

The whole world is getting Krsna through Srila Prabhupada

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Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!

We are never tired of talking about Srila Prabhupada..... Haribol!!! It's more than 40 years, almost 45 years we have been talking about Srila Prabhupada and we will keep talking about him forever.

'cakshu-dan dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei'

And that is also the reason Prabhupada gave us the cakshu, gave us the eyes, gave us everything, gave us life, Prabhupada has given us Krsna! Haribol!!!

'krsna se tomara, krsna dite paro tomara sakati ache'

Krsna is with you and you are competent, capable of giving that Krsna to me.

'ami to kangala krsna krsna boli dhai tava pache pache'

And that is why I am a pauper, I am running after you hoping, begging that you would give us that Krsna.

We were hearing from His Holiness Krsna Ksetra Maharaj that Prabhupada, he was a giver, what did he give? He gave us Krsna. He gave the whole world Krsna. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Maharaj used to say that there is one thing that is lacking in this world. What do you think? Could you imagine what that lack is? What is that lacking?

Srila Prabhupada provided that Krsna, not only to Indians and Hindus but to the whole world.

"Swamiji, why have you come to our country?", one

correspondent newspaper, he asked this question to Srila Prabhupada in America.

Prabhupada said "You also came to our country, now I have come; it's my turn now to come. But when you came or your Viceroys came, whatever they thought was of valuable, wealth of India, you stole, you looted that. But in fact, the most valuable gift of India, even Viceroys (The British rulers) forget that, they left that behind. So now I have come to do the home delivery of that most valuable thing" (Laughter). Haribol!!

When asked what is that our rulers didn't recognize the real wealth of India? Then Prabhupada explained, Bhagavad Gita yatha rupa, the culture of our country. The holy name of the Lord, this is the gift, Haribol!!

Whenever Indians went to the West, yesterday Maharaj was talking. We went to take, give this, give us loan, give us job, give us super computers. So as a result, India was known as beggars country. I remember first time I went in '78. People would asked, 'Swamiji, where are you from?'. So when I was responding from India, they used to say, 'Oh! That's beggar country?!' But Srila Prabhupada didn't go to take but he went to give, he went to give Krsna.

Another Swami also had gone; Swami Vivekananda also went to the West, to America, to Chicago. "Ladies and gentlemen", he gave such a speech, they talk about. And as a result of that speech, whatever else he did he influenced the Americans, the Westerners. As a result, one lady surrendered everything and became follower of Vivekananda and she came to India later on and joined him. So after 100 years, when they talk of glories of Vivekananda Swami, they say, ' Oh that lady, bhagini Nivedita, big name, she became follower of Vivekananda Swami. So we had one bhagini Nivedita but now we have thousands of bhagini Nivedita right here, Haribol!! And bhaktas also!! (Laughter)

Recently there was a report in a weekly magazine called newsweek and the story about Hare Krsna movement was there. That said, 'The fastest growing religion in Former Soviet Union is Hare Krsna religion.' And then the news report had the number, that there are 700,000 followers of Hare Krsna religion in Russia. Haribol!! We don't know how many but they found out and that's just Russia and then worldwide.

'yadi prabhupada na hoito, tabe ki hoito' like 'yadi gaura na hoito, tabe ki hoito...'

Jayapataka Maharaj has written a song, if Prabhupada had not appeared, if Prabhupada na hoito, so what would have happened. We cannot even imagine what possibly could have happened to this world, to me!! I don't know what possibly could have happened. This is because of Srila Prabhupada I got Krsna. Also I got **"Hare krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare."** The whole world is getting that Krsna through Srila Prabhupada, founder Acharya of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness.

When I was a young boy, young man studying in college in Mumbai, Hare Krsna Festival was held in Mumbai. And they had advertised that the European sadhus are in town. Americans sadhus are in town. We Indians had never heard of Americans sadhus. We knew sadhus from Varanasi or Haridwar or Pandharpur. But Americans sadhus?! So this was kind of mind boggling (Laughter) Haribol!! So there were thousands of us Indians, were running to the Hare Krsna Festival to find out is it real thing, fake thing or some... What is that? Could Americans be sadhus? American scientists were okay but American sadhus (Laughter).

So Srila Prabhupada, he is also known as an exporter and importer. He exported Krsna consciousness, culture of India to the West. And he imported American sadhus, European Brahmins, Haribol!!

Next year, following year there was another festival in Mumbai

but at Hare Krsna Land Juhu. I attended that festival in '72 March – April. I was very much impressed with Srila Prabhupada and his followers and Krsna also. I wanted to join Hare Krsna movement. Haribol!! My parents wanted me to be an engineer but I ended of becoming sadhu. Then they invited me back to village saying, 'Pease come. If you don't return, then mother may not survive, you better come back.' I had association of Srila Prabhupada, 'lava matra sadhu sanga sarva siddhi hoi'. We were Bombay brahmacaris and Bombay was Prabhupada's office. Prabhupada used to spend lot of time in Bombay.

So I had gone to see my mother. The comments that people were making in my village, 'He used to be such a nice boy. He used to be nice boy (Laughter) he has become pagal, He has become mad.' Anyway, somehow I returned.

The day I wanted to join, I wrote my appeal, my application, address to the temple president. I did a hand-written application appeal. I thought this is an International Society; a hand-written application may not be accepted or may not be taken seriously. I went to the typing institute and got it typed for 50 paisa. In the application, I had written, ' I like your ecstatic kirtan, I like your dazzling aartis. And I like your sumptuous prasadam.' I also didn't know what ecstasy was, ecstatic, sumptuous, dazzling was. I just copied from their festival advertisement (Laughter) I copied. "Please come to attend our dazzling aarti, sumptuous Prasad and ecstatic kirtan." So I just copied that (Laughter) I liked these all.

And then I went to Hare Krsna Land. I wanted to meet the President. The person that I asked, 'I would like to meet the president, could you please bring me to him?' I was thinking it was very difficult; probably I need appointment to see the President. But the person that I asked, he said, 'I am the president.' Then I was thinking, once I submit my application, then next board of directors meeting, they will put my application on agenda. There will be discussion, but the president read my letter right then and there. Not only that, he started making big big announcements. 'Hey, we have new

bhakta here! We have new bhakta here!’ Haribol!!! So all devotees came running to meet new bhakta and I was welcomed. And soon they asked me to come behind the ashram. I didn’t know why they are taking me behind the ashram (Laughter). When I reached there, there was one barber waiting for me (laughter). So like that, **I became Hare Krsna bhakta.**

And then the American prabhhus, they taught me how to wear dhoti. American sadhus were teaching me how to wear dhoti. And that same evening there was one function in a school. Brahmananda’s brother, Gargamuni Swami Maharaj, he brought me also to the programme. So school children, they didn’t know English. And these American sadhus, they only spoke English. So Gargamuni Swami Maharaj handed me mike also. So he was giving a talk and I was translating. So I became preacher the same day. (Laughter)

So like that, I was finally surrendered onto Srila Prabhupada and joined his movement. Then in ’72 kartik time devotees came from different places in Vrndavana for kartik festival. So I also was lucky fellow, bhakta to also go to Vrndavana. Prabhupada stayed at Radha Damodara Temple. So from Mathura station, we went to Radha Damodara Temple. We took darshan of Radha Damodara and immediately we were scouted to enter into Srila Prabhupada quarters. His abode, residence was very very simple, humble, a small room that he was residing in. Although he was the founder Acharya of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness and he had followers like Ambarisa, the Ford and George Harrison. But when Prabhupada returned to Vrndavana, he was residing in Vrndavana like goswamis, very simple, humble.

‘tvaktva turnam asesamandalapati”

We were allowed to enter Prabhupada’s quarter and we were sitting around Prabhupada, in front of him in semi-circle. I was kind of sitting right in front of Srila Prabhupada. So Srila Prabhupada was talking to us. While talking, he was also

looking at us. He started from devotee at one end and go around. His camera was moving. But when it was turn of Prabhupada to look at me, he would kind of pause. He would stop; take a close look and then move. Again returning, again stop looking at me and around.

I was wondering why I was getting his attention. Did I not put tilak on? Or my buttons not proper? Something wrong with me? Or something too much right with me? I was not able to figure it out until Prabhupada said, "Stop it!!" Stop what? So those days I had a habit. Whenever I would listen with full attention, attentively I would also move my thighs like this. And I was very violently moving which I was not aware. I didn't know (Laughter) I was moving it. Prabhupada said, "Stop it!!". And then I stop, never again. Only today I did this or whenever I talk about this pastime (Laughter).

Srila Prabhupada was and is so dear to us, dear to our hearts.

In Mumbai as I mentioned, Prabhupada used to, his arrivals into India, departures from India would take place from Bombay airport. So we used to go to greet Prabhupada at the airport. And also when he would leave, we would go for the farewell ceremony to say bye to Srila Prabhupada. So we used to make sure in which aircraft Prabhupada is entering. Then we used to go on the top of the building, the gallery from where we could see Prabhupada's aircraft. When we would have full attention on the movement of the aircraft; now it is leaving the parking area and now it is going to take off. And when it took off, we would keep looking at the aircraft till we could see aircraft no more. Then we would pay our obeisances to the aircraft that we would not see in that direction. And come back to the temple feeling separation from Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!

Because Srila Prabhupada gave us everything, gave us Krsna, we feel indebted to Srila Prabhupada. We are grateful to Srila Prabhupada. So one time his followers were talking with him and Prabhupada was saying the debt. Disciple is indebted to

the spiritual master.

So one of the disciples there inquired, ‘ **Is there some way that disciple could become free from this debt Srila Prabhupada?**’

Prabhupada said, ‘ Not possible!’

But thinking for a while, then he said, ‘ Yes, one thing could be done.’

‘What is that Srila Prabhupada? What could we do? What could we do?’

Then Srila Prabhupada said, ‘**You do as I did.** Spreading Krsna consciousness movement and spreading Krsna consciousness all over the world. I have started it, inaugurated this work and now you carry on, push on this Hare Krsna movement. So you could make attempt to become free from the debt.’ And this was also his instruction. Another last instruction Prabhupada gave to his followers, ‘If you love me, I would like to see that love or expression of that love. I would like to see how you protect this institution after I am gone. Or how you cooperate with each other to protect this institution after I am gone.’ So now of course we love Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada took sannyas for the benefit of the whole world

Venue: Pune

Srila Prabhupada ki jay!!

Srila Prabhupada did most of his classes also in English, not many knew in the audience. 50 years ago, he also on the

occasion of his sannyas ceremony in Mathura, he also had spoken in English. So this is yet another reason for us to speak in English. He was concerned about his followers. They were from all over the world. So we also speak the international language, english for their benefit. And even if you don't understand the language that Prabhupada would speak in, those persons are still benefitted. Sometimes in Juhu, he would speak in English, others some children or others and he would make those comments. **"They don't understand my language but still there is a benefit."**

There was another time he was speaking in Vrndavana in Hindi and some of his disciples they thought, " Oh! We don't understand this language!" Especially Gurudas, he mentioned. As he was getting ready to get up and walk away, Prabhupada said, "Sit down!" But I don't understand!" "You will be benefited; still the transcendental vibration has purifying effect regardless". 50 years quickly passed since Prabhupada sannyas initiation. Persons takes sannyas, he renounces everything then he is free for the benefit of the rest of the world. He gives up his small family and gains bigger family. This world Holy Name Week that has been resolved by GBCs and now being implemented all over. This year is 50th anniversary of Srila Prabhupada sannyas. Every year we celebrate Srila Prabhupada's arrival in America. In 1965, Srila Prabhupada arrived in America around this time. As he arrived, he had a gift for the rest of the world. He was carrying Bhagavatam and he was carrying the Holy name of the Lord. These were the two matchless gifts that Srila Prabhupada gave to the rest of the world. So this World Holy Name Week started with the day. Earlier we had World Holy Name Day. We started also during Srila Prabhupada Centennial and we were perpetuating that event World Holy Name Day now becomes World Holy Name Week. To remind the whole world the arrival of Srila Prabhupada in America with the gift of the holy name is the connection for you to remember. The gift that Caitanya Mahaprabhu had come down to the earth, he came with the gift. And that gift

Caitanya Mahaprabhu shared within India. And he said, Caitanya Mahaprabhu left this job of sharing this gift to the rest of the world to the International Society for Krsna Consciousness whose founder Acharya is Srila Prabhupada ki jay!!

“You want tea or me?” Kind of started from around that dialogue time. Srila Prabhupada had been travelling in North India. He had a business, an agency, he had goods, he had medicines. Then during those travels, he had also gone to Jhansi. Then he had some preaching opportunity there at Gita Mandir. And he liked that field. He kept coming back there to Jhansi. He was going back and forth from Jhansi to Allahabad. He still had a business in Allahabad. But during one such visit as he was visiting Allahabad, Srila Prabhupada then wife ‘Paper!kabadi’ get your newspaper on the scale weigh. Paper on one side and they weigh, five kilos, you get three rupees. So you couldn’t imagine Srila Prabhupada’s wife, she sold big, thick fat Bhagavatam. And she got some tea biscuits. Srila Prabhupada found out **‘Where is my Bhagavatam?!’** He realized what blunder had taken place. Prabhupada was furious and he had asked that final question. “You want tea or me?, tell me.” His wife said in a humorous mood, ‘Of course tea.” Okay have it. You will have a tea not me.

And Prabhupada left home and then never return. He broke his family connection. Whatever little connection was there remaining, residue, he got rid of that he headed for Jhansi. So that was in early 50s, could be '51- '52. He spent several years in Jhansi. He was thinking of having a global institution, league of devotees. There was advertisement also that appeared on the paper. He invited youths to join from any nationality. “they will be trained into brahmacaris and made into brahmanas and exported all over, lodging boarding free of charge.” And he was placing these adds in the newspapers. Advertising in newspapers, “Brahmacari wanted. Brahmacari wanted.” There was very little or no response in fact of such adds. He was literally by himself. He had conceived his

international organization. He had a place in Jhansi. He was talking a bit, planning a bit and he had one disciple, Doctor Prabhakar Mishra. Around that time also Srila Prabhupada was still making trips back and forth.

Once Srila Prabhupada got a telegram. The message was that his workers had ran away with some funds. And disciple read out the message to Srila Prabhupada and looked at Srila Prabhupada's face thinking that Srila Prabhupada must be now really morose or miserable getting such news. But that wasn't the case. Srila Prabhupada was smiling and Srila Prabhupada had to say,

' yasyaham anugrhnami harisye tad dhanam sanaih ' (S.B 10.88.8).

Srila Prabhupada quoted that verse and explained that to his disciple. When Lord is very merciful, He takes away that person's wealth. So Lord is very very kind to me. And disciple was surprised and pleased also to hear such response from his Gurumaharaj. So his money was being stolen and his family connections were getting weaker and weaker. Then finally he had, 'tea or me', then he had left. Now he was in Jhansi. The land that he had where he was thinking of setting his society, league of devotees, from there he would preach all over the world. He lost that land.

