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"I want to take every spiritual aspirant along the path of progress and I will certainly help him unless he himself is unwilling to proceed...



How can it be that I will leave anybody halfway on his spiritual journey? The progress of a particular person depends on the situation he is in.

# In Memory of Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj Oct 5th 1922 - Nov 15th 2013



ajñāna timirāndhasya jñānāñjana śhalākayā chakṣhurunmīlitam yena tasmai śhrī guruve namaḥ

"We offer our respectful obeisances unto our Spiritual Master, who has opened our eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge."

Our Beloved Spiritual Master, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj, who had mercifully manifested his leelas on planet earth for ninety-one long years, decided that it was time to bring his visible pastimes to a close, and in the morning of 15th November, 2013, returned to the Divine Abode of Radha Krishna.

What he gave to humankind during his stay in our world can never be sufficiently eulogized in words; the whole planet shall remain indebted to him for his gift of love. In the annals of great *rasik* saints who have graced this world with their divine gift of devotion, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj, the 5th authentic Jagadguru of this age, shines like the sun illuminating the entire universe with his knowledge, love and grace.

Seldom has a personality of such divine significance, possessing unfathomable scriptural authority and mesmerizing eloquence descended on earth in last 5000 years. His very presence exuded the sweetness of the nectar of divine love, flowing like a stream for the fortunate souls to quench the thirst of innumerable lifetimes.

Describing a *rasik* saint and his greatness is akin to the blind describing the beauty of nature or the deaf about the harmony in an orchestra. How can a bee describe the honey it drowns in?



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Till such a time as he keeps himself away from the path devotion, he will be away from the Guru's protection. Kripalu will also be kind to take him into his fold again, even though he has committed innumerable sins."

- Kripalu

# Gems of Wisdom by Shree Maharajji



Constantly realize the presence of God and Guru with you. Never feel that you are alone. This is very important for devotion. When this decision becomes firm, then. your mind will easily become focused in meditation and you will never commit any sin.

Be a lover of God, not of the world. Do not beg your God and Master for wealth material goods. When you bow to God but desire the world, you prove that you love not the Creator, but his creation. If you insist on God something, ask the same thing as Prahlad: "God! Kindly destroy the very seed of desire that exists in my heart."

Never have any ill feelings towards anyone, even towards the one who hates and criticizes you. Learn to become neutral.

As the embodiment of the nectar of divine love, he came to reveal the supreme nature of *bhakti* for all of us to follow, and help souls achieve God-realization. Such causeless grace can only be divine, as the benefactor of such grace breaks free from the endless cycle of birth and death, to become one with God. This priceless spiritual gift can only be granted by a God-realized saint to a humble and deserving soul. Such benevolence transcends the realm of material achievements and greatness.

He revealed the most sublime spiritual knowledge, which had remained abstruse and inaccessible for many millennia, and distributed it so munificently in this age of multimedia that he inundated the earth with it. On the irrefutable authority of all the Vedic scriptures, he established selfless divine love for Radha Krishna as the highest ideal for us to strive for in our lives. And yet, knowing that the ideal was too high and the journey too long for most materially conditioned souls to complete in one lifetime, he mercifully left as his legacy, a treasure chest of the Names, Forms, Virtues, Pastimes, and Abodes of God, in the form of the tens of thousands of bhajans, keertans, padas, and couplets that he composed. These will now be the elixir for future generations of devotees and the subject of research and study for Ph.D. scholars and academicians to come.

His grace showered upon all fortunate souls who came in touch with him, irrespective of caste, creed, religion, and country. For the tens of thousands of souls who had the good fortune of receiving his personal guidance and association, he expanded himself in their hearts to become their everything in life-Guru, Father, Mother, Best Friend, Beloved, and Support. It is hard to imagine life without his physical presence.

Let us remember, he himself had taught us to practice the presence of God and Guru with us at all times. In concurrence with his teachings, let us remain steadfast in the conviction that, although we cannot see him with our material eyes, he continues to stay in our midst, noting our every thought and action, and showering his grace as we strive to walk the path he revealed to us. In this hour of grief, we should strongly reaffirm our resolve to implement his every instruction for purifying our hearts and for pushing forward his mission. This is the most befitting way of showing our respect to him.

