

Raghunatha das Goswami



The Goswamis of Vrindavan

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- Saptagrama was a big inland seaport leased 12 Lakhs annually from the emperor of Gauda by brothers Hiranya & Govardhan
- Raghunath das was born 1417, son of Governor. He learned from Balaram Acharya where he met Haridas Thakur



Meeting

- News reached Saptagram, Chaitanya had taken sannyas and gone to Advait Acharya at Santipur
- Raghunatha got Lord Chaitanya's foot on his head, then lifted & embraced him

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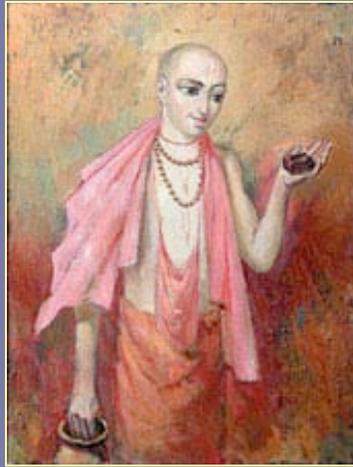
Advaita Bhavan

Stayed with Lord Chaitanya in Advaita's house for a week - wanted to give up kingdom as only heir & go to Mahaprabhu



Raghunatha Dasa

- Dwarf who wants the moon
- Thief

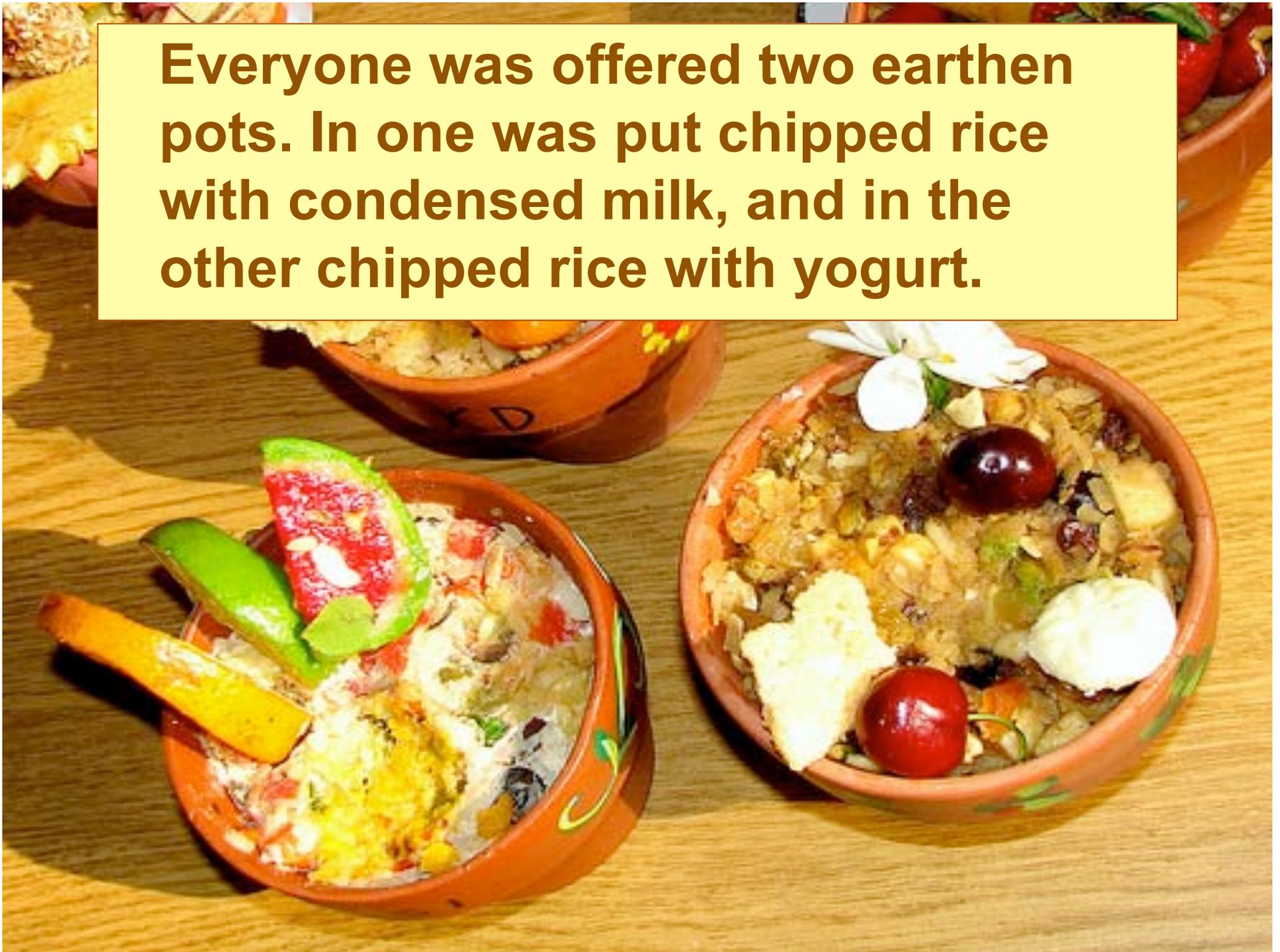


- Caught & put feet on head
If you are merciful, I may be able to

Cowherd Boy

“I belong to a community of cowherd boys, and therefore I generally have many cowherd associates with Me. I am happy when we eat together in a picnic like this by the sandy bank of the river.”

Everyone was offered two earthen pots. In one was put chipped rice with condensed milk, and in the other chipped rice with yogurt.



**Lord Nityananda sat on the
raised platform with his
associates & the 7 pots**





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Chaitanya Arrives



