

# Śrī Gauḍīya Calendar

539–540 Śrī Gaurābda  
(2025–2026)



**ei-bāra karuṇā kara vaiṣṇava gosāñi  
patita-pāvana tomā bine keha nāi**

‘O Vaiṣṇav Gosāñi! Please be merciful to me this time.  
Nobody in this world is as merciful as you are.’

**kāhāra nikaṭe gele pāpa dūre yāya  
emana doyāla prabhu kebā kothā pāya**

‘Where can I find such a merciful master by coming to  
whom all sins can be removed?’

**gaṅgāra paraśa haile paśchāte pāvana  
darśane pavitra kara ei tomāra guṇa**

‘Gaṅgā purifies by her touch, but your quality is such  
that one can be purified just by seeing you.’

**haristhāne aparādhe tāre harināma  
tomāsthāne aparādhe nāhika eḍāna**

‘The Holy Name saves those who commit an offence at  
the holy feet of the Supreme Lord, but it is impossible to  
get away with an offence committed at your holy feet.’

**tomāra hṛdaye sadā govinda-viśrāma  
govinda kahana mama vaiṣṇava parāna**

‘Your heart is the resting place of Lord Govinda, who  
Himself says, “Vaiṣṇavs are My heart and soul.”’

**prati janme kari āśā charaṇera dhuli  
narottame kara dayā āpanāra bali**

‘In every birth, I aspire for the dust of your holy feet.  
Please mercifully consider Narottam your own.’

All glory to Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga

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the appointed current Successor-President-Āchārya of  
Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, a dearmost associate of

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the Sevāyeta-President-Āchārya, personally selected and  
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**Om Viṣṇupād Viśva-guru**  
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**Ananta-śrī-vibhūṣita Om Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa-kīla-chūḍāmaṇi**  
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the Founder-President-Āchārya of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh  
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**Bhagavān Śrī Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupād,**  
the protector and luminous *āchārya* of Śrī Brahma-Mādhva-  
Gauḍīya Sampradāya, the receiver of immense affection of

**Om Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa**  
**Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura Mahāśaya,**  
the reviver and holder of the current of pure devotion  
in the present age.





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(Calculated for Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, Nabadwīp, India)

**MARCH 2025**

## VIṢṆU

**15 MARCH (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Pratipad. Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā *pāraṇ* is at 5:50–9:47. *Ānandotsav* (joyous festival) of Śrī Jagannāth Miśra. A grand festival and *mahāprasād* distribution at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām.



Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā  
Govinda-sundar jīu

**19 MARCH (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Pañchamī. Manifestation Anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Rādhā Gopīnāth jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Āśram in Śrīpāṭ Hāpāniyā Dhām and Pañcham Dol festival. Appearance (*āvirbhāv*) of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Śaraṇ Śānta Mahārāj.

**22 MARCH (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Aṣṭamī Appearance of Śrīla Śrīvās Paṇḍit.

**23 MARCH (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Navamī. Disappearance (*tirobhāv*) of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Vighraha Bhikṣu Mahārāj.

**25 MARCH (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Pāpa Vimochanī Ekādaśī.**

**26 MARCH (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī pāraṇ is at 5:39–9:41. Festival in honour of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's auspicious arrival (*vijay-mahotsav*) at Varāha Nagar. Disappearance of Śrīla Govinda Ghosh Ṭhākur. Departure (*niryāṇ*) of Śrīpād Satyendrachandra Bhaṭṭāchārya Mahodaya.

**29 MARCH (SAT).** Amāvasyā.



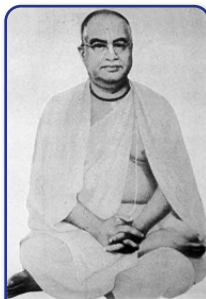
Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Rādhā Gopīnāth jīu, Hāpāniyā Dhām



Śrī Rāmānuja Āchārya



Śrīla Bhakti Hrday Bon Mahārāj



Śrīla Bhakti Vilās Tīrtha Mahārāj

## APRIL 2025

**2 APRIL (WED).** Gaura Pañchamī. Appearance of Śrīpād Rāmānuja Āchārya. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Hṛday Bon Mahārāj.

**4 APRIL (FRI).** Gaura Saptamī. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Vilās Tīrtha Mahārāj.

**6 APRIL (SUN).** Gaura Navamī. Śrī Rāma Navamī: Appearance of Lord Śrī Śrī Ramachandra. Fast until noon.

**8 APRIL (TUE).** Gaura Ekādaśī. Fast on Kāmadā Ekādaśī.

**9 APRIL (WED).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:25–9:34. Festival in honour of the disappearance of Om Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakāchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī **Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj**. Lord Kṛṣṇa's Damanakā-ropaṇa festival.

**12 APRIL (SAT).** Pūrṇimā. Vasanta Rāsa of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Rāsa Yātrā of Śrī Śrī Balarām. Appearance of Śrīla Varṁśī-vadānanda Ṭhākur and Śrīla Śyāmānanda Prabhu.



Śrī Sītā-Rāma, Lakṣmaṇ  
and Hanumān



Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla  
Bhakti Sundar Govinda  
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj



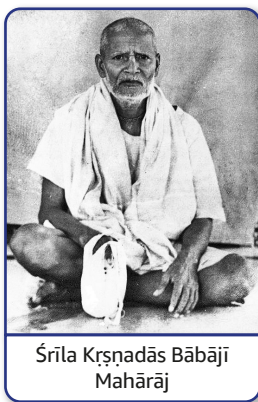
Śrīla Śyāmānanda Prabhu

## MADHUSŪDAN

**18 APRIL (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Pañcamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Kṛṣṇadās Bābājī Mahārāj.

**20 APRIL (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Saptamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Abhirām Ṭhākur.

**23 APRIL (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Daśamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Vṛndāvan Dās Ṭhākur.



**24 APRIL (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Varuthinī Ekādaśī.** Disappearance of Śrīyukta Saurīndranāth Bhakti Vāridhi Prabhu.

**25 APRIL (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:13–8:08.

**26 APRIL (SAT).** Gaura Trayodaśī. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Rādhā Vṛndāvan-chandra jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, Uluberia. Kṛṣṇa



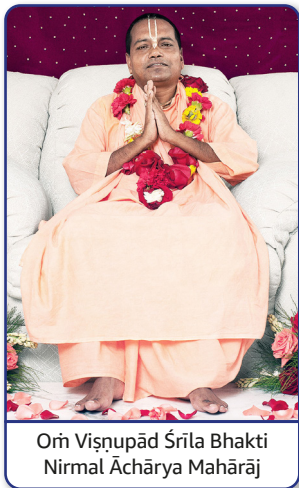
Chaturdaśī (falls on the same day).  
Festival in honour of the disappearance  
of Oṃ Viṣṇupād Parivrājākāchārya-  
varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī **Śrī Śrīmad  
Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj**.

**27 APRIL (SUN).** Amāvasyā.  
Appearance of Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita  
Goswāmī.

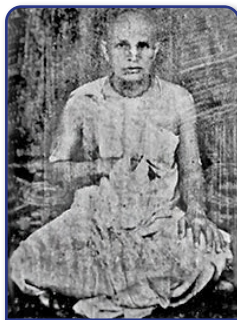
**28 APRIL (MON).** Gaura Pratipada.  
Appearance of Tridanda-svāmī  
Śrīmad Bhakti Āloka Paramahansa  
Mahārāj.

**29 APRIL (TUE).** Gaura Dvitiyā. Appearance of Tridanda-svāmī  
Śrīmad Bhakti Vichār Jājāvar Mahārāj.

**30 APRIL (WED).** Gaura Tṛtīyā. **Akṣaya Tṛtīyā** (an auspicious day to  
start some works). Beginning of the 21-day Chandaṇa Yātrā of Śrī Śrī  
Jagannāthdev.



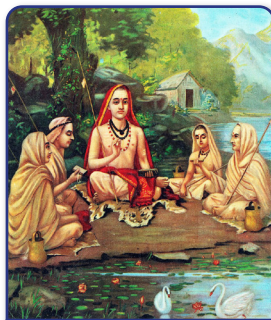
Oṃ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti  
Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj



Śrīla Bhakti Āloka  
Paramahansa Mahārāj



Śrīla Bhakti Vichār  
Jājāvar Mahārāj



Śrīpād  
Śaṅkarāchārya



**2 MAY (FRI).** Gaura Pañchamī. Appearance of Śrīpād Śaṅkarāchārya. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍī-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Vilās Gabhāstinemī Mahārāj.

**4 MAY (SUN).** Gaura Saptamī. Jahnu Saptamī: Śrī Jāhnavī Pūjā (worship of the Gaṅgā).

**6 MAY (TUE).** Gaura Navamī. Appearance of Śrī Jāhnavā Devī (Śrī Nityānanda-śakti) and Śrī Sītā Devī (Śrī Rāma-śakti).

**8 MAY (THU).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Mohinī Ekādaśī.**

**9 MAY (FRI).** Gaura Dvādaśī. **Ekādaśī pāraṇ** is at 5:04–9:24.

**11 MAY (SUN).** Gaura Chaturdaśī. Śrī Nṛsiṃha Chaturdaśī: appearance of Lord Śrī Nṛsiṃhadev. Full fast until sunset; then no grains (*anukalpa*). Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā festival in honour of the divine appearance day of Om̐ Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa Parivrajakāchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Tilak Nirīha Mahārāj, the current successor President-Āchārya of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaura Nityānanda Prabhu and Śrī Prahlād Mahārāj and Śrī



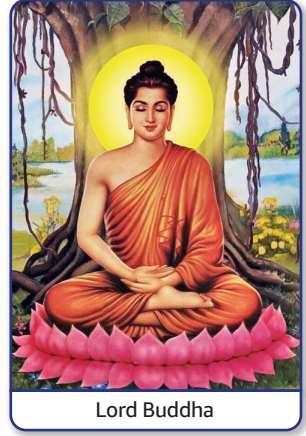
Om̐ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti  
Tilak Nirīha Mahārāj



Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī Nṛsiṃhdev and Śrī  
Prahlād Mahārāj (Nṛsiṃha Pallī)

Śrī Lakṣmī Nṛsiṃhadev at Śrī Chaitanya  
Sāraswat Maṭh in Nṛsiṅgha Pallī.

**12 MAY (SUN).** Pūrṇimā. Nṛsiṃha  
Chaturdaśī-vrata *pāraṇ* is at 5:02–  
9:23. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's Phul-dol and Salila-  
vihāra. **Buddha Pūrṇimā: appearance  
of Lord Buddha.** Disappearance of Śrīla  
Paramesvarī Dās Ṭhākur. Appearance  
of Śrīla Śrīnivās Āchārya.



Lord Buddha

## TRIVIKRAM

**13 MAY (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Pratipad. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍī-swāmī  
Śrīmad Bhakti Sāraṅga Goswāmī Mahārāj.

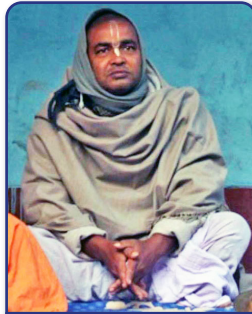
**17 MAY (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Pañchamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Rāmānanda  
Rāy.

**21 MAY (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Navamī. Departure of Śrīpād Santoṣ Kṛṣṇa  
Dās-Ādhikārī Prabhu.

