

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI  
(Ordinary Original Jurisdiction)

Civil Suit (OS) No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2023

In the matter of

H.H. Lokanath Swami,

Through Duly constituted Power of Attorney

Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus ...Plaintiff

Versus

Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and Others ...Defendants

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URGENT APPLICATION

To

The Registrar  
High Court of Delhi  
New Delhi

Sir,

The accompanying Suit may kindly be treated as urgent.

The matter may kindly be placed before the Hon'ble High Court for hearing on

2ND March 2023.

Thanking you,

Dated: 24-2-2023

Yours faithfully,

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### SYNOPSIS

That the Plaintiff is a 73-year-old sanyasi (monk), and a law-abiding citizen, who has never been charged with any crime in India, or in any other country.

By way of the present suit, the plaintiff herein is filing the present suit for grant of a decree of mandatory injunction against the defendants thus directing the defendants for immediately removing, pulling down and withdrawing any and all imputations made against the plaintiff over various Social Media Platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and tender an unconditional apology to the plaintiff to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of perpetual prohibitory injunction thus directing the defendants to refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under their respective controls, any content denigrating or defaming the plaintiff, now and in the future. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of Rs. 2.25 Crores to be recovered from the defendants jointly and severally for defaming the plaintiff and the plaintiff has paid the Court fees accordingly and as per law.

That it is the case of the plaintiff that the imputations posted online by the defendants 1 and 2 using the social media platforms owned and operated by the defendants 3 and 4 have injured the reputation of the plaintiff in relation to his status, calling trade and office that he holds in relation to his association with ISKCON for over 50 years as a spiritual

guru and preacher and these statements of the defendants 1 and 2 have exposed the plaintiff to hatred and contempt and have the potential to mislead the plaintiff's disciples and followers worldwide and adversely affect the plaintiff's life and missionary work.

**Brief statement of facts and list of dates in chronological order**

Date	Particulars
Feb22 to date	<p>That the plaintiff and his near disciples and some followers came across a number of social media posts that were created, posted, forwarded, and published by Defendant Nos. 1 and 2, primarily on Facebook, and also on Twitter and Instagram, wherein the Defendants have resorted to making false imputations about Plaintiff using various terms such as, but not limited to "Child abuser," "Child molester," "Sexual Abuser," and "Pedophile."</p> <p>That the said false imputations of the defendant Nos. 1 and 2 against Plaintiff have been made by the defendants with the intent of harming, or knowing, or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm Plaintiff's reputation.</p>
24.11.22	<p>That the plaintiff got the defendants served with legal notices requesting them to remove the impugned social media posts and to refrain from and</p>

desist from posting the same or similar posts in future besides submitting an unconditional apology to the plaintiff by way of publication on print and electronic media. That through the said legal notice, the plaintiff also demanded damages of Rupees 2 crores jointly and severally from the defendants for defaming the plaintiff.

22.12.22 That a reply to the legal notice dated 24 Nov 2022 on behalf of Defendant Nos. 1 and 2 was received by the Counsel for the Plaintiff in terms of which a vague denial of all the allegations was conveyed besides seeking withdrawal of the legal notice.

That it is of essence that to constitute the offence of defamation it must be communicated to a third person and is intended to arouse the hostility of others and the question whether the said imputation has been communicated / made public for viewership and / or reading by the general public is material to bring forth and establish the fact of defamation. That the present case of the plaintiff squarely fits the aforesaid settled law.

24.2.2023 Hence, the present suit.



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Memo of Parties

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ISKCON Hills, Glory of India & Vedic Cultural Centre,  
East of Kailash, New Delhi  
Through Duly constituted Power of Attorney  
Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus  
R/o Bhakti Vedanta Swami Goshala  
Go Ghat, Raman Reti, Vrindavan, Mathura,  
Uttar Pradesh - 281121 ...Plaintiff

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Twitter: @saraswatidasi

2. Mr. Dominic Johnson  
(AKA Damodara Dasa, AKA Vedic Inquirer)

Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/vedicinquirer](https://www.facebook.com/groups/vedicinquirer)  
[facebook.com/damodara.dasa](https://www.facebook.com/damodara.dasa)

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3. Meta Platforms, Inc.  
Through Mr. Tom Alison,  
Head of Facebook: and  
Mr. Adam Mosseri, Head of Instagram  
Menlo Park, California, USA 94025  
Also at:  
Facebook India Online Services Private Limited  
Through its Country Head  
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Twitter: @saraswatidasi

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Through its Country Head  
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SUIT FOR MANDATORY INJUNCTION, PERPETUAL PROHIBITORY  
 INJUNCTION AND RECOVERY OF RUPEES 2.25 CRORES AS  
 DAMAGES/COMPENSATION FOR DEFAMATION

To,

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi; and  
 His Companion Justices of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi  
 at New Delhi

The humble plaint of the plaintiffs above-named  
 MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That the plaintiff herein is desirous of filing the present suit for grant of a decree of mandatory injunction against the defendants thus directing the defendants for immediately removing, pulling down and withdrawing any and all imputations made against the plaintiff over various Social Media Platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and tender an unconditional apology to the plaintiff to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of perpetual prohibitory injunction thus directing the defendants to refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under their respective controls, any content denigrating or defaming the plaintiff, now and in the

future. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of Rs. 2.25 Crores to be recovered from the defendants jointly and severally for defaming the plaintiff and the plaintiff has paid the Court fees accordingly and as per law.

2. That the present suit is instituted through the duly constituted Power of Attorney of the Plaintiff above named and a copy of the Power of Attorney duly executed has been included in the documents filed along with the instant suit. That the duly constituted Power of Attorney of the Plaintiff, Mr. Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus is even otherwise acquainted with the facts of the present case and the controversy about the imputations which form the subject matter of the captioned suit as such he is competent to sign, verify the plaint and institute the present suit before this Hon'ble Court.
3. That the Plaintiff is a 73-year-old sanyasi (monk), and a law-abiding citizen of this country, who has never been charged with any crime in India, or in any other country.
4. That Plaintiff has been actively involved in preaching Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and Shrimad Bhagavata for over 50 years and has more than ten thousand disciples and several lakhs of followers. That due to having put in over 50 years

of selfless service to society after renouncing material life, Plaintiff has earned a well-deserved reputation as a monk, spiritual guru, and preacher possessed of great integrity.

5. That it is submitted that recently the plaintiff and his near disciples and some followers came across a number of social media posts that were created, posted, forwarded, and/or published by Defendant Nos. 1 and 2, primarily on Facebook, and also on Twitter and Instagram, wherein the Defendants have resorted to making false imputations about Plaintiff using various terms such as, but not limited to "Child abuser," "Child molester," "Sexual Abuser," and "Pedophile."
6. That some examples of said imputations were posted on, but not limited to, the following dates;
  - a. Facebook: 3Feb2022, 5Feb2022, 7Feb2022, 13Feb2022, 23Feb2022, 2Mar2022, 4Mar2022, 12Mar2022, 23Mar2022, 1Apr2022, 16Apr2022, 8May2022, 16May2022, 24Jun2022, 10Jul2022, 3Aug2022, 17Aug2022, 20Aug2022, 21Aug2022, 8Sep2022, 10Sep2022, 11Sep2022, 16Sep2022, 20Sep2022, 22Sep2022, 25Sep2022, 11Oct2022, 12Oct2022, 21Oct2022, 22Oct2022, 26Oct2022 30Oct2022, 2Nov2022; 11Jan2023.
  - b. Instagram: 22Oct2021, 29Oct2022;
  - c. Twitter: 28Oct2021, 28Oct2022.
7. That the defendants have also posted on social media, statements of admission purporting to have been written by Plaintiff, although the Plaintiff has not made any such

statements. Furthermore, the defendants have circulated the url of a website, not owned by Plaintiff, although titled lokanath.net, wherein the defendants have also posted the same false statements of admission.

8. That the above referred posts published by the defendants 1 and 2 on their social media pages, despite being false, may well create doubts in the minds of others about the plaintiff, while they may also gain some advantage by attacking plaintiff's integrity in terms of being associated with the same organization i.e. International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).
9. That the Facebook profile pages of Defendant Nos. 1 and 2 seem to have 4000 and 4700 followers respectively, and there have been various comments and reactions expressed by some readers in response to the above referenced posts, which apparently indicate that some of those readers have accepted the false statements and imputations made against the plaintiff, which has thus resulted in bringing disrepute to Plaintiff.
10. Since the false and defamatory posts created online by the defendants continue to remain available on social media, and so in addition to said posts defaming and bringing disrepute to

the plaintiff, they may also be shared or forwarded by others, resulting in further defamation and harassment for the plaintiff.

11. Notwithstanding any potential future defamation that may be caused owing to the above referred existing false, untruthful, misconceived, mischievous and defamatory posts published by the defendants No. 1 and 2 that have already resulted in substantial loss of image, status, and reputation of the plaintiff, with the plaintiff having already received calls and queries from his followers, peers, supporters, disciples, and other members of society at large, concerning the misinformation being spread by the defendants 1 and 2 while using the social media platforms owned and operated by the defendants 3 and 4.

