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"To wander through the nine islands of  
Sri Navadvipa-dhama is the essence of all  
opulences, the essence of all religious principles,  
the essence of all bhajana, the essence of all  
perfections, the essence of all glories and the  
essence of all kinds of oceans of sweetness"

## LORD GAURANGA, COMPASSION, AND SANNYAS

Several millenniums ago Lord Rama, Laxmana and Sita passed through the sacred land of Navadvipa and seeing its beauty Rama requested Laxmana to build a residential hut there. According to Bhaktivinode Thakur that particular place was the forest of Mangachi situated on the island of Godrumadvipa. Within Navadvipa many other holy tirthas, such as Kasi, Naimasaranya, and the forests of Vrindavan have incarnated. The area that Rama settled was also known as Ayodha, it was an expansion the kingdom of Lord Ramachandra. Naturally, they felt great bliss staying at that place.

Upon arriving at this opulent place the beautiful green form of Lord Rama began to smile. Noticing her husband's jubilation, Sita inquired into the reason for His beautiful smile. Ramachandra's reply was both pleasing and devastating to Sita's heart. In Navadvipa Dhama Mahatmuya, Bhaktivinode Thakur reveals to us this conversation between Rama and Sita:

"Listen, Sita, here is one very secret story. When the glorious age of Kali advents, I will display a yellow complexioned form here in Nadia. I will take birth in the womb of Sachi in Jagannatha Misra's house. I will give all the fortunate souls who see My childhood pastimes the supreme gift of prema. At that time, I will enjoy My beloved educational pastimes and reveal the glories of the holy name."

This news inspired great bliss in Sita's heart, but then the Lord revealed another prediction that acted like an arrow piercing Sita's heart:

"I will then take sannyasa and go to Jagannatha Puri, and My own mother will weep with My wife in her arms."

Hearing this, Sita asked,

"O lotus-eyed one, why will You make Your mother cry? Why will You give up Your wife and take sannyasa? What happiness is there in giving sorrow to Your wife?"

Sita's question and Lord Ramachandra's reply has since been analyzed and explained by many great vaishnava acharyas. Immediately prior to the Lord's sannyasa ceremony in Katwa, a few of the Lord's contemporaries also expressed sentiments similar to Sita's. In various Vedic scriptures the Lord explicitly states that He accepts the responsibility of maintaining dharma or "right actions." In the Bhagavad Gita 3.24 He says, "If I did not perform prescribed duties, all these worlds would be put to ruination... I would thereby destroy the peace of all living beings." If this is so, then why did the Lord, who was properly situated in His spiritual duties in the role of a gharstha, abandon His gharstha duties to play the role of a renunciate?

In order to understand why the Lord performed this pastime of sannyasa it is helpful

to recount certain key events that preceded the event.

The Lord previously gave several hints regarding His future intentions to take sannyasa. When the son of Srivas Thakura expired during one of the all night kirtans, Srivas expressed to the lamenting relatives that they should not disturb the Lord's kirtan with loud sobbing and grieving.

The other devotees informed the omniscient Lord about the death of Srivas's son. The Lord inquired "When did this happen?" and the devotees informed Him that it took place two and a half hours ago and that Srivas did not want to reveal the incident so as not to disturb His dancing in kirtan. The Lord was astonished at Srivas's love and selflessness. He then began to weep and made an enigmatic statement,



which hinted at His future intentions. The Lord said:

"How will I be able to leave the association of such a saintly person, who is unaffected by the death of his son, due to his love for me?"

The devotees were confused about the exact meaning of His statement.

A little while later the Lord, absorbed in an inconceivable internal mood of ecstasy, began to chant "Gopi, Gopi!" A student scholar heard the Lord's chanting and unaware of the Lord's internal state advised Him to follow the scriptures by chanting the name of "Krishna" instead of "Gopi". The Lord replied:

"Krishna! That rascal plunderer He killed the innocent Bali Maharaja and cheated Bali Maharaja by taking all his possessions and leaving nothing. What will I gain by chanting Krishna's name!"

