

All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga Śrī Navadvīpa Maṅḍala Parikrama

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*śrī-rādhāyāh pranaya-mahimā kīdrśo vānayaivā-
svādyo yenādbhuta-madhurimā kīdrśo vā madīyah
saukhyam cāsya mad-anubhavatah kīdrśam veti lobhāt
tad-bhāvādhyah samajani śaci-garbha-sindhau harīnduh*

Desiring to understand the glory of Rādhārāṇī's love, the wonderful qualities in Him that She alone relishes through Her love, and the happiness She feels when She realizes the sweetness of His love, the Supreme Lord Hari, richly endowed with Her emotions, appeared from the womb of Śrīmatī Śaci-devī, as the moon appeared from the ocean.

Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta 1.1.6
by Kṛṣṇadāsa Kaviraj Goswami

Welcome to Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama 2024!

Hare Krsna! Jay Gaur! Jay Nitai!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and his followers!

Dear devotees, welcome home!

All the Mayapur devotees are very happy to serve you in this wonderful celebration of joy, where we do what we love, just walking in the holy dham, in association with lovely people, chanting Hare Krsna and having Bhagavat Prasada!

In the year 1990, a significant change happened to the parikrama. All the pilgrims had the opportunity to stay overnight at different campsites instead of coming back to the ISKCON Mayapur at the end of the day. It makes a difference to those who want to dive themselves in the path of bhakti, to deeply understand Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, their associates, their land and their sublime mission of spreading the "kevala ananda" process in the age of kali!

Believe us, we have a lot to celebrate! Today ISKCON can gather almost ten thousand people to walk during the eight days in Navadvipa dhama, all at the same time! This is just magical! Today all the places we are staying (parikrama camps) belong to our society and our Vaishnava heritage can be fully protected with your support! All glories to HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj and his very dedicated team of leaders from ISKCON Mayapur!

We wish you relish the audharya dham (magnanimous dham), by getting the inconceivable & unlimited causeless mercy of Lord Caitanya.

"... Sri Caitanya's incarnation, however, is most uncommon. By his mercy, a serious person, though filled with offences, can quickly obtain the love of God. When someone calls out the names of Nitai and Caitanya, Krsna-prema comes looking for him. Offences do not hinder his progress, and he soon sheds tears of ecstasy out of pure love of God. By the mercy of Lord Caitanya, all the offences quickly flee away, the heart becomes pure, and the love of God fully blossoms...

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur
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This book is your guide during the whole parikrama. please keep it with you all the way to be able to understand where you are going every day, the names of the islands, the program timings etc. For more details like routes and extra information, you can also access our website: www.navadvipaparikrama.com.

May the memory of this wonderful time be with you, forever.

Your servants,
Nabadwip Mandal Parikrama Team

MANGALACARANA

*vande 'ham śrī-gurośrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-gurun vaiṣṇavāṁś ca
śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitāntaṁ sa jīvam
sādvaitaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana-sahitaṁ kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devaṁ
śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitāśrī-viśākhānvitāṁś ca*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and of all the other preceptors on the path of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇavas and unto the six Gosvāmīs, including Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Jīva Gosvāmī, and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Advaita Ācārya Prabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and all His devotees, headed by Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura. I then offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrīmatī Rādhārānī, and all the gopīs, headed by Lalitā and Viśākhā.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya Deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

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PRAYERS TO GET THE MERCY OF THE SPIRITUAL MASTER AND SRI CAITANYA MAHAPRABHU

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande dina tārinam
paramānanda-mādhavam śrī-caitanyaṁ īśvaram*

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Madhava and unto Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu the Supreme Controller, they are the deliverers of the fallen souls. By their mercy, the dumb can speak eloquently and the lame can cross mountains."

"May that Supreme Personality of Godhead in the form of Lord Sri Caitanya bestow His causeless mercy upon us? His smiling glance at once drives away all the bereavements of the world, and His very words enliven the auspicious creepers of devotion by expanding their leaves. Taking shelter of His lotus feet invokes transcendental love of God at once."

CC Adi Lila 3.63

"All glories, all glories to the all-blissful holy name of Sri Krishna, which causes the devotee to give up all conventional religious duties, meditation, and worship. When somehow or other uttered even once by a living entity, the holy name awards him liberation. The holy name of Krishna is the highest nectar. It is my very life and my only treasure."

Brihad- Bhagavatamṛta 1.9 quoted in
CC Antya 4.71

Why should we avoid offences meanwhile stay in the Dham?

Srila Prabhupada explained that the results of all devotional activities performed in the holy dhama are magnified a thousand times. Therefore, one can make rapid advancement if one lives in the holy dhama while avoiding offences. But if we commit offences, the results of those offences are also magnified one thousand times. Therefore, one is advised to carefully avoid committing any offence in the holy dhama.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura has listed ten offences against the holy dhama that we must carefully avoid to fully benefit our visit or residence in the holy dhama:

1. To disrespect one's spiritual master who reveals the dhama to the disciple
2. To think that the holy dhama is temporary.
3. To commit violence towards any of the residents of the holy dhama or to any of the pilgrims who come there, or to think that they are ordinary people. Srila Prabhupada writes: "All the inhabitants of Vrindavana are Vaisnavas. They are all auspicious because somehow or other they always chant the holy name of Krishna" (C.C.Adi 5.232, purport).
4. To perform mundane activities while living in the holy dhama.
5. To utilize the dhama for personal economic development by commercialising deity worship and sankirtana in the holy dhama.
6. To think that the holy dhama belongs to a mundane country or province, such as Bengal; to think that the Lord's dhama is equal to a place connected with some demigod, or to attempt to measure the area of the holy dhama.
7. To commit sinful acts while residing in the holy dhama
8. To consider Vrindavana-dhama as different from Navadvipa-dhama.
9. To blaspheme the sastras which assert the glorious position of the holy dhama.
10. To be faithless and think that the glories of the dhama are imaginary.

Dress Code and Vaishnava Behaviour for Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama.

Dear Prabhus and Matajis,

Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama is an ancient religious activity, performed by many great saints for hundreds of years. We will wonder in the very sacred place of Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, and His associates. The village people see us as saintly persons and when they see us dressed otherwise or behaving like ordinary people, they become confused. It can damage ISKCON's reputation and Srila Prabhupada's legacy and it can prevent us from achieving our goals. What are our goals? We are there not only for our self-purification but also to spread the holy name around and to preach the glories of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. The village people rarely talk to us; therefore, they will see us by our dress and behaviour.

Thus, we beg you to please follow the dress code and Vaishnava behaviour for Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama.

DRESS CODE:

For Men:

- ✓ Dhoti and kurta
- ✓ Avoid: t-shirt with strange names and sentences, lungi (dhoti without pleats at the back)

For Ladies:

- ✓ Sari, otherwise, you can use a Gopi dress (skirt, choli and dupatta that covers you in the back)

VAISHNAVA BEHAVIOR:

Couples should avoid their interactions in public (intimate contact i.e., holding hands).

Devotees should not drink or eat from public shops.