There was a Governor called K.M Munshi, his wife Lilawati. She was thinking of setting up Mahila Sanga there in Jhansi with the help of governor, her husband is Governor, she managed to capture that place. Srila Prabhupada lost the claim over that property. That property is still there in Jhansi. Srila Prabhupada left Jhansi for Mathura, Vrndavana. Earlier he had also been going between Jhansi and Mathura. But now he had finally come to Mathura. He had become associate of Gaudiya Math in Mathura. His Godbrother Prajnana Keshav Goswami Maharaj was in charge of the Math there. Srila Prabhupada was a writer. They were publishing patrika and Srila Prabhupada

would contribute to that pre editorial. So he was part of the Gaudiya Math by now. These is all part of his life time in preparation. Srila Prabhupada was preparing to go finally, to go to the West.

In 1922, he had received this order. "You preach in English language". That was also instruction. That must be another reason why Prabhupada would always preach in English language. So Srila Prabhupada was preparing. Ealier, he was also thinking, "In order for me to preach in English language, go the West I need money.' One of the purposes he kept doing his business. He wanted to make some money. He was also thinking. "My godbrothers, they have different Maths. They are just doing madukari, bheeksha, begging. I will not do that. I will earn money. I'll utilize those funds to spread Krsna consciousness or go to the West."

But Krsna had different plan. In one dialogue, Srila Prabhupada said that he was thinking that he needed money to preach, go to the West. And Krsna wanted to prove otherwise. You don't need money! What do you need money for?! Srila Prabhupada with his conversation with Syamasundar Prabhu, Brahmananda also one time said, that he had so many opportunities to get jobs with this company, that company. But he kept making wrong moves. He kind of blew up those opportunities. He could have made very easily ten thousand per month those days, Prabhupada said. That's lot of money. But he didn't go for it, this bad intelligence. Krsna was giving this bad intelligence. Lord was behind that bad intelligence. Krsna was giving those directions. No no, don't go for this. Don't get this job. So he was without money. Finally when Srila Prabhupada went to the West, he had no money. He didn't fly to the West. He went in a cargo boat with free passage. When he arrived, he had only 5 dollars. He could only survive for 5 minutes in New York with 5 dollars. So he had no friends, no money. Under those circumstances Srila Prabhupada was going to launch the International Society for Krsna Consciousness. A zero bank balance and Srila Prabhupada was going to launch the

International Society for Krsna Consciousness. Those original 40 rupees he had, we say 5 dollars, its equivalent to 40 rupees. He kept those 40 rupees.

After some years Prabhupada had come to India. He landed in Delhi airport and then he was going to Chippiwada near Lal kila, Red Fort. That is where Srila Prabhupada used to stay before he had gone to America. He used to stay there to get his books printed. So when he arrived at Chippiwada in a taxi, there was no one to receive him. Srila Prabhupada took taxi to his own residence, one Radha Krsna temple there. So when he had to pay taxi bill, Srila Prabhupada used those 40 rupees to pay the taxi bill. So those 40 rupees were sitting all those years with him as balance. He spent those 40 rupees on taxi. Practically he had those 40 rupees but he didn't use those 40 rupees in America for his International Society for Krsna Consciousness.

So he started from a scratch, from a zero bank balance and he had no friends. Then Krsna proves, yes! This is possible. You don't need money. So while he was, Prabhupada in Jhansi and now coming to Mathura, he had been getting dreams. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur appearing in the dreams and asking him to take sannyas. After the dream Prabhupada gets up and remembering that dream, he would say, 'How horrible!' Bhishma, Bhishma, something like that. When Bhishma decided to take sannyas, the demigods exclaimed, "Bhishma! Bhishma!" These were the words of the demigods, oh! How could you do such a thing?! How could you take such a vow of not marrying? You are just a young man, prince and no marriage? How horrible?!" So those demigods were thinking like that. And this is how grandfather Bhishma got the name 'Bhishma'. How horrible or terrible is this thought of sannyas. So Srila Prabhupada was thinking how horrible. Then after some time again the same dream. 'How horrible, no no, I can't do this', Prabhupada was thinking.

Then Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur was not giving up. He

was after Prabhupada. And again he appeared in the dream and even gave hint, come come come, follow me, follow me. Again he is reminded of taking sannyas. So third time as Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati appeared in the dream and instructed him to take sannyas, Srila Prabhupada took this as, " My gurumaharaj is reminding me of my mission of going to the West and preaching in English language." So he made this connection- this sannyas is for preaching. You should be sanyasi for preaching. Then gradually now he was preparing mentally and practically taking some steps so that he could be in sannyas order of life or undergoing the formality of sannyasa. Although he was more than sanyasi himself.

"You must be sacrificing everything for Krsna. That is sannyas", in one dialogue Srila Prabhupada had said. You sacrifice everything for Krsna. That is sannyas. This is practical definition of sannyas. "sacrifice everything for Krsna that is sannyas" and How does Krsna says that in Bhagavad Gita?

**'anasritah karma-phalam karyam karma karoti yah
sa sannyasi ca yogi ca na niragnir na cakriyah' (B.G 6.1)**

I remember this verse very well. I will tell you in a minute why I remember this verse. Prabhupada was with the reporter and Prabhupada just defined sannyas means sacrificing everything for Krsna. Someone else said, "That means akarma?" Prabhupada said, "No, that is more than akarma."

Reporter, "Sannyas is akarma?"

Yes, sannyas is akarma, that is described in Bhagavad Gita, ' anasritah karma phalam'. That is also karma, 'karyam karma karoti yah sa sannyasi' ' when one works with this principle he is a sannyasi. Srila Prabhupada was very proud of his grhastha disciples also. They were in this mood, sacrificing everything for Krsna. Surabhi, later on he became sannyasi, but one time he was grihastha. He was architect from Holland. He was architect of Vrndavana, Mayapur, Mumbai temples. He was

sacrificing everything, renounced. And of course he was not the only one. But sometime, I remember him, Prabhupada saying he is a sannyasi. He had a wife and all. But seeing his dedication, his sacrifices, sometimes he said, he is like a sannyasi.

‘kamyānam karmanam nyāsam sannyāsam’ (B.G 18.2).

This is another definition of sannyas that Lord Kṛṣṇa talks about in Bhagavad Gita. ‘sannyāsam, nyāsam’ ‘nyas’ means to renounce, to give up. What do you give up? ‘kamyānam’ You give up kama, ‘kamyānam nyāsam sannyāsam’. Be sannyas, give up this kama-lust of various kinds. Little philosophy behind sannyas is, that giving up this ‘kamyānam nyāsam’, that is sannyas.

So everyone may not undergo sannyas in a formal way. But those who wish to go back to home, back to Godhead, they have to be in the mood of sannyas. Their consciousness has to be at the level of sannyas, otherwise there is no going back to Godhead. You cannot say, I am just a lady, I am just a vanaprastha, I am just a grihastha but I want to go back to Godhead. Fine, you may not take sannyas. It is also fault to take sannyas. In this age of Kali, five things are forbidden. One of those forbidden item is sannyas. It is a good excuse not to take sannyas. It’s forbidden. You know prabhu, it’s forbidden. So one has to become free from this kama. You wish to go back to home; you don’t have to take sannyas. You don’t have to go around, ladies going around with tridand in their hands. You don’t have to do that but there is something that makes you eligible to go back to Godhead. And that is ‘kamyānam karmanam nyāsam sannyāsam’. Giving up lust, ‘kama esa krodh esa’ (B.G 3.37) and mukti kami, bhukti kami and siddhi kami. These all have to be given up, ‘sakale aśant’. One who is aśant cannot go back to Godhead. Person has to be very śant, very much peaceful then he goes free from kama.

Bhakti defines us, ‘sarvopadhi vinirmuktam’ (Brs 1.1.2) that is one.

‘anyabhilasita-sunyam jnana-karmady-anavrtam’ (Brs 1.1.11)

You have to transcend this, go for bhakti and perform devotional service. Then it doesn't matter which ashram you are in, which varna. You perform devotional service, you get rid of all the kama, lust.

So let's get back to this,

**‘anasritah karma-phalam karyam karma karoti yah
sa sannyasi ca yogi ca na niragnir na cakriyah’.**

So I remember the day I wanted to be sannyasi. So first time I approach Srila Prabhupada, he asked me to wait for. He didn't say how much time. Those days there was no sannyas minister and 5 years waiting period. Srila Prabhupada was kind of all in all for us. So we would run to Prabhupada. Or he would recommend, ‘Oh, you take sannyas, you take sannyas.’ He would surprise his disciples, ‘you take sannyas.’

So one time I approached him to take sannyas. I was two and a half year in the movement (Laughter), joined in '72 and approached Srila Prabhupada in '74 for sannyas. Prabhupada said, ‘wait’ (Laughter). Then I was waiting. Srila Prabhupada then during one visit of Mumbai, he asked Sridhar, ‘ You take sannyas you go to Vrndavana, I am coming there very soon.’ So when the news reached me, I ran to Prabhupada, ‘Me too, me too!’ What I have done wrong? Me too, me too! Like children, father has given a toy to one son and another son runs, me too, me too (Laughter). So when I approached Srila Prabhupada like that, ‘me too, me too! I want to take sannyas. Give me sannyas’, Prabhupada was at the building at the back which doesn't exist anymore. So there used to be BBT building on the top floor Srila Prabhupada stayed. That was his quarter. There were just me and Srila Prabhupada.

That time Prabhupada said, ‘Oh, you are already sannyasi!’
‘No, no, no! (Laughter). Srila Prabhupada was tricking me. So

that time Prabhupada pulled this weapon. 'anasritah karma-phalam karyam karma karoti yah'. He was preaching to me. He quoted this verse, 'anasritah akrma-phalam...'. You are giving your karma, everything to krsna, this and that. He was giving the verse and his purport. I was listening very carefully. But it was not convincing. So after going back and forth Srila Prabhupada said, "Oh! You want to undergo formality of sannyas?" 'Yes Prabhupada!' 'You join Sridhar. You and Sridhar go to Vrndavaana." Haribol!!

So this talking to reporter, 'anasritah karma phalam' the true meaning of sannyas. The meaning is coming directly from Krsna, the spirit, the consciousness of sannyasi. So Srila Prabhupada was certainly more than a sannyasi, was born more than a sannyasi. But then he must be thinking, 'My gurumaharaj is reminding me of my mission going to the West preaching. So I should be taking sannyas.' So he was now settling in his mind and heart of undergoing formality of sannyas.

So those days Caitanya Math, you know what Caitanya Math is in Mayapur? Where Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur has his Samadhi. This was the headquarter of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur. The Gaudiya Math later on became Caitanya Math. So Srila Prabhupada was considering taking sannyas from Maharaj incharge. There was a legal dispute over that property and one of Srila Prabhupada's godbrother, Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaj, he was heading the Caitanya Math those days. Srila Prabhupada approached him. Srila Prabhupada's gurumaharaj was no more. Of course long back, 1936 Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur had departed. It's now late '50s, some 20 years after Bhaktisiddhanta departure. Srila Prabhupada now taking sannyas. He had to take sannyas from one of his sannyasi godbrother. So he had approached Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaj. But Bhakti vilas Tirtha Maharaj, he said, 'We could consider your case if you join me full time. You join Gaudiya Math, Caitanya Math and we'll give you all the facility and then we'll certainly give you sannyas.' But Srila Prabhupada was not in mood of joining Gaudiya Math in a formal way. He was always kind of outside. He was a grihastha. He was initiated.

He was supporting Gaudiya Math but never became integral part. And his godbrothers, there were so many disputes for this property and that property. Srila Prabhupada was not simply impressed. There was so many splintered groups, no united efforts. They were basically maintaining those temples, no preaching spirit. So it was not very appealing to join.

Also another reason for Prabhupada not joining and taking sannyas from Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaj was, Srila Prabhupada wanted to get some of his books printed. He was thinking, 'If I go to the West, I should carry some books to make my preaching substantial preaching.' But then again they were willing to take care of his lodging and boarding but they were not in a position to print Srila Prabhupada's books. They had no funds. So Srila Prabhupada gave up that idea of taking initiation from Caitanya Math. So this was earlier and now Srila Prabhupada was already in Mathura. Sometime had passed and Srila Prabhupada was doing some writing for Keshav, the Gaudiya Math. And dream after dream he was being reminded of sannyas. Srila Prabhupada was seeing the connection of his gurumaharajis first instruction to go to West. Preach in English language. Now he is asking him to take sannyas. **'Take sannyas and go to the West and preach in the western world.'**

So Srila Prabhupada finally made up his mind to sannyas. Now he was going to take sannyas from another of his godbrother, Prajnana Keshav Goswami Maharaj. His Math was in Mathura. Srila Prabhupada had come from Jhansi and he was staying there working for that Math. Also Srila Prabhupada when he came from Jhansi, he came with one deity of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He had deity of Lord Caitanya with him in Jhansi. So he carried this deity of Caitanya Mahaprabhu to this Keshav Gaudiya Math. And that deity of Caitanya Mahaprabhu was on altar along with Radha Vinodabihari, Radha Krsna deity with Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Prabhupada's Caitanya Mahaprabhu is still there. We used to go in the past. Now some difficulties are there.

Some 10-15 years ago, we used to go during our Vraj Mandal parikrama to that place, visit the temple where Srila Prabhupada took sannyas on this occasion. That was another reason for us to go during Vraj Mandal parikrama, visit the place of Srila Prabhupada sannyas initiation. Then we used to take darshan of that Caitanya Mahaprabhu. One hand is up like that and other hand down..... 'ma sucah'.

When I had gone to Bankura in Bengal to get the deities for Padayatra, the murtiwala, I asked him. 'What is the meaning of one hand up and one hand down like this?' (gurumaharaj showing). He said, "This meant 'ma sucah', do not fear. And other hand, come here, come near, do not to fear. He is pointing to His lotus feet, '**mam ekam saranam vrajah**' **take shelter. Do not fear.**" **That murtiwala was explaining. So this is the mood of Mahaprabhu. So that Caitanya Mahaprabhu deity in that mood used to be there.**

I am sure He is still there. In that temple Srila Prabhupada on this occasion 50 years ago took sannyas from his godbrother. Srila Narayana Maharaj also was present there during that ceremony. It was a very simple ceremony. Mostly the residents of the Math had attended the function. Narayana Maharaj had chanted mantras. Keshav Prajnana Goswami Maharaj had given talk. Then Visnu Pragyan goswami Maharaj, another of his godbrother. Two persons took sannyas. Another godbrother of Srila Prabhupada called Sanatan, he was 90 years old.

How old was Srila Prabhupada by that time? -63 years. Srila Prabhupada was 63 years old. This is 1959 we are talking, month of September 17. It was on 17, September 1959, two godbrothers are taking sannyas from another godbrother. So after lecture of Pragyan Keshav Goswami Maharaj, he asked Srila Prabhupada to also give a lecture. In Lilamrta it is mentioned, Srila Prabhupada would be surprised. Srila Prabhupada did give lecture. I have no account of what he said. He looked around and the audience was Hindi speaking. But he spoke in English on that occasion. So Srila Prabhupada

received the name, Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj ki jai!!!! Everyone say jai!!! His Holiness Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj ki jai!! It was not so many at that time present. Also Sanatan also received his name. I think he became Muni, Muni Maharaj ki jai!! After they received their names, 'swaha swaha' happened. They went around the fire with kirtan. And they had the idea of taking group photograph.