From each and every pot, Lord Nityananda Prabhu took one morsel of chipped rice and pushed it into the mouth of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu as a joke. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, also smiling, took a morsel of food, pushed it into the mouth of Nityananda and laughed as He made Lord Nityananda eat it.

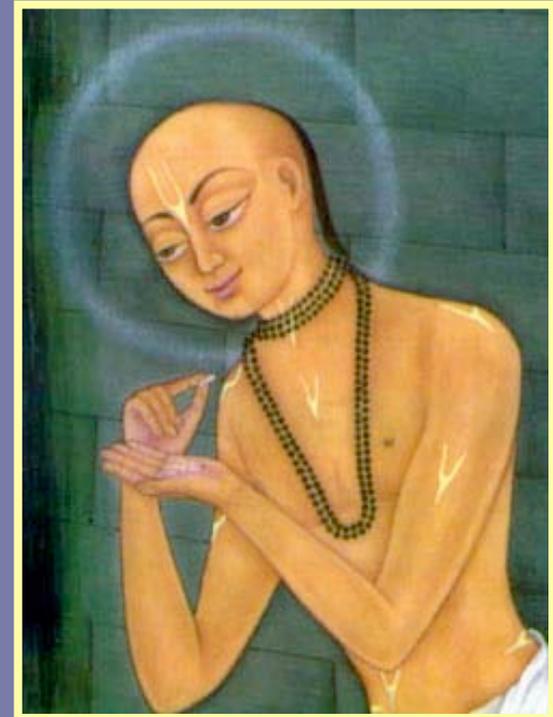


**When all the
Vaishnavas were
chanting the holy
names Hari, Hari
and eating, they
remembered how**

**Krishna and Balarama ate with Their
companions the cowherd boys on the bank
of the Yamuna.**

Me rocy

“No one can attain the shelter of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu without Your mercy, but if You are merciful, even the lowest of men can attain shelter at His lotus feet.”





“Raghunatha dasa’s standard of material happiness is equal to that of Indra, the King of heaven.”

King of Heaven

Because of the mercy bestowed upon him by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Raghunatha dasa, although situated in such material happiness, does not like it at all. Therefore let every one of you be merciful toward him and give him the benediction that he may very soon attain shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Bharat Maharaj

Lord Nityananda Prabhu called Raghunatha dasa near Him, placed His lotus feet upon Raghunatha dasa's head, & spoke.





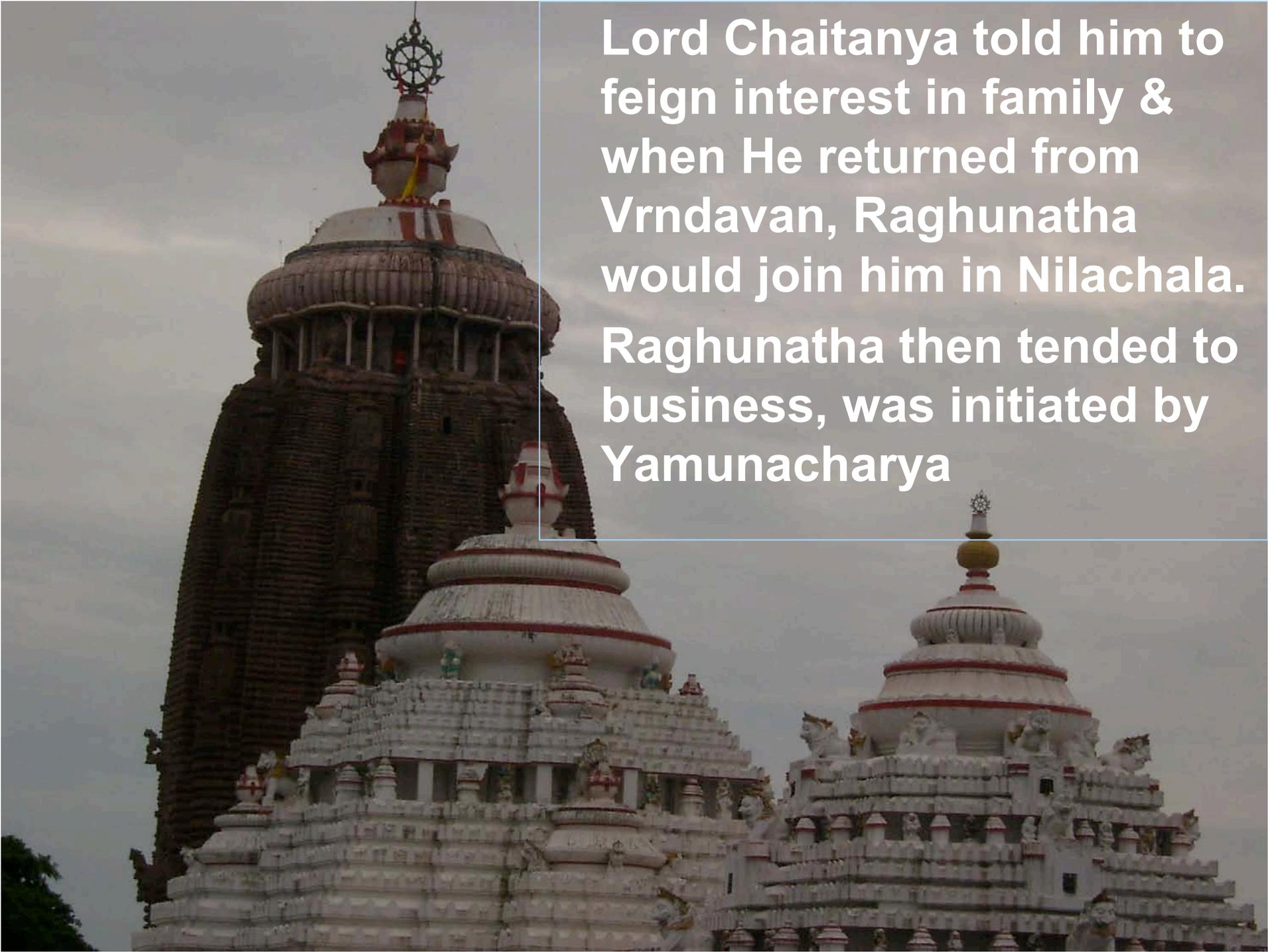
Fragrance

“One who experiences the fragrance of the lotus feet of Lord Krishna does not value even the standard of happiness available in Brahmhaloka, the topmost planet. And what to speak of heavenly happiness?”

Antya 6.137



“My dear Raghunatha dasa since you arranged the feast on the bank of the Ganges, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu came here just to show you His mercy.”



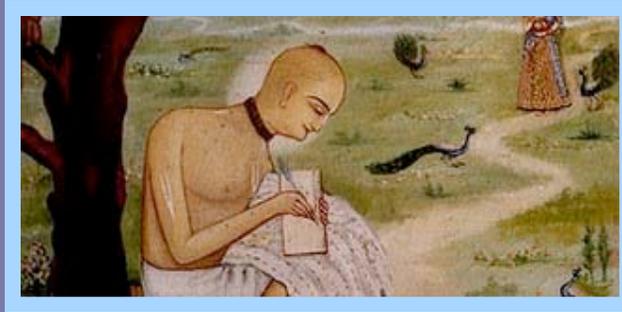
Lord Chaitanya told him to feign interest in family & when He returned from Vrndavan, Raghunatha would join him in Nilachala. Raghunatha then tended to business, was initiated by Yamunacharya

Renunciation

- Finally snuck out on an errand for his guru, arrived in Nilacal in 12 days
- Chaitanya gave Raghunatha to Svarup Damodar
- After 5 days he started standing at Simhadvara for food

Raghunatha said the calculations of who will give bhiksu (ayacaka-vrtti) impede bhajan, better go to a kshetra where alms are given appointed time (vestyavrtti).

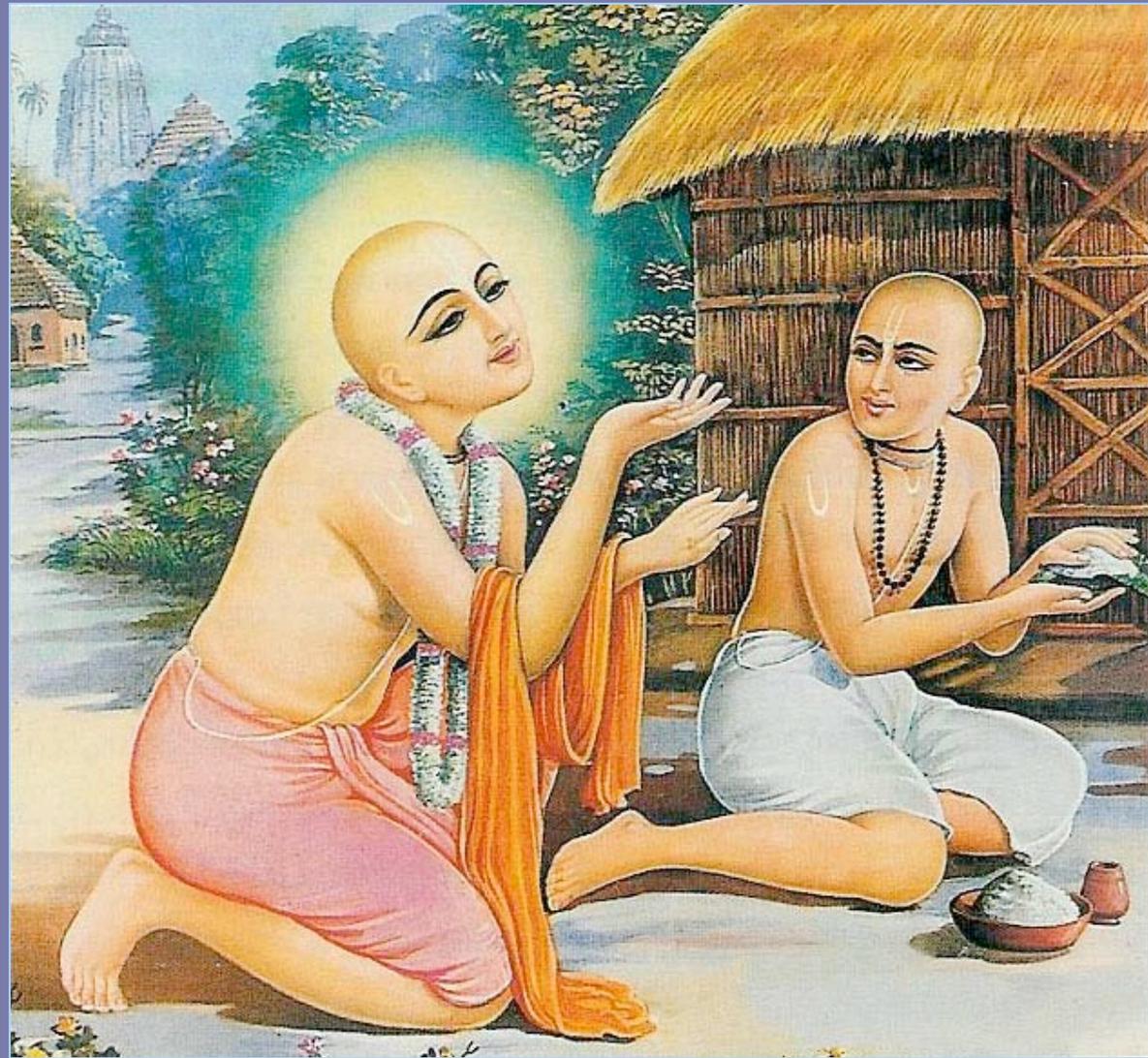




