



Session 5

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Raasa Priya Devi Dasi



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She serves as **Director of Outreach Strategy and Programs at Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir & Eco-Village**, leading community outreach, public relations, and youth engagement.

She also serves as **Executive Director of World Food Movement**, an initiative addressing student hunger across community college campuses and aiming to serve **1 Million Meals** annually by 2030.

Presentation Abstract



This presentation explores how **Krishna Balaram Eco-Village approaches cow care rooted in the principles of ahimsa, compassion, and responsible stewardship of nature.**

It highlights how cow protection, natural farming, sustainable agriculture, and community engagement can come together to create a harmonious ecosystem that nurtures animals, people, and the earth.

Introduction



- Introducing Krishna Balaram Eco Village, a 110-acre Oasis in the heart of the Silicon Valley – for everyone, built around us



Body

Yoga · Organic Farming · Ayurveda · Farm-to-Table



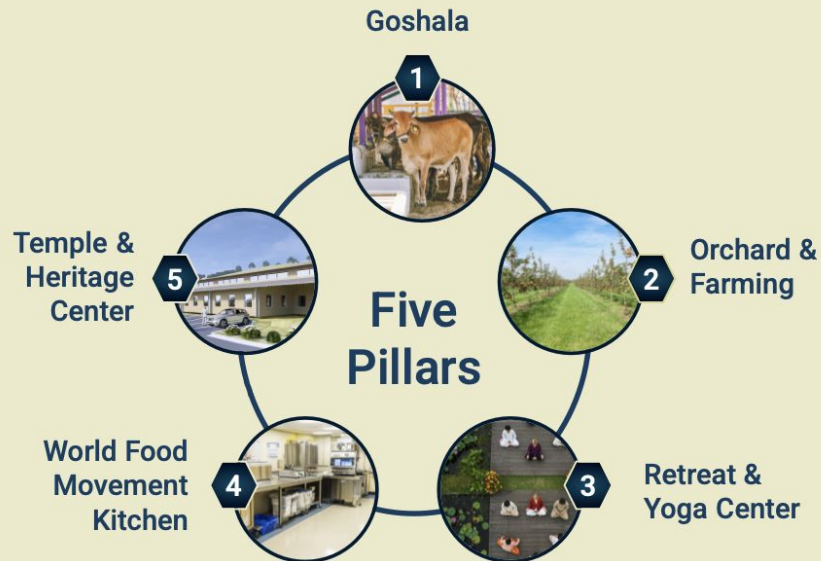
Mind

Mental Resilience · Values Education · Stress Management · Children Field Trips



Soul

Kirtans · Festivals · Spiritual Discourses · Cultural Arts



The Impact



WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

A protected home for cows & bulls



The heart of the regenerative ecosystem

COMPONENTS

5800 sq ft Climate Controlled Shelters

30 acres of Grazing Pasture

Feed Storage for 1 Month Supply

Field Trips for Children

THE IMPACT

50+

Cows protected
& loved

20K+

School children
visiting per year

150K+

Visitors per year

WHO IT SERVES

- ❑ Children meeting animals for the first time
- ❑ Families celebrating together
- ❑ Elderly finding purpose through seva

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Where everything begins.
The heart of it all.

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VIDEO



The Vedic Dimension



Namo brahmanya devaya, Go brahmana hitaya ca
Jagaddhitaya Krishnaya Govindaya Namoh Namah
- Vishnu Purana

*“The cows are the mothers of all living beings and givers
of all earthly pleasures” – Atharva Veda*

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The Ethical Dimension



Compassion and Ahimsa

Go-mata is regarded as a **maternal figure, one of 7 mothers — giving nourishment and deserving gratitude, dignity, and lifelong protection.**

Cow care embodies: **KINDNESS IN ACTION**

Ahimsa — sattvic ways of love and care

Compassion — caring beyond economic usefulness

Gratitude — honoring them for every blessing they offer

Responsibility — protecting them throughout their lives

The Ecological Dimension



Giving Back to Earth

Cows → Organic fertilizer → Natural Farming → Healthy Soil → Trees & Gardens → Healthy Food → Healthy Communities

Cow urine and dung can also be utilized for compost, natural farming inputs and biogas, helping reduce dependence on synthetic fertilizers and turning waste into a useful resource.

How We Care For Mother Cow?



Our vision is to create an environment where cows can **live naturally, peacefully, and with dignity** while families experience meaningful interaction with them.

The Eco-Village includes:

- Fully Insulated Buildings, temp controlled water-system
- 5,800 sq. ft. high standard main goshala building
- 15,000 sq. ft. open roaming area
- 3,200 sq. ft. sheltered indoor and outdoor spaces
- 30 Acres of grazing pastures
- 12,000 sq. ft. Calf bonding & family interaction areas
- 600 Sq. ft Secluded care Center for Sick and pregnant cows

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- 5 Acres Napier Grass for entire year
- Yealy vaccinations
- Quarterly Veterinary visits
- High Quality Balanced Diet (green grass, cattle feed, and dry fodder)
- Daily care and love by volunteers
- Regular bathing in hot summer
- In-House Medical Emergency Care

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Our Larger Vision



Across our 110-acre Eco-Village, the larger vision brings together:

Cow Protection | 3,000+ Trees | 8–10 Acres of Orchards & Gardens | Water Conservation | Natural Farming | Family and Youth Education | Spiritual Retreats

The goal is to demonstrate how **traditional wisdom and ecological responsibility can work together.**

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Inspiring Generations



Goshalas are ultimately about more than protecting land or animals.

It is about helping children and families **experience a different relationship with nature.**

To care and cuddle a cow.

To grow food.

To walk among trees.

To understand where nourishment comes from.

To experience gratitude, responsibility, and interconnectedness.

A sanctuary for cows becomes a classroom for children and a greener future for generations to come.

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Hare Krishna



Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

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