Devotees must be gentle and kind to the village people. If you don't understand what they are speaking, just smile and say "Hare Krishna". If you have any problem in your communication with them, please call an Indian devotee.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?

1. A torch.
2. A bucket and mug for washing clothes.
3. A cup or a bowl for drinking water and milk.
4. A mat (straw or rubber) to rest upon.
5. A blanket or a sleeping bag.
6. A mosquito net and mosquito repellent.
7. Hygiene kit
8. Avoid bringing too many clothes and belongings.
9. A rope (for hanging your clothes)
10. Vaseline and a foot brush.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT:

1. The less you bring the better. Leave excess luggage locked in your room in Mayapur or at the luggage storeroom (Gada Reception).
2. When taking photos or filming pilgrimage places, wait until all the devotees have taken darshan, to avoid creating a disturbance.
3. You do not need to bring a lot of Lakshmi; take only some reserve money for emergencies, a little money for your coconut water and some small change for donations to the temples on the way. **DON'T BRING YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU!**
4. If you are sensitive to the sun, you may need to wear a hat, or use sun-block.
5. Please don't leave the campsite after sunset due to security reasons.
6. If you must take any medicine regularly, please bring it.

PLEASE DO:

1. When bathing in the Ganga, stay near the shore for your own safety.
2. Ladies must wear proper clothes to take a bath in the Ganga (kurta and skirt for example)
3. When you are distributing prasada, please take care of your belongings simultaneously. Or ask a friend to watch it for you.
4. We encourage you to walk without shoes during Parikrama, to get the maximum benefit.

PLEASE DO NOT:

1. Do not go alone to take a bath in the Ganga.
2. Do not talk inside the rooms when the lights go out in the camp.
3. Do not take a Rikshaw for most of the Parikrama path. Parikrama means we need to walk, to get the maximum benefit.
4. Do not set up your own tent inside the rooms. They must be set up outside on the campground. Please talk to the Camp Incharge.
5. Do not throw garbage anywhere around the camp, dispose of them only in the dust bins provided.
6. Do not mix with the opposite gender during the walking period, if you are a Prabhu stick to Prabhu's side and if you are a Mataji, stick to the Mataji's side.
7. Do not put your shoes near the Prasada site. This is offensive.

EXTRA TIP FOR SECURITY:

- AVOID BRINGING VALUABLES SUCH AS JEWELLERY, LAPTOPS, IPHONES, IPODS, CAMERAS ETC...

STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

1. Going outside of the camp, after sunset. This is a safety risk.
2. Any kind of fire inside the camp, including incense and spiral for mosquitos.
3. Taking motor rikshaws on the Parikrama path makes a lot of noise and disturbs the kirtan and the devotees who are walking.

NAVADVĪPA MAṄḌALA PARIKRAMĀ SCHEDULE

DAY 0

Parikramā Adhivāsa - Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir to Yogapīṭha
Parikrama meeting at 4:00 pm at Bhaktivedanta National School Ground

DAY 1

Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir to Maganpur

DAY 2

Maganpur to Pratap Nagar

DAY 3

Pratap Nagar to Belpukur

DAY 4

Belpukur to Jagannātha temple (Rajapur)

DAY 5

Jagannātha temple (Rajapur) to Prabhupada Nagar (Nizampur, Ghora mara)

DAY 6

Prabhupada Nagar (Nizampur, Ghora mara) to Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar)

DAY 7

Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar) to Mahisura

DAY 8

Mahisura to ISKCON Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir

DAILY PROGRAM ON THE PARIKRAMĀ

- 4.30 a.m. - Maṅgala-ārati.
- 5.30 a.m. - Announcements.
- 5.45 a.m. - Packing and loading luggage.
- 6.00 a.m. - Departure.
- 9.30 a.m. - Breakfast prasādam on the way.
- 1.00 p.m. - Arrival at the destination.
- 3.00 p.m. - Lunch prasada
- 5.30 p.m. - Question and Answers led by senior devotees.
- 6.00 p.m. - Sandhyā-ārati.
- 6:20 p.m - Special Bhajan
- 6:30 p.m - Special evening classes are given by different sannyasis and senior devotees
- 8.20 p.m. - Milk & Muri distribution time
- 9:00 p.m - Lights will be off on the camp

Day 0

Sri Navadvīpa Maṇḍala Parikramā Adhivāsa Antardvipa, Mayapur

“My worshipable Lord eternally resides at Mayapur, situated on the east bank of the Ganges. Although in the eyes of common people, Visvambhara took sannyasa and left Navadvipa to go elsewhere, actually My Gauranga never gives up Mayapur or Navadvipa. The devotees can perceive His daily pastimes. You, Jiva, will also see Gauranga dancing. Around Mayapur is beautiful Antardvipa where Brahma received the *darsana* of Lord Gauranga. O Jiva, if you want to see all this, please go on Parikrama. It will be very beneficial for you.”

*Navadvipa Dhama Mahatmya
Ch.5 pg.17
(Lord Nityananda speaks to Srila Jiva Goswami)*

Where: Yoga Pitha (Lord Caitanya appeared in this place and was living here till He accepted sannyasa. After Mahaprabhu took sannyasa, Saci Mata, Vishnupriya Devi, and their servants such as Ishana Thakur remained here for many years. Many saintly persons were doing pilgrimages here, such as Nattama das Thakur, Srinivas Acharya, Raghava Pandit, and others)

Program:

- Speech by different Sannyasis and Senior devotees.
- To be faithless and think that the glories of the dhama are imaginary. Sankalpa vow (praying for the blessings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to perform Parikrama).

Meeting point: ISKCON main gate

What time: 6:00 am

Deities from Yoga Pitha

(All these deities were installed by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur)

1. Śrī Śrī Rādha Mādhava and Śrī Gaurāṅga
2. Śrī Gaurasundara, Śrī Lakṣmīpriyā and Śrī Viṣṇupriyā
3. Jagannātha & Pañca-tattva
4. Jagannātha Miśra, Śacīmātā and Baby Nimāi
5. Kṣetrapāla Śiva
6. Lakṣmī Narasimhadeva
7. Gaura Gadādhara
8. Bharadvāja-ṭilā

Holy places to visit

1. Jayadeva Goswāmī's Śrīpād(house)
2. Mahāprabhu GHQ
3. Barkonā Ghana
4. Vṛddha Śiva Ghāṭ
5. Mādhāi Ghāṭ
6. Nagarāi Ghāṭ

Day 1 **Rtudvipa** **(Process: arcanam)**

“At this place is the school of Vidya Vacaspati, the popular son of Visarada. Who did not know him? Being the unalloyed servant of the Lord, by the power of his pure devotion he attracted his own Prabhu while taking bath in the Ganga. When will I stand still on this bank of the Ganga by the door of Vrida vacaspati's school and view the opulence of the spiritual kingdom? After a few moments, will the Lord who is the king among the sannyasis, suddenly appear in the palace before my very eyes? Seeing the golden effulgence of the Lord in the form of a sannyasi, I will fall to the ground in great anxiety. I will feel just as the gopis did upon seeing Krsna in Dvaraka dressed like a

royal prince; thus, they cried while remembering His sweet and simple cowherd pastimes on the bank of the Yamuna. I long to take the moonlike Gauracandra back to Mayapur where He is dressed like a young boy and His divine limbs are radiant, decorated with ornaments, where His hair is long and curly and His dhoti folded thrice. Here He performs pastimes with His devotees in His own garden named Ishodyana. Of course, this sannyasi is my Lord and I am just His servant. These different appearances that the Lord assumes are but some of His unlimited pastimes. Still, my heart longs to take the Lord back to the temple of Srivasa Pandita on the bank of Prithu-Kunda!”