The worldwide mission that Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj established, with several ashrams, centers, hospitals, educational institutes and congregational centers shall continue his work of material and spiritual service of humankind. The three main ashrams established by Maharajji in Mangarh, Vrindavan, and Barsana will continue to serve as the worldwide headquarters of the mission.

With humble prayers, on the solemn event of Shree Maharajji leaving his body on the 15th of November, 2013 for the Divine Abode of Shree Radha Krishna, we dedicate this issue of our e-Magazine to our beloved Gurudev. We recollect some of his divine pastimes, the amazing literature that he revealed and a few of his timeless words with the hope that it will bring solace to devotees world over, and inspire them to further strengthen their devotion.

In the service of our Beloved Gurudev, Swami Mukundananda

# Jagadguruttam - Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj





Great people are born and achieve many a high goals. Some influence the dynamics of this world with their deeds, ideas and vision. But the descension of a *rasik* saint such as Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj bears immeasurable significance for the entire human race in many dimensions.

God and Saints work their miracles inside of a human being. They inspire and motivate a soul to turn towards spirituality as the only solace to inner discontentment and

suffering. It is the Guru or the Saint who transforms a soul so that he is deserving of God's Grace. Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj, the embodiment of such divine grace, worked tireless for ninety years, pioneering a spiritual uprising not seen since the descension of the Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhuji in the 15th century.

Shree Maharajji chose the auspicious night of Sharad Poornima in October 1922 to descend on planet earth, in a tiny hamlet called Mangarh, close to the holy city of Prayag (Allahabad). Mangarh is also very close to Shringaverpur, another holy spot where Lord Ram enacted one his very important divine past times during His descension in *Tretayuq*.

Shree Maharajji, was a prodigious student and excelled in his studies whilst remaining as active and naughty as a child would normally be. He completed much of his scholastic duties at the early age of 15, earning his degree in sanskrit literature and history as *Vyakaranachrya* (Master of Sanskrit Grammar). Few know that he had also been awarded the degree of *Kavyatirtha* in 1942. He also received his degree as *Ayurved Acharya* (Master of Ayurved) from Delhi Vidyapeet in 1943 and *Sahitya Acharya* (Master of History) from Calcutta Vidyapeet in 1943.

#### Sankeertan Movement

Even during his study period, Shree Maharajji revealed his divine state by conducting long sessions of devotional chanting, *naam sankeertan* called *akhanda sankeertan* (non-stop chanting) for days together. At times, they would even go on for weeks and months. Many have witnessed Shree Maharajji's continuous state of ecstatic divine chanting. Remaining deeply engrossed in the divine love of Radha Krishna, as though in a trance, he would reveal many states of bhav or devotional sentiments that would parallel and bring reminiscences of the state that Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, revealed 500 years ago.

He travelled the length and breadth of central India as a Paramahans, completely absorbed in divine love of Radha Krishna. Shree Maharajji would remain immersed in the ecstasy of divine love, remaining unconscious for hours on end. He would suddenly burst into a fit of unrestrained laughter or break into a roaring cry. He would go without food for days together.

Realizing that yearning souls would not be able comprehend the high state of Mahabhav bhakti that he was in, Shree Maharajji decided to lower his state of divine ecstasy and conduct sankirtan programs. This gave people a chance to interact and associate with him at a personal level. This was the genesis of the kirtan movement that he popularized in the 1940s and 50s. He would ignite ecstatic chanting sessions, singing the glory of Radha Krishna along with 'Hari Bol' chanting, leading it to a crescendo many times over. Astonishingly, these bhav filled kirtans would go on for days together without a break.

From the forests of Chitrakoot to Indore, Mahu, Vrindavan, Mathura, Agra and Kanpur he light the flame of devotion in the hearts of all who associated with him. Throughout his non-stop tours across the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on foot, people felt the closeness of his affection and grace, regaling in the sentiments of devotion that he inspired in them.