Lord Gauranga in great transcendental anger picked up a stick and charged towards this student scholar who ran away in fear for his life. Barely escaping the Lord's transcendental wrath the student scholar approached his friends and they all decided to conspire against the Lord for this apparent transgression. This is the Lord's lila. Gauranga Mahaprabhu is the paramatma in everyone's heart so he could easily see the offensive mentality of those students and as well as other Navadvip residents who were devoutly atheistic.

Previously, when the Lord was enacting His scholarly lila, those same scholars had nothing but admiration for the Lord. However, after He began teaching pure devotional service instead of logic and grammar some of them said:

"This Nimai Pandit was previously good, but since He has returned from Gaya He conducts Himself oppositely. Hearing of the incident, all all of the students became angry and joined together in criticizing the Lord."

Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur states,

"Witnessing the wicked mentality of the mundane fruitive smartas, and desiring to benefit them, and distinguish Himself from them, Nimai decided to accept sannyasa..."

The specialty of Lord Gauranga's mercy is so powerful that if one simply appreciates Him in some way those favorable sentiments will ensure the living entities rapid advancement towards the blissful state of spiritual perfection. Alternatively, if someone thinks ill of Him or is deliberately offensive, then they neglect the rare opportunity to receive the precious gift that the Lord came to freely distribute.

Immediately after the incident with the students the Lord is reported to have made another mysterious comment,

"The medicine 'pippalikhand' is prepared to cure excess phlegm, but instead it has increased the phlegm ... in the body."

What does this mean?

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## GAURANGA NAMA

A monthly meditation

Vaishnava-prana-nayaka

He is the hero of the devotees' life & soul

Tapta-kanchana-gauranga

His complexion is like molten gold

Vishvambhara

He sustains the universe

Avadhuta-priya

He is dear to Nityananda Avadhuta



# EVENTS

## 5.1.2012 - Thursday

Fasting for Putadra Ekadasi

T: Gaura Ekadasi Y: Sadhya N: Krittika  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:19 rise: 13:46  
set: 17:04 set: 02:39  
Arunodaya: 04:33

## 6.1.2012 - Friday

Break fast from 06:20 to 09:55

Sri Jagadisa Pandit Appearance

T: Gaura Dvadasi Y: Subha N: Rohini  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:20 rise: 14:34  
set: 17:05 set: 03:31  
Arunodaya: 04:33

## 9.1.2012 - Monday

Sri Krishna Pusya Abhiseka

T: Purnima Y: Indra N: Punarvasu  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:20 rise: 17:17  
set: 17:07 set: 06:02  
Arunodaya: 04:34

## 14.1.2012 - Saturday

Sri Ramacandra Kaviraja Dissappearance

Sri Gopal Bhatta Goswami Appearance

T: Krsna Pancami Y: Sobama N: Uttara-  
Sun: Moon: phalguni  
rise: 06:21 rise: 22:11  
set: 17:10 set: 09:31  
Arunodaya: 04:35

## 15.1.2012 - Sunday

Makara Sankranti

Ganga Sagara Mela

Sri Jayadeva Goswami Dissappearance

Locana Das Thakura Disappearance

T: Krsna Saptami Y: Atiganda N: Hasta  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:21 rise: 23:11  
set: 17:11 set: 10:11  
Arunodaya: 04:35

## 19.1.2012 - Thursday

Fasting for Sat-Tila Ekadasi

T: Krsna Ekadasi Y: Vriddhi N: Anuradha  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:20 rise: 02:19  
set: 17:14 set: 13:25  
Arunodaya: 04:35

## 20.1.2012 - Friday

Break fast from 06:20 to 09:58

T: Krsna Dvadasi Y: Dhruva N: Jyestha  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:20 rise: 03:20  
set: 17:15 set: 14:23  
Arunodaya: 04:35

## 28.1.2012 - Saturday

Vasanta Pancami

Srimati Visnupriya Devi Appearance

Sri Visvanatha Cakrvrt Thkr Dissap

Sri Pundarika Vidyanidhi Appearance

SriRaghunandana Thakura Appearance

Sri Raghunatha das Gosvami Appearance

T: Gaura Pancami Y: Siva N: Uttarabhadra  
Sun: Moon:  
rise: 06:19 rise: 09:09  
set: 17:20 set: 21:55  
Arunodaya: 04:35