**23 MAY (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Aparā Ekādaśī.**



Śrīmad Bhakti Sāraṅga  
Goswāmī Mahārāj



Śrīpād Santoṣ Kṛṣṇa  
Dās-Ādhikārī Prabhu



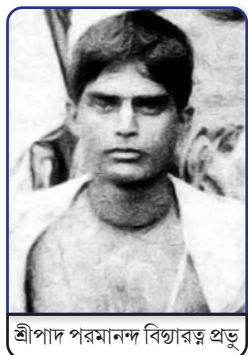
Śrīla Vṛndāvan Dās  
Ṭhākur

**24 MAY (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 4:57–9:22. Appearance of Śrīla Vṛndāvan Dās Ṭhākura.

**27 MAY (TUE).** Amāvasyā.

**28 MAY (WED).** Gaura Pratipad. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Rādhā Madan-mohan jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswata Kṛṣṇānuśīlana Saṅgha, Dum Dum Park, Kolkata.

**30 MAY (FRI).** Gaura Chaturthī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Gaurava Giri Mahārāj (Śrīpād Paramānanda Vidyāratna Prabhu).



## JUNE 2025

**5 JUNE (THU).** Gaura Daśamī. Daśaharā, Śrī Gaṅgā Pūjā. Appearance of Śrī Gaṅgā Mātā Goswāminī. Disappearance of Śrīla Baladev Vidyābhūṣaṇ Prabhu.

**7 JUNE (SAT).** Gaura Ekādaśī. Fast on Pāṇḍavā Nirjalā Ekādaśī.

**8 JUNE (SUN).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 4:56–7:12.

**9 JUNE (MON).** Gaura Trayodaśī. Daṇḍa Mahotsav ('Punishment Festival') arranged by



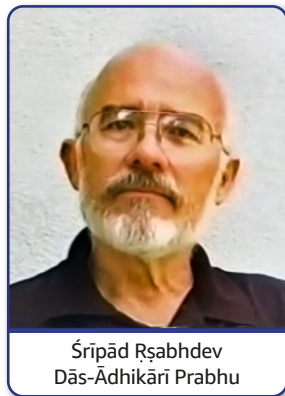


Śrīla Raghunāth Dās Goswāmī at Śrīpāṭ Pānihāṭi. Departure of Śrīpād Bhakti Vaibhav Parivrājaka Mahārāja.

**11 JUNE (WED).** Pūrṇimā. Snān Yātrā of Śrī Śrī Jagannāthdev. Disappearance of Śrīla Mukunda Datta and Śrīla Śrīdhara Paṇḍit.

## VĀMAN

**12 JUNE (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Pratipad. Disappearance of Śrīla Śyāmānanda Prabhu. Departure of Śrīpād Rṣabhdev Dās-Ādhikārī Prabhu.

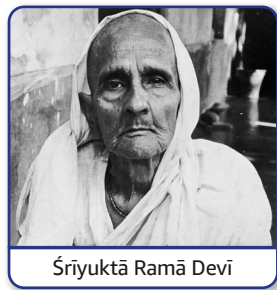


**13 JUNE (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Dvītiyā. Departure of Śrī Gaurahari Bhakti-Sampad Prabhu.

**16 JUNE (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Pañcamī. Appearance of Śrīla Vakreśvara Paṇḍit.

**21 JUNE (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. No fast. Departure of Śrīyuktā Ramā Devī.

**22 JUNE (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. **Fast on**  
**Yoginī Ekādaśī.**



**23 JUNE (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Trayodaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 4:56–9:25.

**25 JUNE (WED).** Amāvasyā.  
Disappearance of Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita Goswāmī and Śrīla Sachchidānanda Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura.

**26 JUNE (THU).** Gaura Pratipada.  
Śrī Guṇḍichā Mārjana (cleaning  
Śrī Guṇḍichā Temple at Śrī Purī Dhām  
and cleaning all temples).

**27 JUNE (FRI).** Gaura Dvitiyā.  
**Ratha Yātrā of Śrī Jagannāthdev.**  
Disappearance of Śrīla Svarūpa Dāmodara Goswāmī Prabhu.



Lord Jagannāthdev's Ratha Yātrā, Śrī Purī Dhām

**30 JUNE (MON).** Gaura Pañchamī. Herā-Pañchamī, Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī  
Vijaya (observed in Śrī Purī Dhām the next day).

## JULY 2025

**3 JULY (THU).** Gaura Aṣṭamī. Disappearance of Śrīpād Ajita Kṛṣṇa Brahmachārī.

**5 JULY (SAT).** Gaura Daśamī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Kamal Madhusūdan Mahārāj. Departure of Śrīyuktā Kṛṣṇamayī Devī. Punar Yātrā of Śrī Śrī Jagannāthdev (return journey of the Chariots).

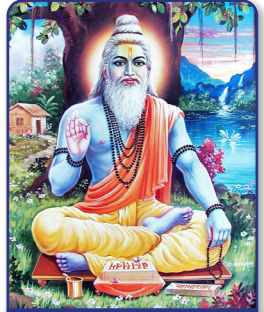
**6 JULY (SUN).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Śayan Ekādaśī.** Śrī Hari retires to take rest (*śayan*).

**7 JULY (MON).** Gaura Dvādaśī. **Ekādaśī pāraṇ** is at 5:01–9:28.

**10 JULY (THU).** Pūrṇimā. **Śrī Guru Pūrṇimā.** Appearance of Śrīla Vyāsadev. Disappearance of Śrīla Sanātan Goswāmī Prabhu. Beginning of Chāturmāsya Vrata.



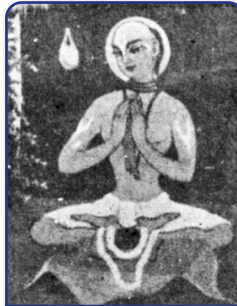
Śrīla Bhakti Kamal  
Madhusūdan Mahārāj



Śrīla Vyāsadev



Śrīla Bhakti  
Hrday Bon Mahārāj



Śrīla Gopāl Bhaṭṭa  
Goswāmī Prabhu



Śrīla Lokanāth Goswāmī  
Prabhu's *samādhi mandir*

## ŚRĪDHAR

**12 JULY (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Dvītiyā. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Hṛday Bon Mahārāj.

**15 JULY (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Pañcamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Gopāl Bhaṭṭa Goswāmī Prabhu.

**18 JULY (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Aṣṭamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Lokanāth Goswāmī Prabhu.

**21 JULY (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Kāmikā Ekādaśī.**

**22 JULY (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:06–6:12.

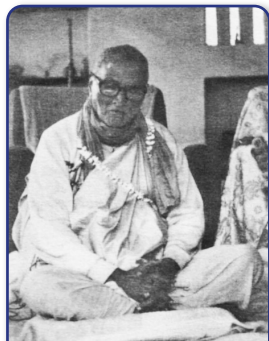
**24 JULY (THU).** Amāvasyā. **Festival in honour of the disappearance of Oṃ Viṣṇupād Paramahaṃsa Parivrājakāchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.**

**28 JULY (MON).** Gaura Chaturthī. Disappearance of Śrīla Vaṁśī Dās Bābājī Mahārāj.

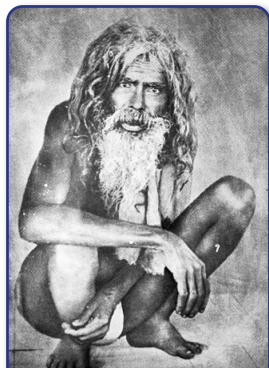
**31 JULY (THU).** Gaura Saptamī. Departure of Śrīpād Anaṅga Mohan Dās-Ādhikārī Prabhu.

## AUGUST 2025

**3 AUGUST (SUN).** Gaura Navamī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Bhakti Prasūn Bodhāyaṇ Mahārāj.



Oṃ Viṣṇupād  
Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar  
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj



Śrīla Vaṁśī Dās  
Bābājī Mahārāj

**5 AUGUST (TUE).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Pavitrāropanī Ekādaśī.** Beginning of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda's Jhulan Yātrā. Beginning of the month-long Śrī Hari Smaraṇ Festival at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh.

**6 AUGUST (WED).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:13–9:33. Disappearance of Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī Prabhu and Śrīla Gaurī Dās Paṇḍit Goswāmī. Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa's Pavitrāropana Festival (the day when the holy thread is bestowed).

**9 AUGUST (SAT).**

Pūrṇimā. End of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda's Jhulan Yātrā. **Appearance of Lord Śrī Baladev.** Fast until midday.

**HRṢĪKEŚ**

**16 AUGUST (SAT).**

Kṛṣṇa Aṣṭamī. **Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī:** Appearance of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa (midnight). Complete fast until midnight, then no grains (only *anukalpa*).

**17 AUGUST (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Navamī. Janmāṣṭamī-vrata *pāraṇ* is at 5:17–9:33. Śrī Nandotsav. Appearance of Viśva-vareṇya Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād.



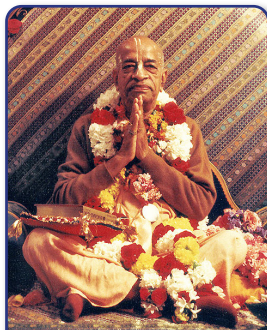
Śrī Rūpa Goswāmī Prabhu



Lord Śrī Baladev



Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa



Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād



**19 AUGUST (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Annadā Ekādaśī.**

**20 AUGUST (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. **Ekādaśī pāraṇ** is at 5:18–9:34.

**23 AUGUST (SAT).** Amāvasyā.

**28 AUGUST (THU).** Gaura Pañchamī. Appearance of Śrī Sītā Devī, the consort of Śrī Advaita Prabhu.

**30 AUGUST (SAT).** Gaura Saptamī. **Śrī Lalitā Saptamī:** Appearance of Śrī Lalitā Devī.

**31 AUGUST (SUN).** Gaura Aṣṭamī. **Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī: Appearance of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.** Fast until noon.

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**3 SEPTEMBER (WED).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Pārśva Ekādaśī** and in honour of Lord Śrī Vāmandev's appearance. Śrī Hari's *pārśva-parivartan*: the Lord turns on His other side.



Śrī Uchagaon, Lalitā Devī's birthplace



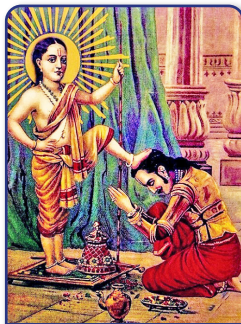
Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda

**4 SEPTEMBER (THU).** Gaura Dvādaśī. **Appearance of Lord Śrī Vāmanadev.** **Ekādaśī pāraṇ** is at 5:23–9:32 after the worship of Lord Śrī Vāmanadev. Appearance of Śrīla Jīva Goswāmī Prabhu.

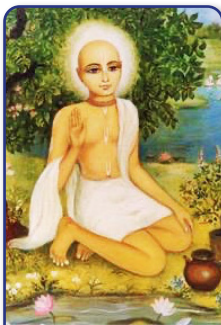
**5 SEPTEMBER (FRI).** Gaura Trayodaśī.  
Appearance of Śrīla Sach-chid-ānanda  
Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura.

**6 SEPTEMBER (SAT).** Gaura Chaturdaśī.  
Disappearance of Śrīla Haridās Ṭhākura.

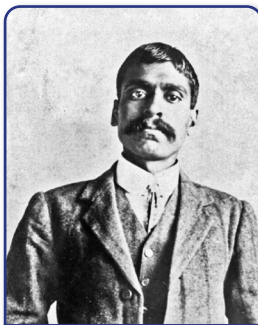
**7 SEPTEMBER (SUN).** Pūrṇimā. Viśvarūp  
Mahotsav. End of the month-long Śrī Hari  
Smaraṇ Festival at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat  
Maṭh.



