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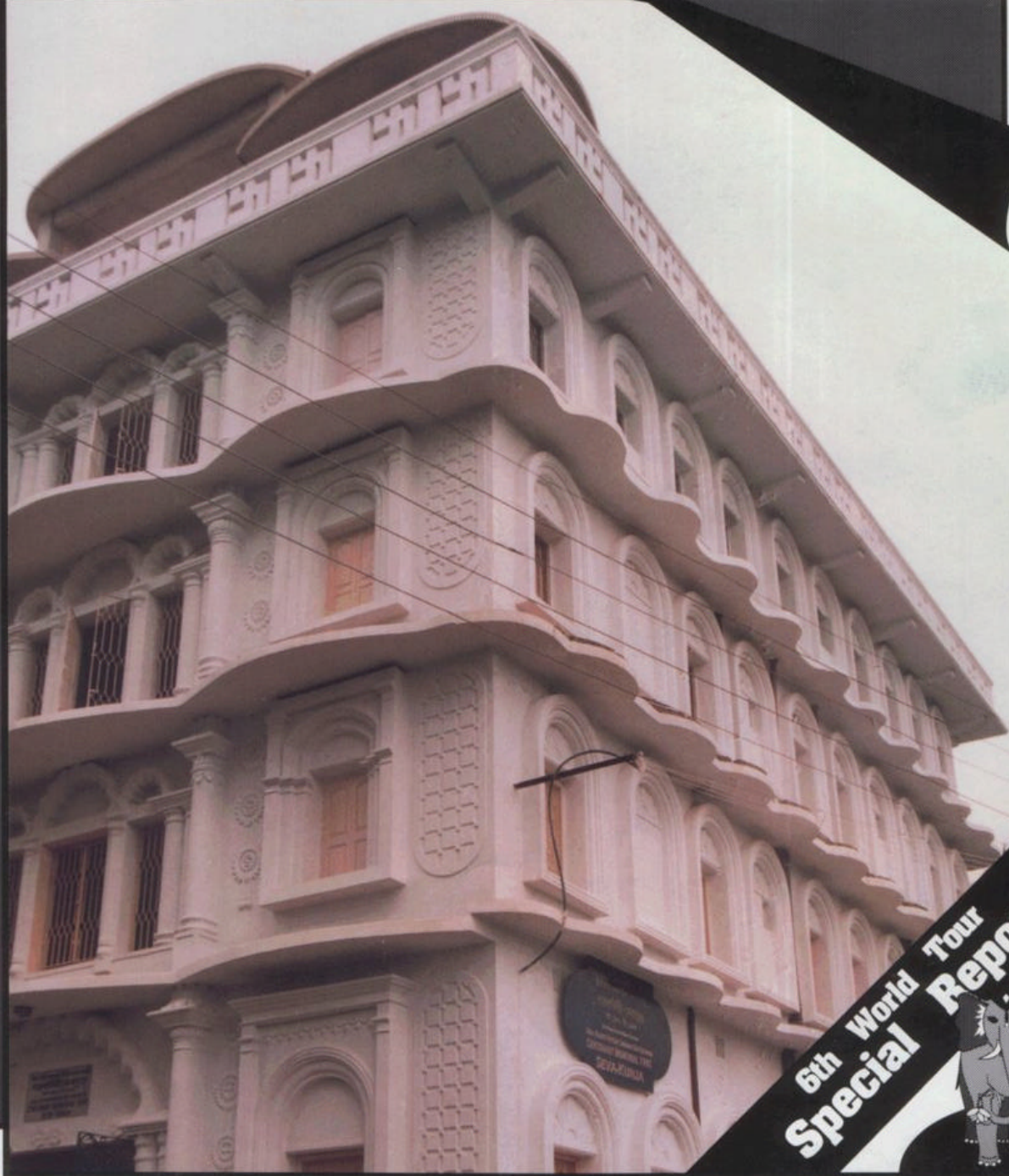
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6th World Tour  
Special Report



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**Ananta-Śrī-vibhūṣita Om Viṣṇupād  
Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj**

**Front cover photograph:**

Nabadwip Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math from the eastern side of Sri Govinda Kunda

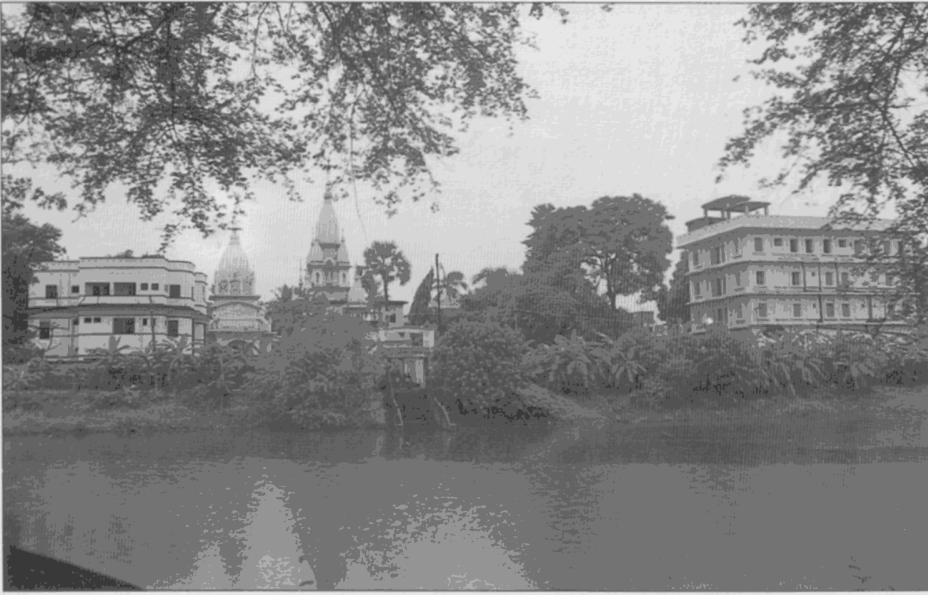
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New skyline: Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh with completed Sevā-Kuñja

## Reception at new Memorial

The newly completed 'Sevā-Kuñja,' Srila Guru Maharaj's Centenary Memorial Building, was the sight of a truly grand reception for Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj's return from his recent 6th World Tour. His preaching was honoured by representatives of the many Maths of Nabadwip and Mayapur, and they were graced to hear first hand from Srila Maharaj of the ever-increasing response Mahaprabhu's message commands in the West.

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## Invitation accepted

Srila Govinda Maharaj to visit Australia during his Sri Guru-puja, 26th Dec

Being most pleased by the service activities of the devotees in Australia, Sri Acharyyadev Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj has graciously accepted their invitation to be in Australia for the occasion of his *Sri Guru-puja* this year.

His Divine Grace had heard much about their Ashram, 'Sri Govinda Dham,' but even those grand descriptions could not compare with what he saw and experienced on his April visit. The building and land have been hand crafted by the devotees from scratch. It is a most presentable and hospitable place, and ever ready to welcome devotees, newcomers, honourable guests, and, of course, our dear Srila Acharyyadev.

The Australian devotees are most

**SRI GURU-PUJA, 26 DEC '96  
GURUDEV IN AUSTRALIA!**

☞ Maharaj's association ever since he left their shores early in 1993.

industrious in their service. Their cooperative, Vaishnava mood was the key factor that won Srila Maharaj's heart. His recent stay at their 'Sri Govinda Dham' also enabled His Divine Grace to regain strength after several months of strenuous preaching in India. See invitation, page 2

## First hosts: Mauritius, S.Africa

The December tour is due to start with second visits to Mauritius and South Africa. In both places the devotees have been constantly praying for Srila ☞

## Titles granted

Ever graciously bestowing recognition and encouragement to the devotees, Srila Govinda Maharaj has bestowed upon Prabhu Adhokṣaja of Mauritius the title 'Bhakti Bhūṣaṇ,' and upon Australians Prabhu Mohanānanda and Prabhu Anādi Kṛṣṇa the titles 'Sevā Vighraha' and 'Kṛti Ratna' respectively.

These devotees have given outstanding energy in their service and have been the source of great encouragement within their respective communities. By their leadership and example, wonderful Ashrams and dedicated devotees have manifest in their countries.

# Reaching out to the N.E. Frontier

AN ACCOUNT OF RECENT PREACHING IN ASSAM, INDIA

By the mercy and inspiration of Acharyyadev Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj and Śrīla Guru Maharaj Śrīla Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, Sripad Bhakti Prapanna Tirtha Maharaj recently headed an ambitious preaching party in Assam. He was accompanied by Prabhu Kamal Krishna and others. In addition to the usual challenges facing any preaching activities, the devotees had to contend with extensive flooding in the area. By the kind hospitality of local devotees and friends, the preaching went on with ever-increasing enthusiasm. In particular in Siliguri much hospitality and nourishment was given to the devotees by Śrīla Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj's disciple, Prabhu Nitai-Hari Chakravarty, and his family.

Sripad Tirtha Maharaj presently arrived in an area which he had not visited for many years, and was greeted by a villager who immediately approached saying, "Last night I had a dream that you would come today, and I'm amazed—here you are!"

From Siliguri the party proceeded to Guwahati, the capital of Assam, then on to the area of Hojai. The day the preaching began there was a Tulasi plant being kept very respectfully at the front of the first bus in which they travelled. She was nicely looked after and worshipped there. It is very unusual to find Tulasidevi in such a 'home' so the devotees took her presence as an auspicious sign for the beginning of their travels.

Everywhere on their preaching tour the devotees were respectfully received by locals and immediately many people would come. When *Nama-sankirtan* began, many others were drawn to attend. Young and old all came.

A particularly large programme was given at the Sri Govinda Ashram, Hojai,

where videos of our *Math* were shown, and *Hari-katha*, *sankirtan* and *Prasad* distribution was held. The devotees stayed in the area for just seven days during which time they were inundated with invitations to hold lectures. Reciprocating the hospitality and sincerity of the locals, our devotees were very pleased to hold gatherings on five of the seven days they were there.

Many respectable people came and were noticeably inspired to see the publications of the *Math* and to see the substantial nature of the preaching. In particular the good wife of the Assam food minister, Dr. Ardhendu Kumar Dey, was very struck by the preaching of the devotees and their sincerity in representing Sriman Mahaprabhu's mission.

The devotees then proceeded deep into the north of Assam, a hilly area famous for growing high quality teas. The populace were again most enthusiastic to see them and to hear how Mahaprabhu's philosophy is being spread all over the world. More programmes were held before the devotees returned southward.

On arriving in the locality of Khowang-ghat many people came to welcome Sripad Tirtha Maharaj and the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math preaching party. One 37 year-old man was very much impressed and from that time on he never left the devotees' company, finally accompanying the party back to Nabadwip and joining full time in the Temple. Another good man also joined full time as a direct result of this preaching tour, and many others vowed to bring the teachings of Mahaprabhu to the forefront of their daily lives.

Spontaneously many who met the devotees gave a donation. Lots of books were distributed as well as innumerable leaflets, *Harinam* stickers and devotional cassettes from Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

Sripad B.P. Tirtha Maharaj and his team left a noble and lasting impression with the people of North East India. Numerous invitations were received, and the devotees promised that they will try to return in the winter to bring a further installment of the message of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. • 67 •

## Invitation to Australia

### DEITY INSTALLATION & SRI GURU-PUJA

An open invitation is extended by the Australian devotees to all our *Math*'s devotees and friends around the world to come and participate in Śrīla Govinda Maharaj's Christmas Tour to Australia. If you would like to attend or need more information, please write to Prabhu Mohanananda Seva Vighraha (Lot 15, Beltana Drive, Terranora, N.S.W. 2486, Australia. Fax: [61] 755-904371) or Prabhu Parananda (Lot 2, Beltana Drive. ☎: 755-904422). The devotees ask that you give information early so that suitable arrangements can be made for the expected number of pilgrims.

Various activities are on the agenda headed by the installation of Deities at Sri Govinda Dham and the personal worship of His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj on the occasion of his *Sri Guru-Puja*, 26th December 1996. This will be a grand celebration, even more so as most devotees will easily get leave due to it being a traditional holiday period.



Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Gandharvika-Giridharijiu, Soquel, U.S.A.

## London Math moves to own Centre

On Sunday 23rd June the London Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math's Deities, Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Radha-Syamasundar, made a triumphant entry to Their own Green Street Temple. The programme was accompanied by *Sankirtan* and a grand festival. Many local dignitaries attended to welcome the Deities.

This House Temple is located in the heart of a major Indian area, and passers-by are able to have *darshan* of Their Lordships even from the busy street outside. It has manifest as a stepping stone towards bigger things in future.

To make the specific goal of owning their own Centre a reality the service of the devotees in U.K. has been very intense over the last few months. They were joined by several friends from around the world, their combined efforts finally being crowned with success.

Already new devotees regularly come for *darshan* of Their Lordships and to listen to the *Hari-katha* and preaching of the head of the London Mission, Sripad Bhakti Ananda Sagar Maharaj, and other leading devotees of the *Math*.

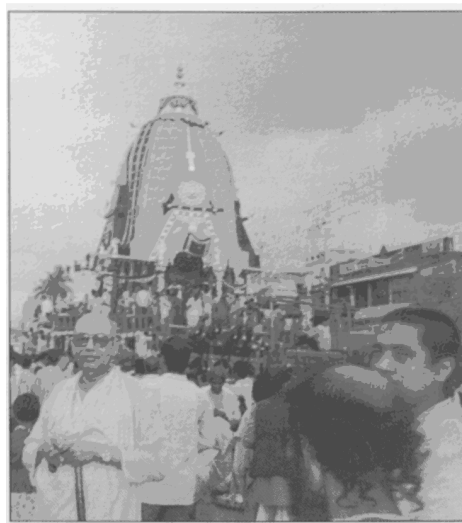
## Lordships installed

Under the auspicious glance of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj the installation of Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Gandharvika-Giridharijiu was held at our Seva Ashram in Soquel, California during his recent World Tour.

In preparation for Their Lordships' arrival the devotees undertook major renovations of the Ashram. By working around the clock, the refurbishing was completed, thus providing a beautiful home for the Lord and His devotees.

See *World Tour Report page 4*

## Rathayatra pilgrimage



The arrival of our *Math's* pilgrimage party headed by Srila Acharyyadev Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj was marked by a grand feast of Sri Jagannathdev's *Mahaprasadam*. Following our *Math's* traditions the devotees observed *Sri Gundicha-marjanam*—the cleansing of the Gundicha Temple—and, on the following day, the Rathayatra Festival of Lord Jagannath.

This year is one of the special years when Lord Jagannath changes His Deity form. This happens about every 12 years and follows elaborate age old customs as is the will of Lord Jagannath. Vast crowds attended. Television news reported some fifteen million devotees present.

Following in the footsteps of Mahaprabhu and His associates, our devotees engaged in *Harinama-sankirtan* in front of the chariots as they rumbled towards the Gundicha Temple.

This is one of the largest gatherings of pilgrims anywhere in the world, and it was covered extensively on both local and national television networks. Our Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math devotees were the focus of television footage lasting seven minutes which was repeatedly broadcast throughout the day.

## Tour itinerary

For those of you who have the good fortune to be planning a pilgrimage this year to the association of Srila Govinda Maharaj, the following itinerary may assist you in deciding the time and destination of your journey. However, please be sure to confirm your arrangements.

Bombay: 29th November–2nd December, '96

Mauritius: 2nd–10th December

South Africa: 10th–17th December

Mauritius: 17th–20th December

Australia: 21st December '96–7th January '97

India: 7th January '97

• Please confirm nearer the time •

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All Glory to the Divine Master and the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa Chaitanya

# Śrīla Āchāryyadev Govinda Mahārāj's Sixth World Tour a Thunderous Success

By His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Ānanda Sāgar Mahārāj

April-May 1996: Departing Calcutta on the evening of 2nd April with His entourage, the illustrious Śrīla Āchāryyadev of Nabadwip Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh and its international branches, Om Aṣṭottara-śata-Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj Viṣṇupād, embarked on his Sixth World Tour since 1992. The Tour covered eight countries and sixteen cities in only two months. His Divine Grace's tours, known universally by the Śrī Gauḍīya devotees as the Selfsame Manifestation of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu's Grand Saṅkīrttan Circumambulation of the world, have fed devotional fires throughout the globe. The devotees' overwhelming enthusiasm has produced a flood of fervent invitations world-wide to His Divine Grace. The fulfillment of the direct wish of Om Viṣṇupād Ananta-Śrī-vibhūṣita Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhara Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj and his Gurudev Bhagavān Śrī Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupād is now proven to thousands upon thousands of sincere devotees as manifest throughout the world by the Grace of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's World Tours.

The tour was first conceived of as a brief visit to Fiji, to fulfill the original 1992 invitation of Śrī Sunandā Devī Dāsī and her husband Śrī Madhusūdana Dās Prabhu, as well as her pious father Śrī Ramasre Prabhu and other family members.

Australia was also a natural part of the plan, since the devotees there, headed by Śrī Mohanānanda Prabhu, had faithfully completed construction of a magnificent *Saṅkīrttana* community hall at the holy land of Śrī Govinda Dhām at Uki, and had been anxious for over one year that Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj inaugurate this hall.

Śrī Nāmāchāryya Prabhu and others at New Zealand, which had not as yet been blessed by the holy foot dust of His Divine Grace, tendered their invitation with whole-hearted eagerness.

However, since His Divine Grace had not left India for the whole of 1995, the natural wish in the hearts of thousands of devotees around the world for his presence increased more and more. Especially at the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āshram of Soquel, California. The Most Worshipable Deities of Śrī Śrī Mahāprabhu Chaitanyadev and Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda had already travelled from India to America, and were by various Services twenty-four hours around the clock tended by the devotees there, headed by His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Pāvan Janārdan Mahārāj, Śrī Yudhāmanyu Sevā Vikram Prabhu, Śrī Hāsyapriya Prabhu, Śrī Puṣṭa Kṛṣṇa Prabhu, Śrī Śrutāśravā Prabhu, Śrī Ṛṣabhdev Prabhu and so many of the revered lady devotees headed by Śrī Jīvana Devī Dāsī, Śrī Svarṅgī Devī

Dāsī, Śrī Dārubrahma Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sanātani Devī Dāsī, Śrī Kuṅkum Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sureśvarī Devī Dāsī, Śrī Bimalā Devī Dāsī, Śrī Vrajamohini Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sitā Devī Dāsī and others. The Most Worshipable Deities, attended by Their eternal servitors, were awaiting Their Fully Manifest Service Pastimes to be inaugurated by Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj, for the transcendental joy of the Vaiṣṇava Community of America and the world.

Śrī Revatināth Prabhu, Śrī Achyuta Priya Prabhu and Śrī Madhusūdana Prabhu, Śrī Padmāvatī Devī Dāsī, Śrī Śrīmatipriyā Devī Dāsī, Śrī Kṛṣṇalata Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sunandā Devī Dāsī, and friends and families had also nurtured hopes of His Divine Grace's return to Hawaii since the first World Tour in 1992, so their constant invitation was spontaneously added to the itinerary.

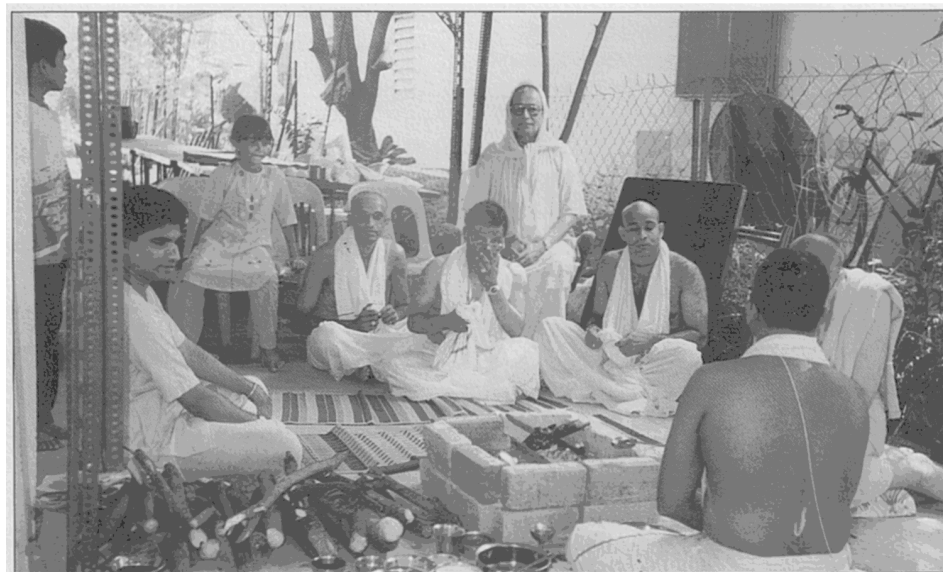
Additionally, the indomitable Preaching Service efforts of His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Kusum Āśram Mahārāj in Mexico, assisted especially by Śrī Lakṣmī Rāṇī Devī Dāsī and Śrī Madhuchhaṇḍā Devī Dāsī, always a subject of pride for the Chaitanya-Sāraswat-Śrīdhara-Govinda Transcendental Lineage, were constantly remembered amongst the devotees in Śrī Dhām Nabadwip and around the world. Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj often fondly remembered his previous visits to Mexico, as a bond of unbreakable Divine Affection had already been tied. So Mexico was also undeniably to be a participant in his upcoming Sixth World Tour.