# SHELTER: DAILY HARINAM SANKIRTAN PARTY

It is a natural desire to want to visit distant places to experience an alternative atmosphere. Each of these tourist destinations have a particular theme or activity associated with it. One goes to the Rocky Mountains or Alps to mountain climb or snow ski. Another will go to Las Vegas to gamble; to Goa or the many other beach locations to swim and relax on the beach; to Disney World to see Dumbo or Mickey Mouse. The list of tourist destinations goes on and on, each with their particular recreational purpose. Generally people go to these places to escape the rigmarole of day to day life. May we suggest Sridham Mayapur as an extraordinary addition to this list?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you are asked about activities or basic theme associated with Mayapur? Parikrama? Cooking? Meeting friends and family? Scriptural study? Perhaps, but the underlying theme and foundation of all activities in Mayapur is... HARINAM SANKIRTAN! Every aspect of a devotees life is centered around Harinam sankirtan. The instruction to perform harinam is the most important aspect of Gauranga Mahaprabhu's teachings. Actually, Rupa Goswami teaches us that the two most purifying spiritual activities are association with sincere vaisnavas (sadhu sanga) and the congregational chanting of the Hare Krishna maha mantra (sankirtan).

How do sincere vaisnavas spend their precious time? SANKIRTAN! When you engage in harinam sankirtan you naturally associate with other sincere devotees. Sadhu Sanga! The opulence of Mayapur is that the opportunities for sadhu sanga and harinam sankirtan are always available.

We will inform you of the various other opportunities for performing sankirtan in subsequent issues. First we would like to tell you about the daily activities of the Mayapur Nagar Sankirtan Department. This project was started in earnest by His Grace Shastra Prabhu several years ago. Since then it has become one of the most popular and appreciated of the daily activities in Mayapur. There are many devotees here in Mayapur who experience so much satisfaction in these ...harinams that they could never dream of missing it. Everyday at 3:30 PM numerous vibrant devotees gather next to the Chakra building in anticipation of performing the day's procession. Yogapitha, Navadwip town, Bhaktivinode Thakur's Samadhi, and Surabhi Kunj are just a few of the various holy places regularly visited by the party. And of course the two Blissful Brother, Gaura and Nitai, lead the way. You can learn more about this auspicious program online at: <http://www.mayapurharinam.com>



## VEDIC CATAGORIES

NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS!

When we systematically study Srila Prabhupada's books it can be helpful to organize the transcendental science into **number orientated lists** e.g. "There are **three** modes of material nature"

We would like for you to help us in compiling these lists. We will present a number in every issue and you can send to us any concepts related to that number. The following month we will publish your ideas.

Please send your answers to [mayapur.sanga@gmail.com](mailto:mayapur.sanga@gmail.com) and we will publish them in the next issue.



## NATURAL SWEETNESS OF MAYAPUR

A mature devotee of the Lord sees everything in relation to Krishna. Wood, trees, rivers, humans and even the "impersonal" Brahman are seen as connected to the personality of Krishna. In Sridham Mayapur this is especially so, even for neophyte devotees. Therefore when a vaisnava receives a natural item from Mayapur, whether it is a fruit, vegetable, flower or even dirt, the consciousness is naturally filled with the memory and appreciation of the Lord. The bhakti sastris help us obtain this vision and appreciation.



In several parts of the Chaitanya Charitamrta Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami has revealed to us many intimate thoughts of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. In the 9th Chapter of Adi Lila it is described the Lord as having "...accepted the duty of a planter and began to grow a garden in Navadvīpa. Thus the Lord brought the desire tree of devotional service to this earth and became its gardener. He sowed the seed and sprinkled upon it the water of His will" and "By His inconceivable powers, the Lord became the gardener, the trunk and the branches simultaneously" Statements such as these can enhance our appreciation of the natural items like vegetables, fruits and flowers that have grown in the soils of Mayapur. What are some of those natural items that are provided here in Mayapur for the Lord's service?



