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Madhavendra Puri

Sri Madhavendra Puri took initiation from Sri Lakshmipati Tirtha. He had many but Advaita Acharya, Pundarika Vidyanidhi and Ishvara Puri were the chief disciples of Madhavendra Puri.

After making an extensive pilgrimage of Bharata-bhumi (India) he passed his life in Vrindavana and Orissa. He began the restoration work of Vrindavana that Sri Rupa and Sanatana Goswamis continued later

Madhavendra Puri was such a great devotee that once Lord Gopinatha himself stole khira for him.

Would you like to listen to the story of Khira Cora Gopinatha?

Story of Khira Cora Gopinatha

Madhavendra Puri was a highly advanced devotee of Lord Krishna. While living in Vrindavana absorbed in remembering the pastimes of the Lord, he saw Krishna appear in a dream and tell him He had been buried for a long time in a jungle earby. Krishna wanted Madhavendra Puri to dig Him up. Following the Lord's instruction, with the help of the local people Madhavendra Puri discovered a Deity of Krishna named Gopala.

Madhavendra Puri celebrated Gopala's installation with an annakuta (grand festival offering a mountain of foodstuffs to Krishna). This Annakuta festival, also called Govardhana Puja, is one of the most important Vaishnava festivals in Vrindavana, in India, and around the world. The original Gopala Deity, known as Sri Nathaji, is now worshiped in Nathdwara, Rajasthan.

Madhavendra Puri had built a temple for Gopala and served Him for two years. Then again one night Gopala appeared to him in a dream and asked him to go to Orissa to get sandalwood to smear on His body

On the way to Orissa, Madhavendra Puri stopped at the Gopinatha temple in Remuna. He asked the priest what kind of food was offered to Gopinatha, thinking he could offer the same preparations to his own Deity, Gopala. The priest mentioned the Khira known as amrta-keli, which was famous because its taste was nectarean.

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That evening, while the priest made an offering to the Lord, Madhavendra Puri thought that if the priest were to offer him some of the khir, he could taste it and then be able to prepare it for Gopala. He then at once became ashamed for thinking of tasting the Lord's food during the offering. Feeling he had committed a great offense, he left the temple and went to a vacant marketplace to chant the names of the Lord

Later that night, the Gopinatha Deity appeared in a dream to the priest and told him He had hidden a pot of khira behind His cloth. Gopinatha told the priest to deliver the khira to a saintly person named Madhavendra Puri. The priest did as told

Madhavendra Puri felt ecstasy to learn that the Lord had stolen condensed milk for him. After drinking the milk, Madhavendra Puri kept the pot, and every day he would eat a little piece of it

Sri Nathaji -Deity of Madhavendra Puri



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