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Desiring to understand the glory of Rādhārānī's love, the wonderful qualities in Him that She alone relishes through Her love, and the happiness She feels when She realizes the sweetness of His love, the Supreme Lord Hari, richly endowed with Her emotions, appeared from the womb of Śrīmatī Śacī-devī, as the moon appeared from the ocean.

-*Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta, 1.1.6*
by *Kṛsnadasa Kaviraj Goswami*



WELCOME TO SRI NAVADVIPA MANDALA PARIKRAMA 2024!

34th Anniversary Celebration Festival

Hare Kṛsna! Jay Gaur! Jay Nitai!

All glories to Srila prabhupada and his followers!

Dear devotees, welcome home!

All the Mayapur devotees are very happy to serve you in this wonderful celebration of 34 years of joy, where we do what we love, just walking in the holy dham, in the association of lovely people, chanting hare kṛsna and having bhagavat prasada!

Jay Ho!

In the year 1990 a very important change happened to the parikrama. All the pilgrims had the opportunity to stay overnight instead of coming back to iskcon mayapur complex in the end of the day. It makes a difference to those who really want to dive themselves in the path of bhakti, to deeply understand who is Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, their associates, their land and their sublime mission of spreading the “kevala ananda” process in the age of Kali!

Believe us, we have a lot to celebrate! Today ISKCON is able to gather almost ten thousand people to walk during the period of 8 (eight) days in Navadvipa Dhama, all at the same time! This is just magical! Today all the places we are staying (parikrama camps) belong to our society and our Vaishnava heritage is fully protected! All glories to HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj and his very dedicated team of leaders from ISKCON Mayapur!

We wish you relish all that the Audarya Dham (magnanimous dham) has to offer, by getting the unconceivable mercy of Lord Caitanya.

“...Sri Caitanya's incarnation, however, is most uncommon. By His mercy, a serious person, though filled with offences, can quickly obtain love of God. When someone calls out the names of Nitai and Caitanya, Kṛsna-prema comes

looking for him. Offences do not hinder his progress, and he soon sheds tears of ecstasy out of pure love of God. By the mercy of Lord Caitanya, all the offences quickly flee away, the heart becomes pure, and love of God fully blossoms...

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur

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This book is your guide during the whole parikrama. Please keep it with you all the way to be able to understand where you are going everyday, the names of the islands, the program timings etc. For more details like routes and extra information you can also access our website: www.navadvipaparikrama.com

May the memory of this wonderful time be with you, forever.

Your servants,

The publishers



MANGALACARANA

*vande 'ham śrī-guro śrī-yuta-pada-kalam śrī-gurun vaiṣṇavāms ca
śrī-rūpam sāgrajātam saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitamtaṁ sa jīvam
sādvaitam sāvadhūtam parijana-sahitam kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devam
śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitāśrī-viśākhānvitāms ca*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and of all the other preceptors on the path of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇavas and unto the six Gosvāmīs, including Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Jīva Gosvāmī, and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Advaita Ācārya Prabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and all His devotees, headed by Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura. I then offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrīmatī Rādhārānī, and all the gopīs, headed by Lalitā and Viśākhā.

*nama om Viṣṇu-pādāya
Kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve
Gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.



PRAYERS TO GET THE MERCY OF THE SPIRITUAL MASTER & Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu

*Mukam karoti vacalam pangum langhayate girim
yat kripa tamaham vande srigurum dinatarinam
paramananda madhavam Sri Caitanya isvaram*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Madhava and unto Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu the Supreme Controller, they are the deliverers of the fallen souls. By their mercy the dumb can speak eloquently and the lame can cross mountains.”

“May that Supreme Personality of Godhead in the form of Lord Sri Caitanya bestow His causeless mercy upon us. His smiling glance at once drives away all the bereavements of the world, and His very words enliven the auspicious creepers of devotion by expanding their leaves. Taking shelter of His lotus feet invokes transcendental love of God at once.”

(C.C. Adi Lila 3.63)

“All glories, all glories to the all-blissful holy name of Sri Krishna, which causes the devotee to give up all conventional religious duties, meditation and worship. When somehow or other uttered even once by a living entity, the holy name awards him liberation. The holy name of Krishna is the highest nectar. It is my very life and my only treasure.”

(Brihad- Bhagavatamṛta 1.9 quoted in C.C. Antya 4.71)

Why should we avoid offences meanwhile stay in the dham?

Srila Prabhupada explained that the results of all devotional activities performed in the holy dhama are magnified a thousand times. Therefore, one can make rapid advancement if one lives in the holy dhama while avoiding offences. But if we commit offences, the results of those offences are also magnified one thousand times. Therefore, one is advised to carefully avoid committing any offence in the holy dhama.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura has listed ten offences against the holy dhama that we must carefully avoid in order to be fully benefitted from our visit to or residence in the holy dhama:

To disrespect one's spiritual master who reveals the dhama to the disciple

To think that the holy dhama is temporary.

To commit violence towards any of the residents of the holy dhama or to any of the pilgrims who come there, or to think that they are ordinary people. Srila Prabhupada writes: "All the inhabitants of Vrindavana are Vaisnavas. They are all auspicious because somehow or other they always chant the holy name of Krishna."

(C.C. Adi 5.232, purport)

- To perform mundane activities while living in the holy dhama.
- To utilize the dhama for personal economic development by commercializing deity worship and sankirtana in the holy dhama.
- To think that the holy dhama belongs to a mundane country or province, such as Bengal; to think that the Lord's dhama is equal to a place connected with some demigod, or to attempt to measure the area of the holy dhama.
- To commit sinful acts while residing in the holy dhama
- To consider Vrindavana-dhama as different from Navadvipa-dhama.
- To blaspheme the sastras which assert the glorious position of the holy dhama.
- To be faithless and think that the glories of the dhama are imaginary.
- Dress Code and Vaishnava Behaviour for Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama.

Dear Prabhus and Matajis,

Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama is an ancient religious activity, performed by many great saints for hundreds of years. We will wonder in the very sacred place of Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda and His associates. The village people see us as saintly persons and when they see us dressed otherwise or behaving like ordinary people, they become confused. It can damage ISKCON's reputation, Srila Prabhupada's legacy and it can prevent us from achieving our goals. What are our goals? We are there not only for our self-purification, but also to spread the holy name around and to preach the glories of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. The village people rarely talk to us; therefore, they will see us by our dress and behaviour.

Thus, we beg to you please follow the dress code and Vaishnava behaviour for Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama.



DRESS CODE

For Men:

Dhoti and kurta.

Avoid: T-shirt with strange names and sentences, lungi (dhoti without pleats at the back).

For Ladies:

Saree, otherwise you can use a Gopi dress (skirt, choli and dupata that covers you in the back).



VAISHNAVA BEHAVIOR

Couples should avoid their interactions in public (intimate contacts i.e. holding hands).

Devotees should not drink or eat from public shops.

Devotees must be gentle and kind with the village people, if you don't understand what they are speaking, just smile and say "Hare Krishna", if you have any problem in your communication with them, please call an Indian devotee.

What do you need to bring?

- A torch.
- A bucket and mug for washing clothes.
- A cup or a bowl for drinking water and milk.
- A mat (straw or rubber) to rest upon.
- A blanket or a sleeping bag.
- A mosquito net and mosquito repellent.
- Hygiene kit.
- Avoid bringing too many clothes and belongings.
- A rope (for hanging your clothes)
- Vaseline and a foot-brush.

Please Take Note That:

The less you bring the better. Leave excess luggage locked in your room in Mayapur or at the luggage store-room (Gada Reception).

When taking photos or filming pilgrimage places, wait until all the devotees have taken darshan, in order avoid creating a disturbance.

You do not need to bring a lot of lakshmi; take only some reserve money for emergency, a little money for your coconut-water and some small change for donations to the temples on the way. **DON'T BRING YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU!**

If you are sensitive to the sun, you may need to wear a hat, or use sunblock.

Please don't leave campsite after sunset due to security reasons.

If you have to take any medicine regularly, please bring it.

Please do:

When bathing in the Ganga stay nearby the shore for your own safety.

Ladies must wear proper clothes to take bath in the Ganga (kurta and skirt for example).

When you are distributing prasada, please take care of your belongings simultaneously. Or ask a friend to watch it for you.

We encourage you to walk without shoes during Parikrama, to get the maximum benefit.

Please do not:

Go alone to take bath in the Ganga.

Talk inside the rooms when the lights go out in the camp.

Take a Rikshaw for most of the Parikrama path. Parikrama means: we need to walk, to get the maximum benefit.

