



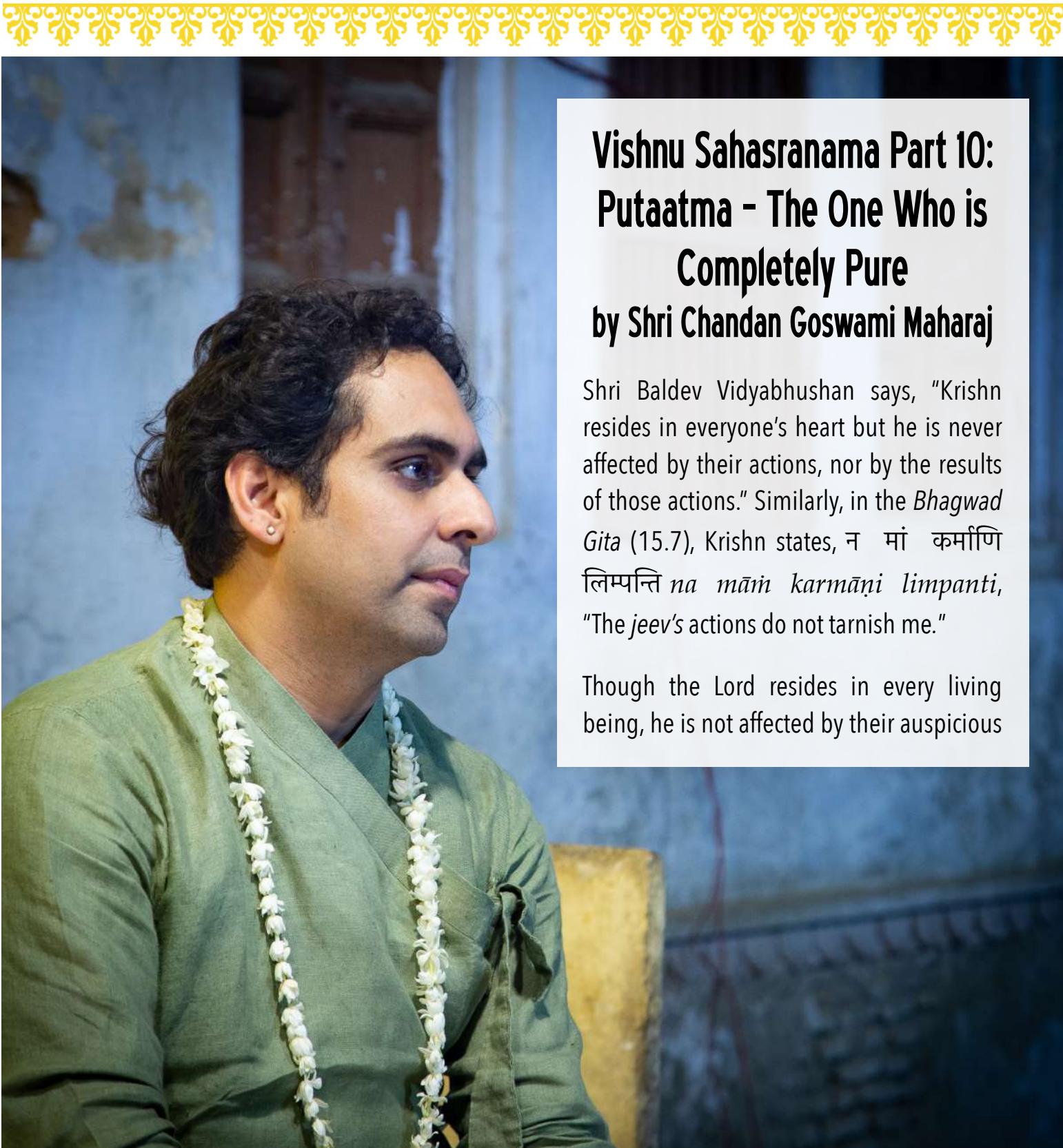
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Vishnu Sahasranama Part 10: Putaatma - The One Who is Completely Pure

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Shri Baldev Vidyabhushan says, "Krishn resides in everyone's heart but he is never affected by their actions, nor by the results of those actions." Similarly, in the *Bhagwad Gita* (15.7), Krishn states, न मां कर्माणि लिप्सन्ति *na māñ karmāṇi limpanti*, "The jeev's actions do not tarnish me."