In contrast to many places in the world, Mayapur has abundant plants and trees which provide healthy, tasty, medicinal and beautiful fruits and flowers; fruits and flowers that can be offered to the Lord. For those who accustomed to purchasing fruits and flowers in the supermarket or bazaar it is a refreshing, educational, and wholesome experience to directly see the source of these fruits and flowers. In addition to the many flower gardens that display a rainbow of colors and an intoxicatingly sweet aroma, there are various trees that produce mangos, leeches, guavas, sugarcane, bel fruits, bananas, and coconuts. One tree, known as a kejar tree, even produces a molasses type juice that when carefully collected and prepared can be transformed in a healthy and natural sweetener called Gur. Winter is time of year when we can witness the entire process of making gur from the delicate extraction of the juice and to the final transformation of the juice to the healthy delicacy.



There is a certain class of people, known as Gachhis, who have become expert at all aspects of producing this sweetener. Beginning with actually climbing the tree to obtain the sap all the way to the final product, the process of making gur can be rather tricky. For the gur to have the right consistency and taste the gachi must take note of many factors like the temperature outside, the time of year, and the boiling the juice at the right time and temperature.

Gur from date juice is made of the sweet juice extracted from the soft top of the khejur gachh (date palm tree). Gachhis in rural Bengal, including Mayapur, are frequently seen perched at the top of the date tree preparing it for collection of its sweet juice. They extract juice from date palm trees by first scraping the soft part of the tree just below the cluster of leaves with a da (chopper) and then inserting a short bamboo pipe, like a straw, to collect the juice. The bamboo directs the flow of juice, in drops, into a gallon size clay pot fixed to the tree. There are some paths or streets that have many of these trees growing on each side of the path. There is one path in particular in Mayapur, located behind the Sri Mayapur International School, that has dozens of these trees lining the path. In each one of these trees there is a vessel conspicuously tied to the tree for collecting the juice.

It is generally in early December that these trees are made ready for extracting the juice. The bark is first removed and the delicate underlying tissues are exposed for some time. The copious flow of juice is apparently due to excitation of the tissues due to the wound. This "bleeding" or slicing of the soft skin of the topmost section of the trunk of the date tree is done every evening and then the juice is collected every morning.

The juice is sweet and refreshing only at the early morning. But if after collection in the morning, it is stored for some two hours or more, it gradually ferments and becomes an intoxicating drink. Some years the gachhis can perform the extraction the juice all the



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In essence, the Lord is saying that He descended to deliver the most ignorant and fallen living entities, but instead many of them are criticizing and are offensive towards Him. Instead of becoming spiritually elevated by the Lord's presence those who disregard and are offensive to Him are instead going downwards to a hellish state. The Lord's concern for even those who remain critical of Him is a unique expression of the Lord's magnanimous nature. Thus the Lord considered "How can I obtain the natural respect of those people who are criticizing Me?" While there were many people who were atheists and of an offensive nature, almost everyone adhered to the social regulations of Vedic culture. Within that culture a renunciate or a sannyasi was always given respect by the students, householders and general population. Thinking in this way, the Lord decided to take to the esteemed order of sannyas. The result...everyone will offer Him proper respects. This decision of the Lord to take sannyas is thus a personal sacrifice by the Lord and many of His associates to benefit you and me. We should never forget this!

The Lord had made up His mind. That personality that controls the entire material energy containing unlimited universes, that person who is atmarama (self satisfied) and that person who is the supreme enjoyer of Vaikuntha and Goloka Vrindavan decided to cut His beautiful locks of hair, dress in the drab clothes of a renunciate, sleep on the bare floor, and renounce His loving wife and mother. Upon making this decision the Lord revealed His mind to several of His close associates including Nityananda, Mukunda, Gadadhar Pandita, and ultimately to His mother Sachi mata.

Gauranga Mahaprabhu brought Nityananda Prabhu to a solitary place and proclaimed, "I have decided to shave off My hair, take the renounced order of life, and go begging door to door. I will stand at the doors of those who wanted to attack me, with a begging bowl in My hand. In this way, I will be able to deliver them. Everyone respects a sannyasi. No one thinks of harming him" Hearing this and knowing the purpose of the Lord's incarnation, Nityananda reluctantly gave His blessing.

After speaking with His close associates the news was finally revealed to His mother. It is impossible to fathom the transcendental grief experienced by Sachimata. Mother Sachi in great transcendental anguish cried, "All of us simply depend on Your divine lotus-like face. Your lotus eyes and moonlike growing face, your ruby-colored lips and jasmine white teeth, Your words like showers of nectar and Your graceful elephant's gait are impossible to live without." She continued her plea and the Lord became choked up out of love for His mother. Nonetheless, He was determined to make this sacrifice for purpose of reclaiming His illusioned parts and parcels.

We should remember that the Lord is always beyond reproach. We, as aspiring devotees of the Lord, are obliged to accept the fact that the Lord's activities are all auspicious and meant for the benefit of every living entity. While His friends, family and associates in Mayapur were struck with intense suffering at the departure of the Lord. Our acharyas have told us that when one has established a pure relationship with the Lord there is really no question of ever suffering. In the science of transcendental emotions even "suffering" is ecstasy. When we hear of the pure devotees feeling angry, morose, anxious or any other apparently "negative" emotions we should know that these states do not arise from the influence of the material modes of nature. Inconceivably, when pure devotees are suffering they are actually in ecstasy.

The Lord took sannyas at the auspicious time of Makara sakranti, the time of year when the sun moves north. The night before He left most of His associates and well-wishers spontaneously came to His house. Most had no idea that this would be the last time they would see the Lord as a householder in Navadwipa. The unending stream of devotees came and lovingly offered Him many gifts and garlands. The lord reciprocated with them by giving a garland from His own neck and then He gave them all His final instructions as Nimai of Nadia. "Always chant Lord Krishna's holy name, worship Him, and chant His glories. Do not think of anything else but Sri Krishna. If you have any love for Me show it by singing no other name than 'Krishna', at all times-whether asleep awake or eating."

### 30.1.2012 - Monday

Sri Advaita Acarya Appearance Day  
Fasting till Noon

T: Gaura Saptami Y: Sadhya N: Asvini  
Sun Moon  
rise: 06:18 rise: 10:20  
set: 17:22 set: 23:27  
Arunodaya: 04:35

### 31.1.2012 - Tuesday

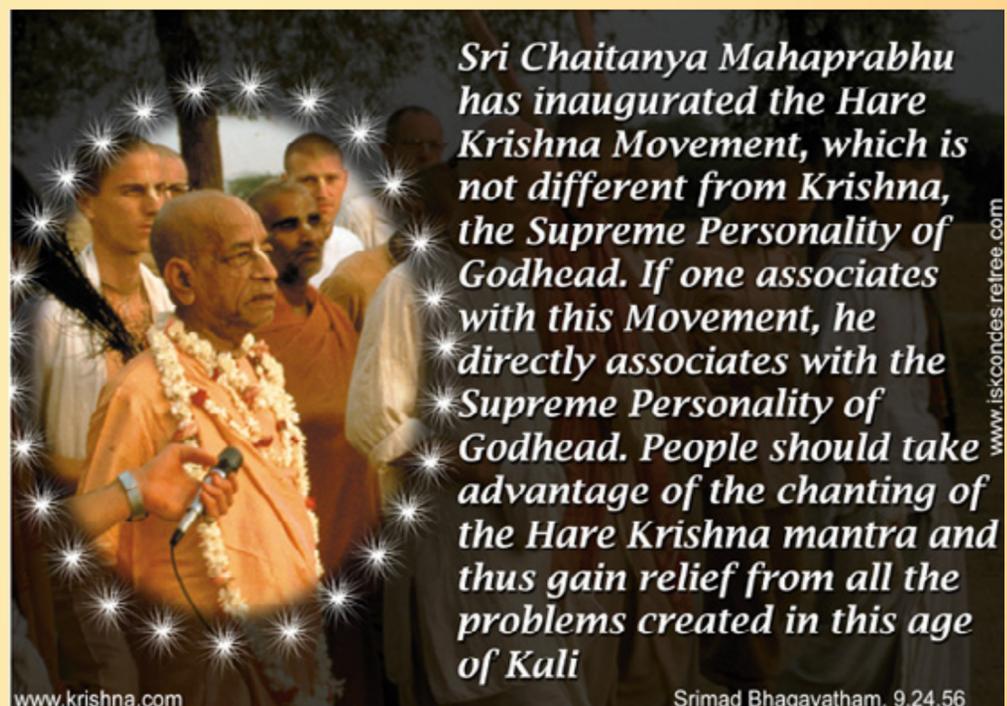
Bhismastami

T: Gaura Astami Y: Sadhya N: Asvini  
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## SRILA PRABHUPADA SPEAKS