Lord Śrī Vāmanadeva  
and Bali Mahārāj



Śrīla Jīva  
Goswāmī Prabhu



Śrīla Sachchidānanda  
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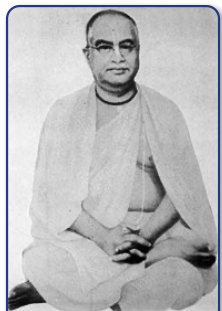
Mahāprabhu and  
Śrīla Haridās Ṭhākura

## PADMANĀBHA

**9 SEPTEMBER (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Dvitiyā.  
Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad  
Bhakti Vilās Tīrtha Mahārāj.

**17 SEPTEMBER (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on**  
**Indirā Ekādaśī.**

**18 SEPTEMBER (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. **Ekādaśī**  
**pāraṇ** is at 5:27–9:30.



Śrīla Bhakti Vilās  
Tīrtha Mahārāj

**21 SEPTEMBER (SUN).** Amāvasyā.

**22 SEPTEMBER (MON).** Gaura Pratipad. Grand festival in honour of the appearance of Om Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa Parivrājākāchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī **Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj.**

**24 SEPTEMBER (WED).** Gaura Tṛtīyā. Departure of Śrīyukta Rādhārāṇī Devī Chaudhurāṇī.

**25 SEPTEMBER (THU).** Gaura Chaturthī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīpād Bhakti Dayita Dāmodar Mahārāj.



Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj

## OCTOBER 2025

**2 OCTOBER (THU).** Gaura Daśamī. Vijay Utsav of Śrī Ramāchandra and appearance of Śrī Madhvāchārya.

**3 OCTOBER (FRI).** Gaura Ekādaśī. Fast for Pāpāṅkuśā Ekādaśī.

**4 OCTOBER (SAT).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī pāraṇ is at 5:33–9:28. Disappearance of Śrīla Raghunāth Dās Goswāmī, Śrīla Raghunāth Bhaṭṭa Goswāmī and Śrīla Kṛṣṇadās Kavirāj Goswāmī.

**7 OCTOBER (TUE).** Pūrṇimā. Śāradyā Rāsa-Yātrā of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Disappearance

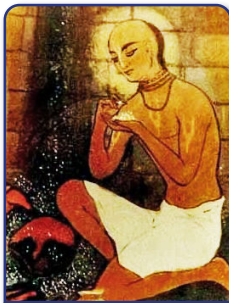


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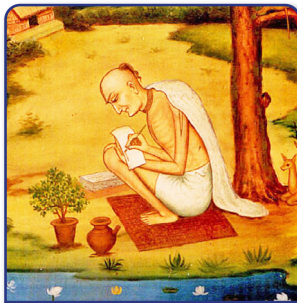


Śrī Madhvāchārya





Śrīla Raghunāth Dās  
Goswāmī



Śrīla Kṛṣṇadās Kavirāj  
Goswāmī



Śrīla Narottam  
Ṭhākura

of Śrīla Murārī Gupta. Beginning of ūrjja-vrata, dāmodar-vrata, kārtik-vrata, or niyom-sevā.

## DĀMODAR

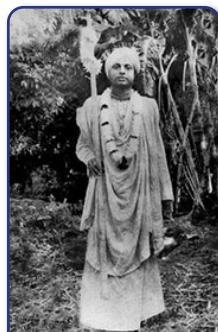
**9 OCTOBER (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Tṛtīyā. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Śrīrūpa Purī Mahārāj.

**11 OCTOBER (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Pañchamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Narottam Ṭhākura.

**12 OCTOBER (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Ṣaṣṭhī. Disappearance of Śrīla Bhakti Vichār Jājāvar Mahārāj.

**14 OCTOBER (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Aṣṭamī. Bahulāṣṭamī. Manifestation day of Śrī Rādhā Kuṇḍa. *Sannyās* day of Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.

**15 OCTOBER (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Navamī. The grand appearance day celebration of Om Viṣṇupād Paramahansa Parivrājak-āchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-śata-śrī **Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.** Appearance



Śrīla Bhakti Vichār  
Jājāvar Mahārāj



Śrī Rādhā Kuṇḍa

of Śrīla Vīrachandra Prabhu. Disappearance of Śrīpād Sakhī-Charaṇ Dās Bābājī Mahārāj.

**17 OCTOBER (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Śrī Ramā Ekādaśī.**

**18 OCTOBER (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. **Ekādaśī pāraṇ** is at 5:39–9:28. Festival in honour of Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's auspicious arrival at Śrīpāṭ Pāṇihāṭī.

**20 OCTOBER (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Chaturdaśī. Offering and placing of lamps (or candles) on the temples of the Lord.

**21 OCTOBER (TUE).** Amāvasyā. **Dīpāvalī.** Offering and placing of lamps (or candles) on the temples of the Lord.

**22 OCTOBER (WED).** Gaura Pratipad. **Śrī Śrī Govardhan Pūjā (in the morning).** Grand Annakūṭ Mahotsav ('Rice Mountain Festival') at Śrīla Śrīdhar Swāmī Sevā Āśram (Govardhan) and Śrī Gupta-Govardhan Temple (Nabadwīp). Go-Pūjā (worship of cows) and Go-Kṛīḍā (pleasing cows). Worship of Śrī Bali Daityarāj.



Om Viṣṇupād  
Śrīla Bhakti Raksak Śrīdhar  
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj



Śrīpād Sakhī Charaṇ Dās  
Bābājī Mahārāj



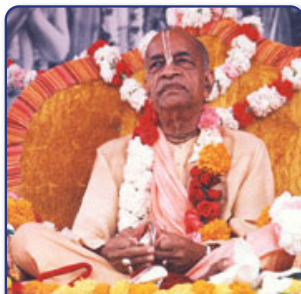
Śrī Annakūṭ Mahotsav, Govardhan



Śrīla Śrīdhar Swāmī Sevā Āśram, Govardhan

**23 OCTOBER (THU).** Gaura Dvitiyā. Disappearance of Śrīla Vāsu Ghoṣh Ṭhākura. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Sarvasva Giri Mahārāj. *Bhrātr̥-dvitiyā kṛtyam* (the day when brothers and sisters honour each other).

**25 OCTOBER (SAT).** Gaura Chaturthī. Disappearance of Viśva-vareṇya Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād.



Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād

**26 OCTOBER (SUN).** Gaura Pañcamī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Āloka Paramahansa Mahārāj.

**29 OCTOBER (WED).** Gaura Aṣṭamī. Śrī Gopāṣṭamī, Śrī Goṣṭhāṣṭamī. Disappearance of Śrī Gadādhara Dāsa Goswāmī, Śrīla Dhanañjay Paṇḍita and Śrīla Śrīnivāsa Āchārya Prabhu.



Śrīla Bhakti Āloka Paramahansa Mahārāj

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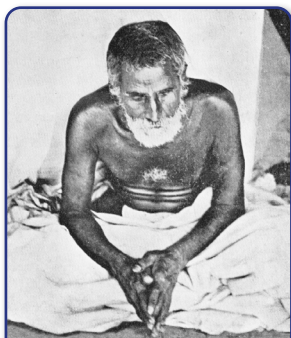
**1 NOVEMBER (SAT).** Gaura Ekādaśī.

Fast on Śrī Utthān Ekādaśī. Disappearance of Oṃ Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa Śrīla Gaura Kiśor Dās Bābājī Mahārāj. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Dayita Mādhav Mahārāj. Śrī Bhīṣma Pañchaka. Awakening (*utthāna*) of Lord Śrī Hari.

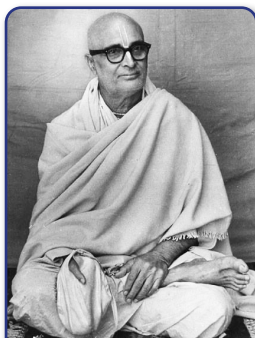
**2 NOVEMBER (SUN).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:46–9:29.



Śrīla Śrīnīvās Āchārya  
Prabhu



Śrīla Gaura Kiśor  
Dās Bābājī Mahārāj



Śrīmad Bhakti Dayita  
Mādhav Mahārāj

**4 NOVEMBER (TUE).** Gaura Chaturdaśī. Disappearance of Śrīla Bhūgarbha Goswāmī and Śrīla Kāśīśvar Paṇḍit. Departure of Śrīmad Bhakti Pramod Purī Mahārāj.

**5 NOVEMBER (WED).** Pūrṇimā. Rāsa Yātrā of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Disappearance of Śrīla Sundarānanda Ṭhākur. Appearance of Śrīla Nimbārka Āchārya. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā Rāsa-Bihārī jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh and

Mission, Śrī Vṛndāvan. End of *chāturmāsya*, *ūrjja-vrata*, *dāmodar-vrata*, *kārtik-vrata* or *niyom-sevā* and *Bhīṣma-pañchaka*.

## KEŚAV

**15 NOVEMBER (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. Fast on Utpannā Ekādaśī. Departure of Śrīyukta Dhanañjaya Dās Prabhu.

**16 NOVEMBER (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 5:56–9:33. Disappearance of Śrīla Narahari Sarkār Ṭhākur and Śrīla Kāliya Kṛṣṇadās.

**17 NOVEMBER (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Trayodaśī. Disappearance of Śrīla Sāraṅga Ṭhākur.

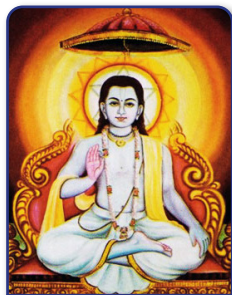
**20 NOVEMBER (THU).** Amāvasyā. Disappearance of Śreṣṭhārya Śrīla Jagabandhu Bhakti Rāñjan.

**26 NOVEMBER (WED).** Gaura Ṣaṣṭhī. Śrī Śrī Jagannāthdev's Oḍan-Ṣaṣṭhī. Manifestation Anniversary of Śrī Śrī Nitāi Chaitanya at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, Śrī Purī Dhām.

**28 NOVEMBER (FRI).** Gaura Aṣṭamī. Disappearance of Sūryakuṇḍa-bāśī Śrīla Madhusūdan Dās Bābājī Mahārāj.



Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā Rāsa-Bihārī jīu



Śrī Nimbarka Āchārya



Śrī Jagabandhu Prabhu



**29 NOVEMBER (SAT).** Gaura Navamī. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Kamal Madhusūdan Mahārāj.

**30 NOVEMBER (SUN).** Gaura Daśamī. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Kusum Śramaṇ Mahārāj.

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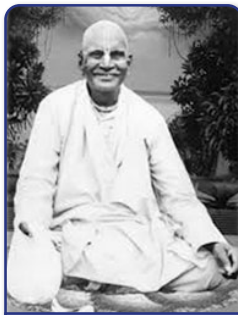
**1 DECEMBER (MON).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Mokṣadā Ekādaśī.**

**2 DECEMBER (TUE).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:06–9:40.

**4 DECEMBER (THU).** Pūrṇimā.



Śrīla Bhakti Kamal  
Madhusūdan Mahārāj



Śrīla Bhakti Kusum  
Śramaṇ Mahārāj

## NĀRĀYAṆ

**6 DECEMBER (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Dvitiyā. **Grand festival in honour of the appearance day of Om Viṣṇupād Paramahamṣa Parivrājakāchārya Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.**



Orṁ Viṣṇupād Śrīla  
Bhakti Sundar Govinda  
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj



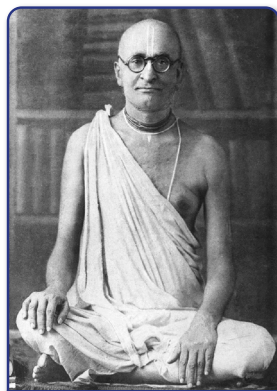
Śrīpāt Bāmunpārā

**7 DECEMBER (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Tṛtīyā. Festivals at Bāmunpārā and Nādan Ghāt, the places of Orṁ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj's holy appearance and childhood pastimes.

