
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math

Founder-President-Acharyya: Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj
President Sevaite-Acharyya: Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj

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His Life and Mission in brief

Appearance and holy place of Advent:

Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj appeared in this world on December 17th, 1929, at Bamunpara, a small rural village in the Burdwan district of West Bengal. According to the Vaishnava lunar calendar, his Appearance on the Dvitiya day of the month of Narayan falls generally in the latter half of December.

When he joined this Math and Mission:

Srila Govinda Maharaj joined the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math in 1947 at the age of seventeen. A few weeks later, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, his Guru and the founder of this Mission, surprised everyone by announcing that his young disciple would later become his successor.



Forty-two years trained and prepared by his Guru:

Srila Govinda Maharaj lived forty-two years in the close association of his Gurudev, and was prepared by him. During that time Srila Sridhar Dev-Goswami gave his association and deep love, and firmly established him as his most prominent disciple.

Intimate associate of Prabhupad Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj:

The Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math was started in 1941, more than twenty five years before ISKCON. The founder of ISKCON, Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad considered Srila Sridhar Maharaj as his Siksha-Guru. He considered Srila Govinda Maharaj as his dearest son, and taught him Srimad Bhagavad-gita. Srila Govinda Maharaj is continuing the world preaching of Krishna consciousness with the spirit and dedication shown by Srila Prabhupad. His Mission is distinct from ISKCON, but Srila Govinda Maharaj has much appreciation for their preaching work, and is well respected by the devotees of that institution.

Srila Govinda Maharaj's education and preparation:

Srila Sridhar Maharaj himself saw to Srila Govinda Maharaj's education, and had him properly trained in Sanskrit and Bengali grammar and literary composition, as well as the conclusions of the Shastras (Vedic literatures). From the beginning, Srila Govinda Maharaj demonstrated a remarkable memory and the ability to learn quickly just by hearing. He has deep insight, and the ability to capture even what is not apparent to others.

Srila Govinda Maharaj, the builder of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math:

In 1941, Srila Sridhar Maharaj announced in Sanskrit verse that the glories of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math would be known throughout the world. At that time, the "Math" was only a humble straw house. It is Srila Govinda Maharaj who under the direction and supervision of his Guru built and manifest the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

In 1986, Srila Govinda Maharaj was given the chair of Srila Guru Maharaj:

In 1986, Srila Sridhar Maharaj established Srila Govinda Maharaj in his chair. Thus, more than two years before his departure from this world, Srila Govinda Maharaj's spiritual master happily saw the culmination of his desires and the culmination of his preparation of Srila Govinda Maharaj as his successor. His vision for the future manifest when he gave Srila Govinda Maharaj the responsibility for maintaining his Deities, Mission and devotees.

Fulfilling the prophecy of Srila Sridhar Maharaj:

Today, with more than 64 temples worldwide, and more than 20,000 followers throughout the world, Srila Govinda Maharaj is fulfilling the prophecy of Srila Sridhar Maharaj. Srila Govinda Maharaj has commented that he is repeatedly travelling throughout the world just to see how the prophecy of Srila Guru Maharaj (Srila Sridhar Maharaj) has come true. Of course, it is Srila Govinda Maharaj himself who is manifesting and fulfilling this prophecy.

Twenty-one world tours:

As of January 2005, Srila Govinda Maharaj has been on twenty-one world tours, and visited countries all over the world. Due to the sincere invitation and insistence of a growing worldwide community, Srila Govinda Maharaj tirelessly travels and visits the devotees, and true seekers. He has travelled repeatedly to all the major continents of the world, and appeared on national television and radio worldwide. In Mexico, in the important seaport of Veracruz, he was honoured by the Mayor with the key to the city, an honour previously bestowed upon the Queen of England and other distinguished personalities.

Important centres in London, America, Australia, Russia, etc.:

Today, due to the preaching of Srila Govinda Maharaj, there are prominent centres in London, in America, South America,

Australia, throughout Europe, South Africa and Mauritius, and the Middle-East. In Russia alone there are five important centres, thousands of devotees, and a large Radha-Krishna Temple has been built in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

Books and publications:

More than two hundred different books have been published in more than twenty languages. Millions of copies of books, monthly magazines such as Gaudiya Darshan, Sadhu Sangha, and Vaishnava Toshani, and other publications have been distributed worldwide.

Spreading India's culture, fame, and teachings throughout the world:

Srila Govinda Maharaj is the most prominent living representative of Gaudiya Vaishnavism in the world today. He is actually the head of the Rupanuga line, and a true follower in the line of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He is an eminent scholar and writer trained and versed in both Sanskrit and Bengali. We are pleased to introduce you to such an honourable, outstanding devotee, saint, gentleman, and true Vaishnava: Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

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