For nearly 20 years, he showered the bliss of divine nectar wherever he set foot. In the mid 1950s, he started to reveal divine scriptural knowledge from the Vedas, Upanishads, Shastras, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayan and Bhagwatam, much to astonishment of his close associates then. Nobody had ever seen him read or practice the scriptures but he spoke with masterly knowledge, taking all by surprise and leaving them awestruck.

### Spiritual Master of the World

In 1955, he arranged a grand conference of scholars and spiritual personalities in Chitrakoot. In 1956, he convened a larger gathering of scriptural luminaries in Kanpur, inviting the best scholars of the country to speak on spirituality and philosophy. Hundreds of thousands of people attended both these conferences. Shree Maharajji spoke about the path towards God-realization, clarifying the various philosophical contradictions that exist in the scriptures.

Shree Maharajji's scriptural prowess and a treasure house of knowledge had amazed even the most well respected scholars. This prompted the Kashi Vidvat Parishat, the supreme body of the most highly read scholars and pandits in India at that time, to invite Shree Maharajji for a debate on the scriptures. This was in the year 1957. Shree Maharajji spoke for 10 days in classical and Vedia Sangkrit, dispulling spiritual confusions and reconciling

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What they saw unfold over those 10 days convinced the scholars comprehensively to accept that the extent of Shree Maharajji's knowledge was not only unfathomable, but divine in nature since it is humanly impossible to possess such deep philosophical and scriptural mastery. It is well documented that Shree Maharajji was befittingly honored with the title of 'Jagadguru' and 'Jagadguruttam', supreme amongst all Jagadgurus.

The transition of Shree Maharajji from his Mahbhav state to that of the Jagadguru was one his monumental and pivotal acts of divine grace. For the benefit of souls who craved for devotional inspiration the world over, he started to deliver extensive lectures on many topics related to *bhakti*, *sadhana* and God-realization.

Inherently merciful without cause, Shree Maharajji began to reveal the divine secrets and absolute truths hidden in our scriptures in a literary form never presented by any saint in history. How can one every fathom the magnanimity behind such grace!

#### **Divine Literature Revealed**

In all previous descensions of God and the Saints, we have seen that their literature is written after they ascended to their Divine abode. For instance, Ved Vyas compiled the Srimad Bhagwatam, which has descriptions of Radha and Krishn's pastimes, much after Lord Krishna ascended. Also, even though Valmiki compiled the Ramayan during Lord Shri Ram's time on earth, it was only available to the ordinary souls much after He ascended. During his descension, Chaitanya Mahaprabhuji did not reveal much divine knowledge or give lectures, except for his 8-step devotional process called Shikshastak. Even Mahaprabhuji's life history, in the form of Chaitanya Charitamrit, was compiled many years after he ascended.

Shree Maharajji's repertoire of literary and spoken commentaries surpasses that of all the previous Jagadgurus and prominent saints who wrote commentaries on various scriptures of Sanatan Dharm.

Shree Maharajji, amongst his countless acts of grace for the benefit of ordinary souls, revealed and documented the 'Philosophy of Divine Love' in 1955. It contains the essence and nectar of all the scriptures and spiritual philosophies revealed by the previous Jagadgurus. He dictated the whole book to a devotee and recited the quotations from each of the scriptures mentioned in the book without ever having read the scriptures!

'Prem Ras Siddhant' or the 'Philosophy of Divine Love' is the crown jewel amongst many other priceless gems of divine revelations that Shree Maharajji has gifted us in his lifetime.

Shree Maharajji has also revealed the divine leelas of Radha Krishna and the nectar of divine love in the form of 1008 songs called '**Prem Ras Madira**'. It reveals the seven step process towards God-realization, the highest level of bliss that can be achieved by a soul. Literally, 'Divine Love Intoxicant' drowns a devotee in the ocean of divine bliss if relished with a humble and sincere heart. The breath, depth and loftiness in the divine compositions cannot be summed up in words but only felt inside a kindred spirit.

Shree Maharajji made the process of God-realization even more accessible to us with 'Bhakti Shatak', the 100 couplets describing the philosophy complete philosophy in the most commonly understandable language.

If these were not enough to satiate a hungry soul, Shree Maharajji further elucidated the philosophy in simple 2-line couplets in 'Radha Govind Geet', a divine composition of 11,111 couplets eulogizing the glories of Radha Krishna bhakti and inspiring devotional sentiments in simple language.

