

Nanda Maharaja celebrates birth of K

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- ॐ Nanda Maharaja laments can't participate
- ॐ Next day announced that a boy was born
- ॐ NM calls for learned brahmanas & astrologers
- ॐ Brahmanas chanted auspicious mantras according to rituals
- ॐ Demigods were worshipped
- ॐ Nanda Maharaja distributed 200,000 (or 100,000 according to GS) well decorated, dressed and ornamented cows to the brahmanas
- ॐ He not only gave cows in charity, but hills of seven grains with jeweled peaks, decorated with golden-bordered garments and many ornaments to brahmanas
- ॐ In that ceremony, all the *brahmanas* assembled began to chant different kinds of Vedic *mantras* to invoke all good fortune for the child
- ॐ Along with this chanting of *mantras* and songs, bugles, mrdangas, vinas, conchshells, dundubhis, and kettledrums sounded outside the house
- ॐ On this occasion, the joyous vibrations could be heard in all the pasturing grounds and all the houses
- ॐ Within and outside of the houses there were varieties of artistic paintings, done with rice pulp, and scented water was sprinkled everywhere, even on the roads and streets
- ॐ Ceilings and roofs were decorated with different kinds of flags, festoons and green leaves
- ॐ The gates were made of green leaves and flowers
- ॐ All the cows, bulls and calves were smeared with a mixture of oil and turmeric and painted with minerals like red oxide, yellow clay and manganese
- ॐ Cows were decorated with peacock feathers
- ॐ Horns covered with gold
- ॐ Decorated in red cloth

Description is an amalgamation of those found in Srimad Bhagavatam (Krishna Book) and Garga Samhita (Canto 1, chapter 12)

Cowherd ladies celebrate

- ॐ As soon as they heard that mother Yasoda had given birth to a child, all the cowherd women became overwhelmed with joy, and they also dressed themselves with various kinds of costly garments and ornaments and smeared scented cosmetics on their bodies.
- ॐ Immediately abandoned household duties
- ॐ As the dust on the lotus flower exhibits the exquisite beauty of the flower, all the *gopis* (cowherd girls) applied the dust of *kunkuma* on their lotus-like faces.
- ॐ Decorated with tinkling anklets, armllets, gold cīras, anklebells, necklaces, jewel earrings, sashes, kañṭha-sūtras, bracelets, and bindukās, they shone with the glory of a host of full moons

- ॐ With gentle strokes they anointed the child's face with a paste of wheat and barley flours, black mustard, and salt. They all gave many blessings. O king, they sang, and then they spoke to Yaśodā.
- ॐ These beautiful *gopis* took their different presentations and very soon reached the house of Maharaja Nanda
- ॐ Overburdened with their heavy hips and swollen breasts, the *gopis* could not proceed very quickly towards the house of Nanda Maharaja, but out of ecstatic love for Kṛṣṇa they began to proceed as quickly as possible
- ॐ Their ears were decorated with pearl rings, their necks were decorated with jewel padlocks, their lips and eyes were decorated with different kinds of lipstick and ointment, and their hands were decorated with nice golden bangles
- ॐ As they were very hastily passing over the stone road, the flower garlands which were decorating their bodies fell to the ground, and it appeared that a shower of flowers was falling from the sky
- ॐ In this way, they all reached the house of Nanda-Yasoda and blessed the child: "Dear child, You live long just to protect us." While they were blessing child Kṛṣṇa in this way, they offered a mixture of turmeric powder with oil, yogurt, milk and water.
- ॐ They not only sprinkled this mixture on the body of child Kṛṣṇa but on all other persons who were present there. Also on that auspicious occasion, there were different bands of expert musicians playing.
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- ॐ Gopis spoke to MY:
- ॐ Well done!
- ॐ O Queen, of Vraja, what great fortune
- ॐ How fortunate is your womb to give birth to such a noble son
- ॐ After a long time the L fulfilled your desire
- ॐ Please protect this lotus-eyed, sweet, handsome smiling boy
- ॐ MY: You blessing bring me great happiness

Cowherd men celebrate

- ॐ Hearing of this Vrsabhanu and Kirtida came to celebrate
- ॐ Traveled by elephant
- ॐ NM's 9 bros came
- ॐ As well as Vrsa's 6 bros
- ॐ Their turbans opulent with flower garlands
- ॐ their hair tied with guñā and peacock feathers,
- ॐ they were decorated with forest garlands
- ॐ handsome with yellow garments.

