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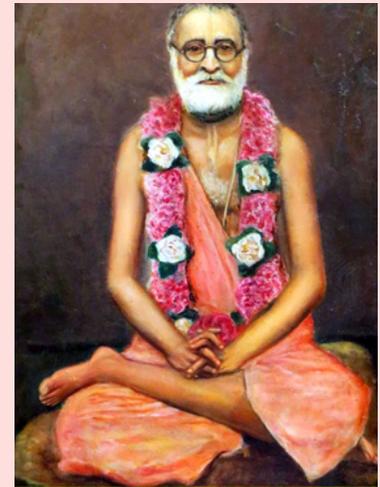
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## Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura

Interesting facts about Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur:

- When he was just six months old, Lord Jagannatha's Ratha-Yatra cart had halted in front of his house in Puri for three continuous days and could not be moved until he was brought before Lord Jagannath.
- By the time He was seven years old, he had memorized the entire Bhagavad-gita and could even explain its verses.
- He was given the title Siddhanta Sarasvati ("the pinnacle of wisdom") to which the prefix Bhakti ("devotion") was added to acknowledge his proficiency in Vaishnava studies.
- He is credited with reforming the traditions of Gaudiya Vaishnavism to the changing technological and the social conditions of the twentieth century.
- Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati was known as 'simha' (lion) 'guru' due to his fearless and ferocious preaching; impersonal philosophers were afraid of his intellect and he could easily defeat any argument.
- He wrote more than 108 essays and books, striving to present bhakti as a theistic science. He established 64 temples, known as Gaudiya Maths, inside and outside of India.
- He instructed A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami to preach the message of Lord Chaitanya throughout the world, this led to the establishment of ISKCON and undoubtedly the rest is history!



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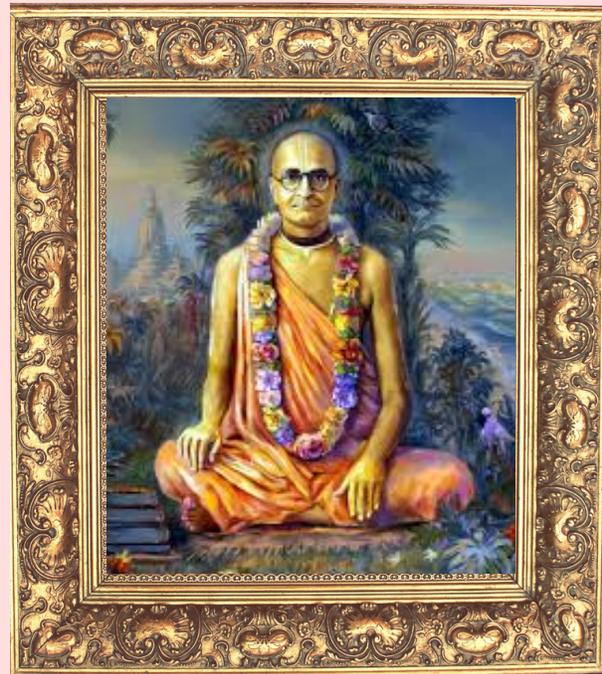
### Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura -- Appearance Day

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura (born Bimala Prasad Datta) appeared on February 6, 1874, in Jagannatha Puri, Orissa, near the Temple of Lord Jagannatha. He was the son of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and was born with special physical signs of a great soul, including a neck ring resembling kanti-mala.

Key Details Regarding His Appearance:

- Date & Time: February 6, 1874, at 3:30 PM (fifth day of the dark lunar fortnight, month of Govinda).
- Location: Purusottama Ksetra (Jagannatha Puri), in the family home near the Narayan-chhata.
- Parentage: Fourth son of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and Srimati Bhagavati Devi.
- Signs of a Great Soul: He was born with a natural string of kanti-mala (holy beads) around his neck and a bodily mark resembling tilaka.
- Childhood: At six months old, when his father's home in Puri was on the path of the Rathayatra cart, Lord Jagannatha's carriage stopped in front of their house for three days, and the child was offered a garland.
- Significance: He was born as a ray of Vishnu to re-establish Krsna consciousness and later became the spiritual master of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

He was known as the "Lion Guru" for his fierce preaching against impersonalism and atheism.



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## FESTIVALS

**6 Feb 2026 Friday Pancami**

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura -- Appearance  
(Fast till noon)

Sri Purusottama Das Thakura -- Disappearance

**12 Feb 2026 Thursday Ekadasi (suitable for fasting)**

Fasting for Vijaya Ekadasi

**13 Feb 2026 Friday Dvadasi**

Breakfast 10:22 (1/4 of tithi) - 11:02 (1/3 of daylight) LT

Sri Isvara Puri -- Disappearance

Kumbha Sankranti (Sun enters Aquarius on 12 Feb, 17:21 LT)

**15 Feb 2026 Sunday Caturdasi**

Siva Ratri

**17 Feb 2026 Tuesday Pratipat**

Srila Jagannatha Dasa Babaji -- Disappearance

Sri Rasikananda -- Disappearance

**20 Feb 2026 Friday Caturthi**

Sri Purusottama Dasa Thakura -- Appearance

**27 Feb 2026 Friday Ekadasi (suitable for fasting)**

Fasting for Amalaki vrata Ekadasi

**28 Feb 2026 Saturday Dvadasi**

Breakfast 07:07 (sunrise) - 10:15 (end of tithi) LT

Sri Madhavendra Puri -- Disappearance

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### LORD NITYANANDA APPEARANCE DAY [www.theIncc.com](http://www.theIncc.com)