*Navadvipa Bhava Taranga
By Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur*

Jahnudvīpa **(Process: vandanam)**

“Towards the north of Vidyanagara lies the extremely beautiful Jahnudvipa. There, visible to all is the forest where the sage Jahnu performed austerities. Jahnu Muni drank the water of the Ganga and Ganga devi reappeared from this great sage. Thus, she is known as Jahnavi. The ashrama of Bhismadeva, the great devotee of Lord Sri Krsna, is also located here. At this place Bhismadeva systematically learned about Bhagavata dharma and here Jahnu Muni, worshipping the Lord without any duplicity, easily achieved the lotus feet of Sri Krsna Caitanya.”

“Lamentation, fear, death, all causes of disturbance, all material desires, and all afflictions of the conditioned souls cannot exist here.”

*Navadvipa Bhava Taranga
By Bhaktivinoda Thakura*

Route: Mayapur to Maganpur

- ✓ **Breakfast: at Cāmpāhaṭī**
- ✓ **Overnight: at Maganpur**

Holy places to Visit:

1. Samudragaḍa: King Samudra Sena used to live here.

2. Cāmpāhātī: Gaura Gadādhara Mandir, Residence of Dvija Vāṇīnātha.
3. Rātupura: Replica of Rādhā-kuṇḍa
4. Vidyānagar: Birthplace of Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya and residence of his brother Vidyāvācaspati.
5. Jahnu Muni Ashram: This is the place where the sage had darsana of Sri Gauranga

Day 2

Modadrumadvīpa (Process: dāsyam)

“Nityananda Prabhu said, “This place, which is situated in one corner of Navadvīpa-dhama in the shape of an eight-petalled lotus, is undoubtedly Vaikunthapuri. Lord Narayana resides in this Sri Vaikuntha, which is situated in the spiritual sky, Paravyoma. Vaikuntha lies beyond the Viraja River. Maya or illusion has no influence upon this place. Here Lord Narayana is served by Sri-devi and Bhū-devi, and the brahmajyoti is the effulgence of this spiritual land. With their material vision, people cannot understand the transcendental nature of this place. In his Narayana-dhama, Narada muni once saw the Lord with his transcendental vision. Narada saw the Narayana form turn into the form of Gaurasundara. After seeing this, Narada Muni stayed here for some time.”

*Navadvīpa Dhama Mahatmya,
By Bhaktivinoda Thakur*

“Arkadeva (the sun god), being merciful upon me, will appear in front of me with his reddish complexion, wearing saffron-coloured cloth, his whole body smeared with sandalwood and tears flowing from his eyes while he chants the holy name of Gaurahari.”

*Navadvīpa Bhava Taranga
By Bhaktivinoda Thakur*

Route: Maganpur to Pratap Nagar

✓ **Breakfast: at Arka Tila**

✓ **Overnight: at Pratap Nagar**

Holy places to visit:

1. Sāraṅga Murāri's Śrīpaṭ (house)
2. Ruins of Vasudeva Datta
3. Māmgāchi: The birthplace of Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura.
4. Arka-ṭilā: Nondifferent from Sūrya-kuṇḍa in Vrindavana.
5. Mahatpur (Matapur)
6. Vaikunthapur

Day 3

Rudradvīpa

(Process: sakhyam)

“This Rudradvipa is a place for all the Rudras (various forms of Lord Siva), who gather to sing the glories of Lord Gouranga. Sri Nila-lohita, the chief of the Rudras, dances here with great jubilation every day and the demigods happily shower flowers from the sky in appreciation.”

At the Rudradvipa is situated, Nidaya Gatha. This is where Lord Caitanya crossed the River Ganga on His way to Katva to take sannyasa. He took sannyasa at the end of January 1510, just before His 25th birthday. His sannyasa name was Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. On the day that He decided to enter the sannyasa order, He informed only Nityananda Prabhu, Gadadhara Pandita, Saci mata, Candrashekara and Mukunda. The Lord got up during the night and prepared to leave home for the last time. As he approached the gate, Mother Saci was standing there like a statue. She was in total shock and her eyes were full of tears. She was unable to say anything to prevent Him from leaving. The Lord circumambulated Mother Saci three times and offered His obeisances. He took some dust from her feet, then left home forever. After leaving home the Lord swam across the Ganga and went to Katwa. Nidaya

means “without mercy”. The residents of Navadvipa accused the Lord of being without mercy because He was leaving them.

Sri Navadvipa Parikrama book
By Bhakti Purushottama Swami

Route: Pratap Nagar to Belpukur

- ✓ **Breakfast: at Nidoya**
- ✓ **Overnight: at Belpukur**

Holy places to visit:

1. Śaṅkarapura: Śrīpāda Śaṅkarācārya had darśana of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
2. Ruins of Śacīmātā’s house.
3. Belpukur: Temple of Madana Gopāla worshiped by Nīlāmbara Cakravartī and Śacīmātā.

Madhyadvipa

(Process: smaraṇam)

The Rishis conversation in *Madhyadvipa*: ‘This pastime of *Kṛṣṇa* in *Nadīa* is so wonderful that even the great demigods like Brahma do not know about it. Saci-Nandana is free to do whatever He wants. It is not possible to predict His actions. In Kali Yuga, He will distribute the most sought-after jewel of *Kṛṣṇa-prema* to all living entities with great care.’ Someone said, ‘*Srī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu* is an ocean of mercy. The mercy He will give to the living entities has never been distributed in this way before. He will take the devotees of all the incarnations along with Him, He will be madly absorbed in *sankīrtana-yajña* and infect the whole world with His divine madness. Lord Gaurahari is the life of His devotees. He will take *sannyāsa* and travel widely and in doing so, He will fulfil the desires of the unlimited *tīrthas* or holy places. Finally, for the pleasure of Lord Jagannatha, He will stay in *Srī Kṣetra Pūrī-dhama*.’

Bhakti Ratnakara
By Narahari Cakravartī

Day 4

Sīmantadvīpa (Process: śravaṇam)

“This island *Simantadvīpa* was also known as *Simuliya* dhama and is located south of the *Ganga*. When Sri Nityananda Prabhu took Sri Jiva on Parikrama, He mentioned that this island would be taken over by the *Ganga*. Only one place would be visible where materialistic people would worship Parvati known as *Simantini*. Srila Bhaktivinoda *Thakura* has stated in *Navadvīpa bhava taranga*, “Northwest of Mathura, I shall see the splendour of the island of Simantadvīpa, whose border is the bank of the river *Ganga*. There, Goddess *Parvati-devi* was distressed and gained relief by placing the dust of the lotus feet of Lord Gauranga upon the part of her hair (Simanta).”

