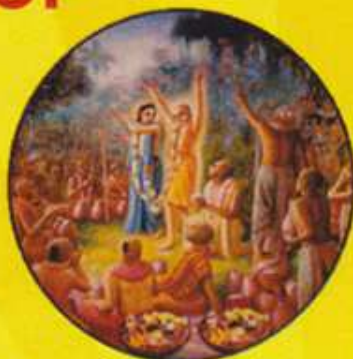


Celebrating

502th ANNIVERSARY OF PANIHATI

Chida-Dahi-Mahotsava

The festival of Vaishnav Seva



Panihati Festival Week

*Friday, 22nd June to
Tuesday, 26th June, 2018*

SCHEDULE

*Please be a part of this
historic spiritual festival
and receive the causeless
mercy of Their Lordships,
Sri Sri Gaur Nitai
and Srila Prabhupada*

GANGA SAFARI,	22 nd June, Friday	12:00 noon
FOOD FESTIVAL,	23 rd June, Saturday	5:00 pm
SRAVANOTSAVA,	24 th June, Sunday	1:00 pm
DANDAMAHOOTSAVA,	25 th June, Monday	8:00 am
KIRTAN MELA,	26 th June, Tuesday	3:00 pm

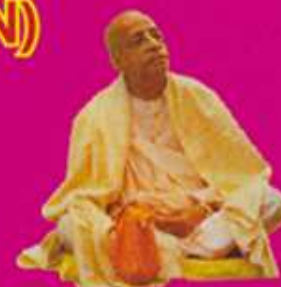
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CORDIAL INVITATION

On 25th June, 2018, Monday, ISKCON Panihati is going to celebrate Panihati Chida-dadhi Mahotsava, the historic spiritual festival, through which Lord Nityananda glorified Vaishnav Seva, service unto the devotees of Lord Krishna. It is by taking recourse to Vaishnav Seva that Srila Raghunath Das Goswami got the precious privilege of receiving the mercy of Lord Caitanya.

Although Raghunath possessed opulences equal to that of Indra, yet he was not at all attached to material affluence and as a thirsty cataka bird, would crave for receiving a drop of mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who is none other than Lord Krishna Himself in the mood of Shrimati Radharani. His repeated attempts to break the fetters of household affairs and rush to Mahaprabhu, hoping for receiving Lord's constant transcendental association, were met with failure until He met Lord Nityananda, who is Lord Balarama in Krishnalila, under a banyan tree at the bank of Ganges in Panihati. Lord Nityananda, who is the primeval Spiritual Master, by addressing Raghunath as 'chora' meaning thief, instructed that the Supreme Lord can never be reached without the grace of the Spiritual Master, and in a transcendental mood of punishing Raghunath ordered him to feast His associates chipped rice and yogurt. Thus, an apparent punishment (danda) took the form of a grand festival (mahotsava) which popularly came to be known as Danda Mahotsava, that is celebrated every year at Panihati on the thirteenth day of the bright moon in the month of Jyestha (May-June).

Lord Nityananda, being very pleased with Raghunath's service, bestowed upon Him the priceless boon of being counted among the dear most associates of Mahaprabhu, thus showing that the ultimate way of satisfying the Supreme Lord is serving the Spiritual Master and pleasing the devotees of the Lord.

Now by Srila Prabhupada's divine arrangement, this celebration has spread worldwide through ISKCON.

You are cordially invited to grace this great occasion with your auspicious presence.