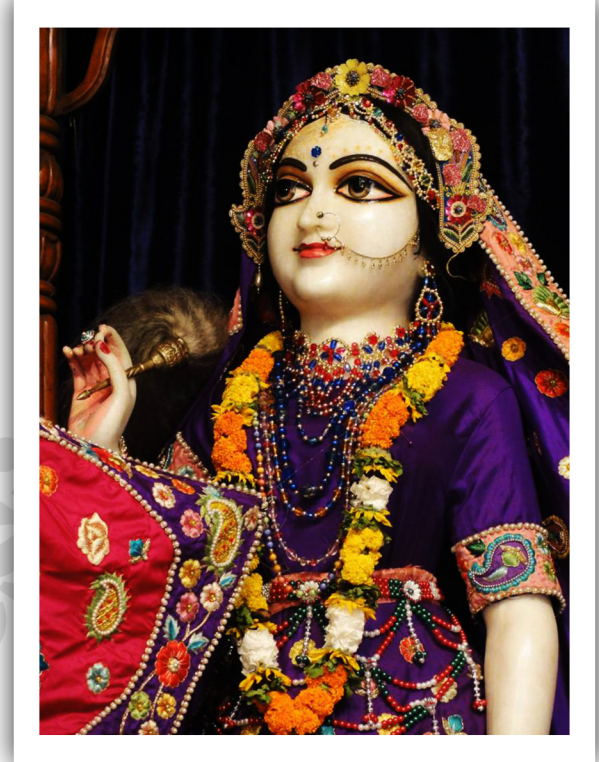


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Vishakha Devi

Vishakha devi is the second most important of the ashtasakhis (eight topmost gopis). Her attributes, activities and resolve are all much like those of her friend Lalita.

Vishakha was born at the exact same moment as her dear friend Srimati Radharani appeared in this world. Vishakha's garments are decorated with stars and her complexion is like lightning. Her father is Pavana, the son of the sister of Mukharagopi and her mother is Daksina-devi, the



daughter of the sister of Jatila. Her seva is dressing and decorating. Her dress resembles the stars in the evening sky, and her complexion is cream-colored with a tinge of red (gaurangi). Her age is 14 years, 2 months and 15 days. She appears in Gaura-lila as Sri Ramananda Raya.

Vishakha-devi is the intimate friend of the divine couple. She takes up the work of carrying messages between Radha and Krishna and she is the most intelligent and expert of all the gopi messengers. She is also expert at joking with Lord Govinda and she is the perfect counsellor of the divine couple. She is expert at all aspects of amorous diplomacy and She knows all the arts of how to conciliate an angered lover, how to bribe him and how to quarrel with him.