*Sri Navadvīpa Parikrama book
by Bhakti Purushottama Swami*

Route: Belpukur to Jagannātha Mandir

- ✓ **Breakfast: at Caitanya Math**
- ✓ **Overnight: at Jagannātha Mandir**

Holy places to visit:

1. Pañcavaktra Śiva Sthāna.
2. Bilvapuskar: (Replica of Bilvavana in Vṛndāvana.)
3. Meghera Chara.
4. Sīmantiṇī Devī Temple.
5. Chānd Kāzi Samādhi.
6. Jagannātha Temple.

Antardvīpa **(Process: ātma-nivedanam)**

This very special island is a place of many wonderful pastimes, the process here is full surrender, this is where ISKCON Mayapur, Yoga Pitha and Sri Caitanya Sarasvati matha are situated. Here, Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda met for the first time.

“...Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu understood that Lord Nityananda had reached Navadvīpa. He felt great happiness within His heart and informed all the Vaishnavas, “O, My dear brothers! Within the next two or three days a great personality will come here.” But no one could understand whom the Lord was talking about. One morning Lord Gaurāncandra had concluded His worship of Lord Viṣṇu, and He came to meet with the devotees. The Lord said, “Today I had a very wonderful dream. A great chariot called Taladhvaja came and stopped in front of my house. Sitting on that chariot was a great personality with a huge body, He was holding a club over His shoulder and in His left hand he had a kamandalu pot bound to a stick. He was wearing blue cloth, had a blue turban on His head, and a wonderful earring hanging from His left ear. Upon seeing this character, I felt He had the mood of Haladhara, Lord Balaram. He asked me ten or twenty times, ‘Is this the house of Nīmai Paṇḍita?’ He looked like a great avadhuta. I have never seen such a personality. I felt very respectful to Him and asked Him, ‘O, great personality! Who are you? He smiled and said, I am Your brother. Tomorrow, We will meet each other.’ From this dream, I think a great person must have come to Navadvīpa. I have told you before that very soon we will meet with a great personality. O Haridas! O, Srivasa! Please go and find out whether He has already arrived...”

Sri Navadvīpa Parīkrama book
By Bhakti Puruṣhottama Swami

Holy places to visit:

1. Murari Gupta Prabhu's temple: Śrī Śrī Sītā Rāma worshipped by Murāri Gupta Prabhu.
2. Śrī Caitanya Maṭh (Candraśekhara Ācārya Bhavan).
3. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Bhajan Kuṭīr.
4. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Samādhi.
5. Śrīla Gaurakiśora dāsa Bābājī's Samādhi.
6. Khol Bhaṅga Ḍaṅgā: The soldiers of Chānd Kazi broke the mṛdaṅgas played by Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu here.
7. Advaita Bhavan: Residence of Advaita Ācārya Prabhu.
8. Gadādhara Bhavan: Residence of Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita.
9. Śrīvasa Aṅgan: Residence of Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura.

Day 5

Godrumadvīpa (Process: kīrtanam)

“The word Godrumadvipa comprises of following words: Go (meaning cow), Druma (tree) and Dvipa (meaning island). Surabhi cow had performed penances under a banyan tree. Hence the island derives its name from this incident. This island represents the Kirtanam (chanting the holy names of the Lord) aspect of devotional service”.

Hari nama sankirtan in Godrumadvipa described by Jagadananda Pandita: “... that day I proceeded towards the bank of the Ganga along with Sri Gauranga, Nityananda and Their associates. When we reached Gadigacha village (Godrumadvipa), the devotees started Hari Nama Sankirtana. Govinda was playing mridanga and Vasudeva Gosh was chanting the holy name. Gadadhara Pandita and Vakresvara pandita were both dancing. Only the sound vibration of Hari nama was heard and the ulu-dhvani was coming from all directions. Everyone was mad with gaura-prema. I do not know how to sing or dance but still I was

dancing raising my hands up. In fact, Sri Gauranga was making me dance, entering into my body. I have no idea of svara or tala (tune or rhythm) but I was dancing and chanting. At Gadigaccha village we entered the cowherd people village (Gopapalli), Gauracandra said "Oh, devotees of Sri Krsna! Please listen, today we will walk on the shore of this lake and sleep under the trees. Under this banyan tree, there are many cows having fun. Today we will have pastimes with the gopas." Many gopas came and offered us milk, yoghurt and butter..."

Prema vivarta
By Jagadananda Pandit

Route: Rājāpur Jagannātha Mandir to Prabhupada Nagar

- ✓ **Breakfast: at Pañcānan Talā**
- ✓ **Overnight: at Prabhupada Nagar**

Holy places to visit:

1. Ām-ghāṭa: Here Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu planted a mango seed which immediately developed into a tree bearing ripe fruits.
2. Suvarna Vihar: Site of the capital city of King Suvarna Sena, who later appeared as Buddimanta Khan, an associate of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
3. Narasimhapallī: Śrī Narasimhadeva rested here after killing Hiraṇyakaśipu.
4. Devapallī: Śrī Narasimhadeva was worshipped by the devas here.
5. Mandākinī Lake: In this lake, Śrī Narasimhadeva washed His nails which were tainted by Hiraṇyakaśipu's blood.

Day 6

Godrumadvīpa

(Process: kīrtanam)

“The Surabhi cow replied: ‘Let us go to Navadvipa-dhama. There we will worship Nimai.’ Indra and Surabhi then came here and engaged in the worship of Lord Gauranga which is very easy and gives great benefit. If someone cries, chanting the holy name of Lord Gauranga, he will obtain the darsana of the Lord. After Indra and Surabhi performed their bhajan here, Lord Gauranga manifested Himself exhibiting His most beautiful form, smiling sweetly. His transcendental form was very gracious, and He was the personification of the ecstatic storehouse of all mellows. Lord Gauranga smilingly said, ‘I know your desire. Very soon I will manifest My pastimes in Nadia. During this pastime, you will serve Me here so that you will not get caught by the net of Maya anymore.’ Saying this Lord Gauranga disappeared. Surabhi devi stays there eternally under the banyan tree and constantly serves the lotus feet of Lord Gauranga. Because mother Surabhi is staying here on this island under a banyan tree, it is known as Godrumadvīpa... All the desires of the devotees are fulfilled here. If anyone worships Lord Gauranga while residing here in a hut, he will attain His lotus feet.