Though the Lord resides in every living being, he is not affected by their auspicious

and inauspicious deeds. For example, if a drop of ghee is added in a vessel of water, the drop never merges with the water and its state remains completely unchanged.

The *Swetaswar Upanishad*, 4.6, gives a beautiful analogy of a tree representing the human body, where two birds who are friends take its shelter. One bird is Krishn and the other is the *jeev*, or soul. The *jeev* eats the fruit of the tree and also tastes the fruits of action, but Krishn does not eat the fruits; he merely observes everything that happens.

द्वा सुपर्णा सयुजा सखाया समानं वृक्षं परिषस्वजाते ।
तयारन्यः पिप्पलं स्वाद्वत्यश्रत्रन्यो अभिचाकशीति ॥

*dvā suparṇā sayujā sakhāyā samānam vṛkṣam pariṣasvajāte ।
tayaranyah pippalam svādvattyanaśnannanyo abhicākaśīti ॥*



Shri Ramkrishn Das Pandit Baba - Part 3 The Magic of Vaishnav Seva



In the previous edition, Shri Ramkrishn Das Pandit Baba attained perfection on the path of devotion. In this issue, we witness some blessed interactions with his dear disciples.



Pandit Baba and Kripasindhu Baba

Although Pandit Baba never initiated anyone, he had several close followers who learned from and served him. Some of them were Gaudiya Vaishnavs, while others were from different *sampradayas*, yet Pandit Baba guided them all according to the teachings of their own spiritual lineages.

In the *Bhakti Rasamrit Sindhu* (1.2.74), Shri Roop Goswami mentions विश्रम्भेण गुरोः सेवा *viśrambhena guroḥ sevā*, which means serving Gurudev with total absorption and trust. Pandit Baba's *shiksha* disciple and personal servant Kripasindhu was the very image of this ideal. Kripasindhu's connection with Pandit Baba was so deep that he could often sense what Pandit Baba was thinking and feeling, even when they were physically apart.

Once when Pandit Baba was very ill, Kripasindhu stepped out briefly to perform *madhukari*.^{*} Suddenly, Kripasindhu was overwhelmed with extreme thirst, but no matter how much water he drank, the feeling remained. Sensing the reason, he rushed back to Baba's *kutir* and gave him a cup of water to drink. Only then did his thirst subside.

On another occasion, Pandit Baba was suffering from a toothache. When the dentist asked which tooth was hurting, Pandit Baba answered like an innocent child: "I don't know!" The dentist smiled and replied, "Well then, who knows, Baba?" Pandit Baba replied, "Kripasindhu knows!" Indeed, without even looking inside Pandit Baba's mouth, Kripasindhu was able to point out the affected tooth.

In the late 1920s C.E., a young Babaji named Vishnudas came to learn from Pandit Baba and assist Kripasindhu in his personal service. Pandit Baba was extremely pleased by Vishnudas's sincere *seva* and always kept him close. At times, Pandit Baba's *bhajan* experiences would pass on to Vishnudas like an electric current.

One hot day in June, Pandit Baba and Vishnudas were returning home after performing *madhukari*. By this time, Pandit Baba was quite advanced in age, and as they walked, he placed his left hand on Vishnudas's

right shoulder as if to support himself. Suddenly, Vishnudas felt that the whole environment had changed. The scorching summer wind had transformed into the cool breeze of autumn, and a divine fragrance like spring flowers filled the air. An astonished Vishnudas asked, "What is this?" Pandit Baba replied, "This is the true nature of Vrindavan."

Pandit Baba Enters Nitya Lila

With time, Pandit Baba's physical body began to show signs of serious illness. When it seemed his time to depart was near, his followers asked where he would like his *samadhi* (tomb) to be established. Baba replied, "Your *bhajan* will be my *samadhi*."