**8 DECEMBER (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Chaturthī. Festival in honour of the disappearance of Bhagavān Śrī Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupād.

**15 DECEMBER (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. No fast. Disappearance of Śrīla Devānanda Paṇḍit and Śrīmad Bhakti Prakāś Aranya Mahārāj.

**16 DECEMBER (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Fast on Pakṣa-Vardhinī Mahādvādaśī. Disappearance of Śrīpād Bhakti Bhūdev Śrauti Mahārāj.



Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī  
Ṭhākur Prabhupād

**17 DECEMBER (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Trayodaśī. Mahādvādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:16–9:47. Disappearance of Śrīla Maheś Paṇḍit and Śrīla Uddhāraṇa Datta Ṭhākur.

**19 DECEMBER (FRI).** Amāvasyā.

**21 DECEMBER (SUN).** Gaura Pratipad. Appearance of Śrīla Lochan Dās Ṭhākura.

**23 DECEMBER (TUE).** Gaura Tṛtīyā. Disappearance of Śrīla Jīva Goswāmī Prabhu and Śrīla Jagadīś Paṇḍit.

**30 DECEMBER (TUE).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on Putradā Ekādaśī.** Appearance of Śrīla Jagadīś Paṇḍit.

**31 DECEMBER (WED).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:23–9:54.

## JANUARY 2026

**3 JANUARY (SAT).** Pūrṇimā. Puṣyābhiṣek Yātrā of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Departure of Śrīpād Bhakti Śaraṇ Vaiṣṇav Mahārāj.

## MĀDHAV

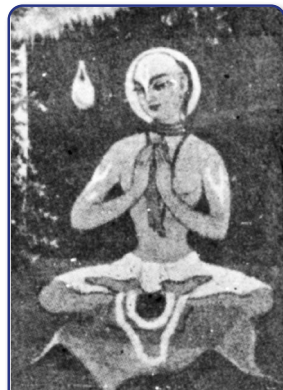
**6 JANUARY (TUE).** Kṛṣṇa Tṛtīyā. Appearance of Śrīla Gopāl Bhaṭṭa Goswāmī Prabhu and disappearance of Śrīla Rāmachandra Kavirāj.

**7 JANUARY (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Chaturthī. Disappearance of Śrīpād Yādavendu Bhakti-Chandan.

**9 JANUARY (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Ṣaṣṭhī. Disappearance of Śrīla Jayadev Goswāmī Prabhu.



Śrīla Jīva Goswāmī Prabhu



Śrīla Gopāl Bhaṭṭa Goswāmī Prabhu



**11 JANUARY (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Aṣṭamī. Disappearance of Śrīla Lochan Dās Ṭhākur.

**14 JANUARY (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Ṣaṭ-tilā Ekādaśī.** Makar Saṅkrānti. Remembering Śrīman Mahāprabhu's pastime of leaving home.

**15 JANUARY (THU).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:26–10:00. Śrīman Mahāprabhu takes *sannyās*. A three-day remembrance festival in honour of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's *sannyās-līlā*.

**18 JANUARY (SUN).** Amāvasyā.

**19 JANUARY (MON).** Gaura Pratipad. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Gaurava Vaikhānash Mahārāj and departure of Śrī Haripada Chaudhurī Dās-Ādhikārī.

**20 JANUARY (TUE).** Gaura Dvitiyā. Disappearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Śaraṇ Śānta Mahārāj.

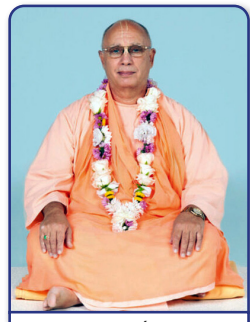
**22 JANUARY (THU).** Gaura Chaturthī. Appearance of Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Pāvan Janārdan Mahārāj.



Śrīla Jayadev Goswāmī



Śrīmad Bhakti Śaraṇ  
Śānta Mahārāj



Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti  
Pāvan Janārdan Mahārāj

**23 JANUARY (FRI).** Gaura Pañchamī. **Śrī Kṛṣṇa's Vasanta Pañchamī.**

Appearance of Śrī Śrī Viṣṇupriyā Devī.  
Appearance of Śrīla Puṇḍarīk Vidyānidhī,  
Śrīla Raghunāth Dās Goswāmī and Śrīla  
Raghunandan Ṭhākura. Disappearance  
of Śrīla Viśvanāth Chakravartī Ṭhākura.  
Disappearance of Tridaṇḍī-swāmī Śrīmad  
Bhakti Vivek Bhāratī Mahārāj and Tridaṇḍī-  
swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Svarūp Parvat Mahārāj.  
Śrī Sarasvatī Pūjā.



Deities of Śrī Śrī Gaura-  
Viṣṇupriyā (manifested  
in Yogapīṭh, Śrī Dhām  
Māyāpur, in 1890)



Śrīla Bhakti Svarūp  
Parvat Mahārāj

**25 JANUARY (SUN).**

Gaura Saptamī.

Appearance of Śrī  
Mahāviṣṇu Avatār Śrī Advaita Āchārya.

**26 JANUARY (MON).**

Gaura Aṣṭamī.

Disappearance of Tridaṇḍī-swāmī Śrīmad  
Bhakti Prapanna Parivrajak Mahārāj and  
departure of Śrīpād  
Virendra Kṛṣṇa  
Prabhu.

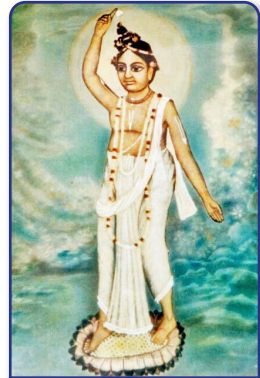
**27 JANUARY (TUE).** Gaura Navamī.

Disappearance of Śrīpād Madhvāchārya.

**28 FEBRUARY (WED).** Gaura Daśamī.

Disappearance of Śrīla Rāmānuja Āchārya.

**29 JANUARY (THU).** Gaura Ekādaśī. **Fast on  
Bhaimī Ekādaśī and in honour of Lord Śrī  
Varāhadev's appearance (tomorrow).**



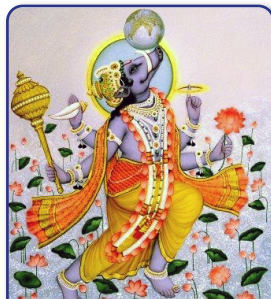
Śrī Advaita Āchārya Prabhu



Śrīpād Madhvāchārya



Śrīla Rāmānuja  
Āchārya



Lord Varāhadev

**30 JANUARY (FRI).** Gaura Dvādaśī. **Appearance of Lord Śrī Varāhadev.** Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:24–9:43 after offering worship to Lord Varāhadev.

**31 JANUARY (SAT).** Gaura Trayodaśī. **Appearance of Śrī Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu.** **Fast until noon.** Annual festival in honour of the manifestation anniversary of Śrī Guru Śrī Gaura Śrī Nityānanda at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Śrī Ekachakra Dhām.



Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Śrī Ekachakra Dhām

## FEBRUARY 2026



Śrīla Narottam Dās Ṭhākura

**1 FEBRUARY (SUN).** Pūrṇimā. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's Madhurotsav. Appearance of Śrīla Narottam Ṭhākura.

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**4 FEBRUARY (WED).**

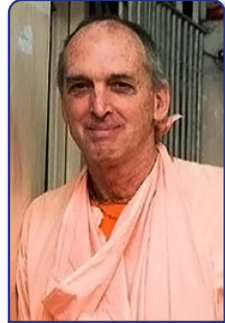
Kṛṣṇa Tṛtīyā.

Disappearance of  
Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīpād

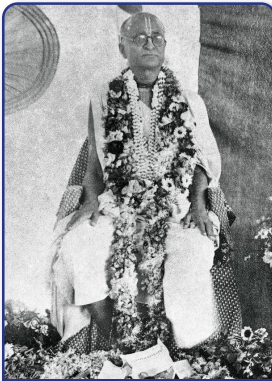
Bhakti Premik Siddhāntī Mahārāj.

**6 FEBRUARY (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Pañchamī. Grand  
Śrī Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā festival in honour of the  
holy appearance day of Bhagavān Śrī Śrīla  
Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Ṭhākura.

Annual festival at Śrī Gupta-Govardhan Mandir  
(Śrī Govinda Kuṇḍa, Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, Nabadwīp).  
Disappearance of Śrīla Puruṣottam Ṭhākura.



Śrīpād Bhakti Premik  
Siddhāntī Mahārāj



Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta  
Saraswatī Ṭhākura Prabhupād



Śrīla Bhakti Sāraṅga  
Goswāmī Mahārāj

**7 FEBRUARY (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Ṣaṣṭhī. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Sāraṅga Goswāmī Mahārāj.

**8 FEBRUARY (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Saptamī. Annual three-day festival in honour of the manifestation of Śrī Śrī Gaura Nityānanda and Śrī Śrī Gāndharvā Govinda-sundar jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Sevā-sadan in Śrī Gaṅgā Sāgar.

**13 FEBRUARY (FRI).** Kṛṣṇa Ekādaśī. **Fast on Vijayā Ekādaśī.** Passing away of Śrīpād Kṛṣṇa Govinda Dās-Ādhikārī.

**14 FEBRUARY (SAT).** Kṛṣṇa Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:16–10:00.



Śrīpād Yudhāmanyu  
Prabhu Sevā Vikram

**16 FEBRUARY (MON).** Kṛṣṇa Chaturdaśī. Śrī Śrī Śivarātri-vrata (optional fast). Departure of Śrīmad Bhakti Nivās Bhāgavat Mahārāj and Śrīpād

Yudhāmanyu Prabhu Sevā-Vikram.

**17 FEBRUARY (TUE).** Amāvasyā. Śrī Śivarātri *pāraṇ* for those who fasted is at 6:14–9:59. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Sadā-Śiva Gaṅgādhara on the bank of Śrī Govinda Kuṇḍa at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Nabadwīp;



Śrī Vighraha in Śrī Gaṅgā Sāgar



Lord Śiva



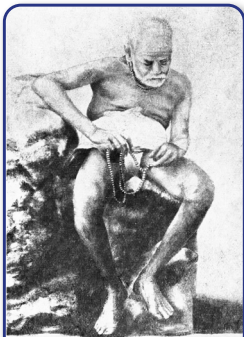
Śrī Sadā-Śiva Gaṅgādhara  
at Śrī Govinda Kuṇḍa



manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaura Rādhā Madan-Mohan jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Tārakeśwar; and manifestation anniversary of Śrī Sadā-Śiva in Śrī Kādigāchhā.