Set up your own tent inside the rooms. They must be set up outside on the camp ground. Please talk to the Camp Incharge.

Throw garbage anywhere around the camp, dust bins are provided.

Mixing with the opposite sex during the walking period, if you are a prabhu stick to the prabhu's side and if you are a mataji, stick to the mataji's side.

Put your shoes near the prasada site. This is offensive.

Extra tip for security:

Avoid bringing valuables such as laptop, iPhone, iPod, camera etc.

Strictly prohibited:

Going outside of the camp, after sunset (especially for Matajis and even for Prabhujis for safety purposes).

Any kind of fire inside the camp, including incense and spiral for mosquitos.

Taking motor rikshaws on the Parikrama path, it makes a lot of noise and disturbs the kirtan and the devotees that are walking.



INTERNATIONAL PARIKRAMA FEES?

Camp-Rs. 3500/-, Including Bus Service-Rs.4200/-

NAVADVIPA MANDALA PARIKRAMA SCHEDULE

11th March

Parikramā Adhivāsa - Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir to Yogapīṭha

12th March

Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir to Prabhupada Nagar (Nedampur)

13th March

Prabhupada Nagar (Ghoramara) to Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar)

14th March

Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar) to Mahisura

15th March

Mahisura to Maganpur

16th March

Maganpur to Pratap Nagar

17th March

Pratap Nagar to Belpukur

18th March

Belpukur to Jagannātha temple (Rajapur)

19th March

Jagannātha temple (Rajapur) to ISKCON Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir

DAILY PROGRAM ON THE PARIKRAMA

- 4.30 a.m. - Maṅgala-ārati.
5.15 a.m. - Announcements.
5.20 a.m. - Packing and loading luggage.
6.00 a.m. - Departure.
9.30 a.m. - Breakfast prasādam on the way.
3.00 p.m. - Lunch prasada.
5.30 p.m. - Question and Answers lead by senior devotees (sannyasi).
6.00 p.m. - Sandhyā-ārati.
6:20 p.m - Special Bhajan.
6:30 p.m - Special evening classes giving by different sannyasis and senior devotees.
8.20 p.m. - Milk time.
9:00 p.m - Lights will be off on the camp.

N.B.: Program Schedule & Timings may change depending on the situation.



11TH MARCH, 2024

Sri Navadvīpa Maṅḍala Parikramā Adhivāsa

Antardvīpa, Mayapur

“My worshipable Lord eternally resides at Mayapur, situated on the east bank of the Ganges. Although in the eyes of common people, Visvambhara took sannyasa and left Navadvīpa to go elsewhere, actually My Gaurāṅga never gives up Mayapur or Navadvīpa. The devotees can perceive His daily pastimes. You, Jiva, will also see Gaurāṅga dancing. Around Mayapur is beautiful Antardvīpa where Brahma received the darsana of Lord Gaurāṅga. O Jiva, if you want to see all this, please go on Parikrama. It will be very beneficial for you.”

*-Navadvīpa Dhama Mahatmya Ch.5, pg.17
(Lord Nityānanda speaks to Srīla Jīva Goswāmī)*

Where: Yoga Pitha (Lord Caitanya appeared in this place and was living here until He accepted sannyasa. After Mahāprabhu took sannyasa, Sacī Mātā,

Vishnupriya Devi and their servants such as Ishana Thakur remained here for many years. Many saintly persons were doing pilgrimage here, such as Narottama das Thakur, Srinivas Acharya, Raghava Pandit and others)

Program:

Speech by different Sannyasis and senior devotees.

To be faithless and think that the glories of the dhama are imaginary. Sankalpa vow (praying for the blessings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to perform Parikrama).

- Glorification of Dham.
- Blessings from Mahaprabhu.

Meeting point: ISKCON main gate

What time: 6:00 am

Deities of Yoga Pitha:

(All these deities were installed by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur)

- Śrī Śrī Rādha Mādhava and Śrī Gaurāṅga.
- Śrī Gaurasundara, Śrī Lakṣmīpriyā and Śrī Viṣṇupriyā.
- Jagannātha & Pañca-tattva.
- Jagannātha Miśra, Śacimātā and Baby Nimāi.
- Kṣetrapāla Śiva.
- Lakṣmī Narasimhadeva.
- Gaura Gadādhara.
- Bharadvāja-ṭilā.

Holy places to visit

Jayadeva Goswāmi's Śrīpāt (house).

Mahāprabhu GHQ.

Barkonā Ghat.

Vṛddha Śiva Ghāṭ.

Mādhāi Ghāṭ.

Nagarāj Ghāṭ.

12TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 1)

Godrumadvīpa

(Process: kīrtanam)

“The word Godrumadvīpa comprises of following words: Go (cow), Druma (tree) and Dvīpa (island). Surabhi cow had performed penances under a banyan tree. Hence the island derives its name from this incident. This island represents the Kīrtanam (chanting the holy names of the Lord) aspect of devotional service”.

Hari nama sankīrtan in Godrumadvīpa described by Jagadananda pandita: “... that day I proceeded towards the bank of the Ganga along with Sri Gaurāṅga, Nityānanda and Their associates. When we reached Gadigacha village (Godrumadvīpa), the devotees started Hari Nama Sankīrtana.

Govinda was playing mrdāṅga and Vasudeva Ghosh was chanting the holy name. Gadadhara Pandita and Vakresvara pandita were both dancing. Only the sound vibration of Hari nama was heard and the ulu-dhvani was coming from all directions. Everyone was mad with gaura-prema. I do not know how to sing or dance but still I was dancing raising my hands up. In fact Sri Gaurāṅga was making me dance, entering into my body. I have no idea of svara or tala (tune or rhythm) but I was dancing and chanting. At Gadigaccha village we entered into the cowherd people village (Gopapalli), Gaurācandra said, “Oh, devotees of Sri Kṛṣṇa! Please listen, today we will walk on the shore of this lake and sleep under the trees. Under this banyan tree there are many cows having fun. Today we will have pastimes with the gopas.” Many gopas came and offered us milk, yogurt and butter...”

Prema vivarta By Jagadananda Pandit

Route: Māyāpur Candrodaya Mandir to Prabhupada Nagar (Ghoramara).

Breakfast: at Pañcānan Talā.

Overnight: at Prabhupada Nagar.

Holy places to visit:

1. Ām-ghāṭa: Here Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu planted a mango seed which immediately developed into a tree bearing ripe fruits.
2. Suvarna Vihar: Site of the capital city of King Suvarna Sena, who later appeared as Buddimanta Khan, an associate of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
3. Narasīmhapallī: Śrī Narasīmhadēva rested here after killing Hirānyakaśipu.
4. Devapallī: Śrī Narasīmhadēva was worshiped by the devas here.
5. Mandākinī Lake: In this lake Śrī Narasīmhadēva washed His nails which were tainted by Hirānyakaśipu's blood.

13TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 2)

Godrumadvīpa

(Process: kīrtanam)

“The Surabhi cow replied: ‘Let us go to Navadvīpa-dhama. There we will worship Nīmai.’ Indra and Surabhi then came here and engaged in the worship of Lord Gaurāṅga which is very easy and gives great benefit. If someone cries, chanting the holy name of Lord Gaurāṅga, he will obtain darsana of the Lord. After Indra and Surabhi performed their bhajan here, Lord Gaurāṅga manifested Himself exhibiting His most beautiful form, smiling sweetly. His transcendental form was very gracious and He was the personification of the ecstatic store house of all mellows. Lord Gaurāṅga smilingly said, ‘I know your desire. Very soon I will manifest My pastimes in Nadia. During this pastime you will serve Me here, so that you will not get caught by the net of māya any more.’ Saying this Lord Gaurāṅga disappeared. Surabhi Devi stays there eternally under the banyan tree and constantly serves the lotus feet of Lord Gaurāṅga. Because mother Surabhi is staying here on this island under a banyan tree, it is known as Godrumadvīpa... All the desires of the devotees are fulfilled here. If anyone worships Lord Gaurāṅga while residing here in a hut, he will attain His lotus feet.

Sri Navadvīpa Parikrama book
By HH Bhakti Purushottama Swami
(quoted from Sri Navadvīpa dhama Mahatmya)

Route: Prabhupada Nagar (Ghoramra) to Namisharanya (Brahmanagar).

Breakfast: ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Arogya Ashram.

Overnight: Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar).

Holy places to visit:

1. Hari-Hara Kshetra.
2. Alakananda River.
3. Goradaha.
4. Svānanda Sukhada Kuñja: Gaura Gadādhara Temple, residence and Samādhi of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura.
5. Bhajan Kuṭīr of Gaurakīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja.