SriNavadvīpa Parikrama book
By HH Bhakti Purushottama Swami
(Quoted from Sri Navadvīpa dhama Mahatmya)

Route: Prabhupada Nagar (Nedampur) to Namisharanya (Brahmanagar)

- ✓ **Breakfast: ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Arogya Asmara**
- ✓ **Overnight: Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar)**

Holy places to visit:

1. Hari-Hara Kshetra
2. Alakananda River
3. Gaurdaha

4. Svānanda Sukhada Kuñja: Gaura Gadādhara Temple, residence and Samādhi of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura.
5. Bhajan Kuṭīr of Gaurakiśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja.
6. Samādhi Mandir of Kṛṣṇadāsa Bābājī. (Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's dear servant)
7. Surabhi Kuñja: Lord Indra came with Surabhi and worshipped Lord Caitanya to seek pardon for his offence (it happened in Dvaparā Yuga). Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura started the head office of the Nāma-haṭṭa preaching program here.
8. ISKCON Bhaktivedānta Ārogya Āśrama with deities of Jagannatha, Baladeva, Subhadra and Sri Gaura Nitai.
9. Hamsa vahana
10. Namisharanya
11. Gomati River

Day 7

Madhyadvipa

(Process: smaraṇam)

The Rishis conversation in *Madhyadvipa*: 'This pastime of *Kṛṣṇa* in *Nadia* is so wonderful that even the great demigods like Brahma do not know about it. Saci-Nandana is free to do whatever He wants. It is not possible to predict His actions. In Kali Yuga, He will distribute the most sought-after jewel of *Kṛṣṇa-prema* to all living entities with great care.' Someone said, '*Sri Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu* is an ocean of mercy. The mercy He will give to the living entities has never been distributed in this way before. He will take the devotees of all the incarnations along with Him, He will be madly absorbed in *sankīrtana-yajna* and infect the whole world with His divine madness. Lord Gaurahari is the life of His devotees. He will take *sannyasa* and travel widely and in doing so, He will fulfil the desires of the unlimited *tirthas* or holy places. Finally, for the pleasure of Lord Jagannatha, He will stay in *Sri Ksetra Puri-dhama*.'

Bhakti Ratnakara
By *Narahari Cakravarti*

Route: Naimisharanya (Brahmanagar) to Mahisura

- ✓ **Breakfast: at Mahisura**
- ✓ **Parikrama quiz & sharing of realisations: at Mahisura camp**
- ✓ **Overnight: at Mahisura**

Holy places to visit:

1. Brahma Puşkara.
2. Kuruksetra.
3. Pañcavenī (Confluence of five holy rivers: Ganga, Yamuna, Sarasvati).

Day 8

Koladvīpa

(Process: pāda-sevanam)

“One day during the afternoon, Lord *Nityananda* reached *Koladvīpa* along with *Sri Jiva* and others. While walking towards *Kuliya-pahada* (hill), Lord *Nityananda* told *Sri Jiva*, “The route we are following, crossing the river *Ganga*, is the proper sequence for *Parikrama*. Once, *Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu* was engaged in *chauda-mandala-sankirtana* (chanting with fourteen simultaneous musical groups), in order to purify *Chand Kazi*. In the evening, *Mahaprabhu* left *Mayapur* and went out along with His devotees. That night became *Brahma-ratra* (as long as the night of *Brahma*). On that occasion, *Mahaprabhu* was moving with the *sankirtana* party in this same sequence. After that, every *Ekadasi* my Lord would go out on *sankirtana*. Sometimes He would circumambulate *Antardvīpa*, taking the five *krosh* path and at other times He would perform *parikrama* over the eight *kroshas*, according to His own desire. He would start *sankirtana* from His house and go towards *Barakona grata*. Then he would proceed towards *Sridhara’s* house from where he would come to the end of *Antardvīpa*.”

Sri Navadvīpa Mandala Parikrama book

Special Program: Mahā Harināma Saṅkīrtana through the streets of Sri NAVADVĪPA town.

1. Prauḍha-Māyā Mandir.
2. Bhajan Kuṭīr of Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja.
3. Śrī Dhāmeśvara Mahāprabhu: Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's Deity worshiped by His consort Śrīmatī Viṣṇupriyā-devī.

✓ **Breakfast: at Bhaktivedanta National School grounds Mayapur**

✓ **Final Destination: ISKCON Māyāpur Chandrodaya Mandir**

Grand union of all Parikrama parties at ISKCON MAYAPUR, the great Maha Milan!

Vaishnava Songs

Srila Prabhupada once said: “These Vaishnava songs are like a thunderbolt which can crack mountain-like hearts. The mountain does not know the power of a thunderbolt, but it will crack him.”

He also said, “Everybody should sing Vaishnava songs”. Somebody can say that we don't know Bengali, so we don't understand the meaning. To this argument, Srila Prabhupada says, “Then also you should sing these Vaishnava songs.”

Srila Prabhupada said that if one understands the purports of the song of Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Narottama das Thakur that is sufficient to attain the Love of God.

Krsna Kirtan at the sacred places!

Dear devotees, please keep the booklet with you! We will sing these songs in some places of pilgrimage like Yoga Pitha, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's Samadhi, Surabhi Kunja, Mamgachi and every evening before the special classes start.

Sri Sikshastakam

by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu

1

*ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam
śreyah-kairava-candrikā-vitaranam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam
ānandāmbudhi-varধানam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam
sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam*

Let there be all victory for the chanting of the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa, which can cleanse the mirror of the heart and stop the miseries of the blazing fire of material existence. That chanting is the waxing moon that spreads the white lotus of good fortune for all living entities. It is the life and soul of all education. The chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa expands the blissful ocean of transcendental life. It gives a cooling effect to everyone and enables one to taste full nectar at every step.

2

*nāmnām akāri bahudhā nija-sarva-śaktis
tatrārpitā niyamitaḥ smarṇe na kālaḥ
etādṛśī tava kṛpā bhagavan mamāpi
durdaivam īdṛśam ihājani nānurāgaḥ*

O my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benedictions to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names like Krishna and Govinda. In these transcendental names, You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

3

*tṛṇād api su-nīcena
taror iva sahiṣṇunā
amāninā māna-dena
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

4

*na dhanam na janam na sundarim
kavitam va jagad-isa kamaye
mama janmani janmanisvare
bhavatad bhaktir ahaituki tvayi*

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want Your causeless devotional service birth after birth.

5

*ayi nanda-tanuja kinikaram
patitam mam visame bhavambudhau
krpayā tava pāda-paṅkaja-
sthita-dhūli-sadrśam vicintaya*

O son of Maharaja Nanda [Krishna], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. Please pick me up from this ocean of death and place me as one of the atoms at Your lotus feet.

6

*nayanam galad-asru-dhārayā
vadanam gadgada-ruddhayā girā
pulkair nicitam vapuḥ kadā
tava nāma-grahaṇe bhaviṣyati*

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your holy name? When will my voice choke up, and when will the hairs of my body stand on end at the recitation of Your name?

7

*yugāyitam nimeṣeṇa
cakṣuṣā prāvṛṣāyitam
śūnyāyitam jagat sarvaṁ
govinda-viraheṇa me*

O Govinda! Feeling Your separation, I am considering a moment to be like twelve years or more. Tears are flowing from my eyes like torrents of rain, and I am feeling all vacant in the world in Your absence.

8

*āśliṣya vā pāda-ratām pinaṣtu mām
adarśanān marma-hatām karotu vā
yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampaṭo
mat-prāṇa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ*

I know no one but Krishna as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly by His embrace or makes me brokenhearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord unconditionally.