The godbrother who had given sannyas is sat in the chair and the two candidates; they stood on either sides of Keshav Maharaj. And they clicked photograph. That photograph, you have seen? That was 50 years ago. That was purnima day, month of Bhadrapada, full moon day. Which also happened to be of Visvarupa taking sannyas some 500 years ago. He was getting this name Sankararanya Swami. And that time, He wasn't very far from here. Visvarupa was just in Pandharpur. As a sannyasi, Visvarupa was in Pandharpur. That was the last station, last destination and then He had departed from there. So that was '59 then. That was yet another milestone in Prabhupada's life, he is taking sannyas. And yet another heading towards preparing for his travel to the West and preaching the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

As I was going through some material that I was provided this morning by Vamandev, I came across another conversation where Srila Prabhupada is talking about different stages, phases of sannyas. Kutichak, Bahudak, Parivrajakacharya and Paramhansa. So as I read that, I was also reminded of the morning walk conversation that took place in Mayapur which had again connection with me as a sannyasi. This was in '76. As I had arrived in Mayapur, it was my first morning in Mayapur. Srila Prabhupada had already started his morning walk. And this day he was walking on the roof top of the lotus building. That was the only building those days. You know lotus building in Mayapur?. Prabhupada had his conference on the 2nd floor. GBC take their prasada on that building. Srila Prabhupada was walking on that building making rounds and rounds. Jayapataka

Maharaj, his quarters are now there.

So he was walking and I climbed up the stairs. As I came on the roof, I noticed Srila Prabhupada party was coming. Srila Prabhupada in front and so many, 23 tridandis. He and his GBCs were walking, so I offered my obeisance's. So as I was about to merge in the group, Prabhupada pointed to me, 'Here comes paramhansa.' Hariboll! (In the audience). That was not meant to be glory, no compliment. He rebuked me and I was wondering why Prabhupada had to address me that way- 'Here come paramhansa'. Gradually Prabhupada made that as the topic. As he was walking, I realized.

So Prabhupada, he started talking of kuticaka sannyasi. He takes sannyas and he builds his kutir outside his hometown or home village. And he gets his tiffin from his home (Laughter). He carries on for sometime. Then he kind of, 'Why should I get tiffin from my home?' He stops this, then he begins going to many homes. He becomes bahudaka, bahu-many, not one but many. And as he get trained depending upon others or different sources then he thinks, 'Why should I stick to one village, one kutir?' Then he starts travelling, even further depending upon Krsna. He becomes parivrajakacharya. And as he makes further progress, further purified and detached, then he comes to the stage of paramhansa. He may not follow other rules and regulations. He is avadhuta, he is paramahansa.

So the reason Prabhupada called me paramhansa that morning was, my sannyasi cloths were not bright saffron cloths. In those days we didn't have that chemical dyes that last long. After you wash or few months fading away again becoming like a whitish. So just a little tinge of saffron but mostly looking white. But I still didn't care. The rule is saffron cloth and I was not paying attention. I was transcendental to that rule, the colour of the cloth. And Prabhupada had to get on my case, 'Ah! Here comes paramhansa!' He doesn't follow the rules. Now he is already paramhansa (Laughter). I just gave him sannyas some 6 months ago and within 6 months he is paramhansa

(Laughter).

Srila Prabhupada as a sannyasi moved from Mathura to Vrndavana. He was staying in one temples and then finally he had rented this Radha Damodar quarters. Now he had sannyas. He is getting seriously into writing projects. Srila Prabhupada writing, writing, writing. First Canto of Bhagavatam, commentaries, typing also editing himself. Then travelling in the train third class. That class doesn't even exist now. There used to be first class, second class, third class. On that class Prabhupada would travel to Delhi to get his books printed and taking all the trouble. When the printer was interviewed, he had told the interviewer devotee that, " Sometimes I would notice that he would come without any food to his printing press. Either he had no time or no money for eating." It is also a famous fact that he would go to paper place where he would buy paper to print his books. After purchasing paper, he would carry that big bundle of paper to the printing press. The printer would be surprised. He is an author, a sannyasi and he is carrying the bundle of paper on his head. And printer would print books and again no money for paying the printing bills. So printer would give Prabhupada only, ' Okay you take 50 books.' Printer would print 500 or 1000 books. He would give only 50 books.

Then Prabhupada had to go, sell those books, save the money and make more payments. 'Okay you take another 100 books now.' The printer would not release all those books. As and when Bhaktivedanta Swami would go around selling books to the libraries here and there and come with more money, he would get his books. So that time he was staying in Chippiwada. There is one Radha Krsna temple there. We were trying to take charge of that temple during centennial but that didn't work. We had found Srila Prabhupada's old typewriter, some things from Prabhupada those days. As we would visit Chippiwada, Jama masjid, that's where Prabhupada was staying.

Like that he was preparing, Life Time Preparation, Sannyas was

part of that preparation. Printing his books was part of that preparation. Then he had no money to fly. There was a Gita sammelan in Kurukshetra and Srila Prabhupada had gone to participate in Gita sammelan. Kurukshetra is the place where Gita was spoken. Prabhupada was attending that ceremony. During that ceremony, Sumati Moorarji had taken note of this sadhu, Bhaktivedanta Swami. She had some encounter. So when there was time now to go the West, as he could not fly, Krsna wanted to show, "You don't need money. I'll bring you to the West. You will see how I bring you to the West." Srila Prabhupada had gone to Bombay to meet Sumati Moorarji. She was a big rich lady. She had a shipping corporation, so many ships, cargo ships. So Prabhupada was trying to get a seat. She was discouraging, "Oh no, you are an old man. You want to die?" He was already 68, 69. But Srila Prabhupada was determined. So finally she had agreed to give a seat on cargo ship, not a passenger boat but a boat that carry goods. From Bombay he had gone to Kolkata via Nagpur. In the famous Jaladuta diary, Prabhupada made that entry. He travelled from Bombay to Kolkata, he writes via Nagpur. So devotees of Nagpur, they think Srila Prabhupada went to America via Nagpur (Laughter). But his destination was America. He was going there to catch the boat. The boat was leaving from Kolkata. So Prabhupada had his trunk. You have seen that diorama in Vrndavana. Srila Prabhupada carrying trunk, his umbrella climbing up the stairs of the Jaladuta boat. He boarded that boat there. Through Bay of Bengal his boat has come to Colombo city. Prabhupada going around Colombo. "It is a very clean city. This reminds me of Pune", Prabhupada said. You knew that, am not making up. In one conversation, I have that conversation. Prabhupada had visited Pune during his business trip. So, 'This reminds me, this clean city of Pune- green and hill stations during British times.' He was reminded of Pune in Colombo. Then he continued his journey. He went to Cochin. That is where his books, the great Bhagavatams were loaded into the boat. Srila Prabhupada had spent one night in Cochin.

Some years ago Padayatra was visiting Cochin so I visited also. During that visit we went to see that very same home where Srila Prabhupada had spent the night. The same lady who was hosting and had cooked for Srila Prabhupada was there. She also showed us upstairs. She said, "Swami held satsang here." He had only one night and he was taking opportunity to do satsang. The gentleman had gathered some of his friends. So Prabhupada did program the night before he departed.

The following day, his books were in Jaladuta boat and Prabhupada on boat and journey started. It took almost some months. Srila Prabhupada celebrated Janmasthami. Janmasthami, he was on the boat. He had done fasting, then some more cooking for midnight offering. He had gathered all the crew members and others. He had Janmasthami celebration on the boat. He would take all these opportunities. What could we say? Vaikuntha man as he was. He was saying about his gurumaharaj, "Utility is the principle. Always thinking of engaging others, in their company glorifying Lord Krsna." Then in the diary we have whole account, 'Sea sickness and I had vomiting today. I am getting better today.' Everyday he would make some entries. 'I am remembering my Radha Damodara in Vrndavana.' All his emotions, Prabhupada would write down all his feelings. Then he had heart attacks. Then he was wondering, "Oh!! but what about my mission? I have to fulfill mission of my gurumaharaj." He is thinking of his gurumaharaj mission of how to preach. Again making entry, 'Then Lord took charge of my boat.' He took charge of Jaladuta. As if Krsna became boatman. It's a huge big boat, then from that time onwards, everything was smooth journey. No turbulences, no knocking of the boat that causes sea sickness. After a few days, the 11th of this month, this year, this day that is Prabhupada arrival in Boston. Then with the captain of the boat, they had taken little tour of Boston.

This was first encounter of Srila Prabhupada with the Westerners, the American specially. And they were moving so fast, back and forth. No one ready to stop. They were so busy

and absorbed. "My God, what about my mission? Who is going to listen to me here?" Prabhupada said. His very first thought. So as Prabhupada got back on the boat, and between Boston and New York, Srila Prabhupada wrote that poem, Markine Bhagavat. He started intense prayers,

**'nachao nachao prabhu nachao se mate
kashthera puttali yatha nachao se mate'**

I'm just puppet in Your hands my dear Lord. Please You make me dance as You feel. You make me dance. I'm given the name Bhaktivedanta but now it is up to You. You may prove it I am Bhaktivedanta. I don't know how. You have to do something my dear Lord. You make me dance. You make me talk. And then he arrived in New York. He gets down from the boat. Not right there, there must be that evening. When he got down, there was no one to receive him. He didn't know where to go. He writes down. He didn't know whether to turn left or right. 'Where should I go now? I don't know. It's New York. Where to go?'

So he had no friends, no hotel booking. He had only 40 rupees in his pocket and his luggage, his umbrella were there. Lord was with him. He started preaching with the whole amazing circumstances. Bowery and all these hippies and drunkards. He started practically on footpath of New York. When he was sitting on the bench, he was talking with somebody, 'Temples are everywhere. Books are being distributed.' He was seeing. He had that vision. He had that goal. What is separating? Only time is separating. Only matter of some more time and these all would be in place- temples, followers and book distributions.

And he had this Matchless Gift shop. He had a shop, he managed to get this storefront on 26 second Avenue. There are different avenues. Srila Prabhupada managed to get that on rent and then twice a week he was doing his programs there. He was meeting people on the street giving his address. "You meet me there. We have programs there on such and such time." They

were all coming. They said, "Swamiji, Swamiji there is a sign here on this shop. The previous owner, he shifted his shop but he left behind the sign. "What does sign say?" Prabhupada asked. Sign says ' A Matchless Gift'. He said, 'That's nice, keep that sign. Let's keep that sign. Because I have the matchless gifts. I have come to your country to give the matchless gifts.' So that place became known as, still it is very popularly known as 'Matchless Gift'. So kind of moment started there. As the followers were coming regularly, chanting, dancing and sitting down . Srila Prabhupada was feeding them, he who was cooking, he was washing pots. Others were just guests. When chanting and dancing were over, Srila Prabhupada was teaching them the swami step. Prabhupada taught some steps and they name it 'swami steps'. Prabhupada had a hat, then the 'swami hat'. They were naming like that. The swami hat, swami step.

Then one day Prabhupada had this idea of doing public kirtan. So he took his followers to a place called Tomkins Square Park, not far from this 26 avenue. And he held the first public congregational chanting in the Western world. Haribol!! He did kiratn and so many people gathered around. Then Kirtanananda, Acyutananda, there were only few followers with him. After or in the middle of the kirtan, Prabhupada stood up next to the tree and he is giving his talk, explaining this Mahamantra . You remember that photograph? Prabhupada sitting and there is a tree behind. He is addressing some westerners. He is standing up. So that is Tomkins Square park. During Centennial of Srila Prabhupada in 1966, we held major kirtan there to commemorate the very first ever kirtan held by Srial Prabhupada in the western world, public place.

To promote World Holy Name Week while Eklavya prabhu was in New York. He went to Tomkins Square park few months ago. He took a cameraman with him and he stood next to the same tree. The tree is still there. And he gave a five minutes talk, presentation with animated body languages and promoting this

World Holy Name Week. I'm sure during these days, the New York Radha Govind Temple devotees, they also are planning. We just received a news.

New York, they are planning everyday nagar kirtan in different places. Haribol!! New Jersey is another state. New York is another state adjoining next to each other. So both states New Jersey and New York. New York is also city, New York is also state. Like New Delhi is also state, New Delhi is also city, like that. So devotees will be going to the Tomkins Square Park and holding the big nagar kirtan there during this World Holy Name Week. Holy Name is Srila Prabhupada gift to the whole world. Essence of Krsna Consciousness is chanting the holy name of the Lord. He gave gift of the holynome. This is no less than krsna. He gave the gift of the holynome. What does that mean? He gave Krsna. He gave holynome means he gave Krsna to the Western world, to whole world. So this World holy Name Week culminates in the last day, the 11th , last day is the day of Srila Prabhupada arrival in America.

For some years now we have been doing this celebration by chanting,

"Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare"

So he took sannyas for the benefit of the whole world. He renounced, sacrificed everything for Krsna and taking sannyas. He went to the West and he delivered the Holy name. He gave Krsna to the whole world. So his followers continue his mission spreading the Holynome. And this World Holy Name Week is providing us, as there is book marathon making special effort. Not that other time books are not distributed, but we make some special effort to distribute some additional books And we get involve as many temple devotees, congregations, youths, man, woman even child is involved with the book distribution.

During centennial again we started 'Feed the World Day'. We had one World Holy Name Day, Feed the World Day and World

Enlightenment Day. We had these three days. Because we thought these are Prabhupada's gifts. Prabhupada gave books, gave Holy Name and gave prasadam. So during that centennial master plan, had these three days. So the World Enlightenment Day is carrying on. Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Marathon, that is going strong. Feed the World Day, am not sure. It was going on for some years. We are not hearing so much. Mukunda Maharaj was behind that. Now we started with the centennial and we are continuing on this World Holy Name Day. But now day has expanded into week. This time, it is more than a week. In fact, it is nine days.

So we are very happy and proud of ISKCON Pune taking lead in propagating the Holynama of Lord. Ganapati Bapa moriya, I think we had enough of that now. That's fine but 'harer namaiva kevalam'. The recommendation is 'harer namaiva kevalam'. Take note of this 'harer-hari naam', 'harer namaiva kevalam'. People don't know who is Hari. So they try to equalize other names with Supreme Personality of Godhead's name, Krsna, Rama names. Or something that could be part of the religion and they think the part is everything. Part is the whole thing. For some people the part is the whole thing. So this is Hari-naam, time for spreading the Holynama for the benefit of everybody.

Things are not getting better, only getting worse day by day, year after year. So many clashes and so many differences, economy is melting down. What is melting down? The glacier, also the snow is melting down and coming down, going into the ocean. And there is a fear of the ocean levels may be rising. People of Mumbai, they don't wish to undergo jal Samadhi. They will all have to rush to Pune, take shelter of Pune. Those are the days ahead of this world unless something is taken seriously. Whole life style is not revolutionized otherwise their present their life style, it is only a death style. People want to die in a style. That cannot go on. 'This show cannot go on any longer', Prabhupada said this. Last public

lecture that Prabhupada delivered, then no more public function, that was in '77 month of April.

In Azad Maidan Prabhupada delivered the talk. The topic was, 'The Modern Civilization is Total Failure'. So that was '77, 32 years ago. People were wondering, 'What is Swamiji talking about? The modern civilization is total failure?' They still had some hope. They were thinking, the technology and the sciences are going to deliver some goods, keeping their promises. But Prabhupada, he was convinced with the total failure 32 years ago. Now it is more than obvious. Of course people are so stubborn and not honest. They may not admit this but everything is right there.