By Radhanath Swami

The Supreme Mercy of The two Lords

In Vedanta Sutra there is a famous - "anandamyo bhyasat". This sloka explains the constitutional position of every living being. Everyone is looking for pleasure. The soul and it's natural condition is Sachidananda, eternal, full of knowledge, and full of bliss, full of ecstasy. Therefore the heart of every living being is constantly seeking beauty, charm, and ecstasy. Therefore the Lord descends into this world to distribute prema bhakti divine love. Because - which nourishes the heart and fulfill all its desires. When the lord appears in this world, he appears by his causeless mercy. Mercy is such a nature, when the lord descends that it is not subjected to any material laws, any laws of logic or any laws of reasoning. In fact the mercy of the lord is available to anyone in any position of life, who will simply accept it. It is described by Srila Rupa Gosvami

"namo maha-vadanyaya  
krsna-prema-pradaya te  
krsnaya krsna-caitanya-  
namne gaura-tvise namah"

Caitanya-caritamrita Madhya 19.53

Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the most munificent, merciful, and magnanimous all the incarnations. Because without considering, who is fit or who is unfit, he is distributing the mercy of the lord freely to everyone. Simply chant the name of Krishna, follow the simple principles of devotion and your life will be fulfilled with divine love. And the ecstasy, the charm, the beauty, that your heart is always seeking will be realized forever eternally. But unfortunately even the Supreme Lord Himself appears, many will not accepted. Therefore Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu ordered Lord Nityananda Prabhu to approach those persons, who will not accept love of God. Those persons who are too much attached to fallen sinful activities, those who are too attached to piety in material life, those who are too much attached to mental speculation, and so called religiosity. Thus due to pride will not accept the love of Krishna, even from Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself. The Lord instructed Lord Nityananda that these people they are yours. So Lord Nityanda is the very essence of mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

It is described by Narottamdas Thakur "vrajendra-nandana yei, saci-suta haila sei balarama haila nitai". That the beautiful divine son of Sri Nanda Maharaja, Lord Gopal, He has appeared in the age of Kali Yuga in the form of Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Balaramji, his eternal associate, his elder brother and His constant companion in Vraja dhama has appeared as Lord Nityananda. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu appealed to Lord Nityananda that you go and without any discrimination that who is fit or unfit, you somehow or other get everyone to accept the mercy of the holy name. And Lord Nityananda, although he is the supreme God Himself, he is appearing in the position of the devotee. In fact in Goloka Vrindavana we must understand that Balaram, although He is Krishna Himself, He is the supreme Bhagavan. He eternally appears as the servant of Krishna. In the form of Sankarshana, Anantasesha, He is Narayana's bed, His shoes, His umbrella. He is constantly simply trying to increase the pleasure of Lord Narayana. Similarly in the form of Lakshmana during Rama Lila. Lakshmana's only business was to give pleasure to Sri Rama. When they went into the Jarikanda forest, Lakshmana would not eat. He would not sleep. His only business was to protect Sri Rama. He was the supreme most devoted servant of Lord Rama. And similarly that same Lakshmana, that same balarama has appeared as Sri Nityananda Prabhu. His life, soul and everything is the pleasure of Sri Gaurasundra. He has no other ambition, no other mode of in life. Therefore Lord Nityananda is declared by all the acaryas to be the original spiritual master. Because he is the first expansion of godhead and appears exclusively for the pleasure of Godhead. Although He is Krishna, He could easily accept this same position. But he would never accept that position. Sometimes people that Balaram he also had His rasa lila. He was also supreme enjoyer. But Balaram never engaged in the rasa lila for his enjoyment. He simply came to the Vrindavana to specify the gopis in the service of Krishna. Everything Balaramji did, everything Lakshmana did, everything Anantasesa does is only exclusively for life and soul to satisfy and to increase the enjoyment of Krishna, Rama, and Lord Narayana.

More here: <https://www.dandavat.com/?p=15319>

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### CLASS SCHEDULE & VAISHNAVA CALENDAR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

EVERY SUNDAY LOVE FEAST  
11:45am



- FEB 1<sup>ST</sup> : HG BALABHADRA DAS
- FEB 8<sup>TH</sup> : HG SHYAM BEHARI DAS
- FEB 15<sup>TH</sup> : HG LILA KRISHNA DAS
- FEB 22<sup>ND</sup> : HG BALABHADRA DAS

#### Ekadasi Calendar:

February 12<sup>th</sup> : Vijaya Ekadasi

Parana Time - 10:22 (1/4 of tithi) - 11:02 (1/3 of daylight) LT  
the next day

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Amalaki vrata Ekadasi

Parana Time - 07:07 (sunrise) - 10:15 (end of tithi) LT  
the next day

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**Grand Welcoming Ceremony of Shri Rama  
Lala from Ayodhya for the first time in  
North America**

**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

Program  
schedule will be  
announced  
shortly



ŚRI RĀMA RĀMA RĀMETI RAME RĀME MANORAME .  
SAHASRANŪMA FAT TULYAM RĀMANĀMA VARŪNANE

IN CHANTING HIS NAME AGAIN AND AGAIN, SRIRAMA  
RAMA RAMA, I DISCOVER JOY IN LORD RAMA WHO  
PLEASES MY HEART AND WHOSE FACE IS A BLESSING.  
HIS NAME IS EQUAL TO THE ONE THOUSAND NAMES  
OF LORD VISHNU.

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna  
Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama  
Hare Hare ... and be happy

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Dedicated to our ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta  
Swami Prabhupada

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**Monday to Thursday and Sunday:**

9am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

**Friday, Saturday:** 9am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm

Special Events; Gaura Purnima (Holi), Ram Navami, Krishna Janamastami, Deepavali (Goverdhan puja), Narsimha Chaturdasi, Gita Jayanti etc.

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