12. That it has also been noticed by the plaintiff that the defendant Nos. 1 and 2 have also made imputations against others on their social media pages, which may indicate their habit and intentions of harming the reputation of people, who may not have any legitimate reason to be targeted by them.

13. That the imputations of the defendant Nos. 1 and 2 against Plaintiff have been made by the defendants with the intent of



harming, or knowing, or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm Plaintiff's reputation.

14. That the defendants' imputations have directly and indirectly negatively affected Plaintiff, and are defamatory, and as such the defendants are guilty of causing defamation and loss of reputation for the plaintiff. The damage caused to the reputation of Plaintiff because of the defendants' making false, malicious, and defamatory imputations cannot be assessed in terms of money.

15. However, Plaintiff holds a good reputation with the general public, along with a large circle of followers and supporters, and claims, jointly and severally, ₹2,25,00,000 (Rupees Two Crores and Twenty-Five Lakhs) from the defendants as a token amount of compensation/damages for said defamation.

16. That it is most respectfully submitted further that since the plaintiff is a monk who has renounced the material world, the said amount (of damages/compensation) will be donated to the organization ISKCON and used towards the Food for Life program run by the organization to feed the poor and needy.

17. That Plaintiff is aggrieved by the conduct of defendant Nos. 3 and 4, since the said defendants have allowed the impugned publication of such false imputations on the social media

platforms owned and operated by them. That the Plaintiff is therefore praying for a relief of mandatory and prohibitory injunction against the Defendants 3 and 4 also besides money decree for compensation/damages for allowing the use of said platforms to broadcast defamatory statements against the Plaintiff, having not removed them despite the fact that the aforementioned, false and malicious imputations constitute defamation of a well-known public figure, and are against the community standards published on their respective websites prohibiting misinformation. As such, the defendant Nos. 3 and 4 are also jointly liable for compensating the plaintiff, alongside Defendant Nos. 1 and 2 for the relief as prayed for in the instant suit.

18. That, accordingly, on 24 Nov 2022 the plaintiff got the defendants served with legal notices requesting them to remove the impugned social media posts and to refrain from and desist from posting the same or similar posts in future besides submitting an unconditional apology to the plaintiff by way of publication on print and electronic media. That through the said legal notice, the plaintiff also demanded damages of Rupees 2 crores jointly and severally from the defendants for defaming the plaintiff.

19. That thereafter the plaintiff received an email from one Damodara Pandita das email id [yakdas@hotmail.com](mailto:yakdas@hotmail.com) stating that the Defendant No. 2 had received the legal notice. That the email dated as received from the said Damodara Pandita Das is being reproduced below for the kind reference of this Hon'ble Court:

*From: Damodara Pandita das <[yakdas@hotmail.com](mailto:yakdas@hotmail.com)>  
Date: 29 November 2022 at 03:43:43 GMT+5:30  
To: Lokanath Swami <[Lokanath.swami@pamho.net](mailto:Lokanath.swami@pamho.net)>  
Subject: Hare Krishna. Australia.  
Reply-To: Damodara Pandita das <[yakdas@hotmail.com](mailto:yakdas@hotmail.com)>*

*Dear Guru Maharaja*

*Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada*

*I hope you are well. I had hoped to visit Vraj during Kartika this year but health and finances slowed down my plans.*

*Today I am writing as I was contacted by Damodara das (who lives near me) who just received a legal notice from a lawyer in New Delhi.*

*I must admit I do not spend much time at all on the internet and I definitely do not follow online criticism of devotees. I do not support devotees sitting on their computers creating problems for others online.*

*I was previously made aware that Damodara das was making various comments online. On one occasion I did contact him and shared my concerns about his views.*

*Having said that it seems that him being served a legal document at his house for posting his views online seems to be escalating the situation.*

*It is not my position to be making any suggestions - and I know little of what was said or done - but I did tell Damodara I would reach out and see if the situation could be deescalated.*

*Please find the legal notice Damodara received attached.*

*I hope you don't mind my writing this letter?*

*Your servant always,*

*Damodara Pandit das"*

20. That a prompt reply to the above-said email was sent as follows:

***From:*** LNS Committee <[committeelns@gmail.com](mailto:committeelns@gmail.com)>

***Date:*** 01 December 2022 at 04:34:29 SAST

***To:*** [yakdas@hotmail.com](mailto:yakdas@hotmail.com)

***Subject:*** ***Concerning your recent email***

*Dear Damodara Pandita Prabhu,*

*Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.*

*Greetings from Sri Vrindavan Dham!*

*Your email message was forwarded to me, as I'm currently in charge of correspondence concerning the matter you wrote about. As should be clear, we are about to initiate legal proceedings and as such an advance intimation was given to the proposed defendants.*

*As for de-escalation, I must convey to you that before we reconsider any of the other expectations from the proposed defendants, that were outlined in the legal notice, all the imputative posts will need to be taken down/removed with immediate effect.*

*Your servant,  
Sanaka Sanatana Das*

21. That on 22 Dec 2022, a reply to the legal notice dated 24 Nov 2022 on behalf of Defendant Nos. 1 and 2 was received by the Counsel for the Plaintiff in terms of which a vague denial of all the allegations was conveyed besides seeking withdrawal of the legal notice.
22. That as a matter of fact, after receiving the legal notice and having got the same replied through their advocates, the defendant No. 1 has resorted to posting another mischievous post at the platform Facebook on 11Jan2023, which only goes on to reinforce the contentions of the plaintiff about the conduct of the defendants being aimed at defaming the plaintiff based on misconceived facts.
23. That on January 27, 2023, the Counsel for the Plaintiff received a reply to the legal notice sent to the Defendant No. 3. That in terms of the said legal notice, it was informed the Defendant No. 3 as it existed in India wasn't responsible for the operating the Facebook and Instagram platforms and that Meta Platforms, Inc., USA was hosting and operating the Facebook and Instagram Social Media platforms and thus in the instant plaint, Meta Platforms, Inc. has been devised as a defendant herein.

24. That it is of essence that to constitute the offence of defamation it must be communicated to a third person and is intended to arouse the hostility of others and the question whether the said imputation has been communicated / made public for viewership and / or reading by the general public is material to bring forth and establish the fact of defamation. That the present case of the plaintiff squarely fits the aforesaid settled law.

25. That in view of the foregoing statement of facts duly substantiated by the copies of the said alleged imputations placed on the record of the present suit thus, it is emphatically made out that the defendants jointly and severally published and/or facilitated publication of the mischievous statements containing the above stated imputations without due care and attention and without making any attempt at verification of the truthfulness and/or authenticity before or after the publication.

26. That it is further most humbly submitted by the plaintiff that the said impugned imputations and their publication over social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram referring to the plaintiff using various terms such as, but not limited to "Child abuser," "Child molester," "Sexual Abuser,"

and "Pedophile" by the defendants are per se defamatory, and maliciously published by the defendants to cause serious harm to the reputation of the plaintiff.

27. That it is the case of the plaintiff that the imputations posted online by the defendants 1 and 2 using the social media platforms owned and operated by the defendants 3 and 4 have injured the reputation of the plaintiff in relation to his status, calling trade and office that he holds in relation to his association with ISKCON for over 50 years as a spiritual guru and preacher and these statements of the defendants 1 and 2 have exposed the plaintiff to hatred and contempt and have the potential to mislead the plaintiff's disciples and followers worldwide and adversely affect the plaintiff's life and missionary work.

28. That it is a settled principle of law that the law recognizes in every man a right to have the estimation in which he stands in the opinion of others, the character imputed to him in the community and/or the society to which he belongs. That the impugned imputations have substantively lowered the reputation of the plaintiff. A person may not possess property, assets, and money but still, he can have good reputation and respectability.

29. That the plaintiff is a Sr. Citizen and a sincere Krishna Devotee now aged about 73 years and the impugned imputations as published online by the defendants have lowered the well-earned reputation of the plaintiff in respect of his conduct as a monk who has renounced the material world, a spiritual guru and preacher, and above all being a Krishna devotee, knowing fully well and having reason to believe that the alleged imputations would harm the reputation of the plaintiff and it is most humbly submitted for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court that every man is entitled to his good name and esteem in which he is held by others and has a right to claim that his reputation shall not be disparaged by defamatory statements made about him and made public without lawful justification or excuse.

30. That a good reputation is no less precious to good men than bodily safety and freedom and in the case of the plaintiff these may be dearer than life itself. That it is therefore needful for the peace and well-being of a common and law-abiding citizen that the law should come to his rescue and protect his reputation as well.

31. That the present matter is non-commercial in nature.

32. That the present suit is filed within limitation.



33. That the cause of action for the present suit arose when the defendants were served with a legal notice dated 24 November 2022 through the plaintiff's Counsel in terms of which a request was made to the defendants to remove the impugned social media posts and tender an unconditional apology and lastly to compensate the plaintiff by way of paying damages to the tune of Rupees 2.25 crores. The defendants have not acted upon the requests of the plaintiff and therefore the Cause of Action is continuing and thus there is no delay in filing the Suit for the relief as prayed for.

