

Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj declared to a packed assembly and worldwide audience:

“He, (Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj), is highly qualified and I have chosen him as next Āchārya of this Maṭh. All of you should unitedly proceed under his guidance, serve under him faithfully and love him. His love for the Maṭh is his greatest quality. That the Maṭh should not lose even one inch of its land, even one inch of its property—he is continuously working towards this end. I am now asking him to speak Hari-kathā as my representative... [Following Śrīla Āchārya Mahārāj’s speech Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj continued:] Maṭh secretary, Maṭh manager, future Maṭh Āchārya, Śrīpād Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj *kī jay!* After me, all of you should continue as his followers. Everyone makes mistakes, but I very rarely see anyone with a sincere, heartfelt service mood like him. The type of profound vision and attentive care he has for every matter cannot be seen anywhere. I pray the Lord will bring him all goodness and auspiciousness.”

Since the departure of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in March 2010 all the dedicated servitors of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh are now continuing their service lives under the guardianship of Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj, for the satisfaction of, and in accordance with, the divine will of Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj.

We, the servitors of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, offer our humble obeisances at the lotus feet of all devotees, always desiring their mercy, and invite everyone to join in our Mission’s service of Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga.

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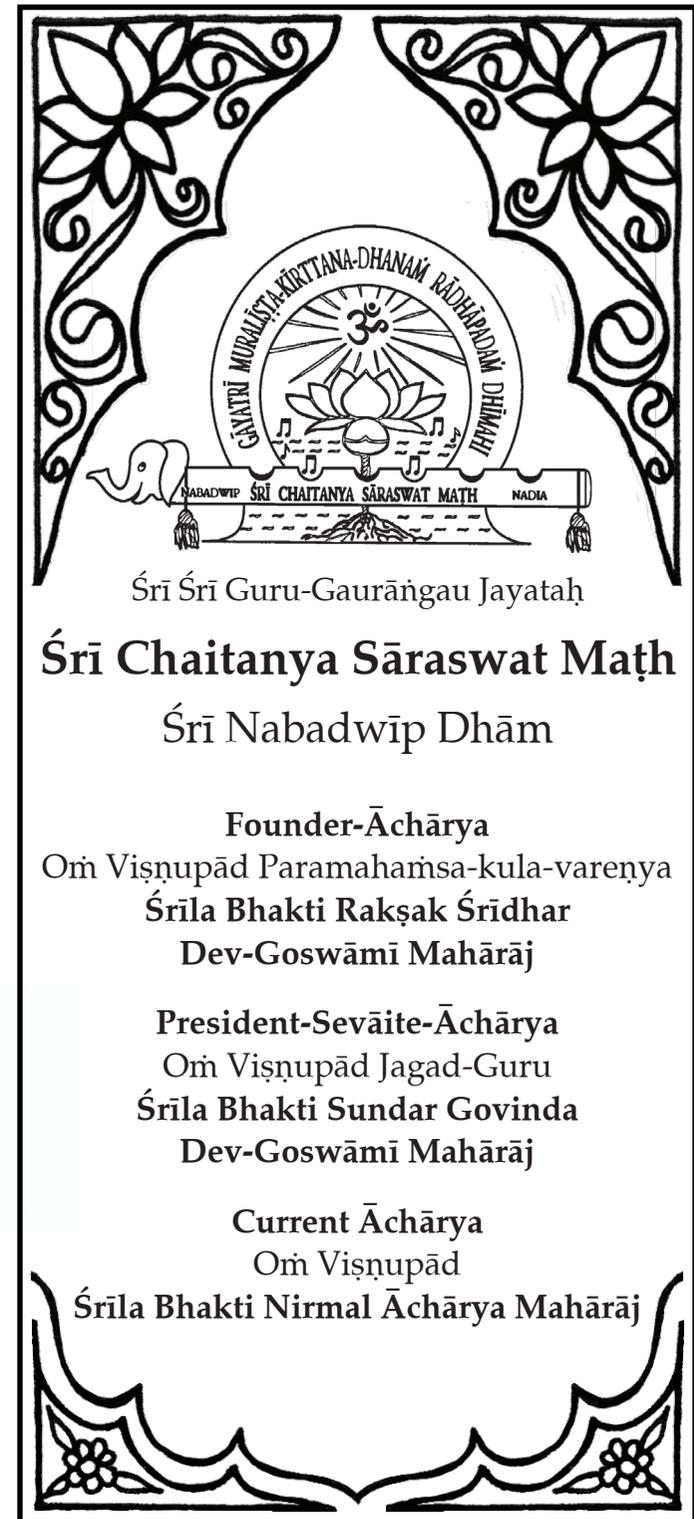
Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj described the glories of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in a Sanskrit poem he composed for the Mission’s inauguration (translated here as follows):

“In the Holy Abode of transcendental touchstone Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām—the selfsame Śrī Vṛndāvan, in the land of Koladwīp, whose inner identity is the King of mountains Śrī Govardhan, near the charming shores of the holy River Bhāgirathī who delivers all the fallen souls, stands that grand and glorious King of all Temples—Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh.

“In that beautiful retreat, the surrendered devotees whose lives are the message of Śrī Gaura, are eternally absorbed in the loving service of the Divine Master, the Golden Lord Gaurāṅga and the Loving Lord Śrī Govindasundar with His consort Śrīmatī Gāndharvā, accompanied by all Their beloved associates.

