

Hare Krishna Centre for Vedic Studies

Annual Report 2006

i. Book Distribution

a. Book Distribution

62,500 households have been contacted throughout the year via the Centre's 'Door to Door' programme. Transcendental literatures such as Srimad Bhagavatam, Back to Godhead magazines, small books, newsletters as well as CDs and DVDs have been distributed.

ii. Outreach and Congregational Preaching

a. Weekly Programmes

Regular weekly programmes with arati, class, discussion, slide show, video presentation and prasadam distribution took place. Regular Bhagavad-gita seminars (Bhakti Sastri) have been established.

b. Festivals

Gaura Purnima, Janmastami and Gita-jayanti have been observed with the congregation. Devotees also took part in two major festival programmes, one at the theatre in Uppingham and one at the National Space Centre in Leicester.

iii. University Preaching

The Krishna Consciousness Society has now 162 members. Students participated regularly in the Centre's activities. Prasadam distribution took place once a week on the campus.

iv. Food for Life

a. Anchor Club

Weekly prasadam distribution took place throughout the year to mainly homeless people.

b. University

Weekly prasadam distribution took place on the campus throughout the year; plates of hot Krishna prasadam were distributed once a week from a converted Indian bicycle rickshaw.

c. City Centre

Throughout the year devotees distributed hot Krishna prasadam in the City Centre. Distribution took mainly place at Leicester's Gallowtree Gate, the main pedestrian shopping area in the city. Altogether 8,500 plates of prasadam were distributed. A promotional video has been produced. It is freely available on request.

v. Harinam

Weekly 4-5 hour Harinam took place throughout the year.

vi. Interfaith

An international Interfaith Meeting was hosted by the Hare Krishna Centre with Buddhist monks from Japan, Africa, Germany, the UK and Canada attending.

vii. School Programmes

Two school programmes were held in 2006. On both occasions the school was presented with a 30 volume Srimad Bhagavatam set. The programmes consisted of a school visit by devotees as well as visits by the schools to the Hare Krishna Centre.

viii. Internet Preaching

The Centre's website received 708,000 visitors. The Internet Radio Station received 10,800 visitors since its launch in January 2006.