Caitanya Caran, spiritual scientist, he will tell you. He has all the statistics, all the numbers. It could be eye openers. So only solution Prabhupada was proposing, the only alternative is Krsna Consciousness. Not just for India but for the Whole world. He never thought of India only. God never thinks of India only or Hindus only or human beings only. Prabhupada's thinking was high, thinking like God although not God. 'saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair'. Like father like son. God, Krsna is father so he is son. Abhay Carananaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada was thinking like God, broad thinking looking into the future. He was very much concerned about the welfare of the whole world.

So push forward this Hare Krsna movement, understand this. Prabhupada always appealed, 'Understand this Hare Krsna movement'. Today is your first day. Ganesh was in the way, He is supposed to be vignaharta. He became some kind of vigna for you propagating the Holyname. But now he is gone, he could be with us. Demigods love chanting the Holynames. They love chanting.

'yam brahma varunendra-rudra marutah stuvanti divyaih stavair' (S.B 12.13.1)

When there is arati of Gauranga Mahaprabhu, Brahma comes. 'arati korena brahma-adi deva-gane'. Then comes Shiva, 'kiba siva-sukha-narada', they all come. Only few names have been mentioned. But others also they participate. They know Krsna's position. When Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared, all demigods had welcomed the Lord. They were participating; in disguise they were doing kirtan.

Brahma had come again. What did he do? Exclusively he devoted his life for chanting the holynames.

"Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare"

Is anybody busy like Brahma? He is most busy person. He went on the retreat 100 years and took little break and just chanted and chanted and chanted. So tell busy people the example of brahma. He took some time off.

Okay so we stop here. I have heard of your plans. I had read about it. We also wildly speculating your plans for others to read and hear, get inspired. We are getting communications now all the way from Fiji writing and different part of the world. The Moscow, one mataji last Sunday, she had set up a table. And she was getting devotees to take a vow for japaton-additional chanting. It was big success also.

Someone from New Jersey has submitted list of maybe 100 names. This prabhu, this mataji, two more rounds , everyday ten more rounds. They have already given us a report. These devotees, those many rounds. Grand total, how many additional rounds they chanted in New Jersey every year. There is account like that. We sent appeal to so many Gurus, spiritual masters for them to appeal to their followers and disciples, very good response. They all have sent communications, encouraging inspiring their followers to participate in this World Holy Name Week. This is for chanting. This year seems to be the best ever. So keep it up. Keep sending reports. You don't have to send only final installment. As it went everyday or every

other day, you provide what happen. This helps and we circulate that.

There is also internet kirtan that you should take note. Tomorrow night in Vrndavana there will be kirtan, internet kirtan. Kirtan will be lead in Vrndavana. It is also to be heard and to be followed globally. So from 6 to 7 Aindra Prabhu is going to be leading kirtan. Haribol!! From 7 to 8, they have scheduled me to lead kirtan. Haribol!! 8 to 9 is Indradyumna Maharaj, Haribol!! That much I remember now.

So these are the three kirtans to be broadcasted from Vrndavana. The technology in Pune, it exists. Eklavya is also here.

What is expected is, you hear as these kirtan are being lead. As I lead here, you hear. I'll be in Vrndavana leading and you would be hearing here and also responding. We had done this last April. This internet kirtan, we tried once before 24 hours. I was in Bangladesh that time. So second time we are attempting this internet kirtan. So look into that, try to tune in. There are also temples doing 24 hours kirtan. I know ISKCON Aravade, Nagpur, Solapur. We were just there just there in that area. 24 hours start either from Mangala arati time till next Mangala arati time or starts at noon or evening till next noon. Taking turns, one day is one of the feature. We have nagar kirtan , public chanting, Japaton and internet. These are the broad guidelines. Within those categories you could have many ideas. In Bengal it is famous as 'asta prahar'. You make a schedule and 4-5 devotees in a team depending what your strength is. You do one day, one night and continuous 24 hours. And others could participate. You don't have to be here. You could be in other place also, some other temple. It could be here. It will be nice if it is done here.

Books of Srila Prabhupada is Sankirtan that came from his lotus mouth

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Forest Govardhan Eco-village and you are going to be making plans or strategies, working out strategies of how to distribute books, of Srila Prabhupada ki.... jai!!

So that got me interested and I dropped in (laughter) I don't know how I fit in here. We all fit in here, this is a sankirtan moment and **book distribution is sankirtan**. It's not only kirtan but it is sankirtan, "**samyaprakarena kirtan**" **wholesome kirtan**. And there are all the glories in the books of Srila Prabhupada's books -Bhagvad-Gita as it is and Bhagvatam as it is. So all are glories of Shri Krishna or glories of the Holy Name.

"nama-sankirtanam yasya sarva-papa pranashanam" (12.13.23)

This is how Bhagavatam ends, "nama-sankirtanam yasya, sarva -papa pranashanam"

So conclusion is, the kirtan and these books of Srila Prabhupada are sankirtan or we could also say Sankirtan that came from lotus mouth of Srila Prabhupada, his realizations. He poured his heart into those dictaphone machines all night long or starting from somewhere in middle of the night as we all slept. Prabhupada would get up and speak his realizations into the Dictaphone machine and then some disciple would transcribe and then some editing and layout and here is a heart of the press, the book. So and then someone opens the book and reads the book what is he hearing? The kirtan performed by Srila Prabhupada. So the books are packed with

kirtan, so distribution of those books of Srila Prabhupada is kirtan, is sankirtan. This world is in very bad need of is these books.

“Kalah Nasht Drasham aisham” okay prior to that Shyam tyaktva swapanam gatha Lord departed for his own planet, taddinat – from that day the kali advented then what happened? Kalah Nasht Drasham aisham people lost the eye-sight, just during flood-day light and they have eyes but they do not see like, they have become blind, okay then we could also say they have become krodha andha, krodh-andha, krodha is making them andha or lobhandha and kamandha and madandha and what not andha. All these things are making them andha- blind. Then Lord, out of his causeless mercy, adhuna means now or then, when kali advented then **“Puran ark uditā”** Lord appeared in the form of Bhagavatam, brilliant as sun. Lord appeared in the form of Bhagavatam. Idam- means this, idam bhagavatam nama puranam brahma-samhitam. This is called “idam bhagavata? nama” this is called Bhagavatam and this is Brahma samhita, Srila Prabhupada translates Brahma samhita as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This Bhagavatam is Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Just few days ago, I was just looking at the dictionary meaning of samhita, what is this samhita? And the dictionary meaning is, is equal to, as good as or it has same value as what? Brahma samhita, the Brahma, Parabrahma and then, there is Bhagavatam, Bhagavatam is same as Krishna; it has same value as Krishna, same value. It represents Brahma, so Brahma samhita.

So when we, distribute Gita or Bhagavatam and then Nectar of Devotion, this is all Brahma samhita and these are glories of the Lord. Certainly they are the glories of the holy name, all over

“adav ante ca madhye ca harih sarvatra giyate”

Hari has been chanted, has been glorified in the beginning of Srila Prabhupada's books, you could say in the middle end everywhere "harih sarvatra giyate". So people of this age of kali, I mean we were one time very much in the middle of the age of kali and I am sure from wherever we were Maharashtra, Gujarat or wherever we were born, from there we have come here, today Govardhan Ecovillage. Do you think Srila Prabhupada's books made the difference or Srila Prabhupada's books they have brought you all the way to this point, yes-no? How many of you would say so? Everybody, Haribol !!!

Then, now we have become, you have become sadhus "sadhava sadhu-bhushana" these are your ornaments, titiksavah karunikah, the tolerance and compassion. So someone was compassionate and he gave you Krishna, in the form of Srila Prabhupada's books gave you this knowledge opened your eyes. You were blind, right? And then "caksur unmilitam" someone did the operation, someone gave the book and immediately, as soon as he had the books then he had the glasses sastra-caksusa hey !! Now I could see, I could see! So someone kindly guided you, gave you book then you read or others explained those further explained those books or points.

So I think it is our turn, it's your turn now, to be kind to our brothers or fellow human beings and give them helping hand, give them knowledge, give them knowledge packed poured into those books in the form of word-meanings and translations and purports. Give those books out and yeah this will be very pleasing to Srila Prabhupada and then

"yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado"

And Lord also has said that towards the end of Bhagvad Gita, He says, what is that? No one is dear to me as dear as he or she, who shares this samvadam, this conversation between Krishna and Arjuna. This conversation which is very confidential, beneficial and that person becomes very-very dear. Of course. Lord is pleased with them and they are very

dear to him. So this knowledge distribution, book distribution is not a business or sometimes it is also said if there is any business authorized, transcendental business that gaudiya vaishnavas do that is book distribution. All Acaryas,

**“nana-sastra-vicarannaika-nipunnau sad-dharma-samsthapakau
nana-sastra-vicar”**

Big pile of scriptures in the middle and Goswamis are sitting around and they are doing nana sastra vichar and they are writing, they are contemplating, they are sharing and then those three Prabhus were the first, travelling sankirtan book distribution party from Vrindavan, the grantha-mandir, eventually these books were piled in a cart and Narottam das Thakur, Shyamananda and Srinivas Acharya, 500 years old, original Sankirtan party, transporting books.

And I think we also, did some, atleast Prabhupada sent us from Vrindavan to Mayapur in 1976. He also asked us to start a bullock-cart sankirtan party. And Srila Prabhupada, he did even inauguration of that Bullock cart Sankirtan Party. And what were we doing, we were distributing, those days we would not have so... many-many books as we have them now or English books they were getting printed but certainly we did not have them in vernacular language. Prabhupada used this word, he wrote me a letter. So travelling and travelling anyways, our party has reached Kanpur, our destination was Mayapur. So there I wrote to Prabhupada that our Party needs, we could use some financial assistance and Prabhupada sent me a reply. And he said, “Outside help is no good” (Guru maharaj laughing). And, he said “you should distribute books in vernacular language and raise your funds and that way manage”.

And Prabhupada enclosed Sankirtan newsletters, says “your god brothers from the west look at the scores, they are distributing books and this is how they are also maintaining our institution, you do the same with the Bullock-cart Sankirtan”.

So that was a big challenge it took quite some time but eventually our padayatra Sankirtan book distribution party also not only they, So, okay on the way, there were bullock-carts, it's not a carts, it's a chariot, it's a ratha pulled by the bulls and there is a kirtan in the front, it's amplification and the deities are in the chariot. Prabhupada is seating on the front and there is a driver and I was just there last week in the Trupati ratha, I also drove.

And as people hear kirtan even bulls unless we do kirtan the bulls are not very enthusiastic to pull the cart (laughter). And as the kirtan is heard by all people, passersby or those who are in the field or wherever they are, immediately that gets the attention and then they look and something is moving on the road and they, they come running, they come running and ones they are there, there is darshan, there is a charanamrita and we distribute books. I just did that, few days ago and then we made all those who had bought the books and there were lot of people, so many on my right side, so many on my left side and we took a photograph and they were very happy, carrying books.

Then also the bullock cart sankirtan party in 1976, we had a much simpler set up but even then as we entered the village, we would have a group of brahmacharis, they would perform kirtan in the front of the cart and other few this side, few other side going from house to house and would cover the whole village. Kirtan is on and of course we would also do bhiksham dehi, bhiksham dehi...we would have been also begging for alms or whatever they could give atta or potatoes or yeah chilli for you and collecting grains and vegetables and distributing books also along with the kirtan party.

Later on in 77, the BBT travelling sankirtan party, Gopal Krishna Maharaj, while my bullock cart sankirtan party was on the road, then I also was asked to while overseeing the bullock cart sankirtan party I would also be travelling for the BBT vehicle sankirtan party distribute books and from time

to time see how the bullock cart is running or walking as this was, Prabhupada had approved that. Prabhupada had approved, I do the bullock cart sankirtan and then Gopal Krishna Maharaj's intervention he also wanted me to do the BBT travelling sankirtan party so when we had a van and we had installed the speakers on the top of the van and sound system and we would go to towns and villages. We would start from one end of the town, we would put on Prabhupada's kirtans out loud and brahmachari's with the book bags, door to door, shop to shop and kirtan then I would get on the mike and also make announcement encouraging "the book distributors are coming and we are from here and please they have gift for you, book for you, Gita for you, go for it and this and that".

And those were the days, Bhagvad Gita "daha rupeya madhe Bhagvat Gita" (Marathi). Same Bhagvad Gita, we have distributed in 10 rupees. Aamogh-lila you remember Amogh-lila? Once, he travelled from I think Pune or Mumbai to Pandarpur, Akshaynanda swami also and he was distributing books. "ghyah-bagha daha rupai fakta daha rupai fakt daha rupai" (Marathi). So we would announce, I would announce and distributors would distribute books, again the kirtan on. So that was nice mostly that was a formula that we would apply wherever we went.

Put on the kirtan and along with a vehicle kirtan parties the book distributors would move and they would give all the encouragement. Hye!! look, look our vehicle is here, our party or we are here and as devotees heard they are inspired, they were getting, all the strength from the sound vibration of "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare" .

And so big support for those books distributors, they are not by themselves and you know, there is no one around me just me and only me, it's me to face the maya, all the forces by yourself. This is also not advisable, Prabhupada always sent us in pairs even for life membership program in Mumbai that we would be doing and we always went in pairs. That gives you

strength, so having a party, what to speak of having a bigger party and then, what to speak of having a kirtan on loudspeaker and when all the books are sold out you come back and fill up your bags again and then go out and as it's to be a transcendental fun, and then move to the next town to the next town and to the next town.

And so last time that our party had travelled to and by that time we had a name for our party called Narada muni travelling sankirtan party. We started with BBT but then we gave a name because we were travelling so extensively like Narada muni would move, swiftly. So it was month of November 77. That reminds you of something? Yeah, so we were on the road and we had gone to Himalayan Mountains and Badrikashram for long time we had no news of Srila Prabhupada's health and those days no mobiles or no SMS and ohh what not? Even telephone forget it even calling from Delhi to Vrindavan, not so easy but we were at Himalayas .

So we finally decided to return to, to climb down and return to Vrindavan . And as soon as we arrived in that Krishna-Balarama temple we went straight to Srila Prabhupada's quarter and we requested secretary that we are allowed to have darshan of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Prabhupada kindly allowed. And our whole Narada Muni travelling Sankirtan Party, brahmacharis mostly, we were all brahmacharis, I was only sanyasi, I had taken sanyasa.

So Prabhupada on the bed, lying for months he was in the bed only. Only occasionally they would make him sit for some feeding, some drinking or just for a change, otherwise mostly lying down. So as we sat around Srila Prabhupada in that such a state and as he knew that we have just returned from a traveling sankirtan, those days traveling sankirtan means book distribution, Book distribution party is here.

And immediately Prabhupada opens a dialogue. And this is just may be 5-6 days prior to Prabhupada's departure on 14th of November he departed and we are talking about 5-6 days prior.

So immediately Prabhupada is enquiring, ohh!! which book is selling the most? And which books are we carrying selling? The whole dialogue, this is how books were on in his heart or on his mind and books....books....that's why distribute books, distribute books, distribute books . And I will never die so far the books are being distributed that makes me, gives me life or I feel young. And otherwise also, secretary always used to tell us, there is a pile of mail that Prabhupada would receive and the first mail that he would be interested about reports of the book distribution. Those mails are first reported to Srila Prabhupada.