“With hearts always filled with the good hope to attain the grace of the Lord, following faithfully in the line of Śrī Rūpa and Śrī Raghunāth—the storekeepers of the unlimited treasure of pure, sweet love divine, those surrendered souls ever sing the unending glories of the transcendental Name and qualities of the most magnanimous, original Supreme Lord, Śrī Śrī Gaurāṅgasundar.

“Indeed the hearts of all beings, moving and still, marvel in the glory of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh as they take shelter in the soothing, affectionate shade of the victory flag that flies aloft and sings wholeheartedly to the world the ever-expanding renown of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh; bearing that banner of all transcendental benedictions, Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh ever shines resplendent in all its divine magnificence.”



Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅgau Jayataḥ

Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh

Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām

Founder-Āchārya

Om Viṣṇupād Paramahaṁsa-kula-vareṇya

Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

President-Sevāite-Āchārya

Om Viṣṇupād Jagad-Guru
Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

Current Āchārya

Om Viṣṇupād
Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj

Welcome to Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh

Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh was founded in 1941 by His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj as a place to purely practise and preach the teachings of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Chaitanya Mahāprabhu in the line of his highly exalted Guru Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākur. Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj, who is worshippable for even the highest section of saintly devotees (*paramahansas*), was empowered by his Gurudev to be the Guardian of Devotion in the line of Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī Prabhu. The exclusive conception given in the line of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrīla Saraswatī Ṭhākur, enhanced with Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj's own unique wealth, has drawn sincere seekers from the four corners of the globe to take shelter at his lotus feet in Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh which is situated in the most holy of holy places where all offences are forgiven: Śrī Aparādha-bhañjan-pāṭ, Śrī Koladwīp of Śrī Nabadwīp Dhām. His successor, Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj, joined Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh in 1947. His divine qualities were immediately recognised by Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj and in time the intimate relationship between Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj and his Divine Servitor Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj was revealed to the world. With his own hand and within his own lifetime Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj placed his most beloved associate-servitor Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in the chair of Āchārya of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj disappeared from this world in 1988. But for the ten years preceding this, numerous sincere Western seekers found their way to Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh on the direction of Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj's glorious Godbrother, the Founder of ISKCON, the universally worshippable Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāj Prabhupād, where they took shelter of Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj's lotus feet and received

his mercy. During this time it was Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj who took care of these new devotees, gave them great enthusiasm and taught them by his own surrendered example what it means to be a disciple of such a great soul as Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj.

In the following years Śrīla Govinda Maharaj, as the Āchārya of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh, guided onward all those who had been attracted to Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj's divine message. He also captured the hearts of thousands of new souls worldwide, binding all tightly in loving devotion to his lotus feet. Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj is best known for his unprecedented mood of the most intensified affection for the fallen souls, and for being the embodiment of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's supreme teaching of humility, tolerance, and giving honour to all.

Through the nurturing, affectionate care of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj, the conception given by Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh has conquered hearts everywhere and with the help of many dedicated servitors such as Śrīpād Bhakti Pāvan Janārdan Mahārāj of USA, Śrīpād Bhakti Kusum Āśram Mahārāj of Mexico, Śrīpād Bhakti Sudhīr Goswāmī Mahārāj of USA, and Śrīpād Bhakti Bimal Avadhūt Mahārāj of Russia, over a hundred centres worldwide have been established. Following the divine disappearance of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj, the worldwide devotees of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh continue to practise and preach under the guidance of his chosen successor Śrīla Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj.

Śrīla Āchārya Mahārāj surrendered at the lotus feet of Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in 1992, and immediately began serving His Divine Grace with full energy. Excelling in all fields of service, Śrīla Āchārya Mahārāj's earnest desire to satisfy Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj is evident for all to see. His travelling throughout

India leading pilgrimage parties, collecting foodstuffs and supplies for the Mission's service and establishing centres has profoundly increased public participation in the Mission of Śrī Chaitanya Sāraswat Maṭh. His dynamic international preaching as Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's representative has attracted the hearts of devotees worldwide and inspired them in their service lives. His extensive works expanding the facilities of the Mission include manifesting gloriously Śrī Govinda Kuṇḍa, the long-standing desire of Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj, as well as establishing beautiful temples in Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj's divine appearance place of Śrīpāṭ Bāmanpārā and in Siliguri. Śrīla Āchārya Mahārāj has also established an unprecedented temple and ashram in Śrī Ekachakrā Dhām. On the grand occasion of the inauguration of this ashram, the largest festival ever arranged by the Maṭh, a day on which Śrīla Āchārya Mahārāj made arrangements for 1,00,000 people to take *Prasādam*, Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj proclaimed in his broadcasted address:

“We are so indebted and so much blissful to Āchārya Mahārāj because he hears what Guru Mahārāj wants, what I want, and he makes that... He has done everything, all arrangements. He has capacity, he has done so much, and it is miracle... Śrīpād Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya Mahārāj, he is an impossible man! A miraculous man whose energy is over-flooded for the service of our society. He is my very dear friend, very dear disciple, very dear worker, everything. My blessings to him. He is doing all of my own attending service duties and I am so happy.”

When Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj gave him *sannyās* in 1999 with the name 'Bhakti Nirmal Āchārya' Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj indicated his future position, and then formally on 4th December 2009, the last Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā of his manifest Pastimes,