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The work on the Pancha-tattva deities has entered it's final stage. They will be completed between 15th and 20th of December. Then They will be packed up and transported to Mayapur, arriving in Mayapur

> around the 7th of January. Once They reach Mayapur They will be put strait onto the altar, where They will be painted in time for the installation on the 23rd of February.

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Photos: bamboo rooms under construction.



Preparations for receiving an expected 5,000 devotees is going on full swing. As all rooms are booked up, more then 100 small bamboo rooms are being constructed just behind Srila Prabhupada's Samadhi, on the road leading to the

Goshala.

Besides the huts a large area is being arranged for tents. Painting, repairing of roads, planting of flowers is going on at top indian speed.







painting the ceiling.



From the second floor of the new building one can view the Pancha-tattva altar

Inside the Panchatattva temple work is also going on.

It had been hoped that the new extension and entrance way would have been finished by the end of December. but due to unavailability of materials work had been delayed. The revised date for completion is the end of January. The ground floor will be completed in the first week of January. The Gada prasadam hall extension is completed.



View of the new extension from the platform in front of Panchatattva altar.

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Mayapur UPdate 3

Deity Department is having a marathon making outfits for the large Pancha-tattva



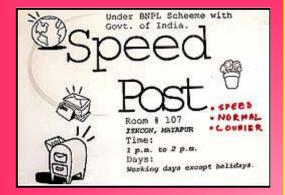
Three sets of clothes for Pancha-tattva are already finished. Jananivasa Prabhu said that there will be eight sets to start with.



SOME OF GOURANGA'S MEASUREMENTS: from the ground to the top of head: 9 ft from the ground to the finger tips (raised arms): 11 ft wrist: 12.5 inches upper arm: 22 inches neck: 24 inches

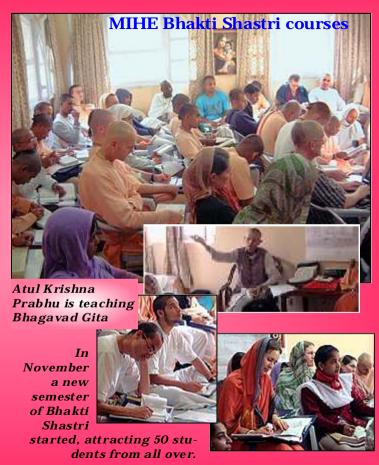
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About a month ago some new post services were introduced in ISKCON Mayapur. You can now send letters by 'Speed Post' or courier service from the Chakra (Long) building. Rates for speed post: - to US and South America per 250 grams is Rupees 650; - to Europe & Australia - Rs 850.

High speed Internet lines are also installed and available for public.





Lila Madhuri Devi Dasi not only served prasad, but fully sponsored the feast for all the community devotees on Govardhan Puja.



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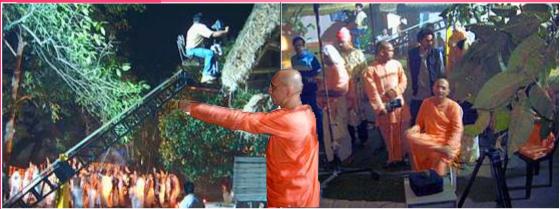




Bhakticharu Swami closely oversees every aspect. In the picture: preparing grounds for filming.







During Kartika shooting for the 'Abhai Charan' TV serial was on location here in Mayapur. Scenes were shot in the Gurukula grounds as well as in front of the Samadhi.

The famous elephant parade of Sri Sri Radha-Madhava started on the last day of Kartika. Every Saturday night Their Lordships come down from Their altar and go for a ride on Their elephant, Gulab Kali, around ISKCON Mayapur grounds accompanied by kirtan and large crowds.

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