34. That a person may not possess property, but still he can have good reputation and respectability which has great value, and that good reputation has been sought to be tarnished and lowered by the defendants in terms of the alleged misconduct alleged above and the plaintiff estimates that an amount of ₹2.25 Crores, hence this Hon'ble Court has the pecuniary jurisdiction to determine and adjudicate upon the controversy subject matter of the present suit.

35. That the suit for the purposes of relief of mandatory and prohibitory injunction as prayed for has been valued at Rs. 250 and for the claim of recovery of compensation/damages at Rupees 2.25 Crores as above, accordingly Court fee for the

reliefs of injunction as prayed for and ad-valorem Court Fee for the relief of decree of damages as appropriate has been affixed.

PRAYER

In view of the facts, circumstances and reasons explained in the foregoing paragraph, the plaintiff most humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to:

- a) Pass a decree of mandatory injunction in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendants thus directing the defendants for immediately resorting to pulling down/withdrawing any and all imputations, as narrated above, made against the Plaintiff from the social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and/or any other platforms not in the knowledge and/or reach of the plaintiff, where the defendants might have published the alleged imputations; and
- b) Pass a decree of perpetual prohibitory injunction in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendants thus directing the defendants to immediately refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under their respective controls, any content defaming the plaintiff, now and in the future; and
- c) Pass an order thus directing the defendant Nos. 1 and 2 to tender an unconditional apology to the plaintiff to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media; and

- d) Pass a money decree thus directing the defendants to pay an amount of ₹2,25,000,00 (Rupees Two Crores and Twenty-Five Lakhs Only) as damages/compensation jointly and severally to the plaintiff for defaming the plaintiff; and
- e) Award cost of litigation in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendants for having to bring the instant proceedings before this Hon'ble Court for all the reasons attributable to the conduct of the defendants; and
- f) Pass such other order or orders, alternatively or in addition as may be deemed just and proper in the interests of justice and in the facts and circumstances of the case.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS AND JUSTICE, THE PLAINTIFF  
HEREIN, AS IN DUTY BOUND, SHALL EVER PRAY.

Filed on: 24-2-2023



(Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus)

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Through



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#### VERIFICATION

I, Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus duly constituted Power of Attorney of the plaintiff above-named, do hereby verify that the facts stated in paragraphs 1 to 23 are true to my knowledge, the

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statements made in paragraphs 24 to 30 are true based on the information and legal advice received and prayers are submissions to this Hon'ble Court, which are believed to be true.

Verified at New Delhi on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Feb 2023.



Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus  
Duly constituted Power of Attorney of the Plaintiff

Through



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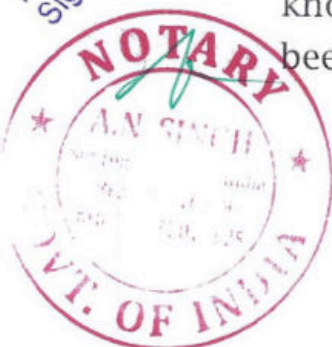
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Defendants

AFFIDAVIT

I, Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus, aged 56 years, R/o Bhakti Vedanta Swami Goshala, Go Ghat, Raman Reti, Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh - 281121 presently at New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That I am the duly constituted Power of Attorney of the plaintiff above-named, and conversant with the facts of the case and hence competent to swear this affidavit for and on behalf of the Plaintiff in support of the accompanying suit for mandatory, perpetual prohibitory injunction and recovery of damages for defamation.
2. That I have read the suit drafted on instructions by the counsel and understood the contents therein. Facts stated, and statements made therein are true to my knowledge and prayers are submissions to this Hon'ble Court, which are believed to be true.
3. I say that the facts stated hereinabove are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

*Stefan Giesenhaus*  
Deponent



Verification

I, Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus, the above-named deponent, do hereby verify that the contents of the above deposition are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Verified at New Delhi on this the 21 FEB 2023 day of January 2023.

*Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus*

Deponent

*Rakesh*  
I Identify the deponent who has Signed/Put T.I. in my presence



*[Signature]*  
**ATTESTED**  
A.N. Singh, Adv.  
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Govt. of India, Delhi

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**21 FEB 2023**

Certified that the above Named Deponent  
Solely by *[Signature]*  
Solely affirmed before me at Delhi.  
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Versus

Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and Others ...Defendants

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the record of the Social Media posts, legal notice and reply thereof relevant for determining and deciding the controversy between the parties in the present Suit for mandatory, perpetual prohibitory injunction and recovery of damages for defamation, are being filed along with the present suit, especially, all the pleadings, documents etc. as referred to in the plaint.



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...Defendants

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Versus

Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and Others      ...Defendants

Application under Order 39 Rules 1 and 2 r/w Section 151 CPC

1. That the plaintiff herein is filing the captioned suit for grant of a decree of mandatory injunction against the defendants thus directing the defendants for immediately removing, pulling down and withdrawing any and all imputations made against the plaintiff over various Social Media Platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and tender an unconditional apology to the plaintiff to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of perpetual prohibitory injunction thus directing the defendants to refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under their respective controls, any content denigrating or defaming the plaintiff, now and in the future.

That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of Rs. 2.25 Crores to be recovered from the defendants jointly and severally for defaming the plaintiff and the plaintiff has paid the Court fees accordingly and as per law.

2. Detailed facts, grounds and circumstances have been set out in the abovesaid Suit and the applicant/plaintiff craves leave of this Hon'ble Court to refer and rely upon the same for the purpose of this application also.
3. That it is the case of the plaintiff that the imputations posted online by the defendants 1 and 2 using the social media platforms owned and operated by the defendants 3 and 4 have injured the reputation of the plaintiff in relation to his status, calling trade and office that he holds in relation to his association with ISKCON for over 50 years as a spiritual guru and preacher and these statements of the defendants 1 and 2 have exposed the plaintiff to hatred and contempt and have the potential to mislead the plaintiffs disciples and followers worldwide and adversely affect the plaintiffs life and missionary work.
4. That it is a settled principle of law that the law recognizes in every man a right to have the estimation in which he stands in the opinion of others, the character imputed to him in the

community and/or the society to which he belongs. That the impugned imputations have substantively lowered the reputation of the plaintiff. A person may not possess property, assets, and money but still, he can have good reputation and respectability.

5. That the plaintiff is a Sr. Citizen and a sincere Krishna Devotee now aged about 73 years and the impugned imputations as published online by the defendants have lowered the well-earned reputation of the plaintiff in respect of his conduct as a monk who has renounced the material world, a spiritual guru and preacher, and above all being a Krishna devotee, knowing fully well and having reason to believe that the alleged imputations would harm the reputation of the plaintiff and it is most humbly submitted for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court that every man is entitled to his good name and esteem in which he is held by others and has a right to claim that his reputation shall not be disparaged by defamatory statements made about him and made public without lawful justification or excuse.
6. That since the defendants have been served legal notice and asked to remove the controversial, false, untrue,

misconceived, misleading, baseless, and mischievous social media posts online against the plaintiff. That the defendants 1 and 2 on the other hand, in terms of reply to the legal notice sent to them on behalf of the plaintiff, have not denied being indulged in posting such imputations, have rather tried to defend their conduct as such without a basis in law.

7. That in the background of the foregoing statement of facts, the plaintiff has a strong prima-facie case to succeed in reliefs as prayed for in the accompanying plaint and by way of the present application.
8. That unless the relief prayed for are granted, plaintiff will suffer irreparable loss and injury.
9. That in view of the above, the comparative mischief, hardship and the inconvenience which is likely to be caused to the applicant/plaintiff, if the interim injunction is refused, will be greater than that which is likely to be caused to the Defendant by grant of it. That as such balance of convenience is also in favour of the plaintiff.
10. That, therefore, the competing probabilities of the likelihood of the injury and loss of reputation, likely to be suffered by the applicant/plaintiff would justify that the

defendant Nos. 3 and 4 may kindly be directed to remove the impugned imputations from their social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter until the pendency of the present suit and/or until further orders by this Hon'ble Court.

11. That there is no impediment to the grant of relief prayed for and that great prejudice shall be caused to the plaintiff if the interim relief as prayed for is not granted in the interests of justice and in the facts and circumstances of the case.

**Prayer:**

For the facts, circumstances and reasons set out and detailed hereinabove, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to kindly:

- a) pass an ex-parte ad-interim order thus directing the Defendant Nos. 3 and 4 to remove the impugned imputations posted against the plaintiff by defendant Nos. 1 and 2, as pointed out in paragraph 6 of the accompanying captioned suit, from their social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with immediate effect, not permit further such and similar postings by the defendants 1 and 2



until the pendency of the present suit and/or until further orders by this Hon'ble Court;

b) to confirm the above said prayer after notice to the other side; and

c) to pass such other or further order or orders, which this Hon'ble Court may deem just and proper in the interest of justice and in the circumstances of the case.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS AND JUSTICE, THE APPLICANT / PLAINTIFF HEREIN, AS IN DUTY BOUND, SHALL EVER PRAY.

