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Bhaagavata has many episodes, which draw our attention to some peculiar aspects.  
Kaaleeya Mardanam - Subduing the mighty serpent Kaaleeya by the young lad Krishna - is

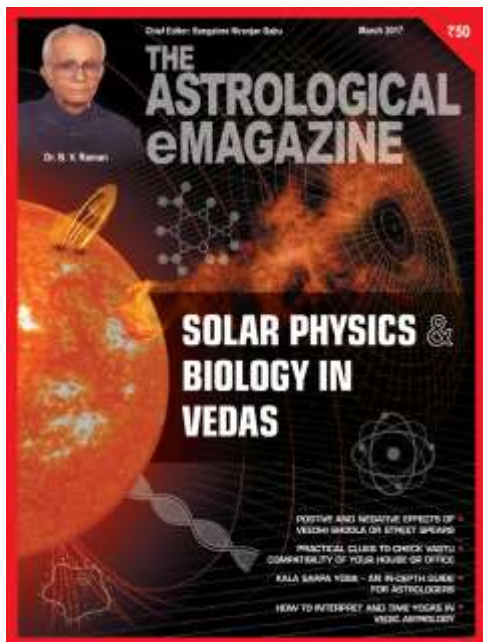
one among them. It is hailed as an unnatural act and therefore extolled as a miracle. Let us discuss, the significance of this event.

Young Krishna went alone to a pond called Kaalindi, which in fact is a section of the river Yamuna (also called Kaalindi). The context was the mysterious death of cattle and men who consume the poisonous and polluted water. Krishna visited the place and found out the reason in no time, due to his genius. Since, this was hazardous task, he had not even asked his close cousin Balarama to accompany him and ventured alone. Balarama came to know about this mission through some cattle herds and he sent a message BRAVO, which reached Krishna, when he was at the peak of completing the task. Balarama carries the aspect of Adi Shesha, which again is the connection to the serpent clan. He felt, that he might inadvertently unduly influence Krishna in his endeavor and recused from that mission in view of the possible conflict of interest. This is a lesson for modern society to learn from the episode, the basic fabric of impartiality should never be compromised, irrespective of your moorings and leanings in the execution of a task.

Today, we have pollution control departments which are assigned with the cleansing of water, land and air and to keep the natural resources clean and usable. But, Krishna is the originator for this department, as he took the polluter head on. Similar to what is happening today, Kaaleeya - the mighty serpent wanted to get rid of his pollutant venom. Regardless of its consequences, he just spewed the dangerous venom into the water in place of dwelling, which caused multiple deaths.

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