So with us also I personally experienced that how dear it was to his heart this book distribution. I had also humorously mentioned to Srila Prabhupada same time that while we were at Badrikashram "Srila Prabhupada, we showed your Bhagvad Gita to Srila Vyasadeva" I said. Because while at Badrikashram, we had visited the cave of Srila Vyasadeva's cave. There is a Ganesha Gufa not far away from there. So because we were carrying Srila Prabhupada's Bhagvad- Gita, so I thought, he resides there. We did not see him but for sure he saw us and sure he also saw Prabhupada's Bhagvad- Gita. So I threw that humorous statement. We showed your Bhagvad-Gita to Srila Vyasadeva, Prabhupada. Prabhupada was happy to hear. So, the very first conversation of we talk more, but it began with the book distribution and which books, and which books is selling the most and these enquiries.

So, it's important that you, you the second generation, and also third generation, I see some more new bodies, some older and some older sons and some have departed also. That we know how our founder Acarya His divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada , what value what importance he gave to this book distribution activity and of course, he was instructed to do so, not whimsically, he had this idea of. If you ever get money what you do with that money? Print books. So this was Swami Bhaktishiddhant Saraswati Thakura's

instruction.

And finally there was money and then there were books and he did not want them to be just printed and stored and take a photograph, looks nice, good stock. Fill in the stores, print out and pack the godowns and the other part is emptying the godowns, distributing books. So, yeah also, of course read books, read books of Srila Prabhupada more you read, you will realize the mahima, the mahatmya, the greatness of those books and you could be more convinced. This book is the most valuable thing in the world I want to give this to others share this gift. And this is kari kar para upakar giving others, giving Srila Prabhupada's books to as many people as possible; there is the demand all over. There is a big demand everywhere.

I was just in China two months ago and we had opportunity to distribute Prabhupada's Chinese Bhagvat Gita as it is (everybody clapped and said Haribol) and we ended up with distributing 1200 Bhagvad Gitas in 10 days (Haribol). And that was nice and that also was kirtan and book distribution or program was mostly kirtan little talk. Mostly kirtan and then those who were coming for kirtan party and they had to pay entrance fees which included the cost of the book. They were giving books free but that was part of the entrance fees. So we were doing kirtan, chanting and distributing books at the same time.

Srila Prabhupada ki... Jai!!

Srila Prabhupada transcendental book distribution ki..... jai!!

Nitai Gaur Premanande Hari Haribol!!

We stand united to unite Prabhupada's family

Venue: Pune

I appreciate and I understand by what Radhanath Maharaj has presented his heart. These are not just the words. His words are not different from him, he is those words. We are basically, practically the first generation that is entering Maharashtra to establish Krsna consciousness, Caitanaya Mahaprabhu's and Srila Prabhupada's movement. It is kind of dharma, "dharma samsthapanarthaya", Krsna appears.

Yesterday I was thinking how fortunate and how rare devotees, leaders we are. Of course, we cannot be compared with Srila Prabhupada. He was the only one, there could not be two Prabhupadas. Only one Prabhupada was made 'nimitra matram', nimitra- to propagate Krsna consciousness all over the world. But then we are also chosen, we are also picked up. We are also being made instruments, **'nimitra matram' to spread, establish Krsna consciousness, we are amongst the selected few.**

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has selected us also to become followers of Prabhupada, so that Prabhupada's mission which is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission gets established. We being the very first generation entering the field, we have very great responsibility upon us. Because we are going to be establishing the foundation of Krsna consciousness in the world, in India in general and say Maharashtra. So more purely we do that, more transcendently we do that. As much as is within our power, get rid of kaam, krodha, lust and another thing, all these kinds of lower natures.

Maharaj was saying, I said, "This meeting will be not the first or last meeting on this subject. We'll have ongoing

dialogue.” And Maharaj said, “Only when we become paramhansas then this topic ends.” This morning he said, “Oh we are among the paramhansas.” Sometimes, some transcendental differences. So we have sacred duty to perform here in Maharashtra to establish Krsna consciousness. And united we stand, divided we fall. **“sangah sakti kalau yuge”, in kali yuga shakti comes by sanga, association.** Sanga and sangha also. Sanga is association and sangha is the organization, within that there is a sanga. Within sangha, there is sanga. So that sangha is shakti it comes from uniting, getting together. I do not wish, I mean you are young. Most of you are young folks, us and myself, we don’t have much time at our disposal. We have started losing our Godbothers left and right. Three of us took sannyas together. Two of those are gone to join Krsna, Prabhupada and I am the third next in the list. I want to take it further seriously my mission, my service to Srila Prabhupada. That I do not only do with my disciples. I want to work as a team, unite and function and be successful for pleasure of Prabhupada and glory of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

What hurts me, I may not say this all the time but I, liking and loving my disciples no big deal. That’s anyone, your disciple so you love and like. But I like and love and associate and serve with disciples of my Godbrothers. I feel that’s the broadening of the vision and family and transcending this petty weakness of neophyte. Of course we are not mayavadis and we are one. There is some, that’s eternal relationship with the spiritual master that identity is there. But that’s just one part of our life. There is Prabhupada, Caitanya Mahaprabhu, **“jivera svarupa haya krsnera nitya dasa” (C.C Madhya 20.108)** and all those, that’s us also. That’s our life, that’s our philosophy. So when these things get emphasized at different levels, my guru, his guru and this. And there is yet another dvandva, another dual nature, duality we add all. It is already day and night, rich and poor, man and woman, you go on adding. There is a big list of dvandva,

duality of this material existence. And on top of that we add one more, his disciple, my disciple, your disciple, this guru, that guru. This is yet another dimension of the duality. We may be adding if we are of some neophyte mentality, fanaticism, groupism and those thoughts are dwelling.

So I am also very much with Radhanath Maharaj, he has well worded. I don't think I could edit or improve; we stand united to unite Prabhupada's family. We are Prabhupada's family and of course everyone is. Not that Maharashtra is united and then Madhya Pradesh gets united and then... No, there is a bigger family, there is a bigger circle. Unity of the purpose, unity of the vision, this is what we look forward to. For long time I have been using this example of Gaudiya Math, their fall down or as Prabhupada had, they met with difficulties. They emphasized the acharyas and not the GBC. Not exactly there was no problem with the GBC but some kind of organization and the managers.

But this morning, I had a dialogue with Radhanath Maharaj. And the first time I understood something very very important for which I am very grateful. And I want to share that with you. He said, there is a difference; they emphasized one Acharya over the organization. And may be in due course of time there will be two acharyas and then two maths and four acharyas and then four maths and like that multiplied. But here of course the present, we are Gurus as GBC wants to address them, call them as and not acharyas as such. So we Gurus if we are united, if the Gurus are united, Gurus in ISKCON are united and then of course, if we are with the GBC, under GBC; the ultimate managing authorities of ISKCON is GBC. Then there could be no disunity of the kind that Gaudiya Math has seen, that's a history.

What Maharaj added was that neophyte disciples come to Guru with this complain. "Oh, this, they are saying this against you and this conversation going against you. That kind of campaign is going on against you or against our temple, this

and that.” And then Guru gets fired up or Guru gets concerned and Guru agrees and that could be the end of the show. Instead if Guru could read or realize, here is some weakness of this disciple. It is neophyte mentality, his weakness; he is trying to convey that.

So if instead Guru taking the side of the neophyte disciple, if he could crush the kind of attitude or mentality or attempt that disciple or aspiring candidate is making from his point of view. He doesn't know there will be disunity as a result that he doesn't know. But if the spiritual master could point that out and crush that weakness and lower nature and stay united with other Godbrothers and spiritual masters. Then that lower nature is taken care of, that ignorance, that passion. Then we could avoid the repetition of that history Gaudiya Math is.

Radhanath Maharaj did put in better words. I am just his student, just learnt these things from him which was lingering in my mind for long long time. I always was quoting this as example which was Praphupada's example. But there is something parallel but that Maharaj pointed out difference to me this morning. Some kinds of words trying to share that with you.

My main concern here is unity I suppose, how to stay united. When I see different symptoms, different statements, different strategies, different things, as a result I talked sometimes, I have spoken. So I am speaking again and I'll seek more later. On this subject I have other things to say.. Thank you for your patience and listening to me.

Srila Prabhupada in Vrndavana

Venue: Vrindavana

Dated: 2008

We welcome all of you, **Srila Pabhupada ki jai!!!**

So English we'll be speaking in English, Srila Prabhupada also did most of his talking in English. Occasionally he gave some Hindi classes. They are available, there are some CDs in which you will get Srila Prabhupada Hindi lectures; few dozens of them. English lectures, there are thousands of them, English classes. But there are may be 20- 30 Hindi classes. He gave some Bhagavat Gita classes, Rama katha, Mayapur but we spoke in English also with Prabhupada.

I really don't know where to start, keeping in mind that we have only, not whole seven days. We'll focus more and talk about Vrndavana. **Srila Prabhupada in Vrndavana** and it would be also more appropriate to talk about his pastimes towards end of his staying with us in his manifest lila, you could call it. And again first we'll talk where I come in the picture. There was not I the only one in the picture. There were so many hundreds of them. It's my memories time so in those memories are more fresh. They are my property. They are with me all the time, so I would like to share.

When Prabhupada came to Vrndavana in '77. Last time he came to Vrndavana and then he stayed in Vrndavana, entered Krsna's pastimes. I mean that coming to Vrndavana was in beginning of October and Prabhupada was not well. This was going on, in fact, the whole year 1977 Srila Prabhupada was not being well. Just quickly, briefly he came back from around the world tour. He landed in Bombay but immediately he was making plans to go to Kumbha Mela in January 1977. He travelled by train to Allahabad. We were there; hundreds of Prabhupda's followers were there in Kumbha Mela. Prabhupada made his visit of Kumbha

Mela a brief one. And then, he went to Kolkata and then on over to Bhubanesvar. He made a side trip to Jagannatha Puri, came back to Bhubanesvar and to Mayapur for Mayapur Festival. This was the first time he just gave few classes, no morning walks. This was different from previous years. Then Srila Prabhupada, he skipped Vrndavana, part of the festivals. He used to do Mayapur festivals, then Vrndavana festivals. These were two festivals he had been attending. This year he just did Mayapur festival and he went to Mumbai, then it was known as Bombay. He wanted to move into his new apartments as Hare Krsna Land was not ready.

Prabhupada insisted, "I will stay in my own quarters". But they were not ready and Prabhupada stayed downtown and held public lectures series in Mumbai. This was the last public lectures series. Seven days in the evening was Krsna festivals. He spoke very strongly. Physically he was so unwell and we had to lift him and put him on the vyasasana. But once he had a microphone, he was roaring like a lion. His topic was, **"The modern civilization is total failure only alternative is Krsna consciousness"** every night on this theme. A disciple would read a verse that was selected from the 2nd canto of Bhagavatam, verse after verse. One verse and then Srila Prabhupada would give the purport and more talk on the verse or theme. 'Modern civilization is total failure'. And then after the festival downtown, he moved back to Juhu Hare Krsna Land.

This time his quarters were ready and he was moved into his new quarters. It was very gorgeous, very opulent. He was very pleased. I was there watching Srila Prabhupada and hearing him talk. He was very grateful for offering such special facilities. He was not well. He would spend lot of time lying on bed. We would be doing some kirtan, very soft kirtans in his quarters. He had been still meeting VIPs and members of the Parliament. They would have appointments. He was there for some time and it was decided that he will go to Hrishikesh for

recuperation; getting better on the banks of Ganga and Himalayan mountains. Better climate it was suggested during May, June like that. Through Delhi he went to Hrishikesh. There is a place, that house is still there where Srila Prabhupada stayed. We visited there few years ago on the banks of Ganga. Then he was not well again, then he rushed back to Tamal Krsna Maharaj, Yadubara prabhu, Bhakti Caru Maharaj, were also few devotees were waiting.

He was in Vrndavana during June- July, he was getting a little better and then plans were made that he would go to America, Gita Nagari. So he made the trip, on the way to America, he went to London. He was there for Janmasthanmi of '77 in London at Bhaktivedanta Manor. Again not well, so he dropped his one way journey to America and rushed back. He wanted to come to India, so he landed in Mumbai. We were there at the airport receiving Srila Prabhupada. We had gone dozens and dozens of times earlier also to receive Prabhupada at Bombay airport. Bombay was Srila Prabhupada's office, so he was spending lot of time in the office. There were some legal matters, legal battles over Hare Krsna Land in Mumbai Juhu. Srila Prabhupada was battling and ultimately he was victorious. We won the case. Prabhupada was genius; he was giving all the mantras which that advocate should present in the court. He was advocate of the advocates (Laughter). So it was last time he was received at the airport by British Airways he came to Mumbai. His briefcase is still on display in Mumbai in Prabhupada's quarters. And the bag tag is still there, its British Airways first class. He spent some time in Mumbai then finally to Vrndavana. He remembered his doctor friend from Prayag or Allahabad called Dr. Ghosh. And Prabhupada wanted him to come and treat him.

So someone had to go, I was asked to go to Allahabad and it was a big rush and it was emergency. So I went. Well, he was not in Allahabad; he was in Darjeeling where his granddaughter was studying. So I had to go to Darjeeling, it is in Assam top

of the mountain. In Allahabad I remember, I first went to Dr. Ghosh's home and found out he was not there. And then I had to go back to the airport. On the way to the airport there was one Hanuman mandir. I was praying to Hanuman, I still remember, I saw the Hanuman mandir and started praying. I thought my mission is somewhat similar to that of Hanuman (Laughter). Because when Lakshman who is Adiguru was not well, that time during the battle at Sri Lanka, some medicine was required. So Hanuman was sent to Himalayan Mountains. So I thought I also have to, not to get the medicine but the doctor who will provide medicine to Prabhupada (Laughter). And I had to go to Himalaya Mountain. So I was praying and by the grace of Hanuman, I did find the doctor.

We drove to Kolkata and then to Delhi. Then the doctor was looking after Srila Prabhupada, Prabhupada's friend. Prabhupada was not there for long time as we know. As he was grihasta and his Prayag Pharmacy in Allahabad.

Well, talking about myself, we continued our travelling. We had a travelling party called **"Narada Muni Travelling Sankirtan Party"**. So we went north and travelling and distributing Srila Prabhupada's books, we went all the way to Badrikashram. For some time we had no news from Srila prabhupada. There were no mobile phones. Even regular phones wouldn't work there. So we were in anxiety, so we rushed back we came to Vrndavana. This was like a one week before 14 th of November. So Srila Prabhupada was very kind to let us in, whole party. All the devotees of our party went in Srila Prabhupada's quarters. Srila Prabhupada was on the bed lying down. But if you read more Lilamrita, then here other devotees, they will tell you so many other activities of Prabhupada. How he managed even, translating and giving dictations of his purports during those times.

Srila Prabhupada 10th canto, chapter 13th, it was compiled during that last visit of Srila Prabhupada. Jayadvaita Maharaj holding a microphone very close to his mouth. And Pradyumna

prabhu would read different commentaries, Sanskrit commentaries. After hearing those commentaries, Srila Prabhupada would give his comments in English. They were getting transcribed and that's how he continued his activities. So as we arrived, we sat down around Srila Prabhupada, very close to his bed. His voice was very low. To hear him, you had to put your ear very close to his mouth. So we were giving reports of our traveling and book distribution.