Over in Malaysia, Śrī Aprākṛta Prabhu, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Lāvanya Prabhu, Śrī

# TOUR DIARY

Balendranāth Prabhu, Śrī Tribhuvanāth Prabhu, Śrī Baladev Prabhu, Śrī Vāsudev Kṛṣṇa Prabhu, Śrī Prakāśendu Prabhu and many others—all steady servitors of the Mission, along with their families, could also not overlook the opportunity to host His Divine Grace; after all, his flight route would naturally cross Singapore, just neighbouring Malaysia. Beyond that, just a few months before they had recently acquired their handsome new Temple House Centre at Jalan Burung Garuda [Bird Garuda Road], Kuala Lumpur, and naturally, His Divine Grace's Lotus Hand must surely open the door of the new Temple Centre for the first time.

Similarly, Śrī Vijaya Kṛṣṇa Prabhu of Singapore, a well-known faithful servitor of our Maṭh from the time of Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāj's presence, and also his family and friends—they all knew well the infinite benefit of receiving, honouring and preaching the Glories of the Lord's pure devotee, and busied themselves day and night with the arrangements of His Divine Grace's visit to Singapore. After all, the pious residence of Śrī Vijaya Kṛṣṇa Prabhu his devoted wife, Rājeśvarī Devī Dasi, and family, an Ashram unto itself, is one of His Divine Grace's natural stops on the airways—with or without an invitation; one of his own homes, just a little ways abroad.



Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj presiding over a fire yajña, Kuala Lumpur

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

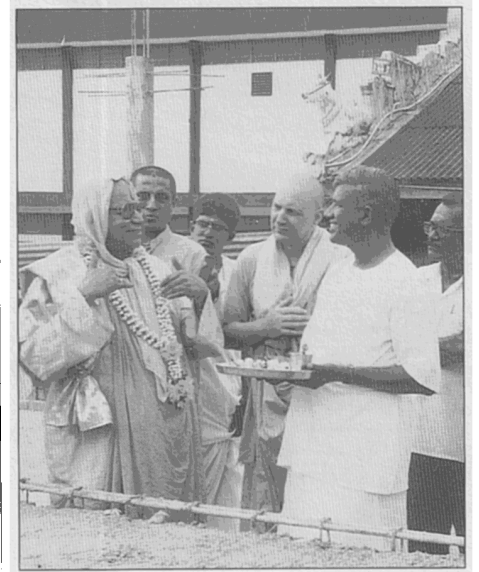
## Singapore

Arriving at Singapore on the morning of Wednesday, 3rd April, His Divine Grace and party was joyfully received at the airport by Śrī Vijay Kṛṣṇa Prabhu and Śrī Maheśvarī Devī Dasi with friends and families. Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's Western World Secretary, Śrī Mahānanda Bhakti Rañjan Prabhu, was also present since he was already on a preaching visit to Malaysia and Singapore. His Divine Grace held intimate meetings with the devotees, answering their questions and fortifying their devotional faith and strength.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

## Malaysia

Thursday, 4th April, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Received amidst the devotees' tumultuous chanting of the Holy Name, His Divine Grace with entourage was taken by car to the Sitiawan Centre where a series of morning and evening lectures and *Sankīrtan* programmes were held, to



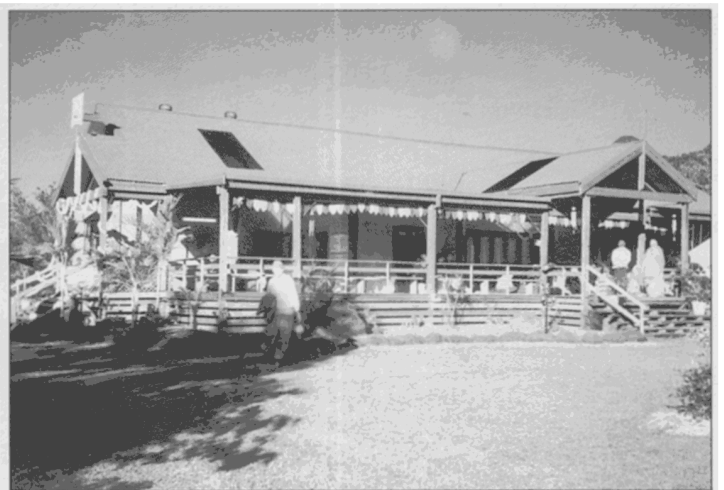
With Śrī Namaḥ Śivāya, Sitiawan

the joy of both the established devotees and the pious public as well. Every function was fully attended, all seats always taken and standing room filled as well. *Khola* and *karatāls* resounded as the combined voices of all, young and old, man, woman, or child, rejoiced in the Service of Śrīman Mahāprabhu Chaitanyadev's Holy Names, led by the Ambassador of the Lord Himself, Śrī Gurudev, Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.

His Divine Grace was also received with the highest honour and affection at the local Śrī Gaṇeśa Temple by the President, Śrī Namaḥ Śivāya.

When motoring back to Kuala Lumpur, His Divine Grace and his entourage stayed overnight on Friday the 5th at the home of Śrī Balendranāth Prabhu at Tanjong Malim. Śrī Balendranāth Prabhu and honourable friends and guests received Śrīla Āchāryyadev with worshipful offerings.

From Friday 6th to Monday 8th the Inauguration of the new Temple House at Jalan Burung Garuda, Kuala Lumpur, was held under the auspices of His Divine Grace with lectures and morning, noon and evening *Nāma-Sankīrtan*. About two score friends received initiation into *Hari-Nāma*



Śrīla Mahārāj at the house of Prabhu Nāmāchāryya, N.Z. Śrī Govinda Dhām, Australia's devotional Ashram

from His Divine Grace, and a fire ceremony was also held to solemnize the bestowal of the *brāhmaṇa* thread upon the pious gentlemen who had been initiated into the chanting of the *Gāyatrī mantra* by His Divine Grace. A special grand function attended by thousands was also held on the evening of the 7th at the Śivānanda Ashram, at which His Divine Grace lectured on the speciality of the Pure Vaiṣṇava Teachings as given to the world by the Supreme Lord Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour... April - June 1996

## Australia

Tuesday, 9th April, His Divine Grace arrives at Brisbane, Australia. The airport reception area was filled with a sprawling crowd of devotees—men, women and children, each with *mrdaṅga*, *karatāls*, flower garlands and offerings to receive His Divine Grace. On arriving at Śrī Govinda Dhām at Uki, revealing his own Nature as the embodiment of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's verse *ṭṛṇād api sunīchena....*, His Divine Grace alighted from the car and bowed in the green grass to the devotees. From this point Śrī Madhusūdana Prabhu, visiting from Maui, filmed the whole tour up to San Francisco.

For ten days, both morning and evening, a Grand Festival of *Mahā-*

*Saṅkīrttan* was held at the Śrī Govinda Dhām Community Hall, Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's talks attended by over a thousand people some evenings. The functions included the unveiling of the cornerstone by His Divine Grace, initiation of one hundred and twenty-five gentlemen, ladies and children into the chanting of the Holy Name, and generous distribution of *Mahāprasāda* to one and all.

The pure air, green grass, blue sky, sweet water, simple-hearted devotees both young and old—all provided a special contribution to the Transcendental Pleasure of His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj. All felt themselves his children, with their gracious father returned after a long time away from home.



Śrī Mohanānanda Prabhu, Śrī Anādi Kṛṣṇa Prabhu, Śrī Balabhadra Prabhu, Śrī Parānanda Prabhu, Śrī Parampada Prabhu, Śrī Hari Mohan Prabhu, Śrī Gopikanta Prabhu, Śrī Rādhā Mādhava Prabhu, Śrī Haribandhu Prabhu, with their devoted wives and families—and so many others, too numerous to mention—all contributed to the colour and unabashed spiritual joy of the Festival. Śrī Anādi Kṛṣṇa Prabhu was awarded the title "Kṛti-ratna" by His Divine Grace for his tireless efforts in the construction of the Śrī Govinda Dhām Community Hall. In addition Śrī Mohanānanda Prabhu was graced with the title "Sevā-vigraha" in recognition of his special service. A unique type of dancing in the *Saṅkīrttan* was shown by Śrī Muralidhar Brahmachārī Prabhu. Śrī Aravinda Lochan Sevā Sundar Prabhu of Colombia visited Australia for the occasion, and heartily appreciated the atmosphere and association. He stayed with the tour to its completion as a permanent member of His Divine Grace's party, and his wife Śrī Susmitā Devī Dāsī joined the tour in Soquel.

Tearfully, one hundred devotees accompanied His Divine Grace to the Brisbane airport to bid him and party farewell for their departure to New Zealand. Fifteen devotees stayed with the party and took the same flight along with him, not only to New Zealand but onward to Fiji as well.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

## New Zealand

Friday, 19th April, His Divine Grace and party arrive at Auckland airport, and are greeted by a traditional Maori *Haka* in grand style. His Divine Grace and the devotees reply with *Hari-Nāma-Saṅkīrtan*. Śrī Chidānanda Prabhu from California joins the tour here in New Zealand, and assisted throughout the rest of the tour with his sincere Services.

During the short stay in New Zealand—His Divine Grace's first visit to New Zealand—daily *Kīrttan* and *Hari-kathā* programmes were conducted at the home of Śrī Nāmāchāryya Prabhu. His Divine Grace, seeing the beautiful flora and fauna of the environment, commented on more than one occasion that the country's beauty was of the nature of *Vṛndāvan*, the Abode of Śrī Kṛṣṇa itself. Therefore Kṛṣṇa consciousness would be naturally and happily embraced by the people.

A special programme was held at the heartfelt invitation, tendered with the highest honour, by the President and Committee of the Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Temple, Auckland. A large community of Indian devotees were met by His Divine Grace with great joy; His Divine Grace commented amidst a standing ovation that the devotees had already brought *Vṛndāvan* to New Zealand.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

## Fiji

Tuesday, 23rd April, His Divine Grace and party arrive at Nandi, Fiji. He is welcomed by a Fijian party singing traditional songs at the airport, as a special gesture of honour from the Fijian Government. Received with full respect and worship by the devotees headed by Śrī Sunandā Devī Dāsī and family and friends, His Divine Grace



While walking near our Sevā Āshram, Kuala Lumpur

and party were driven to her family's residence. There, for almost one week, daily each morning and evening *Saṅkīrtan* and *Hari-Kathā* programmes were continuously held for the spiritual benefit of visitors from Nandi, Suva, and all over Fiji, as well as the neigh-

bouring family members and friends. Four generations from the grandparents down to young children—received initiation into the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *Mahāmantra*. The simple-heart-



Enthusiastic devotees, Auckland airport, N.Z

edness and natural faith of the Fijian devotees was appreciated by His Divine Grace, as was the environment which closely resembles India's, including many characteristic trees and plants.



Four generations gather to honour Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in Fiji

A special gracious visit to the Saru Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Primary School was a highlight of the programme, in which both teachers and some thousand students, all with arms upraised, chanted the Holy Name of the Lord and danced for joy.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

## Hawaii

Monday, 30th April His Divine Grace and party arrive at Hilo, Hawaii. Received at the Hilo airport by the devotees headed by Śrī Revatīnāth Prabhu and Śrī Achyuta Priya Prabhu, Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj was driven to a beautiful beach resort which was his home for almost five days. He was visited daily by some thousands of devotees, and initiations were also performed.

Every evening a *Mahā-Saṅkīrtan* and lecture programme of His Divine Grace was held nearby, at the home of Śrī Padmavati Devī Dāsī, one of the most enthusiastic devotees on the island. She single-handedly made all the arrangements to properly receive His Divine Grace and distribute sumptuous *Mahāprasād* to one and all.

Questions and answers were a popular and frequent pastime. The answers were taped by Śrī Rasābdhī Brahmachārī Prabhu, His Divine Grace's constant personal attendant, who is well-known affectionately by the devotees the world over. Doubtlessly, those Kṛṣṇa conscious answers will form the chapters of important books to come.

A special public programme attended by some two thousand devotees and seekers was held on the Holy Appearance Day of the Supreme Lord Śrī Śrī Nṛsiṃhadev. His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj spoke on the Transcendental Pastimes of the Lord, to the delight of the audience who heard attentively with pin-drop silence. Rousing *Śrī-Nāma-Saṅkīrtan* and



Outside the devotees' quarters near Hawaii's legendary beaches

*Mahāprasād* distribution rounded off the occasion. His Divine Grace's merciful and affectionate visit to the Śrī Giridhārī Āshram, Śrī Revatīnāth Prabhu's devotional Home-in-the-Temple and the Hilo branch of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, was also an unforgettable occasion for the devotees.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996

## California

Friday, 3rd May, San Francisco. As Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhuṣād wrote from America to Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in Nabadwip, that all over the world he was being received "*Chokhe jal, golāp phul*—with tears and rose-garlands." This heartfelt scene has been repeated time and time again since 1992 whenever His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Mahārāj has arrived at San Francisco airport, to be greeted by the devotees hailing from not only California, but all over America and from many parts around the world. Sentimental? No more than the heart's outpour that caused multitudes of fine-thinking hearts to give themselves to Śrīla Prabhuṣād Swāmī Mahārāj, and take up the *Mahāmantra* as their life

and soul; and now, upon finding that at least *one more Agent of the same soil is to be found in this world*—none other than Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj—the one who was known by Śrīla Prabhuṣād as his most beloved son. This is to live again, to find the lost treasure of the heart once again...

This time, His Divine Grace stayed 17 days at the Soquel Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āshram. His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's daily *Mahā-Saṅkīrtan* and *Śrī-Hari-kathā* was assisted by the Service of His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Pāvan Janārdan Mahārāj of the Āshram, His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Kānan Giri Mahārāj from New York, His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Kusum Āśram Mahārāj from Mexico, as well as the many faithful servitors of the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āshram. Śrī Rājā Rām Prabhu accompanied by Śrī Revatī Devī Dāsī of the Śrīla Śrīdhar Swāmī Sevāśram, of Quito, Ecuador, and Śrī Hari Kīrtan Prabhu accompanied by Śrī Vaiṣṇavī Devī Dāsī of the Śrī Rūpānuga Śrīdhar Āshram, Caracas, Venezuela—and many other *Kīrtan* experts also visited for the entire programme.

On 6th May, His Divine Grace, accompanied by his entourage, lectured and lead an historical discussion on "Vaiṣṇavism as a World Religion" at



On Parikramā around the grounds of Soquel Āshram



With the children after their Kṛṣṇa drama, Soquel

Barrows Hall, University of California, Berkeley, where he was hosted by Professor Robert Goldman, a leading Sanskrit professor of the U.S., and Chairman of the Department of South and Southeast Asian studies.

On the 11th, at the Pacific Cultural Center, Santa Cruz, His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj was the Special Guest of Honour at Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād's Centennial Festival Meeting, attended by many prominent disciples of Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāj, including Śrīpād Bhakti Svarūp Dāmodar Mahārāj, Śrīpād Tripurārī Swāmī Mahārāj, Śrīpād Rupa Vilās Prabhu and others. His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj led *Hari-Nāma-Saṅkīrtan* at the conclusion of the function, to which about two and a half thousand devotees of all ages whole-heartedly joined in and danced, with a multitude of *mṛdaṅgas* and *karatāls*.

On the 12th His Divine Grace spoke in Hindi and led *Saṅkīrtan* at the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple at San Jose. On the 13th he lectured and led *Saṅkīrtan* at the San Jose State University.

Śrīla Mahārāj also visited the San Jose Temple where the honourable lady devotees' exemplary preaching party resides. As well, he paid a gracious visit to Śrī Rṣabhdev Prabhu's home, where His Divine Grace regularly stayed prior to the purchase of the Soquel property.

On the 19th, the culmination of

many months of careful planning, a full day-long Grand Festival was held at the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Ashram, Soquel, when, by the Grace of Āchāryyadev Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, the Most Merciful Deities revealed Their Transcendental Names and Servable Forms—Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅga-Gāndarvvikā-Giridhārījīu.

All throughout these programmes, His Divine Grace stayed at his specially constructed "Śrī Govinda Kuñj", which was named by Śrīpād Janārdan Mahārāj. This ideal 'home for the *sādhu*' was especially built by no less than one hundred devotees' combined efforts, under the constant guidance and care of Śrī Hāsyapriya Prabhu. It cannot be forgotten that it was he who presented the golden key of "Śrī Govinda Kuñj" to the lotus hand of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj last year. Roads and land modifications were tirelessly executed by Śrī Bahulavan Prabhu. Gardening was attended by Śrī Kuṅkum Devī Dāsī and Śrī Kṛṣṇa Priyā Devī Dāsī. The Deities' special nourishment was given uncompromisingly by Śrī Dārubrahma Devī Dāsī, and Their Divine dress and ornaments perfectly arranged by Śrī Yaśodā Devī Dāsī and Śrī Svarnāṅgī Devī Dāsī. The preaching arrangements were meticulously made by Śrī Puṣṭa Kṛṣṇa Prabhu and Śrī Braja Mohinī Devī Dāsī. Collection of funds, as has been continuously done for many years together,

was headed by Śrī Yudhāmanyu Sevā Vikram Prabhu. The satisfier of the Vaiṣṇavas with *Vaiṣṇava Toṣaṇī* was Śrī Śrutasravā Prabhu. The Spiritual Preacher and *Āśram* Teacher, faithful to the Śrī-Rūpa-Saraswatī-Śrīdhara-Govinda *Susiddhānta*, was Śrīpād Janārdan Mahārāj. And so, together with their friends, through the efforts of all these beloved servitors of Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāj, Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj and Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāj, do all these Transcendental Services continue today. All services are far too numerous to list, as are the names of all the devotees, from junior to middle to senior. At least, let it be said, this is His Divine Grace's special place in the Western world, with a special place in his heart.

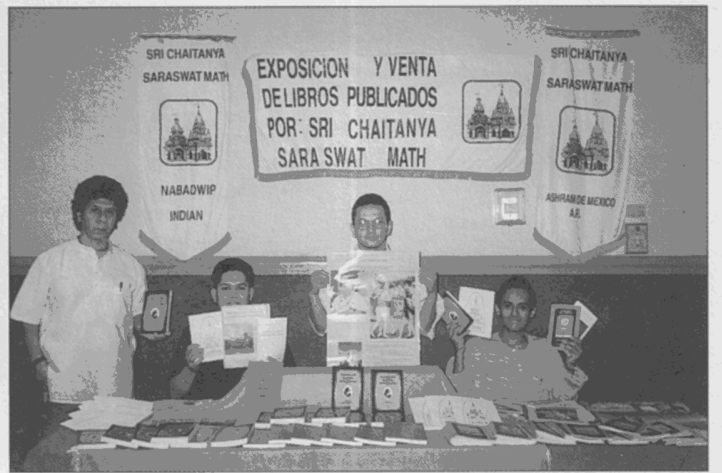
It will be ever remembered by the *Sārāgrahī* Vaiṣṇavas how during one of his talks His Divine Grace mysteriously alluded to this Soquel Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āshram along with its beautiful environment as "*a hidden Govarddhan*."



Monday, 20th May, Mexico City. Immediately upon arrival at the airport, after being escorted through the V.I.P. channel, His Divine Grace was greeted by the Mexican devotees, hailing from



The Mayor of Veracruz honours Śrīla Āchāryadev



Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh's Spanish books on display

no less than twenty cities of Mexico. Simultaneously, he was ushered by His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Kusum Āśram Mahārāj to the V.I.P. press conference hall, to be personally received by the Chief Director of Religious Affairs of the Mexican Government, the Honourable Lic. Armando López Campa. Present to record the event for broadcast and publication was Mexican television, newspaper and radio. The Honourable Chief Director of Religious Affairs expressed his deepest pleasure, saying that he felt most highly honoured that the country of Mexico could receive such a distinguished saintly personality as His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj. His Divine Grace was ushered through the dense crowd of devotees to his waiting car, and taken to the home of Śrī Lakṣmī Rāṇī Devī Dāsī where he and his entourage stayed.

That evening, a programme at Villa Florentina Hall was conducted by Their Holinesses Śrīpād Āśram Mahārāj, Śrīpād Janārdan Mahārāj and Śrīpād Giri Mahārāj. Next day, His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj personally addressed the devotees who filled the spacious home of Śrī Durllabha Prabhu, and conducted *Mahā-Saṅkīrtan*.

**Wednesday, 22nd May: His Divine Grace and party took a flight to Monterrey,** where they stayed at the home of Lucilla Santa Maria. There, many fortunate souls received initiation from His Divine Grace. The news-

paper *El Norte*, one of the most prestigious papers of the country, carried an article "Viene de la India con su Hare Krisna", meaning, "He comes from India with his Hare Kṛṣṇa". During the visit, Channel 28 television especially visited to interview His Divine Grace, and the interview was broadcast on the morning news programme.

