

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj (also known as Srila Govinda Maharaj, Swami B.S. Govinda, G.S. Vidyaranjan, Gourendu Brahmachari, Dharmadas Chatterjee) presently residing at 491 Dum Dum Park, Kolkata 700055, declare and state that this is my last will, notwithstanding any will made by me at any previous time. I revoke all wills and codicils that I have previously made. I declare that after my demise:

Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj shall succeed me as President Sevaite Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, including Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math and Mission, Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha and all other Maths mentioned herein. From this point on these aforementioned Maths as a group shall be referred to as “Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math et al”. [i.e. the Indian Mission]

It is my desire that a new Trust Board, which shall henceforth be referred to in this document as the “Primary Trust”, shall be formed with Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj as the President, and the following (listed below) will be the Trustees. The President or any one of the designated Trustees are hereby appointed as the executor of this, my Last Will and Final Testament. In addition, these Trustees shall assist the President Sevaite Acharya in the governing of the Mission and the authority of this Primary Trust shall be supreme over any and all other Trusts. The Trustees shall be as follows:

Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj (President)

Sri Mahananda Das Bhakti Ranjan (Secretary)

Sripad Bhakti Madhur Mangal Maharaj

Sripad Bhakti Kusum Ashram Maharaj

Sripad Bhakti Pavan Janardan Maharaj

Sripad Bhakti Bimal Avadhut Maharaj

Sripad Bhakti Sudhir Goswami

I further declare, say and confirm that all the properties, both movable and immovable, which stand in my name personally (including all aliases) or in my care and proprietorship as Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math et al., and all properties in the name of Math servitors (whom I had designated to act solely on behalf of the Mission) including current accounts, savings accounts and fixed deposits in various banks, are the properties and assets of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math et al. I must clearly state that the heirs and successors of my previous life, or anyone claiming through them, have no right, claim or interest in these properties and assets whatsoever and wheresoever.

I hereby also declare that none of the immovable properties standing in the name of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math et al. in India shall ever be mortgaged, borrowed against, sold, transferred, or in any way encumbered, disposed of, or alienated. This direction is irrevocable and absolute.

These Primary Trust Trustees who have herein been designated are appointed for life. In the event of the death or failure to act for any reason of any of the said Trustees, a successor Trustee

or Trustees may be appointed by the remaining Trustees, provided that there are never less than three (3) or more than (7) Trustees acting at one time.

An Acharya Board (Acharya Sabha) shall be formed, composed of initiating acharyas, to consult with one another regarding all spiritual matters and to give guidance to all Trust Boards.

In pursuance to the aforementioned, I also declare:

My revered Guru Maharaj established Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math in the year 1941 A.D.; the same is mentioned in the said Deed. By virtue of the said Deed, Srila Guru Maharaj was the sole Sevaite and Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

I joined the Sri Math in the year 1947 A.D. After that Srila Guru Maharaj initiated me imparting 'Harinam' and gave me the name, 'Sri Gourendu Brahmachari' And Srila Guru Maharaj declared that Sri Gourendu Brahmachari will become the next Sevaite and Acharya of the Math. Since the said 1947 A.D., I have been rendering service as the sincere Sevak of Srila Guru Maharaj and the Secretary of the Math. 'Srila Guru Maharaj' was extremely affectionate towards me all the time, so Srila Guru Maharaj by engaging me in all kinds of services of the 'Sri Math' named me Sri Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj by conferring on me 'Sannyas' on 16.11.85 A.D. During the time Srila Guru Maharaj was alive he engaged me to do the work of Sevaite and Acharya. Be it further mentioned that, after I became a Sannyasi, that is from the year 1986 A.D. Srila Guru Maharaj did not initiate anyone whomsoever as disciple. Srila Guru Maharaj in his will declared that Sri Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj will be Sevaite Acharya and President. And Srila Guru Maharaj has further declared that all his rights, ownership and title will be transferred to me alone. I alone was to give initiation as Acharya in the Math and would administer to all the servants of the temple as Sevaite and President. Srila Guru Maharaj mentioned further in his 'Will' that all the disciples, both male and female, residing in the Math, all the foreign disciples, both male and female, all devotees, shall obey me as the sole Sevaite, Acharya and President and being faithful to me will assist me in the seva, work, of Sri Math. If anyone failed to honour this direction and last desire of Srila Guru Maharaj, he would be compelled to leave the Math.