You know the book distribution score reports were Prabhupada would always look forward to wherever the reports came from. He said that made him young, **"I would never die"** so far his books are being distributed. He would take lots of interest in hearing book distribution, especially book distribution scores and reports and some other reports. He was questioning, **"Which book is being distributed the most?"** He was lying on the bed and he was keen interested in book distribution. What are the prices of this book, that book? So we were responding. We talked of the Badrikashram visit. I was representing one party, so I reported to Prabhupada that we visited Srila Vyasadeva's cave which we had done. And I said, "We showed your Bhagavad Gita to Srila Vyasadeva, Prabhupada". That was in a humorous way of presenting it by thought. We were telling Srila Prabhupada the cave of Srila Vyasadeva. He is very much present there; for sure he had seen Prabhupada's Bhagavad Gita. Prabhupada was pleased to hear that.

Part of the reporting also was of our visit of the spot called 'Bhima Ka Pul'. There is a bridge over Saraswati, a stone bridge; this is where Bhima left his body. One brother left and they walked down the road, another brother and another like that and they were going towards north. So that was the place where Bhima left his body. That was part of the reporting. Later on, as I was mentioning now, it was not appreciated by one of my God brothers. For that reporting, I was rebuked, I was mildly chastised for such a report; why should I be talking of someone dying and death and giving some

ideas to Prabhupada, I didn't think in those terms. So it was too late, already reporting was done.

So then we were leaving Prabhupada's quarters. All the members of my party, they were out of the room, I was the last one. Then I was just taking one last look at Prabhupada. And Prabhupada signaled me, "Come here, come back". So I went back to Prabhupada, close to him. And he questioned me, "I would like to see you. What time suits you?" He could order me, come at such and such time! But different approach, amazing. "What time suits you?" And then my response of course, "Anytime Prabhupada, anytime". Then he said, "Is four o'clock okay?"

So it was settled that we would meet at four o'clock in the afternoon. I didn't know, the way he was so grave when he was talking to me or asking is four o'clock is okay, I want to see you. All day I was trying to figure it out. What was Prabhupada is going to talk to me about at four o'clock in the afternoon. I could not come to any conclusion. So I was looking at the watch and counting hours and minutes. So finally it was four o'clock and I went. I was not allowed inside Prabhupada's quarters. I was directed to the Krsna Balaram guest house reception. As I arrived there, just around the corner from Srila Prabhupada's front entrance of his quarter, I found all the senior members sitting there. They were kind of waiting for me also. So what I found out was what Prabhupada wanted to talk to me about at four o'clock. He had already spoken to Tamal Krsna Maharaj and Bhavananda prabhu, Bhakti Caru Maharaj, like that. I met everyone else. They said, **"Prabhupada would like you to go and organize the bullock cart for him"**.

He wants to go to Govardhan on Govardhan puja day. Next day was Govardhan puja. So you could imagine, a day before, whole thing was being planned. So just myself and Trivikrama Maharaj, two of us went to Mathura. It was very difficult because on Govardhan puja, the farmers, they do puja of their

cows and bulls. They don't employ them. So we had a hard time hiring bullock cart. But we managed and two bullock carts were arranged to come over to Krsna Balaram temple. So they did come and they were parked in front of Krsna Balaram temple. And plan was next morning Prabhupada would travel to Govardhan.

And then there were more talks that evening after I came back from Mathura. I was also born in a farmer's family, we also had bullock cart and bullock cart sankirtan That was Prabhupada project. So I was chosen for this task. Then during the night, there were lots of discussions on this proposed travel of Srila Prabhupada, Prabhupada travelling on a bullock cart, oxen cart on the Vrndavana roads. These days roads are little better. You could imagine, this is 31 years ago, they were far worst. So the whole debate going on, Prabhupada had the desire to go. He always talked about when battling with maya, fighting with maya. Preaching is fighting, that spirit he had. He was lying on bed for long long time, months and months. He was feeling uneasy in that way, we say this. So he wanted to be out there. That was just a trial going to Govardhan. If that works then travel more all over. That was during the night. It was very difficult for lots of devotees to accommodate this idea, Prabhupada going on bullock cart, travelling to Govardhan. So he was appealed by several devotees. Krsnadasa Babaji from Gaudiya Matha, a senior Prabhupada's godbrother was invited. Devotees, disciples made Krsnadasa Babaji to speak to Prabhupada on their behalf, trying to convince him not to go, not to go.

So finally, there are many details and dialogues. You could read them on folio also word for word. Tamala Krsna Maharaj wrote a whole play called 'Final pastimes of Prabhupada'. Tamal Krsna Goswami Maharaj was involved, so he had written a book and he is drawing lots of his dialogues from the folio, the conversation. So that idea of going to Govardhan on bullock cart was dropped.

Then another day passed and Prabhupada's room was filled with his only disciples. There were no other Jayapataka Maharajas disciples, there were only Prabhupada's disciples that time, right? You could imagine. And Prabhupada again brought up the topic of travelling. But this time he proposed travelling with the buses. Idea was kind of welcomed, but condition was that when he gets better, he will take this journey travelling all over. One thing, Prabhupada wanted to go to holy places, during his very extensive, busy travelling schedule he had no opportunity going to holy places. This was his final wish. He wanted to travel to the holy places and other places, town and cities. So this time, devotees also, it was welcomed for another reason, because devotees were thinking, Prabhupada is wanting to travel, that means he wants to be with us longer. If he is dropping or postponing his plans of going back to Krsna , joining Krsna, he is going to be with us longer. So this was kind of cause for a joy, happiness, Prabhupada is going to stay on long.

The delegates would go to Prabhupada from time to time headed by those days, Kirtananda Maharaj was the senior sannyasi, he would go and appeal on behalf of the disciples. **"Prabhupada, please stay on, Prabhupada we want you, we are just babies, just children, newly born. How will we survive without you, please"**. We would always take it up to Prabhupada whether to live or die. It was up to Prabhupada. We were always thinking like that, so we would appeal to Prabhupada, "Prabhupada please stay on please". So when he was planning his travelling, especially the buses, devotees were kind of relieved that he is going to stay on longer with us. So those who were in the room, Prabhupada in the middle sleeping, lying down position and whole room is filled. Then different devotees were proposing to Prabhupada. I remember Giriraj, I know him being disciple from Bombay temple president. He said to Prabhupada, "Whenever you go to the big cities, there will be some big rich people, industrialist; if I go I could make some life members. Could I go Prabhupada with you?" And

Prabhupada said, "Hmm, you could go".

Then there was Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Maharaj. He took his turn, "Whenever you'll go, there will always be some scientists. I could organize some conference, scientific, you could address. Could I go Srila Prabhupada?" Prabhupada said "Hmm" (Laughter).

So like that, different disciples were proposing to be with Prabhupada, travel with Prabhupada. There was Bhakti Caitanya from Chandigarh. He was a good driver. "I could drive your car Prabhupada, (Laughter). Could I go?" Prabhupada said, "Hmm, you could go."

So many devotees were making proposals how could they fit into this travelling program, whether they could go and Prabhupada, "Hmm, Hmm" meaning "Yes", they could go. Then I also took my turn (Laughter). Why not? There were lots of discussions about this travelling. Prabhupada's advance party, and main party and Prabhupada would be part of the main party. The advance party making all the arrangements, bookings and facilities. And main party arrives there. Advance party goes in advance further. These being a whole, everything was planning. So when I said whether I could go, Prabhupada, he also said I could go. He said, "You will be our leader of the Travelling Party." Haribol!!! With the experience I had with the Narada Muni Sankirtan Travelling Party and other Travelling parties. So that must be on 11th or 12th of November this dialogue took place. So we all got kind of busy making preparations for Prabhupada's travels on buses. We got a huge big map of India. We wanted to make a schedule for Prabhupada's travelling. Where to get buses and drivers this and that. Tamal Krsna Maharaj, Bhavananda and other disciples also around involved. The Kaviraj, Prabhupada's doctor was keeping track of Srila Prabhupada was taking more milk or whatever. So we were hopeful that Prabhupada would get better and would have this travel all over India which Srila Prabhupada was all looking forward to and preparing all the arrangements. Srila

Prabhupada, those days would lie down, eyes closed but not fully awake, he was thinking of Krsna. And he would get his disciples, devotees to read from Caitanya Caritamrita, Krsna book or doing kirtan. Kirtan with small tiny kartals, very small kartal, no mridanga nothing just small kartal. Only one devotee would be sitting and doing kirtan. And this would go on 24 hours. Either there was some reading or doing kirtan. His attraction and attachment to the Holy name and the pastimes of the Lord, he insisted that goes on.

This was also going on in Mumbai before he came to Vrndavana after London. So there I also had been taking turns singing for Srila Prabhupada. One day I asked Srila Prabhupada, "Is there anything more we could do, so that you could get better?" Just before another devotee taking over kirtan. There was just a little break and I said, "Is there anything that we are not doing, we should do Prabhupada so that you get cured, you get better?" And Prabhupada said, "Chant Hare Krsna". That was the cure, medicine. Of course he had standing instructions to all of us that, "Don't take me to the hospital and keep on chanting that was the medicine" he said that few times. I remembered Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Maharaj, he had his night shift. On the 13th night, he was with Prabhupada chanting. And then on that day, 14th while we were still kind of busy making plans for Prabhupada's travel. Kaviraj was keeping an eye on Prabhupada's health. He started going on all over property, gets alert here and there, asking all of us to rush into Prabhupada's quarters. So we were all there, room full inside and more from outside. Hundreds of devotees were kind of stationed in Vrndavana. It was also Kartik, like tomorrow 14th November, we were in Prabhupada's quarters. I was there when Prabhupada went. So many others all around him. Last time we could hear, he was only opening mouth and 'Hare Krsna', 'Hm, Hm'. That was it. **Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!**

He considered Vrndavan as his home, Mayapur his place of pilgrimage where he worshiped the Personality of Godhead.

Bombay was his office. He stayed here in Vrndavana. We took Prabhupada in a kirtan procession to all the six goswamis temples, a huge procession. Srila Prabhupada was placed in Samadhi. And then kind of brass murti of Srila Prabhupada. Not same day, but after some days we all knew, going to Govardhan this was his last wish. So everybody, we all went first to Radha kunda, bathe Srila Prabhupada murti form in Radha kunda's water. We had palanquin; we took Prabhupada all around Govardhan. Hundreds must be close to thousands followers, devotees of Srila Prabhupada going all around Govardhan. And finally came to Kusum Sarovar and we stopped there. And his other desire, he wanted to go by bus all over India visiting the places of pilgrimage. That was another wish. So when we had to celebrate 500 anniversary of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's appearance, it was in '86. So the Governing Body Commission, they resolved that we organize procession, walk, padayatra and take Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada on pilgrimage. So we started in Dwarka on Radhasthami of '84. Then the remaining months of '84 and twelve months of '85 and then we had to arrive in '86 in Mayapur for Caitanya Mahaprabhu's 500 anniversary. 7000 miles walk, so this planned as part of celebrating Caitanya Mahaprabhu's 500 years anniversary. At the same time fulfilling Prabhupada's desire of travelling or going to places of pilgrimage.

So that was organized on very big scale, international participation for the pleasure of Prabhupada, for glorification of Srila Prabhupada.

Jai Srila Prabhupada

Padayatra- Walking Back to Godhead

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Lord Ram and Laxman appeared in Treta yuga, same Ram Laxman appeared in Dwapara yuga as Krishna Balaram. In this present age kali yuga beginning of the age of kali they appeared as Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu. So it is like Ram Laxman has come now seated in the chariot.

Balaji is also non different from Krishna, Balaji is Krishna, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Krishna. Vakula mai, Balaji's kitchen incharge, you know Vakula? She is Yasoda mai. So Yasoda and Rohini's children are Krishna Balaram. And then Krishna Balaram had gone to Dwaraka, where Balaram was married he had only one wife (Laughter) Krishna had more than 16,000 wives. All these marriages were attended by Vasudev and Devaki. But Nanda and Yasoda they were in Vrindavan they were not able to take part in the marriage ceremony.

All the mothers have desire to see their sons getting married, they rarely would like to see their son becoming a brahmachari (laughter). So knowing the desire of His mother Lord Krishna arranged His own marriage ceremony. That pastime took place in Narayan Vanam. So Balaji is Sri Krishna, Jai Balaji.

So you may consider Balaji has come or Ram Laxman has come or Krishna Balaram has come in the form of Guar Nitai, Nitai Guarsundar Ki....jai

We are all His children, yes you are or not? Haribol (response of the devotees there). You may say I am a father, mother I am not a child infact I have children. How could be a child? All the souls are children of the Lord and that Lord has come to your town. On the chariot there is also murti of Bhaktivedanta

Swami Srila Prabhupada founder acharya of ISKCON and my spiritual master.

So 50 years ago Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada he travelled to America. He travelled by cargo boat, his journey started from Kolkatta boat went to Colambo and to Cochin. Just yesterday I and many ISKCON leaders were present in Cochin to have a memorial celebration of 50th anniversary of Srila Prabhupad's departure to America.

So Srila Prabhupada was a great devotee of Caitanya and Nityananda, Nitai Guarsundar. He was chosen empowered "saksad-dhari" who was sent to the west. To make Lord's prediction come true, 500 years Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted "Prithvite ache yata nagaradi grama sarvatra prachara haibe mora nama" – My name will be chanted in every town, in every village of this planet. Srila Prabhupada after reaching America he founded this International Society for Krishna Consciousness to spread the Holy Name everywhere. To spread this chanting of "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare" everywhere.

Srila Prabhupada the founder acharya of Hare Krishna movement, asked us to do this Padayatra- travelling with this bullock cart. Walking festival- Padayatra, he asked us to start padayatra on 1st Sept 1976 in New Delhi, that was Radhastami day, Haribol.....

We were just 10-15 disciples of Srila Prabhupada, those days they were only disciples of Prabhupada there were no other Guru's in ISKCON he was the only spiritual master. So when everything was ready, kind of ready then we requested Prabhupada to inaugurate the padayatra. Again 1976 we were ready to go from Vrindavan to Mayapur walking...Haribol. Prabhupada gave us that instruction- "you go to Mayapur from Vrindavan". During inaugural function we sat down and Prabhupada gave us further inspiration and instructions to do this Padayatra –Bullock cart sankirtan party.

Then again the main purpose was to spread the Holy Name around, distribute the knowledge about Krishna in the form of Gita, Bhagvatam. Prabhupada said **“jare dako tare kaho hare Krishna upadesh”** (Laughter). He said little differently from what Caitanya Mahaprabhu said. He said you may be going to the villages people may not always understand the philosophy so instead of “jare dekho, tare kaho krsna-upadesa” he said “Hare Krishna upadesh”.

Let them chant “Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare”. This program started in 76, and during Prabhupada’s 100th birth anniversary, 100th birthday celebration of Srila Prabhupada we organized Padayatra in 100 countries..Haribol...Europe padayatra, Australia padayatra, Mauritius padayatra, South Africa padayatraall over the planet Hare Krishna devotees have walked, danced, chanted Hare Krishna.

This is Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s program; this is God’s program- this propagation of the holy name, spreading the holy name, bringing holy name to every person that we meet. And this particular party “All India Padayatra”, what’s the name? Srila Prabhupad’s All India Padayatra. I don’t know whether you have seen back of this cart? We have gone around 5 times parikrama of whole India...Haribol.. Badrikashrama in the north, Jagganath Puri in the east, Rameshwar in the south and Dwaraka in the west like this 5 times and then zigzagging also in between (laughter). We also have come to Tirupati, I think this is the 5th or 6th time we have come to Tirupati.