6. Samādhi Mandir of Kṛṣṇadāsa Bābājī (Śrīla BhaktivinodaThakur's dear servant).
7. Surabhi Kuñja: Lord Indra came with Surabhi and worshiped Lord Caitanya to seek pardon for his offense (it happened in Dvapara Yuga). Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura started the head office of the Nāma-haṭṭa preaching program here.
8. ISKCON Bhaktivedānta Ārogya Āśrama with deities of Jagannatha, Baladeva, Subhadra and Sri Gaura Nitai.
9. Hamsa vahana.
10. Namisharanya.
11. Gomati River.



14TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 3)

Madhyadvīpa

(Process: smaraṇam)

The Rishis conversation in Madhyadvīpa: ‘This pastime of Kṛṣṇa in Nadia is so wonderful that even the great demigods like Brahma do not know about it. Saci-nandana is free to do whatever He wants. It is not possible to predict His actions. In Kali Yuga He will distribute the most sought-after jewel of Kṛṣṇa-prema to all living entities with great care.’ Someone said, ‘Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu is an ocean of mercy. The mercy He will give to the living entities has never been distributed in this way before. He will take the devotees of all the incarnations along with Him, He will be madly absorbed in sankīrtana-yaṅna and infect the whole world with His divine madness. Lord Gaurāhari is the life of His devotees. He will take sannyasa and travel widely and in doing so, He will fulfil the desires of the unlimited tirthas or holy places. Finally, for the pleasure of Lord Jagānnatha, He will stay in Śrī Kṣetra Puri-dhama.’

-*Bhakti Ratnakara*

By *Narahari Cakravarti*

Koladvīpa

(Process: pāda-sevanam)

‘One day during the afternoon, Lord Nityānanda reached Koladvīpa along with Śrī Jīva and others. While walking towards Kuliya-pahada (hill), Lord Nityānanda told Śrī Jīva, ‘The route we are following, crossing the River Gāṅga,

is the proper sequence for Parikrama. Once, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was engaged in chanda-mandala-sankirtana (chanting with fourteen simultaneous musical groups), in order to purify Chand Kazi. In the evening, Mahaprabhu left Mayapur and went out along with His devotees. That night became Brahma-ratra (as long as the night of Brahma). On that occasion Mahaprabhu was moving with the sankirtana party in this same sequence. After that, every Ekadasi my Lord would go out on sankirtana. Sometimes He would circumambulate Antardvipa, taking the five krosch path and at other times He would perform parikrama over the eight kroschas, according to His own desire. He would start sankirtana from His house and go towards Barakona grata. Then he would proceed towards Sridhara's house from where he would come to the end of Antardvipa.”

*-Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama book
By Bhakti Purushottama Swami*

Route: Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar) to Mahisura.

Breakfast: at Kala Tala.

Overnight: at Mahisura.

Holy places to visit:

1. Brahma Puṣkara.
2. Kurukṣetra.
3. Pañcaveṇī (Confluence of five holy rivers: Ganga, Yamuna, Sarasvati).
4. Praudha-Māyā Mandir.
5. Bhajan Kuṭīr of Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja.
6. Śrī Dhāmeśvara Mahāprabhu: Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's Deity worshiped by His consort Śrīmatī Viṣṇupriyā-devī.

Special Program: Mahā Harināma Sankirtana through the streets of Sri Navadvīpa town.

15TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 4)

Rtudvīpa

(Process: arcanam)

“At this place is the school of Vidya Vacaspati, the popular son of Visarada. Who did not know him? Being the unalloyed servant of the Lord, by the power of his pure devotion he attracted his own Prabhu while taking bath in the Ganga. When will I stand still on this bank of the Ganga by the door of Vrinda vacaspati’s school and view the opulence of the spiritual kingdom? After a few moments, will the Lord who is the king among the sannyasis, suddenly appear in the palace before my very eyes? Seeing the golden effulgence of the Lord in the form of a sannyasi, I will fall to the ground in great anxiety. I will feel just as the gopis did upon seeing Krsna in Dvaraka dressed like a royal prince; thus they cried while remembering His sweet and simple cowherd pastimes on the bank of the Yamuna. I long to take the moonlike Gauracandra back to Mayapur where He is dressed like a young boy and His divine limbs are radiant, decorated with ornaments, where His hair is long and curly and His dhoti folded thrice. Here He performs pastimes with His devotees in His own garden named Ishodyana. Of course, this sannyasi is my Lord and I am just His servant. These different appearances that the Lord assumes are but some of His unlimited pastimes. Still, my heart longs to take the Lord back to the temple of Srivasa Pandita on the bank of Prithu-Kunda!”

-Navadvīpa Bhava Taranga
By Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur

Jahnudvīpa

(Process: vandanam)

“Towards the north of Vidyanagara lies the extremely beautiful Jahnudvīpa. There, visible to all, is the forest where the sage Jahnu performed austerities. Jahnu Muni drank the water of the Ganga and Ganga devi reappeared from this great sage. Thus she is known as Jahnavi. The ashrama of Bhismadeva, the great devotee of Lord Sri Krsna, is also located here, At this place Bhismadeva systematically learned about Bhagavata dharma and here Jahnu Muni, worshipping the Lord without any duplicity, easily achieved the lotus feet of Sri Krsna Caitanya.”

“Lamentation, fear, death, all causes of disturbance, all material desires, and all afflictions of the conditioned souls cannot exist here.”

- Navadvīpa Bhava Taranga
By Bhaktivinoda Thakura

Route: Mahisura to Maganpur.

Breakfast: at Cāmpāhāṭī.

Overnight: at Maganpur.

Holy places to Visit:

1. Samudragāḍa: King Samudra Sena used to live here.
2. Cāmpāhāṭī: Gaura Gadādhara Mandir, Residence of Dvija Vāṇīnātha.
3. Rātupura: Replica of Rādhā-kunḍa.
4. Vidyānagar: Birth place of Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya and residence of his brother Vidyāvācaspati.
5. Jahnu muni Ashram: This is the place where the sage had darsana of Sri Gauranga.



16TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 5)

Modadrumadvīpa

(Process: dāsyam)

“Nityananda prabhu said, “This place, which is situated in one corner of Navadvīpa-dhama in the shape of an eight-petalled lotus, is undoubtedly Vaikunthapuri. Lord Narayana resides in this Sri Vaikuntha, which is situated in the spiritual sky, Paravyoma. Vaikuntha lies beyond the Viraja River. Maya or illusion has no influence upon this place. Here Lord Narayana is served by Sri-devi and Bhū-devi, and the brahmajyoti is the effulgence of this spiritual land. With their material vision, people cannot understand the transcendental nature of this place. In his Narayana-dhama, Narada muni once saw the Lord with his transcendental vision. Narada saw the Narayana form turn in to the form of Gaurasundara. After seeing this, Narada Muni stayed here for some time.”

*-Navadvīpa Dhama Mahatmya
By Bhaktivinoda Thakur*

“Arkadeva (the sun god), being merciful upon me, will appear in front of me with his reddish complexion, wearing saffron coloured cloth, his whole body

smearred with sandalwood and tears flowing from his eyes while he chants the holy name of Gaurahari.”

-*Navadvipa Bhava Taranga*
By *Bhaktivinoda Thakur*

Route: Maganpur to Pratap Nagar.

Breakfast: at House of Sri Vrindavan Das Thakur.

Overnight: at Pratap Nagar.

Holy places to visit:

1. Sāraṅga Murāri's Śrīpaṭ (house).
2. Ruins of Vasudeva Datta.
3. Māmgaḥchi: The birth place of Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura.
4. Arka-ṭilā: Nondifferent from Sūrya-kuṇḍa in Vrindavana.
5. Mahatpur (Matapur).



17TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 6)

Rudradvīpa

(Process: *sakhyam*)

“This Rudradvīpa is a place for all the Rudras (various forms of Lord Siva), who gather to sing the glories of Lord Gouranga. Sri Nila-lohita, the chief of the Rudras, dances here with great jubilation every day and the demigods happily shower flowers from the sky in appreciation.”

