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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the August 2017 issue of The Narada Bulletin. First, we are grateful for the years of support and patronship from each one of you that helps us move forward. We have lots of good news to share about the progress that has been made in serving Srila Prabhupada's instructions through cow protection and agriculture at ISKCON farm project Sahyadri Sri Krishna Balarama Kshetra. Please feel free to write back to us at sriramadasa.brs@gmail.com to offer feedback and help us develop this bulletin better. You can also contact us at the same email to offer support and financial donations towards this project.

Your servant and well-wishers,

The Editor



Festivals:

As followers of the Brahma Madhva Gaudiya Vaisnava Sampradaya, we celebrated several festivals this year to honor the appearance of the Lord and His devotees. In particular, we grandly celebrated Narasimha Chaturdasi, Sri Balaram Purnima, Sri Krishna Janmastami and Sri Radhastami here at ISKCON Sahyadri Sri Krishna Balaram Kshetra farm project.



His Holiness RP Bhakti Raghava Swami Maharaja graced us on the occasion of Sri Balaram Purnima. Along with HG Damodar Dulala Prabhu, Minister for Cow Protection, ISKCON Daiva Varnasrama Ministry (India) he performed go-puja on Sri Balaram Purnima day. Damodar Dulal Prabhu brought saplings of a special variety of green grass called *Jhinjua* for cultivating fodder for the cows at ISKCON SSKBK.





On Sri Krishna Janmastami day this year, the devotees fasted till midnight and performed abhishekam to the deities. HG Madhava Prabhu gave an enchanting talk on the appearance and childhood pastimes of Lord Krishna. The devotees of Vishnu are called Vaisnavas, the devotees of Lord Sri Krishna are called Karsnas, and the devotees of Srimati Radharani are called Gaudiyas. On the occasion of Sri Radhastami, we performed abhishekam for Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar ji. Hordes of visitors from the nearby Bangaru Gudde village participated enthusiastically in the festival and we served a prasadam feast to all.

Go-Seva:

Lord Sri Krishna is worshiped by the whole world, but He Himself worships Mother Surabhi to show us how to take care of go-mata. Everyday Lord Balarama, Lord Sri Krishna & Their cowherd boyfriends would take hundreds and thousands of cows for grazing the varieties of grasses across the twelve special forests of Vrindavan. Trying to follow the footsteps of Lord Sri Krishna and Lord Balaram, we too take our cows grazing in the forest areas surrounding SSKBK farm. Grazing cows outside is good for the health since they get bright warm sunshine and fresh grasses. Every day, we go out by 8 a.m. and after the cows eat sufficient grass, we bring them back to our premises.



"Vrajanti gavah yasminnati vrajah"- the land where the cows, cowherd men, cowherd boys, and cowherd girls wander is known as Vraja"

The Vedic scriptures declare that every human has seven mothers, and it is only one mother, Go-mata, whose milk we drink throughout our life. So, it is our duty to serve and take care of her. To supplement their nutrition, we feed the cows with a mixture of wheat flour, moong dal flour, rice husk & ground nut cake. Each cow gets 6 kilos of this supplement per day, given in two portions, one morning and one evening. Protecting cows means we take really good care of their overall health.

Healthy cows naturally give birth to healthy calves! Mother Radhika delivered a male calf on 4th June, 2017, 3.10 a.m., and HG Basu Ghosh Prabhu named the calf Balabhadra. Mother Subhadra delivered a female calf on 13th August, 2017 at 6.30 a.m. and HH RP Bhakti Raghava Swami Maharaja named her Bahula.

Go-puja was done on Sri Balarama Purnima and Sri Krishna Jannmasthami. HG Sri Krishna Purushottam Prabhu and HG Abhiram Prabhu did go-puja on the auspicious day of Sri Krishna Janmastami-2017. Three bulls, Balaram, Shiva, and Kanna are being trained to pull carts and plough the soil, which is vital for producing food grains.



Agriculture:

HG Giriraj Prabhu has completed ploughing land for the cultivation of paddy with the help of two oxen, Bala & Krishna. Paddy transplantation was done under the leadership of HG Nagarani Mataji with the help of locals. Vegetables such as bhindi, karela, and donda were planted. We installed mesh -fencing around the paddy and vegetable fields to protect them from monkeys. Since the property is suitable for cultivating black pepper, a premium spice, we begun a black pepper plantation here.



Preaching Activities:

We do regular preaching activities, book distribution, and nagar sankirtan. We conducted preaching activities at the following locations:

- Amrutha Bharathi Jr. College, Hebri.
- BYS Manipal



Renovations:

We performed roof renovations for Bhakti Kutir, temple building, and grihasta kutirs. We also laid new flooring for the temple building and the Bhakti Kutir. Water facilities were arranged for Bhakti Kutir, grihasta kutirs, the goshala and the temple. We have renovated the goshala flooring and also arranged water facilities. The goshala was whitewashed with lime and a new shed was constructed for the oxen, Bala and Krishna.



Devotee Care:

Weekly ishta goshthis are held at SSKBK. Two new families entered in the new grihasta kutir. HG Narayana Seva Prabhu from Belgavi joined on 20th June 2017 for go-seva.

Visitors:



The following people visited ISKCON SSKBK Farm Project thus far:

- HH RP Bhakti Raghava Swami Maharaja
- HH Sukadev Swami Maharaja and entourage
- HH Radha Ramana Maharaja from ISKCON Vrindavan
- HG Basu Ghosh Prabhu and Samskritananda Hari Prabhu from ISKCON Baroda
- HG Damodhar Dulal Prabhu from Talaseri Farm, ISKCON Mumbai
- HG Namacharya Prabhu and family from Parbhani
- HG Madhava Prabhu, HG Gopal Bhatta Prabhu, HG Amrita Krishna Prabhu, and Bhakta Suhas from Belgavi
- HG Madhava Gopal Prabhu, HG Gauranataraj Prabhu and families from ISKCON Salem
- HG Aseemananda Prabhu from Kuwait
- HG Hari Kirtan Prabhu and HG Kirtiraj Prabhu from Chirala
- HG Revati leela Prabhu and family from Bangalore
- Mr. Rajendra Naidu and family from Dhavangiri
- Mr. Sashidhar Bhat and team from Puttur

Upcoming Activities:

We shall begin construction of a wall on the south-east side of the property. We shall also construct a Varnasrama College, gurukul building, and an extension of the current goshala.

We will also be putting up mesh-fencing to protect our cows from wandering outside, and to preserve the fresh grasses for fodder. We will also begin making arrangements to harvest and use water in our premises.

Well Construction:

To cultivate fresh grasses to use as fodder for the cows at ISKCON SSKBK, we need a steady source of water. Water is also essential to maintain all the activities on this premises and to take care of the deities and devotees here. For these purposes, we are constructing wells on the property and repairing old wells.

Donors:

We are deeply grateful to all those who support this endeavour to please Srila Prabhupada. In particular, we are thankful for the financial contributions totalling more than 3.5 Lakh INR given by

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