

Tridandisvami Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Maharaja

## Sri Godrumadvipa

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By the mercy of Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga we have completed the third day of our Navadvipa dhama parikrama. Especially today we had the good fortune to go to Sri Godrumadvipa. There is the bhajana-sthali of Saptama Gosvami Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura. Despite being a grhastha (householder) and a district magistrate, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura gave the ideal example of how to do bhajana and therefore he has been given the title Saptama Gosvami, the Seventh Gosvami, after the Six Gosvamis. Despite being seemingly involved in material affairs he did unlimited service for Gauranga Mahaprabhu in the form of writing many literatures, by performing nagar-sankirtan and by sending brahmacaris around Bengal and the rest of India.

He is also very famous for defeating the ?? Visvakshena who forcefully declared that ?? but Srila Thakura Bhaktivinoda crushed him. Srila Thakura Bhaktivinoda gave a great gift to the world in the form of his suputra, his qualified son, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. Through Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura he preached in the Western countries by sending his disciples there like Srila Bhakti Pradipa Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja, Srila Bhakti Saranga Gosvami Maharaja and of course Srila Bhaktivedanta Svami Maharaja and Srila Bhakti Hridaya Bon Maharaja. He preached all through the Western countries.

He is most famous for discovering the birthplace of Sri Sacinandana Gaurahari from Godrumadvipa on the top of his house on two separate nights. They saw an amazing ??? light. They became very much astonished and went to research that place. They saw that in that place there was a grove where only tulasi was growing. By the mercy of Vaisnava Sarvabhauma Srila Jagannatha Babaji Maharaja Thakura Bhaktivinoda did ?? and collected many proofs from different places how this was the birth place of Sri Gaurahari. When Srila Jagannatha das Babaji Maharaja came to that place he jumped in the air declaring, "This is the birth place of Lord Gaurahari! This is the birth place of Lord Gaurahari"!

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura inquired from the villagers and found out that the place was called Miampur. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura defended ?? our sampradaya and declared this to be the real birth place of Gaurahari.

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