At Rudradvīpa is situated Nidaya Gatha. This is where Lord Caitanya crossed the River Ganga on His way to Katva to take sannyasa. He took sannyasa at the end of January 1510, just before His 25th birthday. His sannyasa name was Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. On the day that He decided to enter the sannyasa order, He informed only Nityananda prabhu, Gadadhara pandita, Saci mata, Candrashekara and Mukunda. The Lord got up during the night and prepared to leave home for the last time. As he approached the gate, Mother Saci was standing there like a statue. She was in total shock and her eyes were full of

tears. She was unable to say anything to prevent Him from leaving. The Lord circumambulated Mother Saci three times and offered His obeisances. He took some dust from her feet, then left home forever. After leaving home the Lord swam across the Ganga and went to Katwa. Nidaya means “without mercy”. The residents of Navadvīpa accused the Lord of being without mercy, because He was leaving them.

-Sri Navadvīpa Parikrama book
By Bhakti Purushottama Swami

Route: Pratap Nagar to Belpukur.

Breakfast: at Nidaya Gram (ISKCON Land).

Overnight: at Belpukur.

Holy places to visit:

1. Śaṅkarapura: Śrīpāda Śaṅkarācārya had darśana of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
2. Ruins of Śacīmātā's house.
3. Belpukur: Temple of Madana Gopāla worshiped by Nilāmbara Cakravartī and Śacīmātā.



18TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 7)

Śimantadvīpa

(Process: śravaṇam)

“This island Simantadvīpa was also known as Simuliya dhama and is located south of the Ganga. When Sri Nityananda prabhu took Sri Jiva on Parikrama, He mentioned that this island would be taken over by the Ganga. Only one place would be visible where materialistic people would worship Parvati known as Simantini. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura has stated in Navadvīpa bhava taranga, “Northwest of Mathura, I shall see the splendour of the island of Simantadvīpa, whose border is the bank of the River Ganga. There, Goddess Parvati-devi was distressed and gained relief by placing the dust of the lotus feet of Lord Gauranga upon the part of her hair (Simanta).”

-Sri Navadvīpa Parikrama book
by Bhakti Purushottama Swami

Route: Belpukur to Jagannātha Mandir.

Breakfast: at Jagannātha Mandir

Overnight: at Jagannātha Mandir

Holy places to visit:

1. Pañcavaktra Śiva Sthāna.
2. Bilvapuskar (Replica of Bilvavana in Vṛndāvana).
3. Meghera Chara.
4. Sīmantiṇī Devī Temple.
5. Chānd Kāzi Samādhi.
6. Jagannātha Temple.
7. Śrīdhara Aṅgana: The residence of Kolavecā Śrīdhara.



19TH MARCH, 2024 (DAY 8)

Antardvīpa

(Process: ātma-nivedanam)

This very special island is a place of many wonderful pastimes, the process here is full surrender, and this is where ISKCON Mayapur, Yoga Pitha and Sri Caitanya Sarasvati matha are situated. Here, Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda met for the first time.

“...Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu understood that Lord Nityananda had reached Navadvīpa. He felt great happiness within His heart and informed all the vaishnavas, “O, My dear brothers! Within the next two or three days a great personality will come here.” But no one could understand about whom the Lord was talking about. One morning Lord Gaurāncandra had concluded His worship of Lord Viṣṇu, He came to meet with the devotees. The Lord said, “Today I had a very wonderful dream. A great chariot called Taladhvaja came and stopped in front of my house. Sitting on that chariot was a great personality with huge body, He was holding a club over His shoulder and in His left hand he had a kamandalu pot bound to a stick. He was wearing blue cloth, had a blue turban on His head, and a wonderful earring was hanging from His left ear. Upon seeing this character I felt He had the mood of Haladhara, Lord Balaram. He asked me ten or twenty times, ‘Is this the house of Nīmai Paṇḍita?’”

He looked like a great avadhuta. I have never seen such a personality. I felt very respectful to Him and asked Him, 'O, great personality! Who are you? He smiled and said, I am Your brother. Tomorrow, we will meet each other.' From this dream I think a great person must have come to Navadvipa. I have told you before that very soon we will meet with a great personality. O Haridas! O, Srivasa! Please go and find out whether He has already arrived..."

-Sri Navadvipa Parikrama book
By Bhakti Purushottama Swami

Route: Jagannātha Mandir to ISKCON Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir.

Breakfast: at ISKCON Mayapur.

Final Destination: ISKCON Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir.

Grand union of all Parikrama parties at ISKCON Mayapur, the great Maha Milan!

Holy places to visit:

1. Murari Gupta Prabhu's temple: Śrī Śrī Sītā Rāma worshipped by Murāri Gupta Prabhu.
2. Śrī Caitanya Maṭh (Candraśekhara Ācārya Bhavan).
3. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Bhajan Kuṭīr.
4. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Samādhi.
5. Śrīla Gaurakiśora dāsa Bābāji's Samādhi.
6. Khol Bhaṅga Ḍaṅgā: The soldiers of Chānd Kazi broke the mṛdaṅgas played by Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu here.
7. Advaita Bhavan: Residence of Advaita Ācārya Prabhu.
8. Gadādhara Bhavan: Residence of Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita.
9. Śrīvāsa Aṅgan: Residence of Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura.
10. Yogapīṭha: Birthplace of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

VAISHNAVA SONGS

Srila Prabhupada once said: “These Vaishnava songs are like a thunderbolt which can crack mountain-like hearts. The mountain does not know the power of a thunderbolt but it will crack him.”

He also said, “Everybody should sing Vaishnava songs”. Somebody can say that we don’t know Bengali so we don’t understand the meaning. To this argument Srila Prabhupada says, “Then also you should sing these Vaishnava songs.”

Srila Prabhupada said that if one understands the purports of the song of Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Narottama das Thakur that is sufficient to attain Love of God.

Krsna Kirtan at the sacred places!

Dear devotees, please keep the booklet with you! We will sing these songs in some places of pilgrimage like Yoga Pitha, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur’s Samadhi, Surabhi Kunja, Mamgachi and every evening before the special classes start.

Sri Sikshastakam

by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu

1

*ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam
śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaraṇam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam
ānandāmbudhi-varadhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvdānam
sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-ṣaṅkīrtanam*

Glory to the Sri Krishna Sankirtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death. This sankirtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life of all transcendental knowledge. It increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

2

*nāmnām akāri bahudhā nija-sarva-śaktis
tatrārpitā niyamitaḥ smaraṇe na kālaḥ
etādṛśī tava kṛpā bhagavan mamāpi
durdaivam idṛśam ihājani nānurāgaḥ*

O my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benedictions to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names like Krishna and Govinda. In these transcendental names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting

these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

3

*ṭṛṇād api sunīcena
taror api sahiṣṇunā
amāninā mānadena
kīrtaniyaḥ sadā hariḥ*

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

4

*na dhanam na janam na sundarim
kavitam va jagad-isa kamaye
mama janmani janmaniśvare
bhavatad bhaktir ahaituki tvayi*

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want Your causeless devotional service birth after birth.

5

*ayi nanda-tanuja kinikaram
patitam mam visame
bhavambudhau
krpayā tava pāda-pāṅkajasthita-
dhūli-sadṛśam vicintaya*

O son of Maharaja Nanda [Krishna], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. Please pick me up from this ocean of death and place me as one of the atoms at Your lotus feet.

6

*nayanam galad-asru-dharayā
vadanam gadgada-ruddhayā girā
pulkair nicitam vapuḥ kadā
tava-nāma-grahaṇe bhaviṣyati*

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your holy name? When will my voice choke up, and when will the hairs of my body stand on end at the recitation of Your name?

7

*yugāyitam nimeṣeṇa
cakṣuṣā prāvṛṣāyitam
śūnyāyitam jagat sarvaṁ
govinda-viraheṇa me*

O Govinda! Feeling Your separation, I am considering a moment to be like twelve years or more. Tears are flowing from my eyes like torrents of rain, and I am feeling all vacant in the world in Your absence.

8

*āśliṣya vā pāda-ratām pinaṣtu mām
adarśanān marma-hatām karotu vā
yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampato
mat-prāṇa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ*

I know no one but Krishna as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly by His embrace or makes me broken hearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord unconditionally.

