheshyam Prabhu

TECH MAHINDRA Break through...[Corporate seminars evolve into regular house program]

It is not very surprising that once in a while we come across a devotee wearing tilak, in the corridors of Tech Mahindra, Pune

Preaching at Tech-Mahindra Pune started a year ago with seminars by HG RSP and other senior brahmacharis, which created an awareness and interest in VOICE and its activities among the HR, L&D functions, thus helped in creating the right background for announcing the first DYS course.

- Participation in 1st DYS course: 100+ registrations; 75 attended; of them 40 were regular
- Participation in 1st Positive Thinker Course: 20+ regularly attended
- Participation in 2nd DYS course : 100+ attended
- Participation in 2nd Positive Thinker course: 25+ regularly attended



Both the Positive Thinker batches are now into the Self manager course. About 10 employees from the 1st batch and 15 from the 2nd batch are attending regularly.

Benefits derived by the participants: One of the participants said, "Thanks to VOICE. I have given up bad habits like intoxication, meat eating within 6 months of starting to attend these courses". Many of them are regularly visiting the ISKCON temple. Everyone is chanting at least 2 rounds on beads and some of them are even chanting 16 rounds.

Seeing their enthusiasm, a house program is launched at HG Ram Rati Pr and everyone from both the batches together attend these programs conducted by HG Bala Govinda Pr.

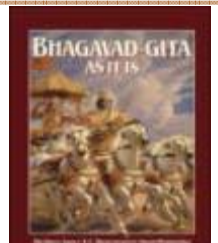
HG Ram Rati pr, who is involved in TechM preaching said, "Tech Mahindra is a 25000 employee company with about 8000+ in Pune. And there will always be few hundred employees who will be eager to hear the message of Bhagavad Gita. Hence it will be our humble effort to do more of such programs in the coming years & make more & more Techmities Krishna conscious".

-Bh. Nitin Mehandale, TechM HR

Book Distribution at HSBC GLT

Bhagavad Gita books were distributed at HSBC, Pune branch which were partly sponsored by Amit More pr, a counselee of HG Revati Pati pr. Amol Pawar pr & HG Mukunda Lila pr from the ICFC batch went to distribute these books. Around 120 Bhagavad Gita & Krishna books were distributed. ISKCON Pune has got permission from IBM and Tech Mahindra for distributing these books in the month of December.

-Bh. Mrityunjay, ICFC



Srila Prabhupada-"Every time you have a spare moment, you should read my books. This will help you to advance in Krishna consciousness, and will give you the ability to convince others also"
- Letter to Trai. Mav1972



Name : HG Mukunda Ananda Pr

About Mukunda Ananda Pr : He is a senior devotee at VOICE since 1998. He is a preacher as well as a Grihastha counselor

Academic Background: Completed UG & PG in chemical engineering and currently pursuing PhD at NCL, Pune; India's leading CSIR lab in Chemical Engineering

Current Services: Preaching, Chairman-Service Board, Coordinator-FOLK, Book

publications in English & Regional language etc...

Spiritual interests: Absorption in Srimad Bhagavatam, Meaningful Vaishnava relations & resourceful services.

Q: Hare Krsna, Mukund Anand pr! How were you introduced to Krsns Consciosness?

M.A. Pr: I came to Krsna Consciousness in 1996 by preaching programs at Bharati Vidyapeeth by HG RSP. I could further commit to Krsna Consciousness by consistent preaching & follow up by HG Krsna-Kishore Pr who is very meticulous & steady in his services. He always sets the path for most of us to follow smoothly.

Q: What is your inspiration in Krsna Consciousness?

M.A. Pr: The most wonderful inspiration is HG Radheshyam pr, with his force on Sadhana, cutting KC lectures, strong demands; it's all joyful. The way he has developed each devotee and nurtured them according to their inclinations is simply wonderful. And other important source of inspiration is upcoming devotees with their innocent questions, bubbling enthusiasm & willingness to accept new things in KC

Q: How did VOICE training benefit you in your life?

M.A. Pr: Simply speaking, I am what I am simply because of VOICE training. As Srila Prabhupada says- "It's a wonderful spiritual mechanism to convert a crude man into a blissful devotee of the Lord". Not only in the devotional life, but I found VOICE training useful even in my professional career and most importantly in my married life as well. VOICE teaches us spiritual values, meaningful relations, attitude of taking initiatives and sense of being responsible. It's all necessary in every walk of life.

