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## Headline news to all

So here we are! With the arrival of more and more devotees from the cold of the material world to the warmth of the affectionate shelter of Srila Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, the launching of a newsletter-oriented journal has been requested by many. Now, by the divine will of our Sri Math-Acharyya Om Visnupada Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, this issue of **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** is manifesting as a newsletter to bring news of the Central Math, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math here in Nabadwip, as well as news of the various associated Missions throughout the world, and news of you, the devotees.

**Sri Gaudiya Darshan** was originally founded by the Founder-President-Acharyya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Om Visnupada Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj

(Srila Param-Gurudeva), and it was produced by Srila Govinda Maharaj monthly for 14 years. The magazine has continued until the present day in the form of 'Special Issues' for occasions such as Sri Gaura-purnima, Srila Param-Gurudeva's Vyasa-puja and Srila Gurudeva's Vyasa-puja.

So it is, that on this special occasion of Sri Gaura-Purnima 1994 **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** is making its appearance in this new format, to bring news from the Central Mission to the ever-increasing number of devotees the world over.

The fact is that much is always going on both here and abroad under the auspices of our dear Srila Gurudeva, Srila Govinda Dev-Goswami, and this newsletter is intended to keep everyone a little informed — and to invite you to participate...



**Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj**

## Houghly lecture

One recent local preaching programmes attended by Srila Guru Maharaj was in Houghly, West Bengal. He was the guest of honour and main speaker at a large celebration on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of a local Vaishnava association. A grand preaching festival was organised and thousands attended.

Srila Guru Maharaj accompanied by four *sannyasis* and other Temple devotees went from here in three cars to the programme. Srila Guru Maharaj was respectfully received with the blowing of many conches and unlimited showers of flower petals. His exalted delivery of *Kṛṣṇa-kāthā* was appreciated by all.

Journalists and television crews covered the event which took place just three days before our Sri Nabadwip Dham Parikrama. Several who attended have come to join our festivals here.

## Festivals ahead, plans afoot

Sri Nabadwip Dham Parikrama and the grand festival for *Sri Gaura-purnima* are immediately in front of us as we go to press and already practically all corners of the globe are represented. Many more are confirmed to arrive soon. According to the solar calendar this year's festival is a little later than usual, so pilgrims are taking added precautions to avoid the strong rays of the sun.

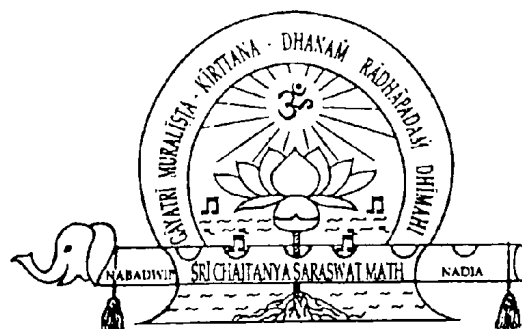
Despite the heat, devotees are sure to be relieved by the soothing shelter of our dear Srila Guru Maharaj and the congregational chanting of the Holy Names in the association of all the devotees.

Amongst the pilgrims present are a

party of 17 from Mauritius and a group of 15 from the Middle East. Devotees are attending from Russia as well as strong representation from the Americas, Europe, Asia and Australia.

With the arrival of many pilgrims, plans are being made for the future programmes and the preaching activities of the Mission and the many branches world-wide. Already this festival time has proved to be a great opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts and experiences so that all may benefit.

Giving overall guidance, Srila Gurudeva Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj is nourishing and always bringing out the best in everyone.



## Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math

### Exclusive shelter

Most of the Western devotees came to Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math from 1979 onwards. Attracted by the broad-scale preaching of Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada they came to Krsna Consciousness, and, by Srila Swami Maharaj's recommendation of Srila Param-Gurudeva, many came here to Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math to receive further nourishment.

At that time Srila Param-Guru Maharaj was already 84 years old but tirelessly he gave guidance and inspiration to the sincere seekers. It was natural that many would request initiation, but he held back and preferred to stay in an advisory role. However it was by Srila Gurudeva's urging to Srila Param-Guru Maharaj, "If you do not give them

shelter, where will they go?" and his promise to look after any new disciples of Srila Param-Guru Maharaj, that persuaded Srila Param-Gurudeva to give his exalted connection in the form of Harinam, Gayatri and Sannyasa initiations.

During the early 1980s Srila Param-Guru Maharaj would give informal discourses on his verandah regularly in the mornings, often in the afternoons also.

In the passage of time Srila Param-Guru Maharaj showed poorer and poorer health, therefore withdrawing from more actively meeting and discussing with the devotee pilgrims. Knowing that one day he must leave this world, Srila Param-Guru Maharaj more than two years before passing

away installed Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Govinda Maharaj on his chair as Sevaite-Acharyya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

After Srila Param-Guru Maharaj's disappearance Srila Gurudeva has most caringly looked after all the devotees. He built Srila Param-Gurudeva's Samadhi Mandir, and with the service support of the devotees he has continued developing Srila Param-Guru Maharaj's Mission in unlimited ways. Additionally he fulfilled the innumerable invitations to travel the world to meet the devotees who are unable to come to Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. It is therefore very natural that our Temple's 'family' has grown and grown.

Srila Gurudeva, Srila Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj is himself very generous with giving his time to the devotees. His wish is to personally communicate with everyone, and no-doubt this is fulfilled internally. This newsletter has manifest for those of us who need more 'solid' news to keep our minds connected with the Central Mission.

By the wish of Srila Gurudeva, primarily **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** is to keep you in touch with this Central Math — Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Nabadwip. For most of us the tangible way to keep closely connected is through the devotees living near us wherever we may be, therefore you will find within these pages some mention also of the local activities around the world.

# Centenary Celebrations'

## 1995 special programme

### FROM THE CENTENARY ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The *Math* is planning to undertake its biggest festival programme to date with the forthcoming Centenary Appearance Day Celebrations of Param-gurudeva, Founder-Acharyya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

This grand occasion will be celebrated during autumn 1995 both in India and around the world. Here in the central *Math*, we are inviting all devotees and friends to come and join in the celebrations.

This is the most outstanding opportunity to preach and chant the glories of Srila Param-gurudeva, and for this purpose dignitaries from the Gaudiya Math, members of the government and other highly respected persons from the public and private sectors will be amongst those invited to attend. In order to make this a great success on the scale befitting this once over occasion, our devotees will have more than ample opportunity to be fully engaged in various important services. Those who are skilful at video and audio recording, top quality photography, artists and others with specialist skills are especially invited to come forward to utilise

their talents in Srila Param-gurudeva's glorification. All devotees willing to engage in service will find themselves happily engaged.

One of the principle programmes is expected to be a gathering with well over a thousand invited guests attending at a grand venue. Please plan ahead, and save now so you can also come and participate. The main festivals will take place in October/November 95. Naturally we will keep you posted as to what is happening as we draw closer to the event.

Please write to us with any ideas and suggestions you may wish to see included to make this a truly grand and fitting celebration.

It is our earnest wish that everybody will be able to put some input for the benefit of all. There is unlimited potential for everyone, so please come and do your best. Looking forward to hearing from you.

# Reaching out to eager hearts

## Devotees inviting Srila Gurudeva abroad

### FROM THE PEN OF THE WORLD TOURS ROAD MANAGER

Devotees continue to request Srila Guru Maharaj to visit their respective countries and this year the requests are more than ever. With the presence of many devotees from most corners of the world during Srila Gurudeva's Sri Vyasa-puja time a tentative itinerary has been planned. More details will be available after further discussions with the devotees and Srila Gurudeva during this coming *Gaura-Purnima* festivals. Srila Guru Maharaj will consult with His friends and disciples, and the itinerary will be published as soon as it can be confirmed.

Srila Gurudeva is expected to make at least three trips during the coming year from May '94 to May '95. Srila Gurudeva has already expressed that after that time he does not wish to travel

abroad again until at least 1996 so that Srila Param-gurudeva's Centenary Appearance Celebrations can be focused here with his full energy along with as many devotees as possible.

The tentative outline for the first trip is as follows.

London, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Mexico, San Jose, New York, Dublin, Berlin, Budapest, London, Calcutta.

The departure is due to be early May. Please check with your local centre for details as they become available.

It is Srila Guru Maharaj's wish that everybody will try to come to Nabadwip or the other centres in India to participate and assist in the Centennial Celebrations. In the meantime, as far as possible he will come to your respective countries and give you his divine mercy and affectionate

association.

Those of you interested to come to meet with Srila Guru Maharaj in any of these places above, during the time of His visit, please contact our respective local centre, so they will be able to provide for you adequately.

Readers of *Sri Gaudiya Darshan* will be kept informed of the itinerary and other details in the pages of forthcoming issues. If you have specific enquiries, naturally you can write to us here in Nabadwip.

It is our prayer that all the Vaisnavas will give their blessings and support to all those helping arrange the tours of Srila Guru Maharaj. Without you not a thing could be arranged for the fulfilment of his and Srila Param-gurudeva's divine wishes in this regard. For many people these tours are the only way many may ever be able to take shelter of the lotus feet of Srila Guru Maharaj.

# Local Diary

## Events and developments in India

**Nabadwip Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math** is considered to be 'home' by thousands of devotees world-wide of Srila Gurudeva Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj and Srila Param-Gurudeva Srila Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. Though not always able to be present here, the devotees always remember and worship this holy place. Srila Param-Gurudeva presented the ideal, and this has been made ever-more accessible by the gracious, generous hand of Sri Acharyadeva Srila Govinda Maharaj. Over the years he has developed the *Math* from a basic small construction, to the present-day complex of buildings and land. He has done all this for the service and encouragement of the Vaisnava pilgrims.

As part of the continuous development, further rice fields were recently acquired to supply sufficient bhoga to the Deities in order to feed the ever-increasing numbers of devotees and visitors. Last year we had a bumper harvest, and now there is a third rice storage hut to bear witness.

Maintenance and renovation are always going on in one place or another. The Western devotee families now have the new facility of staying in the newly expanded and renovated bungalow on the way to the cowshed. Each of the two main rooms now has its own attached bathroom. There is a broad verandah, beneath which the garden currently sports a colourful array of flowers.

A second floor comprising two large rooms has been added to the second house behind the ladies' house — complete with full mosquito netting and attached bathroom.

At present the cottage behind the Lady Devotees' Guesthouse, 'Manindra

Dham,' looks like a building-site with the current renovations taking place. When completed it will be another improved facility to attract the devotees to serve here in Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Nabadwip Dham.

Recent service activities that both the Western and local devotees have been participating in include daily book distribution, village to village preaching and collection of *bhoga* for the festivals, as well as many in-house Temple projects.

In particular, with the arrival of many pilgrims, our local Nabadwip and Mayapur book-distribution has grown greatly. Both ladies and gents are engaged in this enlivening service.

## Branch Centres Hapaniya:

**Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math** has five fully running Branch Temples or Ashrams in India.

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

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

agricultural land to Srila Gurudeva.

Our *kunda* (pond), *Santi Sarovar*, is presently being cleaned, and many coconut trees have been planted around its banks. The Hapaniya Temple's grain fields are just a short distance away.

## Kaikhali, Calcutta:

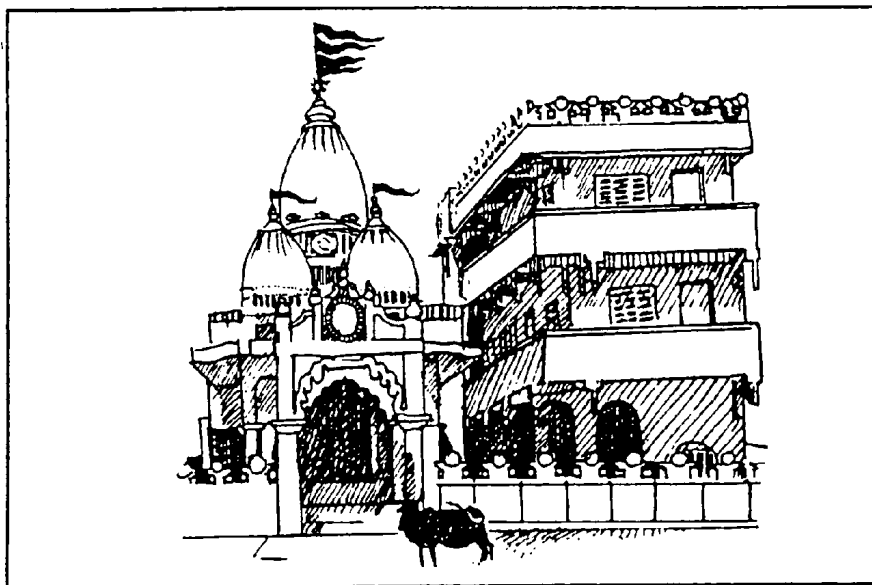
**In Calcutta, anyone** who has previously visited our Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Krishnanushilana Sangha in Kaikhali by the airport will be happily surprised if they revisit now. The whole building, inside and out has been given a face-lift. The large entrance hall-way now has a staircase of marble chips. The walls are all re-plastered and painted white, and the garden is well maintained. Our Kaikhali Ashram is spacious and always appreciated for its cool, refreshing atmosphere especially in contrast to the heat and bustle of Calcutta city.

## Dum Dum Park:

We are notified that the  
**NEW PHONE NUMBER** is  
**551 9175**

**Visitors to Dum Dum Park** will also immediately see a change — the bungalow that served as the original Ashram has been demolished. Work has already started on constructing a proposed three storey building comprising a *natya mandir*/lecture hall, and various rooms including a library.

The ground floor of the Temple there is nearing completion. The sculptor from Puri who so nicely made the designs on Srila Guru Maharaj's Samadhi Mandir in Nabadwip is also doing the sculpturing work on this temple. The Deities due to be installed in our Dum Dum Park Centre have just arrived at Nabadwip Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. They were nicely welcomed amidst the blowing of conch shells. The date for Their installation is not yet fixed, but with the rapid progress of work the day is certainly drawing near.



**JAGANNATH PURI.** The Temple and recently completed devotees' quarters. Behind is the devotees' guest-house.

For the time being worship to the picture of the Nabadwip Deities is going on in the spacious ground floor of our adjoining devotees' guesthouse, Dum Dum Park.

On the first floor upstairs in the guesthouse the open space has been covered with strong wooden boards making a raised sleeping facility for a further ten devotees.

## Jagannath Puri:

In mid January Srila Govinda Maharaj headed a pilgrimage of devotees from all over the world to our Branch Centre in Sridham Jagannath Puri. There our Temple, Ashram and devotees' guest-house are all completed and fully functional.

Jagannath Puri attracts everyone due to the presence of Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Lady Subhadra — as well as the ever-pleasant seaside environment. After taking sannyasa Sriman Mahaprabhu went to Puri and that was His base for the remainder of His manifest pastimes. Unlike Nabadwip, many places of His pastimes in Puri remain intact for us to see and worship.

All the devotees who went on the

recent Puri *parikramas* were very satisfied and nourished by all the devotional activities.

## Govardhan:

Govardhan similarly needs no introduction to the devotees, all of whom have certainly read many descriptions of Sri Kṛṣṇa's pastimes on Govardhan Hill. Srila Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

the Founder-Acharyya of our Srila Sridhar Swami Sevashram, Govardhan, has made a wonderful, spacious Ashram for our devotee family. With two floors, large rooms and large verandahs it can accommodate over 100 pilgrims. In autumn last year a large pilgrimage-party went there after Srila Param-Guru Maharaj's Vyasapuja. The festivals were, in one word, wonderful.

Since then a further piece of land has been acquired to the left of the entrance thus making a longer road frontage and a more uniform shaped block of land. Srila Gurudeva has made a very attractive temple-plan for Sri Giriraj who manifested Himself there. At present there is a temporary 'Temple' protecting the large Govardhan-Sila from the heat and rain. His worship goes on there daily.

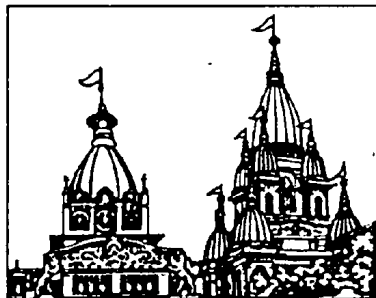
Also His Divine Grace has drawn up plans for devotees' cottages to be constructed on the grounds. Presently as much of the land as possible is being used for growing good quality wheat, vegetables and flowers for offering to Sri Giriraj.

In remembrance of Srila Bhakti-siddhanta Saraswati Thakura, and for the satisfaction of Srila Param-Gurudeva, the present devotees' guest-house has been blessed with the name 'Sri Daitya Dasa Sevakanja.'

## The World is Our Preaching Field

The key to a successful life from which happiness will flow, is found here. And you will find the Lord to be your friend.

We must be wakeful to our vital and only interest. We cannot just leave and go away.



Please chant:

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa,  
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare,  
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma,  
Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Time is valuable,  
but it is passing  
in mere hesitation.

## But this is Our Home

(Enquiries Welcome)

*svalpam apy asya dharmasya, trāyate mahato bhayāt*  
Even the slightest performance of *Bhakti-yoga* saves one  
from the great fear of birth and death in the material world.

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# Sri Gaudiya Darshan

By the request and insistence of the disciples of our beloved Sri Acharyadeva Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, I have been given the service-duty of being editor of this, their magazine of glorification of Sri Guru and Gauranga. The purpose of the publication is already expressed within these pages, and it is the prayer of us all that the whole community may benefit.

It is clearly natural for the direct disciples of Srila Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj to chant the divine glories and activities of their Srila Gurudeva. And as disciples of Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, it is also natural for ourselves to participate in this. At the least, a disciple must honour the words of his Guru. Srila Guru Maharaj spoke many words about Srila Govinda Maharaj and all were for establishing Srila Govinda Maharaj as his full successor — and for establishing us as Srila Govinda Maharaj's supporters and disciples. It is therefore with great regard that we approach this attempt to glorify both of the immediate Acharyadevas of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math: Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj and Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

As previously recorded in our Math's publications, Srila Guru Maharaj (Srila Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj) established Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math so that sincere seekers could come to hear topics about Krsna. Although not actively going out from the Math so often to preach himself, Srila Guru Maharaj was always pleased when Srila Govinda Maharaj would go to preach. Furthermore, when Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj Prabhupada repeatedly invited Srila Govinda Maharaj to accompany him on preaching tours abroad, Srila Guru Maharaj so much wished for him to go that he wanted to sell his own things in order to raise the funds for Srila Govinda Maharaj's journey. However, due to Srila Guru Maharaj showing poor health it was unthinkable at that time for Srila Govinda Maharaj to go far from his lotus feet.

It is now 1994 and well over 50 years since the Math's foundation. From the days when Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math was a place to be searched out, now the message of Srila Guru Maharaj and Sriman Mahaprabhu is ever increasingly being actively propagated to all corners of the world by the embodiment of Srila Guru Maharaj's mercy, Srila Govinda Maharaj.

More and more the devotees of the Mission are being engaged in these active preaching programmes. Daily our devotees go to Mayapur for distributing books, and everywhere our centres are not only being established but the propagation of the teachings is being encouraged more and more. There is much opportunity for all sincere devotees to participate in many ways.

This miniture newspaper has now manifest and it is my request to you all that from its humble beginnings you may assist in its continuation by sending articles, local news, comments, etc. Devotees around the world like to know what is going on in other places, so this is an opportunity for you to share your devotional news for the inspiration of us all.

This **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** is one part of the humble attempt of the devotees of Nabadwip Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math to participate in this preaching Mission inaugurated by Sriman Mahaprabhu and fully enlivened in recent times by Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Swami Maharaj Prabhupada and Srila Govinda Maharaj. On behalf of all the devotees involved, it is my repeated prayer that the Vaisnava community may accept this service offering of **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**.

— Mahananda dasa Bhakti Ranjan

## Pilgrimage tips Govardhan:

Along with the invitation you received to Sri Gaura-Purnima many of you will have received a short but useful page of directions to assist devotees in safely reaching Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math and our branch Math in Dum Dum Park, Calcutta.

These directions are now available in fuller form, and directions to our other main branches in India are also included.

Due to their flight schedule, for many devotees the first stop in India is Delhi. If you have at least three or four days and would like to make the holy pilgrimage to our Srila Sridhar Swami Sevashram, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math at Govardhan, the following may be helpful.

The address is

### Sridhar Swami Sevashram

Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math,  
Dasbisa, P.O. **Govardhan**, Dist.  
Mathura, U.P. 281502

To reach there, take a train to Mathura Junction. Express trains from New Delhi Station take just 2 hours. Then a rickshaw to the Govardhan Bus Stand (Rs3). Take a bus to Govardhan (30+ minutes journey). Get down at Govardhan bus station. Continue walking along the main road. Turn first right, then again first right along a very minor 'road.' Our Sevashram is 30 metres on the right. A total of 5 minutes walk from the bus station.

If somehow you can't find it, ask any local person for 'Giridhari Panda.' He's 'our panda (pujari)' and famous in Govardhan. His house is very near to our Sevashram.

# Caringly educating

## Sri Gaudiya Darshan: 40 years shedding light to the world

AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS DIVINE GRACE ŚRILA BHAKTI SUNDAR GOVINDA DEV GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

**Question:** Who first started the *Śrī Gaudiya Darshan Magazine* and why?

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** In the time of Prabhupāda Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Thākura Śrīla Guru Mahārāj preached all over India. He was a very successful preacher and everyone respected him. By the wish of Kṛṣṇa when Śrīla Guru Mahārāj came out from the Gaudiya Maṭh many of the senior devotees also came out at that time and they started to preach. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj did not join with them but he helped them. In particular he helped his Godbrothers such as Śrīpād Jājāvar Mahārāj, Śrīpād Goswāmī Mahārāj and Śrīpād Keśava Mahārāj, but finally it was his wish to stay alone in this Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. There is no doubt that his wish was always for preaching. He was always preaching Śrīman Mahāprabhu's glories and Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Thākura's glories, and everyone would come to hear from him and receive inspiration. They felt that it was Śrīla Prabhupāda himself explaining to them about Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

When Śrīla Guru Mahārāj started his preaching in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh he lived in a hut. It was then his intention that he would preach to those who came to him, but he would no longer go out from the Maṭh to preach. At that time Śrīla Guru Mahārāj showed us that his health was not so suitable for preaching. But his wish to preach was very strong. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj

received some inspiration that it was the desire of Prabhupāda Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Thākura and Śrīman Mahāprabhu that this *sampradāya* would run through him. Many of the disciples of Śrīla Saraswatī Thākura continued their preaching, but mostly it was the earnest desire of Śrīla Saraswatī Thākura that the preceptorial line will run through our Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj also was looking for someone to continue that line.

When Śrīla Guru Mahārāj gave me the chance to stay at his lotus feet he received some inspiration: "Perhaps this boy can continue the preceptorial line." He therefore gave some nourishment to me. I was not so qualified. Actually I was unqualified, but he tried to make me qualified.

### Preaching Necessity

I joined in 1947, and presently I noticed that regular periodicals were being published from maybe three or four other Maṭhs. After seven years, through affection and causeless mercy I had some capacity to publish a magazine, and I also felt very much necessity for our own magazine. I felt that a monthly magazine for our preaching purpose would be very nice, so I approached Śrīla Guru Mahārāj with this proposal.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was very enthusiastic and I requested that he give an article each month. Also I approached Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj, Śrīpād

Jājāvar Mahārāj and others who were capable to contribute articles. At least in every issue one article must be Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's article, and one I can collect from Śrīla Saraswatī Thākura's writings. And if Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj will give one article, then I will get at least three strong articles each month, and in this way the dignity of the paper must be higher than others' magazines.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was very enthusiastic and said, "This idea is very good. If you can continue, then try to do this." I then began.

It is the teaching of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj that we shall proceed under the guidance of Śrī Guru-Vaiṣṇava, and it is my nature that I always keep the Vaiṣṇavas upon my head. In that way I considered Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj to be highly qualified, and if he would take the editor's position our magazine would receive universal appreciation. That is, we are living in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, and this magazine is for Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, but our editor is from another Maṭh. Thus everyone can see that our vision is that we are giving position to those who are really qualified. They will see that we have a broad view. Not only that, but we decided that we shall glorify other Vaiṣṇavas' characters, and give news of other Vaiṣṇavas' preaching also. We did that, furthermore we published their activities with pictures. We tried to glorify the mission and character of all the Godbrothers who were very affectionately connected with Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. In that way our *Śrī Gaudiya Darshan* had a broad 'international' vision.

### Broad Vision

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj agreed and said to me, "If Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj will accept the position of editor it will be very good, but you must put your name there as joint editor." Therefore Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj and myself were joint editors. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was the Founder Āchāryya,



and Śrīpād Jājāvar Mahārāj and Śrīpād Paramahansa Mahārāj were advisers of the **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj as far as possible gave an article each month. Śrīpād Madhusūdan Mahārāj, Śrīpād Paramahansa Mahārāj and others also gave.

**Sri Gaudiya Darshan** began as a monthly magazine. For the first few years the magazine was very strong and ran well, but lastly all the burden for the running of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh came upon my head. I was practically alone and my time was very short, therefore the magazine became a little weaker later. Also Śrīla Guru Mahārāj showed his health to be less strong and it was very difficult for him to give articles regularly. But we tried to continue.

## Guide-line giver

We always held a very neutral position. In the **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**, glorification to others connected throughout the whole *sampradāya* was given where it was warranted, also guide-lines were given when required. Everyone knew Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was their guide and they accepted his advice. In this way **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** gained a high reputation.

All the articles were either in Bengali or Sanskrit. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj sometimes composed in Sanskrit, and especially at the beginning of each new year Śrīla Guru Mahārāj would generally compose some Sanskrit *śloka*s.

Also I must name one good compositor, Khapanaka Prabhu, who helped untiringly for hand-setting the type of the magazine. He was a disciple of Śrīpād Keśava Mahārāj but with Śrīpād Keśava Mahārāj's permission he was living with us. Then, like now, many devotees from other *Maṭhs* would come and stay with us from time to time. They were disciples of other Mahārājs but they would come in order to serve Śrīla Guru Mahārāj.

At first we printed the magazine from an outside commercial press, but

after some time I felt the necessity to print from our own press. We then acquired a press and began publishing from it. It was larger than the machine we have here today. Khapanaka Prabhu finally took charge of our printing press. He greatly helped with the **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**, but gradually I became exhausted and actually it was not possible to continue. After fourteen years of monthly printing we then printed it quarterly, and Khapanaka Prabhu helped then also. We did not stop printing altogether. We printed it as a quarterly publication for a further three years, then finally we printed each year one or two special issues as souvenir editions such as for Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's *Vyāsapūjā* and for *Sri Gaura-Pūrnimā*.

Actually the cause of our finally stopping the regular publications was for a very unhappy reason. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj from time to time gave an article. One such article was entitled *Sri Rathayātrāya Rūpanuganucintan*. This explained what the followers of Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī will think about the *Rathayātrā*.

At that time the Māyāpur Śrī Chaitanya Maṭh started a *Rathayātrā*, but that was very painful for Śrīla Guru Mahārāj because it was offensive to the *Rūpanuga-cinta-dhārā*. This is very high *siddhānta*. Mahāprabhu explained that the meaning of *Rathayātrā* is that Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī takes Kṛṣṇa from Kurukṣetra to Vṛndāvan. But Māyāpur is the birthplace of Mahāprabhu who is non-different from Kṛṣṇa. So from Māyāpur, where are they taking Mahāprabhu? They cannot take Kṛṣṇa out from Vṛndāvan, nor can they take Mahāprabhu out from Māyāpur. This is the thinking of the *Rūpanuga* followers, and this was explained in that article by Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. However I did not give Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's name as the author because we knew that some other parties may try to contradict this thinking, and if a conflict will come, I shall face that but I shall not push Śrīla Guru Mahārāj to the front of any conflict. If I put Śrīla Guru



Mahārāj's name and anyone will give any objection, that will be offensive for them, therefore I put the name of one of my Godbrothers. We wanted to show everyone what is the proper *siddhānta*, but in the battlefield we shall not push our Guru to the forefront. I shall go to the battlefield if necessary, but not that I will make my Guru go there.

Then from a completely different *Maṭh* some very ugly criticism and objection came to us through their magazine. In the next issue of our own magazine we replied to their objections. I was given help with the answer by Śrīpād Dāmodar Mahārāj, a Godbrother of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj. I did not directly appear in the battlefield, but I gave the front position in the name of Śrīpād Dāmodar Mahārāj, and he also contributed to the reply. He was certainly a good writer, and on the grounds of the principle involved we tried to fight. But in a very ugly way objection again came from that other section and it was published in their magazine. They insulted Śrīla Guru Mahārāj directly.

## Respectful dealings

Always we had very respectfully given comment in our articles, but they responded with an arrogant personal attack to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, so I went and told them not to criticise in this ugly way.

I explained to that party that the

article wasn't even directed at them, but especially at the Māyāpur Maṭh, so why should they come forward and directly try to criticise Śrīla Guru Mahārāj? Anyhow they did not listen.

They said bad things about my Guru so they expected I would say bad things about theirs, but I could never do that. I tried to show that if anyone wants to criticise, they can, but in an honourable, respectful way without losing humility. Especially in this case, the article is Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's article, so must be treated in a respectable way.

I told them this many times, but even after hearing from me that this article was from Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, they again and again continued to criticise Śrīla Guru Mahārāj in writing in their magazine. I could not give such type of insult to them in our magazine. I know many faults of their Maṭh but we cannot tell such things and make our Śrī Gaudiya Darshan into a dustbin.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj asked me what I would do, and I replied to him that I will stop the printing of the magazine rather than walk into that dirty realm of insults. Furthermore I was exhausted. I wrote most of the articles but put the author's name as Hari Charan Prabhu, Kṛṣṇa Sharan Prabhu, Kṛṣṇa Mayī Didi, Sankarī D.D., etc. Sometimes they would write an article but mostly I wrote the articles in theirs and others' names and I became exhausted.

I was therefore already tired when this ugly criticism came. So, when Śrīla Guru Mahārāj asked me what I would do I told him I would stop the publication.

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj asked them to stop sending their publication to our Maṭh, and until today it is not coming here. Later I heard that the *sannyāsī* involved came and apologised to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, but Śrīla Guru Mahārāj expressed to him, "I will not take offence myself because it is not for me, but for our *sanpradāya*. It is an offence to Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī because it is his *dhārā* that we are continuing, and Mahāprabhu instructed Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī not to take Kṛṣṇa out from

Vṛndāvan:

*kṛṣṇere bāhira nāhi kariha vraja haite  
vraja chādi' kṛṣṇa kabhu nā yāna  
kāhānte*

(Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta Antya: 1.66)

So in Māyāpur where are they trying to take their *Rathayātrā*? My question is, where are they trying to take the Lord? We have no objection to them doing Mahāprabhu's *Rathayātrā* on another day. On a horse-drawn carriage Mahāprabhu can travel anywhere, but the mood of *Rathayātrā* is of taking Kṛṣṇa from Kurukṣetra to Vṛndāvan."

Śrīla Guru Mahārāj said to them that they criticised in writing in their magazine, therefore their apology must come in the same way: in writing in their magazine.

**Question:** So, in recent years the Śrī Gaudiya Darshan has been continuing as an occasional publication, but now you wish to have it restarted as a regular periodical. Please tell us why you want it restarted, and what articles you wish to be included?

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** Actually we never completely stopped printing the Śrī Gaudiya Darshan. It was printed occasionally and we have much regard for this title Śrī Gaudiya Darshan as the paper of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. It is like our flag, therefore we cannot stop publishing it. It is alive. You will see that always we have tried to focus on some new light of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's conception. In the previous issues, as much as possible we have done in this way.

Within the last twelve years many books have been published for our Maṭh in English, Bengali and many other languages, and there also the devotees can see Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's conception. There is much to read in these books. Now in particular my wish for this Śrī Gaudiya Darshan is to present topical subjects and news of all the devotees' activities here and abroad. For a long time our preaching has been international.

After Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāj returned from his successful preaching in the West, Śrīla Guru Mahārāj became very happy and enthusiastic and he gave much respect to Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāj. In Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh every day Śrīla Guru Mahārāj preached, but he did not go out from the Maṭh except perhaps three or four times yearly. He would go out on special occasions such as to Śrīpād Mādhava Mahārāj's Maṭh in Calcutta where yearly they would hold one or two large week-long meetings. Śrīpād Mādhava Mahārāj would eagerly await Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's presence at such meetings. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj would go there every year. In addition Śrīla Guru Mahārāj would go to the Appearance-day meeting of Śrīpād Goswāmī Mahārāj at Śrī Gauḍīya Saṅgha, 23 Doctor's Lane, Calcutta.

## Unique giver

Mainly it was only to Śrīpād Mādhava Mahārāj's Maṭh and Śrīpād Goswāmī Mahārāj's Maṭh that Śrīla Guru Mahārāj would go to for preaching, but always he preached from his room upstairs in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was a very enthusiastic preacher and many devotees had the opportunity to see how enthusiastic he was. Up until 1987 Śrīla Guru Mahārāj continuously preached here, and his preaching continued, though not as fully as before, until a few months before his disappearance in August 1988.

Actually during the whole day Śrīla Guru Mahārāj would preach, but seated at one time he would often preach for two or three hours. The preaching tendency of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj was of a very unique type.

In March 1986 during his lifetime Śrīla Guru Mahārāj gave me the full charge of this Maṭh as *Āchāryya*, and we continued to produce publications. From abroad we also received publications for our Maṭh such as those from Śrīpād Bhakti Sudhūr Goswāmī Mahārāj and others.

We continued to publish **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** at least yearly, and after Śrīla Guru Mahārāj's disappearance regular periodicals began from several of our branch missions including London, South Africa, Australia and America. I was very enthusiastic to see the arrival of all these English magazines. In addition to the quarterly magazine from Australia, a weekly magazine called 'Mission News' is now in its 45th week.

## Enthusiastic disciples

We are disciples of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj therefore we are very much enthusiastic to publish books and magazines in order to preach his message and glories. You can see that our preaching tendency is continuously proceeding, so when from the Western world five or six periodicals became manifest, naturally our feelings came that why is this not also possible from Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh? The only cause was a lack of manpower. But if we can publish, then the mission all over the world will receive some guidelines. Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh is the parent *Maṭh* of all the *Maṭhs* in our society, and for their guide-line it is very good if again we can publish regularly the **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**. This is what is in the heart of us all here. We are all enthusiastic to again publish **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** because it will be in honour of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj so automatically remembrance of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj will come.

In particular it is my intention that **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** will be a vehicle to keep devotees around the world connected together. They will get to know what each other are doing and especially they will hear from this central *Maṭh*, the central source of guidance of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj for us all. This is one form of association for the devotees through which everyone everywhere may feel some energy and enthusiasm in their spiritual service-journey to their transcendental destination.

It is very good if we can make this magazine, but I am getting older day by day therefore a new generation must take charge. If it is possible to make this periodical it must give pleasure to the heart of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj and I must be very happy.

If this **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** will come out in the Bengali language it will especially give nourishment to the Bengali section of devotees, and this is my eager desire. In English it is very good, and it will be more widespread if we can publish it in Bengali also, so our local devotees will gain more nourishment. At first **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** was in the Bengali language, and at that time I did not know English.

**Question:** Do you have any message for the devotees?

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj:** Always we are messengers of Śrīla Guru Mahārāj and Mahāprabhu. Our message is one always: practise Kṛṣṇa consciousness without offence to Guru and Vaiṣṇava.

*smartavyaḥ satatam viṣṇur  
vismartavyo na jātu cit  
sarve viddhi-niṣedhāḥ syur-  
etayor eva kiṅkarāḥ*

This is from *Padmapurāṇa* and it gives one ruling and one prohibition: always remember the Lord, and never forget Him. All rules and regulations are under this guide-line.

If I see anyone doing even a little *sevā*, my feelings towards him come as though I am a slave of him. That is my feeling. But in my life I have also seen many wrong things, therefore I am also a little cautious. I have been cheated in many ways, but my nature is still that if anyone will do even a little *sevā*, I give my full support to him. In that way I am always trying to continue my *sevā*.

Where there is no life, there is no *sevā*; that is 'dead *sevā*.' It is *karmīna*. It is not for our fame that we are trying to publish **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**. Our intention is that this **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** will give happiness to our Śrī

*Guru-varga* as well as nourishment to the newcomers and other Vaiṣṇavas. When a mission is big a periodical newsletter is necessary from the headquarters of the mission, but I cannot do everything alone, also I am getting old. I cannot promise, but anyhow I shall try to give one article for each edition.

## Good for all

Preaching is our life, and through preaching we can practise Kṛṣṇa consciousness very happily. Mahāprabhu gave congregational chanting as the best policy. Now you try hard, and if you can continue it will be very pleasing to our *Guru-varga*, I have no doubt. We want to do something good for our friends and the newcomers. Whoever will get some faith through this magazine, he must be benefited, and we must receive the blessings of our *Guru-varga* that we are doing something good for others. Mahāprabhu said:

*bhārata-bhūmīte haila manuṣya-  
janma yāra  
janma sārīhaka kari' kara para-  
upakāra*

("One who has taken his birth in India as a human, should make his life successful and work for the benefit of others.")

So, this is really a good attempt to do good for others through this magazine. **Sri Gaudiya Darshan** is blessed by Śrīla Guru Mahārāj and blessed by all other exalted devotees like Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāj. You have seen his letter expressing how much he was very pleased with me to see **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**. Also Śrīpād Sakhi Charan Ray Bhakti Vijaya Prabhu, one of the best devotees of Śrīla Saraswatī Thākura, was very pleased and sent a letter expressing this. Letters came from every corner but it was perhaps my fault that I did not publish them all in **Sri Gaudiya Darshan**. In one way it was necessary to publish all the letters that were giving praise to the magazine, but if I felt there was any praise to myself I did not publish such material, but where there was praise to Śrīla Guru

Mahārāj, I published that. From so many quarters, many praised me: "Oh, now Govinda Mahārāj is doing this: Govinda Mahārāj has started *Sri Gaudiya Darshan*." But it was impossible by me to publish that.

With what we have, we shall continue happily, and with this *Sri Gaudiya Darshan* it is my hope that really we can succeed in giving happiness to Śrīla Guru Mahārāj and our *Śrī Guru-varga* as well as nourishment to the newcomers and other Vaiṣṇavas. By the cooperation of all the devotees, I think it must be possible.

## New Calendar Printed

In order to properly honour the auspicious Vaisnava occasions, the devotees perennially request that our annual *Vaisnava Calendar* be published earlier. It is also our wish, but it is compiled on the basis of an astrological *panjika* which itself is only published a short while before Sri Gaura-purnima each year.

We do our best to prepare the English calendar as early as possible, and for those 'missing days,' the days immediately after Gaura Purnima before the calendar reaches you, it is necessary to refer to the previous year's calendar and observe special occasions corresponding to the number of days the festival was after Gaura-Purnima of that year. At least for the conceivable future it seems it will continue in this way.

As we go to press this year's *Vaisnava Calendar* has just been printed and is now available from our Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math here in Nabadwip.

We shall send copies of the calendar to the Main Centres World-Wide as well as to those who have placed orders.

The dates for the first two months after this year's Sri Gaura-purnima are given opposite.

## Vaisnava Calendar

### April 1994

- 1 Krsna-pancami. Grand appearance of the Holy Deities of Sripat Hapaniya, Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Radha Gopinathjiu at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Ashram. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Saran Santa Maharaj
- 3 Krsna-astami. Appearance of Srila Srivas Pandit
- 5 Krsna-dasami
- 6 Krsna-ekadasi. Ekadasi Fast
- 7 Krsna dwadasi 12.26 a.m. Festival of Sriman Mahaprabhu's auspicious arrival at Varahanagar. Disappearance of Srila Govinda Ghos Thakur. Disappearance of Sripad Satyandra Chandra Bhattacharya
- 9 Krsna-caturddasi
- 10 Amavasya
- 16 Gaura-pancami. Appearance of Sripad Ramanujacaryya and Sri Srimad Bhakti Hrdaya Bon Maharaj
- 18 Gaura-saptami. App. of Tridandi Swami Sri Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaj
- 20 Gaura-navami. Sri Rama-navami. Fast until noon. Appearance of Sri Ramachandra. Appearance at noon
- 21 Gaura-dasami. Sri Rama-navami paran by 9.28
- 22 Gaura-ekadasi. Sri Kamada-ekadasi. Fast
- 23 Gaura-dwadasi. Ekadasi-paran by 8.38 a.m.
- 25 Purnima. Rasayatra of Sri Balarama. Vasanta rasa of Sri Krsna. Appearance of Srila Vamsivadananda Thakur and Srila Syamananda Prabhu. Purnima fast
- 30 Krsna-pancami. Disappearance of Sripad Krsna Das Babaji Maharaj

### May 1994

- 2 Krsna-saptami. Disappearance of Sripad Abhiram Thakur
- 5 Krsna-dasami. Disappearance of Srila Vrndavana das Thakur
- 6 Krsna-ekadasi. Varuthini Ekadasi Fast
- 7 Krsna-dwadasi. Ekadasi paran by 9.23 a.m.
- 10 Amavasya. Appearance of Sri Gadadhara Pandit
- 11 Gaura pratipad. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Aloka Paramahansa Maharaj
- 12 Gaura-dwitiya. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Vicara Jajavar Maharaj
- 13 Gaura-tritiya. Beginning of Aksaya-tritiya, 21 days Candanyatra of Sri Sri Jagannath Dev
- 15 Gaura pancami. Appearance of Sripad Sankaracharyya. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Vilas Gavastinemi Maharaj
- 17 Gaura-saptami. Jahnvi-saptami Sri Jahnvi Puja
- 19 Gaura-navami. Appearance of Sri Nityananda-sakti Sri Jahnvi Devi and Appearance of Sri Rama-sakti Sri Sita Devi
- 20 Gaura-dasami
- 21 Gaura ekadasi. Mohini Ekadasi. Fast
- 22 Gaura dwadasi. Sri Rukmini Dwadasi Vrata. Ekadasi paran by 9.20 a.m.
- 24 Gaura-caturddasi. Sri Nrsimha-caturddasi. Fast
- 25 Purnima. Sri Sri Nrsimha-caturddasi paran by 9.20 a.m. Purnima fast. Appearance of Srila Srinivas Acharyya. Phool Dool and Salil Bihar. Disapp. of Srila Parameshwari Das Thakur. Buddha Purnima. Partial eclipse
- 26 Krsna-pratipada. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Saranga Goswami Maharaj
- 29 Krsna-pancami. Disappearance of Srila Ramananda Raya

# Unadulterated Purity

## Ultimate chastity

FROM AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH  
HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA BHAKTI RAKSAK  
SRIDHAR DEV-GOSWAMI MAHARAJ



**Question:** Mahārāj, what is the meaning of chastity for the proper disciple?

**Srila Sridhar Mahārāj:** Chastity is faithfulness to the cause for which we have come. It is a relative term. Chastity in the absolute sense is unchangeable adherence to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. There also may be relative chastity, such as when someone sincerely pursues his interest in a particular plane. However that type of sincerity is not complete. We think sincerity is only complete, when one comes to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness of Godhead. Other forms of chastity are all relative. No knowledge separate from Kṛṣṇa consciousness is chaste. In Kṛṣṇa consciousness also we may not think that by beginning, by getting the touch of Kṛṣṇa consciousness we have acquired the whole thing. When we get the pure conception of Kṛṣṇa consciousness the hazy conceptions will vanish. There are also different stages of realisation in pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness and by its degree of awakening we become more and more chaste.

Chastity means our adherence to the truth. The truth that we have come to realise, that truth is in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is not a limited thing that one can capture in his hand and swallow. It is of infinite character. There is gradation and there is room for progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We will say that one is chaste due to his own sincere progress, not due to adherence to the figure, the formal conception.

*vyāso veti na veti vā*

Such a strong expression is also there, *vyāso veti na veti vā*. All rights

reserved. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is unlimited. Still there is the possibility of conceiving its purity in its unadulterated form, and the *Āchāryyas* are giving that to us.

In the beginning a new student who gains admission to a college cannot expect to know anything and everything. We need to have systematic, properly adjusted knowledge.

### Systematic knowledge

There are many amongst our group who heard Śrila Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda's advice and words, but partly. One day a senior man and *sannyāsī*, repeated something Śrila Prabhupāda had said. Although it related to a particular time and place, he wanted to utilise that in a universal way. I gave some objection: "Mahārāj, Śrila Prabhupāda told this, it is true, but this is not the whole thing. He explained other things also, therefore we have to harmonise. We cannot ignore the other part of his advice."

We have to come into adjustment and systematic understanding of the words of Śrī Gurudeva. The partial aspect may sometimes lay stress on a particular point and who has attentively caught that, he may only take that and nothing beyond. But systematic knowledge of the whole must be understood. In a progressive life the plane where one devotee may want to withdraw from to make further progress, may be the goal of attainment for another devotee. The object of attainment for

the *kaniṣṭha-adhikārī*, a *madhyama-adhikārī* may withdraw from in his attempt to climb higher, as in ascending a staircase step by step.

Under the guidance of one *Guru* there are so many different sections of disciples. All the students may not be equal in their realisation. One can understand to a certain extent, another can understand something more, and another can understand even more. In this way there may be gradation. Even the senior disciples may fall back and the juniors may go up. That is also possible. We have seen and you can also see now. Many of the older ones have gone away and the newcomers are showing greater energy. You may find that amongst yourselves, as we also found amongst ourselves. There are no stereotyped rules. It is a living thing.

Kṛṣṇa is there. He says that He has not finished Himself in His own *śāstras*. "What I have given in the *śāstras*, you must do that, but one who crosses that to come to Me is My higher servitor." So, Kṛṣṇa is living and He is above all. A transaction, a trade may be made by cash or by loan. Whether trading, or purchasing with cash, or purchasing with a loan, He is there, He is master,

He is autocrat. His dealings should not be limited even by the scriptures.

He says, "Even crossing the scriptures I exist, even though those directions are given by Me."

*ājñājaiva guṇān doṣān, mayādiṣṭān  
api dvakān*

*dharmnan saṁtyajya yah sarvān  
mān bhajet sa ca sattamaḥ*

So, directions are of different classes. And Kṛṣṇa says, "Sometimes it will be necessary to show devotion to Me, even crossing My own laws." We must also consider the realisations of higher devotees. So many things are there, but the main thing is faithfulness. To die for the cause. Die to live!

## Simplicity

Simplicity means to be independent of ancient prejudices, to be empty, to be unpossessed of the mal-possession. To be clear. To be free of foreign possession, that is simplicity.

Formal and substantial. They are two different things, and here is the main difficulty in our progress. *Śreyah svadharmine....* Progress means to deal with these two difficulties. To stick to one's former position, and beyond that: to make progress, advance. If advancement is not sure, it is judicious to stick to the former position. If there is any doubt of progress one should stick to the former position. But that is not progress. Progress means to leave the former position and go ahead. Only one who is hopeful of his bright future, should leave his former position and go to advance. Those who are of doubtful mentality, suspicious mentality, it is better for them to stick to their former position where they already have a consolidated foundation. They should take their stand there. According to his own progress he cannot but see that some things must be rejected and some new things in front must be invited to come near. Progress means this.

In his book *Bṛhad-Bhāgavatānṛtam*, Śrīla Sanātana Goswāmī has given *sambandha-jñāna*, the knowledge of the relationship between ourselves and the

Lord. We have to follow that closely. That means proper adjustment. At first we shall have some sort of approximate knowledge and that will be realised more and more. Taking our stand in a particular position if we look out we will be able to say, 'this is here,' 'this is there,' 'this is lower,' 'that is higher.' In Kṛṣṇa consciousness we must understand *sambandha-jñāna*.

What I do not find to be my own I must not take risk for that. But when I find 'this is my own' even though it may be a little far, then I must jump there. This is my own and my inner hankering is only searching for that thing, and if I find that is within my reach, then I must jump there. It depends on our sincerity and our proper understanding.

There are many who cannot control the temptation from within to exploit the Guru or Kṛṣṇa — *guru-bhogi*, *kṛṣṇa-bhogi* — and create some facilities for their own personal exploitation. That is also possible. A real student, a bonafide student, must be alert on all sides whether non-Kṛṣṇa is coming in disguise. We must try to recognise that and save ourselves. If we are sincere no one can disturb us.

## Māyā's tactics

Vibhīṣaṇ said: "We must be very careful about the *māyā*-tactics of the opposing party." Hanumān was keeping Rāma and Lakṣmaṇ in a room made of his tail, and Vibhīṣaṇ warned Hanumān: "Be very careful! Mahirāvana will come

and try to deceive you in disguise." Then at last Mahirāvana came in the garb of Vibhīṣaṇ himself and took them away. Rāvana

There is a good possibility that *māyā* will approach us. We have to be very careful to protect those valuable tendencies within us and maintain our taste and the vision of our inner awakening. We must maintain that and if possible make some progress in our line. That is our interest.

'God save me from my enemies.' And, 'God save me from my friends' — that expression is also there. You must be alert that as a friend someone may not go to deceive you. You must be so much careful. At your own risk pray to the Supreme, the *Caitanya-guru*, for giving you the right direction: "What is what? What is to be accepted?" It is a crucial point.

I don't want to take the responsibility. Mahāprabhu and Kṛṣṇa also do not take the responsibility. Even though Kṛṣṇa can control everything, He also says: "You are free."

In the *Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā* Kṛṣṇa instructs: "I have said what I had to say. Now, Arjuna, you decide what you want to do. *Vinīṣyaitad aśeṣena*. Think it over exhaustively. Think it over to the best of your ability and then decide what step you are going to accept."

*Jaya On Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa-parivrājakācāryya-varyya Aṣṭottara-ṣata-śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Rakṣak  
Sridhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, ki  
jaya!*

**Fine theistic intelligence  
is the outcome of good fortune  
which comes from above (*sukṛti*);  
it is not self-acquired.**

— Śrīla B. R. Sridhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

# Recent tour news

## Global preaching

The last months of 1993 saw our dear Srila Guru Maharaj travel at short notice to South America, North America, and London. Drawn by the invitation of Sri Harikirtan Prabhu heading the Venezuelan devotees, Srila Gurudeva went to Caracas for 10 days followed by a visit to Bogota, Colombia. Arriving in Bogota Srila Gurudeva received his biggest reception anywhere, with hundreds of devotees welcoming him to their country. Large hall programmes were held. An interview lasting half an hour with His Divine Grace was broadcast on Colombian television.

Sripad Aravinda Locan Prabhu was host to Srila Gurudeva and many devotees enthusiastically congregated at his house for personal *darshan*. Aravinda Locan Prabhu also donated a large piece of land for our branch temple there.

Sripad B.A. Paramadwaiti Maharaj met with Srila Guru Maharaj and gave a big reception in his beautiful temple. The devotees made a corridor from the road to the temple.

The high altitude and cold weather caused breathing difficulties for Srila Gurudeva, and within a few days he returned to Caracas.

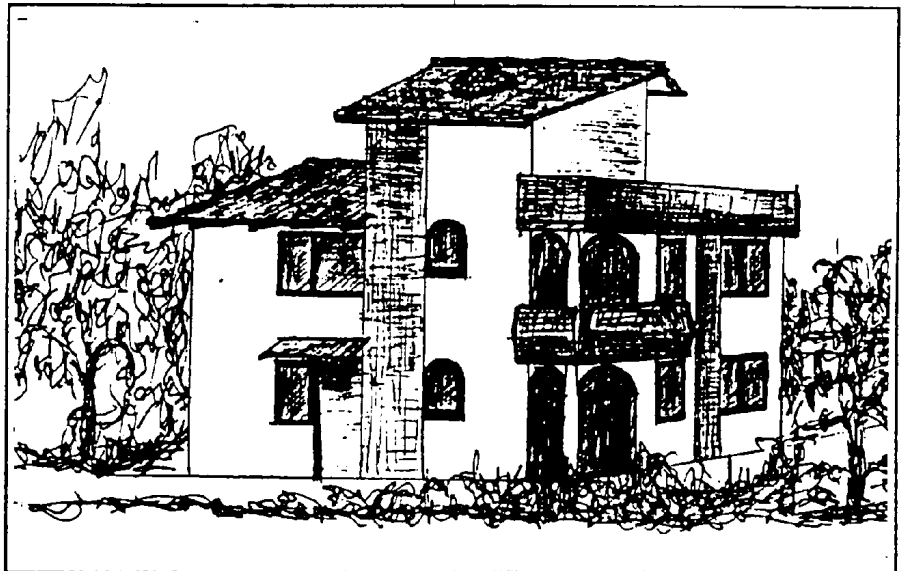
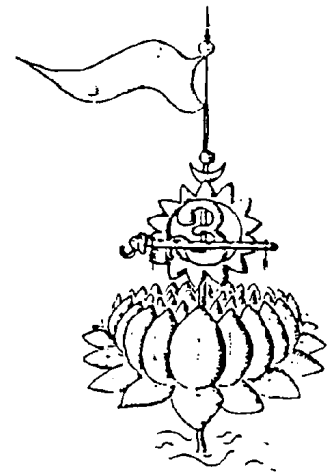
Heading the devotees of California, Sripad Janardan Maharaj extended a heartfelt invitation to Srila Gurudeva to come and bless their newly manifested Ashram in Santa Cruz.

Arriving in California, Srila Gurudeva was very pleased by the new property. Devotees took him for walks around the land where natural forest, vegetable cultivation and hillside slopes all combine to make a peaceful atmosphere. Three buildings are there, and various alterations are under-way to make them more suitable for the devotees' use.

From California Srila Guru Maharaj was drawn to New Jersey and New

York by Sripad B.K. Giri Maharaj whose active preaching centre is a life-line to the faithful souls living on the East Coast. In New York two large meetings were held, each with hundreds of devotees present. Jayaram Prabhu and Vidyabadha Didi extended their hospitality to Srila Gurudeva. Their house was filled with *sankirtan*.

Under the leadership of Nityaseva



**RECENTLY COMPLETED**, the new house constructed exclusively for Srila Guru Maharaj in Ecuador.

Didi the devotees rendered exemplary service and fed the hundreds who attended the meetings. Many received initiation from Srila Gurudeva and all were nourished to have his divine presence.

On the way back, Srila Guru Maharaj graced the devotees of England with a few days' association. Staying in his room at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, London Branch, Srila Guru Maharaj extended his affectionate advice to countless devotees eager for a solution to the suffering of material life.

Our aversion to the  
universal interest is  
the cause of our  
detachment from the  
conception of the  
whole and from  
happiness and health.

Srila B. R. Sridhar  
Dev-Goswami Mahārāj



## World Diary

News from our Centres  
around the world

### California:

The outstanding news of recent times is that our Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math branch mission in California, now has its own place: a large piece of rural land with three buildings in Soquel near Santa Cruz. By the combined efforts of the dedicated servitors this is a great achievement and much pleasing to Srila Govinda Maharaj. Plans have been drawn up and preparations are under way for alterations of existing buildings, and further construction to make more facility for the devotees' service.

### Mexico:

Further south, in Mexico Sripad Bhakti Kusum Ashram Maharaj has been enlivening devotees throughout the country as well as in South America. In Orizaba, Mexico, large programmes have been organised by Sri Vrajanath Prabhu. Amongst other activities, the devotees there have a school preaching and *prasadam* distribution programme.

### Ecuador:

In Ecuador, Raja Ram Prabhu and his

wife Revati Didi headed the devotees in constructing a two storey house exclusively for Srila Gurudeva and his entourage. All the devotees there have helped and each have done their best to assist with the construction, collecting funds, etc. They are most earnestly inviting Srila Guru Maharaj to come and bless the many devotees in their community.

### Venezuela:

Venezuela has a fully running Ashram and preaching centre manned by brahmacharis and with active participation of the *grhastha* community. In particular it is by their example, service and invitation that Srila Gurudeva has twice visited the countries of South America.

### Brazil:

Sripad Bhuvan Mohan Prabhu has been traveling the country preaching to the different communities of devotees in preparation for Srila Guru Maharaj's expected visit there soon. Bhuvan Mohan Prabhu is also busily translating our Math's books into Portuguese.

The Curitiba centre in Brazil has

recently moved to a new address. In case you have a copy of the 'January 1994 Main Addresses List,' please note that the new address (which replaces the previous Curitiba Address) is: Av. Anita Garibaldi, 6499, Barreirinha, Curitiba, Parana, CEP 82220-000, BRAZIL.

### London:

In London the preaching and temple programmes are steadily increasing. The devotees are now being assisted by more well-wishers. Sripad B.A. Sagar Maharaj heads the Mission there. He recently underwent an operation in hospital and is presently convalescing. Despite this he continues to busily work on further publications for the nourishment of the devotees. The last book he produced was the complete *Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita* in a truly compact and beautiful hardbound book. It is in Bengali script and is extremely popular here in Bengal. Just seeing the book fills us all with joy — and the hint that a similar English version may follow...

### Holland:

Previously on the outskirts of town, our Amsterdam branch now has moved downtown. Being much more suitable as a base for broadcasting Mahaprabhu's message, and as a centre to invite people to attend, the devotees eagerly increased their commitment by taking on this responsibility.

### Italy:

The Italian devotees headed by Sripad Bon Maharaj recently succeeded in purchasing a further piece of land so as to make a more private plot for the worship of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

### Germany:

The German devotees presented Srila Guru Maharaj three attractive new books translated from English. In addition the latest edition of their period-



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Colinas de Bello Monte, Caracas

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ical 'Amrita' recently arrived here at Sri Math. Several of the German devotees spent the main part of the winter here in India at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math and at our Puri Math. Sarvabhauma Prabhu and his wife received second initiation, as did Saci Suta Prabhu. Their new names are Premaniddhi Prabhu, Anupama Devi Dasi, and Premasindhu Prabhu respectively.

### Mauritius:

In Mauritius the devotees have a well established shop called Higher Taste selling items of worship, saris, and a variety of Indian and other items. In addition the devotees have just opened a furniture and luxury goods store: The Srila B.S. Govinda Shopping Plaza. This bright, white showroom is one of several projects to bring funds for the service of the Mission.

### South Africa:

The South African devotees are engaged in vigorous fund-raising projects in order to make progress with the construction of our new temple. This project is headed by Sripad Bhuvan Pavan Prabhu and Resabdev Prabhu. Much unexpected expense was incurred in the initial stages of construction, but the devotees undaunted are facing the challenge.

### Malaysia & S'pore:

In Singapore, Vijay Krsna Prabhu and his devoted family are successfully running a vegetarian food stall as a preaching base and a way of supporting the programmes there. Always exemplary hosts, they eagerly await Srila Guru Maharaj's next visit.

Malaysian devotees are tireless and dedicated. An example of their sincere service is the successful week-long programme for Srila Gurudeva's Sri Vyasa-puja. Hearing of similar extended programmes held by the devotees in Mauritius they felt they also had that

capacity — and proved it.

Sitiawan is the place of the first temple representing Srila Param-Guru Maharaj in Malaysia. There Prabhu Ananda Giriraj has generously offered Srila Gurudeva a piece of land. The prospects in that locality are very good: many devotees live nearby and there is a quickly growing population.

## Philippines:

The devotees in the Philippines continue steadily their spiritual life despite facing many obstacles. Economically, they face enormous difficulties to run their preaching programmes. If anyone would like to donate books, paraphernalia, etc. to assist them in establishing their cherished desire for book-distribution and widespread preaching, please contact Sri Rupa Vilas Prabhu, 66-D F. Amorsolo, U.P., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1101.

## Australia:

Australia is home to many devotees. At the end of last year after crossing many obstacles they finally received planning permission for our Centre at 'Sri Govinda Dham.' Construction has already begun.

At the hilltop property of 'The Channon' Sri Muralidhar Prabhu tirelessly is progressing with the development of facilities for worship and congregational chanting by the devotees.

Many projects are under-way on each of these properties.

**Is it necessary to have any ingredients to worship? One's own tears are the best ingredients.**

— Srila B. S. Govinda Maharaj

# The Book Table

## Publications for our guidance

The International Book Fair in Calcutta drew large crowds. Held for 10 days during the end of January and beginning of February it was an opportunity to distribute many books, and to give many sincere souls an introduction to our Sri Acharyadevas and Mission.

Sripad B.S. Tridandi Maharaj and Sripad B.P. Tirtha Maharaj headed the team of devotees running our booth.

By the energy and enthusiasm of Sripad Ananta Krishna Prabhu, the team of devotees running Ananta Printing and Publishing in California recently published the three separate books originally contained in "Holy Trilogy." *Holy Engagement* is from taped discussions with Srila Param-Guru Maharaj; *Benedictine Tree* is from Srila Gurudeva's first World Tour, and *Divine Guidance* is from Srila Gurudeva's lectures and letters.

Srila Guru Maharaj was very pleased to receive these three publications and to see their good quality of production.

In January Srila Gurudeva received the final edition of the special *Sri Gaudiya Darshan Guru-puja Edition*. Originally offered to his holy hands as the original offerings written by the devotees, it came out as a published book to enable everyone to share in the congregational chanting of Srila Gurudeva's glories on this auspicious occasion. Everyone feels very happy to read the sincere expressions of the devotees. This edition is intended to go hand in hand with the magazine *Vaisnava Toshani* — *Vyasa-puja Edition* published from our Santa

Cruz, U.S.A. centre by Prabhu Śrutasrava and Prabhu Hasyapriya.

With programmes around the world increasing, the number of magazines are also keeping apace in order to convey news and inspiration to the devotees.

With the progress of the Californian Centre and the intensity of everyone's service there, a monthly Newsletter is keeping everyone informed. Entitled '*Vaisnava Seva*' it contains news of recent activities, work in progress, and what's planned. It also has a 'Guest Column' as well as inspirational words from our Srila Gurudevas.

The expression, 'you can't keep a good man down,' certainly applies to the team in California. In addition to all their other publications and activities they are producing a regular gardening newsletter, '*Sri Gauda-Mandala-Bhumi*.' It focuses on the gardening, agricultural and landscaping projects at our new Ashram. The newsletter is informative and invites everyone to participate according to their capacity.

From New Jersey a devoted team headed by Sripad Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaj have launched '*Vaisnava Transmission*,' an informative, substantial magazine to be printed every other month, alternating with the Californian publication, '*Sri Vaisnava Toshani*.'

Several devotees live in and around Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They have recently upgraded their local preaching newsletter, '*Néctar*,' and it is being distributed to the sincere seekers.

**One who does 'seva' but is always thinking about his own interest must be ignored by Bhakti, and Bhakti will not go to him.**

— Srila B. S. Govinda Maharaj

## Publications Available

### i) By and about Śrīla B.R. Śrīdhara Mahārāj:..... Rupees

Absolute Harmony	40
Exclusive Guardianship—Concise Conclusions of Devotional Life	15
Holy Engagement	40
Home Comfort—An Introduction to Inner Fulfilment (Regular Print)	10
Loving Search for the Lost Servant	325
Ocean of Nectar	40
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Sermons of the Guardian of Devotion Vol. I	200
Sermons of the Guardian of Devotion Vol. II	200
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Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā—(The Hidden Treasure of the Sweet Absolute)	325
Subjective Evolution—(The Play of the Sweet Absolute)	325
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The Benedictine Tree of Divine Aspiration	150
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Dignity of the Divine Servitor	40
Divine Guidance	40
Golden Reflections	40
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Relative Worlds (Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura)	40
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Śrī Brahmā-saṁhitā	100
Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu—His Life and Precepts	60
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**Update:** Please note that the amount we ask for contributions for books, in some cases increased as from 1st January 1994. 1993 saw the number of publications made for the Math in all languages total over 130. A comprehensive listing of books is available on request.

## Invitation!

**Appeal for volunteers:** India is the 'home' of Mahāprabhu's preaching mission. For the devotees it is an ideal place for creative people to come to serve and preach. Some preach by going from village to village, or from office to office, or by their skills, or by their example of service. Whatever your capacity, if you are attracted by all you have heard about the glories of Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga and of engaging in Their service, please come!

Active persons are always welcome. And there is much service opportunity with very bright prospects. Highest transcendental fruits await all sincere, fortunate souls.

We have many ambitious projects here and abroad, and you are invited to participate!

Enquiries welcome.

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