### Rama's Appearance Day Celebrations

Today is birthday party or Rama's appearance day celebrations

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Dinesh, Din-isa, the master of the day is Surya, sun. So while the sun's ruling time is the day, Rama appears. Night time is ruled by moon. Moon is also called as Raka, Raka isa becomes Rakesha, or Rajani also means ratri , night time. Rajanish that is moon, night time ruling, the moon is ruling. So Suryavamsi Rama appears during the day, mid-day. And Sri Krisna appears midnight when Candra is ruling.

Ayodhya dham ki jay! Lord Rama appeared; of course Ayodhya is His dhama, His home. He is Ayodhyavasi Rama. Rama is what? Ayodhyavasi Rama ki Jay! But then again we want to remind you, this is not only Rama has taken birth today, at this time of day, Laxman also, today is appearance day of Laxman and Bharat and Satrughna. So today is Rama navami, today is Laxman navami, today is Bharat navami and Satrughna navami is today.

Dasharatha had no children, no sons, and then today he received four sons. They are all Lord. Laxman is also Lord and Bharat is Lord and Satrughna is Lord. Some time we do not know or we do not think like that. Instead we say Lord Hanuman. One who is not Lord, we make him a Lord. We make Hanuman Lord but we do not think Laxman is Lord. We think Rama is Lord but Bharat is also Lord. He is Lord Bharat, Lord Satrughna.

This is how Sukadeva Gosvami describes, Vasudeva, Sankarsana, Pradyumna and Aniruddha, these are the four Lords, Caturvyuha, the quadruple expansions of the Lord. They all four of them appeared on occasion of navami I should say. That navami's name has become Rama navami. This navami became famous as

Rama navami. As one astami has became known as Krsna astami. One purnima has become known as Gaur purnima, like that. So today is reserved for, today is this Navami, reserved for Sri Rama. And for almost one million years since Lord's appearance, this navami is celebrated as Rama navami.

So we have assembled here to celebrate appearance day, birthday. It's a birthday party and the news is which is also good news, that all over the planet, as International Society for Krsna Consciousness has spread all over the planet. And today the birthday party or Rama's appearance day celebrations are not India limited any more. It is unlimited. On the way to here through internet we were watching, Rama navami is being celebrated in Bombay and Delhi and London and may be not right now. Some places are still sleeping. Soon they will be getting up and that will be navami for them, and morning mangal arati. It's not 12 o'clock everywhere, yeah, may be somewhere mid night 12 o'clock. But through out the day there is celebration of Rama's appearance, all day long. This is mid day. Lord is appearing at mid-day, madhyanha time. Madhyanha time for devotees in Middle East is going to be after one two hours. In Europe it's going to be after 3, 4 hours, their mid day. In New York it's going to be after 7, 8 hours.

Los Angelis going to be after 12 hours, in Hawaii may be after 13, 14, 15 hours, like that, and in Japan, 16 hours. And Singapore, like that, you understand right? So it's not 12 0'clock everywhere on the planet right now. But celebrations are being held and would be held all over the world. Jay Sri Rama! So like this Rama's glories are spreading everywhere. Rama is spreading everywhere. Rama mandirs are everywhere now. In London there is ISKCON Rama mandir. In Washington there is ISKCON Rama mandir. Like that, so many of them. We Gaudiya vaisnavas or in ISKCON we worship Radha Krsna. Of course we worship Sri Sri Gaura Nitai ki Jay! We worship Jagannath, Baladeva, Subhadra; we worship Sita Rama

Laxman Hanuman ki Jay! So these are some of our worshipable deities, worshipable Lords. They all are worshipable. There are so many more of them.

#### advaitam acyutam anadi ananta rupam

But some forms, some rupas we worship formally, regularly and one of those forms is Sri Rama. Jay Sri Rama! We sing the same song. We don't have many songs atleast I don't have.

#### ayodhyavasi rama rama dasaratha nandan rama rama

Rama is Ayodhyavasi. Not today He became Ayodhyavasi. No no, He is always Ayodhyavasi, Ayodhyavasi Rama. But today He became Dasarath nandan, Dasarath nandan Rama. He appeared as son of Dasarath.

Dasarath nanadan Sri Rama ki Jay!

He also appeared as Kausalya nandan Rama. Kausalya nandan Rama. Kausalya ananda vardhanam, Ramayan says, as He appeared, what did He do? Kausalya ananda vardhanam, increased ananda of Kausalya. He gave so much ananda to Kausalya. Kausalya became happy and what about you? In fact of course He gave ananda to Dasarath and to Kausalya but to give ananda to all of us He appeared.

And right now, right now, is there some ananda? Are you experiencing some ananda? (Hari Bol!) Who gave that ananda to you? Rama! Directly Rama is the cause of ananda. That's why also He is called Rama. Rama means arama, ananda, joy, Rama means joy. There is some genuine ananda, joy that is because of Rama. dasarath nandan Rama.....

bolo rama jay sri rama! bolo rama sita rama patit pavan janaki jivan sita mohan rama rama.

Patit pavan Rama, what kind of Rama He is? Patit pavan! That is why He appeared today. To become pavan, the purifier,

uplifter, the liberator of who? Patitas, the fallen! We are patit and He is pavan.

Patit pavan and He is Janaki jivan,
He is life of Janaki, Sita Maharani ki Jay! Patit
pavan janaki jivan sita mohan rama.
As Krsna is Radha Mohan Krsna, Rama is Sita Mohan Rama.

Rama appeared in Ayodhya today. There is a big celebration; big festival all over Ayodhya, there is jubilation, celebration. They are all chanting and dancing and feasting also. So, how to celebrate Rama navami? Residents of Ayodhya, on this day, one million years ago when Rama appeared, they had set the example, they were chanting and singing.

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare! ..... (Kirtan)

kujantam rama rameti aksaram madhuraksaram aruhya kavita sakha vande valmiki kokilam.

We offer our obeisance's unto Valmiki muni. We are grateful to him, having presenting Ramayan. That says in this vandana. Vande Valmiki kokilam, Valmiki has become kokila paksi (bird). Kuhu kuhu! It is best of the birds, singing birds, sweet singing. So vande Valmiki kokilam.

Kujantam, this kokila paksi is kujantam, singing. Rama Rama iti, he is singing glorifying Rama Rama. Aksaram madhuraksaram, every aksara, syllable, word, a verse of Ramayan is amrita. Aksaram madhuraksaram. Aruhya kavita sakha, as if Ramayan is compared to a tree and Valmiki is kokila and he is sitting on the branch of this Ramayan. So many branches, so many parts of that Ramayan. Bal kanda, at least we could say the names of those branches or portions or sections of Ramayan.

Bal kanda, Rama janma is part of Bal kanda. Then Ayodhya kanda, more things have happened in Ayodhya. Then Aranya kanda, aranya is what? Forest! Rama in forest, forest dweller

Rama. He is no more Ayodhyavasi, He is vanavasi, vanavasi Rama, so that is Aranya kanda. Then Kishkinda kanda. Is Kishkinda in Karnataka?

Yes? Aranya kanda is upto Panchavati. So after kidnapping of Sita happened and left Panchavati and banks of Godavari and search of Sita, He is coming down south this way and He comes to Kishkinda. That is capital and on the top of mountain. Did you ever go to Humpi? Which is supposed to be birthplace of Hanuman is also there.

Shabari's asram, Shabari maiya ki Jay! What a devoted lady! She was waiting and waiting for Sri Rama and finally Rama had come. Then she greeted Sri Rama and made Him sit down and fed Him berries which she had picked up from around, her little dwelling there. And while feeding, what she was doing? She was not eating as such, she was testing. She was tasting to test. These are two words. Test and taste. In exam you have test and juice you taste. So she was tasting and testing, making sure, those berries are ripe and sweet. And that maha maha prasad kind of, she was feeding Rama.

So that's part of Kishkinda ksetra. That's where first meeting of Rama and Hanuman takes place. Hanuman used to stay at the top of the hill, Rishyamuka parvat along with Sugriva and others. And then he was sent 'go go find out! Some one is coming in our direction.' Sugriva used to be always scared. So Hanuman had gone and they met, Rama Hanuman milan, bheta at the bank of Pampa sarovar they met. They introduced each other and Hanuman made Rama's and Laxman's job easier. Otherwise mountain climbing was involved; top mountain to be climbed. So what did Hanuman do? He said, Lord please have a sit, here and there (patting both shoulders). So two Lords sat on the shoulder of hanuman and he took off and landed on that Rishyamuka parvat.

And then meeting with Sugriva takes place there and of course Rama and Laxman they are looking for Sita. 'Site, where are

you Site!' they are screaming out loud. They had been doing this from the time they left Panchavati, everywhere, 'Site Site!' Possibly She is somewhere in the same forest. Shabari also, 'you go top of this mountain. You will get more clues of where about of Sita.' Shabari also made a mention like that. 'You go there, you will get clue about Sita.' Of course Rama and Laxman were looking for Sita. 'Have you seen our Sita, my Sita? Oh Sugriva have you seen?' 'Well I can't say whether I have seen but I saw some viman, aircraft going this way and someone in the aircraft was saying the name Rama Rama Rama Rama.' So there Rama was also saying 'Site Site' and Sita was also saying 'Rama Rama'. 'And while that aircraft just passing above here, little bundle, a cloth, something wrapped in it was dropped.' And then Sugriva said, 'please take this may be you will and we will find some more clues of where about of Sita or was that Sita in that aircraft.' So Sugriva handed that potali to Rama and as Rama was anticipating, yes yes most probably that person flying over here and screaming Rama Rama, who else that could be? She must be Sita. And if She is the one who has thrown this little pouch, she said Rama Rama and touched and held that, Rama felt, His body was trembling. And His eyes were full of tears. Well He opened with His hands to check out what was inside, but He was not able to recognize. He was not able to see because His eyes were full of tears. He called Laxman, 'Oh Laxman Laxman check this out. See some ornaments here. Could they be Sita's? This one — it was

bajuband, armlet of Sita. So Rama was showing ornaments one after the other- this one, could this be Sita's?'

#### naham janami keyure

These are armlets. No, I can't say whether they are of Sita's. I never saw her armlets, arms or armlets. Naham janami kundale, and these are ear rings but I never looked Sita's ear rings that closely. Ahh but these ones, these are ankle bells. Oh for sure these are Sita's. Padami vandane, whenever I

looked at her feet, offer my obeisances and looked at her feet, I have seen this. For sure these are ankle bells of Sita maharani.' And then it was conformed, for sure, at least thus far Sita had come or the person who flew in that aircraft that is Sita.

So that is Kishkinda kanda, that is whole kanda, Kishkinda kanda. Then comes Sundar kanda which is full of Hanuman lilas or searching, looking for Sita. Hanuman had gone, others were also looking in different directions and Hanuman found Sita. Hari bol! And finally when they met, Hanuman said, 'let's go, back to Rama. How? Climb up my shoulders.' Sita said, 'no, nothing doing. I can not touch another man, another person. You go, let's Rama know where abouts of me. Let Him come, battle with Ravan and as a hero let Him prove His prowess and rescue

me, have me back again. That will be glorious than me running away like this or you take me back.'

So Hanuman, at least he knew now, Sita is alive. She still exists. And he knew where exactly she is residing, existing. And Hanuman came back to Kishkinda.

'I have good news for you'.

Hanuman had not only good, the best news.

'I know I know where about of Sita.

I found out, I met her.' And Rama, His joy had no limit.

He was so happy so happy to know where abouts of Sita.

Sita maharani ki Jay!

And Rama had said, 'Hanuman, if I was in Ayodhya today, I could have given you big reward, big gift. But, I want to give big gift but I have nothing. I don't have anything. I am vanavasi. I am empty pocket. I don't even have pockets. My clothes even do not have pocket. But if you do not mind, if you don't mind, you may like to accept my embrace.' Saying so Rama stepped forward and He gave deep embrace to Hanuman. (Hari Bol!)

Wasn't that the best reward for a devotee, Lord has fully accepted you, the devotee. Lord is embracing and Lord is holding that devotee to His heart. You would like to be accepted by Rama like so? (Hari Bol!) Then you have to give up the tight embrace of Maya. Maya is embracing us. As Rama embrace Hanuman, and he was in tight grip of arms of Sri Rama, like wise the conditioned souls are, or in tight grip of Maya in so many forms.

"balam pasya me mayayah stri-mayya jayino disam" (SB 3.31.38) Lord Kapil deva said to His mother. Balam me pasya mayayah, stri maiyyam, in the form of woman. For a man, woman is Maya and for a woman, man is Maya. I want to say that otherwise, 'Be fair'. So Sundar- kanda, then comes Yuddha kanda, whole battle took place in Srilanka, which went on for many months. And it was a day of dasami, Rama Vijay Dasami, Ravan was killed. Hari Bol? Someone got killed and you say Hari bol. (shankha dvani at background, from altar) Victory! When conch shell is blown, victory is declared, proclaimed. That is what conch shell, shankha dvani does, victory to Rama, victory to Sri Krsna, victory to Jagannath. So that was rama vijay dasami. And then Rama returns to Ayodhya and of course there is uttar-kanda, seventh and final is uttar -kanda. From Lanka to Ayodhya and many more things are of course happening on the way. Lord is stopping Kishkinda and at different places and He is not walking back to Ayodhya. From Ayodhya He started walking and walking and southerly direction, all the way Lanka. If He had to walk back, that could have taken few more years. But Lord was looking at the watch. Not just watch, but the whole calendar. And the fourteen year period was going to be expired very soon. And again He had promised Bharat, 'brother I will be back.' But Bharat had said, 'Rama, make sure You come back on time. Preferably before time but not after the expiry of fourteen years time. Well You may come, whenever You come, but if You come late, You will not find me alive. I am going to be keep track of the time.' This is Bharat's and Rama Bharat milan had taken place.

So Rama had to go faster back to home, back to Ayodhya. So He preferred taking flight and not Padayatra. Padayatra is 4 Kms only per hour. So Rama has flown. But then He was at Prayag, another stop at Prayag. Bharadwaj muni's asram. From there Rama send Hanuman, Hanuman you better go. Go fast, go ahead of us. And let Bharat know that I am on the way. Let him know I am coming.' So Hanuman took another flight. He did not have to sit in another aircraft. His body is aircraft. So Hanuman went ahead of Sri Rama. Letting everyone know, especially Bharat, 'Rama is on the way'.

And then in Ayodhya, Rama is greeted there. Big reception and that was another great celebration. Which ended up in becoming Dipavali. Ravan was killed, that is Dasahara. Das- ten headed Ravan; hara- his head is taken away or chopped off, Dasahara, Rama Vijay Dasami. And by the time, Rama reached Ayodhya, everyone was happy. The whole city was lit with lamps, one lamp, another lamp and another lamp, Dipa avali, rows of lamps everywhere. Town was lit up. Everyone was well dressed, new dresses. And they came all to greet Rama and Laxman and Sita and there are Sugriva and few others also, Jambavan also accompanied. And then Uttar-kanda.

Uttar- kanda is longest time, period wise, factor wise. Rama was on the planet for dasa sahasra dasa satani ca. So many years, dasa sahasra, ten thousand, dasa satani, that is another thousand. So that is total of eleven thousand years Rama was on the planet. So by the time He came back to Ayodhya after vanavas, not much time has passed. Fourteen years in forest and some years may be 20, 30; anybody knows how old was Rama when He left for forest? 25, 27? Let's have battle. Anyways its close, if that is correct. So some two dozen or so years before He left for forest. Add fourteen years, so that's only those many years, all the kandas, all other six kandas or cantos are covered. And the remaining ten thousand nine hundred sixty or something years Rama is going to be ruling Ayodhya. And that is all in Uttar- kanda. But you don't

find much because His ruler ship started. Yeah some beginning years are described and rest is left for your imagination or these are getting repeated.

raghupati raghava raja rama patit pavan sita rama jay sita rama

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!

# Let's revive our Rama consciousness

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Jay Sri Rama! Jay Bhakta Hanuman ki Jay! He is coming; big Hanuman (deity) is coming. On Rama navami he will come? No. Thank you for coming. Hanuman hasn't come but you have come. We are little little Hanumans also.

So thank you for being with us this evening. Almost one millionth appearance day of Rama is in two days. How many years ago Rama appeared? About a million, could be plus minus, 10 lakhs, one million years ago. This is a birthday party. Rama Navamimahotsavki Jay!

So we have opportunity here to hear about Sri Rama, talk about, hear about and this hearing and talking should result in remembering.

SravanamkirtanamVisnohosmaranam, Sravanam

#### kirtanam Rama smaranam, Rama smaranam

Lord made His appearance, it's not a small event and He is also not a small person. The Personality of Godhead Sri Rama ki jay! His appearance! We should be talking and hearing and remembering Rama every single day. And we do that also to different degree or when His appearance day comes then we do little marathon of hearing marathon or talking marathon about Sri Rama. Include our Rama katha sessions you might want to call Rama kathamahotsavkijay! By doing so, as we are already doing, we want to remember Him, revive our love for Sri Rama, become Rama conscious, become Krsna conscious and that's perfection of life. Become Rama conscious and finally go back to Rama.

### There is no rama or arama without Rama. Better way we say in marathi,

#### Rama shivayajivanamadheramanahi

Without Rama there is no rama only maramara. No Rama, only mara. You understand mara? Maran! Valmiki muni was asked to chant Rama Rama, he was asked to chant Rama but he was not instead able t o chant Rama, hе was maramaramaram...Rama Rama Rama. As he chanted with offense initially and then as he kept chanting and then he was back on the track. He was purified and then was chanting Rama Rama. So by chanting names of Rama, by hearing about Rama, remembering Rama, we come back to life, we get our life back. Otherwise we are dead.

So next few days we have opportunity very special opportunity, occasion of Rama's appearance, to come back to life or come back to more life. I think you had coming back to life for some time now. Like hanuman, how much was Hanuman conscious of Rama? Once he tore open his heart and who was in there? Jay Sita Rama.

I was in Bombay some time ago and there was big

aadvertisement on a billboard and it was summer day a young man, he opened his heart, and there was limca bottle (laughter). So like that, when we are dead; whatever either limca in the heart or this in the heart or that in the heart.

#### asapasasatairbaddhakamakrodhaparayanah

This is the world, kamakrodhaparayanah, expert, absorbed in kama and krodha. So we want to revive our Rama consciousness, come back to life. So we will be singing also. Little bit singing and more talking we will do. We have this little song. Song may be sounding or looking small, but it is complete also.

Ayodhyavasi Rama, Rama is Ayodhyavasi, like Vrndavanvasi Sri Krsna and Mayapurvasi Caitanya Mahaprabhu and like that Ayodhyavasi Rama, Rama Rama, Dasharathanandan Rama. You understand that, Dasharathanandan, yes because you are from South India. In fact this is somewhat Sanskrit also, more South Indian pundits, scholars and South compared to the North; so I am sure you could understand. The purifier and lifter.

