

Gaura Katha – Day 2 Pune

Caitanya Mahaprabhu glorifies Madhavendra Puri.

anarpita-carim cirat karunayavatirna kale
samarpayitum unnatojjvala-rasam sva-bhakti-sriyam
hari purata-sundara-dyuti-kadamba-sandipita
sada hrdaya-kandare sphuratu va saci-nandanah (CC Adi Lila,
3.4)

May the Supreme Lord who is known as the son of ?r?mat? ?ac?-dev? be transcendently situated in the innermost core of your heart. Resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, He has descended in the Age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before: the most elevated mellow of devotional service, the mellow of conjugal love.

vande sri krsna Caitanya gaudo citro sando tamonudo
ajanu-lambita-bhujau kanakavadhatau
sankirtanaika-pitarau kamalayataksau
visvambharau dvija-varau yuga-dharma palau
vande jagat-priyakaro karunavatarau (Nityananda Caritamrita
Mangalacharana)

I offer my respectful obeisances unto **Shri Gauranga Mahaprabhu** and **Shri Nityananda Prabhu**, whose long arms extend to Their knees. They have splendid golden complexions, and They inaugurated the congregational chanting of the holy names of the Lord. Their eyes resemble the petals of lotus flowers. They are the maintainers of all the worlds, the best of the brahmanas, the protectors of the religious principles for this age. They bring happiness to the people of the world and are the most merciful of all incarnations.

yasmai datum corayan ksira-bhandam
gopinathah ksira-corabhidho 'bhut
sri-gopalah pradurasid vassal san

yat-premna tam madhavendram nato 'smi (CC Madhya Lila 4.1)

I offer my respectful obeisances unto **Madhavendra Puri**, who was given a pot of sweet rice stolen by **Sri Gopinatha**, celebrated thereafter as Ksira-cora. Being pleased by **Madhavendra Puri's** love, Sri Gopala, the Deity at Govardhana, appeared to the public vision.

Remembering the Lord becomes easier when the Lord performs His wonderful Lila. Then comes the Lord's rupa. Is there any Lila in Brahmajyoti? So if Lord does Lila then that means that He has rupa. He also has His associates. He reciprocates with them. Then it becomes easier to remember Him. If there is Lila then there must be Lilastali. We get a place to remember Him by. Remembering the Lord becomes easy as He is full of all mellows. He is rasakhan and remembering Him is our life.

ramya kacid-upasana vrajavadhu-vargena ya kalpita

Caitanya Mahaprabhu says if you want to worship the Lord you should worship Him like the vrajavadhus, the gopis. The process of worshiping that the gopis follow is the highest and most pleasing type of worship of Krsna. Caitanya Mahaprabhu says you should follow them. The gopis did not know much. They just knew how to remember Krsna.

smartavyah satatam visnur vismartavyo na jatucit

O! Visnu, here Visnu means Krsna. Just yesterday we heard of Vaikuntha that meant Goloka. Remembering the Lord was their only work. We should never forget Krsna, which means always remember the Lord, His name and His lila.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu went with some of His associates to **Jagannatha Puri**. Now he would stay in Jagannatha Puri and going to become **Nilachala nivasi**. All the devotees agreed to this proposal, except Haridas Thakur. He thought that he was from a low family and would not be allowed to take darsana there. Thinking like this, he was sad. But **Caitanya Mahaprabhu**

told him not to worry, “I will take you to Puri. You may not be allowed to go to take darsana of Jagannatha, but Jagannatha will come to give you darsana.” What Caitanya Mahaprabhu actually meant was that He would go for darsana of Jagannatha and then give that darsana to Haridas Thakur.

So **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** and His group were singing kirtana and dancing, making their way to Puri. Caitanya Mahaprabhu never walks. He only dances and sings. In this way He reached the celebrated village of Remuna, where there is a Deity of Gopinatha. Then the group went to the **Radha Gopinath temple** and stayed there. There He narrated the story of Madhavendra Puri, as He had heard it from His spiritual master, Isvara Puri.

yat-premna tam madhavendram nato 'smi

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Madhavendra Puri for whom Sri Gopinatha, stole pot of ksira and since then Gopinath is known as Ksira-cora Gopinath. He is **Vrndavana's Makhanchor** and here He became Ksira-cora. Pleased or influenced by the love of Madhavendra Puri, Gopal gave him darsana

**atha kena prayukto 'yam papam carati purusah
anicchann api varsneya balad iva niyojita (BG 3.36)**

Arjuna says, what's that power that engages us in sinful activities? Does it happen like this? Arjuna is saying on our behalf that means it must be happening. And Krsna answers Arjuna's question.