As Monterrey is birth-place of His Holiness Śrīpād Āśram Mahārāj, His Divine Grace with his *sannyāsins* paid a special affectionate visit to the home of the venerable father of Śrīpād Āśram Mahārāj. It was an occasion of great happiness. Śrīpād Āśram Mahārāj's respected sister was also present to receive the Vaiṣṇavas with great reverence and affection.

His Holiness Śrīpād Bhakti Mohan Sajjan Mahārāj currently heads the preaching at Monterrey, and he was present for all the programmes with his full, grand party.

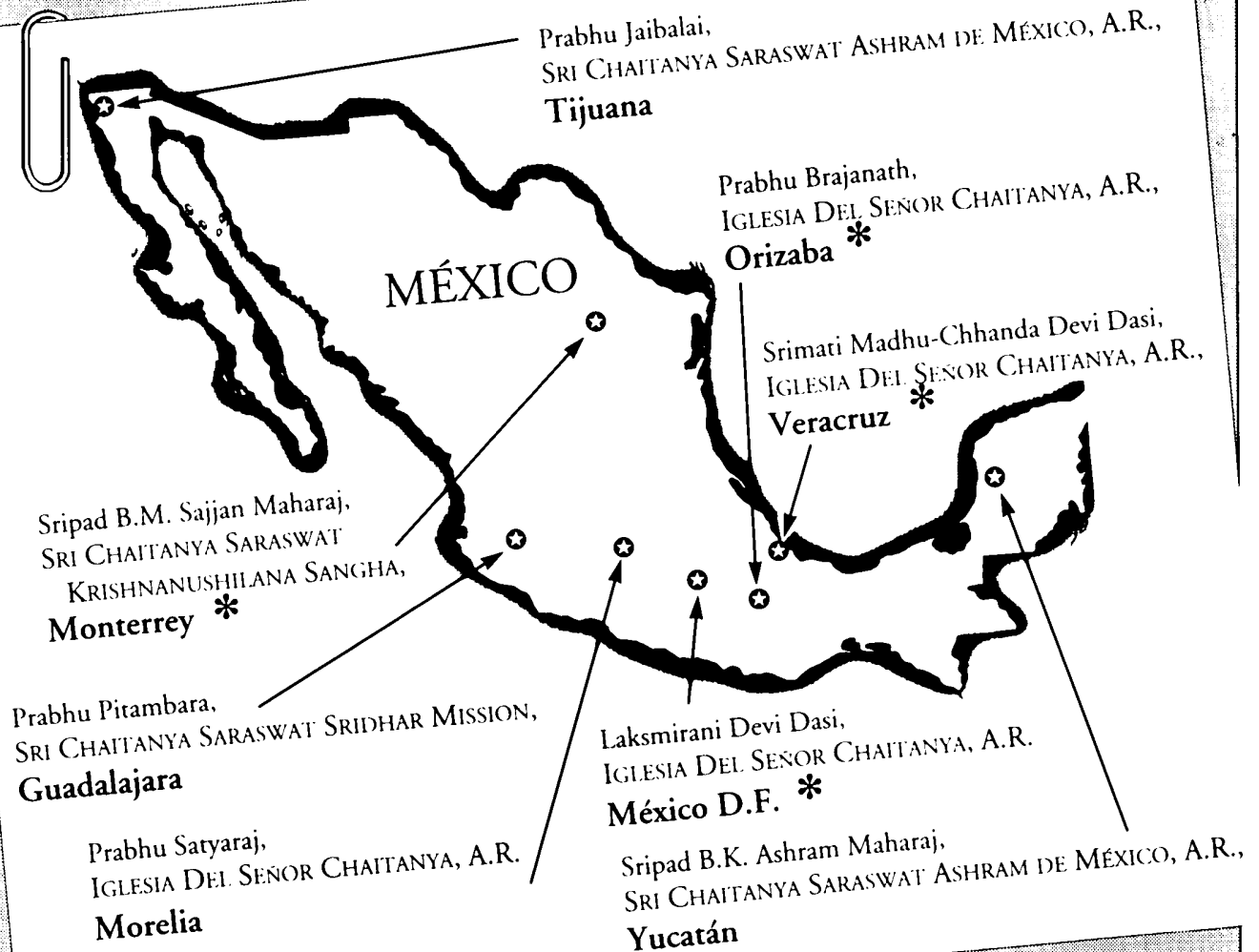
Of special interest was the public programme in a special conference hall of the National Trade Centre. There was a total of three programmes, with tickets purchased by the public for entry. A beautifully illustrated colour poster, with a photograph of His Divine Grace and the 'Lord's Loving Search for the Lost Servant' classic painting, was posted in prominent places throughout three cities—Mexico City, Monterrey and Veracruz: " 'El Infinito Se Muestra a lo Finito'—La India Mística Nos Visita, Swami B.S. Govinda Maharaja III

gira mundial visita a la Republica Mexicana". The meaning is, " 'The Infinite Reveals Himself to the Finite'—Mystic India Visits Us, Swami B.S. Govinda Maharaj's third world tour visit to the Mexican Republic". Two morning introductory programmes were held, with the special evening programme attended by His Divine Grace. There was simultaneous translation via headphones, English to Spanish and vice versa. The hall was full for all three programmes, the visitors of the day again returning for the evening programmes. His Divine Grace's lecture received a standing ovation, and he mercifully accepted questions from the audience. A young member of the audience came onstage and presented His Divine Grace with a portrait of Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād. All arose and chanted the Holy Names of the Lord under the leadership of His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj, and danced with full joy.

**Saturday, 25th May, His Divine Grace and party fly to Veracruz.** A special mansion was arranged by Śrī Madhu-Chhandā Devī Dāsī for His Divine Grace and entourage. Full capacity audiences thronged to the Baalbeck Hall of the Lebanese Club of Veracruz, to hear and witness the Dignity of His Divine Grace's Transcendental Delivery. His Divine Grace was especially interviewed by TELEVER Television of the ECO

## Localización de los Centros en México

El símbolo \* indica los lugares que Srila Govinda Maharaj visitó en su Sexta Gira Mundial en Mayo de 1996.



The symbol \* indicates places Srila Govinda Maharaj visited on his Sixth World Tour, May 1996.

international Spanish language news show, and radio and newspaper interviews were held.

Scores of fortunate souls received first initiation, receiving Holy Tulasi Beads from the Lotus Hand of His Divine Grace.

A special traditional dance performance by the Folklore Dance Troup of the Cultural Department of Veracruz State University was staged with full expertise, in honour of His Divine

Grace's visit to Mexico.

His Divine Grace was especially invited and hosted by Mr. Ing. Luis Kasuga, the master-mind of the colossal world-famous Veracruz Aquarium. His Divine Grace blessed the attempt which espouses non-violence and love for Kṛṣṇa's creation. Mr. Kasuga was touched by the Mercy of His Divine Grace and his heartfelt statement was that he considered himself blessed to have the greatest honour of such a

saintly visitor to his aquarium, which is attended by millions of visitors from all over the world.

Accepting a special invitation to the Town Hall of the Honorable County of Veracruz City and Port, in the presence of the Veracruz Naval Command and Honoured Members of the Veracruz City Council, the Mayor of Veracruz, His Honour C.P. Roberto Bueno Campos, presented His Divine Grace with the Roll of Honour for

# Viene de la India con su 'Hare Krishna'

PROMUEVE SU MENSAJE EN LA CIUDAD EL MÁXIMO REPRESENTANTE DEL MOVIMIENTO VAISNAVA

POR CLAUDIA GUERRA PARA EL NORTE

**Monterrey, N.L. 25 de Mayo, 1996.** La tolerancia, el respeto y la humildad, permiten llegar al estado en que todo es belleza, en que se está en plena armonía con el Dios Supremo (Krishna)...

Esta práctica difunde el máximo representante mundial del movimiento Vaisnava, es decir, del Bhakti Yoga (servicio devocional hacia Dios): Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj.

Presidente y líder de la misión Chaitanya Saraswat la cual se ha extendido por todo el mundo con su mensaje de meditación. En los 11 años que tiene de ser el máximo dirigente de los conocidos "Hare Krishnas", el maestro, como le dicen, realiza en este momento su recorrido mundial que incluye a los siguientes países: India, Malasia, Australia, Nueva Zelanda, Islas Fiji, Estados Unidos y México, en donde además de Monterrey, visitará el Puerto de Veracruz y la Ciudad de México.

Nacido el 17 de Diciembre de 1929 en Bengala Occidental, Srila Govinda Maharaj llamado también "Su Divina Gracia", predicó el jueves pasado en el Salón Estados

Unidos de Cintermex, un mensaje de amor y devoción.

"Yo vengo de la India y ahí hay muchas instituciones religiosas, hay católicos, judíos, hindúes, etc.. Todos venimos de la Suprema Personalidad de Dios; nosotros vivimos de mucha tolerancia, dando honor a los demás. Los destinos religiosos podrán no ser iguales pero se encuentran en la misma línea de Dios".

Así piensa Srila Govinda Maharaj quien desde los 17 años está inmerso en el mundo de la meditación y entrega total a su Creador por medio del Bhakti Yoga.

"Este cuerpo que tenemos es mundano, nosotros somos finitos y no podemos comunicarnos con el Infinito porque tenemos limitaciones, pero sí podemos hacerlo a través del yoga, es decir, si cualquier cosa la ofrecemos con devoción. El la va a aceptar con amor y vamos a estar en relación con El".

El maestro espiritual de los devotos del Dios Supremo señala que siempre ha estado al amparo del Dios eterno, y prueba de ello es que precisamente desde que entró en su monasterio en Bengala llamado Sri Chaitanya Saraswat en 1947, a los 17 años de edad

fué elegido sucesor de su maestro.

Desde entonces recibió una profunda instrucción de los sabios de su monasterio, para aprender a proceder como cabeza de su fe: aprendió de las prácticas

tales de los devotos del Supremo: el Bhagavad-gita (para aspirantes), el Srimad Bhagavatam (nivel intermedio de preparación) y el Chaitanya-charitamrta (nivel superior de posgrado).



devocionales, de la con-ducción del monasterio, de las publicaciones de la literatura, de la organización de programas de prédica y peregrinaje, tiene dominio de la lengua Sánscrita (de la cual tiene reconocimiento en la Universidad de Calcuta) y se dedica a transmitir su mensaje.

"Hay muchas diferentes religiones, pero ninguna ha dicho "Yo soy Dios, adórame, refúgiate en Mí. Yo te liberaré, en Mi compañía vas a disfrutar la dulzura trascendental", pero Krishna sí lo ha dicho en las Escrituras".

Las Escrituras a las que se refiere Srila Govinda Maharaj son las que rigen los preceptos dhamen-

De su vestimenta en tono azafrán y una extraña línea de pintura que decora su rostro, el maestro contesta:

"Tomemos el caso de un policía, lo identificamos por su vestimenta; de igual modo en el sendero espiritual los que somos adoradores de Krishna, usamos lo que se ve en mi frente, en mi ropa, etc., todos estos son los emblemas por los que se reconocen a los devotos de Krishna".

Termina de charlar y el Salón Estados Unidos del centro de negocios, se convierte en un lugar ceremonial del Bhakti Yoga, y los cantos en honor al Supremo y al maestro que difunde su enseñanza se dejan oír. □

"Distinguished Visitor to the City." His Honour the Mayor and the City Council Members also happily and respectfully joined in the *Mahā-Saṅkīrtan* led by His Divine Grace.

Tuesday, 28th May, His Divine Grace travels by car back to Mexico City, stopping at Orizaba en route at the home of Śrī Brajanāth Prabhu. His Divine Grace declared Brajanāth Prabhu's home a bona fide branch of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh.

Although, as a special honourable guest of the country, all His Divine Grace's air travel in Mexico was provided without charge, His Grace preferred to complete this last leg of the journey simply by car, when he happily observed the Sierra Madre Oriental Mountains.

Back in Mexico City, a Grand Finale Programme was held at the Central Social y Cultural Veracruzano. His Divine Grace's lecture and answers to the public's questions were simultaneously translated into Spanish by Śrīpād Āśram Mahārāj. The hall was attended to its full capacity by the established devotees of Mexico as well as new friends and seekers. All joined in ecstatic *Hari-Nāma-Saṅkīrtan* led by Paramahansa Gurudev Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj, and all partook of a *Mahāprasād* banquet in conclusion.



All-attentive at the Śrī Rāmar Temple, Changi Village, Singapore



His Divine Grace seated with Prabhu Vijay Kṛṣṇa and devotees from Singapore and Malaysia

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996  
**California**

Friday, 31st May, return to San Francisco for a brief stay at the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āśram, Soquel. In the Presence of His pure devotee, Śrīla Āchāryyadev Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, Śrīman Mahāprabhu, in His *Vijay-Śrīvīgraha* Form, took a tour around the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā Āśram grounds, accompanied by all the devotees' vibrant *Hari-Nāma-Saṅkīrtan*. Offerings were made to the Lord by the

pious devotees on the circumambulation route.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996  
**Singapore**

Tuesday, 4th June, arrive at Singapore; by the arrangement of Śrī Vijay Kṛṣṇa Prabhu, on the evening of the 5th His Divine Grace spoke at Sindu House, Mountbatten Road, and on the evening of the 6th he spoke at the Śrī Rāma

Temple at Changi Village. He was received with the highest honour and worship by all the pious devotees who filled the Temples to capacity.

His Divine Grace's Sixth World Tour, April - June 1996  
**Calcutta**

Friday, 7th June, return to Calcutta, arriving at Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishanushilana Sangha, Dum Dum Park, at 1.00 a.m. 8th morning. A Grand

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# Our Life-line of Devotional Practice

A DISCOURSE BY

HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA BHAKTI SUNDAR GOVINDA DEV-GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

**nāham tiṣṭhāmi vaikuṅṭhe  
yoginām hṛdayeṣu vā  
mad bhaktāḥ yatra gāyanti  
tatra tiṣṭhāmi nārada**

(Padma-purāṇa)

The Lord said, “I am not living in Vaikuṅṭha, and I am not living in the heart of the yogīs, but I remain where My devotees are singing My glories.” So, Kṛṣṇa can be found wherever His glories are being chanted by His devotees. So the main thing in our life is that we need association of the devotees. Therefore, wherever there is a regular devotional programme continuing by His devotees with chanting, we should try to attend. It is within *viddhi-mārga*, and if we follow *viddhi*—a regulated devotional programme—it will give some adjustment in our life.

Śrīla Prabhupāda Saraswatī Ṭhākura preached:

**mātala harijana kirttana-raṅge  
pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge**

This is inscribed above the front en-



**Mātala harijana kirttana-raṅge... the verse and its manifestation as a transcendental diorama on the front of Nabadwip Śrī Math's Nāṭya-mandir**

trance of the *Nāṭya-mandir* here at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Math, and later a picture relief has come out above it illustrating its meaning. *Gaurava-bhaṅge* means that there are some rules and reg-

ulations. From afar we shall worship the *rāga-patha*, the path of spontaneous affectionate service, while we ourselves live within the Vedic guide-line.

If we think that we have become a

⇒ from previous page—**Sixth World Tour**

Reception Festival was held at Dum Dum arranged by Śrīpād Bhakti Prapanna Tīrtha Mahārāj, Śrīpād Bhakti Dayita Dāmodara Mahārāj, Śrī Amṛta Kṛṣṇa Prabhu and others. The entire Service of the expenses for the Function was carried by Śrī Vāṇī Devī Dāsī, through which thousands partook of *Mahāprasād*.

His Divine Grace finally travelled by car to Nabadwip on Friday 14th to Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Math for the completion of his Sixth World Tour.

A Grand Reception of Honour was arranged by His Divine Grace's Godbrothers and disciples, especially

Śrīpād Bhakti Prasūn Āraṇya Mahārāj, Śrīpād Hari Charaṇ Sevā Ketan Brahmachārī Prabhu, Śrīpād Bhakti Prapanna Tīrtha Mahārāj, Śrī Purṇānanda Prabhu, Śrī Sanātan Prabhu, Śrī Yadu Gopāl Prabhu, Śrī Praśānta Prabhu, Śrī Dulāl Prabhu and Śrī Vinodarañjan Brahmachārī, and many others; also the revered Śrīyuktā Ramārāṇī Devī and respected seniors, as well as Śrī Umā Devī Dāsī, Śrī Bhakti Lalitā Devī Dāsī, Śrī Mālati Priyā Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sundarī Devī Dāsī, Śrī Sulochanā Devī Dāsī and others.

His Divine Grace was greeted with *Śrī-Nāma-Saṅkīrttan*, and revered

Śrīyuktā Ramārāṇī Devī presented His Divine Grace with a beautiful diamond set in a gold ring. A Special Reception Programme was held at the Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj Memorial Hall, attended by many honourable distinguished *Sannyāsī* and *Brahmachārī* guests from surrounding *Maths* and *Mandirs* of the *Sampradāya* of Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupād.

Thousands took opulent *Mahāprasād*, thus marking the completion of the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Math Sixth World Tour. □

See acknowledgements opposite ⇒

*Gopī*, that is not the real feeling. But if we think that we want to become a servant of the *Gopīs*, that is the real thing. The process is *śravaṇam* and *kīrtanam*. When we have established ourselves in the plane of full dedication, from there we shall start our real *bhajan* life under guidance of a *sādhu*.

## Honourable guidelines

**Question:** So, what is the actual meaning of *gaurava-bhaṅge*?

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** *Gaurava* means *viddhi*. *Nārāyaṇa* is the *gaurava* Deity. But *gaurava-bhaṅge* means the honourable guide-line of the Scriptures, and from that position we are always to give honour from afar to that *rāga-mārga*. *Rāga-mārga* is a very high plane. Why? Because in that plane there is only affectionate attachment with Kṛṣṇa. That is the plane of affectionate service.

**Question:** In this verse what is the reference to *gaurava-bhaṅge*? In what way is that verse referring to *viddhi*?

## Life's goal

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** *Mātala harijana kīrtana-rāṅge*. And—*pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge*: this is our life's goal. *Kīrtana* is the first stage and also the last stage. *Kīrtana* can take us from the lowest level to the highest level, *rāga-mārga*. We start our practising life

through *kīrtana*.

Mahāprabhu said:

**yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair  
yajanti hi sumedhasaḥ**  
(*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 11.5.32)

*Yajanti* means *bhajanti*: worshipping Mahāprabhu by the process of chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *Mahāmantra* and following His *saṅkīrtana* movement.

**Question:** I have always understood that the verse, *mātala harijana kīrtana-rāṅge...*, means that our highest ideal is *rāga-mārga*, and, keeping it above us, we worship it from afar.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** The correct idea is that we must always think it to be above us, otherwise we shall go down to the *sahajiyā* line. If we say that someone is a *Gopī*, it is perfect *sahajiyāism*—perfect imitation. That is real *sahajiyāism*. But if we say that someone looks like a *Gopī*, that is not *sahajiyāism*. We have some idea of what a *Gopī* looks like, so if we think that a particular lady looks like a *Gopī*, that will not be *sahajiyāism*. But we have no right to say it actually, otherwise immediately we shall be on the mundane platform.

No doubt someone is qualified to say so, but we shall not think that we ourselves have the right to even take the name of the *Gopīs*. Throughout the

whole of *Śrīmad Bhāgavatam* Śrīla Śukadeva Goswāmī did not once mention the name of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. This is because he tried to guard his discourse from *sahajiyāism*. During that meeting with Mahārāj Parīkṣit, many were present who would not have been able to understand properly if Śukadeva Goswāmī had mentioned the name of Rādhārāṇī and Her associates.

## Protected

If someone does not have the proper capacity to understand these topics, they will immediately go to *sahajiyāism*. For their protection Śukadeva Goswāmī did not take the name of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, and the *Gopīs* such as Lalitādevī, Viśākhā, etc. Their identity was shown by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura in his writings. He gave some light by mentioning, "This verse was spoken by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī; this one by Lalitādevī, etc."

## Our duty

So, we must worship the *rāga-patha* from afar, and our duty at present is to serve that rank of the devotees and to engage in the congregational chanting of the *Mahāmantra* in the association of the devotees. This is the safe and actual process for us to make advancement in our Kṛṣṇa conscious practising life.

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*The reporter offers his humble obeisances to Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅgadev and the Vaiṣṇavas, praying to be forgiven for his offences, committed knowingly or unknowingly.*

—Tridaṇḍi-bhikṣu Śrī B.A. Sāgar  
Śrī Dhām Nabadwip,  
15th Feb., 1996

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**“Everywhere there is a natural process of rules and regulations. The four regulations are the basic foundation for everybody. These regulations are like learning the alphabet. Without learning the alphabet it is not possible to read any book.”**

—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

# The one channel of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math

A NEWLY TRANSCRIBED DISCOURSE BY

HIS DIVINE GRACE ŚRĪLA BHAKTI SUNDAR GOVINDA DEV-GOSWĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJ

I received a letter describing a society that is being formed by mixing together so many Vaiṣṇava groups. I can clearly say that if the society is made in the way described, it is against the principle of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. It was to avoid this very thing that Śrīla Guru Mahārāj made separately Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. He was in the highest position of the whole Vaiṣṇava community, but he never joined with their missions. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj did not want to be deviated from his own vision by any of his Godbrothers or other Gurus, therefore he made Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. Furthermore, Śrīla Saraswatī Ṭhākur gave the charge of the *Rūpānuga-sampradāya* to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj—it is clear and everyone knows it.