Thereafter Srila Guru Maharaj left for his heavenly abode on 12.08.1988. Since then until today I have been faithfully following the directions and desires declared in Srila Guru Maharaj's said Will. And I have been rendering Seva puja to the devotees and managing the Math. I have established the Math and Ashram with the cooperation and assistance of the devotees and disciples of many places in India. I have established more than 100 Maths in various countries through propagation, undertaking foreign tours on 24 occasions, from 1992 to the present with the help of numbers of Devotees, Disciples and Patrons. And I alone am the Sevaite and Acharya of all those Maths, and Maths established in different places of India, and of the main Math in Nabadwip. I am growing old gradually. Considering all the aspects elaborately, it has become extremely necessary to make some arrangement so that all those Maths and Ashrams will be managed smoothly. For this reason by this 'Will' I authorise the formation of the aforementioned Primary Trust Board consisting of the aforementioned persons for the daily Seva Puja, festivals, etc. of the Deities and for administering all the works of the Math and Ashrams under Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math in this country and abroad.

As long as I shall remain alive I alone will continue to manage. After my demise the Trustees will be entitled to manage.

Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj, the aforesaid nominated President of the said Primary Trust Board, will manage all affairs of all the Maths and Temples and give initiations as the Acharya of this Math and Sangha. Regarding this it is my last desire and direction to all my loyal disciples, male and female, of Western and Eastern countries and to the devoted associates under my shelter, that all of them will obey the President Acharya Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj, remain faithful to him and continue to render assistance in the Seva affairs of Sri Math. If anyone fails to honour this direction of mine and does not abide by my last desire, then he will be compelled to leave this Math, all other Maths and the Mission. It is the direction of Srila Guru Maharaj that only those who will be loyal to the Sevaite Acharya of the Math and will act accordingly will be members of the Math. Those who would cause disturbance to the Math and the Mission obstructing the Seva work done by the Acharya must be expelled from all Maths and their premises.

I hereby direct all to assist Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj with love and affection. I find that Sriman Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj is competent to become the next Sevaite Acharya after me. I have my good wishes, affection and love for Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj, and it is my last desire that each of the devotees and disciples from the Math and Mission will cooperate with him, as he has been rendering service to the Math untiringly, being completely loyal to me, and is always acting for the well-being of the Math. And this is my order and last desire.

Now, I find Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj has an outstanding personality and unparalleled devotion. I find that everyone is following him but not all with affection, which is not proper. Everyone should cooperate with affection. However, it is a good sign that the devotees from abroad have affection and love for Sriman Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj.

Any person who will be unable to accept this direction of mine declaring Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj as the next Acharya of this Math will have to leave this Math and not disturb the peace of the Math. This is not only my desire but also the desire of Srila Guru Maharaj. If my desire and the desire of Srila Guru Maharaj are respected, then this Mission will run smoothly.

Sri Krishna Das Prabhu will become the main priest (pujari) of Bamunpara. In this way his family tradition will be maintained. Sriman Krishna Das Prabhu can do Seva work of Bamunpara Math, with loyalty to Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj. Moreover Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj only will become all in all. Krishna Das Prabhu will respect Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj and assist him.

As Sripad Krishna Saran Prabhu (Sripad Aranya Maharaj) always obeys me, I have told him to support Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj.

The devotees of Russia shall follow Sripad Avadhut Maharaj completely. If one hundred percent is not possible, at least all concerned will respect and regard him, because Sripad Bhakti Bimal Avadhut Maharaj has taken the leading role in the propagation of the Mission in Russia since the

beginning. I want to see Sripad Avadhut Maharaj as the Acharya in Russia. I shall be pleased if everyone in Russia abides by Avadhut Maharaj and becomes loyal to him.

And in America Sripad Janardan Maharaj is a perfect personality. He is a perfect gentlemen. He will be Acharya. He is Acharya already but has given all the respect to me; I am giving in return to him. Sripad Janardan Maharaj will become the Acharya and Sevaite of the Soquel Math. Similarly, Sripad Ashram Maharaj will be the Acharya of Mexico.

Sripad Giri Maharaj is a very good person and my respect is also with Giri Maharaj. He will be the Acharya of New York, New Jersey and Detroit.

Sri Rohini Shakti Didi has always been serving in Brazil. She is a lifelong servant of my Ashram in Brazil and she will always have a place to stay there peacefully. Sripad Trivikram Maharaj is a respected person there and he will be the Acharya of Brazil.

The entire Mission shall respect Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj who will be the administrator. And this is my last wish and last 'Will': Everyone will cooperate with Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj.

Sripad Mahananda Bhakti Ranjan Prabhu will be the head in respect to spiritual matters of the devotees. He will be respected as the Chief Secretary of Srila Guru Maharaj and as my faithful friend. Specially the foreign devotees will respect and obey him and not cross over him.

Jamuna and Lalita both are fully faithful and have shown total devotion towards me. They will be at liberty to stay in any of the Maths in India as per their wish, or else they may render their services in any place outside India.

Kumkum and Jivana and Yudhamanyu are always obedient towards me. They will carry out the administration of their Math till their death.

Sri Bharat Prabhu and Sri Vidura Prabhu are good young men and at a later stage, they will get position in Soquel Math.

Sripad Ashram Maharaj and Sripad Goswami Maharaj both are my very close friends, all devotees shall follow them.

Devotees from foreign countries who come to the Math will get shelter. Certainly they will remain obedient towards Srila Guru Maharaj, myself and subsequent Acharyas.

Those who are main devotees such as Lalita, Jamuna, Mahananda Prabhu, Nimai Chandra Prabhu, Goswami Maharaj, Ashram Maharaj, Srutasrava Prabhu, Avadhut Maharaj, whereas whenever they visit various Maths, will get one room and will be able to live there as long as they like, because with their cooperation the Math has prospered. And when leaving they will hand over the key of said room to the Math-rakshak (guard).

Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj has undertaken construction work at various places of Maths and Sanghas, therefore as successor he will get absolute power to do the same subsequently. But this will be subject to discussions with the Primary Trust Board. There are three already established Trust Boards, one is Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, the second is Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha and the other one is Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math and Mission. These three are separate, but they will be under the control of one Sevaite and Acharya. If

anyone wishes to give initiation outside Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, they can do that, but will be considered an outsider from Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. There will be one single Acharya, Sevaite and President of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. That will be Sri Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya, because he has been rendering service, taking all trouble and responsibility upon himself. No one else will be entitled to do the same.

In Malaysia, Sripad Balendranath Prabhu will be able to carry on but there too Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj will give his leadership. Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Mauritius will all be under the control of Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj. In Mauritius, Sripad Adhoksaja Prabhu has rendered service to great extent. If he and Sripad Dipta Krishna Prabhu take the help of Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj, then the Mauritius Mission will continue in a much better way. But if one becomes “Rtvik” on his own, then it’s a different matter. I will not take their responsibility.

And the Math in London will be run under the control of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, headquarters in Nabadwip, as per the instruction of Srila Guru Maharaj.

I hereby appoint as aforesaid, the president Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj or any one of the designated Trustees as the executor of this my last Will and Final Testament to follow my desires and directions as stated above.

I have made this will in possession of full sense and sound mind, without any persuasion, force or compulsion from anyone.

Executed by Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj President Sevaite Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math et al. Disciple of Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaj.