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Sakhas of Lord Krishna



We all love to have friends. Would you like to know about the friends of Lord Krishna?

Krishna's friends are divided into four groups:

1. Well-wishing friends (suhrt):

Subhadra, Kundala, Dandī, Mandala, Sunandana, Nandī, Anandī, Mandalibhadra, Bhadravardhana, Gobhata, aksendra, Bhata, Bhadranga, Virabhadra, Mahaguna, Kulavira, Mahabhima, Divyasakti, Suraprabha, Ranasthira and others are the well wishing friends of Lord Krishna. They are older than Krishna and they try to protect Him from any danger. The leader of these well-wishing friends is a boy named Vijayaksa, whose other, Ambika Devi, was Krishna's nurse.

2. Ordinary friends (sakha):

Vísala, Vrsabha, Ojasví, Devaprastha, Varuthapa, Mandara, Kusumapída, Manibandhakara, Mandara, Candana, Kunda, Kalíndi, Kulíka and many Vísala, Vrsabha, Ojasví, Devaprastha, Varuthapa, Mandara, Kusumapída, Manibandhakara, Mandara, Candana, Kunda, Kalíndi, Kulíka and many others are included in the group of Kṛishna's ordinary friends (sakhas). These friends are younger than Kṛishna and are always eager to serve Hím. Others are included in the group of Kṛishna's ordinary friends (sakhas). These friends are younger than Kṛishna and are always eager to serve

3. More confidential friends (príya-sakha):

Kṛishna's confidential friends are Sṛídama, Sudama, Dama, Vasudama, Kínkíní, Bhadrāsena, Amsu, Stoka Kṛishna, Vilasí, Pundaríka, Vítankaksa, Kalavínka and Príyaskara. These friends are of the same age of Kṛishna. Their leader is Sṛídama, who is also known as Píthamardaka. These friends delight Lord Kṛishna with their enthusiastic and jubilant wrestling, stick-fighting and other sports.

4. Intimate friends (príya-narma-sakha):

Subala, Arjuna, Gandharva, Vasanta, Ujjvala, Kokíla, Sanandana and Vídagdha are the most important of Kṛishna's intimate friends. Kṛishna keeps no secrets from these intimate friends. Among them Madhumangala, Puspanka and Hasanka are the leaders of those fond of joking.