- ॐ Carried flutes and sticks
- ॐ They were dancing and singing
- ॐ All brought gifts
- ॐ Came with offerings of butter, ghee, milk and yogurt
- ॐ NM worshipped them with tilak and other gifts
- ॐ When the cowherd men saw the pastimes of the cowherd women, they became very joyful, and in response they also began to throw yogurt, milk, clarified butter and water upon the bodies of the *gopis*.
- ॐ Then both parties began to throw butter on each other's bodies.
- ॐ Nanda Maharaja was also very happy to see the pastimes of the cowherd men and women, and he became very liberal in giving charity to the different singers who were assembled there. Some singers were reciting great verses from the *Upanisads* and *Puranas*, some were glorifying the family ancestors, and some were singing very sweet songs.
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- ॐ The cowherd men said: O king of Vraja, O Nanda, for a chuldless man who desires a son, what can be more auspicious than this festival of a son's birth?
- ॐ After many days, destiny shows this day to us. As we gaze at Nanda's son, our lives have attained success.
- ॐ When, placing Him on your lap, you fondle Him and say, “O my charming one,” then we will be happy.
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- ॐ NM responds: Your pious blessings make me very happy. O cowherd men, I am a servant obedient to the orders of the cowherd men of Vraja.
- ॐ Nanda Maharaja, the foster father of Lord Kṛṣṇa, began to satisfy the desires of all the men assembled there
- ॐ He respectfully received them and gave them in charity whatever they desired
- ॐ The learned *brahmanas*, who had no other source of income, were completely dependent on the *vaisya* and *ksatriya* communities for their maintenance, and they received gifts on such festive occasions as birthdays, marriages, etc.

Rohini comes to congratulate

- ॐ Rohinidevi, mother of Balarama, was the most fortunate wife of Vasudeva
- ॐ She was away from her husband, yet just to congratulate Maharaja Nanda on the occasion of the birth ceremony of his son, Kṛṣṇa, she dressed herself very nicely
- ॐ Wearing a garland, a necklace and other bodily ornaments, she appeared on the scene and moved hither and thither.

Description is mainly from Garga Samhita (Canto 1, chapter 12), with some parts from Krishna Book

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ॐ MY to Roh: Plz worship the people of Vraja who have come

ॐ Plz fulfill their desires

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ॐ Roh gave with generous hands

ॐ Roh worshipped the people of Vraja

The residents of Vraja celebrate

ॐ When K appeared the sounds of “Jaya! Victory!” were heard all over

ॐ Happy gopas and gopis sprinkled each other with butter and sange loudly

ॐ When one gopa fell in the yogurt-mud that was everywhere (inside and outside) others laughed

ॐ Many intelligent Sutas (reciters of histories such as Ramayana, MB), Purāṇikas (reciters of Purāṇic stories), Māgadhas and Vaṁśa-śaṁsakas (professional reciters of histories of royal dynasties such as Yadu, Vṛṣṇi, Andhaka) Vandis (general singers of prayer) recited many verses

ॐ To each NM gave 1,000 cows, many garments, jewels, ornaments, horses and elephants

ॐ NM showered great wealth on everyone

ॐ No one hadn any desires left to be fulfilled

The demigods and sages visit

ॐ Brahmā visits

ॐ Accompanied by Nārada, Sanat-kumāra, Kapila, Śukadeva, Vyāsa, Haṁsa, Datta & Pulatsya

ॐ Br wore crown & earrings

ॐ Golden complexion

ॐ Comes riding on swan

ॐ Śiva visits accompanied by many ghosts riding on a bull

ॐ Indra on an elephant

ॐ Vāyu on khañjana bird

ॐ Kuvera on flower chariot

ॐ Moon god on deer

ॐ Agni on a ram

ॐ Kartikeya on a peacock

ॐ Saraswati on a swan (as her husband, Brahmā)

ॐ Lakṣmī on Garuda (as Viṣṇu would)

ॐ Durga on lion

- ॐ Bhumi (in the form of a cow) on an airplane
- ॐ 16 Mātṛkās on a swing
- ॐ Śaṣṭhī (holding a sword and club) on a palanquin
- ॐ Ruler of Mars on a gorilla
- ॐ Ruler of Mercury on a rooster
- ॐ Ruler of Jupiter on a black stag
- ॐ Ruler of Venus on an ox
- ॐ Ruler of Saturn on a shark
- ॐ Ruler of Rahu on a camel
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- ॐ All came to NM's house
- ॐ Paused then entered
- ॐ Offered dandavats and prayers
- ॐ Returned to their respective homes

NM goes to Mathura

- ॐ After the birth ceremony, Nanda Maharaja decided to go to Mathura to pay the annual tax to the government of Kamsa
- ॐ Before leaving, he called for the able cowherd men of the village and asked them to take care of Vrndavana in his absence
- ॐ When Nanda Maharaja arrived in Mathura, Vasudeva got the news and was very eager to congratulate his friend. He immediately went to the place where Nanda Maharaja was staying.
- ॐ When Vasudeva saw Nanda, he felt that he had regained his life
- ॐ Nanda, overwhelmed with joy, immediately stood up and embraced Vasudeva
- ॐ Vasudeva was received very warmly and offered a nice place to sit.
- ॐ At that time Vasudeva was anxious about his two sons who had been put under the protection of Nanda without Nanda's knowledge.
- ॐ Nanda Maharaja knew that Balarama was the son of Vasudeva, although he did not know that Kṛṣṇa was also Vasudeva's son. But Vasudeva was aware of this fact and inquired very eagerly about Kṛṣṇa and Balarama.
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- ॐ Vasudeva then addressed him, "My dear brother, you were old enough and very anxious to beget a son, and yet you had none.
- ॐ Now by the grace of the Lord you are fortunate to have a very nice son. I think that this incident is very auspicious for you.

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- ॐ Dear friend, I was imprisoned by Kamsa, and now I am released; therefore this is another birth for me.
- ॐ I had no hope of seeing you again, but by God's grace I can see you."
- ॐ Vasudeva then expressed his anxiety about Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ Kṛṣṇa was sent incognito to the bed of mother Yasoda, and after very pompously celebrating His birth ceremony, Nanda went to Mathura.
- ॐ So Vasudeva was very pleased and said, "This is a new birth for me."
- ॐ He never expected that Kṛṣṇa would live because all his other sons were killed by Kamsa.
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- ॐ Vasudeva continued, "My dear friend, it is very difficult for us to live together. Although we have our family and relatives, sons and daughters, by nature's way we are generally separated from one another.
- ॐ The reason for this is that every living entity appears on this earth under different pressures of fruitive activities;
- ॐ although they assemble together, there is no certainty of their remaining together for a long time.
- ॐ According to one's fruitive activities, one has to act differently and thereby be separated.
- ॐ For example, many plants and creepers are floating on the waves of the ocean. Sometimes they come together and sometimes they separate forever: one plant goes one way and another plant goes another.
- ॐ Similarly, our family assembly may be very nice while we are living together, but after some time, in the course of the waves of time, we are separated."
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- ॐ Nanda Maharaja replied,
- ॐ "My dear Vasudeva, I know that you are very much aggrieved because the cruel king Kamsa has killed all your sons born of Devaki.
- ॐ Although the last child was a daughter, Kamsa could not kill her, and she has entered into the celestial planets.
- ॐ My dear friend, do not be aggrieved; we are all being controlled by our past unseen activities.
- ॐ Everyone is subjected to his past deeds, and one who is conversant with the philosophy of *karma* and its reaction is a man in knowledge.
- ॐ Such a person will not be aggrieved at any incident, happy or miserable."
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ॐ Vasudeva then replied, "My dear Nanda, if you have already paid the government taxes, then return soon to your place, because I think that there may be some disturbances in Gokula."

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ॐ When NM was returning home he considered Vas's advice that there might be some disturbance in Vrn

ॐ Therefore, out of fear, he began to take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead