

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2021

EVERYONE LOVES RADHA

In this episode of our Kartik inspirations, we will start speaking about the last six qualities of Srimati Radharani. These are qualities that relate to others. The reason why we jumped over a few other qualities that relate to Her mind is because there is great respect for the elevated feelings of Radha, and sometimes it is not good to share these things so openly.

The first of the six qualities of Srimati Radharani that relate to others are: *gokula-prema-vasati*—all of Gokula has love for Her. Yashoda once spoke about Srimati Radharani to her friend and said, “This Radharani has been made of a mass of prema by the Creator. On seeing Her, the minds of all the inhabitants of Gokula are filled with affection.” This became particularly pronounced at Srimati Radharani’s royal bath.

All of Vrindavan had assembled to see how Gangadevi, Sarasvati, and some of the demigoddesses were pouring *abishek* water over Her in order to enthrone Her as the unrivaled Queen of the Kingdom of Braj. There were bees, deer, bulls, and the cows had assembled, what to speak of all the Brajabasis. Even Krishna was there—He saw it from a hiding place. There were demigods there, personified sacred places and rivers. Everyone had come to be witness of this most endearing ceremony where Srimati Radharani became ‘Vrindavaneshvari’.

After the coronation ceremony was finished, it was necessary to assign different posts in the new government. And finally,

Krishna arrived in the assembly of the *gopis* and He said, “I come here to submit My petition. I want to also hold an office in Radha’s government.” But Lalita, the Prime Minister, said “What good can You do? You are only a thief!” At this Krishna smiled and said “I have just lost My flute.” So Lalita countered and said “What good can a person do who cannot even guard his own property?” And she said such dismissive things about Krishna. But Krishna, who is most expert and dexterous, quickly took His hand to the braid of Lalita and pulled out the flute. He said, “If the Prime Minister of a government is stealing others’ property, this is not very good.” Consequently, there was laughter and laughter about Krishna’s beautiful dealings. And then the *gopis* asked Him, “So what do You want to do in the government of Radha?” With great conviction, Krishna exclaimed, “I will go from village to village, forest to forest, and proclaim the glories of Srimati Radharani as the Queen of Vrindavan.”

Everyone has love for Srimati Radharani.

Let us end with a prayer. The prayer is from the *Brahmanda Purana*, the *Radha Stotram*. Please sit in a mindful way as we hear the prayer.

“May the name of Sri Radhika be at the tip of my tongue. May the form of Sri Radha be before my eyes. May the glories of Sri Radha Maharani be always in front of my ears, and may Her loving devotion always remain in my heart.”

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