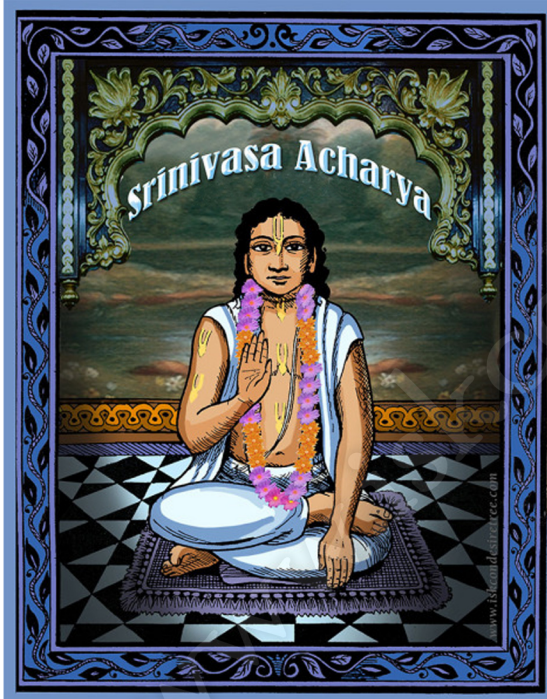


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Srinivasa Acharya

Srinivasa Acharya was born in 1530 AD, on the full moon day of the month of Vaishakh, in the village of Chakhandi. His father, Gangadhara Bhattacharya, was a Brahmin of the Rarha class. Gangadhara Bhattacharya was nicknamed Chaitanya Das. One day he suddenly felt a strong wish to have a son and told this to his wife, Lakshmipriya. She responded by telling him to immediately go to Jagannath Puri to ask Mahaprabhu for His blessings. At Jagannath Puri when they went to meet Lord Chaitanya, he blessed them by saying "Soon your wife will give birth to a son named 'Srinivasa' and through Srinivasa all the bhakti shastras of Rupa and Sanatana will be distributed."



When his father left this world Srinivasa visited the remaining associates of Lord Gauranga in Katva, Navadvipa, Jagannatha Puri. They blessed Srinivasa and gave him valuable instructions for spiritual advancement.

He came to Vrindavana, toured the twelve forests, and took diksha from Gopala Bhatta Goswami. Sri Jiva Goswami taught him the complete philosophy of Gaudiya Vaishnavism. Acknowledging his vast learning, Sri Jiva gave Srinivasa the title "Acharya."

Srinivasa Acharya initiated many disciples (Ramachandra Kaviraja and others), wrote songs full of bhakti (Sad Goswami-ashtakam), and introduced a special kirtana style. Srinivasa Acharya serves Srimati Radharani eternally as Mani Manjari.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

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