We have gone to thousands of villages and towns in India. These Padayatra devotees just only during month of kartik they go to Vrindavan for Vraj mandal Parikrama otherwise other 11 months this cart is on road, going from one village to another to another. This padayatra has walked 150,000 kilometersharibol. And as I said during the day these murtis are Nitai Guarsundar, ISKCON has many other travelling parties travelling groups they carry Guar Nitai deities on travelling

book distribution parties but these deities are most travelled deities on this planet...Haribol. Millions of Indians in all the states of India almost all the states of India they have taken darshan of Nitai Guarsundar ki.....jai

Srila Prabhupada has revealed Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Nityananda Prabhu to the world. He was kind of concealed or covered, He was limited to Bengal and Orissa, people of Bengal and Orissa knew who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu nowhere else. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was locked in Caitanya Carita Amrita which was in Bengali script world did not read Srila Prabhupada translated Caitanya Caritamrita in English language and then, is it available in telugu? Translation is going on in telugu language also and so many languages around the world. In this way Srila Prabhupada has presented Caitanya Mahaprabhu to the whole world.

As we said **“Vrajendra-nandana jei, saci-suta hoilo sei, balarama hoilo nitai”** so one who was Nandanandan He becomes Sacinandan that's Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Balaram becomes Nityananda Prabhu. So these are their identities, they are Krishna Balaram. They are Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu kiJai, Nityananda Prabhu ki.....jai

So they were acting like devotees, when Lord appeared He was acting like a devotee. Acting like a devotee or acting like Radharani who is a devotee of Lord. “jagade sikhaye” – to teach the whole world Lord was playing a role of a devotee. By His own example Lord is teaching and inspiring the whole world to worship the Lord, Chant the holy name of the Lord.

He played that role so perfectly as a devotee, so the world misunderstood Him or they understood Him as a devotee. Hye! He is a devotee, He is a bhakta, like Tukaram was in Maharashtra and Narsingh Mehta was in Gujarat and Mira bai was in Rajasthan and also Nanak ji and Surdas and this likewise in Bengal there was great devotee called Caitanya. So the world

thought he is a devotee, yes! You are a devotee. His real identity is He is Lord Himself **“sri Krishna caitanya radha Krishna nahi anya”- Caitanya Mahaprabhu is non different from Radha and Krishna.**

Why does He have a golden complexion? Why is he Gauranga? “antha Krishna bahira guara” inside He is Krishna and from outside He has covered Himself with Radhaduti and bhava- the complexion of Radharani. So what is the color of Radharani? Who knows? Matajis know? Gold, Ya you always like gold (Laughter) .

Real gold is Guaranga, Guarangi, you should get attracted to Guaranga and Gaurangi. “tapta kanchan gaurabgi radhe vrindavane swari” radhe vrindavane swari- she is controller of Vrindavan, queen of Vrindavan. She is “tapta kanchan” Her complexion is likethat of molten gold. So Lord assumed that complexion of Radharani, thats radhaduti- that’s complexion, duti means complexion.

Lord also assumed the bhava **“radha-bhava-dyuti-suvalitam” – bhava – the emotions of Radharani.** And this private, confidential reason why Lord appears as Caitanya Mahaprabhu to understand Radharani, to understand her emotions her devotion. So Krishna becomes Radharani.

So that Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda prabhu they had traveled 500 years personally all over India. You remember Balaram had traveled all over India? When Krishna was busy during Kuruksetra war driving the chariot of Arjuna. So same Balaram when He appeared as Nityananda Prabhu, He also traveled the way Balaram had traveled.

Hare Krishna

Srila Prabhupada is Bharat Ratna of this soil

The materialism versus spiritualism, **so India has always stood for the values, the spiritual values.** India produces men of character and big big heros, personalities. There was a time the students, the scholars they would come to India to study different sciences. India was known for the knowledge. Knowledge is complete knowledge; our shastras are also, all aspects. Not just how to attain moksha and go beyond this existence and attain liberation. That of course, but even how to lead a practical life, a successful life, a good life, healthy life, prosperous life. How to do that, this was also taught. This education was also there. That knowledge did exist. That treasure, house of knowledge still there. We had Nalanda, you heard that name, that university? Nalanda and Takshashila and Navadvipa. The scholars came from all over the world. One scholar from China, he had come and travelled, toured all over India. And he was so impressed with the learning, the body of knowledge, all aspects of knowledge and the scriptures which contain complete knowledge. Materialism, spiritualism, you name it and it was all in there.

So I just read this, this scholar, his name is Chinese name; during his tour, he has gathered all the manuscripts which he wanted to bring back home, Back to China. (Laughter)

His home, it sounded like back to home, back to Godhead. And then, he was taking some scholars with him who would teach, interpret those scriptures and explain the deeper meanings. So as they were back home, back to China, they had to travel on the way through a boat. What ocean that could be? Bay of Bengal, some tours, Japan side, Pacific and like that they were going. So they were traveling in a boat loaded with the manuscripts from India and the scholars also. It must be some rainy season like that. Again not just India or Hindus.

Because this knowledge that we are talking is a science like a physics and chemistry and other sciences. It is said everywhere, right? H_2O , 2 parts of hydrogen and 1 part of oxygen and all that. $KLMnO_4$, catalyst and what comes out is H_2O . This is the same formula that is being taught all over. Then this is called scientific. In fact, knowledge given by the Lord and our sages is scientific, is eternal, unchangeable, very valuable.

So **Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai!! He was that Bharatratna**. You may want to call someone Bharatratna and give a title. He was the ratna of this soil. He knew the value and then he endeavored to share this knowledge, this wealth, this treasure with the rest of the world by establishing, by founding this International Society for Krsna Consciousness. I am personally very very happy. This is how Srila Prabhupada was encouraging his countrymen to step forward and understand India's culture, India's scriptures, India's wealth, real wealth and be enriched, become rich in experience and make the whole world also richer. So he did a lot. He did everything possible so that, some of the Indians will understand the value of the world around all over will understand. And he was successful. We could see right here he is taking every opportunity he took talking all the time, sharing this knowledge all the time. So it was kind of disappointing in early days that just one student from Bombay joining. Of course later on some more joined and more they are joining. But I am talking of the way it started in '71, '72, '73. So not only I am happy , I am happy because I know that what used to make Prabhupada happy. **I am sure Prabhupada is watching from wherever and he is happy to see so many youths of India are taking keen interest in this subject matter**. So it is very encouraging. So I am happy that I have the opportunity to be with you, share something with you today.

Curbing the symbol of sin, that is the whole work for us this evening. Curbing, killing, smashing, dashing and subduing the

sin or symbol of sin. It says in fact, the greatest symbol of sin is the lust.

Thank you

Prediction of Lord Caitanya comes true through Srila Prabhupada

Venue: Dubai

Dated: 2008

There are lots of Jagannath temples in Damodara desh. The place we are staying, there is also **Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra**. Here also Jagannatha, lots of Jagannathas. In Dubai, streets are quiet wide, no overhead wires. For holding ratha yatra, these streets are pretty ideal. In India, the roads are narrow, there overheads wires all over. Devotees have to, you have seen them how they do? When that day will be coming when we'll have a grand ratha yatra here in Dubai? Haribol!!

One day that will happen, maybe within our lifetime or soon after, 50 years. Sounds difficult and even there is impossibility. That day I was thinking, having Jagannatha temple indoor. 15, 20 years ago if we were to hear that in 2008, the country called Damodar desh, hundreds and hundreds of devotees, followers of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and hundreds of homes with deities of Jagannatha and Gaura Nitai. Who could have believed such thing? Forget it, not possible, in Dubai Middle East? Something that we thought would not happen, not possible. Here we are seeing that dream coming true or impossibility becoming possible. So likewise this 40 or 50 years ago, the whole world or well in India or Bengal, they

were wondering when the prediction of Caitanya Mahaprabhu going to come true? Is it going to come true? Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted,

**'prithivite ache yata nagaradi grama
sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama'**

Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted 'prithivi', what is prithivi? Whole planet, 'prithivite ache yata', as many nagars and grams, towns and villages are there on this planet. In those many villages, in those many towns "haibe mora nama"- My name would be chanted, this was prediction. This 50 years ago devotees were wondering, is this ever going to happen? Or the prithvi that Caitanya Mahaprabhu referred to, is that just India or is that just Bengal or Orissa or just Radha kunda or just may be Manipur? There was some chanting of the holy name was going on.

In 1965, Srila Prabhupada took that journey. It took him 30 days he traveled by boat Jaladuta. Devaduta was travelling by Jaladuta. Beautiful name of that boat, Jaladuta, Duta means messenger, so there was messenger travelling on that boat, Devaduta, Caitanya duta. He could only travel by cargo ship that time. Now we want to go to the West, travel to the West we do not consider that as an option. We just fly, cross the oceans, one ocean or seven oceans we land. But Srila Prabhupada had to undertake that kind of journey and he landed in New York. From the boat he just climbed down, there was no one to receive him. Srila Prabhupada writes in his Jaladuta diary, Prabhupada's diary called Jaladuta diary. Well, he did not know where to turn, right or left. Once he was in New York off the boat or down the stairs, there was no one to receive him, no hotel booking and no one to pick him up.

So we say, he was by himself. We also say he was penniless; he had only 5 dollars worth 40 rupees only. Then Prabhupada started chanting, "Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare". He did not

have microphone. He did not have anybody to play drum for him. He would be literally on the footpath and chanting. Only passers by people on the footpath, of course Americans. They would listen and of course everyone get attracted. There was a magnetic, something magnetic would get them, so they had to stop. The holy name was the Lord Himself and stopping them. Of course the personality of Prabhupada, the way he had dressed that was also very much different from American national dress. So they were stopping and hearing. Prabhupada would speak. Sometimes people would ask and Prabhupada would show, 'this is Krsna, this is God, Supreme Personality of Godhead.' **'If He is God, what is the girl doing there?'** (Laughter) So much ignorance. The world is full of ignorance. Americans had no clue that if this is Krsna and next to Him has to be who? Srimati Radharani. Not only Radharani but Simati Radharani. And if that is Rama then next to Him? Sri Sita devi. And if that is Narayana then next to Him? Sri Lakshmi devi. It is such a common knowledge. Even children know this in India. Even that much was not known to these ignorant Americans. So those were the good old days, in abroad days. Under those circumstances, Srila Prabhupada inaugurated his Hare Krsna movement. Then he will be sometimes sitting in the park on the bench. One day someone sitting next to him and some dialogues begun. Srila Prabhupada is by himself but he is talking about the temples around the world and Krsna consciousness around the world. And he was explaining to that gentleman that he was talking to.

The International Society for Krsna Consciousness was limited just to him, just the one person, founder. He was not even registered by the time he was talking. So that was 42, 43 years ago. Very soon Hare Krsna movement was founded in New York. And Srila Prabhupada had invitation to go to San Francisco. **Srila Prabhupada took flight and he was landing in San Francisco. He looked through the window of the aircraft of that airline.** To him all those buildings, tall sky scrapers, they look like a match box one on the other; Prabhupada

describes. That was the first flight Prabhupada ever took in his life. He was 70 years old and New York to San Francisco in 1965 at the age of 70. That was the first time Prabhupada had flown, taken flight. Already he had some followers that invited him to come to San Francisco and hold festivals. Some kind, big name from the hippie era, San Francisco was the capital of hippies. One of the leaders of the hippie kingdom, they were attracted to Prabhupada, to his singing.

So during that visit, as Srila prabhupada stayed in San Francisco and Jagannatha ratha yatra festival was held. We were talking of Jaganntah ratha yatra in Dubai. The first ever ratha yatra in Western world took place, that was in San Francisco in 1966. There were 10,000 Americans attended that ratha yatra in the Golden Gate park, famous park. When I heard those numbers, I was thinking maybe they are just talking, maybe little, someone just making numbers. But very recently, I saw the footage of Yadubara Prabhu, Prabhupada disciple. He has made almost a movie, the footage is available now on ISKCON Cinema. You have seen? I saw the footage and I was amazed. I had been hearing, seeing is believing and when I saw the crowds, I was amazed to see the number of Americans attending that 1966 ratha yatra. It was so successful. Prabhupada was so much pleased. You can imagine the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada for the successful completion of Jagannatha ratha yatra in San Francisco. That was not even regular ratha, chariot; flat bed truck. And the deities were made by one of his followers called Syamasundar. Malati is his wife and they have a daughter called Sarasvati. Prabhupada asked him to make the deities. How should they look like Prabhupada? Asked Syamasundar.

And Prabhupada gave them small doll sized deities. Where did Prabhupada find those deities? In fact, Malati, wife of Syamasundar as she was doing her shopping in one of the Hyper bazaars, I just read Hyper bazaar. I read Super bazaar, today I read Hyper bazaar. So one of those Hyper, Super, super duper

bazaars that Malati was doing shopping one day and she found little strange looking dolls. Along with her shopping she also bought that doll back home or back to the small Hare Krsna center. Srila Prabhupada found the doll which Malati's daughter Sarasvati was playing with that. Srila Prabhupada saw that strange looking doll, for him the doll was not strange at all. And he immediately said, 'bring that, bring that here. Where did you find it?' He inquired from Malati and she gave the whole explanation. Prabhupada said. ' go back, if you look just around where you found this deity doll, there should be two more similar kind of strange looking.' And Malati ran back to the store and was surprised to find two more of those dolls. She returned and now there were three of them. Srila Prabhupada placed them on the desk in front of him And Srila Prabhupada was moved, he was in prayerful mood as he was looking at these dolls with devotion. Everyone was surprised and was wondering what is so special about these dolls, strange looking dolls. Then Srila Prabhupada for the first time, he explained **Lord Jagannatha. Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra ki jay!!** He explained Jagannatha Puri and Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra deities.

So when Syamasundar had to make deities, Srila Prabhupada said, ' you make deities looking just like these.' He gave that as a model of deities after these small Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra. And then that ratha yatra was held and big turnout. Srila Prabhupada said that San Francisco will be known as New Jagannatha Puri. Haribol!! He named that town as this town or little state has been named Damodar by Jayapataka Maharaj. So Srila Prabhupada said, 'this new city will be New Jagannatha Puri.' The grand ratha yatra festival had become talk of the town. Gradually now they are holding ratha yatra every year, year after year. The Mayor of the town San Francisco, he declared, 'the day Hare Krsna will hold ratha yatra, that day will be the **Jagannatha Ratha Yatra Day.**' **Haribol!!**

He made that as a big declaration. Whenever there is ratha yatra that is Ratha Yatra Day in San Francisco. So the deities are there in San Francisco, the tall deities. They are not the original deities.

Till September 1965, the chanting of the holy name was happening mostly maybe few people somewhere in the Western world were chanting hidingly or they worshipped their Lords also hidingly, in a closet they worshipped. But soon the Hare Krsna chanting was happening on the streets of major cities of America. People were taking note and they soon of course reach straight over to Europe and European countries and to South Africa, Africa and countries, even East Africa also, Canada. Prabhupada went to Japan side and finally returned to India also. That's where we met him in 1971.

When Prabhupada went he saw the Western world and he conquered the Western. He went, saw and conquered. Who said that? Alexander and then he was also loosing all those. He was not good as maintenance. He is known for conquering and loosing his kingdom. So Prabhupada was going, seeing and conquering those countries. When he took birth he was just a baby, it was predicted, this child is not an ordinary one. He will establish 108 temples. So Prabhupada did that, more than 108 temples he established within his lifetime. He made Hare Krsna movement popular, Hare Krsna people. In Tokyo Hare Krsna, San Francisco Hare Krsna, London Hare Krsna, everywhere the chanting and dancing parties everywhere within very short span.

So as we took that point earlier, the world was wondering, is this holy name, could it be spread all over the planet? All over the world? Or it will be limited to Bengal, Orissa, Radha Kunda or Manipur, just few of those places in India. **Srila Prabhupada- empowered Acharya- Senapati bhakta we call, chief in commander of the Sankirtan** army, he went to New York. Why New York? Because that was capital of the age of Kali, is New York (Laughter) Maya's kingdom, Kali's kingdom and its

capital.

That commander in chief, he headed for that capital. He wanted to conquer that capital. He goes there and there has to be some weapons. So what weapon? Hari nama, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. The Hari nama was exploding on the streets of New York entering in the hearts of the people Americans, explosion. As a result all the ignorance were getting destroyed, smashed. Also Prabhupada came up with the bullets. **What are the bullets? Gulab jamun (Laughter).**

All this the language of the army, he was the commander in chief; also the books are time bombs. (Laughter) It may take little time but literally they will explode and will revolutionize, revolution in consciousness. That is terms Prabhupada also used this term, revolution in consciousness. This revolution, French revolution and his revolution and that revolution. Russians have their revolution in 1900, lasted for some 80 years only and then collapsed. Then Prabhupada came up with the revolution.

Revolution, dissolution, no solution. (Laughter) Prabhupada said in his purport and no solution. Prabhupada gave a solution also, by revolutionizing consciousness, humanity change, change of heart, change of consciousness. He changed something. If you change one thing in a person's life and then everything else changes. What is that you would like to change? Change that person, if you change one thing and everything else changes. What is that? His consciousness. You change the consciousness and everything else, all the external features also, the form will change. So from substance to the form, substantial change and the root level, changing at the root level. Thinking, thought level, consciousness level, soul level go deeper. When Prabhupada had temples opened, he had temples commanders also, bullets, bombs and revolution.

Srila Prabhupada did go to Iran, atleast once, maybe more than

once, is that Middle East he came that close and was heading towards. And then one of his disciples, he translated Bhagavad gita in Arabic language. In Iran devotees would preach from Bhagavad gita. They would begin their discourse saying, 'allah uvaca' (Laughter), nothing wrong.

**'bhagavan aisvaryasya samagrasya viryasya
yasasah Sriyah jnana-vairagyasyos caiva' (Visnu purana 6.5.47)**

Bhagavan is 'sad aisvarya purna' full of six opulence's. One of the six opulence's is strength, His greatness. So Allah means God is great. Who could deny? If you want to say God is great in just one word, one name, Allah is that name. God is great, so that is fine.

So prior to 1965, the world was wondering, when is the holy name going to spread all over the world? It was spreading all over the world but had not reached the Middle East countries. Devotees are coming through, while coming from Europe sometimes devotees would drive from London to Mayapur, to Vrindavana. They would come for the festivals from these countries Tribhuvanath Prabhu my Godbrother.

So Prabhupada time, my godbrothers and godsisters, Yamuna was one of those very daring souls that pass through Middle east countries. There are some photographs of devotees, some war and some explosions, bombs and they were risking their lives. They took sometimes but finally Krsna consciousness is here in this part of the world taking deeper roots. And if has reached your hearts, if it is deeper rooted in your hearts, then it cannot be uprooted. If it is just something external at tilak level 'nake tilak galaya mala', and then ultimately you are 'kalir chela'. This is very cheap, these symptoms, these external features. Of course they are deeper meaning and that's part of Krsna consciousness. But sometimes they are just there but nothing within, nothing deeper. That is not the case here.

You have taken to Krsna consciousness very seriously, your homes are **temples. Ghar ek mandir hai, har ek ghar mandir hai.** We used to hear “dil ek mandir hai but now ghar ek mandir hai”. So we are very pleased that you have taken to Krsna consciousness seriously and practicing it. Some people in India say, “Oh, you know I am pretty regular going to the temple. I am regular, every Janmasthami. (Laughter) And the Rama navmi also, every Rama navmi”. Pretty regular, that’s also regular right? Once a year, that’s regular. You are more regular than ever before whether you are in India or not that regular. Not only you go, once a week you may go to the satsang program. There are so many weekly home programs. And then of course your home every day, you are attending to the Lord and making offerings offer obeisances and chanting and hearing.

You know how much regular it has to be? The sastras say, ‘anuksann, sann’ moment and the next moment also. sann and anuksann, ‘anu’ means to follow. One sann anuksann, then next sann, next asnn and then next and then next. ‘abhiksnasah’ continual, ‘srnvanti gayanti grnanty abhiksnasah’ (S.B 1.8.36), means nirantar, all the time. ‘satatam’ the way the word sounds, satatam, there is no space in this word ‘satatam’. ‘satatam’ means constantly, satatya . English word does not sound like that, constantly is not satatam, see the difference. ‘tesam satata yuktanam’, the 10th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, the Lord says, **‘tesam satata yuktanam bhajatam priti-purvakam’ (B.G 10.10). Those who worship Me serve Me satatam.**

So once a year, that is also regular but every moment is also being regular. Once a week is also regular (Laughter). Once a day is also regular. So carry on practicing and spreading, preserving, propagating Krsna consciousness. This is the best gift that you could give it to anybody. Charity begins at home. You could give it to the family members and you could give it to your neighbors and give it to others. There was a

time that Indians; they would go away from India to the West. Also maybe to get away from God. God has caught up with them. They went to the West, God has followed or Srila Prabhupada came with the God. Many wise Indians are accepting God, not just any God from the 33 crores Gods. But now you also know who is God and who is Supreme Personality of Godhead also. That discrimination, that understanding was not there before. **Now Srila Prabhupada, pure devotee on behalf of Krsna and previous acharyas, he is making very very clear, crystal clear in his books who is God. I am not God, you are not God.**

There is also trouble like that. I could make you God. You just have to get mantra, I will give you mantra. They sell mantras and some fools buy mantras thinking that they will end up becoming God. So many misleading statements, confusion, misunderstanding, speculating, impersonalism and lots of more. Srila Prabhupada made it very very clear and he made it available. It is available here now. As a result you have best of the whole world. You have some opulence of the West and you have culture and religion of the East. Chant Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare and take Krsna prasad. You have Bhagavad Gita also As It Is? Do not keep it as it is (Laughter). I have Bhagavad Gita and I keep it as it is. So don't do that. Take it out, read. We'll be meeting few more times in next few days if we have time.

I'll stop here. Thank you for inviting us. It is an opportunity in great numbers present, houseful. Hare Krsna.

Srila Prabhupada cannot disappear from this world

Venue: Vrindavan

Dated: 2008

Occasion: Srila Prabhupad's Disappearance day

As we are gathered here at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada remembering him, I am reminded of a verse from the Bhagavatam.

**“yesam samsmaranat pumsam sadyah suddhyanti vai grhah
kim punar darsana-sparsa-pada saucasanadibhih” (S.B 1.19.33)**

Thus, the remembrance is sufficient for suddhyanti, for purification, remembrance of Srila Prabhupada. ‘kim punar darsana’, then what to speak, some of us had also opportunity for darshan of Srila Prabhupada. ‘sparsa’ the touch, the lotus feet also we touched and massaged his feet. ‘pada saucasanadibhih’ we did worshiping and washing his lotus feet. ‘asana adi bhi’, we offered him asann and etcetera, so many other services we were able to render while he was amongst us. But now all that we are left behind is basically one item from this list and that is darshan. And I was saying darshan that is available now to us is only sada darshan, the philosophy. So Prabhupada gave us his instructions and we could be sheltered by that darshan.

Today we have assembled to celebrate the disappearance day. But on the occasion like this, especially on disappearance day, **I feel Prabhupada is appearing more, Haribol!!**

As we hear about him, as we are reminded about him, especially I got to see Prabhupada disciples gathering in big number on this occasion. And my thought also, we cannot imagine Prabhupada's disappearance. Prabhupada cannot disappear from this world, from ISKCON, from our life. That could be the end of lot of things if Prabhupada disappeared. We cannot allow

that.

Hence, darshan of Srila Prabhupada in the form of his instruction, were specific instructions also given to us. And general instructions and his purports, his books full of darshan which is available now, accessible to not only to his disciples, but grand disciples and generations to come. This morning I was strongly feeling gratitude, I feel occasionally, should feel this all the time. But today I was thinking Prabhupada gave me Krsna. Prabhupada gave me life. I was dead. Life without Krishna is simply a death.

We become lively; life comes as we are made lively by the spiritual master, by his instructions and his guidance. We are all indebted to Srila prabhupada for what he has done. He has given Krsna. Is there anything more anyone else could give? No. So once his disciples were asking, "Is there anything we could do to become free from the debt that we owe to you Srila Prabhupada?" He said, "Nothing could be done." But after a little pause he said, "Yes, you do as I did." And that refers to, **'You preach as I preached.'**

It's nice we are gathered and we are making offerings. But then the best offering would be offering ourselves wholly and solely to propagate the mission of Srila Prabhupada which is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. Giving Krsna to more and more and more people and this will be most pleasing to Srila Prabhupada. And as we do that, Srila Prabhupada who is very far from us, he will be very next to us as we follow that instruction.

So on this day, we are being reminded, it's a day of separation but how we could stay closer is by following him, dedicate our lives to propagate this Krsna consciousness movement for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada ki jay!!!!

Sharing mercy of Srila Prabhupada

Venue: ISKCON Nagpur

Dated: 16th August 2015

We should hear katha with shanti and silence and then hearing will give you all benefit, in between the ear and atma there is mana you should take care that mana does not create disturbance in hearing.

“ankulasya sankalpa pratikulasa varjanam”

Yo u are all welcome for Sunday feast, last time in Purosotam masa we heard the Mahima of Harinam. Yamraj said to his dutas bring those who don't bend in front of Lord and those who don't chant harinam. In vrindavan we did Bhagvat mahatmaya that was shown online on mayapur TV. Do you watch TV? yes this TV you can watch, iskcon TV you can see sitting at home.

Then I went to Jagannath puri for Navakalevaram utsava new deities were installed. It was a great experience. Special darshan of Lord Jagganath. Lord Jagannath walks in a special style His devotees carry Him. Lord puts His merciful glance on all His devotees.

“jagannathah svami nayana-patha-gami bhavatu me”

May that Jagannatha Swami be the object of my vision. Please come on the path of my vision. I experienced at a moment that Lord is just looking at me. Then at Pandarpur I reached for ashadi utsava. Do you go to Pandarpur? Haribol Pandurang is also Krishna.

“panduranga panduranga vithala vithal”

Lord standing on brick, 20 lakh people had come for darshan of Vitthal. Some came walking in that we had two Hare Krsna dindis. They walk for 18 days then 18 hours they stand in queue for half second darshan of Lord Vitthal that's enough for the devotees darshan of Lords lotus feet. There are very less temples in India where they allow touching the lotus feet of Lord and Lord Panduranga is one of them.

“sadhavo hrdayam mahyam sadhunam hrdayam tv aham” (S.B 9.4.68)

The pure devotee is always within the core of My heart, and I am always in the heart of the pure devotee. My devotees do not know anything else but Me, and I do not know anyone else but them. Once in Pandarpur devotees could hug Lord Vitthal they call methi in Marathi, the two hearts very close. Lords heart and devotees heart that was 100 years back now they stopped that system.

Then I went to China from Pandarpur, **“sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama”** “In every town and village, the chanting of My name will be heard.” (Caitanya-bhagavata, Antya 4.126)

This preaching has reached to China also; I was not the only one to go. Srila prabhupada send HH Tamal Krsna Goswami to china for preaching. There are 2000 serious Hare Krishna devotees. Bhagvat gita is translated in Chinese language and distributed all over. Our team distributed 1200 Bhagvat gita to Chinese. The people there were kirtan preme, once in kirtan they were sitting and clapping then they all stood and then they started dancing. I was surprised and very happy to see them dancing. We distributed mantra cards to them. They can't pronounce hare they say hale hale and then slowly they said hare hare...they all paid fees to attend kirtan program it was not free.

Hindi chini bhai bhai, I told them this in one program; in 1962-63 childhood I heard this Hindi chini bhai bhai. I was

confused what is this- Hindi is language and chini is sugar how's that possible a language and sugar are brothers. Then as I grew older I understood what it meant when I came in contact with Srila Prabhupada. So how we become bhai bahi? When we have common father the Lord then we become bhai bhai. Same Lord is sitting in every bodies heart **"aham bija-pradah pita"**. We are all brothers Hindi Pakistani bhai bhai . People all over the world are brother's bhai bhai.

In China some people following Christianity had also come for the program their rosary beads also had 108 beads. Many people are ignorant also they don't know who the Lord is. Lot of preaching of Buddha dharma is there in China. Then I returned back to Delhi then Kolkata for the celebration of Srila Prabhupada's journey to west on 13 August 1965; 50 years completed. Prabhupad was born in Kolkata and in Kolkata he got instruction from his guru to preach in English in the west in 1922. Then full life Prabhupad was preparing to go to the west. Prabhupada lilamrita describes his entire mission. In 1922 he got instruction and in 1933 he got initiated your name is Abhay Caran, ac not ac of railway its Abhay Caran Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. Then in 1944 he printed back to god head magazine, in 1955 he took vanprasta -you want tea or me he asked his wife and humorously she said of course I want tea. She was not aware that Prabhupada was serious. Then he went to Jhasi.

Then in 1966 ISKCON was established in New York. Jhasi devotee said ISKCON was conceived in Jhasi and delivered in New York. Prabhupada said ISKCON is my body. But how he went to New York via Nagpur. Prabhupad wrote dairy the name of that diary is Jaladutta dairy. Then in 1977 Lord gave Prabhupada 11 years for establishing dharma. "dharma-sthapana-hetu sadhur avatar" (Sri Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya-lila Chapter 17 Verse 185) he established dharma in the whole world.

So in Kolkata we celebrated golden jubilee at Netaji stadium its capacity was 12,000. And it was full pack for 12 hours.

Delegates from 107 countries had come. Srila prabhupada ki jai.

That was the most auspicious moment when Prabhupad went to west that was the starting of his preaching mission. We all devotees went for darshan of birth place of Prabhupada. When Prabhupada was small he used to go for darshan of Radha Govind and used to keep looking at the Lord.

His father was a great devotee. In such family Prabhupada was born. Many sadhus used to come to his house. And his father Guaran Mohan Dey used to ask the sadhus please bless my son that he becomes a devotee of Radha rani. Prabhupada used to organize small ratha yatra when he was small. And used to tell his sister after ratha yatra we will distribute prasada so keep prasada ready. This was all preparation lifetime preparation. Senapati bhakta -Srila Prabhupada. So many of us collected here but Iskcon started with one person that's Srila Prabhupada. Caitanya Mahaprabhu preached in India during his yatra but for the foreign land preaching he appointed Srila Prabhupada he left it all to Prabhupada to ISKCON.

Srila prabhupada made famous Lords name all over the world in a very short time. Because of his efforts we are all blessed by golokera prema dhana he made us rich.

Vivekananda swami also preached in west and one lady was inspired and came to India and Prabhupada brought many and many devotees.

**The glories of Acharyas should spread in all brahmanda.
Prabhupada ki jai**