#### patitapavan, janakijivan, Janaki, Sitamaiyaki jay!

He is life of Sita, Sitamohan Rama and He is Sitamohan like Radha mohan, Krsna is Radha mohan, and Rama is Sitamohan, attracter.

#### Ayodhyavasi Rama (Kirtan)

Sri Ramachandracaranaumanasasmarami
Sri Ramacandracaranauvacasagrunami
Sri Ramachandracaranausirasanamami
Sri Ramacandracaranausaranamprapadye!
kujantamramarametiaksarammadhuraksaram,
aruhyakavitashakham, vandevalmikikokilam!
Hare Krsna Hare Krsna KrsnaKrsna Hare Hare!

#### omnamobhagavatesriramaya!

Jay Sri Rama! Its whole ocean of, Ramayanammaha-nadi, Ramayan is like a mahanadi and it is coming from Valmikigirisambhuta. It originates in giri, parvata, mountain called Valmiki. Mahanadi is flowing and the destination of course of this nadi (river), is Rama sagaram, Rama sagar, Rama is a sagar (ocean) and this Mahanadi, which is full of talks, glories of His name, His fame, His qualities, His pastimes, Ramayanmmaha-nadi coming from Valmikimountain. And as one touches even few drops, best thing is to drown, throw yourself into this mahanadi, Ramayanmahanadi, the river, get drown, get absorbed, get transformed.

#### kujantam, singing,

#### kujantamramaramaitiaksarammadhuraksaram

So this kujantam, singing, vandevalmikikokilam, Valmiki muni has become kokila, kuhukuhu, sweetest singing bird, kuku. So he has become Valmiki-kokilam and kujantam, he is singing. What is he singing? Rama Rama, aksarammadhuraksaram, every word of Ramayan is aksarammadhuraksaram. Aruhyakavitashakha, this Ramayan is kavya, kavita, poem and it is now compared to the tree. This whole Ramayan is a vrksa, tree and aruhyakavitashakha, Valmiki is sitting on the branch of that tree and kujantam Rama RamaRama. He is reciting whole Ramayan.

So this is whole ocean, whole sindhu. So it becomes difficult task to present that sindhu in few little moments. So we will say something; from that sindhu we will sprinkle some bindus towards you. They could be sufficient. We could get drowned into bindus, that drops are sufficient. They are big enough. They could also act like ocean for us.

### ompurnamadahpurnamidampurnatpurnamudacyate (Isopanisad Invocation)

Whatever you take out from purna that becomes purna. What has

been taken from purna becomes also purna and also remains purna. One minus one is equal to one. You know that right, this is different arithmetic, different calculation. One minus one is normally, otherwise you close eyes and you say zero.

So we will talk today very beginning of Ramayan and of course ValmikiRamayan. How Ramayan was written and then how the propagation began and how even Sri Rama fell in love with this Ramayan. Even Rama relishes Ramayan. So this is Balakanda, first kanda, there are seven of them. There is meeting taking place, Narada muni and Valmiki muni, the two great muni's are together. Of course one of them is master and other one is disciple. Narada muni is master and Valmiki muni is disciple of Narada muni. As Vyasa is also disciple of Narada muni. After receiving advice and doing some consultancy with Narada muni, SrilaVyasadeva compiled Srimad-bhagavatam.

Likewise before compilation of Ramayan, Valmiki received lot of advice. In fact the seed ideas, the condensed Ramayan was recited by Narad muni to Valmiki muni. So very first statement of Ramayan, is an inquiry done by Valmiki muni.

#### valmiki muni pungavamnaradampari-prucha (Balakanda 1.1.1)

Narada muni was approached by Valmiki and he is inquiring. See what are the inquiries? Valmiki is very curious, he also says,

#### etadichamiahamshrotum (Balakanda 1.1.5)

I would like to hear, million years ago this inquiry— who is that person? Who is sampratamloke, gunavan, veeryavan, dharmajna, krtajna, satyavakya, drdhavratah, person of these qualities, who is that person? Who is gunavan, all the qualities, viryavan, powerful, most powerful, the knower of the religion, the grateful, truthful, personality of great determination, and like that, these are kind of questions. Atmavan, jitakrodhah, who is that who has control over,

governs his anger? Kasyabibhyatidevasca, even demigods are scared of him.

So answer to these questions, Narada muni says,

### Ikshvakuvamsahprabhavah, ramonamaijanaisrutah (Balakanda 1.1.8)

Person that you would like to know, who is such person with all these qualities, who is he? That person is Sri Rama, Jay Sri Rama! Ikshvakuvamsah, and His name is Rama, He is popular as Rama. He is buddhiman, nitivan and sriman, and like that. He is mahabaho, He is powerful and like that. Whole ocean of description of qualities of personality of Rama has been described. We are just picking few drops.

So he goes on and on and on.

#### kausalyanandavardhanah (Balakanda 1.1.17)

He is the one who is kaushalyaanandvardhanah. You cannot say better than the way it is said, kaushalyaanandavardhanah, you understand? Kaushalyaanand increaser. He increases, expands, gives ananda to Kausalya, Kausalyaanandavardhanah. Among others, Kausalya's name is specially mentioned.

#### samudrevagambhirye (Balakanda 1.1.17)

That Sri Rama is gambhira, His gravity is as deep as the ocean. Gambhirya, go into the depth of the ocean, not on the waves, on the top. Go deep into the ocean, that depth and that gravity, that is Sri Rama.

#### dhairyenahimvaneva (Balakanda 1.1.17)

He is as steady as Himalayan Mountain.

visnunasadrsoveeryai- He is Visnusadrsa. He is like Visnu, He is Visnu, but it is said He is like Visnu.

And like that this first chapter of Ramayan is sanksipta or

condensed Ramayan recited by Narada muni. Entire Ramayan has been recited, the seed thought, he said everything in one hundred verses of this first chapter. He also did mention that Rama was on the planet for,

#### dasasahasradashashatanicavarsa (Balakanda 1.1.97)

Rama was on the planet for eleven thousand years. Dasa sahasra that is how many? Ten thousand. Dasa satani, satani is hundred, hundred multiplied by ten is another thousand. Dasa sahasradasashatanica, ten thousand plus one thousand, eleven thousand years, Lord Rama was on this planet. And that's says it is matchless. Caitanya Mahaprabhu 48 years on the planet. Sri Krsna 125 years on the planet. Lord Narsimha in and out, finished His business.

#### ramahrajyamupasitva brahma lokamprayashati (Balakanda 1.1.97)

So He ruled, He was ruler of this world, Raja Rama, He was known as Raja Rama. What kind of Rama He is? Raja Rama, RaghupatiRaghava Raja Rama. And the way He ruled the world, nabhutonabhavisyati. No one had ruled the world the way Rama did. He was raja (king) and citizens were praja. Like they were His off spring; they were His family members, His children.

So whenever Rama rajya, 'Quit India', Britishers get out of here. We want to establish, what kind of rajya? Rama rajya! Atleast that was idea. We stepped again; we are back to Ravanrajya. We fought the battle for freedom, and once it was there, back to square one.

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Narada muni also said, this Ramayan is like Vedas, this is Veda vani, vedaiscasammitam. And what does it do? Papaghnam, papaghna, its killer of the pap, punyampavitram, Ramayan is paunyampavitram, and anyone who recites also becomes pavitram

and punyam. Punyatma, dharmatma as one recites, hears, studiesRamayan.

At the end of the 100<sup>th</sup> verse of this chapter, so last verse, the srutiphal is also mentioned. Narada muni says, anyone who hears, any member of the varnasram, if he is Brahmin, he would become vidvan, that Brahmin would become learned by recitation and hearing of Ramayan.

#### syatksatriyabhumipatitvamiyat (Balakanda 1.1.100)

If he is ksatriya, he will become the king, the ruler. And if he is businessman, vanijyapanyaphalatvam, he will also flourish. Any businessman here? Haven't come? You don't do any business? What happened? Family business book distribution ki jay, he will become successful businessman. So there is no loss coming to hear the Rama katha, hear Ramayan, businessman, he will become winner. And sudroapimahatvamiyat, and even sudras they will become honorable, they would be honored by hearing Ramayan.

So soon after the dialogue was over, once again Narada muni was worshiped and then he took off, Rama Rama Rama... Narada muni is always chanting, narada muni bajayevina, tvingatvangatvanga, and he is chanting the names of the Lord, Narayana, Narayana, Sri Rama, Rama Rama Jay Sri Rama.

#### kujantiaksharammadhuraksharam

So he is gone and then Valmiki muni was at that time at the bank of Tamasariver, which is mentioned here, not far from Ganga. Which is described here,

#### satutiramsamasadhyatamasayamahamunih (Balakanda 1.2.4)

#### akardamamidamtirthambharadvajnishamai (Balakanda 1.2.5)

And that river was akardamam, there was no mud, no dirt. It was clean, water was clean. What kind of clean? Ramaniyam, you

could enjoy bathing even looking at, ramaniyam. You understand the word ramaniyam? There is dhaturama, enjoy relish. That was proper or fit for raman.

#### sanmanusyamanoyatha

How much pure it was? It was like a pure mind of a sajjan, gentleman. Not gentleman of these days. As you always address ladies and gentlemen. They are not gentle, lot of time; most of them are not gentlemen. This is rare but in those days it was common to have people with pure mind, peaceful mind. So river's water is compared to the pure mind of a sajjan or gentleman, devotee, sadhu.

#### titiksavahkarunikahsuhrdahsarva-dehinam

#### ajata-satravahsantahsadhavah sadhu-bhusanah (SB 3.25.21)

These are the abhusanas, decorations, description of sadhu, gentleman, devotee.

So now he was about to take his holy deep in that river, but prior to doing so he was kind of doing little vihar. He was taking little walk around and there he saw something. Amazing and disappointing, disturbing event took place. He saw a krauncha and kraunchi, the crane. Like Bakasura, in Krsna lila, Bakasura, that kind of bird, something looking like that. Male female, they were having good time, walking next to each other, in good mood, enjoying spirit, getting along very well. But this was not tolerated by some hunter and he took arrow. He did his business killing the male bird. There is bloody seen, flapping and dropped dead and you could imagine the state of mind of the female bird.

Valmiki muni was watching all this and by seeing, the compassion aroused in him, oh who did this? And the doer, the killer was not far. So he noticed the presence of the hunter and he was in hunting or killing position. And then Valmiki muni while he was lamenting, he was doing shoka, he was full

of shoka, compassion and lamentation, overwhelmed by the feelings. In the middle of this shoka, one sloka was uttered by him. Like Ramayansloka, Bhagavad-gitasloka, a verse, he had never ever compiled, composed and uttered sloka in his life. This was first time a sloka was spoken, uttered by him.

#### maanishadapratistamtvamagamahshashavtihsamah,

#### yatkraunchamithunatekamavadhihkamamohitam (Balakanda 1.2.15)

And this was like, how could you nishada, you killer, you rascal, you may never ever have peace in your life. I curse you. Harihari

So then he kept thinking. Ok he takes bath, and then he is returning towards his ashram. All the while he is thinking how did it happen I uttered a sloka, with perfect meter. I have not done this before. So thinking and thinking he could not get this thought out of his mind, he returned to his asram, followed by Bharadwaj muni his disciple. As he returned to ashram, he was but still thinking, how it happened, I was full of shoka but I said the sloka. He was saying this to his disciple also. Anyway lot is said about this sloka, lot of commentaries are written on the first sloka that Valmiki uttered; which has seed vision or thought of entire Ramayan. krauncha and kraunchi are Sita and Rama and this hunter is Ravana. So what did this hunter did to this couple, harassed and killed one of them, male bird was killed. So something very similar, Ravan is going to be, attempting to do SO.

So as he was thinking how this did happened, there comes Brahmaji, chaturmukhi Brahma arrived. He also chants,

## chaturmukhe brahma bole krsnakrsna hare hare mahadevapanchamukheramarama hare hare

So Brahma Siva they chant, so Brahma has arrived chanting the

holy names of the Lord. From his four mouths vedas also emanated. So Valmiki has greeted Brahmajividhipurvakam; as I was also received, greeting and different things were done. And as Brahma sat down, first question Valmiki asked was of that day. And especially 'you know I said the sloka'. And Brahma said it was me, Brahma behind the utterance of sloka. Sloka was caused by Brahma. I made it happen, and that is just first one. I want you to compile lots of slokas. I want you to write many verses.

Then there comes instructions, Brahma instructed,

#### ramasyacaritamsarvamkurutvamurisisattama (Balakanda 1.2.31)

You write Ramayan. Ramasyacaritamkuru, understand? Simple sentence, ramasyacaritamkuru, you understand right? Ramasya, of Rama, carita, life time, His character, kuru, compile, complete. I know you have heard Rama's pastimes in a condensed form, from Narada muni. So you base your compilation on what you have heard. But there are lots many more things you have not heard about, but they will become revealed unto you.

#### sarvamvidhitamtebhavisyati (Balakanda 1.2.34)

Kind of blessings, Brahma is blessing and empowering Valmiki muni. Everything will become revealed unto you.

#### ${\bf kururamakathampunyamslokabaddhammanormam}$

Slokabaddham- in form of slokas and you compile Ramayan. And he says all that you will write will be accurate and complete and perfect. And this Ramayan will survive, how long? So far the mountains exists on this planet, so far the river.

#### yavatsthasyantigirayahsaritashcamahitale

#### tavadramayanakathalokesupracarisyati (Balakanda 1.2.36)

Until then so far the mountains exists or the rivers exists and water flowing in them Ramayana will keep surviving. And as

it was said by Brahma, after one million years Ramayana is here. Jay Ramayana! Jay Sri Rama!

Generation after generation after generation this is without interruption. Who is making all these attempts and some kathas going on and all that. More or less everyone gets to know about Lord Rama. Unfortunately schools are not teaching any more Ramayan. Still Ramayan gets propagated, popularized. Now through Krsna Consciousness movement it is spreading all over the planet. Not India limited any more. One time it was all over the planet but as advent of age of kali, Bharat was shrunk. Before that full planet was Bharat varsa but then we ended up with this, map like called India or Bharat. But again this SrilaPrabhupada's and Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu's International society for Krsna consciousness is propagating Ramayan, also Mahabharat also Bhagavad- gita, Srimad-bhagavatam all over the world. SrilaPrabhupadki jay!

When that movie, the swami and this and that. It's a long title, 'mantra and the movement' and the swami who started it'. Have you seen it? If you haven't seen, what have you seen? So it was being released in Delhi, in a big auditorium there was big function and vice president of India was presiding over the function. And Sivaramamaharaj also spoke that day, Sivarama swami maharaj, he made very good point there which was highly appreciated. He said wherever there is ISKCON around the world that is like extension of India or Bharat. So one person he got up, he was next to speak, next speaker. He said I like to introduce myself that I am not Indian. I am Bharatiya, 'maibharatiyahu'. He was proud of ancient culture. Modern India is not Bharat, its west.

And then Brahma also departs and then Valmiki muni begins task of compiling Ramayan, at the banks of Tamasariver. His ashram, it is there even now, you could visit. I visited it several times. There he undertook this compilation of Ramayan task and he did it. As he was empowered to do so, he ended up compiling Ramayan with 24,000 verses. Divided in 7 sections called

kandas, Balkanda, Ayodyakanda, Aranyakanda, Kishakindakanda, Sundarkanda and Uttar kanda. There are 500 chapters, caturvimsatsahasrani. How many sahasra? Caturvimsat 24,000 verses.

Rasas, mellows, rasaisrngarkarunhasyaraudrabhayanakai. You will see srngar rasa, the conjugal Sita Rama dealings, karuna, karun rasa, hasya rasa, I am sure Hanuman also makes you laugh, he is humorous personality. Raudrabhayanakvirya rasa; so Ramayan is full of all these rasas, varieties of rasas. That makes it mahakavya. More rasas are included becomes more mahamahamahakavya.

So compilation was over and now Valmiki muni was thinking, 'but how it will it', and at the door

#### dharmajnau raja putrauyashasvinau

#### bhratrausvarasampannaukusalavao (Balakanda 1.4.5)

Kusa and Lava little two boys entered, two princess successful and their svaras, they are sweet singers like Gandharvas, and they are knower of religion. They already knew. And they offered their obeisance's and sat at the feet of Valmiki muni. Valmiki took that as indication, 'Oh I was thinking who will spread this, propagate this. Oh you two, now I understand you two will spread this Ramayan, popularize it all over'.

Then Valmiki muni made these two little boys, they are looking little but they are very big, grand boys.

#### bhavyanibutanijanardanascya

They belong to Janardan, they belong to Sri Rama. They were bhavya, bhavyanibhutani, they were grand children. That doesn't mean, not in other sense grand grand children, they are grand, grand size. So they became students of Valmiki muni and quickly they learned Ramayan by heart and they started recitation also with the instruments.

#### ayodhyavasiramaramadasharathanandanramarama, patitpavan

They were singing and singing. Scriptures are sung or they are recited, not so much spoken. So they sung the verses and the audience also understood as they are recited, they were not dull headed like we are. The verse was recited, understood, next. The verse was recited, understood, next. Not only understood, these two children were realized. They were realizing all that was said, all that was talked to them by Valmiki muni. They were Rama realized or Sita realized.

Ramayan has been compiled after the pastimes of all the 6 kandas were over. Ayodhyakanda, killing of Ravan happened, Rama has returned to Ayodhya and He has began the rule Rama rajya, in his capital town Ayodhya. Sita was banished, 'Laxman you take her away', the poor Laxman, 'becharaLaxman'. He did not want to, but he had to follow the order because he was junior brother and he had gone through this experience before also. And that's why Laxman made up his mind, 'next time I appear, I am not going to be small brother. Now I am Ramanuja, Rama anuja, one who follows Rama or Rama anuga, Laxman. Next time I am going to be agraja, Krsna agraja, not anuja. So next time they appeared, Rama and Laxman again appeared as Krsna Balaram. So this Laxman has become Balaram, bigger brother.

Anyway he had to follow the order, 'take Sita away'. So she was taken away, driven in chariot, kind of dump in forest. Luckily next to Valmiki muni's ashram. Then Valmiki accepted Sita into his ashram as his daughter and while she stayed there Lava and Kush took birth in that asram. And Valmiki muni, he looked after Sita and also the children. They were born and bought up in Valmiki muni's ashram.

So quickly quickly they became very expert reciters of Ramayan and then they started travelling. The sages munis they reside in forest, they are vanacaris, vanaprasthis. So they would go

here there and everyone from audience they would become rapt attention, they would drink that nectar emanated from the mouths of Lava and Kusa. They would also say, 'look look at them. They look just like Rama. But no one knows this connection as yet. Rama is bimba; these children are pratibimba, just like Rama. Look they are just like Rama. How beautiful they are!'

And when they would recite, go on reciting and they all are listening all these sages are shivering and trembling and romanchakampaashrutarang, they are shading tears. 'We feel that this is happening right in front of our eyes, these boys were competent to make it alive. Something that happened in past was made into present. Sadhu sadhu, well done, and they would appreciate recitation of Ramayan by this Lava and Kush.

And then at the end of recitation all these sages, many of them would come forward. Hug these little children, smell their heads, 'ayushyamanbhava', blessings, may you live long life and they would offer different gifts. Please take kamandalu from me. Ok khadau, wooden shoes, brahman thread, this kind of. Ok I don't have much valuable gift, take kaupin from me. They are brahmacaries, kaupin for you. So they are reciprocating with these children. They are feeling grateful. We have been enriched by these two children. They have given us so much. We should also give something in return, krtajnya. They were reciprocating with the children.

So like that their recitation was happening all over everywhere, and then travelling and preaching and travelling and conducting this Ramayan recitation, which was sangitmaya, musical, they would also play their instruments as they would recite Ramayan. So travelling and preaching and reciting Ramayan; they ended up in Ayodhyadhamki jay! They were in Ayodhya now. What would they do? They continued recitation of Ramayan in Ayodhya, everywhere, or even as they would walk, they would recite Ramayan. And all those would get to see or hear. They would just follow wherever children are going

reciting Ramayan, large crowd is following them. There is nice park there, and the children would sit down, everyone will be sitting down. And when they would like to get up and go, everyone would get up, following them.

So their recitation of Ramayan became talk of Ayodhya town. Even the news reached Rama's ears. And He was curious to see these reciters of Ramayan, and hear from them. So Rama arranged, 'bring those boys'. So as they arrived, jay Sri Rama, Sri Rama arranged Ramayankatha in His courtyard, in king's court. He invited all the ministers, all the mothers; Kausalya took her seat, Kaikeyi is there, Sumitra is there, Bharat, Satrugna, Laxman are there, Vasistha and all other important citizens were in the court. Rama's court was packed. And these 2 boys were welcomed, honored and Rama made appeal please could you recite for us? You were singing everywhere all over Ayodhya. We would like to hear.

And then these two boys took the microphone and Ramayan recitation began. Now in presence of Sri Rama and Laxman, Bharat and Satrugna and Kausalya and you name and they all are there. And like those sages in the forest, there was great impact upon them, as they were hearing Lava and Kush, hearing Rama's pastimes. Recitation of, and whatever was happening with citizens of a town, same effect in the court of Sri Rama. There was pin drop silence. What kind of silence? Even if pin is dropped we could hear the sound of pin's getting dropped. Its amazing thing, pin drop silence! Now there is not even bomb drop silence, so much noise. That eve bomb is dropped, you would not hear. And there used to pin drop silence and full attention.

And then commentators on Ramayan they say, that Rama took notice that He was seated while listening to recitation of Ramayan by these two great reciters, and He was seated on very exalted seat or asan. Rama felt this is not fare. I am audience, listener, I am recipient of this katha. I have to be down, down to the earth, on lower. So Rama with great care,

without getting anybody's attention, He was making sure not getting attention of anybody, not disturbing recitation. He very gently gently, He stood up and then He stepped down and another step down and down and He took another, more humble, lower seat in the audience and recitation continued. So our recitation also to be continued....

Nitai Gaur premanandeHariHari bole! Jay Sri Rama!

### Mayapur is our home

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Prabhupada gave us this Mayapur festival

Venue: Mayapur

Dated: February 15

Occasion: Disciples gathering

Together we have something like this at different places, some kind of tradition or like a family reunion. We all from time to time or during festival we come back home, Mayapur is our home. Not house, house is a different. It is home. And wherever else we are now that is like home away from home. So from those homes away from home, when we occasionally come back home here and we get to meet. I get to see you and you also get to see each other, your brothers and sisters. And ofcourse we are part of bigger family, Prabhupadanga family.

So I am happy. You have come home. I have been coming every year to attend this festival. First festival was held in 1972 which I missed. I was in Bombay writing my chemistry exams (laughs). When Srila Prabhupada was here organizing 1st ever ISKCON Festival in 1972. So then I came first time in 1973 and since then I never missed any festival. Haribol

So, I love festivals, we all love festivals. And Prabhupada gave us this Mayapur festival. Initially, there were two, Mayapur and Vrindavan festival. We come to Mayapur and then go to Vrindavan. Now this is Mayapur festival and Vrindavan festival during is Kartik. In month of Kartik for Vrindavan festival more devotees come.

So only one year I remember, during Prabhupada's days must be 1975. We had come from Bombay, most of us, many of us, too many of us came from Bombay. And when Prabhupada found out that only few has left behind and most of us are here. Prabhupada said what are you doing here who is taking care of the deities and temple and future construction and fund raising? So then, we had to go back. I think we stayed for 1 or 2 days. I was sent to Kolkata to do return train bookings and we all had to back for pleasure of Prabhupada. But I did come for few days so I didn't miss that year. Today's talks were padyatra centered, lot of padayatra..padyatra including Yashoda Dulal Prabhu's padyatra in Gujarat following in the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi. In 1977 we had come for the Bullock cart Sankirtan Party. We arrived at around noon time and that time there was only one building. I think the long building which is called the chakra building was under construction or it was nearly finished but practically to use there was only one building, Lotus Building. Radha Madhav were on ground floor, Radha Madhav Temple.

So we had parked our Bhaktivedanta Swami Bullock Cart Sankirtan Parties Cart and bulls parked in front of the Radha Madhav Temple. I think it was the noon time, there was Radha Madhav bhog aarti. So we took darshan and we were immediately we went to see Srila Prabhupada. Prabhupada was already in town. He had arrived and Prabhupada used to stay on 2 nd floor of the Lotus Building. You have seen Prabhupada's quarters on the 2 nd floor? If you haven't seen, you should go, visit, and take darshan of Prabhupada's quarters. So we climbed up 1 st story and 2 nd we went up the stairs and as were about to come

to the 2 nd floor and turn to Prabhupada's quarters Hari Sauri prabhu who was a servant. He found that we were very eager to go and see Srila Prabhupada, he says oh!you can't go, Prabhupada is not available, not free. But luckily, what happened that time, Prabhupada had gone to use rest room, bathroom and Prabhupada came out and as he was about to enter his living room, living quarter he saw us battling with Harishabri prabhu (Laughter). And Srila Prabhupada came to rescue us, let them come. So, Hari Sauri was, our path was clear.

So we enter Prabhupada's quarters, Prabhupada had taken his seat. We offered our obeisance's and as we sat Srila Prabhupada, there are so many garlands, big pile of garlands which had been offered to Srila Prabhupada earlier by other devotees, disciples. So he asked I don't remember either Tamal Krishna Maharaj or Hari Sauri, garland them. So, we were all garlanded. Big big garlands. We were looking at each other with big pride, we were honored we were greeted by His Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada ki Jai. And we had a talk we gave report. I wasn't here for most of the time but I was hearing some reports of padyatra, padyatra ministry and some other reports.

So amongst many thinks those were reported to Srila Prabhupada our experience of being on the road with a Bullock Cart Sankirtan Party from Allahabad to Mayapur. Because reporting of our Vrindavan to Allahabad, Prayag was already done, I had met Srila Prabhupada at Kumbha Mela in 1977 Jan, so then onwards, Allahabad onwards. So amongst different queries Srila Prabhupada was making he asked me how was the Journey? And I in humors manner said 'it was easy journey to Mayapur Planet Srila Prabhupada'. The easy Journey to Mayapur Planet by his book title easy journey to other planets. So I took that other planets and put Mayapur there. Easy Journey to Mayapur Planet. Prabhupada was happy to hear. There were difficulties also overall it was easy journey, coming back home. Then Srila

Prabhupada had, first he had instructed us to walk from Vrindavan to Mayapur which we did. And we had no clues where next we would go. So in mayapur, Prabhupada said go to Jagannath Puri now.

So next destination became Jagannath Puri. So that was in 1977 our meeting, Bullock Cart Sankirtan devotees meeting with Srila Prabhupada, Hari Hari! So 44 years lot has happened in Mayapur from scratch, one time there was nothing. Little hut in the beginning and then Lotus building only and then long building, chakra building and gradually, you could see the whole empire that has come into being even skyscrapers. And on top of that is off course TOVP. You should take a tour, Istadev prabhu coordinates this tour. He could personally take you on the tour and show up and down, in and out and he knows all. He is part of TOVP construction project, he has a role to play. He also does fund raising for it, if you have some funds, please take a pledge.

So that Temple, it was prediction of Nityananda Prabhu-hoibe vikas, prakash. Nityananda prabhu, while he was taking Jiva Goswami on the tour of Navadvipa. Nityananda prabhu became the guide and he was giving tour to Jiva Goswami and during that tour, there will be one astounding Temple.

### "eka adbhuta mandira ei haibe prakasa gaurangera nitya-seva haibe vikasa"

Gauranga Mahaprabhu's seva will manifest here or Gauranga will manifest and whole world will come and serve. Gauranga, Gauranga. How many of you were here for the Chakra Installation? On the top of the temple is a chakra, Russian made and golden brilliant effulgence illuminating the sky. They were installed just a week ago, on the 7 th and there was an astounding festival. So that has happened, chakras already there.

Some devotees just take darshan of chakra and that is

considered as good as taking darshan of the deities. Like Namacharya Srila Haridas Thakur was not allowed as he was born in Muslim family, not allowed to enter in Jagannath Mandir. But he did not mind from wherever he stayed. What is that place? Siddha bakul, so from there he would take darshan of chakra at the top of Jagannath, nilchakra. And so he was taking darshan of the chakra and offering his obeisance's.

So that chakra has already been installed. Giving us confidence that now rest would also happen. Deities would be moved. So for sure 2022 as you come for Mayapur festival, naturally you will come that year all the deities, pancha tattva and Prahlad Narsimha and Ashtsakhi Radha Madhav they will be shifted to the new temple, in a new altar. Even if the construction, all construction not completed, still it has been decided that deities will be moved and their worship would began. It is a huge temple, could accommodate 10,000 devotees at a time. Hari Bol!!!

But I am sure, it's gone to be a full, house full. I mean I was thinking we should make a target of bringing 50,000 devotees that year. Hari bol! It is my thought. I was thinking, reason also, why 50,000 because 2022 is going to be a 50 th anniversary of Iskcon Mayapur's 1 st ever festival. 1 st festival in 1972 to 2022, this is 50 years. anniversary of Bhajan Kutir or Iskcon, Prabhupada entering and there was also that year in 1972 itself, Prabhupada did ground breaking ceremony. Not only ground breaking but he had dug hole and even Anantsesa was installed, Prabhupadaa was so eager and anxious, that land was just acquired few months prior to that year's festival, 72 festival. So its 50th anniversary and is also a 100 th anniversary of meeting, first ever meeting of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur and then the Abhay Babu. They met in 1922, so one hundred, after 100 years, this temple is getting opened. So it's a 100 th anniversary of that first ever meeting of two Prabhupadas. Then Bhaktivedanta swami was not known as Prabhupada but later

on we fondly called him and he allowed us to address him as Srila Prabhupada ki jai. So this is mother temple. And all other temples are like a children temple. This is original.

So in this way the prediction of Nityananda Prabhu also will come true as we finally open this temple. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu made one prediction and that prediction was, prithvite ache yata nagaradi grama, sarvatra prachara hoibe mora nama My name will be chanted in every village, in every town. Which town you are from? London. It reached London, Moscow. Any other countries? Ukraine, Mexico, Russia and like this you could see. I mean prediction has come true, it is true. It has happened, It is a history. And again, as I am a padayatri and padyatra talks are going on. The mission of padyatris is to bring the holy name to all the cities, all the towns of this planet. GBC has made this kind of vision, mission statement for padyatris. And padyatris, thus far or by 2016 which was 50 th anniversary of Iskcon, padayatris had walked 2,50,000 km. Two and a half lakhs of kilometers padayatris have walked. And padayatris, they do not just walk, what do they do? They chant and I always say this, padyatris have not only brought the holy name to every town or every village or not all but many many, but they also bring the holy name in between the towns, in between the villages. Not only to the town, and another town but in between the town, in between the villages.

So, Srila Prabhupada's padyatra is making this prediction come true, more than true. Beyond the villages, in between the villages and towns. So, you could imagine how many many hundreds and thousands. How many villages? Do you have any count? He used to keep track when Jaya Vijay was incharge, he used to keep track of address, name of the village.

So, the holy name has reached. So this one prediction of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Prabhupada met that come true. So that was Chaitanya's prediction. And the prediction of Nityananda prabhu is the temple. Temple, astounding temple would be built. So by 2022, yet another prediction and this one of

Nityananda prabhu. This prediction also will come true as we opened TOVP which is Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir by 2022 ki Jai. So, also credit goes to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Prabhupadaa. This planet has changed so much in last 50 years. That change may not be very obvious for us now but as time goes on, who will notice the difference? The world will notice the difference. What's this Hare Krishna Movement of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is doing to this world? It's a revolution as Prabhupada said Revolution in consciousness. And uniting the entire world or uniting people of this planet.

So the way, the Hare Krishna Movement unites people, the souls or meeting of hearts and minds, no other entity or organization could do or has done thus far. They may be talking of some kind of brotherhood, brotherhood? Yes, brotherhood. Or talks of peace and unity but it's very superficial, no deeper understanding as Krishna Consciousness makes us understand that we are brothers and sisters. When different persons claim that we are bothers, what does that mean? There's something in common. What is in common? Father and Mother. Okay father and mother are in common. That makes two persons or three persons brothers, they have common father.

So, hindi-chini bhai bhai. People of China and people of India are brothers. There was this slogan one time hindi-chini bhai bhai, hindi-chini bhai bhai. I was so small and did not know much hindi, I knew marathi. But I could make out, how is it possible. Hindi is a language, chini is sugar. Something that you eat and it is said bhai bhai, they are brothers. Hindi language and sugar that you eat are brothers. This was my from word meanings I was deriving that meaning but hindi, people of Hindustan, people of India are called hindi. We are hindi in Hindustani and chini means Chinese people are called chini.

So later on I understood people of China and people of India are brothers. But still, there is a common father is Mr. Modi, or X something, his name? Is he the father now? So only after

understanding, studying Bhagvad-gita as it is, then I understood.

#### 'aham bija-pradahh pita'

I am father of all the living entities. And only Krishna could make that claim, I am the father of all the living entities.

So Krishna consciousness movement is establishing the brotherhood with full understanding. It is eternal truth. We don't have to become brothers, we are brothers already. We all are already brothers and sisters, we had forgotten. And then Krishna, Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki jai, they are just reminding us, they appear to remind us. So we are a family and our family base is Mayapur, Vrindavan.

So we have forgotten, neglected our family, attempted to break the ties with our family but could never work. And so finally we are coming to senses and we are on the way back home. And this all begins with chanting of

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare - Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare And Chaitanya Mahaprabhu said 'My name will reach every town, every village.' That would be beginning but that is not an end. People will chant Hare Krishna everywhere and with that the rest is accomplished. So what has happened to the first batch of devotees, the first batch of souls since last 50 years. So this will keep happening for next 10,000 years. This is the program for next 10,000 years, Krishna consciousness movement will go on spreading as we do, yare dekha tare kaha Krsna upadesa amara ajnaya guru hana tara ei desa (CC Madhya 7.128) This is Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's instruction again. He gave us mahamantra, this prediction; he also said I order you 'yare dekha tare kaha Krsna —upadesa.' And then on behalf of Gauranga, Srila Prabhupada or parampara was on the job. For first 500 years there was some introduction in the middle but then some 150 years or so you could say Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakur onwards the movement, it has been picked up and Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur founded Gaudiya matha and started propagation of Krishna consciousness. It was more of kind of Bengal, Orissa limited. Hare Krishna Hare Krishna and khol, kartal and chanting. Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, he established 60 temples, Maths all over India and 4 outside India, overseas. And then he was inspiring, instructing his followers, his disciples to go to the west and spread Krishna consciousness there. So first time, Abhaya had gone to see

Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, infact his friend brought him there. Oh! I have seen so many sadhus, he may be just another one. Oh! no no no, he is different. His friend convinced him and then finally Prabhupada had gone, Abhaya babu had gone and very first instruction at meeting 'you look very intelligent, spread this Krishna Consciousness all over the world.'

You think this instruction of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta was some whimsical or some accidental thing? No. It was inspired by Gauranga. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is waiting. My prediction has not come true, holy name has to reached every town every village. Who is going to do this? You. And then, so that seed, idea, thought was planted in the heart and Srila Prabhupadaa accepted, Bhakti Siddhanta as his spiritual masters. After the meeting he was returning home and he worked on this a lifelong, life time in preparation then Prabhupada goes to the west, and in 1966 foundation of Hare Krishna Movement with bunch of, they had by now become serious. They were just hippies. But, how many of you are ready to follow four regulative principles? What are they? Prabhupada had not said that in a formal way that one this, two that. No meat eating. What? No meat eating? What else to eat? That's all that we have been eating, and you say no meat eating, we should starve? So any one is ready? How many of you are ready to follow four regulative principles Prabhupada asked and how many do you think were ready? All those who were present they are ready. Here, anyone is ready? Hari Bol!! So with those

handfuls of his followers Prabhupada founded this International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

And then Prabhupada travelled 14 times around the world. Prabhupada had not taken any flight while he was in India, America he went by Cargo Ship. First flight Prabhupada took was from New York to San Francisco. First time he flew in the airplane was in 1966. And there he had commented the sky scrapper buildings look like match box. One match box on top of another one, another matchbox is on top of another one. This is Prabhupada's thought. He is looking outside through the window and it looks like a matchbox topped on another one.

So you could see the first festival was attended by 50-60 devotees. I have written a book for your information, Festivals, Mayapur festivals, Mayapur Vrindavan festivals, in association of Srila Prabhupada. You have seen the book? Please, get a copy read it, distribute it then you will understand those beginning days, pioneering days of Prabhupada in Mayapur and those festivals. So there were 50-60 devotees in 1972 and how many are there now right here they are more than 100 devotees. So there were entire festival was attended by 50-60 devotees and they were saying so many devotees. How many? How many? So many 50-60. Wow! They were surprised, 50-60 devotees? Wow! Wow!

So from 50-60 devotees in 1972, so by 2022, we should have 50,000. We should make a target of 50,000 devotees.

Haribol stadium would be built which will have capacity of 100,000 part of the master plan. So, this is something good that has happened to this planet, over this planet that this International Society for Krishna Consciousness has been founded, established by Srila Prabhupada on behalf of Gauranga Mahaprabhu to execute the will of Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. So what happens is the prediction comes true. People chant Hare Krsna everywhere. And then what does Hare Krsna chanting do? cheto darpanam marjanam. All that is bad, whatever that may be bad, all bad is removed, dropped.