*Stefan Giesenhaus*

Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus  
Duly constituted Power of Attorney of the Plaintiff

Through

*Rakesh*

(Rakesh Taneja)  
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Counsel for the Plaintiff

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Versus

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Defendants

AFFIDAVIT

I, Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus, aged 56 years, R/o Bhakti Vedanta Swami Goshala, Go Ghat, Raman Reti, Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh - 281121 presently at New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That I am the duly constituted Power of Attorney of the plaintiff above-named, and conversant with the facts of the case and hence competent to swear this affidavit for and on behalf of the Plaintiff in support of the accompanying application u/O 39 Rules 1 and 2 CPC.
2. That I have read the application drafted on instructions by the counsel and understood the contents therein. Facts stated, and statements made therein are true to my knowledge and prayers are submissions to this Hon'ble Court, which are believed to be true.
3. I say that the facts stated hereinabove are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.



Deponent



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Verification

I, Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus, the above-named deponent, do hereby verify that the contents of the above deposition are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Verified at New Delhi on this the 21 FEB 2023 day of Feb 2023.

*[Signature]*  
I Identify the deponent who has Signed/Put T.I. in my presence

*[Signature]*

Deponent

That the above Named Deponent  
by Shri/Smt. Rakesh Tanager  
has solemnly affirmed before me at Delhi  
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been read & explained to me are true and  
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Application u/s 151 of CPC for exemption from <sup>filing</sup> typed copies of some documents filed on behalf of the plaintiff in support of the pleadings in the Suit

To,

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi; and  
His Companion Justices of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at  
New Delhi

The humble application of the plaintiffs above-named  
MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That the plaintiff herein is filing the captioned suit for grant of a decree of mandatory injunction against the defendants thus directing the defendants for immediately removing, pulling down and withdrawing any and all imputations made against the plaintiff over various Social Media Platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and tender an unconditional apology to the plaintiff to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media. That

the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of perpetual prohibitory injunction thus directing the defendants to refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under their respective controls, any content denigrating or defaming the plaintiff, now and in the future. That the plaintiff is further praying for a decree of Rs. 2.25 Crores to be recovered from the defendants jointly and severally for defaming the plaintiff and the plaintiff has paid the Court fees accordingly and as per law.

2. Detailed facts, grounds and circumstances have been set out in the abovesaid Suit and the applicant/plaintiff craves leave of this Hon'ble Court to refer and rely upon the same for the purpose of this application also.
3. That along with the instant Suit the plaintiff is relying upon certain documents, copies of which have been filed along with the Suit as per the details in the Index IV as item Nos. 1 to 9 without filing the typed versions of the same to save on time.
4. That it is most respectfully submitted that the Plaintiff undertakes to file the typed version of the said documents described in Index IV as item Nos. 1 to 9 if directed by the Hon'ble Court and this Hon'ble Court may kindly therefore be pleased to allow the plaintiff to refer and rely upon the copies

of the originals filed with the present Suit and the same may kindly be taken on record in the interests of justice and in the facts and circumstances of the case.

PRAYER

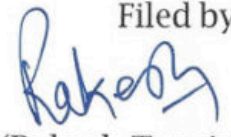
It is therefore, respectfully prayed that the application of the plaintiff be allowed, and the Plaintiff may kindly be exempted from filing the typed version of the documents filed with the Suit as per the details in the Index IV as item Nos. 1 to 9 without filing the typed versions of the same to save on time and the documents, as filed, be accepted on record of the Suit and the Suit be heard and decided on merits.

And pass such other order or orders or directions, as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interests of justice.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PLAINTIFFS, AS IN DUTY BOUND, SHALL EVER PRAY.

New Delhi

Filed by:



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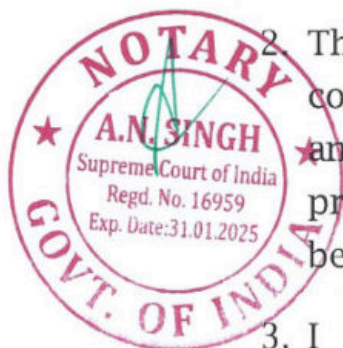
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2. That I have read the application drafted on instructions by the counsel and understood the contents therein. Facts stated, and statements made therein are true to my knowledge and prayers are submissions to this Hon'ble Court, which are believed to be true.
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*Stefan Giesenhaus*  
Deponent

Verification

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Verified at New Delhi on this the **21 FEB 2023** day of February 2023.

*Ralf*  
I identify the deponent who has  
Signed/Put T.I. in my presence

*Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus*  
Deponent

Certified that the above Named Deponent  
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Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus



...Plaintiff

Versus

Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and Others

...Defendants

KNOW ALL to whom these presents shall come that I, Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus S/o Volker Giesenhaus, the Power of Attorney of the Plaintiff above-named do hereby appoint:

**Mr. Rakesh Taneja, Advocate**

Enrolment No. D/2200/1999

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Hereinafter called the Advocate to be my advocate in the above noted case and authorize him:

To act, appear and plead in the above-noted case in this Court, or in any other Court in which the same may be tried or heard and also in the Appellate Courts including High Court and Supreme Court.

To sign, file, verify and present pleadings, replications, appeals, cross-objections or petitions for executions, review, revision, restorations, withdrawal, compromise or other petitions, replies, objections or affidavits or other documents as may be deemed necessary or proper for the prosecution of the said case in all its stages.

To file and take back documents.

To withdraw or compromise the said case or submit to arbitration any differences or disputes that may arise touching or in any manner relating to the said case.

To appoint and instruct any other Legal Practitioner authorizing him to exercise the power and authority hereby conferred upon the Advocate whenever he may think fit to do so and to sign the power of attorney on my behalf.

And I the undersigned do hereby agree to ratify and confirm acts, done by the Advocate or his substitute in the matter as our own acts, as if done by me to all intents and purposes.

And I the undersigned do hereby agree not to hold the Advocate or his substitute responsible for the result of the said case in consequence of his absence from the court when the said case is called up for hearing, or for any negligence of the said Advocate or his substitute.

And I the undersigned do hereby agree that in the event of the whole or any part of the fees agreed by me to be paid to the Advocate remaining unpaid he shall be entitled to withdraw from the prosecution of the said case until the same is paid up. If any cost is allowed for an adjournment the Advocate would be entitled to the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hands to these presents the contents of which have been understood by me this, the 21st day of February 2023.

Accepted subject to the terms of fees.

*Rakesh*

(Rakesh Taneja)  
Advocate

*Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus*

(Client)

I identify me  
Plaintiff.  
*Rakesh Adv.*

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Date : 16-02-23

**NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE**

(Pursuant to section 8 of the Notaries Act, 1952)

TO ALL MEN THESE PRESENTS shall come I Sri Sunandan Sarkar, duly appointed by the Department of Legal Affairs under Ministry of Law & Justice of Government of India as a Notary under the Notaries Act, 1952 (53 of 1952) and am authorized to practice as such, in and throughout Krishnagar of District Nadia, State of West Bengal within the Union of India do hereby declare that the paper writings & testimonials collectively marked 'A' annexed hereto presented before me by the Executant/s namely-

Lokanath Swami

Principal

Mr. Ralf Stefan Giesenhaus

Attorney

That the other particulars are mentioned in the attached

Special Power of Attorney

Today the executant(s) having admitted the execution of the paper writings or testimonials marked as 'A' in respective hand in the presence of the witnesses who as such subscribes signature(s) thereon and being satisfied as to the identity of the executant(s) and I have Attested/ Verified/ Certified/ Authenticated this Instrument, annexure marked as 'A'. Prima facie the annexed instrument 'A' appears to be in the usual procedure to serve and avail as needs on occasions shall or may require for the same.

IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY where of being required of a Notary Public, I the undersigned Notary do hereby subscribe my hand, affix my seal, stamped and prepared at the office at Krishnagar on This ... 16<sup>th</sup> Day of ... February ... in 2023

*Sunandan Sarkar*  
16/02/23

Sunandan Sarkar  
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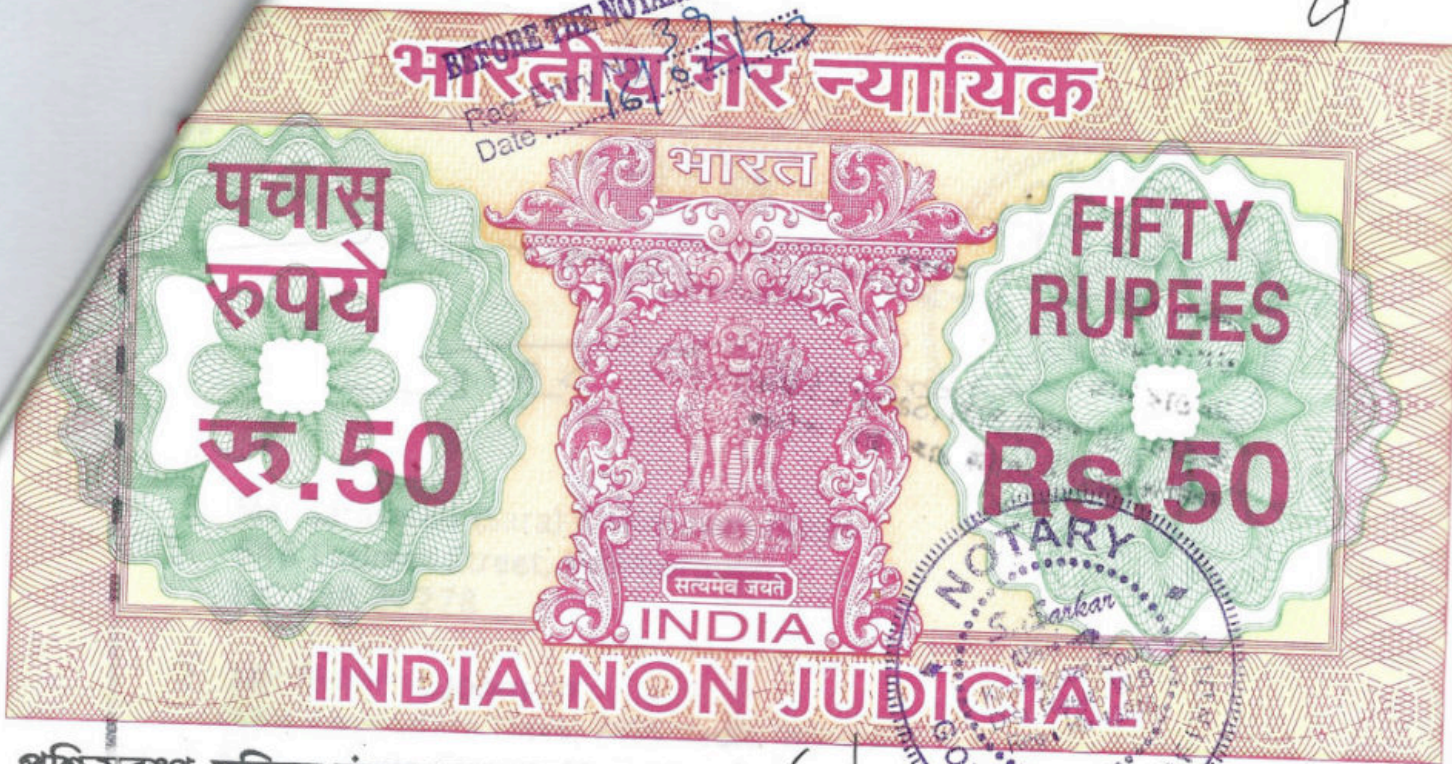
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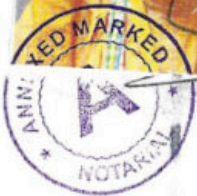


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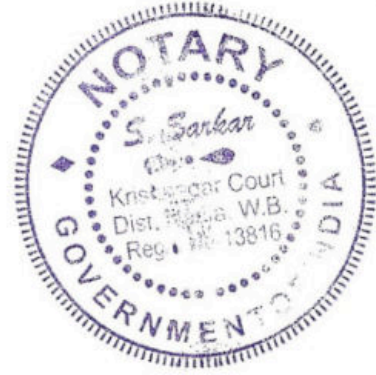
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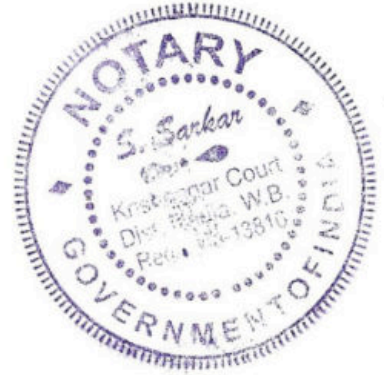


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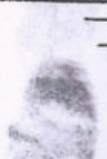
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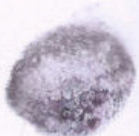
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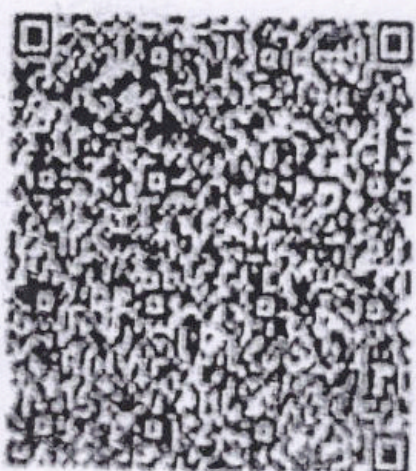
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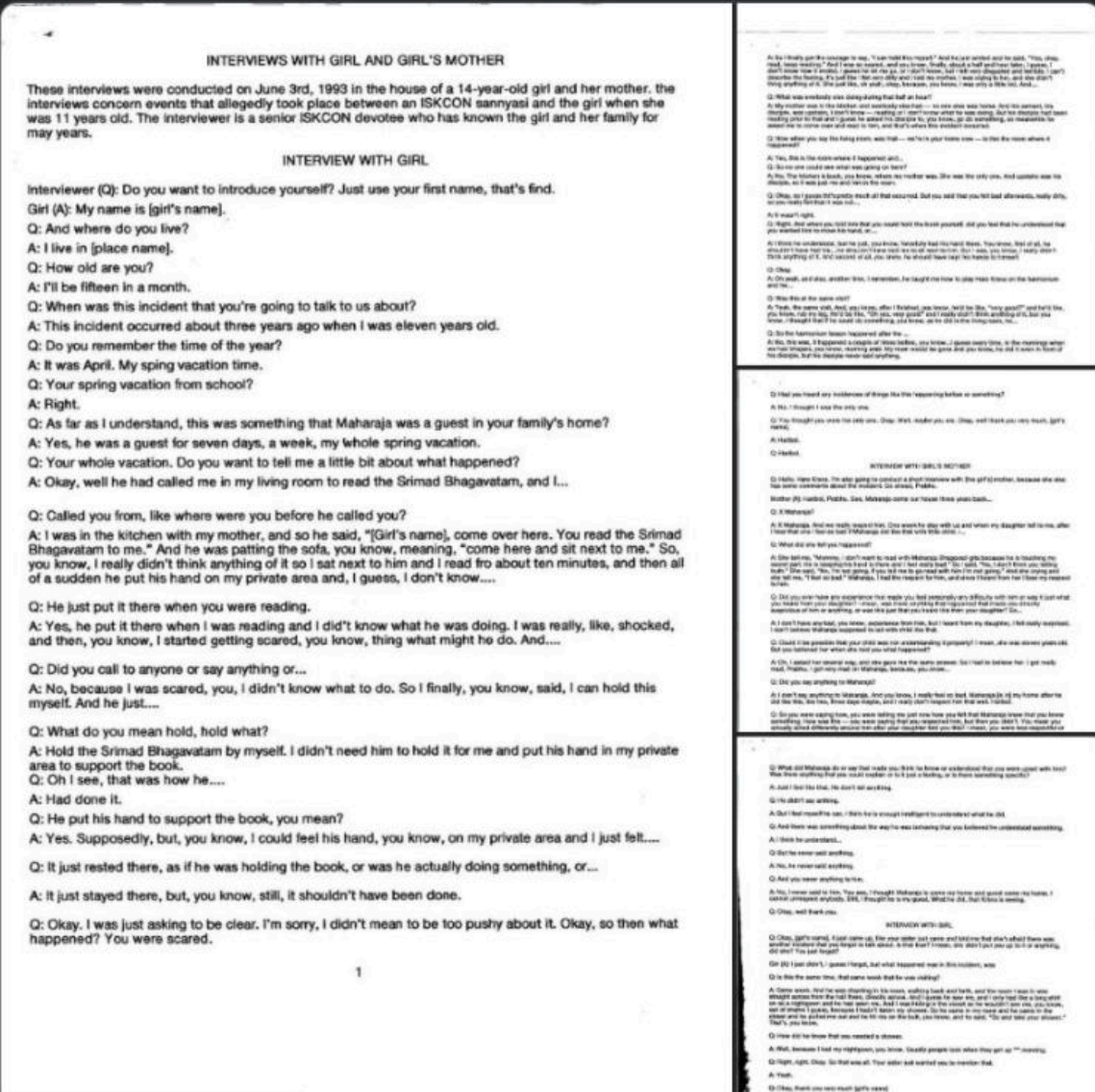
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Last year I wrote "I want to be part of an ISKCON where men who molest little girls are not still worshipped with adoration and reverence" in reference to Lokanath. But reading it now, it could refer to Bhaktividya Purna too.

The ISKCON Child Protection Office has just removed Bhaktividya Purna as an ISKCON leader for the same abuse that Lokanath did - molesting a girl. And I thank the CPO for this.

But why has the GBC kept child molester Lokanath as a guru, yet removed child molester Bhaktividya Purna?



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April 16, 2021 · 🌐

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October 21 at 10:23 PM · 🌐

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October 27 at 5:31 AM · 🌐

Dear [Sacinandana Swami](#),

When you give class with Lokanath it gives the impression that you're okay with a child molester acting as guru.

p.s. Lokanath is being investigated for rape of a new victim. The ISKCON Leadership Sexual Misconduct Office should be suspending him, per their own Guidelines. While they are trying to figure that out, you may want to distance yourself from Lokanath.