So many stalwart Vaiṣṇavas made big societies and invited Śrīla Guru Mahārāj to be their President. For the time being in some cases he accepted and told them, "If it will help to bring harmony to your society then you can use my name," but he himself never went back there.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj gave very clear directives for his *sampradāya* saying, "Who wants to follow me and my directives, he can come to Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh and follow Govinda Mahārāj as my successor." He gave very clear directives on many occasions and in many ways—and everyone knows it.

I do not want to create any chaos or disturbance in our community. Whatever qualification and position I have was all given by Śrīla Guru Mahārāj for his service, and I shall try to maintain that.

What is the meaning of 'preceptorial line?' This word 'preceptorial' means that it must be in one channel, not several channels. The Ganges is not flowing within several channels—it is flowing through one channel, and who wants Ganges water he must come to that channel. When a channel leaves the Ganges, that is not Ganges water. The Ganges water is running in the main channel. This is the situation with our preceptorial line.

## Charge given

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj told the devotees clearly that he could not continue holding the charge of the preceptorial line, therefore he is giving that charge to Govinda Mahārāj. And I am trying as much as is possible by me. I do not want to disturb anyone, or anyone's mission, but whoever is a sincere seeker coming to me, and whoever is my friend in the line of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, I want their association and I want to continue with them. I want to practise my service with them. I do not want to make a hodge-podge, therefore I avoid any proposal that is not in an exclusive way to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj.

I want to express the truth clearly: I do not want to disturb anyone's mood, therefore if anyone comes with another proposal I give some excuse. But actually that excuse is not the reason, rather I do not want to mix with the mood of others. Someone is giving *sahajiyā-saṅkīrtan* in their *maṭh*, but it is not possible for me to do like this in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. That is the exclusiveness of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj in his service to the *Rūpānuga-sampradāya*, and I cannot break it. I must

follow the instructions of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, and that is my opinion.

Another *Āchāryya* gave initiation to disciples of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj and disciples of mine, and gave *sannyās* to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's disciples, but by doing so that *sannyāsī* diverted them to his own *sampradāya*. I have no problem for that, but I cannot consider them as our *sampradāya*'s members—it is very clear. 'It is very clear' means that Śrīla Guru Mahārāj said, "I have previously given to him (Govinda Mahārāj) the charge of the *Maṭh* and now I am giving him the full responsibility of giving *Harinām*, *dikṣa*, *sannyās*, etc., as an *Āchāryya* of this *Maṭh* on behalf of myself." That charge he gave to me, and those that will not follow the instructions of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, who cannot keep faith with him—they are no doubt glorifying Śrīla Guru Mahārāj in many ways, saying "Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was so intelligent, he was such a great Vaiṣṇava, Guru Mahārāj was *siddha-mahāpuruṣa*, Guru Mahārāj was this, Guru Mahārāj was that"—but if it is their conception that Śrīla Guru Mahārāj has done so much wrong in appointing me, then in which way are they honouring him?

They are saying, "Guru Mahārāj is *siddha-puruṣa*, he is very intelligent, this, that, this, that," and telling that Guru Mahārāj is supreme, but I cannot agree that his opinion is not supreme. This opinion and his desire stood continuously from 1947 to 1988 and he did not change his mood in any way.

And why did Śrīla Guru Mahārāj keep his faith to me? And why not to any of the hundreds of devotees who have come here, some of whom were

very qualified with graduation, Master Degrees, etc., even though I have always been very unqualified in that way?

Lastly he made his 'Last Will and Testament' but before that he made three or four wills, and there always he named, "This person will be my successor."

"If he will not come back from his position of *grhastha* you must wait five years, but in the meantime do not make anyone else as Guru in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. This chair must be kept vacant five years for him." I came across this expression in his Will a few days ago.

## Clear instruction

"The chair will be vacant for five years, but none will sit in this chair except Govinda Mahārāj." That type of faith he had in me. He said, "It is my desire. Who cannot respect it, who cannot follow it, who cannot keep faith with this, he must get out from my Maṭh." "I shall drag them out." These are his own words. Here is no haziness. It is all clear instruction for his devotees, for his followers, for his friends, for the newcomers—everything he very clearly has done. Seeing the activities of others we can now understand something of the reason why Śrīla Guru Mahārāj did this.

Now there is a section who are always saying "Guru Mahārāj is great. He is great. He is great." But his desire they cannot follow, so what is their faith to their Guru.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj commented, "I do not want to go into the jungle of *Āchāryas*, rather I will keep myself to myself, maybe in a thatched house, but that must be very clean and very quiet." And for that he made Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh.

Not only that but he did not want to make many *Maths*, that was his desire. But I was very enthusiastic to do something for the devotees and he mercifully gave me the instruction, "Yes, you can do one in Calcutta as the devotees' transit station, and one you can do in

Purī and one in Vṛndāvan." That is: Purī, Vṛndāvan, and Nabadwīp, and, "Don't make many *Maths*," that was Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's instruction.

It was not his full desire that I make many *Maths*, but looking after the eagerness of the devotees, he accepted this, and in his lifetime we have done it, so we have no problem. But now others are making a hodge-podge kind of society, and I am well aware of it.

My preaching in the West is going in a very happy way. Who has seen my preaching style in the West he will immediately understand that our preaching mission will grow more and more if I go there and preach, and they are afraid of that. This became clear to me some time ago in Vṛndāvan.

However, I am keeping a very clear position with all other missionary activities: I am a servitor of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, and I am engaging in such service that comes to me. And if anyone wishes to join with me or the *sampradāya* in that same exclusive way, we will invite them, "Please come and do *sevā*."

If any ISKCON servitor who hasn't taken initiation comes to me and asks if he can do service in ISKCON, I say, "Yes you can do. If you want to take initiation from me I have no objection, but you are serving ISKCON, so serve ISKCON. If they do not abuse me, you can stay there."

## Only one line

I am a disciple of Śrīla Śrīdhara Dev-Goswami Mahārāj, and I have only one line: that is service to Śrīla Śrīdhara Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, and I am continuing that preceptorial line. I am respecting all the Vaiṣṇavas, and why will I not do so? Offence to the Vaiṣṇava is also *Nāma-aparādha*. I cannot do *Nāma-aparādha*. Offence to the Vaiṣṇava is *Nāma-aparādha*, that I know clearly.

I am very insignificant and my Mission is very small, but I shall try to do the *sevā* of the sincere seekers as is the order of my Śrī Gurudeva, and I am trying as much as is possible by me—that is my final conclusion.

Meanwhile others are trying to take my friends, but I am tolerating everything. My mood is to tolerate, because without tolerating, nothing can be achieved. You must tolerate and give honour to others. I am taking everyone's feet dust on my head and I am feeling grateful to get their feet-dust.

## Exclusive example

I never went to any other *Maṭh* without any service to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. Śrīpad Madhusūdan Mahārāj would come and serve Śrīla Guru Mahārāj every year, but without my service to Guru Mahārāj I never went to his *Maṭh* either. Katwa, the place where Mahāprabhu took *sannyās*, is just 28 miles from here, but I never went there in thirty years. I can go to see, "Oh, this is the very auspicious place where Mahāprabhu took *sannyāsa*. Here is Mahāprabhu's Deity and here are many reminders of Mahāprabhu's *sannyās-līlā*." But leaving my service I never went there. And that wasn't one year or two or three years, but for thirty years I did not go to Katwa. I am passing Katwa station by train, but not getting down.

Similarly in Kalna, in twenty years I never went to see that place even though Mahāprabhu is living there. It is just four stops down on the train. Nitāi-Gaur are there at Gauridās Paṇḍit's house. But when a legal case came, at that time I went there every fifteen days or sometimes every seven days, and on one day only, by the desire of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj I went to see Gauridās Paṇḍita's Nitāi-Gaur and pay my *daṇḍavats*. At that time the government wanted to take the whole *Maṭh* and property of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, and at that time myself and Haricharaṇ Prabhu went there in order to resist the takeover. By the grace of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj we were successful.

That is my mood to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, and who will follow that, I believe he must be benefitted, for that is the real exclusive devotional line.

From recent  
correspondence

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My dear Devotees,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams in remembrance of my Divine Masters Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila Swami Maharaj. I received your phone call and faxes...

Fortunately I have got the opportunity with my friends like Sripad Sagar Maharaj to preach Krishna consciousness in Brazil, by the grace of the devotees there, especially Your Graces. I think you are all qualified, mature devotees in Krishna consciousness. When it is you who are recommending someone for initiation, how can I think that they don't know the rules and regulations? For me it is impossible to think that one who comes to receive initiation does not know about the four directives and the rules and regulations of Krishna consciousness. I am thinking that they must all know the primary rules and regulations. Srimad-Bhagavatam has stated that by following the directives one will be pious, otherwise if one is engaged in sinful activities, how can he get the connection with, and the practice of, Krishna consciousness? It is a very simple matter. Before eating it is necessary to wash our hands, wash the plate, take clean water, and then respectfully take Prasadam. Everywhere there is a natural process of rules and regulations. The four regulations are the basic foundation for everybody. These regulations are like learning the alphabet. Without learning the alphabet it is not possible to read any book.

Now, when the position you mention has come within our society, I must say it clearly that when anyone wants to practise Krsna consciousness he must formally or practically try to make himself a pious person. But piety must be disturbed if one will not follow the four regulative principles. What do we want? We don't want anything mundane, like wealth, women and fame. Our greatest enemy is fame, therefore Srila Saraswati Thakur said it was comparable with pig's stool. Perhaps for the time being they can't leave the habit, but why should my friends eat that pig stool 24 hours? If we have no sincerity in our practising life, we cannot get the mercy of Nityananda Prabhu. Anyway, with full affection and humility you must tell my friends that this is our healthy principle. On rare occasions, we may see a Paramahansa Vaishnava breaking the rules, like Srila Vamsidas Babaji Maharaj; but that is not our ideal, and should never be imitated.

...When we are forming a society or anything, that is only as eyewash to satisfy the mundane requirements. But what is the value of a nose without breath? Our life-force is the mood of Devotion to Krishna, and that will increase with the association of, and service to, the devotee. No doubt

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there is a gradation, but that is because we are unqualified and we must follow according to junior and senior positions. On the whole, we must not forget that we are practitioners as students. The first requirement of practising Krishna consciousness is to serve and satisfy the Vaishnava. If we only sing **Vaishava Thakur dayara sagara e dase karuna kari** day and night without following that, then the fruit will not come to our hand. When we cannot help ourselves, how can we help others? So it is my request to my friends that they try to follow this principal directive. The Scriptures have said, **sadhu-sange Krishna-nama, ei matra chai, samsara jinite ara kona vastu nai**. Service to Guru and Vaishnava without offence and service to Hare Krishna Mahamantra without offence are one and the same thing. So whatever we do, we must not be offenders to Harinam and the Vaishnava. And we can get this qualification through humility, tolerance and giving honour to others. If we are sincere and sacrifice ourselves, we must follow these directives of Sriman Mahaprabhu. Mundane ego can destroy everything, so we must first try to leave our ego and fully surrender to Guru and Vaishnava.

It is my request to my faithful friends that what will be practically suitable for our preaching mission there you try to do that happily together. It is my desire that everyone will come under one umbrella and happily give nourishment to each other, and serve the devotee, the Deity and our Mission. From far, what can I say more?

...I am awaiting your progressive and positive news. Again with my dandavat pranams to you all, and my blessings and well-wishes to the junior devotees there in Brazil.

Yours affectionately,

(Signed)

Swami B.S. Govinda

## The fifth principle

“ Everyone must follow the four regulative rules. This is one of the rules of our society. We are following *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, and there this ruling is given, so there is no question about it.

Actually it is not four, but *five* regulative principles, and everyone *must* follow that. We are not to digest anything in this mundane world, but everything must be offered to Kṛṣṇa. Hence the fifth regulation is so important. Indeed within gold is the residence of all the other four forbidden activities: illicit sex, gambling, meat eating and intoxication. So how to live without storing gold? We will take *Prasādam*.

In the time of Gaura-Kiśor Dās Bābājī Mahārāj a devotee got married. He said, “Very good. That man will serve that girl in a variety of ways thinking she is one of Kṛṣṇa’s *Gopīs*.” So everywhere we have some possibility to see everything in relation to Kṛṣṇa. But that is very hard. One type of vision is *bhoga*, one is *tyāga*, and one is *bhakti*: enjoyment, renunciation and dedication.

We shall try to live in the plane of devotion, the plane of dedication. That is our goal. If we can do fully, we shall be benefitted fully; and if we can do partly we shall be benefitted partly. But we are not to lose our vision. Our vision will always be to that ideal level. ” – Śrīla B.S. Govinda Dev-Goswāmī

# Clarification about Aṣṭa-kāliya-līlā

An excerpt from recent correspondence by His Divine Grace

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...Concerning your question: if we try to think or hear about the Astakaliya-līlā we will only increase our mood in the line of sahaṅgiyaism and nothing else. From the first sloka of the Prema Bhakti Chandrika describing the waking of Radha-Govinda all our ideas will go in a mundane way. What our brain will think, that all will be mundane, but what is really within, that is not mundane — it is completely different. If you try to think of it you will only become bound within your misconception. For us to sing the songs or anything, it is all artificial, it is not necessary to think anything artificial about Krishna-līlā.

We have heard many beautiful pastimes of Krishna-līlā, but 'Astakaliya-līlā' is not even one percent of that. We are not feeling any enthusiasm for it. We will not think about it. What we have is so much more. Srīla Visvanath Chakravarty Thakur, who is in the line of my Gurudevas, has composed it and for that we will honour it, from far. We will pray to Srīla Visvanath Chakravarty Thakur that one day it will reveal perfectly in our heart, this is our prayer and in this way we will honour that līlā. Living within our mundane position it is not necessary for us to dissect the pastimes of Krishna-līlā and it is not necessary to think good or bad of it. Only chant the Mahamantra and the glories of Guru-Gaurāṅga and it will reveal within your heart. It is not good to try to imagine anything about the Astakaliya-līlā — imagination is mundane. But if any qualified worshipping Vaisnava wants to hear from some person for his own bhajan purpose — such as in the case of Srīla Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur calling Sripad Jaḍavar Maharaj from Banāres to Puri so His Divine Grace could hear the Astakaliya līlā in the form of song — that will be service for that person to him.

Srīla Gaura Kishor das Babaji Maharaj gave a very good example: it is like entering into a labour room while having no child within the womb and acting out the actions of labour, producing the many sounds. The sound may be the same but it will not produce a child. First it is necessary to go stage by stage and when the labour pain will come then it is the real and proper time. Before that you will get nothing.

For the spiritual growth of the sincere practitioners it will be best for them to read our Math's publications. Through his own divine perception Srīla Guru Maharaj presented the nectar from the Scriptures to us in a most generous, clear and practical way so that we would be able to gain the nourishment contained in them. If we try to understand everything on our own we will only become confused and misguided.

Again my dandavat pranams to you, and my pranams or well wishes as appropriate to all the devotees in your association.

Yours affectionately,

(Signed)

Swami B.S. Govinda



## 7th WORLD TOUR SUPPLEMENT

**INDIA** Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha, Dum Dum Park, Calcutta—7th Sept., '96, Nanda Mahārāj's Festival after the Appearance of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and the Centenary Appearance Anniversary of Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj



7th Sept., '96: Noon Ārati offered to Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅga-Rādhā-Madana-Mohanjiu.



Āchāryadev Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj delivers his holy discourse.



Prasādam distribution to thousands, at the end of the function.



Saṅkīrtan during the Ārati, attended by Śrīla Āchāryadev.

## LONDON The Perennial Spring of Mahāprabhu's Divine Love visits London once again

London, September, 1996 Monday the 9th saw the most auspicious touch of Śrīla Āchāryadev Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj's lotus feet to the British soil once again. Amidst the joyful chanting of the Holy Name, the devotees of England as well as visitors from America, Europe, France, Germany, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Sweden and many other countries of the world, thronged at the London Heathrow airport to behold the Transcendental Scene of His Divine Grace's arrival.

It has been well appreciated now all over the world that the exclusive Line of Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswati Goswāmī Prabhupād, as protected, nourished and continued by Oṁ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhara Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, and introduced to the world by Oṁ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj, is now manifest in the merciful, affectionate and noble personality of Gurudev Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj as the perennial and ever-youthful pristine spring of the nectarine waters that are the showering Grace of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Chaitanya Mahāprabhu and His Great Chanting for Devotion. Young and old alike

**LONDON** *cont'd* → without distinction of class, nation, creed or colour have now bathed in this tidal wave of Grace unleashed by Śrīla Mahārāj. And the scene at Heathrow airport brought these very thoughts to all



present, including even the most casual and uninformed observers.

The new premises of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh at 466 Green Street, E13, was blessed simply by His Divine Grace's entrance into the building accompanied by the echo of khol, karatāls, and Śrī Harinām. Though humble in size and private in atmos-

phere, the new house has been found to be a welcome sanctuary for the devotees and especially the Asian community whose natural upbringing is so often based on a conception of Sanātan Dharmma.

His Divine Grace's intimate gatherings with his devotees continued there happily, and to cater for the necessities of wider or public distribution of his Transcendental Teachings, programmes were arranged at the Narayan Mission Hall, the Whipps Cross Sri Nathji Mandir, and the Manor Park Sri Murugan Temple for the spiritual upliftment of all.

On the 16th His Divine Grace and entourage flew to Russia [see report below], staying there for eight days; then he graciously returned to London for another four days before returning to India.

## **RUSSIA** Devoted Hearts Dance for Joy in Russia *The Revolution of Divine Love*



Moscow, September '96: After more than three years of constant invitations, His Divine Grace Āchāryyadev Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Mahārāj blessed the heart's desire of thousands of devotees and aspiring devotees in the vast continent of Russia with surrounding countries. On Monday, 16th September, His Divine Grace with entourage triumphantly arrived at the Sheremetyevo-2 airport of Moscow. He was greeted by a congregation of a few score devotees, headed by Śrī Jagannāth Ballabha Prabhu, with their garlands, warm embraces and tears of joy.

### **Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Seminar**

Travelling by a specially arranged de luxe tourist bus, His Divine Grace was accompanied by a Grand Chanting or Saṅkīrtan Party to a retreat centre at Pushkino, 20 kilometres from Moscow, where halls for kīrttan, prasādam distribution and conferences had been rented for the occasion of Russia's first ever Krishna Consciousness Seminar in the Line of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. In addition, three separate houses for guests and devotees' accomodation had been arranged.

The complex housed 40 self-contained flats which were fully occupied by visitors who had travelled from all parts of the sprawling continent, just for the purpose of having the darshan of His Divine Grace, and also to be initiated by him in the bona fide Path of Devotion. Some devotees had spent seven days travelling overland just for the occasion. One couple flew ten thousand miles expressly to attend the programme and receive initiation from His Divine Grace. The whole seminar, lasting eight

days, was attended by about four thousand persons. In addition to visitors from Moscow, about 300 guests from the Ukraine, Kazahstan, Belorussia [White Russia], Moldova, Kamchatka and Siberia attended.

### Hearing from a True Authority

Daily, from the early hours of 4.30 a.m. up until evening 10.30 p.m., His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj gave gracious audience to one and all. He replied to the questions of all without exception, satisfying the most intricate queries. Young and old meditated on the eternal principles of Kṛṣṇa consciousness which His Divine Grace explained to be the Eternal Religion of the Soul. Sectarianism had no place in the Divine consciousness of God Almighty. Eternal peace and happiness is the natural birthright of all souls, and in this age of Kali the only way to achieve this is by chanting the Holy Names of the Lord as taught in the Scriptures, His Divine Grace explained. →

Furthermore, the pious audience was completely charmed to hear of the news of the Transcendental World and the Pastimes of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa from such a devout and stalwart authority on the



Teachings as Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj. Particularly noteworthy was His Divine Grace's talks on the 20th September, which fortunately was the Appearance Day of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the Divine Ecstasy Potency of Śrī Kṛṣṇa as unanimously honoured and worshipped by all the devotees, Teachers and professors of the culture of Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism throughout the ages. His Divine Grace's poetic, affectionate and authentic delivery charmed the hearts of all, both at intimate small gatherings and large public meetings.

The congregational chanting of the Holy Name was regularly conducted by His Divine Grace morning, noon and evening, and was joined enthusiastically by all present, and all danced for joy in



the Holy congregation. ↑

On the 18th and 20th Sept., programmes were held in the centre of Moscow, at the principle 'new age' centre, known as "The Inward Path", where the public heard His Grace with rapt attention [facing camera, Śrī Jagannāth Ballabha Prabhu; front right, Śrī Vijay Raman Prabhu] →



← On the 21st His Divine Grace, with an intimate group of devotees and friends, took an excursion to the famous Red Square, where he mercifully distributed Holy Mahā-

prasādam, happily received by the pious, fortunate members of the public.