Udilo Aruna

(We sing this song on the Parikrama every morning at 6 am)

(1)

*udilo aruṇa pūraba-bhāge,
dwija-maṇi gorā amani jāge,
bhakata-samūha loiyā sāthe,
gelā nagara-brāje*

(2)

*‘tāthai tāthai bājalo khol,
ghana ghana tāhe jhājera rol,
preme dhala dhala soṇāra aṅga,
caraṇe nūpura bāje*

(3)

*mukunda mādharma yādava hari,
bolena bolo re dadana bhori’,
miche nida-baṣe gelo re rāti,
divasa śarīra-sāje*

(4)

*emana durlabha mānava-deho,
pāiyā ki koro bhāva nā keho,
ebe nā bhajile yaśodā-suta,
carama poribe lāje*

(5)

*udita tapana hoile asta,
dina gelo boli’ hoibe byasta,
tabe keno ebe alasa hoy,
nā bhaja ḥṛdoya-rāje*

(6)

*jīvana anitya jānaha sār,
tāhe nānā-vidha vipada-bhār,
nāmāśraya kori' jatane tumi,
thākaha āpana kāje*

(7)

*jīvera kalyāna-sādhana-kām,
jagate āsi' e madhura nām,
avidyā-timira-tapana-rūpe,
hṛd-gagane birāje*

(8)

*kṛṣṇa-nāma-sudhā koriyā pān,
jurāo bhakativinoda-prāṇ,
nāma binā kichu nāhiko āro,
caudda-bhuvana-mājhe*

TRANSLATION

(1)

When the rising sun appeared in the East, the jewel of the twice-born, Lord Gaurasundara, awakened, and, taking His devotees with Him, He went all over the countryside towns and villages

(2)

The mrdangas (khol) resounded “tāthaī, tāthaī,” and the jhājas [large metal karatālas that look like small cymbals] in that kīrtana played in time. Lord Gaurāṅga’s golden form slightly trembled in ecstatic love of Godhead, and His foot bells jingled.

(3)

All the devotees chanted the names Mukunda, Mādhava, Yadava and Hari, their mouths being filled with the vibrations. They would announce to the still sleeping people, “You spend your nights uselessly sleeping and your days decorating your bodies!

(4)

You have achieved such a rare human body, but you do not care for this gift. You remain not serving the darling of Yaśodā and slowly fall through your last moments to death.

(5)

With every rising and setting of the sun, a day passes and is lost.
Then, why do you remain idle and not serve the Lord of the heart?

(6)

This temporary life is full of various miseries. Take shelter of the
holy name as your only business.

(7)

To penetrate the darkness of ignorance and bless everyone's heart,
the holy name has risen like the shining sun.

(8)

Drink the pure nectar of the holy name. There is nothing but the
name to be had in the fourteen worlds. It has filled the soul of Srī
Bhaktivinoda Thākura.

Jiv Jago

(1)

*jīv jāgo, jīv jāgo, gauracānda bole
kota nidrā jāo māyā-piśācīra kole*

(2)

*bhajibo boliyā ese saṁsāra-bhitare
bhuliyā rohile tumi avidyāra bhare*

(3)

*tomāre loite āmi hoinu avatāra
āmi binā bandhu āra ke āche tomāra*

(4)

*enechi auśadhi māyā nāśibāro lāgi'
hari-nāma mahā-mantra lao tumi māgi'*

(5)

*bhaktivinoda prabhu-caraṇe pariyā
sei hari-nāma-mantra loilo māgiyā*

TRANSLATION

(1)

Lord Gaurāṅga is calling, "Wake up, sleeping souls! Wake up, sleeping
souls! How long will you sleep in the lap of the witch called Māyā?"

(2)

You have forgotten the way of devotional service and are lost in the world of birth and death.

(3)

I have descended just to save you; other than Myself you have no friend in this world.

(4)

I have brought the medicine that will wipe out the disease of illusion from which you are suffering. Take this mahā-mantra-
Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare HareHare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare.”

(5)

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura says: “I fall at the Lord’s feet, having taken this mahā-mantra.”

Gurudev kṛpā bindhu diyā

(1)

gurudev!

*kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro’ ei dāse,
tṛṇāpekhā ati hīna
sakala sahane, bala diyā koro’,
nija-māne sprhā-hīna*

(2)

*sakale sammāna korite śakati,
deho’ nātha! Jathājatha
tabe to’ gāibo, hari-nāma-sukhe,
aparādha ha ‘be hata*

(3)

*kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana,
kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!
śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna,
koro’ more ātma-sātha*

(4)

*jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi,
tomāra karuṇā-sāra
karuṇā nā hoile, kāndiyā kāndiyā,
prāṇa nā rākhibo āra*

TRANSLATION

1) Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

2) I offer you all respects, for thus I may have the energy to know you correctly. Then, by chanting the holy name in great ecstasy, all my offenses will cease.

3) When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.

4) If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life.

Gaura Panhu

(1)

*gaurā pahu nā bhajiyā goinu
prema-ratana-dhana helāya hārāinu*

(2)

*adhane yatana kari dhana teyāginu
āpana karama-doṣe āpani ḍubinu*

(3)

*sat-saṅga chāḍi' kainu asate vilāsa
te-kāraṇe lāgilo ye karma-bandha-phāṅsa*

(4)

*viṣaya-viṣama-viṣa satata khāinu
gaura-kīrtana-rase magana nā hainu*

(5)

*keno vā āchaye prāṇa ki sukha pāiyā
narottam dās keno nā gelo mariyā*

TRANSLATION

1) I did not worship Lord Gauranga Prabhu and thus I became full of suffering. I refused to accept the treasure of pure love of Krsna, and thus I became lost.

2) I reject the treasure of love of Krsna and deliberately struggled to become poor. I dived into a host of sinful deeds.

3) I rejected the association of the saintly devotees, and instead tried to enjoy among the impious non-devotees. In this way I became caught in the noose of karma.

4) I continually drank the virulent poison of sense-gratification. I refused to swim in the nectar of Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement.

5) Why do I stay alive? What happiness do I have? Why did Narottama dasa not die long ago?

Boro Sukher khabor gai

(1)

*boro sukher khabor gāi
surabhi-kuñjete nāmer hāṭ khule'che (khoda nitāi)*

(2)

*boro mojār kathā tāy
śraddhā-mūlye śuddha-nāma sei hāṭete bikāy*

(3)

*jata bhakta-brnda basi'
adhikārī dekhe' nāma becche daro kasi'*

(4)

*jadi nāma kinbe, bhāi
āmār saṅge calo, mahājaner kāche jāi*

(5)

*tumi kinbe kṛṣṇa-nāma
dasturi loibo āmi, pūrṇa ha'be kāma*

(6)

*boro doyāl nityānanda
śraddhā-mātra lo'ye den parama-ānanda*

(7)
ek-bār dekhle cakṣe jal
'gaura' bole' nitāi den sakala sambal

(8)
den śuddha kṛṣṇa-śikṣā
jāti, dhana, vidyā, bala nā kore apekṣā

(9)
amani chāḍe māyā-jāl
grhe thāko, bane thāko, nā thāke jañjāl

(10)
ār nāiko kalir bhoy
ācaṇḍāle den nāma nitāi doyāmoy

(11)
bhaktivinoda ḍāki' koy
nitāi-caraṇa binā ār nāhi āśroy

TRANSLATION

- 1) I am singing news of great happy tidings. Lord Nityananda Himself has opened a market-place of the Holy Name in Surabhi-Kunja.
- 2) The news of its great results is that He is selling the pure Holy Name in that market-place for the price of only one's faith.
- 3) Lord Nityananda, the proprietor of the market, seeing all the devotees become attracted, is selling them the Holy Name after bargaining with them.
- 4) O brother, if you want to buy the Holy Name, then go with me. We must go to the presence of that great soul, Nityananda.
- 5) You will buy the name of Kṛṣṇa, I will take my commission and all of our desires will be fulfilled.
- 6) Lord Nityananda is greatly merciful. Taking only one's faith, He gives the highest ecstasy.
- 7) If Nitai sees only once tears in the eyes while chanting the name "Gaura", then He gives all resources to that person.

8) He gives the pure teachings of Krsna to everyone and does not care for one's birth, wealth, knowledge and strength.

9) Now, giving up the illusory snare of Maya, either remain in household life or in the forest as a sannyasi for no more troubles remain.

10) There is no more fear of the age of Kali. The merciful Nityananda gives the Holy Name to even the candalas.

11) Bhaktivinoda calls out "Except for the lotus feet of Lord Nityananda there is no other shelter!"

nadiyā-godrume

(1)

*nadiyā-godrume nityānanda mahājana
patiyāche nām-haṭṭa jīvera kāraṇa*

(2)

*(śraddhāvān jan he, śraddhāvān jan he)
prabhura ājñāy, bhāi, māgi ei bhikṣā
bolo 'kṛṣṇa,' bhajo kṛṣṇa, koro kṛṣṇa-śikṣā*

(3)

*aparādha-sūnya ho'ye loho kṛṣṇa-nām
kṛṣṇa mātā, kṛṣṇa pitā, kṛṣṇa dhana-prān*

(4)

*kṛṣṇaera saṁsāra koro chāḍi' anācār
jīve doyā, kṛṣṇa-nām—sarva-dharma-sār*

TRANSLATION

1) In the land of Nadiya, on the island of Godruma, the magnanimous Lord Nityananda has opened up the Marketplace of the Holy Name, meant for the deliverance of all fallen souls.

