

Gaura Lila notes 17  
Chaitanya Bhagavata – Adi Lila 17  
The Lord's Travels to Gaya

**Shraddha ceremony**

- ॐ One day N states will go to Gaya to perform sraddha
- ॐ Takes permission from SM
- ॐ LCM gets a fever on way
- ॐ Students get all kinds of meds, but no to avail.
- ॐ N says the cure is water that has washed the feet of a brahmana (true Vaisnava)
- ॐ Collected, LCM drank in great happiness, fever goes away
- ॐ LCM bathes in the Punpuna River & then continues to Gaya
- ॐ Upon entering Gaya, LCM offers obeisance.
- ॐ LCM takes bath at Brahma kunda
- ॐ Goes to temple of Gadadhara (Narayana)
- ॐ Upon seeing the lotus feet of Narayana LCM exhibits ecstatic symptoms & sheds tears for the first time
- ॐ Meets Isvara Puri

**LCM & IP**

- ॐ Upon seeing each other they embrace
- ॐ Soaked w/ tears
- ॐ LCM: My journey is now successful. By seeing you the whole universe is purified.
- ॐ You purify even the holy places
- ॐ Please deliver me
- ॐ IP: Ever since I saw you in Navadvipa I cannot get you out of my mind. When I see you I get the same feeling as when I see Krishna. I think you must be my Lord, otherwise how could you be so learned.
- ॐ LCM: I am most fortunate.
- ॐ LCM takes leave & performs duties (sraddha for forefathers) in Gaya

**Performing Sraddha**

LCM performs sraddha at the following places:

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| ॐ Phalgu River                                 | ॐ Bhima Gaya  |
| ॐ Sri Rama Gaya (where Rama performed sraddha) | ॐ Siva Gaya   |
| ॐ Yudhisthira Gaya                             | ॐ Brahma Gaya |
| ॐ Uttara-manasa                                | ॐ Sodasa Gaya |

**LCM & IP enjoy prasad together**

- ॐ LCM returns in evening to cook at residence
- ॐ IP arrives.
- ॐ IP: Ah, I have arrived at just the right time, you have finished cooking
- ॐ LCM: Yes, please sit down and eat
- ॐ IP: No, you have just finished cooking for yourself.
- ॐ LCM: Yes, but I can take care of that later. I can cook again later. Please sit down and take prasada.
- ॐ IP: No, take what you have and divide it in 2
- ॐ While they were talking Lakshmi (Ramadevi) came and cooked a meal
- ॐ Afterwards LCM smears IP with sandalwood paste
- ॐ LCM (to himself): I offer my obeisance to Kumara Hatta
- ॐ LCM takes some sand from Kumara Hatta (birthplace of IP)

**LCM approaches IP for initiation**

- ॐ On another day LCM approached IP in a secluded place and asked for initiation
- ॐ IP: But I will give my life to you
- ॐ IP gave LCM diksa that day (10 syllable mantra)
- ॐ LCM circumambulates IP
- ॐ Embrace and soak w/ tears

**LCM waited to start the Sankirtana movement until after he had received the order to do so from his spiritual master**

**Ecstatic pastimes**

- ॐ After his initiation LCM began to manifest ecstatic symptoms
- ॐ He would cry, “Where is K, where is My beloved...”
- ॐ Roll on ground & cry loudly
- ॐ His students wouldn’t understand: You’ll be more peaceful in Navadvipa
- ॐ One night LCM escaped and began running towards Vrindavan shouting “Mathura! Vrindavana! Where is K!?”
- ॐ Voice from sky to LCM: Don’t go to Mathura now. It is not the time. Return to Navadvipa.

**Upon return to Navadvipa became very humble**