On the 22nd a Fire Ceremony was conducted for Brahminical Initiations, in which thirty-five gentlemen received the sacred thread. Throughout the stay at Pushkino, over one hundred fortunate and sincere seekers received Harinam initiation from His Divine Grace Śrīla Govinda Maharaj, and received from his Lotus Hand the Holy Tulasi beads. Daily, in honour of



His Divine Grace's visit to Russia, a grand vegetarian meal was served to the newer devotees and friends by the elder devotees. Although the function at Pushkino was conservatively termed a 'seminar' by the organizers, the occasion was felt by all to be a Grand Festival celebrating the Divine and Merciful visit of the pure devotee of the Lord, nourishing the hearts of the faithful devotees whose only life-nectar is the chanting of the Glories of the Supreme Lord's Holy Name, Fame, Form, Qualities and Pastimes.

On the 24th, a heartfelt and rousing farewell to His Divine Grace was held, when again a large tourist bus full of devotees chanting the Holy Name accompanied His Divine Grace and entourage, this time back to the airport.

Especially in honour of His Divine Grace's visit, five new beautiful Russian publications were brought out:

1. The Golden Volcano of Divine Love
2. Śrī Nām o nāmāparādha
3. Divine Message for the Devotees (with first chapter from "Divine Guidance")
4. Brethren (Russian version of "Guardian of Devotion", with chapter three from "Śrī Guru and His Grace" and article by Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Maharaj)
5. Śrī Chaitanya Saraswatī (literary miscellany, including brief biography of Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāj and Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj; also Śrīla Bhaktivinoda's explanation of his Daśa-Mūla)

Presently, among other spiritual activities, Śrī Madhu Kṛṣṇa Prabhu heads a group of fifteen devotees who reside and



preach the message of His Divine Grace in the city of Odessa, Ukraine. Also, amongst the new initiates was Śrī Śuka Kṛṣṇa Prabhu, of Bela Russia, Minsk. On his prayer, Āchāryadev Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj accepted his four hundred-member society in the Line of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, naming it "Sāraswata Gaurāṅga Society".

On returning to London, Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj answered an E-mail correspondence to Śrīpād Śrūtaśravā Prabhu of America, the editor of the Vaiṣṇava Toṣaṇī spiritual newspaper, as follows:

"Our Moscow programme was inconceivably successful. Already I was forced there by the devotees of Georgia, Ukraine, Siberia, Moscow, St. Petersburg and White Russia, to make in each place community centres. I have agreed, even though I do not wish to make many maṭhs and centers. And in seven days

more than one hundred persons took initiation, and thousands of people joined the programmes. Śrīmān Jagannāth Ballabha...made there a miracle, and miraculously arranged a forty-flat building with food distribution pavillion and Mr. Stalin's one kitchen with a capacity to cook for 25,000 people, and also conference hall was included. All this was rented for our programmes. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness Preaching Director and Secretary General met with us there at our pavillion and showed their gratitude with humility. I was very happy. Also in Moscow were two grand public meetings attended by so many sincere seekers; and Ananta Śānti Prabhu [the only disciple Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj initiated in Russia] with his friends joined there. What more can I say?"

—Tridaṇḍi-bhikṣu Śrī B.A. Sāgar ■

## The qualification and process

A further excerpt from recent correspondence by Srila B.S. Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj

...In this age after the disappearance of Srila Saraswati Thakur we see that some groups are very interested for Astakaliya-lila smaran before attaining the proper position of their devotional lives. They actually do not know that it is very dangerous for them. The qualification is mentioned in Sri Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu by Sri Rupa Goswami:

**ādau śraddhā tataḥ sādhu-saṅga 'tha bhajana-kriyā  
tato 'nārtha-nivṛttiḥ syāt tato niṣṭhā ruchiḥ tataḥ**

Until getting a firm position in ruchi we remain unqualified.

**kṣāntir abarthakālatvaṁ viraktir mānaśūnyatā  
āśābandhaḥ samutkaṅṭhā nāmagāne sadā ruchiḥ**

**āsaktis tad guṇākhyāne prītis tad vasati-sthale  
ityādayo 'anubhāvāḥ syur jātabhāvāṅkure jane**

Therefore we must say that before attaining anartha-nivṛtti, strong niṣṭha, and ruchi, if anyone will try to hear such Lila of Krishna without a proper guardian, he must fall down into the garbage of sahajiyāism (imitation).

First the feeling must come through sadhana and sadhu-saṅga as to who is Krishna. It is necessary to know about Krishna and Krishna-bhakti, and to proceed in the proper channel. That channel is sadhu-saṅga. In this way the practitioner will be able to see what is garbage and what is good. He will then gain attachment to Krishna, and when that is strong he will fully leave all mundanity—that is called anartha-nivṛtti. Otherwise if we hear Krishna-lila our anartha will increase, but our Krishna consciousness will not.

First, with sadhu-saṅga we will practise through bhajana-kriya — the nine processes of devotional service — thus gradually our ruchi will become stronger and our anartha will go out. All will come through sadhu-saṅga, the association of a qualified sadhu. There are also different gradations of sadhus. If we associate with the madhyama-adhikari, we will go there to that level. But if we will get the association of one who is an uttama-adhikari who comes down to the madhyama-adhikari level, we will go up very quickly. When attachment is very strong it is called 'rati'; at that stage to hear Astakaliya-lila of Krishna will help him achieve his higher position. After ruchi everything will be beautiful. But before that if we hear Astakaliya-lila we will go to the garbage of sahajiyāism. This is fact.

Anartha-nivṛtti is like having passed the matriculation examinations where all subjects were studied, thereafter entering into the specialised stream of progress, such as into the arts or sciences. So, up until anartha-nivṛtti one must practise all subjects, then specialise according to his śraddha and ruchi, otherwise our anartha will increase. Lust is called 'manobhava' in Sanskrit language; in other words it is growing in the mind. When the mind is polluted the body will become polluted.

The main principle is attachment to Krishna. If that is real, he is qualified to hear from a qualified Guru — this is the general practising procedure or method....

# Local Diary

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OUR  
ASSOCIATED CENTRES & BRANCHES IN INDIA

## Nabadwip

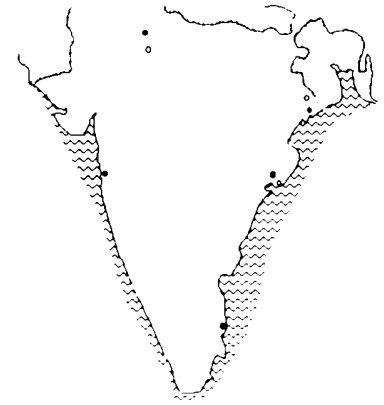
Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math has been constantly active in a multitude of services to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga Gandharva-Govindasundarjiu. The concentrated efforts of the devotees and workers under the immediate management of Prabhu Vinod Ranjan has brought to reality the virtual completion of the Centenary Building.

Work is now well under way for the display cases and layout of the Museum for the honour and remembrance of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Raksak

Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. The Museum is located on the ground floor, and an area is allocated as a reading and reference library.

After painting the full Centenary Building inside and out, the workers continued their service by giving the *Natya-mandir* a full re-paint inside. With the addition of tube lights in the *Natya-mandir* as well as outside, lighting up the diorama at night, the area is ever increasingly bright and pleasing.

A newly repaired reception room has been made functional just inside the entrance of the *Math*. Coupled with an internal intercom telephone system



it has made a substantial improvement to the service to visitors of the *Math*.

## Land of Nectar

The **Land of Nectar** is just a kilometre south of the *Math*. Western devotees have often stayed there over the years. The building on the left when entering the side gate of the compound has been completely repaired and refurbished. A further welcome addition is the installation of electricity which only recently reached the area. Under the watchful instruction of Sripad B.A. Sagar Maharaj, Prabhu Dayal Nitai cultivates the land. He also looks after the buildings, and manages the various other devotional service activities to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Gandharva Govindasundarjiu and Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai.

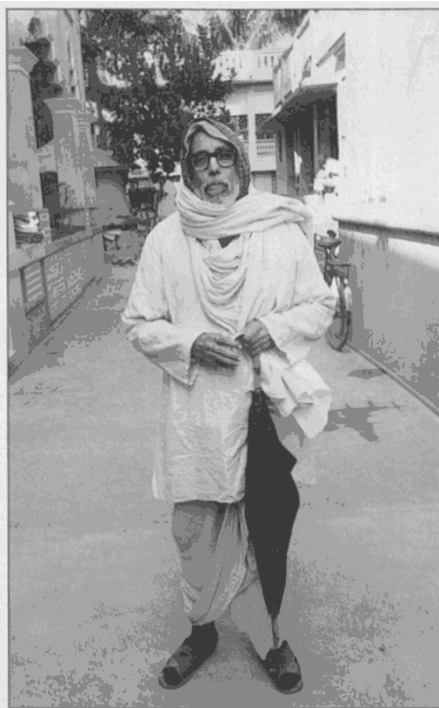
## Hapaniya

**Hapaniya** is the holy appearance place of Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. The Deities Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Radha-Gopinathjiu are installed on the exact place of Srila Guru Maharaj's appearance. Year after year Their exalted service steadily increases.

Sri Acharyyadev Srila Govinda Maharaj recently constructed a small *kirttan* hall at the very place where Srila Guru Maharaj first engaged in public *sankirtan* just opposite the present-day Temple in Hapaniya. He donated this *kirttan* hall to the local villagers. The happy villagers have also given three pieces of agricultural land to Srila Acharyyadev.

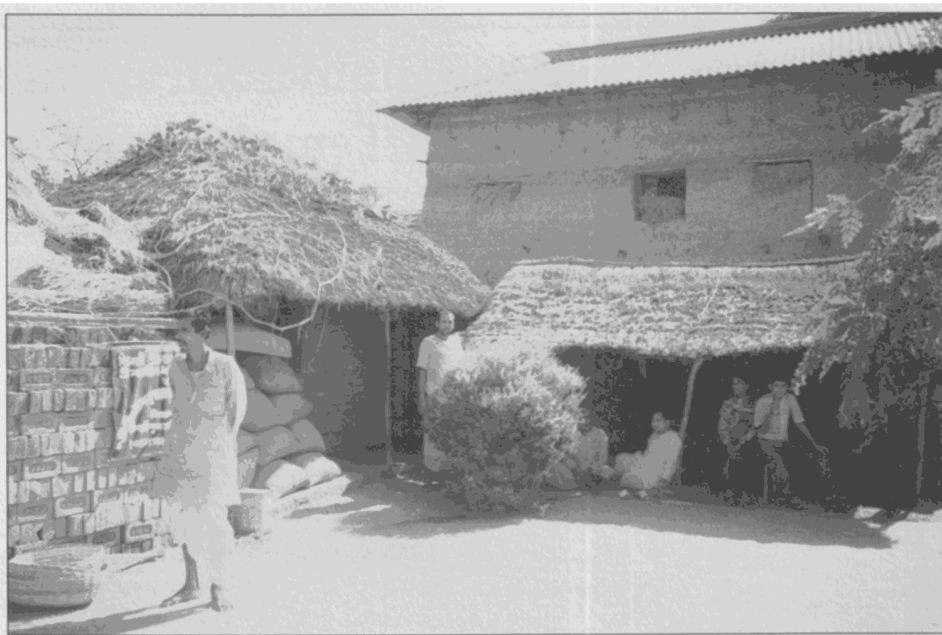
## Incomparable example

A familiar, respected figure in Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math for many years is Sripad Bhakti Prasun Aranya Maharaj. Since many years ago in his early days with Srila Guru Maharaj he has regularly gone preaching and begging from village to village. He collects for the main festivals such as Sri Gaura-Purnima and Sri Krishna Janmastami, as well as throughout the entire year. Sripad Aranya Maharaj's nature is that he cannot stay more than fifteen days at one time in the *Math* before returning to the Bengal countryside with the message of Sri Guru and Gauranga. Even though he is now aged and in poor health Sripad does not stop this service—even when compassionately requested by Srila Govinda Maharaj. His nature is that he must go out to collect more energy from the people for the service of the *Math*. Srila Maharaj commented, "His exemplary service is incomparable."



The insides of the Temple, its *Natya-mandir*, *goshala* and various buildings have been re-painted and repaired where necessary. Around the sacred *kunda*, Shanti Sarovar, the land is nicely cultivated by Prabhu Shiva Prasad. Many vegetables grow there and many coconut trees have been planted around its banks. The Hapaniya Temple's grain fields are just a short distance away. The several services in Hapaniya are currently under the caring charge of Sripad Haricharan Seva Ketan Prabhu.

In front of the Temple on one of the new pieces of land a small flower garden has already been made. Nearby the devotees have for the first time started the cultivation of sugar cane, from which molasses will be made.



Bamunpara Sri Chaitanya Sridhar Govinda Seva Ashram

## Bamunpara

At least three grand festivals are observed here every year at the village house where His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj appeared. The family Deities of Sri Sri Radha-Gopinath have been worshipped ever since the time of Mahaprabhu, and Their worship continues to the present day.

Sri Chaitanya Sridhar Govinda Seva Ashram is now an established part of the village life of Bamunpara. It includes a small but beautiful property in the middle of the village. A welcoming thatched mud hut gives a refreshing shelter for devotees and visitors. Outside there are cooking facilities on large, rustic stoves for the festival times. Srimati Tulasidevi flourishes, clearly reciprocating the daily service she receives.

## Dum Dum Park

Every visitor to Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha, Dum Dum Park, is immediately struck by the beautiful Temple which has just been completed and newly painted in time for Srila Govinda Maharaj's holy return from his Sixth World Tour.

Facing it is the resplendent *Natya-mandir* which is now in full use along with its facilities for devotees' accommodation upstairs.

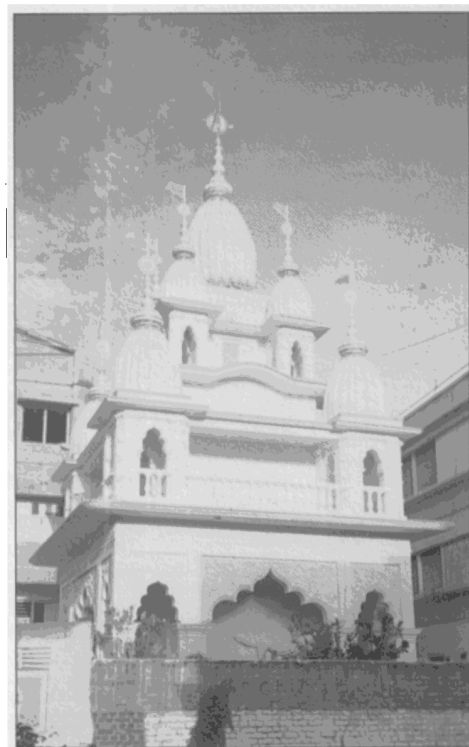
Now after the manifestation of the Deities, Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Radha-Madanamohanjiu, the local people have become very much attracted and many join daily with the Temple programmes. Our devotees also have a busy diary of out-station preaching engagements.

## Kaikhali

With the steady presence of Sripad Bhakti Dayita Damodar Maharaj in our Kaikhali branch of Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha, the devotees and congregation receive continuous nourishment for their spiritual lives. With a well kept Tulasi garden and neat grounds, this Centre is remembered by visitors as a refreshing break from Calcutta's city life. Sripad Damodar Maharaj has accepted the charge of making a Temple here—a desire long cherished by many. The architect's plans have just been drawn.

## Puri

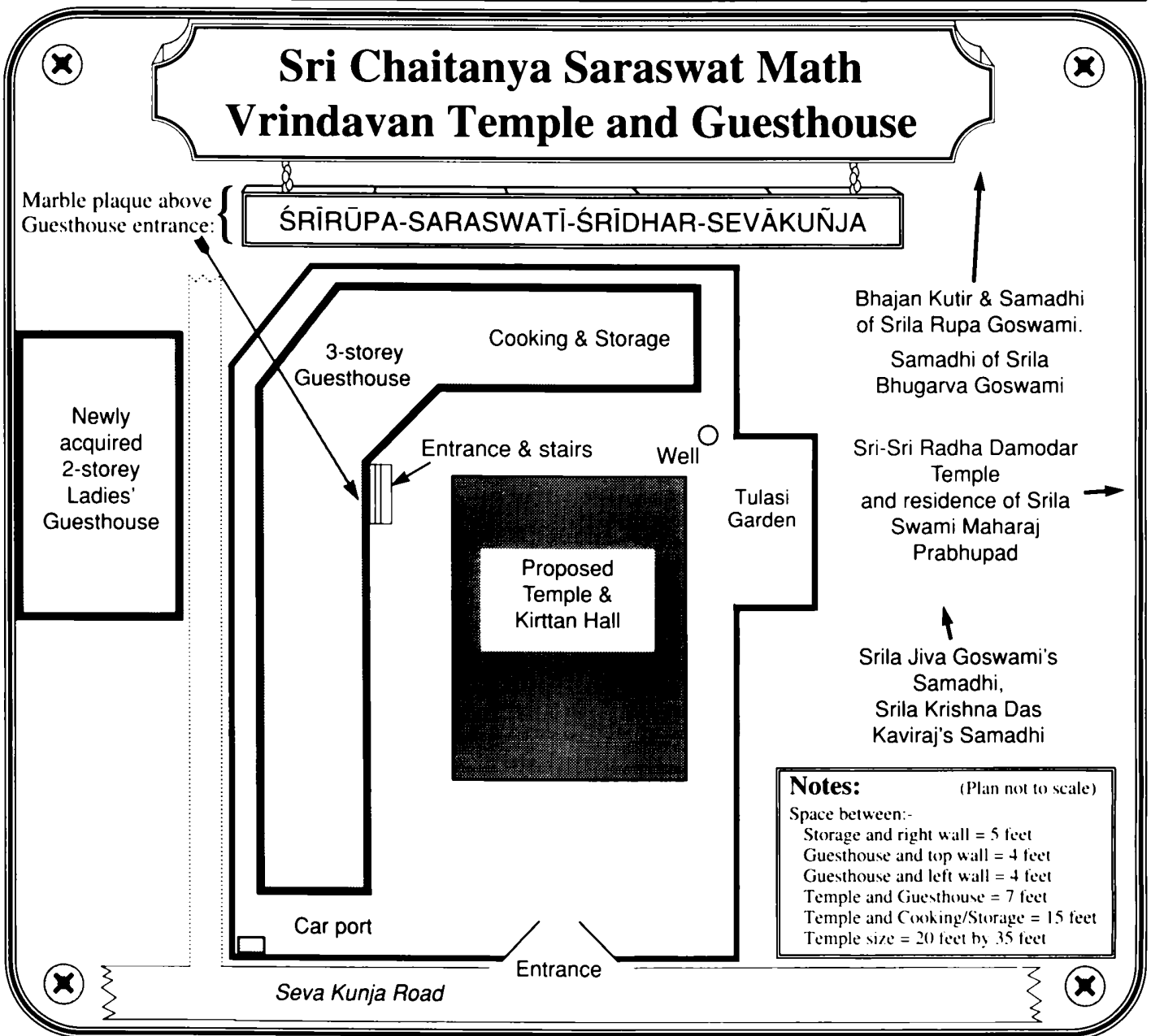
A beautiful new gateway has been constructed at the back entrance of the



Our new Temple, Dum Dum Park

Puri Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. This entrance is used by the devotees staying in our Sevak Bhavan. Our Temple backs onto a well-used pilgrimage route. Srila Gurudev was very pleased to see this gate which has sculptured lions guarding the entrance as well as figures of devotees offering welcome.

Through the gate and alongside the pathway leading to our Temple is a



large, luxuriant Tulasi garden and a colourful flower garden. Our devotees render direct service to Lord Jagannath at His famous Temple by offering Him the *Tulasi-manjari*'s grown here.

## Vrindavan

When the recently acquired land in Vrindavan first came to us as Srila Guru Maharaj's Centenary Year was drawing to its conclusion, Srila Govinda Maharaj made the following comments:

"I have got the land adjoining Srila Rupa Goswami's Samadhi. Everyone was wanting to take that land, and

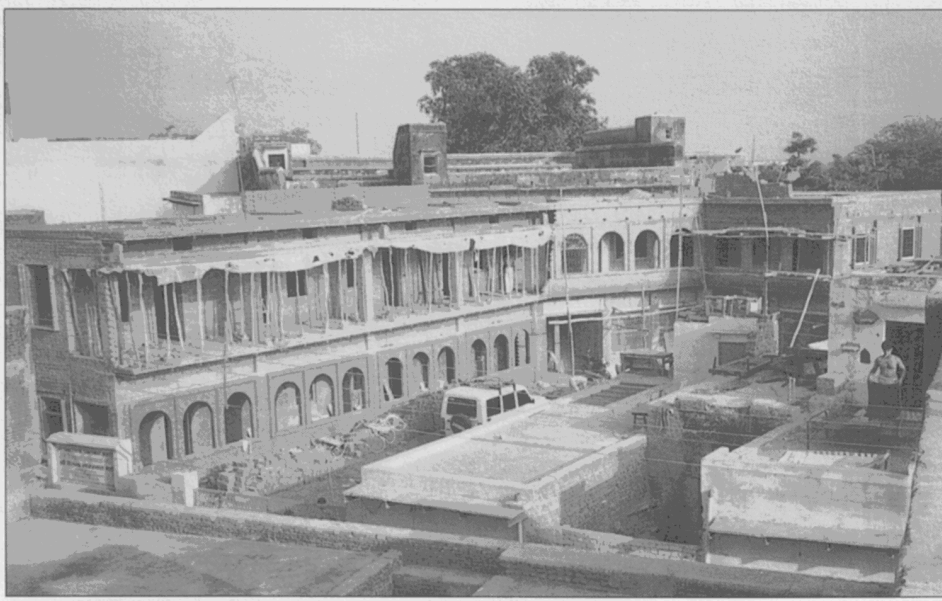
they tried in so many ways, but Krishna is so merciful. The Landlord said, 'I promised to Govinda Maharaj, so I shall give it to him.'

"It is a very good place for building our future. Mercifully Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila Rupa Goswami have now given us two pieces of land in Vrindavan.

"For the devotees' practising life I shall make something. I shall arrange something very beautiful and nice for their Krishna conscious practising life in the line of Srila Guru Maharaj as well as Srila Rupa Goswami, Jiva Goswami and Krishna Das Kaviraj

Goswami Prabhu. Our devotees must never forget the exclusiveness of this highly worshippable location of Seva Kunja Mahalla. But if our devotees will do only business in Vrindavan then our Vrindavan-yatra will not be successful. The whole world is open for business, so why disturb Vrindavan? Vrindavan is the eternal exclusive service place to Radha-Govinda—both manifest and unmanifest."

Now, just a few months later, a wonderful guest house has manifested for the shelter of the devotees. Just before leaving for his 6th World Tour, Srila Maharaj stayed in his newly completed



Vrindavan: 'Srirupa-Saraswati-Sridhar-Sevakunja'

quarters there. After returning from his tour he recently went there again and was most pleased to see the rapid progress of the development.

In Vrindavan the construction service is going on at full speed. Already two stories are nearing completion,\* and the rooms are in service for the devotees' accommodation. We have just acquired a next door house for use as our Ladies' Ashram.

It is the nature of Srila Govinda Maharaj that he will not wait long to finish any service. He is always stressing to the devotees that we do not know how short or how long is our life, therefore when service comes in our hand we must proceed with full speed. Such service is going on in Vrindavan under the immediate management of

Prabhu Purnananda. The progress is very happily being helped by famous Mahesh Brajabasi, his father Sriyukta Krishnavallabha Brajabasi, and their whole family.

## Naming ceremony

An **unveiling ceremony** of a long marble plaque was held at our new property in Vrindavan. Accompanied by *kirtan* and resounding conch-shells Srila Govinda Maharaj revealed the auspicious name of the devotees' guest-house—'Srirupa-Saraswati-Sridhar-Sevakunja.'

The view from the roof top and especially from Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj's room is most awe inspiring. The view opens out directly onto the adjacent *parikrama* path of the

Sri Sri Radha-Damodar Temple at the particular place of the many *samadhis* of very honourable Vaisnava saints headed by Srila Jiva Goswami and Srila Krishna Das Kaviraj Goswami. To the left is visible Srila Rupa Goswami's *bhajan kutir* and his *Samadhi-mandir*.

Srila Govinda Maharaj revealed that the exact place of our property is the very heart of Vrindavan. Already a full daily programme is followed by the devotees serving there, and many exalted personalities came to visit Srila Gurudev each day of his recent stay.

## Govardhan

For several months now, the devotees at our Govardhan Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math under the immediate management of Prabhu Dvijen have been engaged in a daily programme of *Prasadam* distribution to the locals with a special day for the children each Sunday. Regularly 150 children attend, and sometimes double that amount come to participate in a happy programme of learning followed by *kirtan* and *Prasadam*.

The sweetness of the Govardhan Math and the simplicity of the locals of Govardhan village has drawn the hearts of many good souls. Recently Labangalata Devi Dasi of the Philippines donated a quantity of clothing that was gratefully received in charity by the residents of the *Dham*. •GD•  
\*at the time of this writing (August). 3 stories are now completed at the time of this publication.

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—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj



## Guardian's guidance

EXPRESSED DIRECTIVES AND WISHES OF

HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA B.S. GOVINDA DEV-GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

### *ISD phones*

With the long-awaited arrival of international telephones in Nabadwip, Srila Govinda Maharaj has particularly appreciated the ready access devotees around the world have to keep him informed of their service activities. The holy preference of Srila Govinda Maharaj is that if you wish to telephone him, please call between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. local time. His direct line in Nabadwip is (03472) 40752.

### **No Royalty**

When publishing books of our *Math*, such as our Gurudev's lectures, Srila Maharaj does not ask any royalty, but he directly expressed: "...however to honour Srila Guru Maharaj's desire, please you remember to send some books here to the Central *Math*."

His Divine Grace proceeded to explain the history of the printing of the first books of our *Math* in the West. He himself said to Sripad B.S. Goswami Maharaj, who was making the books, "I do not want any royalty. I do not want to do any 'business' with Srila Guru Maharaj or his books." Srila Guru Maharaj heard this and said, "Yes, if Govinda Maharaj says 'No royalty,' that is alright, but for the service of the Deities here you must send at least 25% of the quantity of any books you print."

Therefore may we all remember and follow this clear wish of our all-fulfilling guardians.

### **Bury not burn**

Srila Acharyyadev has expressed that everyone should be made aware that holy articles such as old letters that may contain the Holy Names of the Lord and devotees' names, damaged holy pictures, etc., should never be burnt. Ideally they will be put in the current of the River Ganges; any large, clean river; or the ocean, otherwise they should be buried—be 'given *samadhi*'—but never burnt.

**Digital Gita**

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Welcome to this publication, presented for the Centenary Year celebrations of the divine editor, Om Viṣṇupāda Śrī Śrīla Bhakti Raksak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, the founder Āchāryya of the Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Math, Nabadwip, India, with branches worldwide

## The Math on the World Wide Web

It has become a fact of the mid '90s that the Internet has brought about a revolution in mass publicity and availability of information. Keeping up with the times in this powerful information field, our devotees worldwide have quietly produced very presentable home pages with extensive information about Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, our Gurudevs, the teachings, activities, Centres worldwide, publications, etc. complete with extensive colour pictures and artwork.

The new address of the Nabadwip Math's main Home Page is:

<http://www.scruznet.com/~maharaj/math/>

We receive constant feedback from sincere seekers as

## Digital Gita

The complete English translation of Srila Guru Maharaj's *Srimad Bhagavad-gita — The Hidden Treasure of the Sweet Absolute*—is now available in Macintosh computer format. Designed and produced by Premasindhu Prabhu in Germany it is a self-expanding programme complete with pictures and diacritic fonts. It is entitled *Digital Gita*. For enquiries, please contact Premasindhu Prabhu at our Berlin Centre or directly to his e-mail address:

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## No Tourist Visa extension

Please note that, at least at present, Tourist Visas for India can no longer be extended, no matter how short a time was granted as the period of stay. Therefore please ensure that you enter India with a visa to cover the duration of your intended visit.

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available, is a description of some of the many English Books and Newsle Chaitanya Saraswat Math and its branches worldwide.

**Online:** Here are a few excerpts, pages, and chapters from books by and Sri Gopinda Maharaj which you can read now:

- Sri Sri Prapanna Jivanamrtam - Positive and Progressive Immorta us what inspired him to write this devotional treatise on the subject Maharaj tells us why this book is so important, and why we should r carefully, you will get everything."
- The Search For Sri Krishna - Reality The Beautiful: Two chapters f Srila Sridhar Maharaj to the West.
- The **Introduction** to Sri Guru and His Grace, written by Srila Sridhar
- A Tragedy of Separation: Nimai Pandit enters the renounced order

well as from people who had lost touch with the devotees over time. Prabhu Vamsivadananda illustrates the point. He wrote:

"I just this morning discovered the Math's World Wide Web page, and I am awestruck. I cannot readily find the words to describe my joy at finding Srila Guru Maharaj's Math on-line.

"What the devotees have done is a thing of beauty. Even by material standards, it is an expertly crafted Web page, attractive, inviting and well organized. And the content, of course, is without peer. Whoever has been involved in creating this must be pleasing Srila Guru Maharaj enormously...."

The presentation of the Math on the Web has been very well received by the devotees and seekers. Its chief designer is Prabhu Lalita Charan who was helped by many to produce the current site. His sincere devotional mood has rubbed off onto the pages.

Others have also found it to be good, so good in fact that they have directly copied it and added sections to their own Home Pages. Copying may be a form of compliment, but our Californian devotees' presentation of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math is complete: the glories of Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj are clearly chanted there—headed by none other than Srila Guru Maharaj.

This edition of Sri Gaudiya Darshan remembers Srila Guru Maharaj's passing away from this world with the following press release prepared by Sripad Bhakti Ananda Sagar Maharaj and dispatched the very day of his disappearance, 12 August 1988:

## Passing of Venerable Vaishnava Acharyya Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj

Aged 93 years, venerable Vaisnava Acharyya Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj passed away at 5:48 a.m. on Friday 12th August, at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Kolerganj, District Nadia, West Bengal.

His Divine Grace's family name was Sri Ramendra Chandra Bhattacharya. He was born in a highly respected Brahmin family at Hapaniya, Dist. Burdwan, and educated at Baharampur University. After receiving his B.A. degree he studied law, but before completing those studies he joined Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement in 1921 where he remained for two years. From childhood, however, he was naturally attracted to the Sankirttan of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. In his youth he was further attracted to the divine life and precepts of Sri Chaitanyadev and joined the Gaudiya Math in 1926, becoming a disciple of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupad (1874-1937), the Founder-President of Sri Chaitanya Math with branches all over India and abroad. In 1930 he accepted the holy order of a Sannyas, and his Gurudev Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Prabhupad awarded him the Tridanda Sannyas title of Srimad 'Bhakti Raksak Sridhar', meaning 'the Guardian of Devotion', because of his deep scriptural command and encyclopedic knowledge. He became a prominent preacher in the mission of Gaudiya Vaishnavism, travel-

ling extensively throughout the whole of India, preaching fluently in Bengali, Hindi, Sanskrit, and English; he successfully spread Lord Sri Chaitanyadev's message on mass levels such as various colleges and universities, and conducted public seminars and Sankirtan festivals.

After the passing of his Gurudev, Srila Sridhar Maharaj naturally became revered as the senior exalted sannyasi of the Gaudiya Sampradaya, due to his vast scriptural scholarship and spontaneous deep realisations. In 1941 he established the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math at Sri Nabadwip Dham, predicting in a short Sanskrit poem that the Math would become world-renowned. Just prior to the passing of his Guru Maharaj Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Prabhupad, Guruji specifically ordered Srila Sridhar Maharaj to sing the devotional prayer "Sri-Rupa-Manjari-Pada," thus indicating him to be his chief successor preceptor and representative in the line of Srila Rupa Goswami, the principal follower of Sri Chaitanyadev.

Further, Srila Sridhar Maharaj later conferred the holy order of Sannyas upon many of his eminent Godbrothers, including Srila Bhakti Saranga Goswami Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Prajñan Keshav Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Alok Paramahansa Maharaj, and Srila Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Maharaj. The illustrious world-wide preacher of Vaisnavism, Srila Bhakti-

vedanta Swami Maharaj, also came into contact with the exalted saintly personality of Srila Sridhar Maharaj, and became his dear friend and Godbrother: and he intimately considered Srila Sridhar Maharaj to be his Siksa-guru.

Srila Sridhar Maharaj is the composer of numerous classical prayers, stotras, and books in Sanskrit and Bengali. His works have become celebrated as gems of pure Vaisnavism by scholars, philosophers, and devotees world-wide. He was the author of Sri Sri Prapannajivanamritam, a Sanskrit devotional treatise on the subject of Divine Surrender.

When he reached his eighties, not only Indians but foreigners from America, Europe, and the world over became attracted by his teachings and nature. He was known as a pure saint of the most simple habits of living. Many respected and loved him for his saintly simplicity and affectionate nature and dealings. He was widely known as "consultant physician" who was ever happy to solve the problems of whosoever approached him, and to give practical guidance on the difficult spiritual path. Up to his last breath he accepted thousands of disciples and personally guided each and every one. He attracted mainly sincere persons searching for the divine attainment of life as taught in the ancient scriptural treasures of India, headed by the Bhagavat Religion.

A vast library of his taped discourses have been collected

by his disciples, and from such recordings have been published renowned English publications, 'Search for Sri Krsna—Reality the Beautiful,' 'Sri Guru and His Grace,' 'The Golden Volcano of Divine Love,' 'The Lord's Loving Search for the Lost Servant,' as well as his unique commentary and interpretation of Srimad Bhagavad-gita—"The Hidden Treasure of the Sweet Absolute," and many others.

His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj passed away tranquilly, attended at his bedside by his intimate disciples and friends. As customarily observed for great saints of India, his worshipful body was placed in Holy Samadhi, at his most beloved place of bhajan, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Nabadwip. A holy shrine will be built at the place of his samadhi and worship will continue throughout the generations.

Srila Sridhar Maharaj selected his most intimate sannyasi disciple Srimad Swami Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj as his successor in his mission, blessing him with the position of Acharyya-President. Srimad Govinda Maharaj is a distinguished and talented Sanskrit scholar following in the Preceptorial Succession of Srila Sridhar Maharaj.

A special grand memorial ceremony will be held at Sri Nabadwip Math on Monday, 22nd August [1988], with pilgrims and admirers attending from all over the globe. □

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# Fools rush in where Angels fear to tread

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Ananta-Śrī-vibhūṣita Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

**Question:** In *Śrī Brahma-saṁhitā* it is described that Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are seated on a divine throne, and the whorl of the lotus flower upon which They are seated is described as a hexagonal figure. What is the meaning of this hexagonal figure?

**Śrīla Guru Mahārāj:** I am sorry, but we are not to enter into the discussion of such higher and subtle position of the *Lilā* of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. That is not to be brought into public, and that is the distinction between the Gauḍīya Maṭh and the *sahajiyā* section. The *sahajiyās* are trying to imitate all these things, but we have no faith in imitation. The higher *Lilā* will come in an individual case, and it will awaken in an irresistible way. When the programme of the *sādhana* stage is finished it will come automatically, spontaneously. We are believers in that, and not to know the form already and *then* we will reach there—that is not the policy accepted by Guru Mahārāj, Prabhupād: *pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge*.

Śrīla Bhaktinod Thākura also said, "Stick to the rulings of the class you are fit for, then you will see automatically."

**yathā yathā gaura-padāravinde  
vindeta bhaktim kṛta-puṇya-rāśiḥ  
tathā tathotsarpati hr̥dy akasmād  
rādhā-padāmbhoja-sudhāmbu-rāśiḥ**  
(*Śrī Chaitanya-chandrāmṛta* 88)

Strictly stick to *Gaura-lilā*, Mahāprabhu, and you will find automatically within your heart that *Rādhā-rasa-sudhānidhi* is flowing. Don't attempt directly to have it. It will come automatically, spontaneously. Not intellectually you shall approach that, for that will give you a bad prejudice.

Not only that, but it will be harmful prejudice and you will have to expend more energy to do away with that layer of misunderstanding. So our Śrīla Prabhupād did not allow these things.

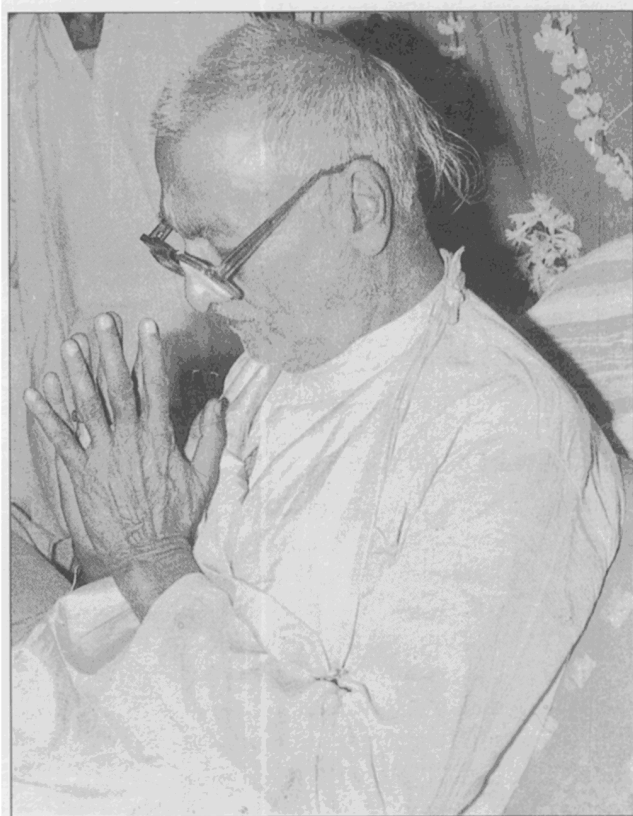
Do your duty in your plane, according to what you deserve, and that will come naturally. That is his instruction all through, not only temporarily, but all through. Don't go to be a disbeliever and be very eager to see the final result. Don't do like that, for then you will get *Māyā* instead of *Yoga-māyā*.

He knows it fully well, She knows it fully well, when you are to be taken in to the confidential area, and that cannot be acquired by any other thing but His sweet will—the flow of Her sweet will, or His sweet will. Try to have the natural thing, not any thing of imitation or any reflection. Reflection and shadow, these two kinds of misconceptions may come there. Reflection is more dangerous.

In *Harinām* also it has been stated like that. Reflection and shadow, both are misguiding. And we are to cross that. On our way that sort of temptation may come, but we must not think that everything will come within the fist of our intellect.

**achintyaḥ khalu ye bhāvā  
na tāms tarkaṇa yojayet**

Don't take the inconceivable under



the jurisdiction of reason. When it will be extended to you, you will be astounded to find only a peep into that. *Na tāms tarkaṇa yojayet*: don't try to drag that into the zone of reason. This is autocratic in its nature. It may come in one shape to you, it may go in another shape to another gentleman. It is so expansive and so free in its nature. It is infinite. Rather the Infinite is the base of those Pastimes. Always prepare yourself. Hanker. But don't make it an object of your experience.

When Mahāprabhu talked about the higher *Lilās* it was as if He was in a trance. As if in a trance He gave a description of His wonderful experience of *Kṛṣṇa-lilā*. Several times we find that sort of deep *Lilā*: the higher *Lilā* of Kṛṣṇa being related by

Mahāprabhu himself: the Govardhan-*lilā* and the *Jalakeli-lilā* when He jumped unconscious into the ocean and for a few hours was carried by the waves of the sea to Chakra-tīrtha from Swargadvār. The *jalakeli* of Kṛṣṇa, he described how it is. Also at Chaṭak Parvat—there is no end to His *Lilā*. When His body was transformed like a pumpkin, then also He described a *Lilā*, but the nature of that description was not any book-produced thing. It cannot be taken into black and white. It is such a thing. So we receive caution often, that: “Don’t try. It will come automatically. Go on with the programme that is given by the *Śāstra* and the Guru and it will be. If you have such possibility of fortune then it will come to you. It is not a natural experience that can be given to this and that. It is not to be tackled in such way.”

### yathā yathā gaura-padāravinde

Engage your full attention in Gaura-*lilā* and that will come automatically within you. From the indirect way it will come to you from the higher domain. When it will be pleased it will come down for some time to give you experience, and you will simply be astonished, “What is this!” Then even when gone, withdrawn, you will have nothing to lament. A living thing. Try to come to get the whole. We cannot make it our object. Such higher thing! Such higher thing.

Even it is very hard to see an ordinary man’s conduct with his intimate friends, and so it is with the *Lilā* of the Supreme Lord. How can we dare to enter into that, and especially publicly. It is not possible. Externally we can try to give some description of the outer possibilities, but not the actual thing. We won’t venture to enter there.

**Question:** Can they draw something general, like a lotus flower?

**Śrīla Guru Mahārāj:** A lotus flower is representing the idea of beauty, softness, and such things. And different petals representing different platforms of *rasam*. In such a way we can take

it—beauty, softness. No mundane ideas should be drawn there—only distant similarity. But categorical difference should always be there.

## Reading restricted

Even we are not allowed by our Master to read the books where They are described: *Govinda-Lilāmṛtam*, even *Stava-kusumāñjali*, even *Ujjvala-nilamaṇi*. He did not allow us to study and to discuss it. Rather, he would be very much disturbed if he heard that someone was interfering with the higher *Lilās* in those books. He did not like it.

*Duṣṭa phala karibe arjjana*—Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura gives warning that we will get only a bad result if we venture to cross the line; a bad effect will come to us. *Aparādha*. From the lower position, *anartha*, the steps are shown. *Śraddhā*, *sādhu-saṅga*, *śravaṇ*, *kīrtan*, then *anartha-nivṛtti*—the undesirable things will vanish altogether. Then *ruchi*, then *āsakti*, then *bhāva-bhakti*—the sprout of real devotion. Then *prema-bhakti*, and *sneha*, *mān*, *praṇay*, *rāg*, *anurāg*, *bhāv*, *Mahābhāv*. By such steps we are to approach there.

Once Prabhupād remarked, though how you will take it I do not know: one gentleman, of course he was a senior, wanted to discuss these things with Prabhupād. He laid much stress on that, and ultimately he left the association of Prabhupād and lived a secluded life. Previously he did much service to the mission, that gentleman. Prabhupād remarked, “Oh, he has two lives. He is married with Kṛṣṇa and she has got a child.” Such a remark was there that he was a man, but taking himself as a *Gopī* he wanted to culture about the life of the *Gopīs*—the intimate connection of Kṛṣṇa and the *Gopīs*. In this way he wanted to culture intensely, but Prabhupād remarked in that way: “Oh he has turned into a lady, a *Gopī*, and after coming in contact with Kṛṣṇa she produced a child!”

Another time the Guru Mahārāj of Prabhupād—Gaura Kīśor Bābājī—was

in a hut near the Ganges. Another disciple of Prabhupād, leaving Prabhupād went to imitate Prabhupād’s Gurudev, Gaura Kīśor Bābājī, and constructed a tiny hut nearby and imitated his *bhajan*, *Harinām* and the discussion of Narottam Ṭhākura—all these things—and observed strict *vairāgyam* in his physical life. Gaura Kīśor Bābājī remarked one day that only by entering a labour room and imitating the cries of labour, a child will not come by that sound. Many important previous events are necessary, then a child will come. Only imitation will not give birth to a child. Such was his remark to that gentleman.

## Pure goodness

So, there is *śuddha-sattva*, pure goodness. You must come in connection with what is known as *śuddha-sattva* first. *Viśuddha-sattva* refers to the *nirguṇa* world. You must come in connection with *nirguṇa*, then only may you try to approach the subtle happenings or events there.

So, we not to simply satisfy our curiosity. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. With this spirit we must approach the whole thing. At the same time we may not be, by God’s grace, a disbeliever by considering, “I shall judge the whole thing to the last details, then I shall accept what you say.”

## Charm enough

There are many things below, but the charm and reasonableness of the higher plane is enough to convince a person to come this side, and these high *Lilās* should be left high above your head. Very cautiously we are to handle all this *Lilā*, especially *Mādhuryya-lilā*.

Just the other day I was thinking, about a year after joining the Mission, Prabhupād arranged for the full Kārttik month to preach in Vṛndāvan. He asked the Mahārāj, Bhāratī Mahārāj at that time, to explain the Seventh Canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*—the story of Prahlāda, not the story of Kṛṣṇa, Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, Yaśoda or anything of

Vṛndāvan, but, "Preach the *Śuddha-bhakti* of Prahāda first. They are all ripe in *sahajiyāism*. Just try to make them understand that 'Enter into the plane of *Bhakti*; what to speak of *Kṛṣṇa-līlā*—that is far, far above'."

So, in Vṛndāvan the people rather wondered, "What is this? They are explaining *Bhāgavatam*, but instead of the Tenth Canto they are explaining the Seventh Canto, the *Prahād-līlā*, the lower portion of *Bhakti*. That is wonderful and strange."

Again, I found later on that Śrīla Prabhupād himself gave a lecture between Rādhā Kuṇḍa and Śyāma Kuṇḍa. There is a boundary line between the two. There, he read and explained the *Upadeśāmṛtam* of Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī for a few days. He did not explain anything about Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, nor about Kṛṣṇa, but he spoke on *Upadeśāmṛtam*—the basis. His attention was always towards the basis. The fruit will come of itself: "Pour water onto the root; pour water onto the root, and the fruit will appear itself."

He himself explained this while sitting in the middle between Rādhā Kuṇḍa and Śyāma Kuṇḍa. He explained not only *Bhāgavatam*, but *Upadeśāmṛtam*. *Upadeśāmṛtam* is the substance of Mahāprabhu, in the language of Rūpa Goswāmī.

**vācho vegam manasaḥ krodha-vegam  
jihvā-vegam udaropastha-vegam  
etān vegān yo viśaheta dhīraḥ  
sarvvām apimām pṛthivīm sa śiṣyāt**

And the last *śloka*:

**kṛṣṇasyochchaiḥ praṇaya-vasatiḥ  
preyasibhyo 'pi rādhā-  
kuṇḍam cāsyā munibhir abhitas  
tādṛg eva vyadhāyi  
yat preṣṭhair apy alam asulabham  
kiṁ punar bhakti-bhājām  
tat premedam sakṛd api sarah  
snātur āviṣkaroti**

These topics were explained by Śrīla Prabhupād, but nothing of the *Govinda-Līlāmṛtam* or Śrīla Viśvanātha Chakravartī Ṭhākura's *Śrī Kṛṣṇa-*

**We must have faith in the strong  
caution given by our Guru Mahārāj  
...otherwise we will be given the  
ambition to live in fools paradise.**

—Śrīla B.R. Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

*Bhāvanāmṛta*—all these things were left untouched. So, our training was in this line.

*Pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge*, that is always upon our head, that the prospect of our life's future, life after life, cannot be finished. We shall rather foster the hope, the pure hope that we may be taken in one day in that camp. With this idea...

**Question:** Sometimes in *Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta*, Śrīla Kṛṣṇa Dās Kavirāj Goswāmī refers to *Govinda-Līlāmṛtam*, *Ujjvala-nīlamanī* and other such confidential selected works. How are we to take that?

**Śrīla Guru Mahārāj:** There are three chapters of *Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta* that we were generally not allowed to enter into, including the discussions with Rāmānanda Ray, to a certain extent. Where the *Līlā* portion of Rādhā-Govinda is mentioned—we had no entrance into that *Līlā*. Of course when *pārāyaṇ* (chanting of the whole book within a fixed time) is going on, we go on reading. But not to enter into details of discussion about that. At that part we went on reading but without giving any particular attention to the *Līlā* of highest order of *Rāga*. That was barred: "Don't try to come into details there. That will come automatically when the time will be. Do not make it a discussion of the public. Don't take it in the public eye."

So much so, that the following incident happened in Vṛndāvan. Prabhupād had a friend there from his childhood, an attorney, who came to see him, so Prabhupād went to give a return visit to this friend from his boyhood. Śrīpād Paramahaṁsa Mahārāj was with

Prabhupād and they went to give the return visit. They were told, "He is upstairs." They went there and saw that a Goswāmī was explaining the *Rāsa-līlā* section of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Prabhupād just bowed down his head and came away. Immediately he came away. Then his friend also came down, leaving that *Rāsa-līlā* discussion, and said, "Yes, the *Rāsa-līlā* explanation is going on, but you did not take your seat at all. You just bowed down your head and came down. What is the matter?"

Śrīla Prabhupād replied, "Our Gurus' order is such that, 'If you attend *Rāsa-līlā* explanation you will commit offence.' That will be offence to attend *Rāsa-līlā* explanation, so I cannot stand there even for a second. I had to come back. This is my Guru's order. To attend *Rāsa-līlā* explanation is *aparādha*."

## Gurudev's will

So, for us, such strict behaviour he has shown. And we also do that, especially myself. At so many other places they show the *Rāsa-līlā* with dolls, but I never do that. Following what is true to my understanding of my Gurudev's will and his words, I do not make any show of *Jhulana-līlā* or *Rāsa-līlā* or anything of the type. I find in my heart that this is not desirable to my Guru Mahārāj. But in so many *Maths* I see at present, I hear also, that they are doing that, but I strictly abstain from that sort of showing. The *Jhulana-līlā*, the *Rāsa-līlā*—that is too high for us, I consider. I must be true to my hearing of the words of my Gurudev if I want my realisation and not any position of some sort of popularity—to attract

people by such a show, and to make money, or to make a favourable field for preaching. They may do like that, but I do not. I do not want popularity nor any position of a higher *Āchāryya*. I am a student.

Still I am a student. I consider myself to be a student. A faithful student. What I heard from my Gurudev, I try my best to stick there, to keep my position there as I heard from him. I do not want to mutilate that in any way to suit my purpose. I try not to do that. Of course for big propaganda they may take different ways as they think. They are now free. But I cannot participate in such things.

## Reckoned sincere

When Prabhupād offered me to go to the West, I replied simply that I did not consider myself fit to go the West, saying, "I will not be able to show success there." I mentioned two defects. Then some of the *sannyāsins* showed much reverence to me, "What is this? So many persons wish this opportunity. You are prepared to lose this chance? You neglect to take advantage of such a position, that you will be a world preacher. Do you have no hankering for that?"

I replied, "Yes, Mahārāj, I have no hankering to have such a position. My only humble ambition is that I may be reckoned as a sincere devotee of Mahāprabhu, Śrī Chaitanyadev. No other ambition I have in my mind such as to become a world preacher and so on."

## Crave for mercy

In my nature I am such. I want truth, and I hope and crave for the mercy of the Vaiṣṇavas and you all that I may not have that ambition, but to be the humblest, the most humble servant of the Lord, that I may not be misguided.

I may engage myself in the lower form of service. *Tad dāsa-dāsa-dāsānām dāsatvaṁ dehi me prabho*. My faith may be so firm and may be of such quality that the least offer of His

Divine Service may satisfy me. I may not be ambitious to run high, to get the chance there in the higher officer class. In my lowest connection with the Divinity I may go on, satisfied with my life.

Mahāprabhu says, "Just consider Me a speck of dust at Your feet, Oh Kṛṣṇa."

**ayi nanda-tanuja kiṅkaram  
patitaṁ mām viṣame bhavāmbudhau  
kṛpayā tava pāda-paṅkaja-  
sthita-dhūli-sadṛśaṁ vichintaya**

"O Nandanandana, son of King Nanda, although I am Your eternal servitor, I have fallen into the terrible ocean of material existence due to the fructification of my own deeds (*karma*). Please graciously consider me to be a particle of dust at Your lotus feet."

That may be our guidance. "Consider me to be one of the specks of dust that are at Your feet." That is too much?! No, our faith should come to such a grade of quality that we may be satisfied to become a speck of dust at His feet. Then by His sweet will, anything may happen. But our humble aim should be to have even the least connection of the Divinity, the reality, and not a concocted Kṛṣṇa.

**pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge**

Very sweet. The *rāga-patha* is on the head. We are servants of the *rāga-patha*. We are in *viddhi-mārga*, under *śāstric* rule. We must live and move under *śāstric* rule, and always keep the *rāga-patha* upon our head.

## Greatly perturbed

Once an incident happened while our Śrīla Prabhupād was at Rādhā Kuṇḍa. A *pāṇḍā* in his talk made a side remark that, "We are brahmins in Vraja. We can bless Raghunāth Dās Goswāmī." Prabhupād was perturbed by such a haughty remark, "Dās Goswāmī is the highest *Āchāryya* in our camp, in the Gaudiya Camp. And that fellow he says that he is able to bless Dās Goswāmī, and I am to hear that?"

He stopped taking food, and remarked, "If I was an ordinary *bābāji* I would not care. I would leave the place. But I am travelling here in a motor car, as an *Āchāryya*. I have the responsibility. I am moving here in the pose of an *Āchāryya* that I shall protect the *Sampradāya*. I shall brush the dusts of undesirability from the *Sampradāya*. How can I tolerate such a remark against my Guru?"

He left his food: "Until any *pratikār*, (opposition or remedy) is given by me, I won't take any food. I cannot take any food."

## This is reality

I think I did something to give vent to the feeling of my Gurudev today. I did something today to clarify his position.

*Pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge* — this is enough.

*Tad dāsa-dāsa-dāsānām dāsatvaṁ dehi me prabho...* This is not a figurative thing, this is not mere poetry. Mahāprabhu says:

**nāhaṁ vipro na cha nara-patir  
nāpi vaiśyo na śūdro  
nāhaṁ varṇi na cha gr̥ha-patir  
no vana-stho yatir vā  
kintu prodyan-nikhila-paramā-  
nanda-pūrṇāmṛtāb̥dher  
gopi-bharttuḥ pada-kamalayoḥ  
dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ**

"I am not a priest, a king, a merchant, or a labourer (*brāhmaṇa*, *ksatriya*, *vaiśya*, *śūdra*); nor am I a student, a householder, a retired householder, or a mendicant (*brahmachārī*, *gr̥hastha*, *vānaprastha*, *sannyāsī*). I identify myself only as the servant of the servant—of the servant of the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Lord of the *Gopīs*, who is the personification of the fully expanded (eternally self-revealing) nectarean ocean that brims with the totality of Divine Ecstasy."

This is not only an ornamental thing. It is reality. This is reality. To actually feel ourselves to be mean is really to become eligible for the higher

service. So much selflessness, so much self-abnegation is necessary for a unit here of the lowest order to enter into that domain. So much self-abnegation is necessary, then we can come into that plane. There is a plane of undercurrent, and if we really want to contact that, we shall have to develop such finest of the fine sentiment in us, and with no demand. In this negative way we are to transform ourselves, then we can have a touch of the approach to that plane.

The least tinge of exploiting, any speck of the ambitious life, will not take us there. That is another thing. *Pratiṣṭhā* is self-establishing, to be stable, to be immortal, to be invincible—it is not self-giving, but it is the self-establishing tendency: “I must stay. I must live.” But if necessary, I must die for the interest of Kṛṣṇa.

**mārobi rākhobi—yo ichchhā tohārā nitya-dāsa prati tuwā adhikārā**

“Slay me or protect me as You wish, for You are the master of Your eternal servant.”

A suicidal soldier! For the cause of the country, if necessary I must die. I must efface myself. I may be effaced. If it is necessary my very existence may be effaced for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa.

“My very existence may be effaced if it is necessary.” Such temperament, such selflessness of such degree is necessary to find out that plane. So much subtleness.

Let us be blessed by Prabhupād Śrīla Saraswatī Ṭhākur. All glory to Guru and Gaurāṅga. All glory to Guru and Gaurāṅga.

## Seeing the Treasury

[To the devotees gathered there:]

You are helping me to take out from my inner heart so many beautiful and so many valuable things. It is through your help that these old memories are coming again fresh to me. I am forced to take out those things of the inner nature of my previous life which I got from my Gurudev as wealth. Again I have the the chance of seeing that treasury. I am given the opportunity by this recapitulation of what I heard at the divine feet of Gurudev.

This is our education, what I got from the divine feet of Gurudev. I just sincerely put it to you all. It is such.

**pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge**

He instructed that we must not go to live in Rādhā Kuṇḍa. One day—near Lalitā Kuṇḍa, the Swānanda Sukhada Kuṅja is there, and there is a single-storey building—he said, “A second storey is necessary, but I will not be able to live there.”

I asked, “If you will not live on the first floor, who will live there? What is the necessity of further construction?”

“No. You don't know. Better persons will live there: Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākur, Gaura Kiśor Bābāji Mahārāj. They will live there, and we shall stay

on the ground floor and we shall serve them.”

Again he said, “I shall live in Govarddhan. Rādhā Kuṇḍa is the highest place: the place of our Guru Mahārāj, our Gurudev. They will live here in closer connection with *Lilā*, but we are not fit to live there. We shall live in Govarddhan, just a little far away. Because we shall have to come and serve our Gurudev, we must be near, but we must not live in closer connection with them. We are not fit.”

**pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge**

The whole tenor of his life was such: “That is high, high. And from below we are to honour that.” We are to establish in the whole world this sort of posing: the proper regard of that higher *Lilā*: “That is *too* high.”

One day in Allahabad—perhaps it was that very year Śrīpād Swāmī Mahārāj was initiated—while speaking in a park Śrīla Prabhupād said, “I am out to give a challenge to fight with any person to show that the highest position is occupied by my Gurudev, by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākur and by Mahāprabhu. Let anyone come to fight with me to decide. I am ready. I am ready to give that challenge to anyone and everyone. Let them come to fight with me. I am ready to establish the throne in the highest place—my Gurudev.”

**pūjala rāga-patha gaurava-bhaṅge**

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**“Guru Mahārāj, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswatī Ṭhākur, preached exclusively this *Madhura-rasa*, but with great precaution. What is not that thing, he used perhaps 90% of his energy to point out the negative side—“This is not *Madhura-rasa*”—and clear away the negative side. He had to spend, in his words, ‘gallons of blood’ to establish what that *Madhura-rasa* is not.”**

**—Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj**



## World Diary

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR WORLDWIDE  
 AFFILIATED CENTRES AND BRANCHES

### U.S.A.

#### California

As in each place Śrīla Maharaj visited on his World Tour, the devotees of our Soquel Ashram made so much unseen sacrifice in making all the preparations to welcome His Divine Grace. Under Sripad Bhakti Pavan Janardan Maharaj's direction, funds were collected from the community towards covering the remaining costs of construction. Meanwhile, Prabhu Yudhamanyu Seva Vikram continuously inspires the ladies' collection party in their indispensable service to the Soquel Ashram.

Prabhu Hasyapriya headed a team of devotees in the refurbishing of the main building, 'Sri Govinda Seva-Kunja.' In addition the other buildings and the grounds were the subject of much intense attention. In the orchard are now 75 fruit trees including apple, peach, plum and avocado; and a lemon, a walnut and a lime tree. Many of these were donated by Kumkum Devi Dasi and Darubrahma Devi Dasi.

At San Jose State University the 'Bhakti Yoga Association' has now received official recognition. It is run as a direct representation of our *Mah* via the Santa Cruz Ashram. Weekly gatherings include activities such as

seeing videos of our Gurudevs' lectures, slide shows, hearing from guest speakers, and going on field trips. Members are taught how to play the *mrdanga* and *karatalas* and how to cook and offer vegetarian food.

The Bhakti Yoga Association has already drawn the attention of many good souls and has received coverage in the local press. This programme is established and cultivated in particular by the enthusiastic service of Vrajamohini Devi Dasi. The culmination of their activities was the hosting of a greatly successful lecture programme by His Divine Grace on his recent tour.

In keeping with the tradition of the Vaishnavas to beg alms for offering to the Lord, the devotees of Santa Cruz have already established the collecting of grains, fruits, flowers and vegetables. The devotees are a familiar sight in many of the local communities, and their popularity can be measured by the generosity of the stall holders and individuals. The collection for a recent festival amounted to more than 100 kilos each of rice, channa dhal, split yellow mung dhal, chapati flour, and farina. Reciprocating the respect of the populace, the devotees cooked many preparations, offered them to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga, and distributed extensively that holy *Prasadam*.

### New York

Led by Sripad Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaj the programmes in New Jersey are a source of inspiration to the local devotees. Always ready to accept extra service, Sripad Giri Maharaj has taken on the additional responsibility of the preaching *seva* at our Miami Centre.

In the city of New York an additional programme of regular weekly gatherings is now taking place at the home of Prabhu Satya Sundar. Prabhu Satya Sundar visited Śrīla Govinda Maharaj in India recently, bringing with him the tickets for the September preaching tour to London and Russia. He participated in the recent pilgrimage to Vrindavan, Govardhan and Puri, all the while keeping closely to Śrīla Govinda Maharaj. His energetic mood of service gave lively inspiration to all.

### Hawaii

In addition to the programmes at Sri Giridhari Ashram led by the devoted family of Prabhu Revatinath, regular weekly programmes have begun at 'Sri Chaitanya Sanctuary' organised by Prabhu Achyuta Priya, Haryyananda Prabhu and their families. Their aim is to make the Sri Chaitanya Sanctuary an energetic place, actively living up to its name.

Śrīla Govinda Maharaj particularly praised the service of Padmavati Devi Dasi who gave her whole energy and house for the preaching of Krishna consciousness during his recent visit. Along with Prabhu Achyuta Priya she was the key figure in making the arrangements for this visit of Śrīla Govinda Maharaj.

### Mexico

Śrīla Govinda Maharaj was extremely pleased by the grand reception afforded to His Divine Grace and party during their recent visit. The country of Mexico is fortunate to have as their pious Chief Minister of Religious Affairs, Lic. Armando López Campa, whose assistance to the devotees there headed by

Sripad Bhakti Kusum Ashram Maharaj really made Srila Govinda Maharaj's visit into such a grand, dignified affair. We are pleased to offer particular acknowledgement to respected Lic. Armando López Campa for the special services he rendered.

Srila Maharaj additionally gave the following description of the outstanding hospitality he received from the devotees in Mexico.

"Laksmirani Devi Dasi gave for the time being her whole house for the use of the devotees while she shared her maid's room. Under the watchful eye of Sripad Bhakti Kusum Ashram Maharaj she arranged so many things, day and night tirelessly working along with her associates. Their services included the daily preparation of opulent *Maha-prasad*. Her service mood is exemplary and unforgettable. May Sripad Ashram Maharaj and everyone bless her spiritual life.

"In the major city of Veracruz, everything was arranged under the immediate service management of Madhu-chhanda Devi Dasi and by the instruction of Sripad Ashram Maharaj. During this visit her husband fully joined in Krishna consciousness with joy and tears."

In Monterrey, Sripad Ashram Maharaj arranged a large function and many people came and took initiation. The devotees rented a big house for Srila Maharaj and his entourage, and the house owners and their family were very pleased with Srila Maharaj, so much so that some of them presently took initiation.