2) O people of faith! O people of faith! By the order of Lord Gauranga, O brothers, I beg these three requests of you: Chant "Krsna!" worship Krsna, and teach others about Krsna.

3) Being careful to remain free of offenses; just take the holy name of Lord Krsna. Krsna is your mother, Krsna is your father, and Krsna is the treasure of your life.

4) Giving up all sinful activities, carry on your worldly duties only in relation to Lord Krsna. The showing of compassion to other souls by loudly chanting the holy name of Krsna is the essence of all forms of religion.

Gopinath

Part One

(1)

*gopīnāth, mama nivedana śuno
viṣayī durjana, sadā kāma-rata,
kichu nāhi mora guṇa*

(2)

*gopīnāth, āmāra bharasā tumi
tomāra caraṇe, loinu śaraṇa,
tomāra kiñkora āmi*

(3)

*gopīnāth, kemone śodhibe more
nā jāni bhakati, karme jaḍa-mati,
porechi soṁsāra-ghore*

(4)

*gopīnāth, sakali tomāra māyā
nāhi mama bala, jñāna sunirmala,
swādīna nahe e kāyā*

(5)

*gopīnāth, niyata caraṇe sthāna
māge e pāmara, kāndiyā kāndiyā,
korohe karuṇā dāna*

(6)

*gopīnāth, tumi to' sakali pāro
durjane tārite, tomāra śakati,
ke āche pāpīra āro*

(7)
gopīnāth, tumi kṛpā-pārābāra
jīvera kāraṇe, āsiyā prapañce,
līlā koile subistāra

(8)
gopīnāth, āmi ki doṣe doṣī
asura sakala, pāilo caraṇa,
vinodā thākilo bosī'

TRANSLATION

- 1) O Gopinatha, Lord of the gopis, please hear my request. I am a wicked materialist, always addicted to worldly desires, and no good qualities do I possess.
- 2) O Gopinatha, You are my only hope, and therefore I have taken shelter at Your lotus feet. I am now Your eternal servant.
- 3) O Gopinatha, how will You purify me? I do not know what devotion is, and my materialistic mind is absorbed in fruitive work. I have fallen into this dark and perilous worldly existence.
- 4) O Gopinatha, everything here is Your illusory energy. I have no strength or transcendental knowledge, and this body of mine is not independent and free from the control of material nature.
- 5) O Gopinatha, this sinner, who is weeping and weeping, begs for an eternal place at Your divine feet. Please give him Your mercy.
- 6) O Gopinatha, You are able to do anything, and therefore You have the power to deliver all sinners. Who is there that is more of a sinner than myself?
- 7) O Gopinatha, You are the ocean of mercy. Having come into this phenomenal world, You expand Your divine pastimes for the sake of the fallen souls.
- 8) O Gopinatha, I am so sinful that although all the demons attained Your lotus feet, Bhaktivinoda has remained in worldly existence.

Gopinath

Part Two

(1)

*gopīnāth, ghucāo saṁsāra jwālā
avidyā-jātanā, āro nāhi sahe,
janama-maraṇa-mālā*

(2)

*gopīnāth, āmi to' kāmera dāsa
viṣaya-bāsanā, jāgiche hṛdoye,
phādiche karama phāsa*

(3)

*gopīnāth, kabe vā jāgibo āmi
kāma-rūpa ari, dūre teyāgibo,
hṛdoye sphuribe tumi*

(4)

*gopīnāth, āmi to' tomāra jana
tomāre chāriyā, saṁsāra bhajinu,
bhuliyā āpana-dhana*

(5)

*gopīnāth, tumi to' sakali jāno
āpanāra jane, daṇḍiyā ekhano,
śrī-carāṇe deho sthāno*

(6)

*gopīnāth, ei ki vicāra taba
bimukha dekhiyā, chāro nija-jane,
na koro' karuṇā-laba*

(7)

*gopīnāth, āmi to mūrakha ati
kise bhālo hoyā, kabhu nā bujhinu,
tāi heno mama gati*

(8)

*gopīnāth, tumi to' paṇḍita-bara
mūḍhera maṅgala, tumi anveṣibe,
e dāse nā bhāvo' para*

TRANSLATION

- 1) O Gopinatha, please remove the torment of worldly existence. I can no longer tolerate the pain of ignorance and the repeated succession of births and deaths.
- 2) O Gopinatha, indeed I am a servant of lust. Worldly desires are awakening in my heart, and thus the noose of fruitive work is beginning to tighten.
- 3) O Gopinatha, when will I wake up and abandon afar this enemy of lust, end when will You manifest Yourself in my heart?
- 4) O Gopinatha, I am Your devotee, but having abandoned You and thus having forgotten my real treasure, I have worshiped this mundane world.
- 5) O Gopinatha, You know everything. Now, having punished Your servant, please give him a place at Your lotus feet.
- 6) O Gopinatha, is this Your judgment, that seeing me averse to You, You abandon Your servant and don't bestow even a particle of mercy upon him?
- 7) O Gopinatha, I am certainly very foolish, and I have never known what is good for me. Therefore, such is my condition.
- 8) O Gopinatha, You are indeed the wisest person. Please look for a way to bring about auspiciousness for this fool, and please do not consider this servant as an outsider.

Gopinath

Part Three

(1)

*gopīnāth, āmāra upāya nāi
tumi kṛpā kori', āmāre loile,
sāmsāre uddhāra pāi*

(2)

*gopīnāth, porechi māyāra phere
dhana, dāra, suta, ghireche āmāre,
kāmete rekheche jere*

(3)

*gopīnāth, mana je pāgala mora
nā māne śāsana, sadā acetana,
viṣaye ro 'yeche ghora*

(4)

*gopināth, hāra je menechi āmi
aneka jatana, hoilo bifala,
ekhano bharasā tumi*

(5)

*gopīnāth, kemone hoibe gati
prabala indriya, bośī-bhūta mana,
nā chāre viṣaya-rati*

(6)

*gopīnāth, hṛdoye bosiyā mora
manake śamiyā, laho nija pāne,
ghucibe vipada ghora*

(7)

*gopīnāth, anātha dekhīyā more
tumi hṛṣīkeśa, hṛṣīka damiyā,
tāro 'he sarṁsṛti-ghore*

(8)

*gopīnāth, galāya legeche phāsa
kṛpā-asi dhori', bandhana chediyā,
vinode koroho dāsa*

TRANSLATION

1) O Gopinatha, I have no means of success, but if You take me, having bestowed Your mercy upon me, then will obtain deliverance from this world.

2) O Gopinatha, I have fallen into the perils of material illusion. Wealth, wife, and sons have surrounded me, and lust has wasted me away.

3) O Gopinatha, my mind is crazy and does not care for any authority. It is always senseless and has remained in the dark pit of worldly affairs.

4) O Gopinatha, I have accepted my defeat. All of my various endeavors were useless. Now You are the only hope.

5) O Gopinatha, how shall I make any advancement when my mind has come under the control of the powerful senses and does not abandon its attachment to materialism?

6) O Gopinatha, after sitting down in the core of my heart and subduing my mind, please take me to You. In this way the horrible dangers of this world will disappear.

7) O Gopinatha, You are Hrishikesa, the Lord of the senses. Seeing me so helpless, please control these senses of mine and deliver me from this dark and perilous worldly existence.

8) O Gopinatha, the noose of materialism has become fixed around my neck. Taking up the sword of Your mercy and cutting this bondage, make this Bhaktivinoda Your humble servant.



