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Vishnu Sahasranama Part 2: Vishnu, the One who Resides in all Tattvas by Shri Chandan Goswami Maharaj

The "Shri Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram" is a Sanskrit prayer found in the Mahabharat. It reveals 1,000 names of Krishn, each of which illustrates one of his divine qualities, and the second name mentioned is Vishnu: the one who is within every tattva, and who fulfils all his devotee's longings.

विशेषेण स्नावयति प्रस्नावयति भक्त अभिलाशान्
इति विष्णुः

*viśeṣeṇa snāvayati prasrāvayati bhakta
abhilāśān iti viṣṇuḥ*

"The One who fulfils all his devotees' longings
is known as Vishnu."

This Name also has another meaning: *viveṣṭi
vyāpanoti iti viṣṇu*, "Vishnu means the
one who is present in every atom."

Here, the word *vyapnoti* means Shri Krishn is
vyapak; he is everywhere. The first two Names
in this prayer – Vishwa and Vishnu – both
mean omnipresent, meaning he is present
everywhere at the same time. However,
"Vishwa" means that the Lord is present
everywhere in the Universe, whereas "Vishnu"
means that he is within every *tattva*. *Sarvatra
viśati iti viṣṇu*, "The one who is present
within every aspect of existence is known as
Vishnu."

Our Universe is a part of many universes that

exist. In our Universe, there is a planet called
Earth, which is made up of continents,
countries, states and districts. Each district
contains a city, town or village. And in the
town where we live, there is a neighbourhood,
a lane, our own house; and even there,
Bhagwan resides within every atom.

If we lock ourselves in a room and think
nobody else is there with us, this Name –
Vishnu – lets us know we are not alone.

Shri Krishn says in the *Mahabharat*,

व्याप्ते मे रोदसी पार्थ क्रान्तिश्चाभ्यधिका स्थिता।
क्रमणाच्चाप्यहं पार्थ विष्णुरित्यभिसंज्ञितः॥

*vyāpte me rodasī pārtha
krāntiścābhyadhikā sthitā।
kramaṇāccāpyahaṁ pārtha
viṣṇurityabhisamjñitah*

"My glory shines supreme, for I pervade every
horizon, and my steps have measured the
three worlds."




Ma Mani – Part 3



*In the previous two editions, Ma Mani
dedicated her life fully to Krishn's worship and
entered Nitya Lila. We also learned about
some of her spiritual experiences. In this
edition, we will continue exploring more
spiritual experiences recorded by Ma Mani in
her writings.*

Once Shri Vijaykrishn Goswami told Ma Mani,
"Jagannath was recently complaining to me
that his *bhog* is not being offered on time in
the temple. Yesterday he happily ate the
khichri you made. Even during my manifest
life, when anything went wrong with the
temple *bhog*, he used to dine with me."



• The house where Ma Mani stayed in Puri was known as Shri Braj Dham, and many famous saints of the day came to visit her there, including Shri Sitaramdas Omkarnath Thakur and others. Once, a visitor noticed Ma Mani getting out of bed at night repeatedly. When asked why she did so, she replied, "Gopal plays all night and keeps me awake. I can only sleep for a few hours during the day, after my morning *puja*."

• In one of her books, Ma Mani records the following experience: "In the morning I sat down on my *asan* and immediately saw Goswamiji and Mata Thakurani (Yogmaya Ma). Then Radharani came with her *sakhis*. The *sakhis* said, 'Today we shall hide Radharani. Let's see how Krishn reacts!' They hid Radha in a *kunj*, and when Krishn arrived, he asked, 'Where is Radha?'

"'She could not come today. Her elders have stopped her from leaving home,' said the *sakhis*."

"Krishn became very sad and sat down on the ground. He begged the *sakhis*, 'Can't you bring her here somehow? I can't bear to be separated from her.'

"Lalita said, 'Why would her relatives let her wander in the forest?'

"Krishn tearfully replied, 'You just have to bring her somehow!'

"The *sakhis* could not stand to see Krishn in so much distress. They brought Radha out of the *kunj* and seated her at Krishn's side. Overwhelmed with *bhav*, he embraced her tightly and stole my heart."

• On another occasion, Ma Mani recorded the following vision: "Mahaprabhu came shouting joyfully, 'Haribol! Haribol!' and I offered my obeisances to him. He blessed me and said 'Ma! See, shri Vrindavan *lila* is happening in Gundicha.'

"At that moment I saw Shri Radha-Krishn locked in a tight embrace. The *sakhis* were singing and dancing around them. The next moment, I saw that Mahaprabhu and Goswamiji became one with Krishn. I don't know how long I remained under the magic spell of their beauty. When that state had passed, I saw that Mahaprabhu and Goswamiji were standing together, and I stood near them with folded hands."

"The next day Goswamiji said, 'Ma, when your spiritual eyes open, all the *lilas* can be seen. But until the mind turns inward and dives deep into *bhav*, it all remains invisible. The truth lies in the silence of the heart's depth. It cannot be attained in the noise and chaos of the world.'"



Shri Krishn Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

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Braj Animal Care



The Braj Animal Care team continues to treat patients involved in serious accidents, and sadly, we see such cases on a daily basis. This month, one of our most severely injured patients was a dog who had fallen from the third story of a building.

To our frustration, Braj Animal Care didn't receive a call about the injured animal until two days after the incident. When we reached the scene, we found that the dog had broken her leg so severely that the severed bone had broken through her skin, leaving a gaping wound. The team took the dog to the veterinary college in Mathura where she received treatment, but unfortunately, it was ineffective and the leg had to be amputated by our vet.



Our patient who fell from a height



The Braj Animal Care vet

So far, the patient is recovering well, however she needs a place to recover long term where she is shielded from the elements and other animals. This is why Braj Animal Care is working towards building a permanent shelter that will provide our patients with a safe place in which to heal. If you would like to contribute to the funds we are collecting for a shelter, please visit the Braj Animal Care website or contact us via the details given below.

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Maharajji's Latest Updates



With the autumn festival season in full swing, Maharajji's team has been busy with many *sevas*. We helped a Brajwasi *lali* with her ongoing medical treatment after a serious traffic accident. We also served *prasad* to hundreds of *sadhus* during Pitr Paksh. Then Navaratri came with a beautiful Lali Feast (a feast for young girls), during which each girl received a packet containing bangles, eyeliner, nail polish and other cosmetics.

Recently, we have had several enquiries regarding prayers, offerings and recitals that can be made by us in Vrindavan on the behalf of devotees for the holy month of Kartik. A list of the current *sevas* available can be found [here](#). To learn more about the importance of the month of Kartik, please read [this article](#).

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Vaishnav Calendar

This year, Kartik Niyam Seva began on October 16th, 2021, and will continue until November 15, 2021. To learn more about Kartik and its practices, please read our special edition of *Sandarshan* [here](#). For upcoming festivals and Ekadashi dates, please click [here](#) to view our Vaishnav calendar.

