

Six Goswamis of Vrindavana



The Six Goswamis of Vrindavan were the acharyas in the disciplic succession during the 15th and 16th Century. They are closely associated with the land of Vrindavan where they spent much time in service of the Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. They hardly slept more than two hours a day and spent most of their time in meditation and writing books on the science of bhakti-yoga.

Given below is some brief information about the Six Goswamis of Vrindavana:

- 1. Rupa Goswami:** Rupa Goswami was extremely dear to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He serves as Rupa Manjari in Krishna Lila. Gaudiya Vaishnavas are known as rupanugas - followers of Shri Rupa Goswami. He also established the deities of Radha Govinda in Vrindavana and worshipped them.
- 2. Sanatana Goswami:** He was the elder brother of Rupa Goswami. In the form of Labanga manjari, He serves Srimati Vishakha sakhi in Radha-Madhava's eternal pastimes in Goloka. Sanatana Goswami made

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a significant literary contribution to the Gaudiya sampradaya with his Hari-bhakti-vilasa, Brhad-Bhagavatamrta and Brhad Vaishnava Tosani. Madana-Mohana Deity was personally worshiped by Sanatana Goswami.

3. **Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami:** He was the son of Tapan Mishra. By the order of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami remained a lifelong brahmachari. His service was constant chanting of Hare Krishna and reading Shrimad Bhagavatam. In Radha Govindaji's nitya-lila, Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami serves as Rasa manjari.
4. **Raghunatha Dasa Goswami:** Born in a dynasty of Vaishnavas, Raghunatha Dasa Goswami was the only son of a wealthy land owner. He renounced all this wealth and thus is also referred to as the most renounced Goswami. He serves Sri Radha as Rati manjari in Sri Vrindavana-dhama.
5. **Jiva Goswami:** He was the nephew of Rupa Goswami and Sanatana Goswami. He serves as Vilasa Manjari in Sri Sri Radha Damodara's nitya Vrindavana lila. Sri Sri Radha Damodara are His worshipable deities. He was the youngest but most prolific writer among the Goswamis. He wrote an astounding half million Sanskrit verses (about 25 books).
6. **Gopala Bhatta Goswami:** Gopala Bhatta Goswami, the son of a Venkata Bhatta, appeared in Sri Rangam, South India. He eternally serves Shrimati Radharani as Guna Manjari. Sri Sri Radha Raman were His worshipable deities.