JAYA RADHE JAYA KRSNA JAYA VRNDAVANA

(1)

jaya rādhe, jaya kṛṣṇa, jaya vṛndāvana
śrī govinda, gopīnātha, madana-mohana

(2)

śyama-kunḍa, rādhā-kunḍa, giri-govardhana
kālinḍi jamunā jaya, jaya mahāvana

(3)

keśī-ghāṭa, baṁśī-baṭa, dwādaśa-kānana
jāhā saba līlā koilo śrī-nanda-nandana

(4)

śrī-nanda-jaśodā jaya, jaya gopa-gaṇa
śrīdāmādi jaya, jaya dhenu-vatsa-gaṇa

(5)

jaya vṛṣabhānu, jaya kīrtidā sundarīa
jaya paurṇamāsī, jaya ābhīra-nāgarīa

(6)

jaya jaya gopīśwara vṛndāvana-mājha
jaya jaya kṛṣṇa-sakhā baṭu dwija-rāja

(7)

jaya rāma-ghāṭa, jaya rohiṇī-nandana
jaya jaya vṛndāvana-bāsī jata jana

(8)

jaya dvija-patnī, jaya nāga-kanyā-gaṇa
bhaktite jāhārā pāilo govinda-caraṇa

(9)

śrī-rasa-maṇḍala jaya, jaya rādhā-śyāma
jaya jaya rasa-līlā sarva-manorama

(10)

jaya jayojjwala-rasa sarva-rasa-sāra
parakīyā-bhāve jāhā brajete pracāra

(11)

śrī-jāhnavā-pāda-padma koriyā smaraṇa
dīna kṛṣṇa-dāsa kohe nāma-saṅkīrtana

TRANSLATION

- 1) All glories to Radha and Kṛṣṇa and the divine forest of Vṛndavana. All glories to the three presiding Deities of Vṛndavana--Sri Govinda, Gopinatha, and Madana-mohana.
- 2) All glories to Syama-kunda, Radha-kunda, Govardhana Hill, and the Yamuna River (Kalindi). All glories to the great forest known as Mahavana, where Kṛṣṇa and Balarama displayed all of Their childhood pastimes.
- 3) All glories to Kesi-ghata, where Kṛṣṇa killed the Kesi demon. All glories to the Vamsi-vata tree, where Kṛṣṇa attracted all the gopis to come by playing His flute. Glories to all of the twelve forests of Vraja. At these places the son of Nanda, Sri Kṛṣṇa, performed all of His pastimes.
- 4) All glories to Kṛṣṇa's divine father and mother Nanda and Yasoda. All glories to the cowherd boys, headed by Sridama, the older brother of Srimati Radharani and Ananga Manjari. All glories to the cows and calves of Vraja.
- 5) All glories to Radha's divine father and mother, Vrsabhanu and the beautiful Kirtida. All glories to Paurnameśi, the mother of Sandipani Muni, grandmother of Madhumangala and Nandimukhi, and beloved disciple of Devarsi Narada. All glories to the young cowherd maidens of Vraja.
- 6) All glories, all glories to Gopisvara Siva, who resides in Vṛndavana in order to protect the holy dhama. All glories, all glories to Kṛṣṇa's funny Brahmana friend, Madhumangala.
- 7) All glories to Rama-ghata, where Lord Balarama performed His rasa dance. All glories to Lord Balarama, the son of Rohini. All glories, all glories to all of the residents of Vṛndavana.
- 8) All glories to the wives of the proud Vedic brahmanas. All glories to the wives of the Kaliya serpent. Through pure devotion they all obtained the lotus feet of Lord Govinda.
- 9) All glories to the place where the rasa dance of Sri Kṛṣṇa was performed. All glories to Radha and Syama. All glories, all glories to the divine rasa dance, which is the most beautiful of all Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes.

10) All glories, all glories to the mellow of conjugal love, which is the most excellent of all rasas and is propagated in Vraja by Sri Krsna in the form of the divine parakiya-bhava [paramour love].

11) Remembering the lotus feet of Lord Nityananda's consort Sri Jahnava Devi, this very fallen and lowly servant of Krsna sings the sankirtana of the holy name.

Nace re nace re Nitāi

(1)

nace re nace re nitāi gaur guṇa maṇiya
nāce re nāce re nitāi gaur guṇa maṇiyā
(nace re nace re nitāi gaur dvīja maṇiya)
bāme priya gadādhara, śrīvāsa advaita bara,
pāriśada tārāgaṇa jinyā

(2)

bāje khola karatāla, madhura saṅgīta bhāla,
gagana bhorilo haridhvaniyā

(3)

candana carcita gāy, phāgu bindu bindu tāy,
vanamālā dole bhālo boliyā

(4)

gale śubhra upavīta, rūpa koṭi kāma jita,
caraṇe nūpura raṇaraṇiyā

(5)

dui bhāi nāci jāy, sahacara gaṇa gāy,
gadādhara ange pore ḍhūliyā

(6)

pūruva rabhasa lilā, ebe pahu prakāśilā,
sei brindāban ei nadiyā

(7)

bihare gangātīre, sei dhīra samīre,
vṛndāvana dāsa kohe jāniyā

TRANSLATION

1) Nitai and Gaura gunamani are dancing and dancing, with beloved Gadadhara on Their left, and Srivasa and Advaita [on the right] while Their associates defeat the stars [that surround the Gaura-moon].

2) The mridangas and karatalas are played and sweet songs are sung. The sky is filled with the chanting of harinama.

3) His body is anointed with sandal paste and drops of Holi juice, and a forest flower garland dangles nicely across His chest.

4) A white brahmin thread hangs across His neck, His form defeats millions of Cupids and anklebells jingle on His feet.

5) The two brothers are dancing and Their associates sing while Gadadhara's body is pelted with powder.

6) Now the Lord re-manifests His previous joyful Vrindaban pastimes in this Nadiya.

7) Now He enjoys on the bank of the Ganga just like in Vrindavan's Dhira samira kunjā. Vrindavana dasa tells you, for he knows it.

Parama Karuna

(1)

*parama karuṇa, pahū dui jana
nitāi gauracandra
saba avatāra-sāra śīromaṇi
kevala ānanda-kanda*

(2)

*bhajo bhajo bhāi, caitanya nitāi
sudṛḍha biśwāsa kori
viṣaya chāḍiyā, se rase majiyā,
mukhe bolo hari hari*

(3)

*dekho ore bhāi, tri-bhuvane nāi,
emona doyāla dātā
paśu pākhī jhure,
pāṣāṇa vidare,
śuni' jāhira guṇa-gāthā*

(4)

*saṁsāre majiyā, rohili poriyā,
se pade nahilo āśa
āpana karama, bhuñjāye śamana,
kahoye locana-dāsa*

TRANSLATION

1) The two Lords, Nitai-Gauracandra, are very merciful. They are the essence of all incarnations. The specific significance of these incarnations is that They introduced a process of chanting and dancing that is simply joyful.

2) My dear brother, I request that you just worship Lord Caitanya and Nityananda with firm conviction and faith. If one wants to be Krsna conscious by this process, one has to give up his engagement in sense gratification. One simply has to chant, "Hare Krsna! Hari Hari!" without any motive.

3) My dear brother, just try and examine this. Within the three worlds there is no one like Lord Caitanya or Lord Nityananda. Their merciful qualities are so great that upon hearing Them even birds and beasts cry and stones melt.

4) But Locana dasa regrets that I am entrapped by sense gratification. Since I have no attraction for the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, then Yamaraja, the superintendent of death, is punishing me by not allowing me to be attracted by this movement.

Radha Krsna bol bol

(1)

*'rādhā-kṛṣṇa' bol bol bolo re sobāi
(ei) śikṣā diyā, sab nadīyā
phirche nece' gaura-nitāi
(miche) māyār boṣe, jāccho bhese'
,khāccho hābuḍubu, bhāi*

(2)

*(jīv) kṛṣṇa-dās, e biśwās,
korle to' ār duḥkho nāi
(kṛṣṇa) bolbe jabe, pulak ha'be
jhorbe āñkhi, boli tāi*

(3)

*(rādhā) kṛṣṇa' bolo, sañge calo,
ei-mātra bhikhā cāi
(jāy) sakal' bipod bhaktivinod
bole, jakhon o-nām gāi*

TRANSLATION

1) Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant! When Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda came dancing through Nadia, They gave these teachings: Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant! You are caught up in a whirlpool of senseless action and are sinking lower and lower. Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant!

2) If you just understand that the spirit soul is the eternal servant of Krsna, you will never have any more sorrows. Chant Hare Krsna and your eyes will fill with tears and your body will feel transcendental shivering. Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant!

3) Simply chant “Radha-Krsna” and join with us. Those are the only alms we beg. Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant! “All dangers will be gone when that Name is chanted,” says Bhaktivinoda Thakura. Chant, chant “Radha-Krsna!” Everyone chant!