His awe-inspiring literature overflowed with nectar of Shree Radha Krishna devotion. No wonder he was honored as the 'Descension of the Divine Love' or **Bhakti-yog Rasavatar** more than 50 years ago. Without the priceless literature that he wrote, which is completely in consonance with the Vedas, Upanishads, Shastras, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayan and Bhagwatam, we souls would never have realized the nature of our true self, the existence of the Divine realm and the sweet nectar of Braj Ras. How bereft we would have been of all these priceless treasures without the grace of our beloved Maharajji!

Over the last 50 years, he has delivered thousands of lectures across India and many other countries. His words have the power to transform a hardened atheist into a surrendered God loving soul in an instant. The sheer number and variety of people who have associated with Shree Maharajji and his divine words stand testimony to his mesmerizing lectures. Even the most erudite and intellectually inclined have had their hearts melt in the presence of Shree Maharajji's divine persona.

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#### **Spiritual Foundation**

To further help people progress on the path towards God-realization, he built several ashrams and satsang centers, with the support of devotees from across the world. Prominent amongst them is JKP-Bhakti Dham in Mangarh with a capacity to host over 10,000 devotees at a time, Rangeeli Mahal in Barsana (Mathura, UP) and Shyama Shyam Dham in Vrindavan, UP.

Shree Maharajji also dedicated 'Bhakti Bhavan' in Mangarh, the unique and massive dome shaped hall for satsang programs with a capacity of over 15,000 people, which makes it one of the biggest congregational halls in Asia.

He dedicated the temple of devotion, 'Bhakti Mandir' to his beloved devotees in 2005 and his pièce de résistance, the incomparable 'Prem Mandir', is aptly known as the temple of Divine Love in Vrindavan, in the year 2012.

Never short of compassion, Shree Maharajji has dedicated three large charitable hospitals for the poor and needy, one each in Mangarh, Barsana and Vrindavan. He has also built a school and college for women with over 1000 students near Mangarh ashram and a Management college in the offing.

Every step he took, every line he spoke or wrote was for the glorification of Radha Krishna and his act of causeless grace for the benefit of souls. His presence radiated bliss and his words filled with the divine nectar of *Braj Ras* will forever be etched in the hearts of every soul that had the priceless fortune of his divine association.

The supreme spiritual master of this world, the descension of divine love, the undisputed authority of Vedic religion and the reconciler of all spiritual doctrines, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj is the personified form of Divine Love.

The descension of Shree Maharajji and his grace beyond comparison. Shree Maharajji is the epitome of the elite class of *rasik* saints who revealed the true path of God-realization and the divine bliss of *bhakti*, enlightening the entire world.

#### **Vedic Ceremonies and Functions**

As a part of the last rites ceremonies, the sacred ashes were immersed in the holy places of Prayag, Kashi and Vrindavan. They will also be done at Haridwar, Puri, Ganga Sagar, Navadwip, Rameshwaram, Nashik and Dwarka with the congregational chanting of the Holy Names of God.

Brahmin Bhoj, Sadhu Bhoj, and Vidhva Bhoj in Mangarh, Vrindavan and Barsana were also conducted as a part of the extensive ceremonies. In each of these programs, thousands of poor and needy people were fed sumptuously and given numerous gifts of charity.

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Media Coverage on Shree Maharajji's Departure to Divine Abode

# Drops of Nectar from Shree Maharajji's Childhood

Shree Maharajji was very playful from his young days. Although he went to school, he never really studied. He would buy all the books and attend the lectures but nobody ever saw him studying after school. Despite that, he scored maximum, much to the amazement of both the teachers and the pupils.

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The second was in *Saahitya* (classical) Sanskrit - this was quite difficult to comprehend. And the last one was in poetry form. Then he left a note in the end for the marker saying, "Please mark this according to your level of comprehension." meaning that the answer is even beyond the marker's comprehension!!! Well there is no need to say that Maharajji got 100% for that exam.