Bhaja Gauranga

By Lord Nityananda

(1)

bhaja gaurāṅga kaha gaurāṅga laha gaurāṅgera nāma re
je jan gaurāṅga bhaje, sei (hoy) āmāra prāṇa re

(2)

gaurāṅga boliyā du' bāhu tulyā nāciyā nāciyā beḍāo re

(3)

gaurāṅga bhajile gaurāṅga japile hoy duḥkhera abasāna re

Translation

(1)

Worship Gauranga, say "Gauranga", chant Gauranga's name!
He who worships Gauranga is my life and soul!

(2)

Chanting "Gauranga", go out, dancing with your two arms upraised!

(3)

One's miseries end by worshipping Gauranga, by chanting "Gauranga".

Udilo Aruna

(We sing this song on the Parikrama every morning at 6 am)

(1)

udilo aruṇa pūraba-bhāge,
dwija-maṇi gorā amani jāge,
bhakata-samūha loiyā sāthe,
gelā nagara-brāje

(2)

'tāthaī tāthaī bājalo khol,
ghana ghana tāhe jhājera rol,
preme ḍhala ḍhala soṇāra aṅga,
caraṇe nūpura bāje

(3)

mukunda mādharma yādava hari,
bolena bolo re dadana bhori',
miche nida-baśe gelo re rāti,
divasa śarīra-sāje

(4)

emana durlabha mānava-deho,
pāiyā ki koro bhāva nā keho,
ebe nā bhajile yaśodā-suta,
carama poribe lāje

(5)

udita tapana hoile asta,
dina gelo boli' hoibe byasta,
tabe keno ebe alasa hoy,
nā bhaja hṛdoya-rāje

(6)

jīvana anitya jānaha sār,
tāhe nānā-vidha vipada-bhār,
nāmāśraya kori' jatane tumi,
thākaha āpana kāje

(7)

jīvera kalyāna-sādhana-kām,
jagate āsi' e madhura nām,
avidyā-timira-tapana-rūpe,
hṛd-gagane birāje

(8)

kṛṣṇa-nāma-sudhā koriyā pān,
jurāo bhakativinoda-prāṇ,
nāma binā kichu nāhiko āro,
caudda-bhuvana-mājhe

TRANSLATION

1

When the rising sun appeared in the East, the jewel of the twice-born, Lord Gaurasundara, awakened, and, taking His devotees with Him, He went all over the countryside towns and villages

2

The mṛdangas (khol) resounded "tāthaī, tāthaī," and the jhājas [large metal karatālas that look like small cymbals] in that kīrtana played in time. Lord Gaurāṅga's golden form slightly trembled in ecstatic love of Godhead, and His foot bells jingled.

3

All the devotees chanted the names Mukunda, Mādhava, Yadava and Hari, their mouths being filled with the vibrations. They would announce to the still sleeping people, "You spend your nights uselessly sleeping and your days decorating your bodies!

4

You have achieved such a rare human body, but you do not care for this gift. You remain not serving the darling of Yaśodā and slowly fall through your last moments to death.

5

With every rising and setting of the sun, a day passes and is lost. Then, why do you remain idle and not serve the Lord of the heart?

6

This temporary life is full of various miseries. Take shelter of the holy name as your only business.

7

To penetrate the darkness of ignorance and bless everyone's heart, the holy name has risen like the shining sun.

8

Drink the pure nectar of the holy name. There is nothing but the name to be had in the fourteen worlds. It has filled the soul of Srī Bhaktivinoda Thākura.

Jiv Jago

(1)

jīv jāgo, jīv jāgo, gauracānda bole
kota nidrā jāo māyā-piśācīra kole

(2)

bhajibo boliyā ese sarṁsāra-bhitare
bhuliyā rohile tumi avidyāra bhare

(3)

tomāre loite āmi hoinu avatāra
āmi binā bandhu āra ke āche tomāra

(4)

enechi auṣadhi māyā nāśibāro lāgi'
hari-nāma mahā-mantra lao tumi māgi'

(5)

bhaktivinoda prabhu-carane pariyā
sei hari-nāma-mantra loilo māgiyā

TRANSLATION

1

Lord Gaurāṅga is calling, "Wake up, sleeping souls! Wake up, sleeping souls!
How long will you sleep in the lap of the witch called Māyā?"

2

You have forgotten the way of devotional service and are lost in the world
of birth and death.

3

I have descended just to save you; other than Myself you have no friend in
this world.

4

I have brought the medicine that will wipe out the disease of illusion from
which you are suffering. Take this mahā-mantra-

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare."

5

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura says: "I fall at the Lord's feet, having taken
this mahā-mantra."

Dule Dule Gaurachand

(1)

dhule dhule gorā chānda
hari guṇa gāi
āsiyā vṛndāvane
nace gaura rāy

(2)

vṛndāvaner tarūr latā
preme koy hari kathā
nikuṣjer pākhi guli
hari nām sonāi

(3)

gaura bole hari hari
sāri bole hari hari
mukhe mukhe suka sāri
hari nām gāi

(4)

hari nāme matta hoye
harīna āsiche deī
mayur mayurī preme
nāciya khelāy

(5)

praṇe hari dhyāne hari
hari bolo badan bhoṛi
harinām geye geye
rase gale jāi

(6)

āsiyā jamunār kule
nāce hari hari bole
jamunā uṭhole ese
caraṇa dhoyāi

TRANSLATION

1) The moonlike Lord Gaura Chanda arrives in Vrndavana while dancing, swaying to and fro, and singing the glories of Lord Hari.

- 2) The creepers adorning the trees of Vrndavana are overwhelmed with ecstatic love, and they are speaking about the glories of Lord Hari. Flocks of birds who live in the groves are singing the name of Lord Hari.
- 3) Lord Gaura says, “Hari! Hari!” a female parrot responds, “Hari! Hari!” and then all male and female parrots start singing a loud chorus of the name of Hari.
- 4) Becoming intoxicated by the holy name, the deer come forward from out of the forest. The peacocks and peahens are dancing and frolicking in ecstatic love.
- 5) Lord Hari is in His heart, Lord Hari is in His meditation, and He always chants the name of Hari with His voice. Gaura Chanda is intoxicated by ecstatic mellows and rolls around on the ground while singing and singing Harinama.
- 6) Arriving on the bank of the Yamuna River, He dances wildly while chanting “Hari! Hari!” Mother Yamuna becomes so ecstatic that she arises and comes forward to wash Lord Gauranga’s feet.

Gurudev krpa bindhu diya

(1)

gurudev!

kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,
ṭṛṇāpekhā ati hīna
sakala sahane, bala diyā koro',
nija-māne sprhā-hīna

(2)

sakale sammāna korite śakati,
deho' nātha! jathājatha
tabe to' gāibo, hari-nāma-sukhe,
aparādha ha 'be hata

(3)

kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana,
kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!
śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna,
koro' more ātma-sātha

(4)

jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi,
tomāra karuṇā-sāra
karuṇā nā hoile, kāndiyā kāndiyā,
prāṇa nā rākhibo āra

TRANSLATION

1) Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

2) I offer you all respects, for thus I may have the energy to know you correctly. Then, by chanting the holy name in great ecstasy, all my offenses will cease.

3) When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.

4) If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life.