## Colombia

**Headed by Prabhu** Aravinda Lochan Seva Sundar, Premarthi Prabhu, Premadhama Prabhu and Premalatika Devi Dasi, the various programmes of Colombia are continuing steadily. Although there is no established centre, the devotees meet together in each

others' homes and welcome newcomers to attend. One of the main gatherings is in Paipa. Some were able to meet with Srila Maharaj on his Sixth World Tour in Mexico and in America, while others wrote heartfelt letters in separation.

## Venezuela

**Under the leadership** of Prabhu Hari Kirttan the devotees of Venezuela have completed a Temple house for Their Lordships. A continuous service programme is now well established and their Centre is a welcome refuge for all sincere seekers.

## Brazil

**Several preaching parties** are engaged in devotional activities throughout the huge country of Brazil. Sripad Bhuvan Mohan Prabhu's good example has given enthusiasm to devotees for their preaching and practising life. He is currently producing a Portuguese magazine for distribution far and wide throughout the country. The title, to be translated in Portuguese, has graciously been given by Srila Govinda Maharaj as: *Nectarine Land of Service*.

In particular Prabhu Hari Govinda is very energetic in his distribution of Krishna consciousness under the shade of Srila Govinda Maharaj's lotus feet. His Divine Grace has duly graced him with the service to act as Ritvik on his behalf. Subsequently several good persons have been granted the auspicious shelter of Srila Maharaj. Prabhu Hari Govinda's preaching programmes are well established and local support is ever-increasing.

Meanwhile, high up in the mountains 10 kms from Alto Paraiso de Goias, Prabhu Visvavandya continues his active service to Sriman Mahaprabhu. He reports of the spontaneous service of many in the area who automatically come with offerings of fruits, flowers, incense, etc. for the Lord's worship. They enthusiastically congregate for the devotional programmes.

**Since recently returning from Mexico** on his Sixth World Tour, Srila Govinda Maharaj has spoken much about his visit. Recently he received a telephone call from the principal leader of our Mission in Mexico, Sripad B.K. Ashram Maharaj. Afterwards His Divine Grace said:

“All the devotees at our eight principal Centres in Mexico are very enthusiastic and they are awaiting my next visit. I asked them to make a community hall in each of the three cities: Mexico, Monterrey and Veracruz. As first priority we need a community hall for the devotees, not a temple, in the capital city, Mexico.

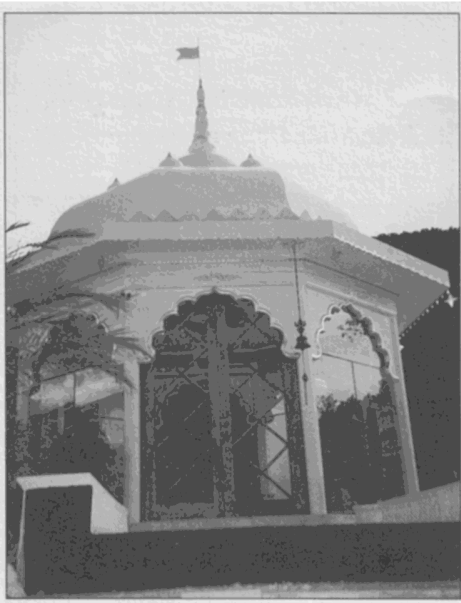
They are very enthusiastic to know what is my desire as to which place should be first. I informed that actually wherever the opportunity will come to begin a hall, we shall start there.

After my return to India, Sripad Ashram Maharaj went from California back to Merida, and he will stay there for about two months to look after our Mission there. He is very enthusiastic and he is always asking for my guidelines, and he is following my requests as best as possible.

For this tour they intelligently arranged the programmes in such a way as not to get into debt. The devotees are enlivened, and they are requesting for my presence again and again there.”

Prabhu Palak Krishna is using much energy to help establish the preaching mission in Brazil. By his sincere desire to render service to Mahaprabhu the Mission is becoming a reality.

Near Sao Paulo Rohini Devi Dasi and her husband are steadily engaged in preaching using their prestigious



Temple at Rohini Devi Dasi's Centre

yoga centre as a base. They have constructed a beautiful Temple where daily worship continues nicely.

## United Kingdom

**In London** the major focus of energy has been the recent move to their own new Temple House, reported on page three. The devotees also engage in a wide range of preaching programmes locally.

In addition to the main Centre in London, throughout the country many devotees are engaged in various kinds of activities for the *seva* of the London Temple as well as for the service of the central Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Nabadwip. In particular the house of Prabhu Mukunda and Anjali Devi Dasi in Bournemouth is always a place of Vaisnava hospitality. Their own good example has encouraged others such as Prabhu Ram Gopal to engage in energetic preaching activities locally.

Sheffield in the north of England is home to several devotees. They hold regular preaching programmes for the nourishment of the local people as well as weekly programmes at the home of Prabhu Rathindranath and his family. These activities receive strong support from the surrounding devotees headed by Prabhu Paramananda and others.

## Australia

**With the completion** of part one of the Sri Govinda Dham service project and the successful visit of Srila Govinda Maharaj in April, the devotees are now ambitiously embarking on the next stage: the construction of accommodation for devotees and a creche for their children. All attention is now focussed towards Srila Maharaj's visit in December, during which time there will be the installation of Mahaprabhu at 'Sri Govinda Dham' and the grand worship of Srila Maharaj in person on the day of his Sri Guru-puja.

*See Invitation page 2*

## Ireland

**The preaching efforts** that Sripad Bhakti Svarup Tridandi Maharaj has so sincerely rendered over the last several years have fructified in the cooperative determination of the devotees to worship and serve Mahaprabhu in a conducive environment. The local devotees have taken upon their shoulders more responsibility for the running of their community, the regular programmes, and Mahaprabhu's daily worship, thus freeing His Holiness Sripad Tridandi Maharaj for broader preaching.

## Europe

**Enthusiasm was augmented** throughout Europe with the return of Prabhu Premanidhi and his family, and Sachidevi Dasi and her family, from their pilgrimage to California to meet with His Divine Grace during the recent World Tour. They brought back with them many narrations of events and several hours of video and audio tapes of Srila Maharaj's World Tour pastimes.

Eager to share what they had experienced in America, the two families then joined together for a tour of

Europe, visiting and contacting devotees and friends in Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Hungary.

In addition the Dutch devotees received an extra impetus for their spiritual life in the form of a visit from Sripad Bhakti Ananda Sagar Maharaj. His Holiness visited Amsterdam to fulfill an oft repeated invitation. He was most warmly received by the devotee community and friends there. Srila Govinda Maharaj duly received several letters expressing the great appreciation of the devotees for Sripad Sagar Maharaj's visit.

## Russia

**The principal activity** is the industrious preparation for Srila Maharaj's first visit to their country in September. Prabhu Jagannath Vallabha has moved back from his home in America to be in Russia to expend as much energy as possible to prepare for the visit.

*See centre spread*

## South Africa

**The devotees are** already eagerly preparing for Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj's arrival in South Africa in December. Prabhu Rishabdev and Prabhu Bhuvan Pavan along with their families form the leaders amongst the devotee communities in South Africa.

The Pietermaritzburg Temple project continues to proceed steadily. Prabhu Bhuvan Pavan energetically oversees the construction as well as the funding of the project. With the valuable assistance of Prabhu Krishnendu and other local friends the foundations have already been completed.

The Temple runs a creche to give a good start in life to many lucky children, as well as to help support the manifestation of the Temple. Another busy project is vegetarian catering. Their services are very much in demand—practically every weekend being taken up in this way.

## Mauritius

Maintaining a high standard of consistent service, the devotees of Mauritius are continuously developing their preaching activities and their Centre, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Ashram. By their enthusiasm they receive additional support through the successful running of the Mission's own two shops: 'Higher Taste' and 'Srila B.S. Govinda Shopping Plaza.'

During traditional festival times their preaching is greatly augmented due to the natural piety of the local people. During a recent festival for Lord Siva, the devotees produced a book describing the relationship of Lord Siva with Lord Krishna. The book introduces Srila Govinda Maharaj and Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. It was so successful that the entire print run of ten thousand copies sold out within a few days.

## Malaysia

Throughout the country the devotees are constantly active in distributing Srila Govinda Maharaj's mercy to the populace. The highlight of recent months was of course the all-but-too-short visit of Srila Govinda Maharaj. Everyone from around the country gathered for the various programmes and carefully used

**“My principal directive to all the devotees is, “Try to avoid *Vaiṣṇava-aparādha*, and thereby continue happily your practising life.”**

—Śrīla B.S. Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

All Glories to Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅga

**“It was inconceivable that Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's conception will come to Russia, but it has happened and it is giving me so much nourishment.”**

—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī

each available moment to be in his association. They again met Srila Acharyya-dev in Singapore on the return leg of His Divine Grace's world tour.

In addition the devotees have held various programmes throughout the nation including a very grand function in association with the Malayidsan Hindu Sangham at Kalumpang near Tanjong Malim.

The devotees arrange gatherings for office workers in Kuala Lumpur so that after office hours they can meet and talk about topical items, including Vaishnava philosophy and general aspects of life.

In order to assist the funding of the several projects, the Ashram engages in vegetarian catering for religious func-

tions, etc. They are already well established and very much liked by everyone. Wherever the devotees go they wear bright *tilak* and they display the books of our *Math*, distribute leaflets, etc.

Regular programmes are held in each of the Centres, and lectures are held widely. The Ashram prints items such as booklets, brochures, picture-cards and T-shirts so

those who attend can take home something to remind them of the occasion—and encourage them to follow the teachings.

## Philippines

Prabhu Gokulananda continues the steady programmes in our Srila Sridhar Swami Seva Ashram in the Las Piñas district of Manila. Assisted by his good family, by Prabhu Mura Hari and others he has made our Ashram into an oasis for the spiritually thirsty. It is a happy place with a beautiful flower garden, arboreal entrance archway, profuse Tulasi, and a welcoming Temple room.

Some two hours away in the area of Malabon, a new Centre has been started under the immediate leadership of Srimati Labangalata Devi Dasi. Already several sincere seekers of this Centre are requesting Srila Govinda Maharaj for initiation.

The increased correspondence being received by Srila Govinda Maharaj from all sections of the Philippine's community is a pleasing indication to His Divine Grace of the many devotional activities now taking place there. Accompanied by photographs, the reports describe the preaching events, *Sankirtan* street processions, *Prasadam* distribution and regular service activities of the devotees.

# Gaudiya Vaisnava Dates November – December '96

Dates and times calculated for Calcutta, India, as referred to at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Sri Nabadwip Dham.

## NOVEMBER

1. (Friday) 6 Damodar. Krishna-sasthi. Disappearance of Srila Bhakti Vicara Jajavar Maharaj.
3. (Sunday) 8 Damodar. Krishna-astami. Bahulastami. Manifestation day of Sri Radha-kunda. Sannyas day of Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj.
4. (Monday) 9 Damodar. Krishna-navami. **Grand Appearance festival of Om Visnupad Paramahansa Parivrajakacharyya Astosata Sri Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. Appearance of Srila Virachandra Prabhu.** Disappearance of Sripad Sakhicharan das Babaji Maharaj.
7. (Thursday) 12 Damodar. Ekadasi. **Sri Rama Ekadasi.** Fast.
8. (Friday) 13 Damodar. Krishna-dvadasi. Paran by 8:44 a.m. Subha Vijay festival of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu at Sripat Panihati.
10. (Sunday) 15 Damodar. Krishna-chaturdasi. Offering and placing 14 lamps (or candles) on Visnu Mandirs.
11. (Monday) 16 Damodar. Amavasya. Dipavali. Offering and placing lamps (or candles) on Visnu Mandirs.
12. (Tuesday) 17 Damodar. Gaura-pratipada. Go-puja (cow-whorship) and Go-Krida (the pleasure of the cows). Appearance of Srila Rasikananda Prabhu. **Sri Govardhan-puja. Annakut Mahotsava: Grand festival at Srila Sridhar Swami Sevashram (in Sri Govardhan) and other Maths.** Balidaityaraj-puja.
13. (Wednesday) 18 Damodar. Gaura-dvitiya. Disappearance of Srila Vasu Ghosh Thakur. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Sarvasva Giri Maharaj. Bhratri-dvitiya krityam (festival where brothers and sisters honour each other).
15. (Friday) 20 Damodar. Gaura-panchami. **Disappearance festival of Visvarenya Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj Prabhupad.** Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Aloka Paramahansa Maharaj.
18. (Monday) 23 Damodar. Gaura-astami. Disappearance of Sri Gadadhara das Goswami, Srila Dhananjaya Pandit and Srila Srinivas Acharya Prabhu. Sri Gopastami, Sri Gosthastami, Go-puja and Go-gras dan.
21. (Thursday) 26 Damodar. Gaura-ekadasi. **Sri Uthana Ekadasi.** Fast.
21. (cont'd) **Disappearance of Om Visnupada Paramahansa Sri Srila Gaura Kisora das Babaji Maharaj.** Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Dayita Madhava Goswami Maharaj. Uthana of Sri Hari (Sri Hari waking up). Sri Bhisma-Panchaka.
22. (Friday) 27 Damodar. Gaura-dvadasi. Paran by 9:34 a.m. End of Chaturmasya and Niyamaseva vratas if begun from the dvadasi day.

24. (Sunday) 29 Damodar. Gaura-chaturdasi. Disappearance of Srila Bhugarbha Goswami and Srila Kasisvar Pandit.
30. (Monday) 30 Damodar. Purnima. Rasayatra of Sri Krishna. Disappearance of Srila Sundarananda Thakur. Appearance of Srila Nimbarka Acharya. End of Chaturmasya and Niyamaseva vratas when began from the Purnima day(as in Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math).

## KESHAVA

## DECEMBER

6. (Friday) 11 Keshava. Krishna-ekadasi. **Utpanna Ekadasi.** Fast.
7. (Saturday) 12 Keshava. Krishna-dvadasi. Paran after 6:42 a.m. and by 9:41 a.m. Disappearance of Srila Narahari Sarkar Thakur and Srila Kaliya Krishna das.
8. (Sunday) 13 Keshava. Krishna-trayodasi. Disappearance of Srila Saranga Thakur.
10. (Tuesday) 15 Keshava. Amavasya. Disappearance of Srila Jagabandhu Bhakti Ranjan.
16. (Monday) 21 Keshava. Gaura-sasthi. **Grand festival for honouring the appearance of Sri Sri Nitai Chaitanya Deities at Sri Puri Dham, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.**
18. (Wednesday) 23 Keshava. Gaura-navami. Disappearance of Srila Madhusudan das Babaji Maharaj. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Maharaj.
19. (Thursday) 24 Keshava. Gaura-dasami. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Kusum Sraman Maharaj.
20. (Friday) 25 Keshava. Gaura-ekadasi. **Mokshada Ekadasi.** Fast.
21. (Saturday) 26 Keshava. Gaura-dvadasi. Paran before 9:49 a.m.
24. (Tuesday) 29 Keshava. Purnima. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Maharaj.

## NARAYANA

26. (Thursday) 2 Narayana. Krishna-dvitiya. **The grand celebration of the sixty-eighth anniversary of the divine appearance of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math Acharyya and Sevaite, Om Vishnupad Paramahansa Parivrajakacharyya Sri Srimad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.**
28. (Saturday) 4 Narayana. Krishna-chaturthi. **Disappearance festival of the founder of the worldwide Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Maths and Sri Gaudiya Maths, Prabhupad Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur.**

## Editor's Note

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This present edition has until now received no outside financial assistance. Srila Govinda Maharaj is also concerned that **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** will continue to be published. Therefore, you are respectfully invited to engage in the direct service of helping the manifestation of this wish of His Divine Grace by sending a contribution towards this and forthcoming editions. In addition Srila Maharaj expressed that he will be very pleased with anyone who engages in the distribution of **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**.  
—Humbly, the editor [Sri Mahananda Das Bhakti Ranjan]

## Note on this International Edition with 7th World Tour Supplement

When His Divine Grace Srila Govinda Maharaj graciously visited London and Russia on his 7th World Tour, I witnessed the miracles of his Transcendental Tour, and I prayed for his merciful guidance. Praying to be purified of my offences, I have tried to render some service to His Grace and the Vaishnavas in assisting with this present edition. In doing so, I humbly bow to the tireless efforts of my dear Godbrother, the editor, Sripad Bhakti Ranjan Prabhu, and to my dear brothers Sri Rasabdhhi Prabhu, Sri Uddharan Prabhu, Sri Madhu Mathan Prabhu, Sri Anandamoy Prabhu, Sri Nitya Gopal Prabhu, Sri Anindya Sundar Prabhu, Sri Dwarakesh Prabhu, Sri Dayanidhi Prabhu, Sri Devashis Prabhu, Sri Vyasdev Prabhu and others, all with families and friends, too numerous to mention, who have made the attempt possible for the Transcendental Pleasure of Sri Gurudev.

—Sri B.A. Sagar, London Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, October 9, 1996, Krishna Dvadashi.

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Corrigenda for Śrī Gauḍīya Darshan, Śrī Gaura-Pūrṇimā 1996 edition

page#	col.#	line#	error	correction
8	3	36	Remuṇā Dhām.	Remuṇā.
9	1	4	revealed in the heart of	revealed by
9	1	30	It was chanted by Rādhārāṇī	It was the heart's expression of Rādhārāṇī
9	1	32	and he tasted that separation	and he felt that separation
9	2	10	that mood of separation may be revealed in our hearts	a spark of that mood of separation may touch our hearts
9	3	3	that mood may be revealed within our hearts	that mood of separation may touch our hearts
10	2	36	आशाभरंरमृतसिन्धुः मयैः	आशाभरंरमृतसिन्धुमयैः
10	2	40	āśābharair amṛta-sindhuḥ mayaiḥ	āśābharair amṛta-sindhu-mayaiḥ
10	3	32	we find that Kṛṣṇa has no position for the Rūpānuga Vaiṣṇava.	we find that without Rādhārāṇī, Kṛṣṇa has no position for the Rūpānuga Vaiṣṇava.
11	1	3	and they are supplying the devotional ingredients.	and by Her merciful guidance they are supplying the devotional ingredients.
24	2	2	<b>bhakti</b>	<b>bhakati</b>
25	1	13	Mystic'lly	Divine play,
22	1	22	blessed	blest

All glories to Sri Guru and Gaurāṅga

## TIPS FOR PILGRIMS

Updated August 1996

**'TIPS' UPDATED.  
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**Quite by surprise**, a booklet which was made for the practical assistance of the many pilgrims attending last years Centenary Festival of Srila Guru Maharaj has remained in demand long after the festival is over. It includes the basic information on travelling to each of our Centres in India, general guidelines while on pilgrimage and useful day to day tips.

Due to continuous requests by the devotees, the 'Tips for Pilgrims' booklet has been updated to keep pace with the expanding Mission in India. It also keeps devotees aware of the ever-changing circumstances facing pilgrims locally. It has proved useful to newcomers, 'old hands' and even to the residents of the *Math* itself.

The summary still remains:

**If you are coming to Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, whether or not it is your first visit, if you would like someone to meet you in Calcutta, please write early with the exact details, and we shall be only too happy to make the arrangements.**

## Próximamente más publicaciones en Portugués

Nuestro Amoroso Guru Maharaj, Paramahansa Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj recibió en los últimos días información del servicio de prédica realizado por Srimati Divya-Vani Devi Dasi en el bello país de Brasil, de donde ella es originaria.

Ella es una renombrada poetisa, bióloga y ecologista en Brasil, y constantemente está buscando la manera de utilizar sus profesiones en su servicio a su Divino Gurudev en la propagación de la conciencia de Kṛṣṇa. Recientemente se publicó un artículo en el periódico **O POTI** de Natal, Brasil, en donde se anuncia su servicio de traducción al idioma portugués de los libros de nuestros Divinos Guardianes Srila Guru Maharaj y Param Guru Maharaj Srila B.R. Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj quienes graciosamente nos instruyen con sus excelentes obras espirituales, las cuales son joyas de inestimable valor para todos aquellos que sinceramente buscan la concepción genuina de los conceptos de la súper exclusiva Sri Rupanuga Sampradaya.

Entre otros servicios en su estancia en Sri Nabadwip-dham en el pasado mes de Marzo, ella junto con la dulce y sencilla Priyottama Didi (Brasil), dedicaron especial atención a la limpieza del Natya Mandir de Sus Señorías Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga-Gandharvva-Govinda-Sundarjiu. Srila Guru Maharaj está muy complacido con sus devocionales proyectos y amorosamente le confiere sus totalmente auspiciosas bendiciones para el desempeño de éstos.

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**There is no doubt that we are in the midst  
of a problem. Apparently, it may  
be thought that by independence  
the problem may be solved.**

**But it is wrong.**

**The Scriptures and *mahājans*  
come to our help:**

**“No! At present you may think that  
independence will give you proper  
satisfaction of your inner heart,  
but really, it is wrong. Your  
apparent thought is  
your enemy.**

**You want to get out of any circumstantial  
infringement, and if you get freedom  
you’ll be happy—this is wrong.**

**Rather, the opposite is true.**

**You should try to live in a joint family.**

**You must be accommodative;  
you must correct *your* nature.**

**Your independence is your enemy.”**

**—Sermons of the Guardian of Devotion Vol I  
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