

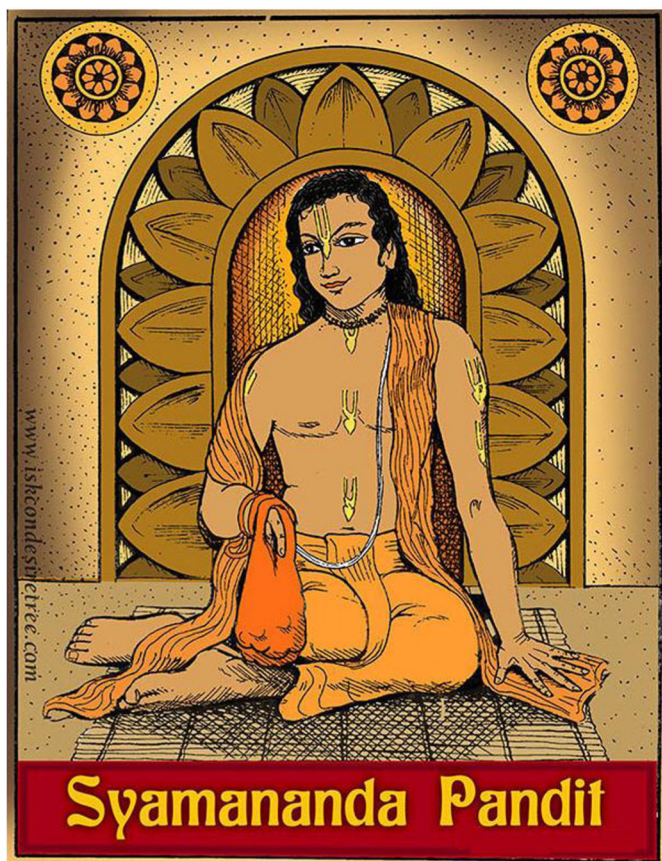
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# Shyamananda Prabhu



*Shyamananda Prabhu was born in a family of milkmen. His father's name was Sri Krishna Mandal and his mother was Durika. Feeling very sad (dukhi) over losing several children before his birth, his parents named him Dukhi Krishna Dasa. Upon taking diksha from Ittdaya Chaitanya he became known as Krishna Dasa. In Vrindavana, he joined Narottama Dasa Thakura and Srinivasa Acharya to study the Goswami granthas under Sri Jiva Goswami.*



*While living in Vrindavana, Krishna Dasa regularly swept the streets before dawn. He performed this humble service so that the Vaishnavas would not hurt their feet while walking to the Temples. One morning he found a captivatingly beautiful golden ankle bracelet. When Lalita and Vishakha-sakhis asked for the bracelet Krishna Dasa said he would only give it to the original owner.*

*"Blindfolding Krishna Dasa, the gopis brought him to Srimati Radhika. She allowed him to put the bracelet on Her ankle. But before fastening it, Krishna Dasa reverentially touched it to his forehead. This left a new tilaka mark which now distinguishes all of Shyamananda's followers.*

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*Rejoicing over Krishna Dasa's transcendental fortune, Sri Jiva Goswami awarded him the name Shyamananda (one who pleases Srīmatī Rādhārānī or the servant of Shyāmasundara Kṛishṇa). Sometime after Hṛdaya Chaitanya's disappearance, he reappeared in a dream telling Shyamananda to preach. With the help of his foremost disciple, Rāsikananda, Shyamananda profusely spread the worship and service of Gaura-Nityānanda all over Orissa.*