- **Father sent cook & 400 rupees monthly, Raghunatha took only enough to feed Lord Chaitanya twice a month, and after 2 years stopped**

**Raghunatha
took left rice,
washed the
rot, put a little
salt**

**Mahaprabhu
came there
and took the
maha
prasadam**



Sila & Gunga

Lord
Chaitanya
gave items
which he
had worn &
worshipped
for 3 years,
bathing with
His tears.



Chaitanya & Svarup left

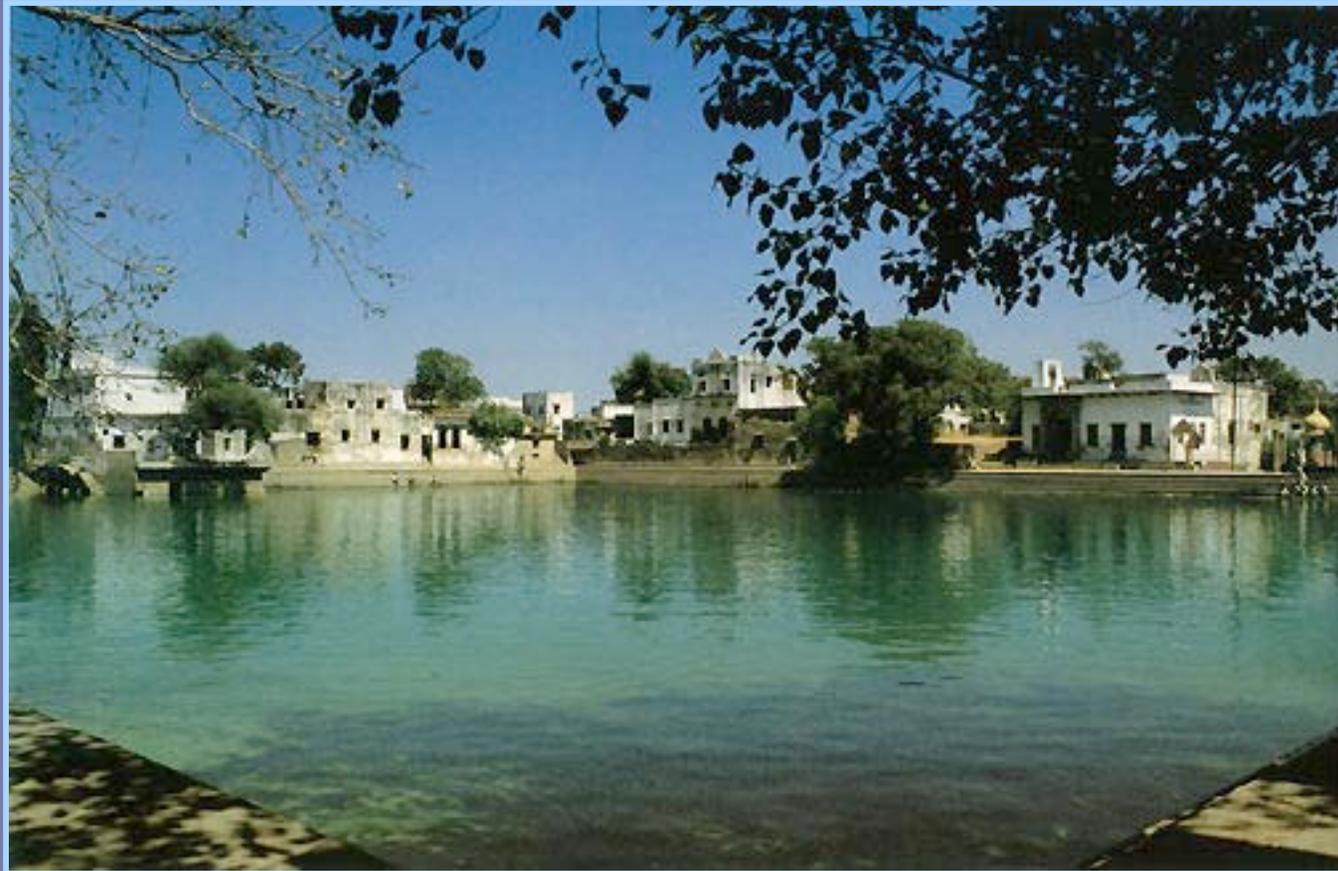
- After 16 years with these two, Raghunatha decided to go to Vrndavan & throw himself from Govardhana Hill (1544)
- Dissuaded by Rupa & Sanatan as he was direct observer & custodian of Gaura lila.
- Bhajan was 22 1/2 hours daily, etched in stone



