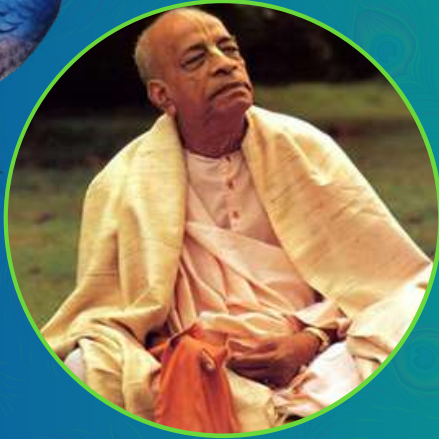




JANMASHTAMI 2023





**His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada
Founder Acharya : ISKCON**

**The spirit soul can be happy only in the association of the supreme
living being, the Personality of Godhead, and nowhere else.
Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.11,
Srila Prabhupada.**



Mangal Aarti Darshan

The early morning of 7th September, was indeed extra special as it was graced with the serene beauty of Mangal Aarti darshans. Devotees gathered to offer their prayers, and the sacred hymns filled the temple, creating an atmosphere of divine serenity.



Shringaar Aarti Darshan

There comes the moment for which each one is waiting with abated breath. The Shringaar Darshans transported us to a world of exquisite beauty as the deities were adorned with intricate attire and ornaments. Each detail was a testament to devotion and craftsmanship, creating a visual feast for our eyes.





अभिषेक

of Sri Radha Radhikaraman



Message

Rukmini Krishna Das (Regional Secretary Assistant, Parts of Delhi and Punjab)



“ As we joyfully celebrate His advent, may His grace continue to guide us, infusing our days with devotion and spiritual enlightenment. We express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your dedication, contributions, and the boundless spirit you bring to our community. Together, we walk the path illuminated by Krishna's blessings, fostering righteousness and inner growth. Wishing you all a Janmashtami filled with the bliss of devotion and the warmth of divine love. ”

Varaha Das (ISKCON Punjabi Bagh Co-President)



“ I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who joined in the celebration of Lord Krishna's divine birth. It's a beautiful reminder of the simplicity and purity of our devotion. Your presence and affection during this special time added immense joy to our community. Together, we walked the path of love and spiritual growth, inspired by Lord Krishna's teachings. As we continue our journey, may the post-Janmashtami days be filled with the lingering warmth of devotion and the simple beauty of our shared affection. ”

Murali Krishna Das (ISKCON Punjabi Bagh Co-President)



“ On this joyous occasion of Janmashtami, our hearts overflow with gratitude as we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our dear devotees, congregation members, and generous sponsors. Your unwavering support has illuminated our journey, and we are truly blessed to have you by our side. Let us warmly embrace Lord Krishna's divine teachings of love, compassion, and unity, lessons that resonate profoundly in our lives. ”



Festival Committee





The Hidden Performers

Every successful event resonates with the hard work of many who toiled day and night to make it happen. So is the case with Janmashtami 2023 at ISKCON PUNJABI BAGH, where everyone extended themselves with one aim in mind to please the Lord. These images speak volumes of their tireless efforts not of one day but of several months. They are those devotees who served with untiring zest behind the main event and made it a super-duper success.



Krishna Katha & Kirtans



Krishna Katha

The Krishna Katha sessions were a journey into the enchanting tales of Lord Krishna's pastimes. Through storytelling, we relived the timeless wisdom and grace of the Divine, making each narration a cherished memory. The kathas started few days before Janmashtami and all classes were indeed very absorbing ones.



Kirtans

The Kirtans were the heartbeat of our celebration, infusing the air with the resonating sounds of devotion. The soulful melodies and rhythmic chants elevated our spirits and united us in the celebration of Lord Krishna. All leading kirtanyas of the temple filled the air with fragrance of devotion and all those who smelled it could not stop dancing.

The Moving Kirtans

The "Moving Kirtans" in the lawn area were a soul-stirring experience. Guided by melodious tunes, these rhythmic dances of devotion traversed the entire celebration space, infusing the atmosphere with an aura of divinity. As the Palki Kirtan took its graceful steps, it marked the auspicious beginning of our Janmashtami celebration, carrying the essence of devotion in every beat.



Cultural Program (Stage Program)

A display of many kinds of art forms were viewed on this single day of Janmashtami.

Theatrical Performance

A captivating theatrical performance titled "Ajanma ka Janm" (The Unborn is Born). The play unfolded with grace, bringing to life the ethereal concept that the unborn is indeed born. The performance left the audience spellbound as they witnessed the timeless wisdom of Krishna's teachings through artistry and devotion. It was a memorable spectacle that added a profound dimension to our festivities.





Bharatnatyam & Kathak Dance Performances

This performance was absolutely a mesmerizing experience. With every step and expression, they conveyed the innocence and divinity of Krishna's early years. The audience was captivated by the performance, which added a beautiful cultural touch to the Janmashtami celebration.