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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**  
October 26 at 3:54 PM · 🌐

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**Acarya Adam Podlofsky**  
October 25 at 1:32 AM · 🌐


Iskcon Europe has made the wise decision to ban Lokanatha from visiting, preaching, or initiating anywhere in Europe. They do this following in the decision made long ago by North American Iskcon. Lokanatha is a known and admitted child molester, and is also currently under investigation for allegations of rape. The GBC has thrown away all sense of the rule of law, decorum, morality, and the spiritual purity of Srila Prabhupada's Iskcon movement by allowing that person to continue in a position of material and spiritual authority, and to continue as guru initiating a ton of gullible unfortunate "disciples". Assuming the GBC doesn't entirely destroy Iskcon in the process, the day will come when history will judge them very harshly for their placing of the "old boys network" above the wellbeing of Iskcon and its members. Do you know an Iskcon leader personally? Ask them what the hell they are doing and why.


North American and Europe have made the right decision, and it is the best they can do in the light of the GBC body neglecting their responsibilities. Better would be a sane GBC that doesn't endorse pussy grabbers as gurus, but I am starting to think that that is simply too much to hope for. I love Prabhupada's Iskcon and it breaks my heart to see this kind of of individual and institutional abuse going on.


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October 25 at 8:46 PM · 🌐

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**GBC 2011 MEETING**

Badrinarayan:

"Lokanath was sitting on the couch with this [girl], took his hand, felt her vagina, he moved his hand back after she moved it away, and felt her out as they say, he admitted he was overcome by lusty desires, that's what he told me.

That is the core event.


The letters we heard from other gbc's\* are based on inaccuracies, if the body decides he should initiate, if he cannot take the vow himself to not, I will accept it, it will be a relief. I abhor being in this position but let it be based on facts.




May I never have to ask you this again, are you changing what you told me or is it factual? Either you are inaccurate now or then?"

Lokanath: "I am not going back on what you described."


\* Lokanath had offered to resign in 2010 after his victim wrote public statements. At this meeting in 2011 he said he changed his mind about resigning, and brought letters of support from GBC members. Badrinarayan claimed these letters minimized Lokanath's abuse.


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





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October 22 at 11:53 PM · 🌐

Disappointed in the following people for publicly endorsing admitted child molester **Lokanath** as a guru in ISKCON. If you have personal relationships with any of them and are disappointed as well, I encourage you to contact them.

- Bhurijana Dasa Live
- Mukunda Datta
- Pancagauda Das Nicoloff
- Giriraj Swami
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- Jayadvaita Swami
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 **Kapil Tyagi**  
October 20 at 10:13 AM · 🌐

500 Devotees Taking initiation from His Holiness Loknath Swami Maharaj on his 50th initiation ceremony in Daan Ghati Govardhan Dham 🙏  
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 **Saraswati Richardson Jones** September 22 · 🌐

"These are a dozen confirmed instances between 1993 and 2017 when Lokanath admitted to his sexual abuse of a child. This is a partial list as there have been other in-person conversations, phone calls, and correspondence where Lokanath talked about his sexual abuse of a child."



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September 17

Another year, another World Holy Name Festival featuring Lokanath. Last year, we were successful in raising awareness of the harm that participating in a festival with a child molester would bring to a society that values children. A good amount of the participants recused themselves after it was made clear that removing oneself would be a positive step towards child protection in ISKCON.

In less than 24 hours, the World Holy Name Festival will begin, featuring Lokanath, who admitted to sexually assaulting a child in 1990. He was never removed as a guru and ISKCON leadership has recently reaffirmed him as a guru, while acknowledging that yes he sexually abused a child.

Please ask the World Holy Name Festival organizers to remove Lokanath from the line-up. These are their email addresses:  
 worldholynamefestival@iskconkirtanministry.com,  
 govindcharan@iskconkirtanministry.com,  
 jagannathakirtanananda@iskconkirtanministry.com,  
 contact@iskconkirtanministry.com

I encourage you to also contact the participants and ask them to remove themselves from this festival. They are tagged below.

I will start by encouraging every participant in this festival to make a statement about the importance of child protection in our society, by bowing out and removing yourself from this festival until Lokanath is removed. You can speak anywhere. You can chant Hare Krishna anywhere. But to do it side by side with a child molester sends the message that you do not care about children in ISKCON.

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 **Saraswati Richardson Jones**  
September 11 · 🌐

These photos were taken today of Lokanath being welcomed to the ISKCON Durban temple by temple president Swarup Damodar.

Please support the South African devotees who want child molester Lokanath banned from their community by signing this petition. They are following ISKCON North America who have already banned Lokanath from visiting or initiating.

If you are in a community where Lokanath is currently welcome to visit and initiate, please consider asking your local ISKCON authorities (temple president, GBC, etc.) to place a formal ban on him, as ISKCON North America has done.


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 **Saraswati Richardson Jones** September 10 · 🌐

I'd like to commend the ISKCON North American Leadership Council for banning self-admitted child molester Lokanath from visiting ISKCON temples in North America.


North America is mentioned in the 2022 ISKCON GBC Resolution regarding Lokanath:


"2. The GBC Body reaffirms its existing policy that an ISKCON Regional Governing Body ("RGB") or similar body has the right to restrict any devotee from visiting and preaching in their region(s), such as has already been done in North America."

<https://lokanath.net/2022-gbc-decision/>


Members of ISKCON South Africa have followed suit and are asking that Lokanath not be allowed at their temples. Please consider supporting them in their efforts by signing their petition:




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September 8 · 🌐

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Even in prison, child molesters are socially ostracized and shunned as the lowest in society, but ISKCON management has decided to endorse and promote child molester Lokanath as an exalted spiritual leader.

The GBC has decided to keep self-admitted child molester Lokanath as the highest spiritual authority in ISKCON: guru.

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August 4 · 🌐

Interview with Satya and her mother from June 1993.

These interviews were conducted on June 3rd, 1993 in the house. The interviews concern events that allegedly took place between an interviewer and a girl who was 11 years old. The interviewer is a senior ISKCON devotee who may yet be interviewed.

**Lokanath Swami's Child Molestation Case**

**LOKANATH**

Interviewer (I): How old are you?  
Girl (A): My name is Satya.  
Q: And where do you live?  
A: I live in [place name].  
Q: How old are you?


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July 26 · 🌐

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On July 20, 2022, Praghosa Prabhu explained his resignation as longstanding GBC member from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). His resignation was in protest of the GBC's decision to keep child molester Lokanath as an ISKCON guru.

Praghosa said in his video:

"A simple rule of thumb is to ensure that any decision we make is based on principle, integrity, fairness; as well as us being confident that it's not going to displease Srila Prabhupada.

It's not about process. It's not about lobbying. It's not about pressure being applied by others. It's really about ensuring that our decision-making is based on those principles of integrity and fairness and most important of all that it won't displease Srila Prabhupada.

My sincerely-held view is that the decision just taken by the GBC body does not satisfactorily meet those criteria and as the GBC body also has a code of honor which binds each member to support all the decisions that the body takes, I really have little choice but to step down as a member."






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Saraswati Richardson Jones

June 9 · 🌐

Here is a video posted by [Kadam Dinesh](#) who seems to be glorifying Lokanath. Lokanath, who sexually abused a child, and who is seen here publicly worshipping the child God Krishna in the holy land of Vrindavan where Krishna walked and played.

ISKCON is currently endorsing and promoting child molester Lokanath to be worshipped on the level of guru. When will the GBC follow their own rules and remove Lokanath from leadership in ISKCON?



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May 25 · 🌐

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Padmapani Prabhu added a link to [lokanath.net](http://lokanath.net) on his site, and said he will remove it when "Lokanath steps down from being worshiped as good as God in Prabhupada's temples."

<http://www.prabhupadaconnect.com/The-League-of-Devotees.html>

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## THE LEAGUE OF DEVOTEES

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(Entrance to *The League of Devotees*, Bharati Bhavan, Jhansi 1953)

**Notes #6: May 25: ISKCON GBC Authorizes Child Molester Gurus**

Hare Krishna. I would like to offer a special thanks to Saraswati of the U.S.A. who is fighting child abuse in ISKCON. Saraswati has done a brilliant job of exposing the nonsense rascaldom of the current GBC who are now covering up child molestation by so-called ISKCON "*gurus*" and "*sannyasis*." Srila Prabhupada said: "What will happen when I am not here, shall everything be spoiled by GBC? So for the time being, let the GBC activities be suspended until I thoroughly revise the whole procedure." (Srila Prabhupada Letter, April 11, 1972)

The GBC has failed Srila Prabhupada. The GBC has failed their godbrothers and godsisters. The GBC has failed the *gurukulis*, Prabhupada's hope for the future. The GBC has destroyed Prabhupada's good name. The GBC has spoiled the spiritual




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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

May 7

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Dear GBC Members,

It has been 28 years since Ravindra Svarupa first promised Satya that Lokanath would never hold a prominent position in ISKCON again.

20 years after being sexually molested by Lokanath, Satya wrote: "We trusted [Ravindra Svarupa], and he nor the GBC never followed through." <https://lokanath.net/satyas-statements-july-2010>

It has been 12 years since Lokanath himself offered to resign as an ISKCON-endorsed guru.

