

Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math

Sri Nabadwip Dham

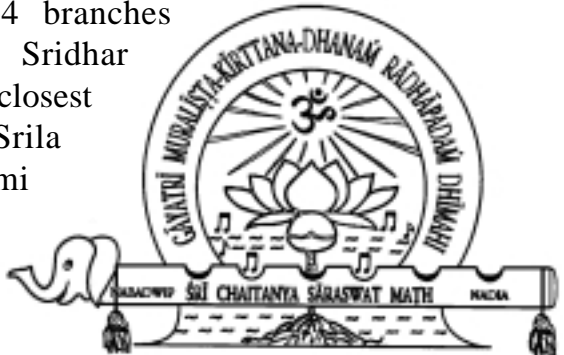


Founder-President-Acharyya: Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj
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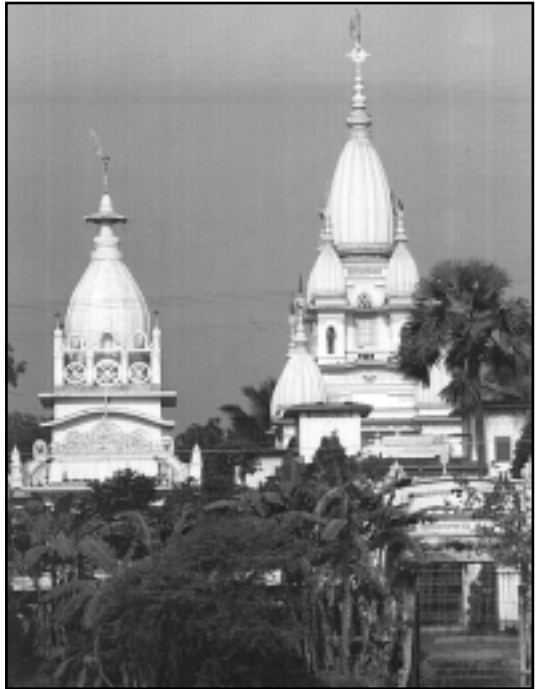
A Brief Introduction to our Temple and ourselves

Please accept our due respects. All glories to the golden gift of the Golden Lord, Sriman Mahaprabhu.

In a nutshell, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math is a society of Vaisnavas practising to serve Sriman Mahaprabhu and Sri Sri Radha-Govinda through our spiritual guardian, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj. He is the foremost disciple of Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj who in turn was the foremost disciple of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, the illustrious founder of the 'Sri Gaudiya Math' with 64 branches throughout India. Srila Sridhar Maharaj was also the closest senior associate of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad, the founder of the world-wide International Society of Krishna Consciousness'.



Our worship centres around the chanting and glorification of the Name and Fame of Their Lordships Sri Sri Guru Gauranga-Gandharvva-Govindasundarjiu, the Presiding Deities of our main Temple: Nabadwip Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.



Our headquarters here in Nabadwip, India, was established in 1941 by Srila Sridhar Maharaj and, since the influx of many Westerners principally from the early 1980's onwards, we now have over 50 branches and/or associated Ashrams and Temples around the world which follow the directives of Srila Govinda Maharaj as President-Sevaite-Acharyya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. We aim to continue what Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur envisioned — preaching the message of Sriman Mahaprabhu around the world — and to build upon the conception and propagation largely introduced to the Western world by Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad.

There are undeniably several other societies and groups which have a similar aim. What particularly distinguishes us is our clear understanding that Srila Sridhar Maharaj was the foremost disciple of Srila Saraswati Thakur, and he commanded the position as holder and guardian of the Rupanuga Sampradaya, the highest aspiration of the Gaudiya Vaisnavas. Knowing this, Srila Bhaktivedanta



Swami Prabhupad considered Srila Sridhar Maharaj as his Siksa-Guru, and they spent many years in close association. Srila Prabhupad gave facility for Srila Sridhar Maharaj to use the floor above his next door laboratory as his Calcutta preaching centre. During that time Srila Govinda Maharaj, the principal disciple of Srila Sridhar Maharaj, was also a constant associate of them both. He learnt, amongst other things, Srimad Bhagavad-gita from Srila Prabhupad, and he served them both as their junior. He received not only learning, but also their specific blessings.

Throughout successive wills, Srila Sridhar Maharaj appointed Srila Govinda Maharaj as his sole successor — something previously very rarely done — and publicly and repeatedly declared the same. In his own lifetime he established Srila Govinda Maharaj as his Successor Acharyya and President of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. With such high accolades and recognition from Srila Sridhar Maharaj and Srila Prabhupad, he is so natural a shelter for all sincere seekers.

Over the years, the Temple has blossomed into a stalwart, highly respected institution attracting the greatest aspirants of our day. With over 200 publications in 20 languages of the world, as well as a noble representation on the Internet, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math invites you to participate, learn, and thrive spiritually. May Lord Krishna and our Guardians bestow their blessings upon you.



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