Gaura Pahu

(1)

gaurā pahu nā bhajiyā goinu
prema-ratana-dhana helāya hārāinu

(2)

adhane yatana kari dhana teyāginu
āpana karama-doṣe āpani ḍubinu

(3)

sat-saṅga chāḍi' kainu asate vilāsa
te-kāraṇe lāgilo ye karma-bandha-phāṛsa

(4)

viṣaya-viṣama-viṣa satata khāinu
gaura-kīrtana-rase magana nā hainu

(5)

keno vā āchaye prāṇa ki sukha pāiyā
narottam dās keno nā gelo mariyā

TRANSLATION

1) I did not worship Lord Gauranga Prabhu and thus I became full of suffering. I refused to accept the treasure of pure love of Kṛṣṇa, and thus I became lost.

2) I reject the treasure of love of Kṛṣṇa and deliberately struggled to become poor. I dived into a host of sinful deeds.

3) I rejected the association of the saintly devotees, and instead tried to enjoy among the impious non-devotees. In this way I became caught in the noose of karma.

4) I continually drank the virulent poison of sense-gratification. I refused to swim in the nectar of Lord Caitanya's sankīrtana movement.

5) Why do I stay alive? What happiness do I have? Why did Narottama dasa not die long ago?

Boro Sukher khabor gai

(1)

boro sukher khabor gāi
surabhi-kuṣjete nāmer hāṭ khule'che (khoda nitāi)

(2)

boro mojār kathā tāy
śraddhā-mūlye śuddha-nāma sei hāṭete bikāy

(3)

jata bhakta-br̄nda basi'
adhikārī dekhe' nāma becche daro kasi'

(4)

jadi nāma kinbe, bhāi
āmār saṅge calo, mahājaner kāche jāi

(5)

tumi kinbe kṛṣṇa-nāma
dasturi loibo āmi, pūrṇa ha'be kāma

(6)

boro doyāl nityānanda
śraddhā-mātra lo'ye den parama-ānanda

(7)

ek-bār dekhle cakṣe jal
'gaura' bole' nitāi den sakala sambal

(8)

den śuddha kṛṣṇa-śikṣā
jāti, dhana, vidyā, bala nā kore apekṣā

(9)
amani chāḍe māyā-jāl
grhe thāko, bane thāko, nā thāke jaṣjāl

(10)
ār nāiko kalir bhoy
ācaṇḍāle den nāma nitāi doyā moy

(11)
bhaktivinoda ḍāki' koy
nitāi-caraṇa binā ār nāhi āśroy

TRANSLATION

- 1) I am singing news of great happy tidings. Lord Nityananda Himself has opened a market-place of the Holy Name in Surabhi-Kunja.
- 2) The news of its great results is that He is selling the pure Holy Name in that market-place for the price of only one's faith.
- 3) Lord Nityananda, the proprietor of the market, seeing all the devotees become attracted, is selling them the Holy Name after bargaining with them.
- 4) O brother, if you want to buy the Holy Name, then go with me. We must go to the presence of that great soul, Nityananda.
- 5) You will buy the name of Krsna, I will take my commission and all of our desires will be fulfilled.
- 6) Lord Nityananda is greatly merciful. Taking only one's faith, He gives the highest ecstasy.
- 7) If Nitai sees only once tears in the eyes while chanting the name "Gaura", then He gives all resources to that person.
- 8) He gives the pure teachings of Krsna to everyone and does not care for one's birth, wealth, knowledge and strength.

9) Now, giving up the illusory snare of Maya, either remain in household life or in the forest as a sannyasi for no more troubles remain.

10) There is no more fear of the age of Kali. The merciful Nityananda gives the Holy Name to even the candalas.

11) Bhaktivinoda calls out "Except for the lotus feet of Lord Nityananda there is no other shelter!"

Nadīyā-godrume

(1)

nadīyā-godrume nityānanda mahājana
patiyāche nām-haṭṭa jīvera kāraṇa

(2)

(śraddhāvān jan he, śraddhāvān jan he)
prabhura ājṣāy, bhāi, māgi ei bhikṣā
bolo `kṛṣṇa,' bhajo kṛṣṇa, koro kṛṣṇa-śikṣā

(3)

aparādha-śūnya ho'ye loho kṛṣṇa-nām
kṛṣṇa mātā, kṛṣṇa pitā, kṛṣṇa dhana-prān

(4)

kṛṣṇaera saṁsāra koro chāḍi' anācār
jīve doyā, kṛṣṇa-nām—sarva-dharma-sār

TRANSLATION

1) In the land of Nadiya, on the island of Godruma, the magnanimous Lord Nityananda has opened up the Marketplace of the Holy Name, meant for the deliverance of all fallen souls.

2) O people of faith! O people of faith! By the order of Lord Gauranga, O brothers, I beg these three requests of you: Chant "Kṛṣṇa!" worship Kṛṣṇa, and teach others about Kṛṣṇa.

3) Being careful to remain free of offenses; just take the holy name of Lord Krsna. Krsna is your mother, Krsna is your father, and Krsna is the treasure of your life.

4) Giving up all sinful activities, carry on your worldly duties only in relation to Lord Krsna. The showing of compassion to other souls by loudly chanting the holy name of Krsna is the essence of all forms of religion.

Kabe Habe Heno Dasa Mor:

(1)

kabe ha'be heno dasa mor
tyaji' jada asa, bividha bandhana,
chadibo samsar ghor

(2)

brndabanabhede, nabaddvipa-dhame,
bandhibo kutirakhani
sacir nandana-carana-asroy
koribo sambandha mani'

(3)

jahnavi-puline, cinmoy-kanane,
basiya bijana-sthale
krsna-namamrta, nirantara pibo,
dakibo 'gauranga' bo'le

(4)

ha gaura-nitai, tora du'ti bhai,
patita-janer bandhu
adhama patita, ami he durjana,
hao more krpa sindhu

(5)

kandite kandite, sola-krosa-dhama,
jahnavi ubhoy kule
bhramite bhramite, kabhu bhagya-phale,
dekhi kuchu taru-mule

(6)

ha ha manohara, ki dekhinu ami,
boliya murchita ho'bo
samvit paiya, kandibo gopane,
smari dunhu krpa-laba

TRANSLATION

1) When, oh when will such a condition be mine? Renouncing all of my mundane desires which are giving rise to various types of bondage, I will give up this dark, ghastly material existence.

2) I will build my small hut at Navadvipa-dhama, seeing the land as being non-different from Vrndavana-dhama. There I will finally establish my relationship under the shelter of the lotus feet of the Son of Mother Saci.

3) Living in a solitary place in a spiritually conscious forest on the banks of the Ganga, I will incessantly drink the pure nectar of Krsna's name, and I will loudly shout the name of Gauranga thus:

4) "Oh Gaura-Nitai! You two Brothers are the only true friend of all the fallen souls! I am the lowest of the low, most fallen and wicked-minded, so kindly bestow Your ocean of mercy upon me.

5) Thus repeatedly sobbing and calling out, I will roam all over the abode of 32 square miles, sometimes on one bank of the Ganga and sometime on the other. And sometimes, while wandering about, if I ever receive a drop of good fortune, I may suddenly glance over at the base of a tree (and behold some vision there...)