**kama esa krodha esa rajo-guna-samudbhavah
mahasano maha-papma viddhy enam iha vairinam (BG 3.37)**

It is lust only, Arjuna, which is born of contact with the material modes of passion and later transformed into wrath, and which is the all-devouring, sinful enemy of this world. So this is becoming vasibhuta (influenced). There are 6 anarthas (ripu) which trap or influence us.

But here in **Caitanya Caritamrita** it is all premavas. Pleased by the love of **Madhavendra Puri**, Gopal gave him darsana. He came to his dream and told him where He was and gave Him darsana. Lord is smarniya. He must always be remembered.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu started singing the glories of **Madhavendra Puri**. We are trying to sing the glories of Srila Prabhupada in the evening. Lord describes the glories of His devotees. He spoke about all the Lilas that happened at that temple – how Gopal came into Madhavendra Puri's dream, how He demanded chandan. So when **Madhavendra Puri** reached Gopinath temple, ksira bhoga was offered to Gopinath. The aroma spread all over and a thought arose in Madhavendra Puri's mind, "I will also make such ksira for my Gopal." Ksira is made of milk. So after the bhoga was offered, he thought, "I should get that prasada. Then I will make for my Gopal." But he did not get any prasada. Chanting the holy name, Madhavendra Puri left the temple. The Lord had kept a pot of ksira for Madhavendra Puri. Nobody knew Madhavendra Puri's thoughts, but the Lord is in the heart and He knows everything.

vedaham samatitani vartamanani carjuna bhavisyani ca bhutani
(BG 7.26)

O Arjuna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I know everything that has happened in the past, all that is happening in the present, and all things that are yet to come.

Lord is sarvagya, so the Lord knew what was going in **Madhavendra Puri's** heart. Lord said to the pujari, "Go and give this pot of ksira to Madhavendra Puri." **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** is narrating this pastime to His associates. Madhavendra Puri was found and the pot of ksira was given to him. He was overwhelmed with love for the Lord. Madhavendra Puri is adiguru in our parampara. He was the disciple of Srila Laxmipati.

thakura more ksira dila – loka saba suni

dine loka-bhida habe mora pratistha jani (CC Madhya Lila 4.141)

Then after honouring the ksira prasada, he broke the pot and bound the pieces in his cloth, **Madhavendra Puri** began to think, "The Lord has given me a pot of sweet rice, and tomorrow morning when the people hear of this, there will be great crowds and the news of the chori of ksira will spread. I should avoid it." He left that temple because he was amanina manadena. Devotees do not accept any respect. Such was **Madhavendra Puri's** mood.

**cali' cali' aila puri sri-nilacala
jagannatha dekhi' haila premete vihvala (CC Madhya Lila 4.143)**

Walking and walking, **Madhavendra Puri** finally reached **Jagannatha Pura**, which is also known as Nilacala. There he saw Lord **Jagannatha** and was overwhelmed with loving ecstasy.

There was the danda bhanga Lila. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was very angry. There is Atharanala. In ecstasy, **Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu** went from Atharanala to **Jagannatha** temple. He entered from simha dwara. After seeing Lord **Jagannatha**, He became very restless due to love of Godhead.

**jagannatha alingite calila dhana
mandire padila preme avista hana (CC Madhya Lila 6.4)**

Lord **Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu** swiftly went to embrace Lord Jagannatha, but when He entered the temple, He was so overwhelmed with love of Godhead that He fainted. Here Krsna has become a devotee and goes for darsana of Jagannatha. In so doing He becomes the best devotee.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has reached Jagannatha Puri. He would stay at Sarvabhauma Bhattacarya's house for two months and gave him sadbhuj darsana. After 2 months Caitanya Mahaprabhu went on his South India yatra.