Once Sanatan saw Krishna protecting Raghunatha from tiger & asked for hut to be built.

On another occasion, Raghunatha dasa, who still hadn't bothered to have a kutir constructed, was sitting in the noon day sun absorbed in his bhajana. Srimati Radharani stood behind him and held the end of her sari to shield him from the sun's rays. Then one of the Gosvamis came along and saw this heart-rending scene, while profuse perspiration continued to flow from Srimati Radharani's transcendental body. This time when he was again requested to do his bhajan in a kutir, he immediately complied. Built hut in a place called Arista gram.

**Krishna Das Kaviraj lived with
him in Radha Kund & heard all
Nilachala lila**



Radha Kund



One rich man was sent by Badri Narayana to pay for excavation of the two kundas

On the banks of Radha-kunda, the five Pandavas were residing in the form of trees. They appeared in a dream of Raghunatha dasa and forbade the cutting of those dreams. Today they are still residing thre.





- Near the Kundeswara Mahadeva Temple there is small temple of a pyramid shape. Raghunatha dasa Goswami rediscovered local Radha Krishna Deities during the excavation of Radhakunda.



Schedule

- 10,000 malas,
1,000 dandavats,
3 hours narrating
lila, 2 daily bathed
in Radha Kund, &
engaged day &
night in
smaranam

Stories

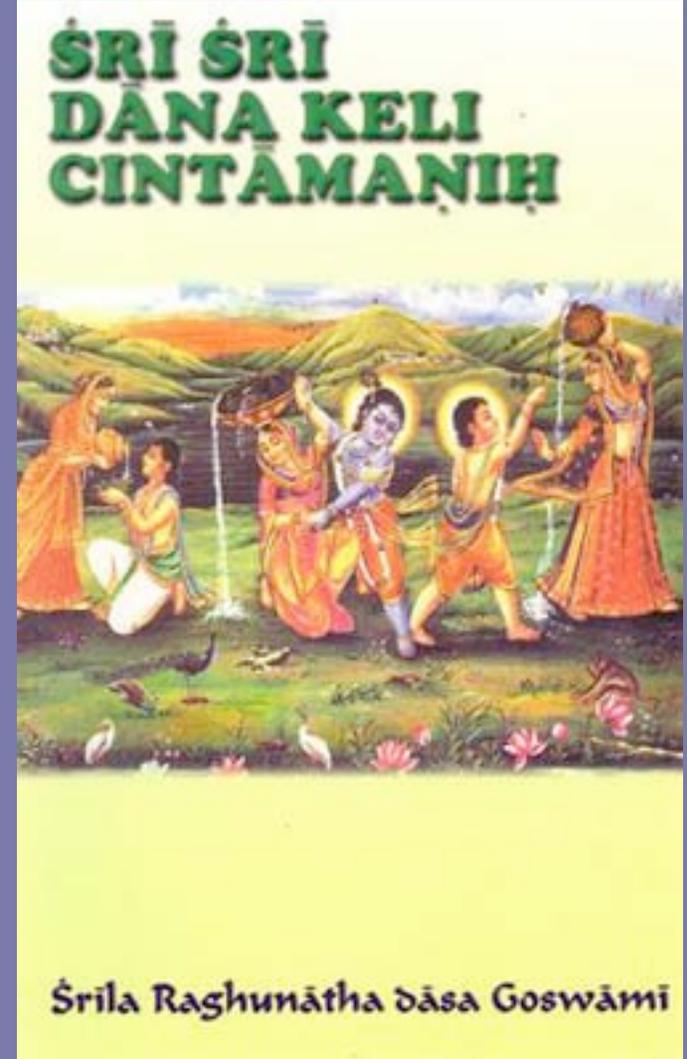
1. Indigestion caused by rice mixed with milk, which he had given in manasi seva, doctors examined & Vittal Natha said it could not be..Raghunatha corrected
2. Vraja Vasi named Dasa brought a bigger leaf for whey from village of Chandravali, leader of a group opposed to Radha



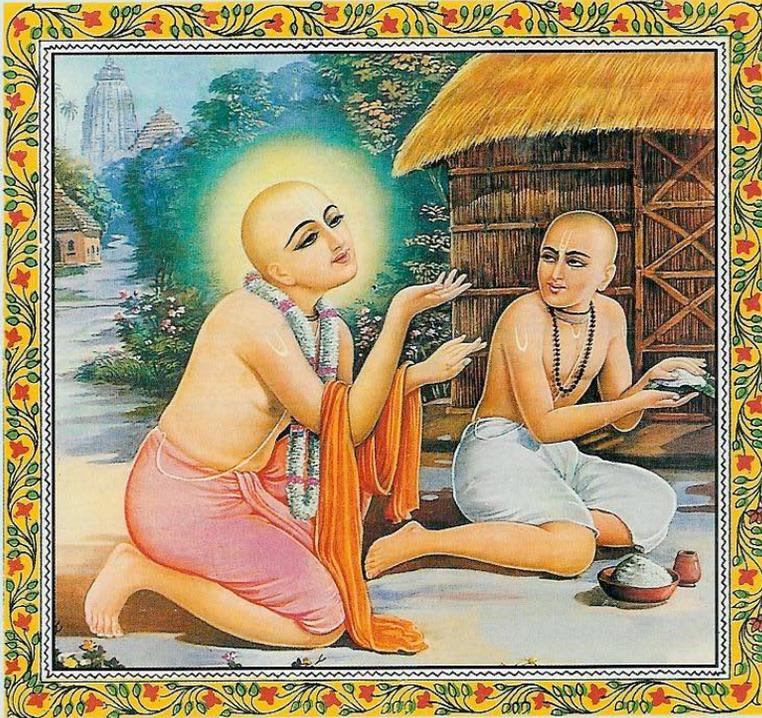
Passed in 1595

- Lived in Vrndavan for 41 years,
Puri 16
Chaitanya
Caritamrta started
in 1592
- Soul of humility

- Poet & Dramatist, expert in Sanskrit
- Stavavali
- Dankeli chintamani, Krishna tax collector
- Mukta caritam story of sowing pearls to decorate Krishna's two cows, Hansi & Harini



Śrī Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī's
Śrī Manaḥ-śikṣā



Śrī Bhajana-darpaṇa-digdarśinī-vṛtti
translation and commentary of Śrīla Bhaktivinode Thākura's
Bhajana-darpaṇa commentary of Das Gosvami's *Manaḥ-śikṣā*
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Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī



Passed away in his 76th year on the banks of Radha Kund - 1493



At his kutir chanting goes on 24/7 since 1960.

The End