6) I will blurt out: "Ha Ha, how wonderful! What amazing thing have I seen now?!!", and I will faint senseless on the spot. Regaining consciousness later, I will hide and weep secretly, remembering that all this ecstasy is due to receiving just a tiny speck of Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai's mercy.

Parama Karuna

(1)

parama karuṇa, pahū dui jana
nitāi gauracandra
saba avatāra-sāra śiromaṇi
kevala ānanda-kanda

(2)

bhajo bhajo bhāi, caitanya nitāi
sudṛḍha biśwāsa kori
viṣaya chāḍiyā, se rase majiyā,
mukhe bolo hari hari

(3)

dekho ore bhāi, tri-bhuvane nāi,
emona doyāla dātā
paśu pākhī jhure, pāṣāṇa vidare,
śuni' jāñra guṇa-gāthā

(4)

sañsāre majiyā, rohili poriyā,
se pade nahilo āśa
āpana karama, bhuṣjāye śamana,
kahoye locana-dāsa

TRANSLATION

1) The two Lords, Nitai-Gauracandra, are very merciful. They are the essence of all incarnations. The specific significance of these incarnations is that They introduced a process of chanting and dancing that is simply joyful.

2) My dear brother, I request that you just worship Lord Caitanya and Nitayananda with firm conviction and faith. If one wants to be Krsna conscious by this process, one has to give up his engagement in sense gratification. One simply has to chant, "Hare Krsna! Hari Hari!" without any motive.

3) My dear brother, just try and examine this. Within the three worlds, there is no one like Lord Caitanya or Lord Nityananda. Their merciful qualities are so great that upon hearing Them even birds and beasts cry and stones melt.

4) But Locana dasa regrets that I am entrapped by sense gratification. Since I have no attraction for the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, then Yamaraja, the superintendent of death, is punishing me by not allowing me to be attracted by this movement.

Radha Kṛṣṇa bol bol

(1)

'rādhā-kṛṣṇa' bol bol bolo re sobāi
(ei) śikṣā diyā, sab nadiyā
phirche nece' gaura-nitāi
(miche) māyār boṣe, jāccho bhese',
khāccho hābuḍubu, bhāi

(2)

(jīv) kṛṣṇa-dās, e biśwās,
korle to' āṛ duḥkho nāi
(kṛṣṇa) bolbe jabe, pulak ha'be
jhorbe āñkhi, boli tāi

(3)

('rādhā) kṛṣṇa' bolo, sañge calo,
ei-mātra bhikhā cāi
(jāy) sakal' bipod bhaktivinod
bole, jakhon o-nām gāi

TRANSLATION

1) Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! When Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda came dancing through Nadia, They gave these teachings: Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! You are caught up in a whirlpool of senseless action and are sinking lower and lower. Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!

2) If you just understand that the spirit soul is the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa, you will never have any more sorrows. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and your eyes will fill with tears and your body will feel transcendental shivering. Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!

3) Simply chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa" and join with us. Those are the only alms we beg. Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! "All dangers will be gone when that Name is chanted," says Bhaktivinoda Thakura. Chant, chant "Radha-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!

Hari Haraye Namah Kṛṣṇa

(1)

hari haraye namaḥ kṛṣṇa yādavāya namaḥ
yādavāya mādhavāya keśavāya namaḥ

(2)

gopāla govinda rāma śrī-madhusūdana
gīrdhārī gopīnātha madana-mohana

(3)

śrī-caitanya-nityānanda śrī-advaita-sītā
hari guru vaiṣṇava bhāgavata gītā

(4)

śrī-rūpa sanātana bhāṭṭa-raghunātha
śrī-jīva gopāla-bhāṭṭa dāsa-raghunātha

(5)

ei chay gosāir kori caraṇa vandan
jāhā hoite bighna-nāś abhīṣṭa-pūraṇ

(6)

ei chay gosāi jār—mui tār dās
tā-sabāra pada-reṇu mora paṣca-grās

(7)

tādera caraṇa-sebi-bhakta-sane bās
janame janame hoy ei abhilāṣ

(8)

ei chay gosāi jabe braje koilā bās
rādhā-kṛṣṇa-nitya-līlā korilā prakāś

(9)

ānande bolo hari bhaja bṛndāban
śrī-guru-vaiṣṇava-pade majāiyā man

(10)

śrī-guru-vaiṣṇava-pada-padma kori āś
nāma-saṅkīrtana kohe narottama dāsa

TRANSLATION

1) Hari! Obeisances to Lord Hari, unto Kṛṣṇa, and Yadava. Obeisances to Lord of the Yadus, Madhava, Kesava.

2) Gopala! Govinda! Rama! O vanquisher of Madhu! Giridhari! Lord of the gopis! Bewilderer of cupid!

3) Sri Caitanya, Nityananda, Sri Advaita-Sita! Hari! Guru! Vaishnavas! Srimad Bhavagatam! Bhagavat Gita!

4) All glories to Srila Rupa Goswami, Sanantan Goswami and Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami, to Srila Jiva Goswami, Gopala Bhatta Goswami, and Raghunatha Dasa Goswami!

5) I bow to the feet of these six Goswamis. By their grace, our obstacles can be destroyed and all desires are fulfilled.

6) I am the servant of these six Goswamis. The dust of their lotus feet is my fivefold subsistence.

7) To be a servant of their lotus feet and to reside in the company of devotees- this is my aspiration birth after birth.

8) When these six Goswamis lived in Vraja, they revealed the eternal pastimes of Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

9) In ecstasy, sing the name of Lord Hari and worship Vrindavan, joyfully fixing your mind upon the lotus feet of the bona-fide spiritual master and the pure devotees.

10) The lotus feet of my guru and the vaisnavas are my aspiration.
Narottama Dasa thus sings Hari-nama sankirtana.

Gauranga bolite habe

(1)

'gaurāṅga' bolite habe pulaka-śarīra
'hari hari' bolite nayane ba' be nīra

(2)

āra kabe nitāi-cānder koruṅā hoibe
saṁsāra-bāsanā mora kabe tuccha ha'be

(3)

viṣaya chāriyā kabe śuddha ha 'be mana
kabe hāma herabo śrī-bṛndābana

(4)

rūpa-raghunātha-pade hoibe ākuti
kabe hāma bujhabo se jugala-pīriti

(5)

rūpa-raghunātha-pade rahu mora āśa
prārthanā koroye sadā narottama-dāsa

TRANSLATION

1) When will that opportune moment come to us, when there will be shivering of the body as soon as we chant Lord Gauranga's name? While chanting Hare Krsna, when will there be tears in the eyes?

2) When will I obtain the mercy of Lord Nityananda-candra? When, by His mercy will the desire for material enjoyment become very insignificant?

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

4) When shall I be very much eager to study the books left by the Six Gosvami's, headed by Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami? By their instruction I shall be able to properly understand the loving affairs of Radha and Krsna.

5) My only aspiration is to attain the lotus feet of the Six Gosvamis headed by Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami. Narottama dasa constantly prays to attain their lotus feet.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare.

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