So this temple, Māyāpur Chandrodaya temple, is meant for transcendental United Nation. What the United Nation has failed, that will be achieved here by the process recommended by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu,

So you have come from all parts of the world and living together in this temple. So train these small boys. I am very glad, especially to see that the small children from all other countries and Indian, Bengalis, all together, forgetting their bodily consciousness. That is the greatest achievement in this movement, that everyone forgets the bodily conception of life. Nobody thinks here as "European," "American," "Indian," "Hindu," "Muslim," "Christian." They forget all these designation, and simply they are ecstatic in chanting Hare Krishnaa mantra. So kindly what you have begun, do not break it. Continue it very jubilantly. And Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the master of Māyāpur, He will be very much pleased upon you and ultimately you will go back to home, back to Godhead.



Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has inaugurated the Hare Krishna Movement, which is not different from Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. If one associates with this Movement, he directly associates with the Supreme Personality of Godhead. People should take advantage of the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra and thus gain relief from all the problems created in this age of Kali

Srimad Bhagavatham, 9.24.56

## HOW MANY QUALITIES OF LORD KRISHNA CAN YOU FIND?

A	L	N	G	L	K	T	L	T	L	Y
R	M	K	E	V	E	M	X	U	W	X
T	Q	N	N	H	L	A	F	M	E	P
I	R	Q	I	L	C	E	R	L	F	N
S	Y	T	U	R	T	L	T	N	N	P
T	T	L	S	A	G	N	E	T	E	J
I	K	W	R	N	E	Y	T	V	T	D
C	T	G	O	G	N	B	N	Q	E	R
H	T	R	U	T	H	F	U	L	R	R
D	T	W	K	H	N	T	B	M	Q	G
S	N	F	F	L	U	E	N	T	Z	C

When you tell a friend or relative about Krishna, what do you say? We must know the qualities of Krishna if we want to introduce Krishna to others. We are very fortunate that Krishna and His devotees have revealed many of His divine qualities.

Last month we found many of Krishna's names. This month we have hidden words describing the **qualities of Krishna**.



**Hint:** We can also develop these qualities. There are nine qualities hidden here. Answers to last month's word search:

MADANMOHAN, MUKUNDA  
MADHAVA, GOPINATH  
DEENANATH, GAURANGA  
KESHAVA, GOPALA  
GOVINDA, VINOD  
SHYAMSUNDR, GIRIRAJ  
HARI, RADHESH  
DAMODARA

# IN MEMORIAM

*Two Great Souls Leave Their Body.*



## MAYAPUR SANKIRTAN

OFFERING TO SRILA PRABHUPADA  
During the month of November 2011

Sri Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir has reported distributing the following number of books:

16,063	Maha-big books
908	Big books
2,463	Medium books
19,434	Small books
n/a	Magazines
191	Full sets
39,124	Total literatures

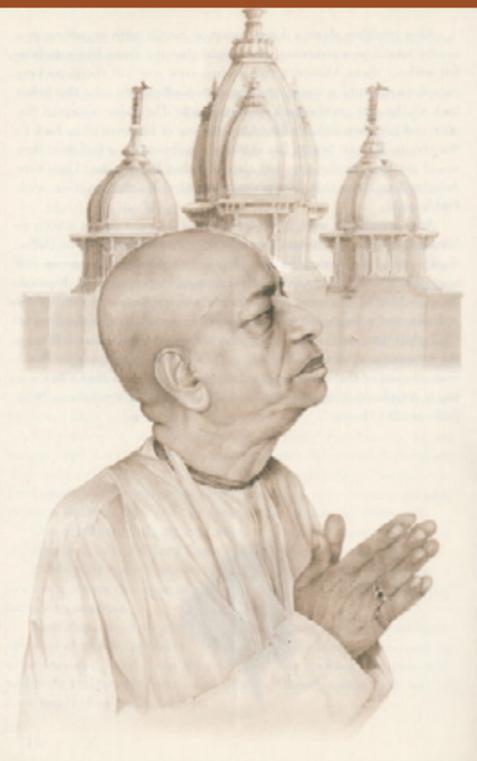
A combined total of 123 temples reported distributing the following number of books:

126,045	Maha-big books
23,954	Big books
35,134	Medium books
135,545	Small books
39,200	Magazines
2,286	BTG subscriptions
303	Full sets
373,594	Total literatures

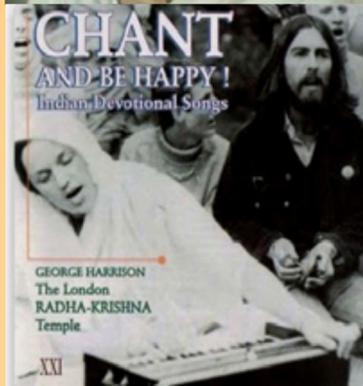
4,493,177 literatures year-to-date  
484,555,662 literatures worldwide since 1965

All glories to the san-kirtan devotees!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*“This is the sum and substance of Lord Caitanya’s saṅkīrtana movement. There is no distinction made between those who are fit and those who are not fit to hear or take part in the saṅkīrtana movement. It should therefore be preached without discrimination. The only purpose of the preachers of the saṅkīrtana movement must be to go on preaching without restriction. That is the way in which Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu introduced this saṅkīrtana movement to the world.”*  
Cc. Ādi 9.29



*Above: Yamuna devi with Srila Prabhupada.*



*Left: Yamuna devi singing with George Harrison.*

*Below Left: Devarsi lived a very simple life. His residence was a straw hut next to the goshalla*



**“He reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die when thou art living still in sound. The Vaishnavas die to live and, living, try to spread the Holy Name around!”**

- Bhaktivinode Thakura

## NATURAL SWEETNESS OF MAYAPUR

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way from mid-November to mid-March.

An average healthy date tree yields about 6 litres of juice a day. If the nights are cold and the sky is clear, the juice will be very clear and sweet. The maximum yields of juice are available in December and January. When the juice is collected the next morning gud is then prepared by thickening the juice by boiling. The juice must be boiled quickly to avoid fermentation.

Date trees start yielding fruit in 7 years and continue to do so for 30 or 40 years. During the whole winter, date juice is collected in a cycle of 6 days. The first night’s juice called jiran is the best in quality, sweetness and quantity. The second night’s juice is called doket and falls in second category in quality and quantity. The third night’s collection is called jhara, which is lower in sweetness and quantity. The tree is given a rest for the next 3 days after which another 6-day cycle begins.

The juice and gud obtained from these trees are quite nutritious as they contain sugar, salt and vitamins. Gud can also be used for making Ayurvedic medicines (it is a perfect laxative) and is the sweetener of choice for many sweet preparations. The final products are then often sold in makeshift stalls along the side of the road.

Observing the production of natural products like gud from beginning to end can bring the pensive personality to a point of seeing the connection between the wonders of nature and the mercy of the Lord. In the Gaura aratika song, Bhaktivinode Thakur has described the sankirtan propagated by Gauranga Mahaprabhu as being madhur madhur. Very sweet! Visitors to Mayapur have the opportunity to taste sweetness in all aspects of his or her life!



**The final product!!**

## LORD GAURANGA’S COMPASSION

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That night the Lord left His house, swam across the Ganga and went a place called Katwa. In Katwa the great servant of the Lord, Sri Kesava Bharati, initiated the Lord into the order of sannyas and gave Him the name, *Sri Krishna Chaitanya*. Presently, many devotees visit the site where the Lord’s hair was cut and put into a Samadhi memorial. As a sannyasi the Lord desired to exhibit a very high standard of renunciation. Naturally, this means that, He could not accept the opulent offerings His devotees. However, the natural inclination of the devotees is to offer everything to Him. Therefore, in our Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition we generally worship Him as Nimai of Nadia along with His beautiful hair, opulent dress and other ornaments. We thus worship Him as the enjoyer, not of the gopi’s, but as the Lord of Harinam Sankirtan!

