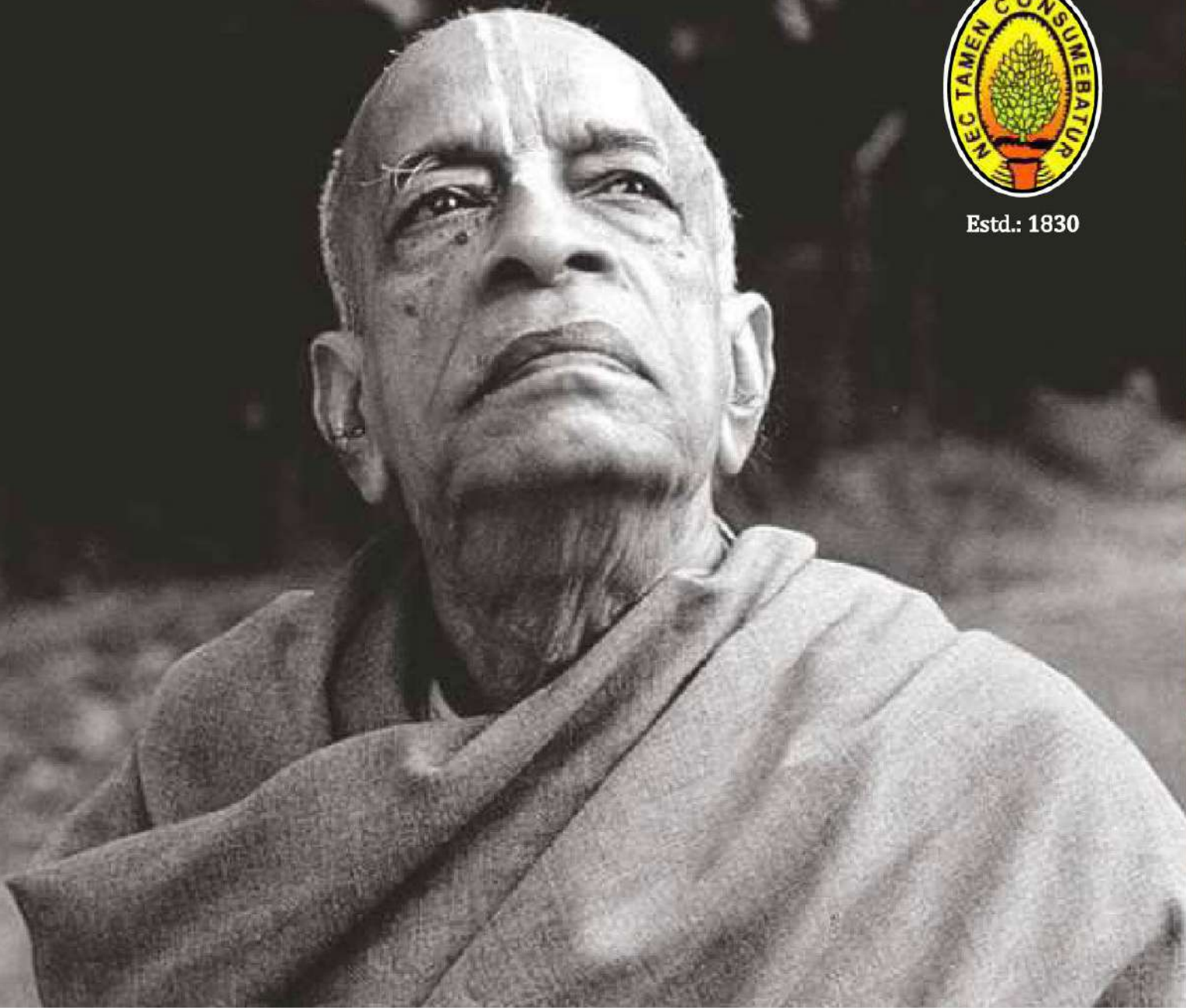




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A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA (1st September, 1896 – 14th November, 1977): Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON, estd. 1966), commonly known as the "Hare Krishna movement". Born as Abhay Charan De, Prabhupada after graduation from the College, joined the Bose's Laboratory as a department manager. In 1933 he met and became a follower of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvat, a Gaudiya Vaishya Hindu guru who led Prabhupada on his religious journey. In 1959, after his retirement, he became an ascetic and started writing commentaries on Vaishnava scriptures. As a travelling Vaishnava monk, he became an influential communicator of Gaudiya Vaishnavite theology across India and the Western world through his leadership of ISKCON.