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Once Maharajji was travelling in a boat with some devotees on the beautiful Narmada In this particular incident when they were travelling from Maheshwar to Mandleshwar at night, the boat started rocking quite violently due to the rough waters. The devotees who were in the boat started getting quite concerned about their safety. Some started saying in their minds, "Oh *Punditji* (they used to refer to Maharajji as Punditji - which was in respect of Maharajji's scholarly abilities) please help us...what is going to happen to us?" However, instead of the waters becoming calmer, they kept on becoming more violent. And the darkness of the night time made the scene fiercer. Maharajji, who was well aware of everyone's concerns, suddenly decided to jump out of the boat. As soon as he jumped into the river, the river became really calm. In fact, when he was in the waters, miraculously the water only came to his waist level. In a very hilarious manner, Maharajji said to the devotees "Look, the water isn't deep at all - its only waist deep. You people shouldn't be afraid of anything at all!". The devotees could do nothing but look at Maharajji with amazement. They presumed that the river Narmada, which is in fact a Goddess residing in the form of the river in India, wanted to touch the lotus feet of Shree Maharajji. Therefore, it subsided and became calm as soon as Maharajji touched it.

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On one occasion, there was a stick game competition. Usually you have two people in one stick game, each playing against the other. However, Maharajji challenged everyone to play against him at the same time. People thought that Maharajji was joking. The Umpire asked Maharajji whether he was serious. Maharajji replied that he was absolutely serious. So, eight of the strongest people were chosen to challenge Maharajji simultaneously. Maharajji defeated all eight of them with his skills to everyone's amazement.

About eight people were attacking Shree Maharajji simultaneously. However, Maharajji was defending with his stick so fast that no one could even touch his body. Everyone who witnessed this occasion was amazed and spellbound at what they saw. They felt that something supernatural was happening and couldn't believe their eyes. And Maharajji's friends who were seeing this incident, felt extremely happy and proud. They said to themselves, "Oh my Kripalu...Look at how wonderfully he is competing".

# Drops of Nectar from Shree Maharajji's Youth

When Shree Maharajji was in Mahu, in his early twenties, he freely distributed the bliss of Radha Krishna's divine name through *naam sankeertan*. He frequently visited Mandaleshwar and Maheshwar and had nonstop *naam sankeertan* programs of mostly one to two weeks or even more in those places and also near Narmada River.

Once in Gopal Mandir in Mahu a fifteen days *naam sankeertan* program was organized, but slowly it extended to four months. Every day the devotees had new and exceptional devotional experiences. All the devotees of Maheshwar, Mandaleshwar, and Mahu were very close to Shree Maharajji, like a family members. The magnitude of the divine love which Shree Maharajji gave in his satsang was unbelievable.

On another occasion, there was seven-day non-stop *sankeertan* program at Kheri Ghat on the bank of Narmada River, which is famous for the sudden rise of its water level during the rains. It was the rainy season, and news came that the Narmada is rising rapidly. Devotees were concerned as to what would happen if it rose further. Shree Maharajji drew a line on the bank and said, "Narmada will not cross this line." He said to the devotees, "Do not worry; feeling the closeness of Radha Krishna keep doing your devotions." The program went on smoothly and all the devotees were very happy. When the chanting got over and the devotees started leaving, they saw the Narmada begin swelling. It rose until it touched Maharajji's feet and then began receding.

#### Featured Items - Keertan CDs

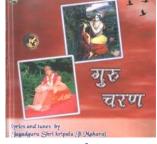












Guru Charan



Guru Kripa

# **Experiences of Devotees**

#### From an atheist to a believer

This particular incident was narrated by one such devotee who had not just one, but many other similar divine experiences of Shree Maharajji to share. He recalls that once, much before Shree Maharajji had received the title of Jagadguru, he was staying in Kanpur at Seth Hanuman Prasad's residence. Seth Hanuman Prasad was a staunch devotee of Shree Maharajji, but his brother was not only uninterested in Maharajji, he was also completely against him. He constantly tried hard to convince Hanuman Prasad to stop engaging in devotion to Shree Maharajji.