Dance Drama by young students of Hare Krishna Sunday School



The Dance Drama presented by young students of Hare Krishna Sunday School, was a heartwarming spectacle. These talented young performers took the stage with enthusiasm and devotion, bringing to life the enchanting Leelas of Lord Krishna. Their graceful movements and vibrant expressions resonated with the audience, sharing the timeless wisdom and joy that Krishna's stories bring. It was a truly memorable and soul-touching part of our Janmashtami celebration.



Acrobatic Yoga by students of Blind School



What a display of precision and coordination by the students of Blind School. Who says that they lack in any physical attribute. They simply set an example of their unified effort and dedication with their most exemplary performance on pastimes of Krishna.

Stalls and Krishna Akarshini Festival

This was a delightful celebration that wove together culture, games, and captivating displays. Attendees were treated to a vibrant array of stalls, each mirroring the colors of Krishna's divine Leelas. Traditional crafts, delectable delights, and spiritual treasures were on display, offering a fusion of experiences. It was an event that truly captured the essence of Janmashtami, inviting everyone to experience the irresistible charm of Krishna's divine allure.









Krishna Aswadanam

"Krishna Aswadanam" was a culinary delight that immersed attendees in the divine flavors of Janmashtami. The food stalls offered a delectable spread that mirrored the tastes that Lord Krishna Himself would relish. From soul-nourishing prasadam to flavorful delights, every bite was a tribute to the supreme joy of Janmashtami. It was a feast that not only delighted the palate but also celebrated the boundless love that Krishna showers upon His devotees.



Kids Corner

The "Kids Corner" was a heartwarming haven of joy and laughter at our Janmashtami celebration. Here, our little ones engaged in a medley of interactive games and activities. From creative crafts to thrilling challenges, every moment was filled with the spirit of Janmashtami, making it a magical realm for our young attendees. Smiles and memories were crafted with care, creating an unforgettable experience for our children.



Laser Show: For all hearts

This Laser Show dazzled and mesmerized attendees, as it had awakened the spirit of devotion in every heart. The radiant colors and divine melodies had transported everyone to Krishna's mystical realm, where His pastimes came alive in a captivating dance of light. It was a truly illuminating experience enjoyed by all who joined us on this auspicious occasion. A perfect blend of light sound story and music. The smile of audience spoke a thousand words that how much they loved it.



Cow Care Products:

Our temple proudly showcased a range of pure and wholesome cow care products. Each offering, from the nourishing cow's milk to holistic herbal products, was a testament to our commitment to the well-being of these sacred animals.



Book Distribution and Matchless Gift (Book and Gift Shop):

Our book distribution and matchless gift shop had been a source of inspiration and knowledge for seekers on their spiritual journey. From timeless scriptures to spiritual literature, these offerings had enriched the lives of many, serving as precious gifts for the soul.





Prasadam Distribution

"Prasadam Distribution" was a sacred and heartwarming ritual during our Janmashtami celebration. Devotees and visitors were blessed to receive the sanctified remnants of Krishna's grace. Each morsel carried the divine love and blessings of Lord Krishna, nourishing not only the body but also the soul. It was a communion of taste and spirituality, where the joy of Janmashtami was shared through the blessed offering of prasadam.



SSMI School Celebrations

The little stars of SSMI School celebrated Janmashtami with boundless joy and hearts full of innocence, embodying the spirit of Radha, Krishna, Sudama, and the blissful gopis. Their laughter and devotion painted a heartwarming picture of pure love and happiness that filled our souls with warmth and gratitude.



Janmashtami Media Report

Every event at Janmashtami had a story to tell. Newspapers and news channels echoed the festive spirit of ISKCON Punjabi Bagh temple. Have a look at these!!

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Vote of Thanks

Thanks to volunteers:

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers who selflessly served with love and enthusiasm. Your tireless efforts added an extra touch of devotion to our event, and we are deeply appreciative of your commitment.

Thanks to guests:

To all our cherished guests, your presence graced our celebration with warmth and joy. Your participation made this Janmashtami truly special, and we are honoured to have shared this auspicious day with you. Thank you for being a part of our spiritual family.



To define this day in few words it would be hearts dipped in love with infinite and vibrant energy to serve. That was the unanimous mood prevalent at Punjabi Bagh. With preparations starting from the last 3 months culminated on 7 Sep with huge pomp n show. Everyone was ready to receive the Lord not only with open arms but also with a loving heart.



"Those who are cultivating spiritual life and executing devotional service are always engaged in activity. Such activity can be performed with the body or with the mind. Thinking, feeling and willing are all activities of the mind, and when we will to do something, the activity comes to be manifest by the gross bodily senses. Thus, in our mental activities we should always try to think of Kṛṣṇa and try to plan how to please Him, following in the footsteps of the great ācāryas and the personal spiritual master. ." - Srila Prabhupada, Introduction, Nectar of Devotion

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