In 2011, during the annual GBC meetings in Mumbai, Bhakti Caitanya Swami said, "[Lokanath] came forward and expressed he would stop initiating of his own volition and that's how it would be presented. There was no resolution, just coming from him." <https://lokanath.net/appendix-g-gbc-meeting-minutes...>

Also during the GBC meetings in 2011, Tamohara said to Lokanath, "when you came back to step down, we all felt this sigh of relief. This is a solution."

If Lokanath will not resign on his own, the GBC must act as leaders and give Lokanath's child molestation case to the ISKCON Child Protection Office, who are trained and experienced in child protection matters.

It has been one year since the GBC Executive Committee promised Lokanath's case would be handled by their Child Protection Office.

The GBC set up the CPO precisely to investigate accusations of child maltreatment in the most transparent manner possible. By intervening in this case, in violation of their own policies, the GBC look weak and duplicitous, and give the impression that they are skirting their own policies, compounding historic violations against children to protect powerful ISKCON leaders and gurus.

This is a case of child abuse. The reasoning that it was 'already handled' has no merit, because it is the only child abuse case that has not been reviewed by the Child Protection Office. When the CPO was formed in 1998, they reviewed ALL known child abuse cases in ISKCON up to that point, including child abuse cases predating the formation of the CPO, such as child abuse in Mayapur in the 1970s, even though those cases had also been previously investigated by the GBC.

Lokanath's child molestation case will not be put to rest until the GBC allows the CPO to handle it without interference. The preferential treatment given to Lokanath reeks of corruption and nepotism.




When the GBC Ad Hoc Panel consulted Attorney Justin Starr on this case, he said, "In your shoes, our primary concern would be the fact that this situation increases the future risk of liability if ISKCON does not handle it properly."

Anyone involved in the conspiracy to cover up Lokanath's sexual abuse against Satya, must come clean and apologize. Devotees are forgiving. Especially when they see that the right thing is being done.


Thank you.


Your servant,  
Saraswati


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 **Saraswati Richardson Jones** April 11 · 🌐

ISKCON leaders consulted attorney Justin Starr on Lokanath's child molestation case. At the beginning of Starr's first letter, he gave 6 reasons why Lokanath should NOT be serving as a leader within ISKCON.

Justin Starr said:


"From our understanding of the facts, it appears Lokanath committed the crime of sexual assault, which carries a presumptive penalty of seven years in prison.

- There is no statute of limitations for this crime. Lokanath could still be arrested and prosecuted in New Jersey.
- Lokanath also faces civil liability to his victim. The statute of limitations for a civil claim does not expire until the victim reaches the age of 55.
- ISKCON should face little risk of civil liability for Lokanath's misconduct, primarily because there is no evidence ISKCON knew or should have known Lokanath had a propensity for such conduct. That said, these cases are toxic and dangerous, even when it appears the religious organization should prevail.
- If Lokanath were to engage in similar misconduct in the future, ISKCON would face a significant risk of civil liability, including punitive damages.
- Failure to address this matter appropriately could result in additional liability even in unrelated matters in the future.
- We recommend that ISKCON not place Lokanath in any position where he has access to children as part of his responsibilities."

In a second letter Starr said:

"In your shoes, our primary concern would be the fact that this situation increases the future risk of liability if ISKCON does not handle it properly."

Complete letters from Justin Starr here:




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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

March 30 · 🌐

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[Satya's](#) letter to the GBC:

"Dear Members of the GBC, Hare Krishna,

My most sincere pranams. All glories to your service, all glories to our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

I've never written to a GBC member before, but now I feel the need. I'll get right to the point. Why is Lokanatha das still active in ISKCON? I've read many letters about this that have been written to you by much better devotees than I. They quote many scriptural references giving advice and guidance. I could do that, too, but I'd rather go for common sense.

After all that's been going on with Lokanath das for years, I now see a video of him leading kirtan in Mayapur for Gaura Purnima. I was livid to see this in my Facebook feed! (This is what prompted me to write to you.) You need to stop this. He should not be a guru, he should not be active in temple celebrations, he should not be giving class, and if his disciples want to maintain a relationship with him, they should do so outside of ISKCON. He should be spending his time making reparations, chanting japa, living in a remote place, and getting a job so that others are not serving him. He should have his sikha removed, have his danda broken, and given white cloth. He should be divested of all vestiges of being a revered sannyasi. He has broken his vow, has violated a child's innocence, and he is not worthy.

So, what is going on with you all? Why can't you deal with this definitively? I've seen all the side-stepping announcements about him—this happened years ago, he says he won't do it again, he is sorry, it's ok now. But, it's not ok now. Keeping Lokanatha das within ISKCON tarnishes its reputation, even more. ISKCON now has a known [child molester] as an initiating guru. What?! And, appointing a panel of your own people to review the case is highly problematic, especially if their recommendation is that nothing else be done. It is a rubber stamp only. It will be highly suspicious and reflect terribly on the GBC.




[. . .] Touching a young girl's private parts is an abominable act. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Grooming of both boys and girls—a preparatory process to gain trust and to desensitize the children with the possible intent to sexually abuse them—goes on with many sannyasis. Touching, hugging, joking, and being alone with them are some of the red flags. The young girl in this case will be traumatized for life and she will not forget the experience. What happened to protecting women and children? The review and adjudication process of molestation and sexual abuse cases should be done by an independent, professional group outside of the organization. The CPO should not be disbanded, but more fully funded. There should not be any GBC interference.




I cannot, with all sincerity, direct people to ISKCON any more. You have failed. You have failed the young girl, you have failed Lokanatha das, you have failed the organization Srila Prabhupada entrusted to you, you have failed devotees needing to take shelter of a spiritual organization, and you have failed every single woman and child.

I lay this letter at the feet of my Deities, Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara, and Srila Prabhupada. I pray for Them to guide you in the direction of righting these wrongs and cleaning Srila Prabhupada's Temple and reputation so that it shines in the darkness as it should.


Your well wisher,

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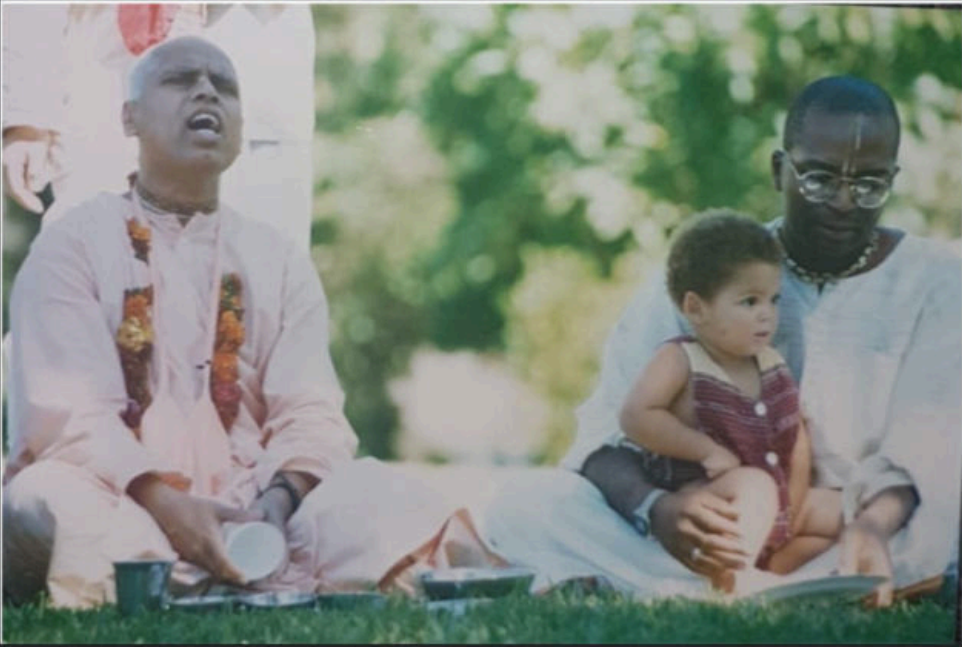
"This photo sums up for me why Lokanatha Swami should have his activities of sexually molesting a child made public.


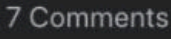
This photo depicts him with my former husband and our daughter who was a toddler at the time at New Govardhana farm in New South Wales, Australia. We were living in a large house on property nearby and frequently invited senior and respected devotees to come over for prasadam and on several occasions such devotees even stayed at our place for a week or so.




My 3 daughters, aged about 9-16 were also living with us. Who knows what may have happened if we had invited Lokanatha Swami to stay, believing he was an honest, advanced devotee of the Lord?

The incident with Satya devi happened well before this time and yet none of the devotees at New Govardhan were informed of his history.

I consider this cover up criminal negligence. Those who are known to have sexually abused children, no matter they are grhasthas, GBC, sanyassis or even gurus, should be fully exposed. For the sake of protecting more potential victims, they need to be banned from attending any place of worship where there are children present."




