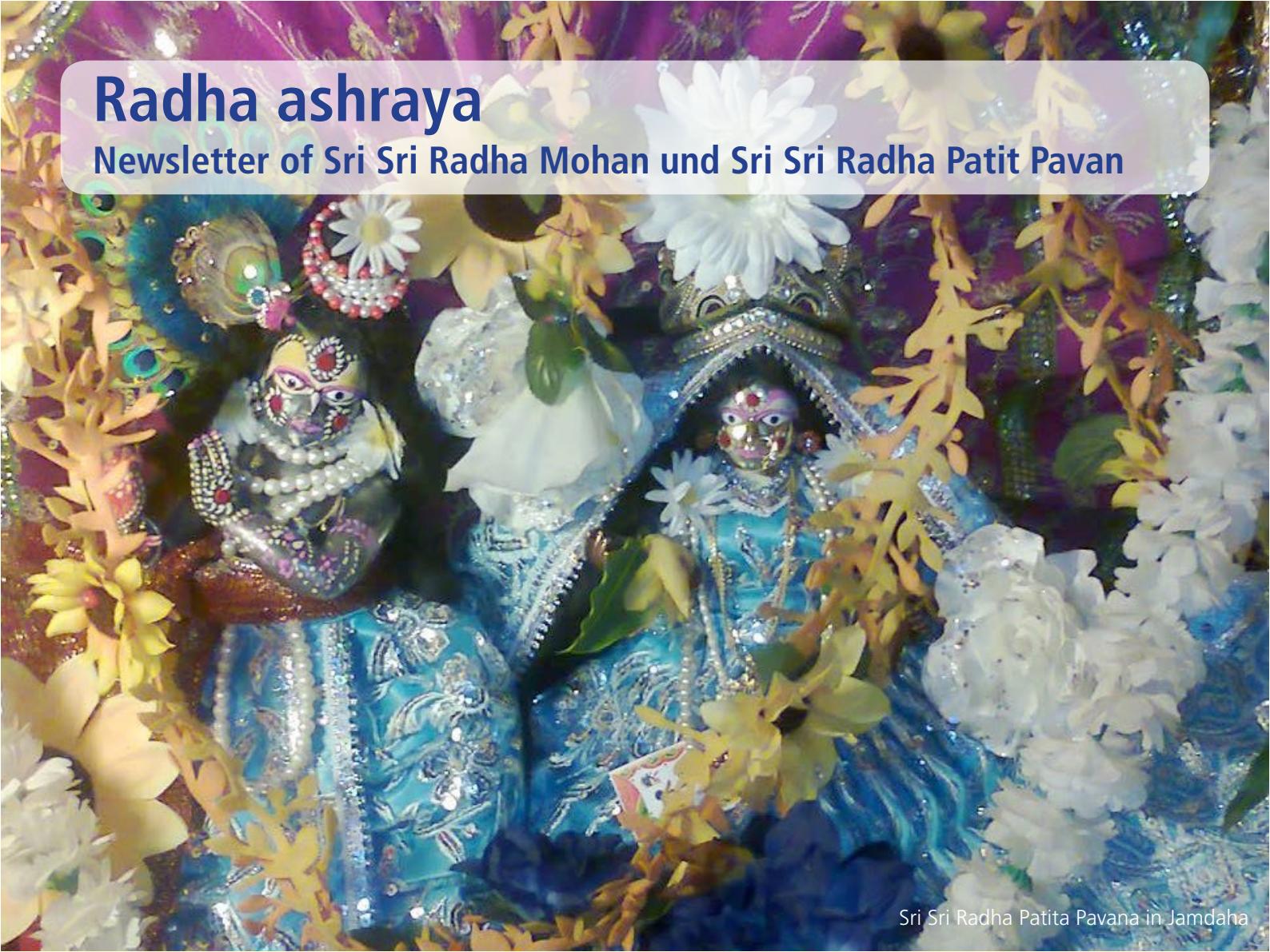


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Sri Sri Radha Patita Pavana in Jamdaha

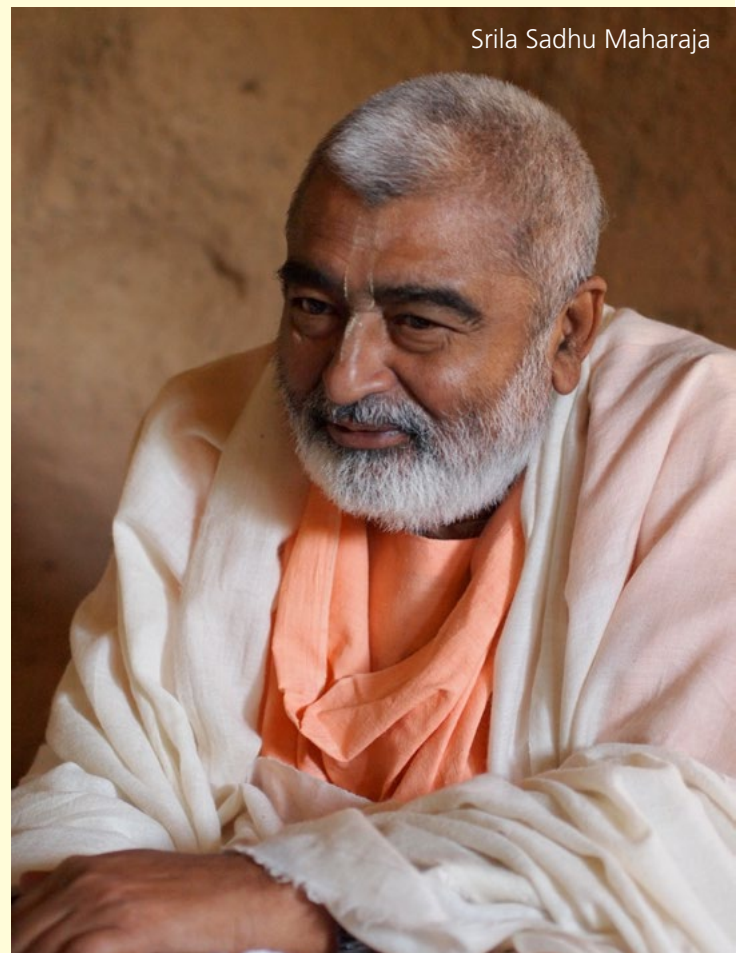
»We all need kripa, mercy. It is always there. Always available for everyone. Like rain. Rain is falling down on everyone. No matter if you are big, small, rich, poor. Rain will come to you.
Same with mercy. It is always there. We need to have a useful container to receive this mercy. It should not have holes in it.
The container is our heart. The heart should be made of humility. Then we can receive all mercy, like a good pot can receive the rain.«

(Sri Sada Maharaja)

Dear Devotees,

We are happy to share with you a new newsletter of Sri Sri Radha Mohan and Sri Sri Radha Patit Pavan!

November 2013



Sri Sada Maharaja

Sadhu Maharaja – The way of love

„Harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam kalau nasty eva nasti eva nasti eva gati anyatha“

(CC, Adi 7.76)

“In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy the only means of deliverance is the chanting of the holy name of the Lord. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way.”

***Radhe Radhe!
Dear brothers and sisters!***

In the age of quarrel always there is misunderstanding and fighting. This is the nature of the kali-yuga. Unnecessarily we create enemies because we are not conscious of ourselves. It is the nature of kali-yuga to only live in the senses. We forget our root of living and so we fight. This is the unconsciousness that we are fighting for nothing. The second thing is hypocrisy. That means inside something and outside something different. I talk something and I do something different. I do something but I think something else. What I say is for others not for myself. It happens very easily because of the false ego. We are living in the ego and when my friends are in the false ego hypocrisy will come, fighting will come, misunderstanding will come. They are the friends, brothers and sister. This is the nature of the false ego that I'm full of envy, full of fighting, full of misunderstanding. Inside something, outside something else. How can one come out from this?

There is one way there to change this: That is your love. When two lovers are together, they are meeting and looking at each other. When they are together what do they do? They care for each other. And they always want to be together because that way they feel very happy. But at the same time they have also sometimes to separate. Then what is the



way to think about the lover? There is only one way. You have to cry. When you will cry that means to think. Crying means thinking. You will think about his nature, his form and you will know the name. You will remember the name. Name is the way because when you will remember him the name will come. And when the name is coming he is coming. The name brings the person in the present.

This only happens in love. When there is more practice on love, then there is no difference between you and the person whose name you remember. He is always with you. If you have the feelings of love, and you have love, you can feel it.

***My blessings and well wishes to all,
Your Sadhu Maharaja***

Vrindavan News



Munger Mandir, Vrindavan

Telepathy through love

Slowly, our driver and old friend Pradap, turns his old Ambassador in to the entrance of Munger Mandir. It is the 9th of August, 4.15 in the morning. Inside the temple the first bells are calling for mangala arati. I always love to arrive at this particular time. Gaura Chandra welcomes us warm heartedly and helps us to carry our luggage into the rooms. Once again we managed to arrive, by the mercy of Gurudev and by the wish of Radharani! Jay Sri Radha Mohanji!

For this stay we, my wife Tulasi dasi, my twelve year old daughter Kishori and I, have planned a quite packed program: Radha kund, Barsana, Ujjagaon, Govardhan, Ranbari, Prensarovar...and of course Radha kunj, the ashram of Sri Radha Mohan das Babaji in Vrindavan. We all belong to one family, Sri Sadhu Maharaj, Sri Keshava Maharaj, Sri Radha Mohan das Babaji and all the devotees. We are foremost grateful to Sri Radha Govinda das Babaji, whose samadhi lies here at Munger Mandir. He is our param guru and the "door opener"; one of the main reasons for me to live here...