Back in those days Shree Maharajji used to preach for hours at a stretch, and predominantly conducted *sankeertans*. Those *sankeertans* were so distinguished that the entire audience used to be enraptured in the divine bliss. They would dance and sing the glories of Radha Krishna, while streams of tears flowed from everybody's eyes. When Maharajji preached, he spoke in very simple Hindi language and made minimal use of Sanskrit. When Seth Hanuman Prasad's brother and other people of his community saw Maharajji using such ordinary language in his preaching, they mistook it for his lack of knowledge of the Sanskrit language. They seized this as an opportunity to insult Maharajji and accordingly chalked out an elaborate plan to get rid of him. They invited four famous and learned *Pundits* of Sanskrit language from Kashmir to Kanpur.

One day when Maharajji was sitting in a room with other devotees, Seth Hanuman Prasad's brother and other people from the community entered the same room along with the four pundits from Kashmir. The *Pundits* (learned scholar) seemed very influential and they were dressed in fine clothing with impressive turbans. The moment they walked in, the other people introduced the *Pundits* to Maharajji and told him that the *Pundits* wished to converse with him in Sanskrit. The head *Pundit* was a tall man and exuded arrogance in his demeanor; he immediately recited a Sanskrit verse and asked Shree Maharajji to interpret it. On the one hand, the *Pundits* and their community became excited to witness the moment they could publicly embarrass Maharajji, and on the other hand the devotees of Maharajji who were also unaware of his prowess in Sanskrit language became anxious for his response.

Maharajji in his natural manner responded effortlessly to the *Pundit*. He began by quoting the Veda from which the particular verse was taken, and then interpreted its complete meaning. Not only that, he went ahead and corrected the pundit by telling him that he had made fourteen mistakes while reciting the verse. Thus once again by beautifully reciting the verse, Maharajji left his devotees enthralled and detractors aghast. The head pundit in humiliation removed his turban and placed it at Maharajji's feet, and he burst out crying. One by one the remaining pundits did the same and begged Maharajji for his forgiveness. The community was also ashamed of their ignorant attempt to defame a divine personality such as Maharajji. In fact that day, Hanuman Prasad's brother was not only ashamed but he transformed to become a devotee of Maharajji.

This divine pastime of Shree Maharajji reminds of a similar incident that took place nearly 500 years ago with Chaitanaya Mahaprabhu. In the very same manner, Chaitanaya Mahaprabhu had pointed out various mistakes in the composition of a learned scholar from Kashmir, who also became his devotee.

### 'Encounter' with Shree Maharajji

Another devotee narrated an incident which dates back to 16th August 2000. Just as the devotee was preparing to board his flight from San Francisco in USA, he received a message from Rangeeli Mahal Barsana, requesting him to urgently bring some essential herbs from USA. Taking this instruction as a service to his Gurudev, the devotee immediately went around the town and within 3-4 hours collected all the items to be taken to Rangeeli Mahal.

Later he and his wife hurriedly reached the airport, but found that the computer systems were not working. There was a long queue for the economy class, and it would have taken them nothing less than four hours to get their own boarding passes. The devotee felt anxious as his wife was not keeping well and they also had a lot of luggage to manage. As he was weighing his options to find a solution to his problem, his eyes fell on an Indian girl working at the booking counter for the Executive Class. Before he could even think of approaching her for help, he saw his wife was already speaking to the girl. His wife explained her health problem to the girl and urged her to help them. The devotee recalled that the girl could have easily refused to help them but instead she

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This was an incredibly astonishing experience for the devotee as he had been travelling from USA to India for the last twelve years, but never before had he been treated this way. Just as he was leaving for the security check, he thought of taking the girl's name and writing an appreciation letter to her later. When he went back to the counter he found that the girl was preparing to leave, so he thanked her and asked her name. The girl smiled in a mysterious manner and replied, "Shayma Shyam Shree". The devotee was completely taken aback, he thought to himself, "Shyama Shyam is the name of the Ashram at Vrindavan, but can a person be named Shyama Shyam Shree"? The next moment he looked at the counter, the girl had left. When the devotee remembered the mysterious smile of the girl, he felt Shree Maharajji was smiling in the same mysterious way. The devotee realized that to facilitate their journey to India, Shree Maharajji had himself appeared in the form of a girl.