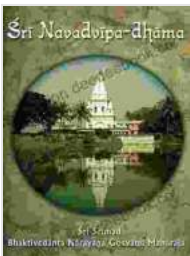


Sri Gauda Mandala: A Journey to the Holy Places of the Gaudiya Vaisnavas

Sri Gauda Mandala is a region in West Bengal, India, that is considered to be the birthplace of the Gaudiya Vaisnava tradition. The Gaudiya Vaisnavas are a Vaishnava sampradaya, or lineage, that worships Krishna as the supreme deity. The tradition was founded by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in the 15th century.



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Mayapur

Mayapur is the birthplace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. It is located on the banks of the Ganges River, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) north of

Kolkata. Mayapur is a major center of pilgrimage for Gaudiya Vaisnavas. The town is home to the Sri Mayapur Temple, which is one of the largest Krishna temples in the world.

Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma

Yūṣṭava and an exceptionally sweet singer. People were deeply moved by his beautiful *sāṅkīrtana*. He established preaching-centres in Medinīpura, Kāñthī, Candraḥṇā Town and Māyāpura. His place of *bhājana* and his *saṁādhi* are here.



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Śrī Kṛṣṇa-Caitanya Maṭha

The founder of this *maṭha* is *parivrajakācārya* Śrīmad Bhakti Kamala Madhusūdana Mahārāja, a disciple of Śrī Sarasvatī Thākura. He took birth in 1899 in East Bengal (Bangladesh) in Vājitapura village of the Magarīpura subdivision of the Haripura district. His father's name was Śrī Pārvatīnātha Sanyāla and his mother's name was Svāṁmayī-devī. He received his primary education in Vājitapura and his higher education in Kolkata. While engaged in his former occupation as co-editor of the



Nabadwip

Nabadwip is the town where Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu spent his childhood and youth. It is located on the banks of the Ganges River, about

80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Kolkata. Nabadwip is home to many temples and ashrams associated with Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Some of the most notable temples include the Sri Chaitanya Math, the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, and the Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math.

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Kalna is a town located on the banks of the Bhagirathi River, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Kolkata. Kalna is home to the Jagannath Temple, which is one of the most important Vaishnava temples in West Bengal. The temple was built in the 16th century by Raja Krishna Chandra Roy, a devotee of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.



Shantipur

Shantipur is a town located on the banks of the Bhagirathi River, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) north of Kolkata. Shantipur is home to the Ambika Kalna Temple, which is one of the most important Shakti temples in West Bengal. The temple was built in the 18th century by Raja Krishna Chandra Roy, a devotee of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma

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Guptipara

Guptipara is a town located on the banks of the Ganges River, about 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Kolkata. Guptipara is home to the Vishnupriya Devi Temple, which is dedicated to the wife of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. The temple was built in the 19th century by Raja Harinath Majumdar, a devotee of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.



Mahesh

Mahesh is a town located on the banks of the Ganges River, about 180 kilometers (110 miles) north of Kolkata. Mahesh is home to the Srivas Angan, which is the birthplace of Srivasa Pandita, one of the most prominent disciples of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. The Srivas Angan is a major center of pilgrimage for Gaudiya Vaisnavas.

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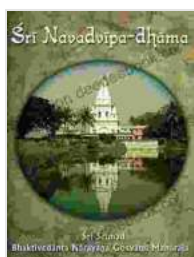
Other Holy Places

In addition to the holy places listed above, there are many other important Vaishnava sites in Sri Gauda Mandala. These include:

- Sri Govindaji Temple in Mayapur
- Sri Srinivasa Acarya's birthplace in Birnagar

- Sri Advaita Acarya's birthplace in Shantipur
- Sri Gadadhara Pandit's birthplace in Khardaha
- Srivasa Pandita's birthplace in Mahesh
- Nityananda Prabhu's birthplace in Ekachakra

Sri Gauda Mandala is a land of great spiritual significance. It is a place where the Gaudiya Vaisnava tradition was born and flourished. The holy places in the region are a testament to the rich and vibrant history of the tradition.



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