Śrī Śrī Guru Gaura Rādhā Madan-Mohan jīu, Śrī Tārakeśwar Dhām

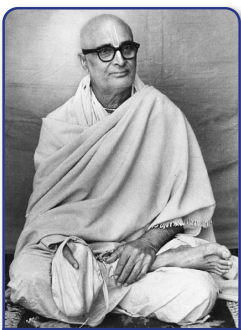


Śrīla Jagannāth Dās  
Bābājī Mahārāj

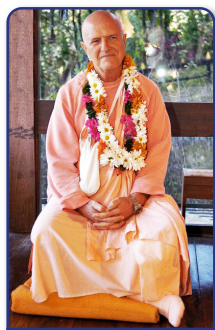
**18 FEBRUARY (WED).** Gaura Pratipad. **Disappearance of Vaiṣṇav Sārvabhauma Śrīla Jagannāth Dās Bābājī Mahārāj**, Śrīla Rasikānanda Dev-Goswāmī and Tridaṇḍī-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Dayita Mādhav Mahārāj.



Śrīla Rasikānanda Prabhu



Śrīmad Bhakti Dayita  
Mādhav Mahārāj



Oṃ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti  
Kusum Āśram Mahārāj



**19 FEBRUARY (THU).** Gaura Dvitiyā. Appearance of Oṃ Viṣṇupād Śrīla Bhakti Kusum Āśram Mahārāj.

**20 FEBRUARY (FRI).** Gaura Tṛtīyā. Manifestation anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā Rādhā-Ramaṇ-sundar at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Kṛṣṇānuśilana Saṅgha in Kaikhālī, Kolkata.



Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā  
Rādhā-Ramaṇ-sundar (Kaikhālī)

**21 FEBRUARY (SAT).** Gaura Chaturthī. Appearance of Śrīla Puruṣottam Ṭhākura. Departure of Śrīpād Tulasī Dās Dās-Adhikārī Prabhu.

**22 FEBRUARY (SUN).** Gaura Pañchamī. Disappearance of Śrīyuktā Taraṅginī Devī.

**25 FEBRUARY (WED).** Gaura Navamī. Adhivās festival of Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām Parikramā. **Beginning of the annual seven-day gathering and festival.**

**26 FEBRUARY (THU).** Gaura Ekādaśī. Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām Parikramā begins. Parikramā of Śrī Antardwīp (darśan of



Śrī Chaitanya Maṭh, Śrī Nandan Āchārya Bhavan, *puṣpa-samādhi mandir* of Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād, Śrī Yogapīṭh, Śrīvās Aṅgan, Śrī Advaita Bhavan, Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍit Bhavan, Śrī Chaitanya Maṭh, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākura

Prabhupād's *samādhi mandir*, Śrīla Gaura Kīśor Dās Bābājī Mahārāj's *samādhi*, Śrī Chāḍ Kāzī's *samādhi*) and Śrī Sīmantadwīp (*darśan* of Śrī Jagannāth Mandir, Śrī Śrīdhar Aṅgan).



'In the company of loving devotees, I will behold all the places my Gaurasundar roamed during His ecstatic pastimes.'

**27 FEBRUARY (FRI).** Gaura Ekādaśī. Fast on Āmalakī Ekādaśī. Parikramā of Śrī Sīmantadwīp and Śrī Rudradwīp.

**28 FEBRUARY (SAT).** Gaura Dvādaśī. Ekādaśī *pāraṇ* is at 6:05–9:55. Disappearance of Śrīpād Mādhavendra Purīpād. Parikramā of Śrī Koladwīp: *darśan* of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, Śrī Vṛddha Śiva, Śrī Prauḍha Māyā, Śrī Viṣṇupriyā Devī's Deity of Śrī Gaurāṅga, the *samādhi mandir* of Śrīla Jagannāth Dās Bābājī Mahārāj.



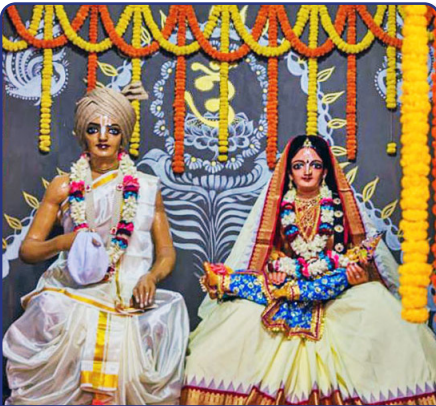
Śrī Mādhavendra Purīpād

## MARCH 2026

**1 MARCH (SUN).** Gaura Trayodaśī. Parikramā of Śrī Godrumdwīp and Śrī Madhyadwīp: *darśan* of Śrī Surabhi Kuñja, Svānanda-sukhadā Kuñja, Śrī Suvarṇa Bihār Gauḍīya Maṭh, Śrī Harihara Kṣetra, Haṁsa-vāhan and Śrī Nṛsimha Pallī.

**2 MARCH (MON).** Gaura Chaturdaśī. Ādhivās of the grand festival of Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā: the eve of Śrī Gaurāṅga's appearance. Parikramā of Śrī Koladwīp, Śrī Ṛtudwīp, Śrī Jahnudwīp and Śrī Modadrumdswīp: *darśan* of Śrī Samudragaḍ, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Gadādhara Mandir (Śrī Chāpāhāṭī), Vidyānagar (Sārvabhauma Gauḍīya Maṭh, Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya's birthplace), the Deity served by Śrī Sāraṅga Murārī and Śrī Vāsudev Datta Ṭhākura, Śrīla Vṛndāvan Dāsa Ṭhākura's appearance place.

**3 MARCH (TUE).** Pūrṇimā. **Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā: Divine appearance of Śrī Gaurāṅga.** Fast until moonrise, then no grains (*anukalpa*). Vasanta-utsava and Dol Yātrā of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda. Special offering of *bhoga*, worship and *ārati* at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat



Śrī Jagannāth Miśra, Śācī Mātā and Nimai, Yogapīṭh



Śrī Yogapīṭh

Maṭh and all its branches worldwide, continuous reading of *Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta* and a great festival of *saṅkīrtan*. Start of 540 Śrī Gaurābda.

## VIṢṆU

**4 MARCH (WED).** Kṛṣṇa Pratipad. Śrī Gaura-Pūrṇimā *pāraṇ* is at 6:02–9:53. **Ānandotsav (great, joyful festival) of Śrī Jagannāth Miśra.** A grand festival and *mahāprasād* distribution at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām.

**8 MARCH (SUN).** Kṛṣṇa Pañchamī. Manifestation Anniversary of Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Rādhā Gopīnāth jīu at Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Āśram in Śrīpāṭ Hāpāniyā Dhām and Pañcham Dol festival. Appearance of Tridaṇḍi-swāmī Śrīmad Bhakti Śaraṇ Śānta Mahārāj.



## Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu's Main Teachings

āmnāyaḥ prāha tattvaṁ harim iha paraṁ sarva-śaktiṁ rasabdhim  
tad-bhinnānśānś cha jīvān prakṛti-kavalitān tad-vimuktānś cha bhāvāt  
bhedābheda-prakāśaṁ sakalam api hareḥ sādhanam śuddha-bhaktiṁ  
sādhyaṁ tat prītim-evety-upadiśati janān gaurachandra svayaṁ saḥ

(Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura)

Śrīman Gaurachandra personally instructed all *jīvas* the following ten postulates:

- 1) The revealed truth (that which comes through a bona fide succession of *gurus*) is the main evidence through which the following nine conclusions are imparted:
- 2) Lord Kṛṣṇa (Hari) is all in all;
- 3) He is the master of all potencies;
- 4) He is an ocean of all possible ecstatic nectar;
- 5) all *jīvas* are parts of Lord Hari's potency;
- 6) created as marginal potencies, all conditioned *jīvas* are possessed by the external, illusory environment;
- 7) marginal by their intrinsic nature, all liberated *jīvas* are free from the influence of the external, illusory environment;
- 8) the entire creation – all animate and inanimate entities – is simultaneously different and non-different from Lord Śrī Hari;
- 9) pure devotion is the only way for all *jīva* souls to attain Him;
- 10) the only goal of life for all *jīvas* is the pure love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

### Steps to Pure Devotion

(From *Śrī Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu* by Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī Prabhu)

- 1) **Śraddhā**: faith in the purport of the scriptures, which comes from listening to the scriptures in the association of saints;
- 2) **sādhū-saṅga**: again the association of saints; taking shelter at the holy feet of Śrī Guru to learn the rules of spiritual practice;

- 3) **bhajana-kriyā**: practising *śravaṇ*, *kīrtan* and other processes according to the guidance of Śrī Guru and saints;
- 4) **anartha-nivṛti**: all suffering (such as produced by sins, ignorance or anything else that opposes the ultimate goal of human life) gradually becomes destroyed;
- 5) **niṣṭhā**: constant, one-pointed devotional practice (when the heart does not become distracted, or scattered);
- 6) **ruchi**: aspiration for conscious spiritual worship or the object of worship;
- 7) **āsakti**: natural taste, or attraction, for spiritual life or the object of worship;
- 8) **bhāva**: that which makes the heart perfectly level through the spiritual taste of pure transcendental goodness situated on the rays of the sun of transcendental love (*prema*) is called '*bhāva*';
- 9) **prema**: when *bhāva* completely levels out one's heart, turns into a deep feeling of affection and attachment and assumes its own intense, deep form, great learned scholars refer to this as '*prema*'.

## Sixty-Four Limbs of Devotion (Bhaktyaṅga)

(From Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura's *Amṛta-pravāha Bhāṣya*  
commentary to *Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta* and *Śrī Jaiva Dharma*)

- 1) To take shelter at the lotus feet of Śrī Guru;
- 2) To receive initiation into the *mantra*;
- 3) To serve Śrī Guru;
- 4) To learn about pure religion and make honest enquiry;
- 5) To follow the path of the *sādhus*;
- 6) To give up personal enjoyment out of love for Kṛṣṇa;
- 7) To reside in a holy place of Lord Kṛṣṇa;
- 8) To accept only what allows you to maintain life, only as much as required;
- 9) To fast on *ekādaśī*;



- 10) To honour the *dhātṛī* and *aśvattha* trees, cows, *brāhmaṇs* and Vaiṣṇavs;
- 11) To give up all offences to service and the Holy Name;
- 12) To reject the association of non-devotees;
- 13) Not to make many disciples;
- 14) Not to try to become skilled in many scriptures (or read and listen to parts of scriptures to philosophise about their meaning);
- 15) To see loss and gain equally;
- 16) Not to be overcome by grief and other undesirable feelings;
- 17) Not to disrespect to other gods or scriptures;
- 18) Not to listen to criticism of Lord Viṣṇu and Vaiṣṇavs;
- 19) Not to listen to 'village talks' (family news, talks about sense-pleasure);
- 20) Not to trouble the minds of other living entities (or: not to behave miserly or feel overly enthusiastic when starting some material work);
- 21) To listen about the Lord;
- 22) To chant the Lord's Names and glories;
- 23) To remember the Lord;
- 24) To worship the Lord;
- 25) To offer obeisances to the Lord;
- 26) To serve the Lord;
- 27) To serve the Lord in the mood of a servant;
- 28) To serve the Lord in the mood of a friend;
- 29) To submit yourself to the Lord;
- 30) To dance in front of Deities;
- 31) To sing in praise of the Lord;
- 32) To speak humbly;
- 33) To offer prostrate obeisances;
- 34) To stand up when seeing the Lord or His devotee enter;
- 35) To walk behind to see off a devotee or the Lord when they travel or go away;
- 36) To come to the holy place and homes of devotees and the Lord;
- 37) To circumambulate holy places;

- 38) To recite verses in glorification of the Lord;
- 39) To chant the Holy Name on the beads;
- 40) To chant congregationally;
- 41) To honour the smell of the incense and flowers offered to the Lord;
- 42) To honour *mahāprasād*;
- 43) To take *darśan* of *āratis* and great festivals;
- 44) To take *darśan* of the Lord's holy Deities;
- 45) To offer the Lord that which is dear to you;
- 46) To meditate on the Lord and His service;
- 47) To serve Tulasī;
- 48) To serve Vaiṣṇavs;
- 49) To serve Mathurā and other holy places;
- 50) To relish *Bhāgavatam*;
- 51) To dedicate all efforts to the Lord;
- 52) To hanker for the Lord's mercy;
- 53) To observe spiritual festivals together with devotees;
- 54) To surrender in all ways;
- 55) To observe Kārtik and other *vratas* (devotional vows);
- 56) To applying Vaiṣṇav symbols on your body (*tilak* marks on twelve parts of the upper body and *tulasī* beads on the neck);
- 57) To apply the Names of the Lord and His devotees, such as the 'Hare Kṛṣṇa' *mahā-mantra* or the Pañcha-Tattva Names, on your upper body (when applying sandalwood);
- 58) To maintain purity ('*tvayopabhuktah srag-gandha...*');)
- 59) To drink *charanāmṛta*;
- 60) To associate with saints (*sādhū-saṅga*);
- 61) To chant the Holy Name (*Nāma-kīrtan*);
- 62) To listen to *Bhāgavatam* (*bhāgavat-śravaṇ*);
- 63) To reside in Mathurā (*mathurā-vāsa*);
- 64) To serve Deities with faith (*śraddhā-pūrvaka śrī-mūrti-sevā*).

## Four Kinds of Anarthas (Unwanted Elements)

(From Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura's *Śrī Bhajana-rahasya*)

- 1) Misconception:
  - a) misunderstanding one's own identity and nature;
  - b) misunderstanding the Lord;
  - c) misunderstanding the goal and the means to attain the goal;
  - d) misunderstanding what is unfavourable, or opposing.
- 2) Inauspicious, false hankering:
  - a) longing (desire or search) for worldly attainments;
  - b) inauspicious, unhealthy hankering for spiritual attainments;
  - c) desire for mystic powers and liberation.
- 3) Offences:
  - a) offences to the Holy Name;
  - b) offences to service;
  - c) offences to Vaiṣṇavs;
  - d) offences to the holy place;
  - e) offences to living entities.
- 4) Weakness of the heart:
  - a) negligence (indifference towards Kṛṣṇa);
  - b) hypocrisy (duplicity);
  - c) envy (feeling upset or envious seeing others' opulence or progress);
  - d) desire for name and fame.

## Five Diseases (Pañcha-Roga)

- 1) Ignorance: forgetfulness of one's own transcendental form.
- 2) False identification: considering oneself to be the gross, material body; love and attachment for other perishable bodies (men, women, etc.).

- 3) **Misdirected love:** deep attachment to the material things that are favourable to the body.
- 4) **Aversion:** aversion to the material things that are unfavourable to material enjoyment.
- 5) **Misdirected attention:** being attached to, or engrossed in, that which is favourable and when it is to be given up, being unable to tolerate it.

## Four Faults of Conditioned Souls

(From *Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta*)

- 1) **Misconception:** false presumption about the non-existent (mistaking a rope for a snake, or a pearl for a piece of silver);
- 2) **Madness:** negligence, carelessness; understanding, hearing or saying something in a different way;
- 3) **Deception:** desire to lie and cheat;
- 4) **Imperfection of senses:** short-sightedness, far-sightedness, distorted perception of colour due to jaundice and other diseases, inability to hear things far, etc.

## Ten Kinds of Offences to the Holy Name

- 1) To criticise *sādhus*
- 2) To consider gods to be independent of or equal to Lord Kṛṣṇa
- 3) To disrespect (disobey) the *guru*
- 4) To criticise revealed scriptures
- 5) To discuss the meaning of the Name
- 6) To consider the Name to be imaginary
- 7) To sin relying on the purifying strength of the Name
- 8) To equal chanting of the Holy Name to other pious activities
- 9) To give the Name to the faithless or out of material attachment
- 10) To be infatuated with the material life of 'me' and 'mine', to have no love and attachment for the Name

## Four Types of Sādhū-Ninda (Offences to Saints)

Offenders of Vaiṣṇavs are those who find faults in Vaiṣṇavs due to their **1)** caste (origin); **2)** occasional slips (due to being overpowered by material influence); **3)** almost eradicated mistakes; **4)** mistakes committed prior to their surrender.

## Thirty-Two Types of Sevā Aparādhās (Offences to Service)

- 1)** To enter the temple on a vehicle or wearing shoes;
- 2)** Not to make festivals on the auspicious days of the Lord and devotees;
- 3)** Not to pay obeisances in front of the Deity;
- 4)** To glorify the Lord in an impure state of mind and body;
- 5)** To offer obeisances with one hand;
- 6)** To stroll in front of the Deity;
- 7)** To stretch your legs out in front of the Deity;
- 8)** To embrace your knees when sitting in front of the Deity;
- 9–17)** To lie down, eat, tell lies, speak loudly, speak privately to another person, cry, quarrel, harass and treat another person partially in front of the Deity;
- 18)** To behave or speak with common people in a rough, cruel way;
- 19)** To cover yourself with a blanket when doing various services;
- 20)** To criticise others in front of the Deity;
- 21)** To praise others in front of the Deity;
- 22)** To use harsh/foul language or ill-treat others in front of the Deity;
- 23)** To pass wind in front the Deity;
- 24)** To be stingy (having the means but not wanting to spend when arranging festivals and doing worship or other services);
- 25)** To accept and eat unoffered food;
- 26)** Not to offer seasonal fruit, crops and other products;

- 27) To feed first others and use the remainder to cook for the Lord;
- 28) To sit with your back to the Deity;
- 29) To greet others in front of the Deity;
- 30) To keep silence in front of the *guru* (not offering him praise, etc.);
- 31) To praise yourself in front of the *guru*;
- 32) To criticise gods

## Ten Kinds of Dhām-Aparādh (Offences to Holy Places)

- 1) To disrespect (disobey) the *guru* and *sādhus*, revealers of the *dhām*
- 2) To consider the *dhām* temporary, non-eternal
- 3) To envy or behave prejudiced towards *dhām's* residents or pilgrims
- 4) To engage in material activities at the *dhām*
- 5) Instead of serving the *dhām*, to use Deities at the *dhām* to earn money
- 6) To analyse or compare material places or demigod places to the *dhām*
- 7) To sin relying on the purifying potency of the *dhām*
- 8) To discriminate between Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām and Śrī Vṛndāvan Dhām
- 9) To criticise scriptures describing the glories of the *dhām*
- 10) To have no faith in the *dhām's* glories, to consider them imaginary

## Five Places of Kali

(From *Śrīmad Bhāgavatam*)

- 1) **Gambling (dyūta):** cards, chess, dice, horse races, water games, gambling, lottery, shatranj, board games, etc. Lying resides in these activities. Engaging in these activities destroys truthfulness.



**2) Intoxication (pān):** betel nut, snuff, marijuana, opium, alcoholic drinks, hashish, poisonous plants (hemlock), thorn apple (datura), arrack, etc. and twelve kinds of alcohol drinks: fermented honey, sugar-cane, grapes, tāl, dates, jackfruit, maireya (ram horn with jaggery), makshika (copper pyrite), tanka (a drink from day-old cooked rice), liquorice, coconut and rice. Pride resides in these. Consuming these things destroys compassion and mercy.

**3) Illicit association (strī):** association with women out of wedlock and fostering attachment to one's lawful wife (as well as association with persons involved in such behaviour). Lust resides in this. Doing this destroys purity.

**4) Slaughter (sūnā):** to kill others to nurture your own body. Jealousy resides in killing other living entities, and it destroys truthfulness, mercy, purity and austerity. Those who perform or allow animal slaughter and those who cut, buy, sell, cook, serve or eat meat fall within the category of killers.

**5) Gold (jāta):** gold, silver and money. Lying, pride, lust for illicit mixing, jealousy and animosity are present in this fifth unwanted element.

## Unfavourable to Devotion

(From Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura's *Pīyūṣa-varṣiṇī*  
*Vṛtti* commentary to *Śrī Upadeśāmṛta*)

**1) Urge of speech (vākya-vega):** using words that disturb any living entities

**2) Urge of mind (mana-vega):** various desires and hankering

**3) Urge of anger (krodha-vega):** using harsh or rude language

**4) Urge of tongue (jihvā-vega):** craving for any of the six tastes (sweet, sour, bitter, salty, astringent, pungent)

**5) Urge of stomach (udara-vega):** overeating

**6) Urge of genitals (upastha-vega):** sexual craving

## Thorns in Devotion

(From Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura's *Pīyūṣa-varṣiṇī*  
*Vṛtti* commentary to *Śrī Upadeśāmṛta*)

- 1) **Overeating (*atāhāra*):** eating or trying to accumulate much.
- 2) **Over-endeavouring (*prayāsa*):** run behind material things or striving to do what goes against devotion.
- 3) **Idle talks (*prajalpa*):** engaging in unnecessary common talks that steal time.
- 4) **Attachment to rules (*niyamāgraha*):** eagerness to follow inferior rules when superior rules can be followed and not doing that which nurtures devotion.
- 5) **Bad association (*jana-saṅga*):** associating with anyone except pure devotees.
- 6) **Greed (*laulya*):** being fickle-minded (unsteady in your conception, wavering when coming in touch with various other conceptions) and being attracted to trifle material things.

## Favourable to Devotion

(From Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura's *Pīyūṣa-varṣiṇī*  
*Vṛtti* commentary to *Śrī Upadeśāmṛta*)

- 1) **Enthusiasm:** eagerness to attend devotional events and practising with loving affection
- 2) **Determination:** firm faith
- 3) **Patience:** not slacking in your spiritual life even when seeing delay in attaining the desired end
- 4) **Engaging in activities that nurture devotion:** practising *śravaṇ*, *kīrtan*, etc. and abandoning for Lord Kṛṣṇa personal pleasures and enjoyment

**5) Giving up association:** leaving the association of unscrupulous (unreligious) people, women in general and henpecking women, those who mix with women, and non-devotees (materialists, *māyāvādīs*, atheists and hypocritical believers)

**6) Purity:** following spiritual practices and mood of saints

## Jay Dhvani

Jay saparikrara Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Gāndharvā Govinda-sundar  
jīu kī jay.

Jay Om Viṣṇupād Paramahamśa Parivrājakāchārya-varya Aṣṭottara-  
śata-śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Tilak Nirīha Mahārāj kī jay.

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śata-śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhara Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj kī jay.

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śata-śrī Bhagavān Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī  
Ṭhākura kī jay.

Jay Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Gaura Kīśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāj kī jay.

Jay Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Sach-chid-ānanda Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura kī jay.

Jay Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla Jagannātha Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāj kī jay.

Śrīla Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa Prabhu kī jay.

Śrīla Viśvanātha Chakravartī Ṭhākura kī jay.

Śrī Narottama, Śyāmananda, Śrīnivāsa Āchārya Prabhu kī jay.

Śrīla Vṛndāvana Dāsa Ṭhākura kī jay.

Śrīla Kṛṣṇa Dāsa Kavirāj Goswāmī kī jay.

Śrī Rūpa, Sanātana, Bhaṭṭa Raghunātha, Śrī Jīva, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa,  
Dāsa Raghunātha – ṣaḍ-goswāmī – kī jay.

Śrī Rūpānuga Guru-varga kī jay.

Nāmāchārya Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura kī jay.

Śrīla Svarūpa Dāmodara, Śrīla Rāya Rāmānanda, Śrī Gaura-śakti-varga  
kī jay.

Premse kaho Śrī Kṛṣṇa Chaitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita,  
Gadādhara, Śrīvās-ādi Gaura-bhakta-vṛnda kī jay.

Gaṅgā, Yamunā kī jay.

Grantha-rāj Śrīmad Bhāgavatam, Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta kī jay.

Vṛndā Devī, Tulasī Devī, Śrī Bhakti Devī kī jay.

Śrī Śyāma Kuṇḍa, Rādhā Kuṇḍa, Śrī Gīri-Govardhan kī jay.

Śrī Māyāpur Dhām, Śrī Nabadvīp Dhām, Śrī Vṛndāvan, Mathurā kī jay.

Śrī Puruṣottama Kṣetra kī jay.

Baladeva, Subhadrā, Jagannātha jīu kī jay.

Ākara Maṭha-rāj Śrī Chaitanya Maṭha kī jay.

Māyāpur Yogapīṭha kī jay.

Śrī Chaitanya Sārasvata Maṭha kī jay.

Tadīya śākhā maṭha-samūha kī jay.

Śrī maṭha-sevaka-vṛnda, bhakta-vṛnda kī jay.

Ananta-kotī vaiṣṇava-vṛnda kī jay.

Śrī Gauḍīya-ācārya-vṛnda kī jay.

Tridaṇḍipād-gaṇa kī jay.

Sa-pārṣada Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu kī jay.

Sa-pārṣada Śrīman Mahāprabhu kī jay.

Bhakta-prabara Prahlāda Mahārāja kī jay.

Śuddha bhaktir vighna vināśakārī Bhagavān Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva kī jay.

Śrī Sadā-Śiva Gaṅgādhara, Gīrīrāja Govardhan kī jay.

Samāgata Śrī Gaura-bhakta-vṛnda kī jay.

Viśvavyāpī bhakta-vṛnda kī jay.

Harināma-saṅkīrtana kī jay.

Nitāi Gaura premānanda Hari bol.

## How to Observe Śrī Hari-Vāsar Tithi (Lord's Days)

**Question:** When should one observe Śrī Hari-vāsar tithi?

**Answer:** Bhagavān Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswāmī Ṭhākura wrote: 'When *ekādaśī* is overlapped (*viddhā*) by the sunrise, it is given up, and when it is not (*aviddhā*), then it is observed.' Following *Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa*, one can find all pure fasting days of the year in the Viśuddha-Sārasvata Gauḍīya Calendar.

**Question:** Why must we fast on Śrī Ekādaśī?

**Answer:** Śrīla Sanātan Goswāmī Prabhu, one of the six *goswāmīs*, wrote about four standing reasons for fasting on *ekādaśī*:

tachcha kṛṣṇa-prīṇanatvād-vidhi-prāpta-tvatas-tatha  
bhojanasya niṣedhāch-chākaraṇe pratyavāyataḥ

(*Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa*, 12.4)

'1) Out of love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa, 2) because this is a directive of the scriptures, 3) because it is prohibited to eat (grains) on fasting days, 4) because not fasting is punishable.' He wrote in his commentary that although the rule of 'not fasting is punishable' is the main unbreakable principle, for pure devotees the principle of 'doing it out of love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa' is main. Therefore, he states this principle first and also mentions:

tatra vratasya nityatvādavaśyaṁ tat samācharet  
sarva-pāpāhaṁ sarvārthadaṁ śrī-kṛṣṇa-toṣaṇam

(*Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa*, 12.3)

'Fasting on the holy days of Śrī Hari destroys all sins, bestows all desired results and pleases the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa; therefore, it must definitely be observed fully.'



**ekādaśī-vrataṁ nāma sarva-kāma-phala-pradaṁ  
kartavyaṁ sarvadā viprair-viṣṇu-prīṇana-kāraṇam**

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.7, quoted from Bṛhan-Nāradya Pūraṇa)

‘It is *brāhmaṇs*’ duty to always observe Śrī Ekādaśī, which grants all wishes, for the satisfaction of Lord Viṣṇu.’ When concomitant four-fold attainments come (religion, prosperity, enjoyment or liberation), exclusive, pure devotees consider them trifle and do not become attached to them: they remain anxious to attain the fifth foal of human life – *prema*.

**Question:** Why is it prohibited to take rice and other grains on Śrī Ekādaśī?

**Answer:** It is written in the scriptures:

**yāni kāni cha pāpāni brahma-hatyā-samāni cha  
annamāśritya tiṣṭhanti sampṛāpte hari-vāsare  
tāni pāpānya-vāpnoti bhuñjāno hari-vāsare**

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.19, quoted from Bṛhan-Nāradya Pūraṇa)

‘On the holy days of the Lord (Śrī Hari-vāsar), all possible sins, including murder of *brāhmaṇs*, take shelter in grains. Therefore, those who eat grains on *ekādaśī* commit all these sins.’

**so’ śnāti pāṛthivaṁ pāpaṁ yo’ śnoti madhubhirdine**

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.20, quoted from Bṛhan-Nāradya Pūraṇa)

‘Those who eat grains on Śrī Hari-vāsar commit all sins that are possible to commit in this world.’

**māṭṛhā pitṛhā cha iva bhrātṛhā guruhā tathā  
ekādaśyāntu yo bhuñkte viṣṇu-lokāchchyuto bhavet**

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.21, quoted from Bṛhan-Nāradya Pūraṇa)

‘Those who eat grains on *ekādaśī* commit the sin of killing their own mother, father, brother and *guru*. Such person can never reach

the holy abode of Lord Viṣṇu; neither can they become genuine adherents of the Vaiṣṇav teachings and attain the association of Vaiṣṇavs.'

Following this and other scriptural evidence, it is our duty to fast on Śrī Ekādaśī.

**Question:** What does 'fasting' mean?

**Answer:** Fasting (*ūpavās*) means ‘sitting near’ (*nikāṭe vās*). It means putting aside all material and household activities and sitting near the Lord.

upāvr̥ttasya pāṇebhyo yastu vāso guṇaiḥ saha  
upvāsaḥ sa vijñeyah sarva-bhoga-vivarjitah

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 13.35, quoted from *Brhan-Nāradiya Pūrana*)

'Fasting (*upa-vās*: "a higher seat") is when you become free from all sins and stay with all auspicious qualities (*sad-guṇa*): all enjoyment must be abandoned.'

vaiṣṇavo yadi bhuñjīta ekādaśyām pramādataḥ  
viṣṇvarchchanaṁ vrthā tasya narakam ghoramāpnuyāt

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.32, quoted from *Brhan-Nāradiya Pūrana*)

‘If a Vaiṣṇava by mistake takes grains on *ekādaśī*, his worship of the Lord becomes useless and he must enter a terrible hell.’

**Question:** How must one observe the holy days of the Lord?

**Answer:** On the holy days of the Lord, our main duty is to practise the nine devotional practices (*śravaṇ*, *kīrtan*, and so on). For example, Śrīman Mahāprabhu says (*Śrī Śrī Prema-vivarta*, 18.19, 18.21):

śrī-hari-vāsara-dine,      kṛṣṇa-nāma-rasa-pāne,  
tr̥pta haya vaiṣṇava sujana  
anya rasa nāhi laya,      anya kathā nāhi kaya,  
sarva-bhoga karaye varjana

‘On the day of the Lord, pure devotees are satisfied by drinking the nectar of Kṛṣṇa’s Name. They do not partake of any other tastes or speak about anything else. They avoid all forms of enjoyment.’

**śrī-nāma-bhajana āra ekādaśī vrata  
eka-tattva nitya jāni’ hao tāhe rata**

‘Knowing service to the Name and fasting on *ekādaśī* to be eternally one, practise them both.’

On the holy days of the Lord, two *kīrtans* are sung: ‘Śrī Hari-vāsare Hari kīrtana-vidhāna’ in the morning and ‘Śuddha bhakata-charaṇa-renu bhajana-anukūla’ in the evening. On the holy days of the Lord, it is necessary to both fast and to break your fasting timely (observe *pāraṇ*). For instance, it is written in *Śrī Śrī Prema-vivarta* (18.11):

**prasāda bhojana nitya, śuddha vaiṣṇavera kṛtya,  
aprasāda nā kare bhakṣaṇa  
śuddhā ekādaśī yabe, nirāhāra thāke tabe,  
pāraṇete prasāda bhojana**

‘Taking *prasād* is an eternal, daily activity of pure Vaiṣṇavs. They do not eat anything that is not *prasād*. But on the days of pure *ekādaśī*, they fast and take *prasād* during the *pāraṇ* time the next day.’

It is necessary to take *mahāprasād*, etc. to break Śrī Ekādaśī fasting during the *pāraṇ* time given in the calendar. As one should stay engaged in service activities the whole day on the holy days of the Lord, it is allowed to take *anukalpa* (*Śrī Śrī Prema-vivarta*, 18.11):

**anukalpa-sthāna-mātra, niranna prasāda-pātra,  
vaiṣṇavake jāniha niśchita**

‘It is certainly known to Vaiṣṇavs that non-grain *prasād* is the only food that can be taken (*anukalpa*) on *ekādaśī*.’

There is a provision for the following *anukalpa* (non-grain) food on Śrī Ekādaśī days:

aṣṭaitāny-avrataghnāni āpo mūlaṁ phalaṁ payaḥ  
havir-brāhmaṇa-kāmyā cha gururv-vachanam-auṣadham

(Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa, 12.40, quoted from Mahābhārata)

‘Water, fruit, roots, milk, ghee, if a *brāhmaṇ* wants you to take something, if your *guru* tells you to take something, and taking medicine – these eight do not break the fast.’ At Śrī Maṭh, devotees take the following *anukalpa*:

**Morning** – full fast.

**Noon** – potato and pawpaw cooked with salt, black pepper, cumin and ginger; fried chips; a variety of fruit (bananas, cucumbers, etc.); nuts; pawpaw and potato or sago (tapioca) cooked with sugar and milk [a preparation called ‘*pāyes*’].

**Evening** – cooked potato and pawpaw; fried chips; nuts; milk.

Only ghee, nut oil, sunflower seed oil can be used. No items containing grains, such as ground spices, sago (tapioca) mixed with flour, etc., are to be taken. Home-made ghee, curd and coconut sweets can be taken. These five grains are never taken:

- 1) paddy and its produce: rice, flat rice, puffed rice, etc.
- 2) wheat: wheat flour, wholewheat flour, etc.
- 3) barley: barley flour, etc.
- 4) lentils (*ḍāl*): mung, masoor, chickpea, pea, pigeon pea, black *ḍāl*, *khesari* (grass pea), etc.
- 5) mustard oil and sesame oil.

His Divine Grace Om Viṣṇupād

Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

on observing *ekādaśī*:

We will take no grains, and we will not take food many times unless it is necessary for someone for health reasons. Maintain your body and take some food, and if someone can do *ekādaśī*

without food, that is the best. What does ‘best’ mean? It is Kṛṣṇa consciousness, so service to Kṛṣṇa must not be hampered – this is first of all; after that, we can take some physical austerity to supply more enjoyment to Kṛṣṇa. *Ekādaśī* is a special day when Kṛṣṇa’s hankering for enjoyment increases, and devotees supply that enjoyment to Him ignoring their own happiness. This is *ekādaśī*.