"And what about your *utsav* (disappearance festival)?"

 they inquired.

"Do not hold an *utsav* for me. Just collect *madhukari*, sit down together, and eat."

A few days later, Pandit Baba suddenly exclaimed, "Look, Kripasindhu! Shri Priya-Priyatam have come!"

Kripasindhu asked, "Are they alone, or are you with them in your eternal form?"

Baba replied, "I am with them."

On Ashwin Krishn Chaturthi of 1940, Pandit Baba asked Kripasindhu to make a bed out of

**Madhukari* is the act of going from house to house, gathering alms from the local Brajwasis like a *madhukar* (bee) gathers small amounts of nectar from different flowers.

the divine dust of Vrindavan and help him lie down upon it. Shortly after this was done, two devotees from Jaipur arrived with Shri Govind Dev's *prasadi* flower garland. The moment the garland touched Pandit Baba's neck, his soul left his physical body. Govind Dev himself had come in the form of the garland to take him to

Eternal Vrindavan.

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Braj Animal Care

Pet abandonment is a growing problem, especially in villages and small towns like Vrindavan where the practice of adopting or purchasing dogs is just starting to gain popularity. Individuals and families are often unprepared for the responsibility and cost that comes with owning an animal, and this results in pets being neglected in ways that can cause lasting and complex health and behavioural issues. Here we detail two unfortunate cases that were completely avoidable, but which ultimately had a positive outcome.

Rambo the Pomeranian

In a particularly heartbreak case, the Braj Animal Care team was called to help an adult Pomeranian dog who was found in a pile of rubbish under a highway overpass. He was severely malnourished, weak and in an overall poor condition. The long, fluffy hair typical of his breed had become matted and filthy. After preliminary care was administered, he was adopted by one of our own team members, Abhijeet, who named him Rambo.



Rambo with Gaurhari (left) and Abhijeet (right)

Rambo is blind and very fearful, which makes him aggressive in nature. Without knowing Rambo's history, we can't be sure whether this aggression is a result of abuse by previous owners or a pre-existing physical condition. However, with street dogs of this breed being nonexistent in Vrindavan, we are certain that Rambo is an abandoned pet.

Abhijeet and his mother have shown Rambo endless love and patience, and with time, he has allowed them to pet him. Unfortunately, Rambo still bites when startled, and Abhijeet has been bitten a total of eight times! Despite these challenges, Abhijeet remains selflessly dedicated to taking care of Rambo and says, "If I were to abandon him, I would be no different than the others who throw their pets out into the street."

Jimmy the Golden Retriever

On another occasion, we received a call from a family who claimed to have found a golden retriever puppy on the street, and asked that we come and collect him. The caller was insistent, and with our first priority being the welfare of the animal, we obliged and took the dog into our care.

With the dog showing no obvious signs of illness or injury, we were keen to find him a home. We posted a picture of the golden retriever on social media and were immediately contacted by a sadhu who wanted to adopt him. Arrangements were

made the very same day, and the sadhu took his new companion, who he named Jimmy, to his home in Mathura.

The next day, we were contacted by the original family again. This time, they claimed that the dog in fact belonged to them and insisted on taking him back. However, knowing that Jimmy was now in a safe home with a caring owner, we explained that the dog had been adopted and could not be returned.



Jimmy and Babaji

Braj Animal Care continues to receive updates from the sadhu who adopted Jimmy. His most recent message reads, "Jimmy is such a good dog and I am very happy to have him in my life!" He also reports that Jimmy enjoys going for rides in the car and that they take walks together every day.

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Maharajji's Latest Updates



Last month, Maharajji travelled to the UK where he has been splitting his time between meeting disciples and other devotees. He has also been working on multiple writing projects and hopes to publish more books this year.

COVID-19 has restricted international travel, preventing many devotees from travelling to Vrindavan. For these souls, Maharajji's association and engaging spiritual discourse provided much-needed nourishment. To keep up to date with Maharajji's activities, you can follow him on social media or contact a member of his team using the following details:

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Vaishnav Calendar

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