And what is left is pure soul with the pure thoughts and high thinking and the quality, in other words the quality of human beings. Hare Krsna Movement works on making quality human beings. Quality people, godly qualities. We don't work on making people God. And let's not forget it, you want to become God? God's post is not vacant so, you would not try to aspire, for it.

You want to be god? Yes, one person was interested. I am sure not many but one said that Prabhupada this person is interested in becoming God. And Prabhupada asked him you want to be God? Yes yes, make me God. This person thought finally I met, I wanted to be God and if he is asking me you want to be a God? That means he must be competent to make me God. He must be capable of making me God. So yes, please make me God. Then Prabhupada said you want to be God, yes? What does that mean? That meant you are not God now. You want to be God. Then Prabhupada said one who is not God cannot be God. God is always God. God never becomes God. One day Krishna became God or Ram became God. He wasn't God and overnight he became. So this way that person's all aspiration and dream of becoming God was smashed. He had no hope of becoming God. And he did end up becoming good devotee of God and that was Giriraj Swami. When I joined in Bombay, Giriraj Maharaj used to share his early encounters which Srila Prabhupada I used to translate his talks. So, there is no question of becoming God. So, but we could become Godly. Not become God, but become godly, God's qualities.

So this Hare Krishna Movement is giving rise to birth to Godly people, Krishna conscious people, and Godly people are good people. They are best people on the planet. They are the well-wishers of everybody and they are friends of everybody. So Hare Krishna Movement's work is a topmost welfare work. And we wish everyone,

#### om sarve bhavantu sukhinah sarve santu niramayah

# sarve bhadrani pashyantu maa kashcid dukha bhag-bhavet

May all be contented. May all be free from disabilities. Let everyone experience auspiciousness. Everyone includes everyone. Let everyone be free from all diseases, no disease including no mental disease. Let everyone be free from all diseases. I had gone to hospital opening program. I was kind of guest, chief guest. So that time I offered this prayer, let everyone be from disease (laughter). And the owner of that hospital oh! Maharaj!! What would happen to my hospital? I have opened 50 bed hospital and we would like all the beds to be occupied and you are praying let

everyone be free from disease, no sickness (laughter). So, this Hare Krishna Movement Prabhupada again and again is talking to the audience please understand this movement. Understand this institution Hare Krishna movement, join this movement.

So we are joining and jointly we are making efforts to solve the problems of everybody on the planet. All the big big brains, presidents and prime ministers and this and that; they have no clue, they have no idea. They are themselves blind and they are leading other blind, blind following blind. Well, there is a ray of hope here, on the planet for the entire humanity? This Krishna consciousness is only hope, no other way, no other way.

#### harer nama eva kevalam

Chant Hare Krishna and be happy. Is this making you happy? Are you happy? Hari bol!So thank God, that God is Gauranga. Thank Gauranga that you have come in contact with this Hare Krishna Movement. I thank him for making this prediction. I thank Gauranga to empower Srila Prabhupada to make His prediction come true. And as a result we have come in contact with Hare Krishna Movement. It is the best that has happened to us since long long long time. We had been going round and round and

round and up and down. Going round and round up and down, but now we could get out of here. Not get out of Mayapur, get out of this cycle. In fact we had broken all the bonds, we are free from illusion and we are in Mayapur. It is not a small accomplishment. We are in Mayapur. Mayapur dham ki jai. Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki jai.

Now you all skip, it is your victory, param vijayate shri krishna sankirtanam. All victory to this sankirtan movement. So get further inspired, get further attached to Gauranga and the holy name and to devotees. That's very important also. We do not only love God, we also love devotees of God. That is more important. We don't love and serve devotees of God then Lord say no no, you are not my devotee. I want to see you loving and serving my devotees. If you say I am a devotee of your devotee then Lord says 'you are my devotee.' But if you go straight to Him and say I am your devotee, get lost. You are my devotee. No no no, I am sorry. Correcting your statement, no no I am devotee of your devotee my Lord then you are my devotee. And you could see in Jagannath His hands are, you see His hands? What is He trying to do? Pick you of and then embrace you, those who become devotees of His devotees. Becoming devotee of God is easier; becoming devotee of devotee is tougher. Those who love only devotee are kanishtha adhikaris, Srila Prabhupada wanted at least we come to the madhyam adhikari levels, second class. And that meant we serve the Lord, we are friendly with the devotees of the Lord. And we are kind to the new comers, faithful and we maintain some safer distance from those who are enemies of God and God's devotees. Those who are animical. To serve the devotees of devotees, you have to be more humble. I have no anuraga, no attachment, liking for your holy name. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu said that at the end of verse of the 2nd Siksastakam.

> Then He says, trinad api sunichena taror api sahishnuna

# amanina manadena kirtaniyah sada harih

Immediately, I had no attachment, no attraction for your chanting. And in 3rd verse Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is providing a reply or a method or a solution, how to develop attachment. So that he could do kirtaniya sada hari, he could chant all the time. So what happen suddenly, now we are chanting all the time. What happened or what is expected to happen is the trinad api sunichena, is humble, trinad api sunichena, humble than straw in a street. Taror api sahishnuna, tolerant than those trees, amanina mana dena, respecting others and not expecting respect for oneself or ourselves. And this happens and we always see in such a state of mind, this always comes to my mind, the end part of the translation. In such a state of mind one could chant the holy name of the Lord constantly. In such a state of mind, so what is that state of mind? Is trinad api sunichena, being humble, tolerant, respectful, respecting others, not expecting respect for oneself. Such a state of mind, this is a state mind we have to cultivate, we have to develop this mind set. And when that happens, then it could chant, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Hare Hare

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So, you are welcome again and again. Enjoy your stay by participating in temple programs, kirtan melas, parikrama, Gaur purnima festival. All this in association of devotees and by doing so we will get charged. Our batteries will be charged.

# Glories of Radharani

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Venue: Krsna Balaram Mandir, Vrndavana

Dated: 29.08.2017

Occasion: Radhastami

Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!

Srila Prabhupada is the one who has given Radha and Krishna to us. So Prabhupada is to himself celebrate Radhashtami, Janmasthami. Even when he was little boy, he celebrated, he used to share this with us. And then sadhus coming to his home and Gour Mohan Dey's used to do special appeal to all those sadhus, "please bless my son." What sort of blessing? So that he becomes devotee of Radhey!! Radha's devotee. So Srila Prabhupada was Radha's devotee, Radha bhakta. Varsabhanavi dayita, his spiritual master also has this name; Varsabhanavi dayite Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvate Thakur. So blessings of all those sadhus. Gour Mohan Dey was also first guru, siksha guru. His blessing, sadhus blessings, Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakur's blessings and Srila Prabhupada became a great devotee of Srimate Radharani ki....... jai!!

In 1970 it was turn for Kolkata, Radhastami in Kolkata.

Jayapataka and Achyutananda were given sannyasa initiation on that day! Haribol!!

And moving forward '72 Los Angeles Radhashtami. '74 Kolkata again. '75 Krsna Balaram opening had already happened on Rama Navmi. And that year Radhashtami, Srila Prabhupada was right here!! Haribol!! I Am sure he was right here sitting and celebrating. And that day the International Gurukul school corner stone ceremony was led on Radhashtami of 75. Then '76 was the turn for New Delhi, Lajpat Nagar, 21 Feroze Gandhi road. I was there so I remember. Prabhupada celebrated Radha Parthsarathi's Radhashtami. Guess what? He was translating Srimad Bhagavatam like always and everywhere. So that day, on Radhashtami day, Srila Prabhupada completed the translation of the 8th Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam. Haribol!!

This commentation, Srila Prabhupada was writing, that commentaries on Srimad Bhagavatam has been finished in our New Delhi center today, 1st September, 1976, the day of Radhashtami, by the grace of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and the acharyas this was possible. Srila Prabhupada is writing he continues to write there.

Srila Narottama dasa Thakura says,

# 'tandera carana sevi bhakti-sane vasa janame janame haya, ei abhilasa'

I am attempting to present Srimad Bhagavatam in the English language by the order of my spiritual master, Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, and by his grace the work of translation is gradually progressing, and the European and American devotees (He is remembering them, he is not remembering Indians), who have joined the Krsna consciousness movement are helping me considerably. Indian devotees were not helping at that time. Those who helped were American, European (Laughter). Thus we have expectations of finishing the great task before my passing away. All glories to Sri Guru and

#### Gauranga.

That was also day Radhashtami in New Delhi. Srila Prabhupada gave me personal instructions to start the bullock cart sankirtan party. I was enjoying travelling in the buses, German buses of Hamsaduta Maharaj he was at that time. Prabhupada said 'No', Buses had to go also back to Germany. I was left with no mode of transportation. He said, 'get down from the bus get into bullock cart.' That instruction for me was, is very special to me. And I received that instruction on Radhashtami day 1976 New Delhi Radha Parthsarathi mandir. And then I just want to share what Prabhupada had been saying at some of these Radhashtami celebration days. Especially in London in '71 and again in '73.

You'll like to hear what Srila Prabhupda said? Haribol!!!

Prabhupada said, must be Radha Gokulananda temple in London. Radharani is Krsna's pleasure potency.

'radha krsna-pranaya-vikrtir hladini saktir' (C.C Adi 1.5)

He quoted that; The Lord, the Supreme Personality of Godhead has got varieties of energies. As it is confirmed in the Vedic literatures.

'parasya saktir vividhaiva sruyate na tasya karyam karanam ca vidyate', (Svetasvatara Upanishad) Prabhupada quoted.

The Supreme Lord has nothing to do personally. 'na tasya karyam karanam ca vidyate'

He has nothing to do. Just like here in this material world, we find very big man political head or business head, personally he has nothing to do because he has got so many assistants, secretaries. That personally he has nothing to do anything. Similarly the Supreme Personality of Godhead full with six opulences, why He'll have to do something. No, He has got many assistants.

#### 'sarvatah pani-padam tat'

In Bhagavata Gita He has got everywhere His hands and legs. You'll find Krsna, He has nothing to do. He is simply engaged in enjoying with Gopis and Radharani. Haribol! Jaya Radhey!

And then '73 Radhashtami London Prabhupada said, 'Actual aim of life is to satisfy Visnu. And Krsna is original Visnu tattva. And He is pleased through Radharani.' Haribol!!

Such a profound statement. He is pleased through Radharani. Therefore, we don't keep Krsna alone, no. Radha Krsna, first Radharani. So that day is today. First you have to worship Radharani. If you go through Radharani, therefore, in Vrndavana you will see all the devotees they will address one another Radhey!! Radhey!! Jaya Radhey! Still, meaning even today. Because they know, if I can please Radharani; Radharani presented the original pleasure potency, always absorbed in thought of Krsna. So anyone who comes before Radharani to serve Krsna, She becomes so pleased, 'Here is a devotee of Krsna.' She immediately recommends, 'Krsna! Oh Krsna! Here is a devotee. He is better than me!' This is Radharani.

I may be not devotee. I may be most fallen rascal but if I try to reach Krsna through Radharani, then my business is successful. Therefore we should worship Radharani first. That is our business. Instead of offering directly one flower to Krsna, you just put it in the hand of Radharani. You can say this, 'My dear Radharani, jagat mata, if you kindly take this flower and offer it to Krsna.' Radharani says,' Oh you have brought a flower?'

# Krsna says, 'patram puspam phalam toyam yo me bhaktya prayacchati'

But don't try to offer Krsna directly. Just offer through Radharani. It will be very much appreciated by Radharani. Haribol!!

So this is our philosophy. So please Krsna through Radharani.

And just today is auspicious of Radharani's appearance. So we should offer pushpanjali and pray to Radharani. You could say the prayer, 'Radharani kindly be merciful and tell about me to your Krsna.' Krsna is not independent. Krsna is Radharani's property. So you have to approach Krsna through Radharani. Today is auspiscious day. So worship Radharani very nicely and be happy. Prabhupada said.

## Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare

Chant Hare Krsna and be happy. That we normally hear. And here Srila Prabhupada says, 'Worship Radharani and be happy.' So what's the difference? There is no difference! The chanting of Hare Krsna Hare Krsna is what? That is worshipping Radharani, worship Deity of Radharani, Radha Shyamsundar. Everyday we worship Radha Shyamsundar. Everyday we worship the Holy name. And here also, the first comes Hare then comes Krsna. This is also prayer. Srila Prabhupada used to always simply, not getting into the details. He would translate this, 'Oh Radhey, Oh Krsna, please engage me. I am yours. Please engage me in your service. Or Oh! Radhey, you are engaged in Krsna's service, please engage me also in Krsna's service. chanting Hare Krsna Hare Krsna is that prayer, meditation. That is the worship of Radha Krsna, worship of Radharani. Worship Radharani nicely and be happy. So chant Hare Krsna nicely. Nicely is what? Attentively is what? 'aparadh-sunya ho'ya loho krsna nama'

That is worshipping Radharani, worshipping Krsna, worshipping Their Holy names.

So Prabhupada gave us Radha Krsna, gave us Radharani. Take Radharani. Take Hare. Take Krsna. Prabhupada gave us Radha Krsna in the form of Their names.

We could say that also, by worshipping the Holy names.

Today is Radharani's appearance day, formal Radhashtami. But

She is willing and ready to appear every day, every time wherever. She is ready to appear. What form and shape?

### Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare

In the form of the Holy name Radha and Krsna are appearing everyday to every body.

#### 'kali kale nama-rupe krsna-avatara' or

'kali kale nama rupe radha avatar', 'radha krsna avatar', 'kali kale nama rupe' in the form of the Holy name Radha Krsna appearing. In fact this is Caitanya Mahaprabhu has given Himself to the world. In parampara we receive Radha Krsna in the form of the Holy name. Chant Hare Krsna and be happy. At the time of initiation, what are we given? What do we receive when we are given initiation? What we are given is Hari nama, Radha nama, Hare Krsna.

#### 'hare krsna nama gaura karila pracara'

So we are given that Radha Krsna nama. If we worship this Holy name, we could attain perfection of our life. One goal is to achieve Krsna prema, Radha prema and that could be done by chanting Radha Krsna's names. Hare Krsna.

Today is allowed to go on and on till abhishek time. Are you fasting? You are not remembering. (Laughter). And feasting in fact. Today is the feast day. We eat feast through the ears. That feast, karanamrta not the annamrta.

So much you could talk about Radha Krsna. But could we finish in two hours? This never ending discussion and ever fresh, you don't have repeat. So much to talk about.

Somewhere something we want to talk. There is so much to talk and of all that talk what to talk today. I am not surem, but I have to talk something for my own purification

## 'krsna kanta gana dekhi tri-vidha prakara

#### eka laksmi-gana, sutre mahisi-gana ara'

You know Krsna takes avatar, Krsna is avatari. So is Radharani, avatari, she has been said here as anshini. Radha and Krsna are complete and they have different expansions, manifestations, different forms. They both appear, Krsna appears in so many different forms so does Radharani appears in so many different forms. And three of them specifically are mention here. Beginning with all the sakhis including Lalita and Vishaka and asta sakhis and then special hundred and eight gopis. And millions and trillions of gopis in Vrndavana and those many are required in order to increase the rasa, the juice to make the rasa dance juicy, so many are required. So Radharani expands and She becomes all the sakhis and all the gopis. They are described as

# 'lakshmi sahasra-sata-sambhrama sevyamanam govindam adi-purusam tam aham bhajami' (S.B.S 29)

They are also mentioned as Lakshmis of Vrndavana. Vrndavana's Maha Lakshmi is Radharani. Vrndavana Lakshmis are sakhis. Vrndavana Lakshmis are gopis. How many Lakshmis are serving Sri Krsna. 'lakshmi sahastra'

So this is all Radharani. Then Radharani further expands and says, 'mahishi gana'. All the queens of Krsna in Dwarka, this is further expansion of Radharani. Radharani personally becomes? Who is Radharani in Dwarka? Satyabhama, hot tempered. There is left wing gopi and right wing gopi. And Radha appeared today and Chandravali appeared today. In Dwarka lila Rukmini is Chandravali. She is straight forward, soft and kind. She never gets on the case of Sri Krsna and makes His life very difficult as Radharani does. And so is Satyabhama, she continues doing that in Dwarka. Lalita is Jambhavati. Yamuna is Kalindi, the fourth queen of Sri Krsna in Dwarka. And all the queens, this is further expansions of Radha. And then the third is all the avatars of the Lord in Vaikunthas, they have their hladini shaktis, pleasure potency and they are

called Lakshmis. Lakshmi Narsimha dev ki.... jai!!

Varaha Lakshmi, Narayana Lakshmi like that. 'nana avatara' again who is these Lakshmi? This is Radharani in Vaikuntha is Lakshmi. Radharani in Dwarka is Satyabhama. In fact they are all Radha. Radha becomes all the sakhis, gopis. Radha becomes further mahishis, queens. Radha becomes all the Lakshmis in the Vaikuntha planets. If Krsna is everywhere, then Radha is everywhere in all those manifestations.

# 'bahu kanta vina nahe rasera ullasa lilara sahaya lagi bahuta prakasa'

So many many Radhas are required. So Radha becomes many in the form of sakhis and gopis. Many many are required and Radha becomes many and then there is rasa dance and then other pastimes of Vrndavana.

'govinda nandini radha' nice to hear. How is Radha? If you could understand what we are saying, Govind Nandini Radha; one who gives ananda to Radha, Govindanandini.

## 'govinda mohini govinda sarvasva, sarva kanta siromani'

There are so many kantas, lovers of Krsna in Vrndavana. Radharani is siromani, the top of all those kantas. 'sarva kanta siromani'

'krsna mayi radha', it should be really waking us up if we meditate. How is Radha? Just one word but everything is said. You don't have to say anything more like this one Govind Nandini is complete.

#### 'sarva kanta siromani'

If you want to say Radha in one word, say something, everything about Radha you could say Radha is Krsna mayi. If mind is sleeping, mouth will not open. Say Krsna mayi!! Krsna mayi means full of Krsna. She is filled with Krsna,

fully Krsna conscious. If anyone is most Krsna conscious, that

is Radharani.

# 'tara bhakti tara saha hoya eka rupa krsna vanca murti rupa kare aradhane'

'vancha kalpatarubhyas ca', for Krsna, Radharani is that 'vancha kalpataru' desire tree, wish fulfilling tree. Desire tree is Radharani for Sri Krsna. All the desires for Sri krsna are fulfilled by Radharani.

## 'purna ananda maya ami cinmaya purna tattva'

But then Krsna saying, 'I am 'purna ananda maya', I am supposed to be complete 'om purnam adah purnam idam', 'cinmaya purna tattva' I am purna, I am complete.

# 'na jani radhar preme ache koto bal radhikara preme ama karaya unmata'

I am full of anand, I am complete. But then He says, 'Radha's prema makes me mad, I become mad after that Radha.'

Krsna says, 'I can't understand how much power there is in that Radha's prema, Radha's love. How attractive is that Radharani to Me. I am complete still I am attracted to that Radharani, I am taken over, I am overwhelmed.

## 'radhika prema guru ami shisya nata'

Krsna says, 'I am just the actor, She is the one who makes Me dance. She makes Me dance. She is the prema guru. She is the guru for Me. What does She teach? Love, Lessons of love I learned from her. She is My guru.'

# 'ami shisya nata'

I am disciple, actor, I am Her student.

One time Vrnda has just come from somewhere. But Radharani doesn't know from where she has come from. Hence Radharani is inquiring.

'kasmat vrnde'

'Where did you come from?', Radharani is asking.

#### 'priya sakhih hareh pada mulat'

'Oh I was there at the feet of Sri Krsna. From His lotus feet wherever they are, I have come.'Where is He? Where are those lotus feet right now?', Radharani is kind of counter questioning Vrinda devi.

'kunda aranye', 'In the forest.' Which forest? 'kunda aranya'. Radha kunda aranya, the forest around Radha kunda. That is where He was. I just came from there. 'What is He doing there?', Radharani is very curious.

'natya siksyam' 'He is taking lessons in dance. He is busy with the dance lesson.' 'guru kaha', Radha asking, 'He is taking lessons? Who is His guru?' Then Vrnda devi says, 'You! You are the guru.'

'He is just dancing right behind you. Wherever He goes, He is seeing you. He is only inspired. Wherever He looks, He sees You. 'There and there is Radharani.'

## 'bahir narsimho hrdaye nrsimho, yato yato yami tato'.

Where Krsna goes, there is Radharani. Outside is Radharani, inside is Radharani. So He is running everywhere after You and taking lessons from that You there and He is busy dancing hither and thither everywhere.

### 'krsna vanca purna rupa kare aradhane'

Radha of course she is worshipping Krsna. Krsna is worshipping Radha. It is also said, they are not two. They are one, two in one or two together is one.

## 'radha krsna-pranaya-vikrtir hladini saktir asmad'

Krsnadas Kaviraj Goswami begins Caitanya Caritamrta with one of these statements. He says the manifestation of hladini shakti of the Lord; that is Radharani manifest. And then there

is 'radha krsna pranaya vikriti', the prema. This is even just not prema but pranaya, very intense, condense prema is called pranaya. Superior to prema is sneha. Superior to sneha is maan. And superior to maan, when maan becomes condensed, paripakva, then it is pranaya. So that pranaya, is manifestation of hladini shakti. The pleasure potency of the Lord, Radharani manifests and then there is Radha Krans pranaya.

#### 'ekatmanav api'

'ekatmanah, ek atma, Radha Krsna, They are one atma, one spirit, one entity.

'deha-bhedam gatau tau bhuvi pura'

But then long long time ago, don't ask that, what happen? They were one, then what happen? They became two for the pastimes and They are having pastimes.

#### 'caitanyakhyam prakatam adhuna tad-dvayam caikyam aptam'

But now, what happen again? He appeared as Caitanya Mahaprabhu. They had become two and again They had become one. Sri Krsna Ciatanya Mahaprabhu ki jai!!

# 'radha-bhava-dyuti-suvalitam naumi krsna-svarupam' (CC Adi 1.5)

He is Shyamsundar Sri Krsna. Because He wanted to know, what kind of powerful is Krsna prema and Radha's greatness. He had three questions. 'mahima ki drashi', and He became anxious to know Radha. He became greedy, lobha.

'saci-garbha-sindhu harinduh'

Hari, that is Lord, Indu, that is moon. And He appeared and became Caitanya Chandra appearing in the womb that is compared to the ocean. That became ocean and Saci mata gave birth to Harindhu, that is Caitanya Chandra.

#### Like 'vrsbhanudadhi-nava-sasi-lekhe'

Vrsbhanu and Kirtida, they are like an ocean and Radharani appeared there today.

Later on He appeared as 'saci-garbha-sindhau harindhuh'. So that Radharani who worships Krsna. That is what the gopis said:

The gopis said, 'whose footprints are these?' All the gopis were searching for Krsna. They are looking everywhere. They are asking everywhere, gone mad even asking trees, asking everybody. So as they were searching, at one point, they saw some footprints. Some of the gopis found. They were spread all over. So one group, they saw some footprints. As soon as they saw footprints,

All those signs on Krsna's footprints; the flags, fish, they were all there. 'Oh! For sure this is Krsna's footprints. Hey! Come on here!' all gopis came running. Because they thought the footprints are here and there, they are very fresh. These footprints are very fresh, maybe few minutes ago. He was right here. He is not very far away from here. So they called over and were following these footprints. And as they walked some distance, they noticed another person walking next to Krsna. 'Whose footprints could these possibly be? Who is walking next to Krsna?', someone is wondering. 'You fool, pagli kahi ki, of course these are footprints of Rdaharani.' Then some gopis said those who were sure,

'anayaradhito nunam bhagavan harir isvarah' (S.B 10.30.28)

These footprints are of the worshipper of 'bhagavan harir isvarah paramah krsna', the worshipper. They are not taking the name directly. Oh! that one! One who worships Isvara, Hari, Krsna, Bhagavan. Who is that? Radharani!! So the gopis were following the footprints of Radha and Krsna.

But after some time they could not see Radha's footprints, only Krsna's footprints. And they were wondering, 'what happen here? Where did she go? Of course Krsna must have picked her up. And He must be carrying Her on the shoulder. He is double

load, that's why the dust was deeper into the earth. He must be carrying Her.' Then they go some distance this way and that way.

Then they noticed, only the front portions of Krsna's foot impression were there on the raman reti. What is He doing here? He must have climbed up to reach the flowers. He is jumping up and down to pick up flowers for Radharani. And as the gopis are looking hither and thither, 'Hey look! Some of them found, this is where They must have sat together. The impression in the vraja like one person sitting behind the other person. So this is Krsna sitting behind and Radharani in the front. Those flowers He picked up, He made flower garlands and hair decorations. So they are meditating and they are still moving on, to find Them. They are looking for Radha and Krsna now. They know not only Krsna has gone into the deep forest but Radharani also.

And then something had happen and Radharani has become very proud. 'I am the only one leaving all else behind. He took me with Him. I must be very special.' So She has become proud and there maan develops. And now again she says, 'Krsna I am very tired walking and walking. You have to pick me up.' And Krsna says okay and He was sitting and said, 'jump'. And as She was about to jump, She didn't land on the shoulders, She landed on the ground, Krsna disappeared. He has taken the position, ok climb and jump and as She was about to jump, He disappeared. And the gopis searching for Radha and Krsna, they have reached Radharani, only Radharani. And they saw Radharani overwhelmed, crying for Krsna. Krsna! She is saying,

# 'ha natha ramana prestha kvasi kvasi maha-bhuja'

Where are You now? Where are You now?! Where have You gone? You are maha bhujah, certainly very powerful. Now I realize. 'dasyas te krpanaya me sakhe darsaya sannidhim' (S.B 10.30.39)

I am just but dasi of You. Have mercy upon me, oh Krsna! O

Sakhe! Please give me darshan. Either You come and give me darshan. Or let me know where are You. I will come. I would like to be with You, close proximity of You. Then Radha and all the gopis, their search continues. And Krsna is nowhere to be found. And they concluded, 'why should we be looking for Krsna in the forest. We lost Him on the bank of Yamuna. That's where we lost Him. So we should go back to bank of Yamuna where we lost.

Wherever I lost my keys in the office, why should I look for them in the temple room? 'So we lost Krsna on the bank of Yamuna, let's all go back to bank of Yamuna. That's where all the gopis they returned. And upon returning, they all started singing in chorus. Radharani leading and gopis joining.

Radharani Ki .......jai

# Krsna's Madhur lila in Vrndavan

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"pasya pasya vayasyams te matr-mrstan svalankrtan tvam ca snatah krtaharo viharasva svalankrtah" (S.B. 10.11.19)

pasya pasya- just see, just see; vayasyan-boys of Your age; te- Your; matr-mrstan-cleansed by their mothers; su-alankrtan-decorated with nice ornaments; tvam ca — You also; snatah-after taking a bath; krta-aharah- and eating Your lunch; viharasva- enjoy with them; su-alankrtah- fully decorated like them.

Translation and short purport by Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!

#### Translation:

Just see how all Your playmates of Your own age have been cleansed and decorated with beautiful ornaments by their mothers. You should come here, and after You have taken your bath, eaten Your lunch and been decorated with ornaments, You may play with Your friends again.

#### Purport:

Generally young boys are competitive. If one friend has done something, another friend also wants to do something. Therefore mother Yashoda pointed out how Krsna's playmates were decorated, so that Krsna might be induced to decorate Himself like them.

"pasya pasya vayasyams te matr-mrstan svalankrtan tvam ca snatah krtaharo viharasva svalankrtah"

There is no objection for your playing but not now. Now is the time for eating. Nanda baba is waiting for You. Look! Look!', this is mother Yashoda addressing her child. She is bringing to her child's attention. He is not God for her, He is just a child for her.

The way other mothers also would deal with their children, Yashoda also deals with her two sons. Two Lords, they have become two sons. One is of course her own son, Sri Krsna. And son of Rohini, Rohinandana Balaram. It is something that we, I also experienced this, going through this (laughs). My mother also coming with a stick. And as the rule goes, children must play.

'bala avasta krida sakta'

All children all over the world wherever they are, children must play. And here, God, the Lord who has become a child, what is He most interested in? Playing! And they would like to

play and play and go on with their play. If they are not stopped, interrupted, they would go on. If demon would not come, they would just keep playing even forget the lunch. That is why demon has to come and interrupt His play. And then, time for lunch, we have to take our lunch.

So that is in the forest. When Krsna grows up here, He is still in Gokula. He is not cowherd boy yet. He is spending time playing with His friends.

So we also did the same thing. We used to play and play and play. Then our mothers would come. My mother would also come and call, 'Hey Raghu! Or Ragya! (Laughter), Ramya, this goes on in Maharashtra. Nice name, Rama becomes Ramya, Raghu becomes Ragya. And if we did not respond to that call, mothers would come closer, hold our ears and, 'You had been playing!' and exact same thing what Yashoda is saying here. The way she is dealing, our mothers also dealt like that. I don't know the West? Your mothers also? You used to play? How come? You are not Hindu. You would play football?! (Laughter) We were playing chini dandu (sport played in the rural areas).

When I went to America, Europe first time, I used to think that American children must not be playing. They must be scientist from the childhood days, serious and looking through their microscopes and telescopes. But that was not the case. I landed at JFK and driving to the temple in New York. On the way, there was a school and school ground. And I saw children. What were they doing? They were playing! I was surprised. American children and playing!! This is the arrangement. This also proves that there is but one creator. And there is but one governing rule. If you are a child, you play. Sankaracharya, in fact, he made these observations.

'bala avasta krida sakta yuva avasta taruni raktah vrudha avasta chinta magnah'

'avasta' means your age or stage in your life. If you are

'bala avasta', if you are child, you play. Yuva avasta, you are grown up then 'taruni raktah', you are attracted by opposite sex. Man looking at woman. Woman looking at man. This also happens in America? All the time!! So same rule, the same Lord.

'mayadhyaksena prakriti suyate sa-caracaram' (B.G 9.10)

This is, I am the superintendent and I make all the rules. And when you are old, you are full of anxiety, 'chinta magnah'. And that must also be happening in Japan or China or Canada or Brazil. The age of Kali is in your country also? They may say, 'No, no, no! We are not Hindus. Kali is for you not us. But Kali is everywhere. The age of kali is for the whole world. One who takes birth, he must die, Krsna says in Bhagavad Gita. So Westerners may think, 'This is your God's statement. This is from Bhagavad Gita. But we are not Hindus. We don't have to follow this. We don't agree with this.' But they are forced to agree. They all must die and they all do die. So this is universal principle, it is not India limited or Hindus only.

'catur varnyam maya srstam' (B.G 4.13)

The four varnas, there is observation. It doesn't take much to come to this conclusion. In every country, every nation, you'll find the brahminical. They may not be studying Bhagavatam but studying Bible. Every country has some kings and administrators, that is ksatriya. And the whole world is busy with the businesses. So that's vaisya or they are dealing with the cows. Unfortunately, they are dealing with the cows, instead of drinking cow's milk, they drink cow's blood, in a negative way. And the sudras are everywhere. Russia is full of sudras. So is of course India and the whole world.

'kalau sudra sambhava'

Kalau means the age of kali. 'Sudra sambhava' means there would be sudras everywhere in the age of Kali. So, Kali is everywhere. Kali was asked, 'you stay, you reside where there

is meat eating.' So they may not know this Kali, name term. But kali is doing its business. He is in business everywhere. So where there is meat eating that means kali is there. Intoxication, kali is there. Illicit sex, that's kali's residence, domain. And then gambling. Right there in the church they play bingo. 'Thou shall not kill', Bible says. But they are all killing that's kali. Kali gets you to kill. And then they do not follow bible as it is. There is interpretation. 'Oh killing, Thou shall not murder. Now the New Testament, the interpretation, 'Thou shall not kill' is to be replaced with "Thou shall not murder."

'Thou shall not murder' means you should not kill human beings but you could kill everyone else, animals included. But 'Thou shall not kill' is replaced by 'Thou shall not murder' getting their license to kill animals. Human beings are human beings everywhere. All the laws made by the Lord are also everywhere.

When I was just a child I knew, it's not only India exist but there are other countries which also have human beings. But I did not know what they look like. What they do or are they similar to us or they are very much different. Then for the first time, I saw some documentary, some Western countries and Western people. And I was surprised! They look just like me! Two hands and they had head also (Laughter). In that documentary, I saw and I heard a lady crying. I knew ladies cry. But I was thinking only Indian ladies must be crying. Why women overseas, rich countries, modern people, educated, they must not be crying. In the documentary I saw and heard women crying. And everything was confirmed. We all people wherever we are, we are very much alike.

So talking of children, when Krsna has become child, He is also acting as a child. Children they love to play. That's what Krsna is doing here. The mothers are always concern about their children. They must eat. Look at your cloths, all dirty.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;dhuli-dhusaritangas tvam putra majjanam avaha'

That was yesterday, look your cloths are all dirty and my mother used to slap. 'Look! I just washed these cloths yesterday. You were given these clean and washed cloths but just look!' She would dragged me to home and dumped me in well, washed me. Or get some bucket, pull water from the well and pour on my head.

So when great God, God is great- we hear; proprietor of everything and full of six opulences. When He plays these human like pastimes, they become very very interesting. So childhood pastimes of all the pastimes, they are very very attractive, very appealing. As we hear, the greatness of God becomes even greater as that 'mahan' Bhagavan becomes 'lahan'. The great becomes small and begins playing. Lord cannot enjoy these kinds of pastimes in Vaikuntha. He does not even take birth in Vaikuntha. There is no mother for Him in Vaikuntha. You will find only Lakshmi Narayana. Visnus and the Lakshmis are massaging the feet of the Lord. So Lord is missing this. He likes to have some mother, 'me too, me too, I want, mother I want, I want father, I want friends, I want some lovers.' And to experience all this, for His experience becomes complete, wholesome, Lord descends. 'sambhavami yuge yuge'

He descends and He takes birth, Lord takes birth and He has father and mother. Then He has friends, children in the neighbourhood become His friends. And as He grows up, there are gopis, yet another relationships, another kind of life.

So all these dimensions are added in Krsna's pastimes in Vrndavana. In Vaikuntha only dasya bhava- only servants. There are no friends, no parents. And He is there only with Lakshmi, that's all, He is married. But Lord is great and unlimited also. How could He just have only one wife?

So in Vrndavan,

'laksmi-sahasra-sata-sambhrama-sevyamanam'

In Vaikuntha, there is only one Lakshmi. One Lord, one

Lakshmi, one Narsimha, one Lakshmi. And one Varaha, one Lakshmi. One Narayana, one Lakshmi. One Sri Rama, one Sita. Sita is also like Lakshmi. But in Vrndavana, how many Lakshmis?

'laksmi-sahasra-sata-sambhrama-sevyamanam'

Hundred multiplied by thousands multiplied by like that, those many Lakshmis. There is one Lakshmi in Vaikuntha, so much opulence. But then Vrndavana has thousands of Lakshmis.

And then He also has thousands of parents. Officially just one father, one mother. There are two sets. One father and mother in Mathura, Vasudev and Devaki. Father and mother Vrndavana side. But in Vrndavana, all the ladies, elderly ladies, there are two kinds of ladies. Young ladies, young girls, cowherd girls and then elderly already married elderly ladies. So young girls are His beloved gopis. They are Lakshmis. And all elderly ladies are mothers. They would like to have Krsna as their son. They were always praying,' I wished I had son like Krsna.' And He has so many friends also, so many parents, so many beloved gopis, lakshmis. God is great. Right there! He must be God. He has so many many many friends. Unlimited number of friends Lord has. He comes down and He has experienced of so many friends. 'So many friends I have. So many parents I have.'

Because all those ladies were wishing, 'I wish I had Krsna like son.' And Lord reads their mind. 'I know I know you mother, I know what are you thinking. You like to have son like me. I know I know.' And then Krsna arranges that also. 'Okay you could have Me.' He gets Brahma to come down. All the friends are stolen. And Krsna becomes all the friends. All the friends as many friends there were and they were stolen. Those many friends Krsna becomes. And when they return to their respective homes and everyone loves Krsna including cows. Whole Vraja loves and serves Krsna. The water is also Krsna conscious. The milk is Krsna conscious as you know. And that

milk which was being boiled on the oven and Krsna was drinking the breast milk of Yashoda.

'yasoda ca maha-bhaga papau yasyah stanam harih' (S.B 10.8.46)

What a great good fortune of Yashoda this is. And as that was going on, Krsna was drinking breast milk of Yashoda, then that milk which was being boiled in the kitchen, that milk was thinking, "Oh! He is going to fill up His belly with the breast milk. And He is not going to drink us today. What good is life? What good is our existence, my existence?! Milk is thinking, 'If Krsna doesn't drink me, I don't get opportunity to serve Krsna so I better give up my life. I'll commit suicide.' And how I would do that? Fire is right there. So I'll jump out of the pot and burn myself in the fire. And milk was about to do that, all flooding and some suicide was beginning. And Yashoda had taken note, she just threw Krsna on the floor and ran into the kitchen to save the life of that milk. So the milk is Krsna conscious. The clouds are Krsna conscious.

Yashoda would like Krsna to take umbrella. Krsna says, "no no, umbrella for me? No! Cows don't have umbrella. How could I carry umbrella?" "No, no, no they are cows. You take one." But Krsna insist, 'First you get umbrella for cows. Every cow must have an umbrella. Then I'll take one Myself also. But the difficulty is, the cows have only legs, no hands to hold an umbrella." Then Krsna says, 'you also need one person next to the cows holding an umbrella over the cows.' So where would Yashoda get so many umbrellas and so many men to hold that umbrellas. So she gave up that idea. But as Krsna goes into the forest, the clouds are in the sky. And they wanted to serve Krsna. How does cloud serve? He spreads. The cloud becomes an umbrella. Wherever Krsna is going herding His cows or playing, he is up there in the sky also watching the pastimes of Krsna and serving also at the same time. So whole Vraja is serving.

So here when Brahma had stolen friends of Krsna. Krsna becomes all those friends. And they are all returning to respective homes. Brahma not only stole Krsna's friends but Brahma also had stolen all the calves. Krsna also becomes all those calves. So Krsna has become friends. Krsna also becomes calves. So they all returned. The friends go to their homes. The calves go into the goshalas. And now those calves are drinking their mother cow's milk. Now who is drinking the milk? These cows are also thinking, 'would Krsna ever come to milk us'. Normally the milk is in the buckets, pots and then it's boiled, later on He drinks. But it would be best if Krsna would personally come to goshala and drink our milk directly like our calves drink. Would He ever do that? Oh! when would that day be mine? When would that day come? The cows are also thinking. Cows are like mothers. Cows have affection for the calves. That is called vatsalya bhava. 'vatsa' means calf and the cows affection for or towards the calf, that whole reciprocation, that bhava, cow's bhava, thoughts and feelings, that is called vatsalya. Vatsalya bhava, cow's feelings for the calf.

That is how the mothers, ladies thought for their children. This is also termed as vatsalya bhava. But the original vatslya is cow's feelings for the calf. So here for entire one year, everyday the calf of each cow was drinking milk. And that was none other than Krsna. For whole year He was drinking. And cows were enjoying. They were happy, more happy than ever before. This was very special time. And the mothers in each home, they had Krsna as their son. And their affection for those sons during that one year was on rise, was increasing day by day, everyday more.

They had more affection for their own children. They were thinking their own children but we know. They didn't know. We know more than they did (Laughter) that was Krsna. Our acharyas explain this in the commentaries that this one year was special. Before the commencement of that one year, the

ladies of course made distinction, 'This is my son. This is that gopi's son. And that one is the other lady's son. And this is Yashoda's son, Krsna.' They were making these distinctions, my son, their son. But during that one year period as days and months were passing by, there was a time in their life, they were not able to make any more distinction. This is my son, this is that lady's son. This is Yashoda's son. They were experiencing, this is the same person. My son is equal to that lady's son is equal to that other lady's son is equal to even including Yashoda's son. There is no difference. So indirectly they were given that understanding, this is Krsna. So they were aspiring to have Krsna as their son or Krsna like son. But who is Krsna like? Only Krsna is Krsna like. There is one like Krsna. So Krsna had to become their son. So Krsna fulfilled the desire of the cows, fulfilled the desire of all those elderly ladies.

Also, we hear ladies and gentlemen with their young daughters now of their marriageable age, they were also thinking, 'We wish we would get Krsna like husband for our daughters.' All the parents were thinking, 'Oh! I wish I wish my daughter would get married to Krsna. So during this one year, they were making announcements, "If you have daughters who should be married by now, go ahead marry them. Shubh muhurta, it is very auspicious time, auspicious moments. Go for it, marry your daughters. This is marriage season. Marry your daughters. So they are getting married to who? All those young boys in Vrndavana, They were Krsnas. So all the girls also got Krsna as their husband. Cows had Krsna as their calves. And the ladies had Krsna as their sons. Everyone had a good time during that one year. Krsna fulfilled everyone's desire.

The Yamala-Arjuna trees had just now being uprooted. And as they collapsed, there was a big bang, big sound, dust storm causing darkness everywhere. Everyone was scared, 'Where is Krsna? Is He still alive?' They were worried about everybody in general but especially Krsna. Vraja vasis, Gokula vasis,

they are all Krsna conscious.

So Sukadeva Goswami had not even completed, he was in the middle of that pastime. And they would be finding out that Krsna is safe and they are going to call emergency meeting, all the vraja vasis. That was going to happen next, one after the other. Yamala Arjuna trees fall and dust storm and then, 'We have to find some solution to these terrorist attacks.' Putana came, there was Trnavarta and Shaktavarta. And this happened. There is no end to this, we have to do something. So with that aim in mind, they are going to get together. But before that get together, Sukadava Goswami just in the middle squeezed in some childhood pastimes. They are quiet irrelevant here. They should not be fitting here. He should just have continued. There is emergency and then ishtagoshti. Nanda baba, Upananda and Abhinanda and Nandananda. They are five bothers. Nanda Maharaj had four brothers including Nanda. That is five children of Parjanya Maharaj. Parjanya Maharaj is the father of Nanda and others.

So in between Sukadeva Goswami has some nectarean childhood pastimes. Just little sampling of dealings with Krsna and Balaram. How would Gopis deal and tease Krsna. 'You want butter?'' They are tall ladies. They are holding butter. If you jump reach the butter, then you could have it.' Then Krsna has to jump. They make their hands go higher and higher and He has to jump higher and higher and His mouth is watering.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead, this is what He has to go through. He is supposed to be controller of anything and everything. Not even a blade of grass moves without His sanction. But in order to get some butter in some gopi's hand, He has to jump and cry. So that makes the relationships so sweet, sweet dealings. So that supremacy of Vaikuntha, isvara bhava, aishvarya of Vaikuntha is not there in Vrndavana. There is Madhurya in Vrndavana and audarya in Mayapur, Aishvarya in Vaikuntha.

So all the pastimes in Vrndavana are madhur lila,

'adharam madhuram madhura dipati akhilam maduram'

All the things are so sweet in Vrndavana. So those sweet things, the lilas of Krsna are madhur in Vrndavana- lila madhurya. Lord Sri Krsna in Vrndavana is known for four kinds of madhurya which is not found anywhere else outside Vrndavana, not even in Mathura, not even in Dwarka, forget in Vaikuntha. It is found only in Vrndavana. And lila madhurya is one of them. Then venu madhurya is whole venu geet. What is the third one? Rupa madhurya-His beauty. And then prema madhurya- His loving dealings.

Shiva has 55 qualities, add five more and that becomes Visnu. Visnu has 60 qualities. But Krsna has 64. So additional 4 qualities not found in any Personality of Godhead, not even in Sri Rama.

'nanavataram akarod bhuvanesu kintu'

So many avataras, expansions, plenary portions, portions of the plenary portions.

'advaitam acyutam anadim ananta rupam'

Ananta forms are there but only Sri Krsna amongst all of them has these 4 additional features, full of madhurya, full of sweetness. As the result, because Sri Krsna resides in Vrndavana,

'goloka namni nija dhamni tale ca tasya'

In Gokula, Vrndavana Krsna resides so this dham becomes very special dham. So no Personality of Godhead is equal to.

'mattah parataram nanyat kincid asti dhananjaya' (B.G 7.7)

He already said that. So as no one is equal to Sri Krsna, no dham is equal to Vrndavana dham.

The greatness of dham depends of dhami- the Lord of that dham. As great is the Lord of that dham, that great is dham. So Krsna is the greatest, so dham is also the greatest means madhurya dham. That sweetness of Vrndavana is shared and distributed in Mayapur by same Krsna. He becomes Sri Krsna Caitanya and then,

" krsna prema pradayate, krsnaya krsna caitanya namne gaura tvise namah"

Lord becomes magnanimous. Audarya means the magnanimity. Lord becomes most magnanimous and shares the most nectarean pastimes. And He shares Radha Krsna also. He shares Vrndavana. All that is revealed, something that is most confidential in Vrndavana and it is concealed in Vrndavana, it is revealed in Mayapur by Mahaprabhu, by Krsna Himself.

So dham becomes audarya dham, the magnanimous dham. And Pancha Tattvas, they are sharing, plundering and taking, giving out Krsna prema. Do not fear, take this.

I had gone to Bankura to get the deities of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. One hand up and one hand in the front. And I asked the carver what's the meaning of one hand up and one hand in the front? He explained and his explanation made sense to me. He said, Lord says, 'Do not fear and come here, come near, oh dear and take this.' One hand in front, take this Krsna prema pradayate. Come here and take this nectar.' He is giving and handing out Krsna. Krsna is giving Krsna in the form of the holy name also.

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Krsna is transformed into holy name and making Lord into holy name and He is distributed, take this. There is no difference between the form and the name.

So the form is transformed into the name, mantra murti- murti

means form, mantra form. In the form of Hare Krsna, Lord is shared by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

There is so much to say, thinking of something else and that never happens. We got distracted-transcendental distraction. And we took another path. We are governed like that. We just surrender and flow wherever it takes us, we just follow.

Any question,

Question (1): It is also described some of the devotees, they take the form of demons in the spiritual sky. They are not demons but they take the form.

Answer: Yes. Some devotees, they become demons in spiritual sky. Then there is something like killing, like a drama. Here also Jaya and Vijaya. Because Lord also likes wrestling, battling. So He wants to enjoy, relish that spirit, that rasa. So who He will be battled with? So He makes His Jaya Vijaya, His doorkeepers become demons. They play the role of powerful demons. Lord would not battle with small tiny demon. They have to be very very powerful. So He transforms His own devotees, the gate keeper devotees into demon and then He is battling, fighting with them. He appears three times. Varaha Narsingha that is one, to battle one time. Then He appears as Sri Rama and Lakshman. Kumbhakaran and Ravan are killed. Then He appears as Sri Krsna and He killed Sishupal and Dhantavakra. They should have gone by that time. They had to appear only three times. But as they got the news that Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Lord is going to appear as Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and exhibit very sweet pastimes, so those Jaya Vijaya, they extended their visa (Laughter). And they stayed on till the beginning of the age of Kali. Let the Lord appear. We don't want to miss this nectar. Just being at the gate with the stick and gun, that's boring. Let us enjoy. So they stayed on. So Jagai and Madhai. Lord Nityananda, they also battled with Him. Kali yuga style battle. Of course Lord had come with the sudarshana but then Nityananda, 'No, no. this is the age

of Kali.' Then the sudarshana was made to disappear. And then he used the Holy Name weapon, the humility weapon, the kindness weapon. Killing with love as they say. Sometimes you kill somebody with love.

Question (2): When the real boys came back after one year from the cave, the gopis were married. So how do they explain that?

Answer: They were not married, Krsna was married. Boys in the cave, they remain brahmacari. Only those who were in the field and those boys were Krsna. The marriage has taken place with Krsna. In each home there is Krsna. So all these young daughters were married with Krsna. You could ask so many related questions.

When Krsna had to return from Dwarka because He had promise to Nanda Maharaj. Then the parents were thinking, 'We wished we had married our daughters with Krsna. He was in Mathura for long time. Instead of returning from Mathura. He went to Dwarka for long long time. We were compelled to marry our daughters. And we have married our daughters not with Krsna but with some other gopas, some other young men. But we wished we had married our daughters with Krsna. If He had come back and stayed on in Vrndavana or returned to Vrndavana earlier, we could have married. But He took long long time and then we were forced to get our daughters married. And thinking this way, all the residents and the elderly ladies and gentlemen, they were full of lamentation.

And this time Paurnamasi, Yoga maya, she gathered all the residence of Vrndavana together. And there is a special demonstration. She wants to prove that, 'No, no your daughters are not married. There is confusion. They think they are married. Yoga maya said, 'No, no. They are not married.' So she invites Durvasa Muni and she asks durvasa Muni to undergo severe austerity quickly, very intense fast one. Crash course kind of austerity. That would create an intense fire, fiery tapasya, austerity. That happens and then Yoga maya also says,

'Look look at your daughters.' As they all look at their daughters, they see two daughters looking alike. One real one, one shadow one. One real daughter gopi and one shadow. This is something similar with Sita.

Sita stolen by Ravana was chaya —shadow Sita. Real Sita was protected by fire God, rescued and preserved.

So like that. Now Yoga maya says, 'You'll see if your original daughters are pure, untouched, chaste, not married. I want them to prove that they are eternal pure, spiritual chaste. So, they were asked to pass through that fire caused by the austerity of Durvasa Muni. And that is what happens. All these gopis walked through the fire. And fire didn't touch them, not even one hair.

What is the first thing that is burned? The hair. All these beautiful hairs are gone. When there is cremation, first thing that is burned is the beautiful hair, finished in fraction of second. But here, nothing of that sort happened. They walked on, they walked through and they walked out clean. Sari is intact, hair everything. And then Paurnamasi says, 'See! They are not married. Krsna is here. Go ahead.

Radha also is not married with Abhimanyu. This marriage business is not there in Goloka. It is happening here. Some false husbands are created. Who could marry Radharani? Who could claim Radharani as his wife? Only claim over Radha and only claim over the gopis, is that of Krsna. But the situation was created and gopis are married.

'parakiya bhave jaha vrajete pracara'

Not His own wives but wives of others. That kind of relationships which is even more sweeter.

And then Krsna goes away to Dwarka. He had already gone. Then He is married there with 16,108 queens. Who are they? Like in Vrndavana there are eight sakhis, asthasakhis and Dwarka has eight principle queens; so when Krsna goes Dwarka side, all

these gopis are feeling separation from the Lord. They cannot survive without the Lord. So they are the ones. They expand and have become queens of Krsna in Dwarka. They are princesses of different kings and they are imprisoned by Bhaumasura.

Bhaumasura had kidnapped them and they are in his custody. 16,100 of them and they had sent the message,' Krsna! Krsna! Protect us please. Help! Help!' Then Krsna had gone and battled with Mura demon. Mura was the assistant of this Bhaumasura. So Mura was killed. The enemy of Mura is Murari. Bhaumasura is son of Bhumi, earth. So Bhaumasura is also killed. And all these queens, no one would accept them. So what would happen to us? So Krsna accepts them. They were sent to Dwarka and then they were married. And eight principle queens were married. Each one, there is a pastime how He managed to get them and married them.

# At the bank of Mandakini River at Atri Muni's Ashram

At the bank of Mandakini River at Atri Muni's Ashram

Venue: Chitrakoot at bank of Mandakini river

Dated: 13th May 2017

We pray that when Lord will bless us and we will come and reside here in the dhama. We are going round the world, sometimes Delhi sometimes Nagpur. This is dhama but we can't see it and realize it but something's we can see. When we come to dhama and see lila stahli have darshan and have holy dip and then we go back with transformation of are heart and thoughts.

Think over this I am giving you some hint, food for thought

that will take you ahead in your devotional life. What ever you hear should go directly to your heart where we stay and Lord also stays in our heart. So make place in your heart for the Lord, remove all rubbish, the sad ripu (six anarthas) and make your heart a temple.

When Lord Ram used to stay here this place was very wonderful, pure water flowing. See the Mandarachal Mountain. If we stand near it we feel we are very small in front of this mountain thus making us humble. So this place is Sati Anusuya and Atri muni's ashram. Atri muni is manas putra of Brahma and Anusuya and Atri muni both did tapasya here, so this place is tapobhumi.

Bhagvatm says Atri muni used to eat air. Yogis eat air during pranayam. He stayed alive on air and stood on one leg with mind and body stable. Atri muni prayed to Lord for getting a son. So he called Isvara but he did not take any name. Isvara was pleased and Shiva, Brahma and Vishnu came here. Shiva was playing damru and Brahma ji had kusa grass and Vishnu had cakra. Muni asked, Oh! How did you all come . Lords said, you did not take any name so we came. Lord is vanchakalpataru.

They all blessed Atri muni and then they all disappeared. Atri muni was blessed with three sons. Due to Shiva's blessing he got Durvasa as son. Brahmajis blessing he got Chandra as son and from Vishnu he got Dattatreya as son. In Maharashtra there is lot of preaching of Dattatreya bhagvan. In my village also our neighbor had Dattatreya's temple. So Dattatreya appered here.

Mandakini flows very slowly manda manda gati so she is called Mandakini . This is origin of mandakini river. Once upon a time this river was not there. Anusuya was the one who manifested this river by her tapasya. Once there was famine in this area. No greenery, all dry like desert drop of water was not there.

Jal is Jivan, our life is based on water. So in those days Anusuya did tapasya for thousands of years and due to her power Mandakini appeared and all became green again all animals were happy now. And since that time Mandakini is flowing here. So this river reminds us of Anusuya.

Hanuman did not come here. He first met Lord Ram at Rishamukha parvat. So once when Ram Laxman were going to Rishamukha parvat, hanuman met them and got introduced with each other.

Surya dev had given a mukut to Hanuman and had said one who will recognize this mukut will be Lord Ram. And Lord Ram recognized the mukut and Hanuman fell at his feet saying Jai Sri Ram. Then they went to meet Sugriva, Hanuman took Ram and Laxman on his shoulders. And went to Rishamukha parvat. This was the first meeting of Ram and Hanuman. Now starts Ram's lila with Hanuman. He was right hand man of Ram. So here hanuman was not there.

#### Hanuman dhara

When Lord Ram was returning after 11,000 years to Saket dhama. He said to Hanuman you want anything? Hanuman said, please give me some place due to burning Lanka I am feeling very hot so please give me a cool place. So Hanuman dhara was given to Hanumanji. That's water of Hanuman dhara is cool and does abhishek of Hanuman. So that's charanamrita. So at end Hanuman came here to stay at Hanuman dhara.

Become tapasvi become yogi Lord says,

tapo divyam putraka yena sattvam suddhyed yasmad brahma-saukhyam tv anantam (SB 5.5.1)

Lord says, you should undergo penances in this life by which your existence will be purified, and as a result you will be able to enjoy unlimited transcendental bliss."

Transcendental happiness is only realized after tapasya and

then such person does not depend on anything for happiness. Brahma ji also did tapasya . Sita met Anusuya here and had dialogue and Anusuya gave her advice to Sita about pativrata dharma.

# Lord Ram's stay in Chitrakoot during His exile period

Title : Lord Ram's stay in Chitrakoot during His exile period

Venue: Chitrakoot Date: 13 May 2017

Lord ram stayed more at Ayodya and Chitrakoot for long time. Once upon a time there lived a king Lord Ram and His Rani Sita.

"puranam api navam"

Being old also these lilas are new. 10 lakhs years' back Lord Ram was here but this lila does not become old. Newspaper says, aja ki taza khabar but by end of the day it becomes old. But Lord Ram's pastimes are all eternal. Lord Ram is here today also and we have come here to meet Him. We are trying to catch Him here. We all have come here to met Him and now we have to experience His presence here.

#### Jai Shri Ram

Where ever there is Ram name Ram is there. Do you love Ram? Haribol.

So to realize Lord Ram we come here. We will also go to have darshan. Koot means mountain. So here also there is one mountain Kamatgiri parvat.

Lord ram used to take bath in Mandakini river which flows here. We will go there to have holy dip. Tomorrow we will go to Hanuman dhara. Also one cave is there made by demigods and Godavari river had appeared there, she is called here, gupt Godavari. Gupt Godavari is a at a distance of 18 km south of Ram Ghat. The Godavari River emerging as a perennial stream from the rocks deep inside this cave, flows down to another cave below and then disappears in the mountain.

When demigods got the news that Lord Ram is going to come to Chitrakoot. They started making arrangements for Lords accommodation. Lord Ram had met Bharadwaj Muni in Prayag and asked him where should I stay during the exile period. Bharadwaj Muni indicated and showed him a mountain, see that mountain 120 kms from here is Kamatgiri. You can stay there.

Lord Ram had also asked Valmiki ji, where we shed stay during vanavasa. But Valmiki ji replied. Lord first tell where you don't stay? OK and if you have asked where you should stay, then stay in hearts of your devotees. Since then Lord stays in hearts of His devotees.

We had also come here in 2005. So in that cave cool air blows, very important cave made by demigods for the Lord. But Lord Ram did not stay there. How could stay in such comfort zone and just relax.

How's the arrangements in dindi; sukha suvidha kaise hai? One person was asked who was walking in dindi. That person replied, 'suvidha to nahi hai par sukha hai.'

So Lord Ram was on exile and He is well known as ek vachani . And He had committed 14 years of forest exile. So He stayed like a vanavasi; not just stayed in forest.

Some people stay in resorts in forests and say we are staying in forest. Not like that, Lord Ram stayed in a hut called parnakuti. Lord is vairagyavan, one of His quality is renunciation. He did not stay in any house. One king had invited Lord Ram but Lord Ram denied saying we are vanavasis. He used to sleep on leaves. When Bharat was coming to meet Lord Ram. Bharat was shown these are leaves where Lord Ram had slept one night. Bharat was very sad. Oh! my brother slept on dry leaves. So Lord Ram did not stay in any building for 14 years. He stayed in Chitrakoot and then when went to Ramtek in Nagpur. Stayed there for few days. Then Agastya Rishi told him to go to Panchavati at bank of Godavari in Nashik. Then from there mother Sita was kidnapped. Then at Rishamukha parvat, Sugariv and Hanuman were staying. Lord stayed here also.

From there Lord Ram got the news Sita maiya is at Lanka. So they all went to Rameshswar. Lord ram went to Lanka and stayed got few months and there the war between Lord Ram and Ravan took place. Kuruksetra war was for 18 days but this war went for many months. From there Lord Ram returns to Ayodya in pushpaka vahan and ruled for 11000 years. So during exile He stayed like a vanavasi.

Gurudev singing ayodyavasi ram...

Hari Bol...

# Bhakti is pure and includes love with God and His Devotees

Bhakti is pure and includes love with God and His devotees

Venue: Yavatmal (Maharashtra)

Dated: 6th June 2017

Chaitanya Mahaprabhu started the sankirtana movement.sankirtanaika-pitarau

pitarau means two — Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was Krsna and Nityananda Prabhu was Balaram. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was Ram and Nityananda Prabhu was Laksman.

They appeared in Bengal. The Lord comes for 'dharma sansthapan', for re-establishing the principles of religion. Caitanya Mahaprabhu propagated religion by the process of sankirtana. For this Maha Vishnu, Narada Muni, Radharani and team appeared with Him.

He established the dharma of 'kaliyuga'. i.e. the Sankirtana movement.

We are not Hindus. God did not establish Hindu or Muslim or Christian. The Muslims said that people who resided on the banks of the Sindhu River are Hindus. Gita or Srimad-Bhagavatam or the Veda/Puranadoes not have the name Hindu. Dharma is either Bhagavad dharma or Varnasrama dharma or Sanatana dharma. For Kaliyuga the dharma is Sankirtana dharma.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu is God. He is Krsna. He descended to deliver us and for the upliftment of the conditioned souls Caitanya Mahaprabhu together with NityanandaPrabhu established the sankirtana movement.

Then 400 years later Srila Prabhupada took the task to spread this message. Srila Prabhupada preached alone in New York's footpath at the age of 70. He had no associate, but as soon as Srila Prabhupada did kirtana, people were attracted.

Hare Krishna is God. This is Radha and Krishna."j?v j?go, j?v j?go, gaurac?nda bole"

Who is calling? Gaura Chand (moon). "Get up!" He calls with the Hare Krishna mantra. He is telling us to take shelter of the Holy Name .

Srila Prabhupada started to preach all over the world,

spreading the Dharma, the dharma of the Hare Krishna mahamantra. Now this preaching has reached Yavatmal. Lord Krsna has reached Yavatmal in the form of the holy name. An Avatar (incarnation) took place. The appearance of the Lord happened in one place, but Harinama appeared in all places for all persons. Each person has an avatar for himself/herself. We have to experience the feeling — anubhav, bhagwad sakshatkaar. This realisation or anubhav that Harinama is the avatar for this age is our goal of life. It will see Krsna in this body with these eyes.' This is the goal of life. It should be realised that HARE KRISHNA is Lord. Our Human form is for the realisation that the name is cintamani, the wish fulfilling stone. This is raskhaan (the mine full of mellows), this realisation is the goal.

For this realisation we have to do sadhana throughout our life. To understand that Hare Krishna is Radha Krishna. For this the devotees are bringing on behalf of Srila Prabhupada, Parampara, Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the Bhagavad-Gita, Srimad-Bhagwatam. Through these scriptures they are giving us the Hare Krishna mahamantra.

We do say that you should take the name. At the same time, we also guide you on how to do sadhana as per the sastra/scriptures. You are given all the do's and dont's.

There are 10 offenses against the holy name. By doing Japa with offenses we cannot realise God in the name. It has to be realised that the Name is nectarean. When we realise nectar, we are avoiding offenses. Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu (Nectar of devotion) is a guide on how to do japa. You all are becoming sadhakas, so you have to learn the 10 offenses to the holy name.

The 1st offense is sadhu/bhakta/jiva ninda or blaspheming the devotees who are propagating the holy names of the Lord. So chanting with blaspheming will not bear any fruit. It can take lifetimes with blasphemy. But we do not want to wait. We need

to do something urgently. For example in business we want immediate profit, not that profit will come after lifetime. Similarly Hare Krishna is like a business. So the profit of japa is Love of Krishna and returning to the abode of the Lord. We do not want to stay here.

So there are 9 more offenses.

Kali means age of quarrel & hypocrisy (pakhand, tanta, dhong). Wherever there is quarrel and hypocrisy, there is the existence of Kali. We do not want kali in the Hare Krishna movement otherwise this will also become a den of kali. We HAVE to keep kali OUT. For this the progress has to be there — naam ruchi, jiva daya, vaishnav seva. We all are vaishnavas and we will progress. If hatred(dvesha), jealousy(irsha), blasphemy(ninda) is done in the Hare Krishna temple, it becomes like the general world. Drain this out and take shelter of Krishna (mam ekam saranam vraja).

Caitanya Mahaprabhu said to always do japa. To make this continuous chanting possible Caitanya Mahaprabhu instructed — t???d api sun?cena taror api sahi??un?/ am?nin? m?nadena k?rtan?ya? sad? hari? — become humble, tolerant. Do not expect respect and always give respect. This will help to constantly chant the name of God.Caitanya Mahaprabhu has an expectation in Yavatmal, that all do sankirtana. If we always want to kirtana, follow the instruction of Chaitanya mahaprabhu.. And then those who regularly do kirtana will be glorified like how Hanumanji was glorified.Ravana also took the name of the Lord but with a different attitude. Thus glories came to Hanuman's side and defamation to the side of Ravana (vikhyaat versus kuvikhyaat). There is so much difference in the character of Hanuman and Ravana.

You spread the glories of the holy name. Glories as in Srimad-Bhagwatam, Ramayana, Caitanya Caritamrita, etc. is to be spread all over. People are sad and this is a BIG problem. Lots of miseries are there — adibhautik, adhyatmik, adidevik. All are troubled by these miseries. Only the devotees know

this. Yavatmal residents will be benefited by spreading the glories of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We will be purified by taking prasada. We will do cow protection. Even in China people are taking to vegetarianism. No intoxication

No illicit sex. Not following this is creating many problems. Men should follow the vow of a single wife and women should be pativrita (chaste )No gambling. These 4 are the dens of Kali. There should be no talks of what is in the mind ( man ki baat) but talk of Krsna.

There are as many number of roads as there are number of opinions. Having our own opinions without a base is cheating. This cheating is also gambling. So Krsna's opinion has to be followed. Everything else is gambling. Therefore Srila Prabhupada gave us Bhagavad-Gita As It Is. This movement of Srila Prabhupada is very, very Important.

It is really good that everyoneis connecting. The Hare Krishna population is increasing, and this is good indication that Krsna's opinion is being followed.

Srila Prabhupada said that Purity is the force. So this Hare Krishna movement is to be kept pure, in the mode of goodness. Raja guna (mode of passion) divides while satva guna (mode of goodness) unites. So to keep united we have to come to the mode of goodness.

'He is mine, he is not' is low class thinking. This type of thinking is not Krishna Consciousness. So purification is needed just as water is to be purified to keep diseases away.

Bhakti is pure and includes love with God and His devotees. Keep this in mind. You are all volunteers. Quantity increase should be complimented by increase in quality to decrease the influence of MAYA(illusion). Yavatmal volunteers should avoid the influence of Kali.

#### Love devotees!

A kanistha (low level) devotee is one who loves God, but hates

devotees. Get promoted to madhyam (middle class) and Uttama (High class) devotees by loving God and loving devotees. A 3rd class devotee is one who hates. We do not want 3rd class devotees.

Hare Krishna

## Spreading Krsna consciousness all over the world

Venue: Bhaktivedanta Manor

Date: 2nd May 2016

There are nice arrangements here, three mridanga players and one harmonium player, dozen kartal players. Good size audience also sitting relaxed. Yes, you are relaxed, but that was not the case 50 years ago. When Srila Prabhupada started his kirtans in the Western world, there was no one but him and him alone in New York chanting on the footpath. In India we call footpath. I don't know in America how they call them, Sidewalk? So Prabhupada would sit there, literally sit there, no asana. Prabhupada had all the traffic, honking of horns and what not. There was no one to play mridanga with him. Prabhupada just with his hand cymbals sitting there and chanting Hare Krsna (Maharaj chanting Hare Krsna in Prabhupada tune)

There was no mridanga, no chorus either, no one to follow. So he was looking very strange to Americans. Sadhu from India with shaved head, paint on the face, wearing bed sheets. But the maha mantra was certainly powerful and will always remain so powerful. And has the direct connection, relationship with all the souls. So, as Prabhupada was chanting, he had many of

those Americans, ladies and gentlemen would stop to hear Prabhupada. They had no idea of what he was singing. But, something would just grab them and stop them. Then he would stop at the middle, just as we sing and stop. So Prabhupada would sing and then he would stop and talk. That's what we are doing. And then he would show them photographs of Radha Krishna and he would explain. This is the God, flute player, Krsna The Supreme Personality of Godhead. Then, they were ignorant Westerners. They would ask, "If that is God, what is the girl doing there? Next to God, what is the girl has to do?" (Laughter) They had no idea, no clue. That was not some girl from New York, from anywhere out of this world. (Laughter). Krsna is not from this world, so isn't Radharani.

So Srila Prabhupada was picking up his followers from footpaths. He would announce as it was announced here, 'Tomorrow morning there is Srimad Bhagavatam class'. So he would announce twice a week here, his satsang programs at storefront. Later on it became known as Matchless Gift. Still it is known as The Matchless Gift, 26 Second Avenue. So that's where his followers gathered twice a week. Prabhupada would make them sit down and talk to them. Get them up, stand and teach them the dance called, which became known as 'Swami step'. In ISKCON we see that as soon as the kirtan begins, the bodies begin moving. That is 'Swami step 50 years ago Prabhupada taught. He would feed them, get them to sit down and feed them. Who would cook? He would be the one who would be cooking for guests' arrival. He would be cooking for hundred guests or sometime more. They all sit down and then there was no one else to serve. Who would be serving? Swamiji would be serving. They would have full belly up till neck and they would walked out. Who would be cleaning? Swamiji. Not only the hall but the pots in the kitchen. That's how single handedly with so many trials and tribulations. So it started with one person 50 years ago and then now it is all over the universe, all over the world. International Society for Krishna Consciousness ki jai!!

We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of ISKCON. Sometimes there was a report in the Newsweek magazine that said, "The fastest growing religion in former Soviet Union is Hare Krishna! Haribol!!! God knows where they got the statistics. We didn't know. (Laughter) They said there are 700,000 followers of Hare Krsna in Russia. Quite a big number. Srila Prabhupada had gone there in 1975. In the very first visit he initiated also Ananta Shanti prabhu. He just passed away few years ago though. So Prabhupada started there also. He initiated one Russian, now it is flourishing all over including all over Russia.

I just heard today Radha Gokulananda deities were in New Delhi on the stage. Prabhupada held pandal program in 1971. He had just arrived with his Western followers and he was travelling from city to city holding big big pandal programs. You understand pandal? It was LIC ground in New Delhi, very prestigious location. Radha Gokulananda were presiding deities in that pandal which was attended by thousands. And from there they were transported to London. They are presiding over here now. So from Jaipur to New Delhi pandal festival to Bhativedanta Manor. Radha Gokulananda ki jai!!! So like that another pandal was held in Mumbai and they had another set of deities. They would transfer them to one of ISKCON temples. Radha Govinda, the first temple of ISKCON. They were also part of another pandal. Srila Prabhupada, he was empowered and chosen. He became 'nimitta matram bhava savya-sacin' Krsna said that. "You become nimitta matram." This battle is going to be fought and won. He was just becoming the instrument. Arjuna "You just become instrument." So Arjuna did. So that was Sri Krsna. When He appeared as Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu 528 years ago.

#### 'namo maha vadanyaya krsna prem pradayate krsnaya krsna caitanya namne gaura tvise namah'

'sri krsna caitanya namne', of the name Sri Krsna Caitanya. I offer my obeisances unto Sri Krsna Caitanya namne, Lord whose

name is Sri Krsna Caitanya. And 'gaura tvise' I offer my obeisances unto Gaura tvisa, means golden complexion. When He appeared as Sri Krsna, He was Shyamsundar, Ghanshyam. 'Ghana eva shyam'. Now He has appeared as Gauranga. So I offer my obeisances unto that 'gaura tvise namah'.

## 'namo maha vadanyaya', I offer my obeisances unto that Lord who is now the most magnanimous.

'namo maha vadanyaya'

What kind of God if He is not magnanimous? God has to be magnanimous. But this Godhead Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, is most magnanimous among all the avataras. 'sarasiromani kevala ananda kanda'.

#### 'sri krsna caitanya prabhu doya koro more toma bina ke doyalu jagat-samsare'

'toma bina ke dayalu', who else is there dayalu, magnanimous, kind, charitable as you are? No one comes closer. Not Sri Rama, not Sri Krsna.

People are more fallen in this age of Kali. So Lord becomes more kind. The might of kindness that Krsna exhibited is not sufficient for uplifting the people, the fallen people of this age. So that Sri Rama, that Sri Krsna appeared as Sri Krsna Caitanya becoming very very kind.

namo maha vadanyaya krsna prema pradayate' and I offer my obeisances unto the Lord who is 'krsna prema prada'.

So what is so special about this? Sri Krsna Caitanya, He is 'krsna prema prada', krsna prema da; giver of Krsna prema. 'krsna prema pradaya', unto such Lord I offer my obeisances. So this short prayer mentions the name of the Lord, form, gaursundar form, name, naam, guna, rupa, His quality. He is magnanimous and His lila is giving Krsna prema. Naam, guna, lila of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu is mentioned in this prayer, compiled and offered by Rupa Goswami first time ever in Allahabad, Prayag.

So that Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu met Srial Prabhupada, 'nimitta', empowered him. And we call Srila Prabhupada also as the senapati bhakta; commando in chief of sankirtan army. You all are army man and he is commando in chief.

As per instructions of his spiritual master, he went to the West. His target was New York, the capital of the age of Kali. Kali's capital is New York. He was heading towards New York. This is where senapati bhakta showered the bombs of the holy name.

#### Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare.

The other bombs, they cause destructions. This holy name bomb if you want to call it, this becomes the cause of construction.

#### 'ceto darpana marjanam bhava maha davagni nirvapanam'

This world is on fire, this samsara dava nala. And we are being caught in the middle of the fire and burning. Life is on fire, senses are in fire. So what does this maha mantra do, maha mantra bomb? 'bhava maha davagni, devagni means fire, nirvapanam' extinguishes the fire. The forest fire is extinguished. Then what happens? You know the forest fire, in the forest whatever, only destruction, ashes everywhere, the barren land. But in same place as the holy name is chanted, extinguishes the fire. And in that place,

#### 'sreya kairava candrika vitaranam'

The lotuses begin blooming. There is the fire, sometimes ago the fire in our heart and our life. There is no fire, this holy name extinguishes the fire. In same location nice creepers, the bushes, nice greenery, the lotus, 'Shreya kairava candrika vitaranam'

So we are calling this bomb but it does different kind of job.

The outcome is different. The commando in chief, we talk about army in our temples also there are Temple Commander. Each ISKCON has temple commander. Sounds like army (Laughter). We have bullets also, not only bombs. What are these bullets? Gulab jamuns (Laughter). It melts your heart. No destruction again. No holes in your heart.

Books are called time bombs not only bombs. In due course of time, those books are being distributed profusely all over the world. Millions of books have been distributed. So Srila Prabhupada was empowered to kind of executing the will of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. It's a big mission. Supreme Personality of Godhead's mission will. We could call predictions also, to make Caitanya Mahaprabhu's predictions come true.

#### 'pritivite ache yata nagaradi gram, sarvatra pracara haibe'

Whose name will be chanted? 'mora naam', Krsna's name. He says 'mora naam', My name. So He is Krsna, so Krsna's name. 'mor means peacock in hindi or Sanskrit. 'mayur' names won't be spread now. Peacocks name won't be spread. Lord's holy name. So after departure of Caitanya Mahaprabhu, 450 years, nothing was happening. Everyone was wondering atleast in India, 'What happen to the prediction? Is this going to come true? The holy name is still being chanted only in Mayapur, in Jagannatha Puri. Some places, asta prahar kirtan here, there and Orissa, Radha Kund, Shyam kund.

So holy name, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is 'dharma samsthapanarthaya sambhavami yuge yuge' So He appeared, Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared, Krsna appeared. Why the Lord appeared? 'dharma samsthapanarthaya' What is dharma for this age of Kali? Yuga dharma. Which yuga is this? Kali yuga. Every Kaliyuga, every times Kali yuga comes. Yuga dharma of Kali yuga is harinaam. Everytime, I don't know whether you took note of emphasizing. Everytime Kali yuga appears, yuga dharma is harinaam. So this is not the first time Kali yuga has appeared. You don't have to invent a new will. It already exists. You just check out

what was done in the previous age, previous Kali yuga. Everytime there is a Kaliyuga. In Brahma's one day there are thousand Kaliyugas, thousand Satya yugas, thousand Treta yugas, thousand Dwapara yugas. Everytime there is a Kali yuga,

#### 'harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam kalau nasty eva nasty eva gatir anyatha' (B.N.Puran 3.8.126)

So Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared and He did the inauguration of chanting the holy names of the Lord. 'hari hari' He would chant all the time. Lord was chanting and dancing, not doing rasa dance but sankirtan; dancing in the kirtan. 'kirtaniya sada hari', all the time chanting and dancing. Early morning He would chant. He gathered all the devotees of Navadvipa.