As for what is permissible:

**aṣṭaitāny-avrataghnāni āpo mūlaṁ phalaṁ payah**

**havir brāhmaṇa-kāmyā cha gurorv-vachanam-auśadham**

(*Śrī Hari-bhakti-vilāsa*, 12.40, quoted from *Mahābhārata*)

*Āpo* means water, *mūlaṁ* means what grows underground (roots), *phalaṁ* means fruit, *payah* means milk and all dairy products, *havir* is also a product of milk (ghee), and there are three other things. ‘*Brāhmaṇa kāmyā cha*’ means if a *brāhmaṇ* is in a dangerous position and wants you to take some food, through which he will get relief, then you can take it. ‘*Gurorv-vachanam*’ means if your Gurudev says, ‘Take this and go!’ then there is no question – you must take it. And *auśadham*, medicine: there are many ingredients inside medicine, but it is permissible to take it because it is necessary to maintain your health.

So, we can see that the point is there, and that point is to maintain your health and serve Kṛṣṇa as much as possible. We can also add that you can take what grows under the ground, some potato, etc. As for carrots, I have seen in *Hari-bhakti-vilāsa* that carrots are restricted, but we take it and do not feel anything bad. In Uttar Pradesh, unlike Bengal, where people follow *ekādaśī*, you can see they sell carrot halwa in the shops on *ekādaśī* day. There you will get *ekādaśī* food on the streets, and they follow *ekādaśī* properly, they do not give any imitation, and they take carrots. You can also cook some tapioca with milk.

I like very simple *ekādaśī*, but my fortune is very bad – when I go somewhere and see that it will be *ekādaśī*, I become fearful because every time *ekādaśī* disturbs me with food. They make so many things, but I do not like it. Guru Mahārāj's plan for *ekādaśī* is one subji and tapioca, that is all, nothing else. Now our friends have promoted peanuts, so they also make peanuts on *ekādaśī*. It is agreeable food on *ekādaśī*, it can be taken. And also some fruit. Sago (tapioca) is good for stomach. If someone's stomach is not strong, they can take tapioca boiled in water and milk, it is very simple. It depends upon one's health.

On *ekādaśī*, actually, you should not take too much of anything. Give some rest to your stomach. Medical science also says that if you can give a complete rest to your stomach on *ekādaśī*, it is good for your health. So, everyone will choose for themselves what is necessary for them and what is not.

### His Divine Grace Om Viṣṇupād

#### Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj about fasting on *ekādaśī*:

‘One time, a devotee wrote to Gurudev asking, “Gurudev, early in the morning I have to go to work, and my work is very heavy (I work for a ship company and have to work with a very big, heavy hammer). How should I observe *ekādaśī*?” Gurudev replied, “Early in the morning, before you go to work, you can take five kg of potato.”’

‘Practising life is necessary, and actually Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākur made it a little loose for us, as in the case of *ekādaśī* for example. When people do *ekādaśī*, they fast the whole day and do not even take water, but Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākur said that we could fast at least from morning to noon and take some *anukalpa* at noon. This was told by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta

Saraswatī Ṭhākur, and our temple follows that. Sometimes, Gurudev also said that if somebody was sick (for example, if somebody has an acidity problem and cannot fast or has to take medicine, or somebody has diabetes), then it was OK to take *anukalpa* in the morning also. Otherwise, for as many years as you can tolerate it with your health, you must follow full *ekādaśī*. I saw that Gurudev himself practised in this way – he followed full *ekādaśī*. *Anukalpa prasādam* is allowed, but not for everybody – those who are not sick must follow proper fasting.'

'You do not need to know the meaning of each *ekādaśī tithi* because if you know it, you will want to get this result, that result. Gurudev, the Lord and Mahāprabhu told us to fast on *ekādaśī*, so we fast. It is not necessary to know anything about the result of *ekādaśī*.'

**His Divine Grace Om Viṣṇupād  
Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj about  
fasting on *ekādaśī* and accepting material facilities:**

One time, a devotee came here from Vṛndāvan on the day of *ekādaśī*. He reached in the evening and, after taking bath in the Ganges, attended *kīrtans*, danced, circumambulated the temple and so on. Then, I asked him whether he would take any *anukalpa*. He replied, 'Generally, I do not take anything, but if you like, then, of course, I must take *anukalpa*. Your will is greater than my fasting.' That was his decision.

My Guru Mahārāj (Śrīla Prabhupād Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākur) always wanted maximum energy: you should take good food and do good service. That was his maxim. Kṛṣṇa is not a liquidated party: take full *prasādam* and do full service. Do maximum service,



and you should take whatever is necessary for that. You are to take it for the cause of Kṛṣṇa, not for your own cause. You are Kṛṣṇa's, so if you grow weak, His service will be hampered, and both you and Kṛṣṇa will be losers thereby. 'My soldiers will be well-fed and well-working.' That was our Guru Mahārāj's principle. Napoleon said, 'One full-fed soldier is equal to ten half-fed soldiers.'

So, *prasād-sevā*: if it is service, then it must be taken in a serving mood, of course. But, at the same time, the individual position of a devotee should be taken into consideration. *Sahajiyās* do not fast on *ekādaśī* at all: 'Oh, we are in Vṛndāvan, and there is no fasting in Vṛndāvan.' But Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura, Śrīla Prabhupāda did not like that – it is *sahajiyā* (imitation) if you go on feeding your senses in the name of Kṛṣṇa-bhakti (devotion to the Lord). For the service to Kṛṣṇa, it is necessary to keep up the body and to provide nourishment to it, so we must take what is necessary for service. We do not like it if by fasting a loss of energy is effected. If fasting does not hamper your service, you may go on fasting – perhaps, your *gurudev* wanted that...

For service, I must accept what is necessary to make me physically fit so that I can render more service. So, accepting material things is not objectionable. It is fruitful, not detrimental. Rather, it produces something of a pure character, which helps everyone. This is how a disciple receives and accepts things. At that same time, he may even blame himself, 'I cannot go on with my worldly life without the help of this or that!' He will blame himself, but the underlying spirit must be, 'If I do not take it, I shall be unfit; I will not be able to do my bit of service to the Lord, to my *gurudev*.'

Moreover, by taking up renunciation, I will be a loser. I will incur a loss for myself, for the world, and my *guru's* service will be

hampered. In this spirit, devotees are to take everything. For the cause of Kṛṣṇa, for the cause of their *guru*, they will accept anything.

Suppose there is a very miserly *karmachārī* (manager). Because he does not want to spend money, he may not attain a particular result; then, some difficulty comes, and the opportunity is lost. This manager will be held responsible by the proprietor: ‘Why did you not spend money? Why are you afraid of spending money from my store? Because of your miserly habit, the opportunity has been lost! Why should you not spend My money for My interest?’ So, to render service to Kṛṣṇa, to my *gurudev*, to Vaiṣṇavs, to the world, to everyone, I must keep up this mundane body, and I am entitled to take something for that.

Miserliness is *māyāvāda*; it is the renunciation spirit, and it will mar Kṛṣṇa’s interest. What we need is *yukta-vairagya*: I shall take from the store of Kṛṣṇa to keep myself fit and to do service. It is Kṛṣṇa’s account, and if I do not do that, I should be a separatist, a *māyāvādī*, a renunciationist. I shall render maximum service to Kṛṣṇa, and I must take without any hesitation whatever is necessary to make myself fit for the service; otherwise, I shall be punishable.



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**vaiṣṇavera guṇa-gāna,            karile jīvera trāṇa,  
śuniyāchhi sādhu-guru-mukhe**

‘Singing the glories of Vaiṣṇavs rescues and protects the *jīva* soul. I heard this from the mouth of *sādhus* and my Guru.’

**bhakta-pāda-dhūli āra bhakta-pāda-jala  
bhakta-bhukta-śeṣa tina sādhanera bala**

‘The dust of the devotees’ feet, the water that has washed the devotees’ feet, and the remnants of devotees’ food – these three are the sole strength of one’s spiritual life.’

**guru, vaiṣṇav, bhagavān—  
tīnera smaraṇe haya vighna-vināśana  
anāyāse haya nija vāñchita-pūraṇa**

‘Śrī Guru, Vaiṣṇav and the Lord – remembering these three destroys all obstacles and easily fulfils all desires.’

**ṭhākura vaiṣṇava pada,            avanīra susampada,  
śuna bhāi hañā eka mane  
āśraya laiṇā bhaje,            tāre kṛṣṇa nāhi tyaje,  
āra saba mare akāraṇe**

‘The feet of worshippingable Vaiṣṇavs are the greatest treasure in the world. Brother! Listen to this very carefully. Kṛṣṇa never leaves those who have taken shelter in Him. All others simply die in vain.’

**vaiṣṇava charaṇa-jala,            prema-bhakti dite bala,  
āra keha nahe balavanta  
vaiṣṇava charaṇa-reṇu,            mastake bhūṣaṇa binu,  
āra nāhi bhūṣaṇera anta**

‘The water that has washed the holy feet of Vaiṣṇavs is capable of giving devotion; nobody else possesses such power. Except for the dust from the holy feet of Vaiṣṇavs adorning your head, there can be no other ornament.’

**tīrtha-jala pavitra guṇe            , likhiyāchhe purāṇe,  
se saba bhaktira pravañchana  
vaiṣṇavera pādodaka,            sama nahe ei saba,  
yāte haya vāñchita-pūraṇa**

‘The scriptures describe the purifying qualities of the water from holy places of pilgrimage, but devotees consider all this water to be deception. No water from a holy place can be compared to the water that has washed the holy feet of Vaiṣṇavs – this water fulfils all aspirations.’

**vaiṣṇava saṅgete mana,            ānandita anukṣaṇa,  
sadā haya kṛṣṇa para-saṅga  
dīna narottama kānde, hiyā dairya nāhi bāndhe,  
mora daśā kena haila bhaṅga**

‘My mind always rejoices in the association of Vaiṣṇavs – in their association, I always feel transcendental association of Kṛṣṇa. Poor Narottam is crying, “My heart no longer has patience – why have I fallen into this unfortunate state?”’

**Holy guidance of His Divine Grace  
Om Viṣṇupād Śrīla B.N. Āchārya Mahārāj:**

Even if you do not know anything about the Vaiṣṇav mentioned in the calendar, you must still give them 'jay' on this day. We must always remember the disappearance and appearance days of all Vaiṣṇavs. If we can remember these personalities and great souls, it will bring great benefit to our spiritual life.

Always check the calendar. When we see some dates mentioned there, even if we do not know anything about the Vaiṣṇav or event mentioned there, we can at least give 'jay' to them – that also brings some good *sukṛti*, some purification to us. Seeing the calendar and taking devotees' names early in the morning, from the beginning of the day, is very good for all devotees.

Wake up, check the calendar and give 'jay' to your *guru* and Vaiṣṇavs. Always pay obeisance to your *guru* and Vaiṣṇavs when you wake up in the morning, always give them 'jay'. Always keep faith and show respect to them, always check whose appearance day or whose disappearance day it is. Even if you cannot make a festival, at least you can give 'jay' – it will bring you benefit. We must always remember the words of Vaiṣṇavs, then we will get some benefit, some deposit through that.