Q: Can you tell us about your services?

M.A. Pr: One of the most fascinating things about KC is that it's very dynamic, perfectly suited to engage our youthful propensities; which otherwise degrades to various descriptions of Kali Yuga. Since the beginning of my KC, HG RSP always gave us very challenging services: be it a thrill of preaching & book distribution, hard labor of GGD-VOICE construction, academic yet very time bound service of book editing & publications or management of engaging devotees; its all dynamic. I still remember the GGD programs that HG RSP used to conduct at night 10.30 –12.30 and then we used to go to Mayapur VOICE for resting at 1.00 am and up at 4.00 am for following day's morning program. It's thrilling to serve Krsna.

Q: As a grihastha, what is your advice for Nityananda sabha boys?

M.A. Pr: I am surely not qualified to advice but some friendly clue is as-

1. KC is not 100-mtr race but 42 miles marathon. Attentive chanting & deep absorption in Srimad Bhagavatam is must to successfully complete the race.
2. Without getting attached to any position lets try to serve in various capacities. We should be attached to following instructions than to positions.
3. Let's not get enamored by the false promises of MAYA and her agents and postpone our active surrender to wonderful Shri Krishna!
4. Let's be grateful for all that we have received and let's try to handover (preach) the same to others.

Thank you Mukunda Ananda pr!

Discover Yourself (DYS): The new batch of Discover Yourself will be starting from 4th Jan, 2009.

Registrations are open for this. To register, please contact Corporate VOICE: 020 41033227

Bh. Manojyoti: 9422555552 Fee: Rs. 300 for an individual, Rs. 550 for a couple.

Positive thinker: A total of 54 participants from the Sept'08 DYS batch (21 bachelor boys, 33 families & girls) will be joining this batch to be held in temple from 23rd Nov'08.

Bhakti Vaibhav course: This is a post-Bhakti Shastri course, recently launched in Pune. This is for both congregation & Temple-brahmacaris. This takes around 3 years to complete & fees: Rs.9000/-

Shantipur Dham VOICE Experiences unique NISHTA

The 2nd year devotees of Shantipur-dham VOICE experienced a rejuvenating and unique NISHTA Camp at Pune and Mumbai. They took the beautiful darshan of Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari for the first time. HG Bala Govind P gave class on "Passing of Bhishmadev" in which he said, "We are searching for pleasure and Srimad Bhagavatam is like chappan bhog and what we are trying to accumulate in this material world is like dog biscuit". The high-lights of the camp are:

1. Visit to HG Jayadev Pr's house—They saw how Grihasthas practice KC
2. Visit to the Nigidi temple and Dehu yatra – They came to know the glories of Santa tukaram & took bath in Indrayani river.
3. Sri Sri RadhaGopinath Mandir – Sunday feast by HH Sachinandan Swami maharaj, HH Radhanath swami maharaj & HH Chandra mouli maharaj. HH RNSM said, "Service is not just doing something. When we serve a Vaishnav do we really feel ourselves fortunate, feel grateful, or humble. That attitude conquers Krishna".
4. Visit to Sri Sri Radha Rasabihari Mandir, Bhakti Vedanta Institute and Srila Prabhupada quarters at Juhu.
5. Sri Sri Radha Giridhari mandir, Bhakti Vedanta hospital, Gopal's garden and drama festival.

At the end of the camp, Bh. Prabhakar said, "This is the happiest experience in my life. I got to see how the culture of Krsna consciousness is practiced at all stages of life".

—Bh. Premamand, Shantipur VOICE

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Quiz – II

1. Who is the scholarly devotee of Krsna who admired the devotion of gopis the most?
2. Who is the first demon killed by Krishna?
3. Who is the father of Arjuna?
4. On which day of Mahabharata war was Abhimanyu killed?
5. Who is the author of Guruvastakam?
6. Advancement in Krishna Consciousness depends upon the _____ of the follower?
7. Who is the spiritual master of Lokanath Goswami?
8. Who is the disciple to whom Srila Prabhupada said, "You are an eternal associate of Lord Chaitanya"?
9. Saligram silas are special silas found in the river _____?
10. Putana was the sister of _____ in her previous life?

Please mail your answers to voice.nlquiz@gmail.com before 20th Dec. The winners will be given special prize along with the release of next News letter

"The more one is advanced, the more he is freed from the clutches of matter"

— Srila Prabhupada in BG-5.29 Purnort