Hari Haraye Namah Krsna

(1)

*hari haraye namaḥ kṛṣṇa yādavāya namaḥ
yādavāya mādhavāya keśavāya namaḥ*

(2)

*gopāla govinda rāma śrī-madhusūdana
giridhārī gopīnātha madana-mohana*

(3)

*śrī-caitanya-nityānanda śrī-advaita-sītā
hari guru vaiṣṇava bhāgavata gītā*

(4)

*śrī-rūpa sanātana bhakṣa-raghunātha
śrī-jīva gopāla-bhakṣa dāsa-raghunātha*

(5)

*ei chay gosāir kori caraṇa vandan
jāhā hoite bighna-nās abhīṣṭa-pūraṇ*

(6)

*ei chay gosāi jār—mui tār dās
tā-sabāra pada-reṇu mora pañca-grās*

(7)
*tādera caraṇa-sebi-bhakta-sane bās
janame janame hoy ei abhilāṣ*

(8)
*ei chay gosāi jabe braje koilā bās
rādhā-kṛṣṇa-nitya-lilā korilā prakāś*

(9)
*ānande bolo hari bhaja bṛndāban
śrī-guru-vaiṣṇava-pade majāiyā man*

(10)
*śrī-guru-vaiṣṇava-pada-padma kori āś
nāma-saṅkīrtana kohe narottama dāsa*

TRANSLATION

1) Hari! Obeisances to Lord Hari, unto Krsna, and Yadava. Obeisances to Lord of the Yadus, Madhava, Kesava.

2) Gopala! Govinda! Rama! O vanquisher of Madhu! Giridhari! Lord of the gopis! Bewilderer of cupid!

3) Sri Caitanya, Nityananda, Sri Advaita-Sita! Hari! Guru! Vaishnavas! Srimad Bhavagatam! Bhagavat Gita!

4) All glories to Srila Rupa Goswami, Sanantan Goswami and Raghunatha Batta Goswami, to Srila Jiva Goswami, Gopala Bhatta Goswami, and Raghunatha Dasa Goswami!

5) I bow to the feet of these six Goswamis. By their grace, our obstacles can be destroyed and all desires are fulfilled.

6) I am the servant of these six Goswamis. The dust of their lotus feet is my fivefold subsistence.

7) To be a servant of their lotus feet and to reside in the company of devotees--this is my aspiration birth after birth.

8) When these six Goswamis lived in Vraja, they revealed the eternal pastimes of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

9) In ecstasy, sing the name of Lord Hari and worship Vrindavan, joyfully fixing your mind upon the lotus feet of the bona-fide spiritual master and the pure devotees.

10) The lotus feet of my guru and the vaisnavas are my aspiration.

Narottama Dasa thus sings Hari-nama sankirtana.

Gauranga bolite habe

(1)

*'gaurāṅga' bolite habe pulaka-śarīra
'hari hari' bolite nayane ba' be nīra*

(2)

*āra kabe nitāi-cānder koruṇā hoibe
saṁsāra-bāsanā mora kabe tuccha ha'be*

(3)

*viṣaya chāriyā kabe śuddha ha 'be mana
kabe hāma herabo śrī-br̥ndābana*

(4)

*rūpa-raghunātha-pade hoibe ākut
ikabe hāma bujhabo se jugala-pīriti*

(5)

*rūpa-raghunātha-pade rahu mora āśa
prārthanā koroye sadā narottama-dāsa*

TRANSLATION

1) When will that opportune moment come to us, when there will be shivering of the body as soon as we chant Lord Gauranga's name? While chanting Hare Krsna, when will there be tears in the eyes?

2) When will I obtain the mercy of Lord Nityananda-candra? When, by His mercy will the desire for material enjoyment become very insignificant?

3) When the mind is completely purified, being freed from material anxieties and desires, then I shall be able to understand Vrindavana and the conjugal love of Radha and Krsna, and then my spiritual life will be successful.

4) When shall I be very much eager to study the books left by the Six Gosvami's, headed by Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami? By their instruction I shall be able to properly understand the loving affairs of Radha and Krsna.

5) My only aspiration is to attain the lotus feet of the Six Gosvamis headed by Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami. Narottama dasa constantly prays to attain their lotus feet.

Bhaja Gauranga

By Lord Nityananda

(1)

*bhaja gauranga kaha Gauranga laha Gaurangera nama re
jei jana Gauranga bhaje, sei hoy amara prana re*

(2)

Gauranga boliya du bahu tuliya nachiya nachiya berao re

(3)

Gauranga bhajile gauranga jopile hoy dukhyero aboshaan re

TRANSLATION

(1) Worship Gauranga, say "Gauranga", chant Gauranga's name! He who worships Gauranga is my life and soul!

(2) Chanting "Gauranga", go out, dancing with your two arms upraised!

(3) One's miseries end by worshipping Gauranga, by chanting "Gauranga".

Dule Dule Gaurachand

(1)

*dhule dhule gorā chānda
hari guṇa gāi
āsiyā vṛndāvane
nace gaura rāy*

(2)

*vṛndāvaner tarūr latā
preme koy hari katha
nikuñjer pākhi guli
hari nām sonāi*

(3)

*gaura bole hari hari
sāri bole hari hari
mukhe mukhe suka sari
hari nām gāi*

(4)

*hari nāme matta hoye
harīna āsiche deī
mayur mayurī preme
nāciya khelāy*

(5)

*praṇe hari dhyāne hari
hari bolo badan bhori
harinām geye geye
rase gale jāi*

(6)

*āsiyā jamunār kule
nāce hari hari bole
jamunā uṭhole ese
caraṇa dhoyāi*

TRANSLATION

1) The moonlike Lord Gaura Chanda arrives in Vrndavana while dancing, swaying to and fro, and singing the glories of Lord Hari.

2) The creepers adorning the trees of Vrndavana are overwhelmed with ecstatic love, and they are speaking about the glories of Lord

Hari. Flocks of birds who live in the groves are singing the name of Lord Hari.

3) Lord Gaura says, "Hari! Hari!" a female parrot responds, "Hari! Hari!" and then all male and female parrots start singing a loud chorus of the name of Hari.

4) Becoming intoxicated by the holy name, the deer come forward from out of the forest. The peacocks and peahens are dancing and frolicking in ecstatic love.

5) Lord Hari is in His heart, Lord Hari is in His meditation, and He always chants the name of Hari with His voice. Gaura Chanda is intoxicated by ecstatic mellows and rolls around on the ground while singing and singing Harinama.

6) Arriving on the bank of the Yamuna River, He dances wildly while chanting "Hari! Hari!" Mother Yamuna becomes so ecstatic that she arises and comes forward to wash Lord Gauranga's feet.

Kabe Habe Heno Dasa Mor

(1)

*kabe ha'be heno dasa mor
tyaji' jada asa, bividha bandhana,
chadibo samsar ghor*

(2)

*brndabanabhede, nabaddvipa-dhame,
bandhibo kutirakhani
sacir nandana-carana-asroy
koribo sambandha mani'*

(3)

*jahnavi-puline, cinmoy-kanane,
basiya bijana-sthale
krsna-namamrta, nirantara pibo,
dakibo 'gauranga' bo'le*

(4)

*ha gaura-nitai, tora du'ti bhai,
patita-janer bandhu
adhama patita, ami he durjana,
hao more krpa sindhu*

(5)

*kandite kandite, sola-krosa-dhama,
jahnavi ubhoy kule
bhramite bhramite, kabhu bhagya-phale,
dekhi kuchu taru-mule*

(6)

*ha ha manohara, ki dekhinu ami,
boliya murchita ho'bo
samvit paiya, kandibo gopane,
smari dunhu krpa-laba*

TRANSLATION

- 1) When, oh when will such a condition be mine? Renouncing all of my mundane desires which are giving rise to various types of bondage, I will give up this dark, ghastly material existence.
- 2) I will build my small hut at Navadvipa-dhama, seeing the land as being non-different from Vrndavana-dhama. There I will finally establish my relationship under the shelter of the lotus feet of the Son of Mother Saci.
- 3) Living in a solitary place in a spiritually conscious forest on the banks of the Ganga, I will incessantly drink the pure nectar of Krsna's name, and I will loudly shout the name of Gauranga thus:
- 4) "Oh Gaura-Nitai! You two Brothers are the only true friend of all the fallen souls! I am the lowest of the low, most fallen and wicked-minded, so kindly bestow Your ocean of mercy upon me.
- 5) Thus repeatedly sobbing and calling out, I will roam all over the abode of 32 square miles, sometimes on one bank of the Ganga and sometime on the other. And sometimes, while wandering about, if I ever receive a drop of good fortune, I may suddenly glance over at the base of a tree (and behold some vision there...)
- 6) I will blurt out: "Ha Ha, how wonderful! What amazing thing have I seen now?!!", and I will faint senseless on the spot. Regaining consciousness later, I will hide and weep secretly, remembering that all this ecstasy is due to receiving just a tiny speck of Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai's mercy.

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

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