Today is the first day of jhulan, the swing festival for Sri Radha Krishna. Sri Radha Mohanji are seated on a sumptuously decorated swing and all the devotees are crowding around the swing in order to gently swing the beloved deity couple. Luminous chains of lights are wrapped around the pillars and give the spectator an additional optical indentation. Amidst the swinging

the daily 12 hour kirtan, performed by 3 widows, is resounding inside the temple. I am absorbing all these impressions with deep humility, for this is what I have been longing so much...

Since 30 years I have been visiting and traversing Braja Manadala, and I am noticing how much greener it is becoming. Everywhere trees are being planted, and the rain fall appears to have increased over the years. In particular the hills of Barsana and Ghevarvan have turned into more green forests. Barsana is the place where Sri Radha Mohan das Babaji attained siddha after 12 years of meditation...

We are already here since some couple of days and today, on the 14th, Sadhu Maharaj is expected to return from his Europe tour. Since the early morning until his arrival at midday, the air is filled with sense a joyous excitement and anticipation. Upon his arrival both, Sri Keshav Maharaj and Sri Sadhu Maharaj, are competing over who bows down first. The competition ends with a draw between the two god brothers. The witnessing devotees observe the scene with ecstatic feelings.

Later, in the evening, I am massaging Sadhu Maharaja's feet. He seems to be a bit exhausted and I feel to brighten him up. He is very interested to hear about the well being of his god brothers. I also tell him how I had sent him already in Europe, through my heart, the message that I will travel to Vrindavan in August. Maharaj is not at all surprised by this, as he confirms to have received the message. His confirmation was yet another proof for me that the souls of the devotees are always connected very closely.

Jay Sri Radhe! Yamuna das



Are you going to Vrindavan or Jamdaha this year?

If you are planning to stay at Munger Mandir, you can find information here: <http://sadhumaraja.net/contact/accommodation-and-arrival/>

For any information, room reservation and arrival, please send an email to: radhamohanmandir@gmail.com

If you are planning to visit Jamdaha, please contact: info@premseva.net

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Trip to Munger and Jamdaha

In March 2010 I travelled with Raj, the son of Sadhu Maharaja, from Vrindavan to Jamdaha to visit the village temple which is so precious for Sadhu Maharaj.

In Patna we met Gopinath and Gopika and continued our trip together. Our host in Patna was Unkleji, a wonderful person.



Radha Patita Pavana

In our luxurious car we approached Munger. My excitement increased – how it would look like? What would have remained of the original splendor of the palace.

Some kilometers before Munger we drove along the Ganges river, who has impressingly much water. Our first stop in Munger was the wonderful Jagannath temple on the bank of the Ganga with its Ghats, the staircases to the water. Jagannath, Baladev, Subhadra, different Shilas and Deities as well as Shivji all are looking through the doors to the Ganga. Sometimes there can be seen dolphins sporting in the water.

After some time we headed to the old Raja-palace in the center of Munger. On the way we passed the Diamond Jubilee College, where Gurudev attended school in his youth.

We parked our car in the backyard of the palace and were received warmly by Sharad Singh, a nephew of Gurudev, who administrates the property. He invited us for prasadam.

The palace is still majestic. It has many stories and is equipped with beautiful furniture from the 1920/30 years. We viewed the palace and the Shiva- and the Radha-Krishna-temple of the Rajas and discussed enthusiastically what will happen in the future with these buildings. Investments for renovation are needed.

After a tour through the city we visited some relatives of Gurudev. In the evening we performed a kirtan in the

nearby Prem-Mandir, a temple dedicated to Mahaprabhu.

After a comfortable night in the palace we headed to Jamdaha. After a wild ride through earth roads we reached the temple and I was very touched by the simplicity and nativity of the village.

The villagers were both happy and sceptical about the unusual visitors from the West. In the meanwhile it seems they got used to visitors from Europe, because in the recent years again and again devotees from Europe had visited Jamdaha.

The children of the village had been full of joy and used the temple as playground. I was surprised how amazingly uncomplicated the life in Jamdaha is going, at least watched from the outside. As a matter of fact there also are quarreling and power issues in the village community.

The temple Radha Patita Pavana Mandir, which Gurudev had renovated, becomes more and more a spiritual center of the village. Nitai, the pujari and man for everything, performs multiple aratis per day, takes care of the household, the salaries and administration. Already since several years Nitai is doing this service, which brought him the respect of the villagers. I could feel how much he loves the deities Radha Patita Pavana.

In the following days we visited several families of the village as well as the Mahaprabhu temple at Gauranga Parvat (hill of Mahaprabhu). We attended the preparation of a Durga-puja which then was celebrated by the villagers with great splendor.

After five wonderful days we started our way back to Vrindavan. In the train I already missed the atmosphere of the village. What I especially remember are the tasty food and the simple and pure way of life. For somebody who wants to get out of the puzzling western lifestyle and to have a couple of peaceful weeks of contemplation in order to come back to the essence, Jamdaha is probably the best place.

*Jay Sri Radhe!
Karuna Mohan*



Radha Patita Pavana jhulan-yatra in Jamdaha