#### 'udilo aruna puraba bhage dwija mani gora amani jage bhakata samuha loiya sathe gela nagara braja ' (Arunodayakirtan)

He would gather early morning hours all His followers, devotees and, 'tathai tathai bajalo khol' so many mrdangas. There were 108 mrdangas, but they were sounding like one mrdanga is being played. Here we could count this one, that one (Laughter) which one to follow. Singer is struggling trying to follow (Laughter).

## They would play hundreds of mrdangas sounding like one one mrdanga being played. 'tathai tathai'

When mrdanga is played, "dhik tam dhik tam dhig etan" that's one of the bold. 'kathayati mrdanga' 'mrdanga uvaca', Mrdanga says, when it is 'dhik dhik', I condemned you. You are condemned. Kirtan is going on here but you are not here. Those who are not in the kirtan, 'dhik dhik dhig etan'. I condemned you, those who are not part of this kirtan. Mrdanga talks, conveys his feelings, his expression. Here Mahaprabhu in the middle of kirtan, 'nupur baje', His tight ankle bells and

around His ankles, that's jingling, tingling. So all these instruments being played must be played very expertly. That in between taals, there is a time for hearing the tingling and jingling of the bells allowing some space in between.

#### 'prema dhala dhala sonara anga, carane nupura baje'

That golden form moving to and fro. More than that Mahaprabhu is not just doing some steps. He is Nataraj. He is best of the dancers. There is no match. And very complex steps also. Not just simple new bhakta. He is expressing all the emotions, the dancing. He is tuned in by the emotions and feelings. Feelings are expressed through the dance, through the gestures. So Mahaprabhu would dance. So the morning kirtan and then kirtans all the time, chanting and dancing. Mahaprabhu had gone mad. They were not understanding Mahaprabhu. They would think, 'there is something wrong. May be He needs some massage, some oil for cooling down. He has become mad, pagal.'
One time, He approached His spiritual master, Isvara Puri,

## 'kiba mantra dila gosani kiba tara bala japite japite mantra karila pagala' (C.C 1.7.81)

'What kind of mantra have you given, oh dear spiritual master'. 'kiba mantra dila gosani kiba tara bal' There is so much bal, there is so much strength in this maha mantra. It has made me pagal. I have gone mad. What kind of mantra is this? This mantra takes charge of me and handles me anyway and every way. And Mahaprabhu would also do kirtan all night long, nocturnal kirtans. Whole things started at Srivasa Thakura's, Srivasa angan. Srivasa is Narada Muni. Narada Muni appeared as Srivasa. Narada Muni is famous for his kirtans. So when he appeared as Srivasa at his house, kirtan started. Whole sankirtan movement started at Srivasa Thakura's residence, courtyard. All night long they would sing, dance.

Then Mahaprabhu took sannyas and He travelled all over India. South India, more in South India. Wherever He went big crowds,

hundreds and thousands of people would come. Who knows? God knows from where they were coming. No invitations, no posters, no banners, no SMS. The word would spread, 'In such and such town or village tonight, there is kirtan.' They would all come in big numbers. And Mahaprabhu in the middle of that huge crowd and talk less and chant more. That was the program. They would sing. Mahaprabhu would not give big lecture. He would just get them to chant and dance. In the middle of the crowd, He was very tall, tallest amongst all assembled there.

You have seen Pancha Tattva? Who has seen Pancha Tattva in Mayapur? Good number. You know the size of Mahaprabhu. In the middle is Mahaprabhu, so that size, actual size of Mahaprabhu 500 years ago. Of course, He could be taller. It's up to Him. He was Vaman, then He became Trivikrama. You know that Vaman dev, He was a dwarf.

'Ok, go ahead, take three steps.' And then He kept growing and growing. Then He started taking steps. With that height and size, in one step He covered the earthly planet. And second step, He covered the entire universe. So Lord could be smaller than the smallest and taller or bigger than the biggest. So that's size, Pancha Tattva size. 500 years ago, He exhibited that size. So that size, Mahaprabhu in the middle of the large crowd. So He would stand out, easy for darshan, right? Wherever they are standing, Mahaprabhu is visible. The first feature, He is tall and another special feature, the Personality of Godhead, Their arms are long not like us, the human have. Arms reaching the knees, that's why Lord is called 'ajanu lambita bhujau' 'janu' means knees. 'ajanu' means upto. 'bhujau' means two. One 'bhuja', 'bhujau' that's two reaching 'ajanu', reaching the knees. So then Mahaprabhu do 'bahutule', raising arms. First of all, He is tall and then the long arms are raised. Even more easy to see and take darshan. Not only that. He would jump high in the sky called 'udanda nrutya'. There are different ways Mahaprabhu would dance. One is the 'udanda nrutya', He would fly. Then everyone taking darshan of

Gauranga Mahaprabhu. They were not just taking darshan, they were witnessing, watching or taking photographs, selfies. (Laughter) They would be integral part of that kirtan. They were also performing or they were made to perform by Lord's will. All present had no choice but also chant and dance. By His will only they had come there. They had no idea what brought them there, what is going to happen next. Why are we going there? Who is going to come? They are just going. Because Lord is in the heart. So Lord was making that connection from within. It's easy for Him to communicate, right? He is in the hearts of all the living entities. "All those villages, five, ten, twenty villages, Mahaprabhu is deciding, 'Today I am going to invite people of this village, that village, that village." And He is sitting in the heart. "Okay, get up! Begin walking, go, go, go, go, go! And they have come there and Mahaprabhu makes them sing and dance like a puppet in His hands. Hariiiii bol!! Just like He is lifting all of them and they go down. Again lifting, shaking and doing different things, getting all nonsense out and purifying them. Like cloths in a washing machine. Cloths go through a lot inside. They come out clean. So there is a purification. They become pure devotees in one program. In one program, it was sufficient to become pure devotees. What kind of kirtan are they performing?

There was another time, the devotees have come from Bengal to Puri to attend rathayatra festival. And then spent 4 months with Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Jagannatha Puri. So as parties were arriving, King Prataparudra was on the roof of his palace. He was witnessing arrival of kirtan party. But he didn't know everybody, many new faces. Sarvabhauma Battacharya was with him. 'Oh, that one! Who is he? That one! One with the beard? 'Oh, that's Advaita Acharya'. 'And those bluish garments? Who is wearing? Who is that? Who is that one?' 'That's Balarama, Nityananda.' 'balarama hoilo nitai'. Like that, who is that, who is that? Like that he was being introduced from a distance. 'Who is that one? who is behind

that one?' That time King Prataparudra made observation. 'I have heard kirtan before, same mantra, same khol, mrdanga, kartal. So many things are similar like any other kirtan. But this, there is something special about this chanting that these devotees are doing. Please tell me, what is this kirtan? What kind of kirtan is this?' And then he was told. 'Yes, this is prema kirtan. 'krsna prema pradayate'. Mahaprabhu appeared and we offer our obeisances unto that Lord because 'krsna prema', he is the giver of Krsna prema. So how does He give Krsna prema, in what form? Does He give some few kilos of Krsna prema? The bag full or pocket full? In what form does He give Krsna prema?

This Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. This is Krsna prema. This is Krsna prema, full of Krsna and Radha, names of Radha and Krsna. The name is not different from the form.

That's the understanding. 'abhinnatvan nama naminoh',

Nama and nami, not two. 'abhinna or bhina. 'bhina means different. 'a' means no. No difference between nama and nami. So Krsna, person Krsna, name not two, one. So when the holy name is chanted.

So these prabhus were doing this Krsna prema kirtan, pure kirtan, offenseless kirtan. They were experiencing love of Godhead, Radha Krsna prema as they chanted. So that was Krsna prema kirtan performed. That is also our goal.

One time Mahaprabhu was returning from performance of kirtan. Summer time, and Mahaprabhu was thirsty. Walking and walking as they were returning to their home base kirtan party. Mahaprabhu ahead of party, party was behind. And He was passing through market place. So He came across some dairy products. There is a butter milk shop, butter milk was being sold. Mahaprabhu goes there and asked, "Is there anything to

drink? Can I have anything to drink?" So the shopkeeper, he filled up one glass, 'Have it'. So Mahaprabhu, instead of looking to glass which was being offered to Him, He was looking at the whole pot. (Laughter) So shopkeeper thought probably he needs the whole thing. 'Have it!' So the shopkeeper ignored it. Mahaprabhu lifted huge pot to be sold all day long to others. Mahaprabhu lifted and He drank the whole pot. You couldn't drink. He drank. That's the difference between Him and us. That proves who He is, was then Supreme Personality of Godhead. So after drinking, He was satisfied and He was ready to go. But the shopkeeper said, 'Oh....money?!' Mahaprabhu said, " There is no money. Empty pocket, no pocket.' What to speak of empty pocket but no pocket. But he said, 'My people are right behind Me. They are grihastas and others businessmen. They must be loaded." So He would make them pay the bill. So Mahaprabhu proceeded and followers were there in front of the shop, passing by the shop. The shopkeeper said, "Oh!!! 'What's wrong? What happen?' 'Was that your leader? he described. He said, 'He drank all my buttermilk but no payment. All drink but no payment. He said, you will be making the payment. They were travelling and preaching. They were on the road guite some time. They had pockets but they had no money, empty pocket. That was genuine, that's a fact. So, they show their empty pockets. 'Sorry, we can't pay.'

And they were leaving also to catch up with Mahaprabhu. The shopkeeper realized that now buttermilk is no long and there is nothing to sell, better go home. So he was thinking the pot is empty, he was trying to lift that with his left hand. That requires less strength. 'Bayen Hath Ka Khel', they call, like Krsna lifted Govardhan Hill, not with the right hand. Right hand is supposed to be strong. Lord just used His weaker hand, left hand. And not the entire hand with all fingers. Finally lifted on the weakest finger. So this shopkeeper, he was trying to lift his pot. Rubies, diamonds and what not! As followers were leaving, the shopkeeper said, 'Tell your leader

that today's buttermilk is my offering unto Him, free seva. Just convey my message.' So when he had said that, then ready to go home. In the meantime his pot got filled.

This lila is compared to that fruit vendor lady that had come to Gokul selling her fruits. And then, baby Krsna managed to hand few grains. Most of the grains were all dropped on the way too. But the lady was sitting and selling fruits. And then she gave all, empty whole basket, 'Have it, have it, have it.' At the end, then the whole basket was filled with. So that Krsna filled there and Caitanya Mahaprabhu now had filled this buttermilk pot. Haribol!! Then this man, shopkeeper ran and said, 'This is the job of that leader! Who else?' Then he caught up with Mahaprabhu and offered obeisances Mahaprabhu. Mahaprabhu gave a deep embrace to him. And then, just by that touch, now his heart became filled with Krsna prema. He was so much loaded with love of Godhead that he couldn't even stand erect. Because he was loaded, he fell on the ground and was rolling on the ground. He was exhibiting all the symptoms, the tears, trembling. So he had the best of the whole world that day. He got lots of wealth which he could bring home. And his heart filled with Krsna prema by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

So Mahaprabhu did that 6 years travelling around, His madya lila spreading the holy name. Then the holy name was to be spread all over the world and Prabhupada was chosen, made 'nimitta matram'. Prabhupada, he became founder of International Society of Krsna Consciousness. Prabhupada did say that, Caitanya Mahaprabhu purposely, He didn't spread. He could have spread the holy name personally all over world. But He left this job of spreading the holy name all over the world or beyond the boundaries of India. He left this job up to ISKCON. This job was left to International Society for Krsna Consciousness. And that is what is happening, spreading and spreading the holy name . And as we chant everywhere, we have become known as Hare Krsna. These are Hare Krsna people. Why they are Hare Krsna people? Because they chant,

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Okay we'll sing one song and then Hare Krsna Hare Krsna.

### Use all your Talent for Serving the Lord

Use all your talent for serving the Lord

Date: 26 Feb 2017

Venue: Mayapur dhama

Occasion: Disciple gathering

'gauranga' bolite habe pulaka-sarira 'hari hari' bolite nayane ba' be near

When will that opportune moment come to me when there will be shivering of the body as soon as I chant **Lord Gauranga's** name? And after the shivering, while chanting Hare Krishna, when will there be tears pouring down from my eyes?

Easy to sing but to practice this is not easy, like in **Vrindavan** they say **Radhe Radhe** but it was difficult for **Sukhdev Goswami** to say Radhe. He was talking for seven days but he did not say Radha even once because as soon as he would say Radhe then all gone he would loose external consciousness and his voice would chock.

We go on saying Gauranga, hye Govind!!! Who said that? Draupadi and immediately unlimited sari came.

"nayanam galad asru dharaya"

"nayane ba' be near" very important lines filled with meaning something to think upon

So **Lord Appeared Nitai Chandra** appeared not far from here. But we don't fully realize where we are now, once we realize that we are in **Mayapur dham**a the Lord's eternal dhama then we would have those signs but we don't realize.

That time Ganga was flowing right here 100 and 1000s of people had come because it was lunar eclipse to take holy dip in Ganga and they were all chanting Hare Krsna. This was the scene at the bank of Ganga. So **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** took birth in morning as Holy Name.

ara kabe nitai-cander koruna hoibe samsara-basana mora kabe tuccha ha'be vishaya chariya kabe suddha ha 'be mana kabe hama herabo sri-brindabana

When will that day come when **Lord Nityananda's** causeless mercy is bestowed upon me so that my desire for material enjoyment becomes very insignificant?

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

Material attachments, liking and desires when I would feel like spitting at them and when they will become insignificant.

We come to Mayapur so many times, this is my 44th time I m coming to Mayapur I am breaking all the records. When that time will come so that I could see Mayapur and Vrindavan as it is. This will happen when all mind sense gratification would stop. Then that person will feel presence of Guarnaga here. Right now Guaranga is performing Lila at 12.30 pm he is going to Radhkunda, in Mayapur also there is Radhakunda. At yogapita there are Radha Madhav deities and Prabhupada gave

the same name to the deities Radha Madhav.

rupa-raghunatha-pade hoibe akuti kabe hama bujhabo se jugala-piriti rupa-raghunatha-pade rahu mora asa prarthana koroye sada narottama-dasa

When shall I be very much eager to study the books left by the six Gosvamis? One has to learn of the conjugal loving affairs of **Radha-Krishna** through the teachings of these six Gosvamis. **Narottama dasa** always wishes to understand this conjugal love under the direction of the six Gosvamis.

Six goswamis are first generation and Narottam das Thakur second generation so he is praying for their mercy. For us also they are worshipable acharyas. So we could pray to the acharyas **Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Thakur** and others.

In 1917 **Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Thakur** founded guadiya math. It's said "serve Gaur name, Guar kama and Guar Dhama" Hare Krsna movement is like essence of Gaudiya math.

Bhakti Vinod Thakur is seventh goswami. What six goswami did for Vrndavan Bhakti Vinod Thakur did for Mayapur, he wrote so many books. With help of Jagganath Das Babaji Maharaja he pointed out the birth place of Caiatanya Mahaprabhu. Bhakti Vinod Thakur was carrying Jaganath Das Babaji Maharaj to that place and finally the whole world knew about the birth place of Caitanya Mahaprahu.

So today we have here second generation seniors, juniors and few children. So the acharyas would have dharma sabha and the six goswamis would sit together and do what ??

"nana-sastra-vicaranaika-nipunau sad-dharma-samsthapakau" in the courtyard of Radha Damodhar temple and study sastras.

So our acharyas would meet here in Mayapur and that resulted in Caitanya gaudiya matha foundation and eventually it took

form of **ISKCON**. So we are indebted to the acharyas. So can you imagine we belong to such a great lineage. So we have assembled here and made connections with the acharyas and all the way to **Viswanath Chakrawarti Thakur** and all the way to **Caitanya Mahaprabhu**.

So this **Guar Pornima** is 531st, 531 years ago **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** appeared. Like sun appears and disappears **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** does His lila -manifest or unmanifest.

Bhagirath Muni brought Ganga and Shiva held her so he is called Gangadhara. Ganga flows from Gangotri to Gangasagar. When Ganga was going from Gangotri to Gangasagar she heard Gaur Pornima is coming so she stayed here and celebrated **Guar Pornima** here. So Ganga was here for Guar Pornima festival. So long long long long time ago Ganga was passing from here. So I mean to say Guar Pornima is being celebrated since a long time.

Some years ago I was Angeles, they were celebrating 200th birth day of the city. I asked how many years old is the city they said long long years ...how many ?? 200 years. I thought they would say millions of years.

So point is this dhama is eternal. It's safe to b here, better leave **Pune**, **Kolkata**, **New Zealand and New York** they will be no more all will be drowned. **Markandye** rishi he saw all turned into dust but here this dhama was eternal. It's wise to come here, this is our home and finally we should come back to dhama.

Once a devotee said while sharing his realization in **Vraj Mandal Parikrama**, when I was in new Zealand I always heard and thought of going back home but now as I am in **Vrndavan** I feel like I am at home. So this idea of going back home is disappeared.

Everything is temporary. When I will become purified and free from all designations, Narottam Das Thakur is praying.

We reside in the body, "nava-dvare pure dehi" we are residing in house with 9 gates.

"yantrarudhani mayaya" we are always traveling in the body this yantra this machine, so that creates all attachment. So when I will give up this attachments and see Vrndavan Mayapur and become eligible to stay in Mayapur Vrndavan. So Prabhupada has given us this mayapur dhama, 50 years ago no one knew Mayapur. I found out Mayapur 44 years ago, Sikhimahiti Prabhu found out Mayapur 41 years ago. People of Bengal did not know about Mayapur and now millions know about it.

Once a jambojet filled with devotees all over the world and devotees were singing maha prasade govinde in the plane, no air host all devotees serving each other. Then all the devotees stood up to dance and captain came ohh! please stop or we will have to do emergency landing and days are not far when each town and village will know about Mayapur and there will be **Haribhakta** all over.

We were kind of first international batch coming to Mayapur and now many are coming. Master plan of Mayapur is coming up, long term plan next 50 years how Mayapur would look like and TOVP completion.

We have joined Srila Prabhupadas family we should pray to Lord, thank Him we got connected to parampara. So keep marching forward don't look back, what is the destination?? Mayapur dhama..ki jai

Stay busy chanting **Hare Krsna** and following 4 regulative principles strictly, studying bhagvat. Use all your talents for serving Lord and go on padayatras that's also our mission, **Prabhupada** told me to do padayatra.

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