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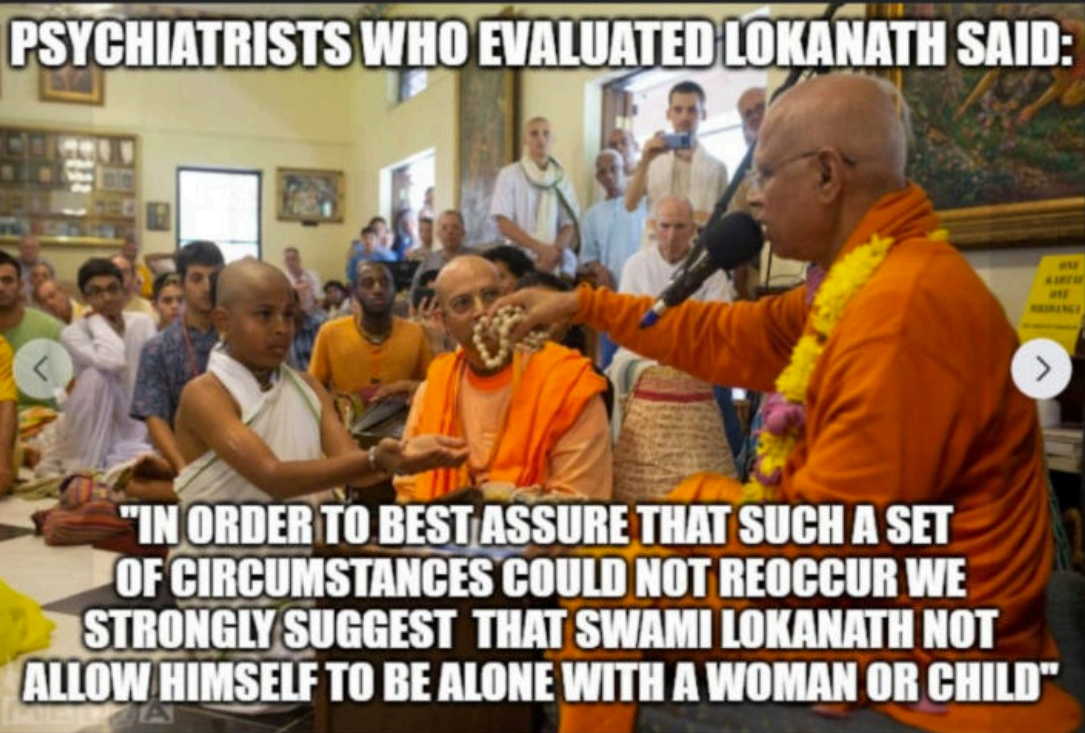
In 1993, CAP Behavior Associates evaluated Lokanath and "strongly suggested" that he never be alone with a woman or child - not because he was a sannyasi, these were lay people - but because of what he might do to the woman or child.

Portion of the psychiatric report at the bottom:  
<https://lokanath.net/gbcs-untruthful-account-of-incident...>


Here is Lokanath in 2019, giving initiation to a child.




The year Lokanath sexually abused a child - 1990 - the GBC resolved:  
"e) Any confirmed child abuser may never again serve in association with children in any ISKCON project. The Board will also make available to all ISKCON educational projects and temples the names of all accused, admitted, confirmed or convicted child abusers."  
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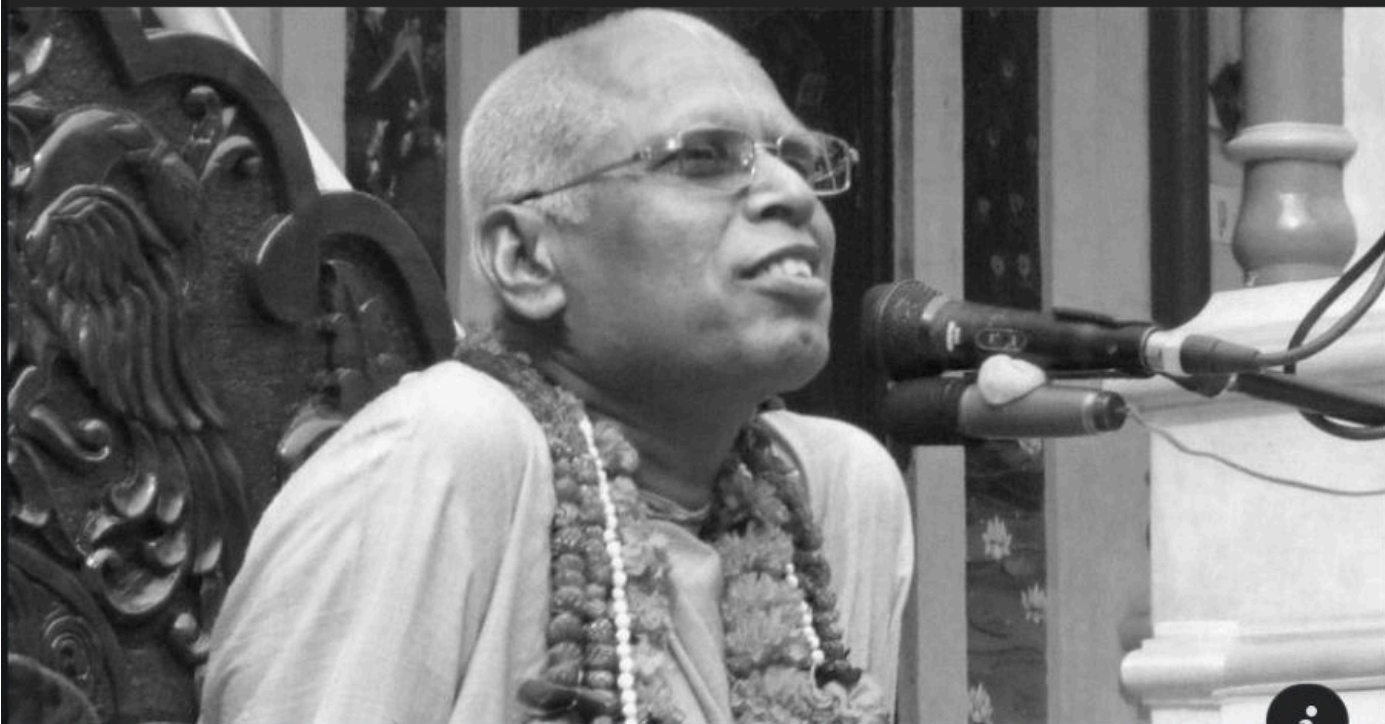


**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

January 10 · 🌐



The new site for documents related to the Lokanath child molestation case:



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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

December 3, 2021 · 🌐



Most recent addition to the blog post about how the GBC did not follow their own laws with Lokanath sexually abusing a child:

"In 1993 the GBC RESOLVED:

"Persons who have taken initiation from non-bona fide gurus should follow the injunction of Srila Jiva Goswami that such a useless guru, a family priest acting as guru, should be given up, and that the proper, bona fide guru should be accepted. [reference: S.B. 8.20.1 Purport.]"

<https://gbc.iskcon.org/1993/>

{Lokanath Swami is a child sexual abuser and is therefore a non-bona fide guru.}"

To see the other laws the GBC did not follow with the Lokanath child molestation case, go here:

<https://satyavrata.wixsite.com/.../why-were-the-gbc...>



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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

October 25, 2021 · 🌐

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From the [ISKCON Governing Body Commission 1993 Resolutions](https://gbc.iskcon.org/1993/):

"Persons who have taken initiation from non-bona fide gurus should follow the injunction of Srila Jiva Goswami that such a useless guru, a family priest acting as guru, should be given up, and that the proper, bona fide guru should be accepted. [reference: S.B. 8.20.1 Purport.]"

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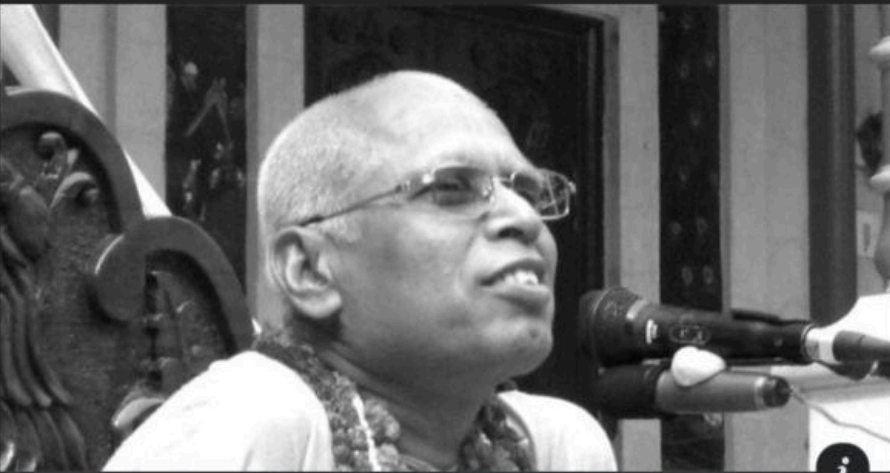
Most people would say a child sexual abuser is a non-bona fide guru. Lokanath is a self-admitted child molester and he was recently allowed to start initiating disciples again in the ISKCON institution, WHILE HE IS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE THAT HE ADMITTED TO. He was suspending from initiating, pending a Child Protection Office investigation, but is now allowed to initiate again. This action indicates that the GBC leaders of ISKCON have no interest in giving this case to the ISKCON Child Protection Office, even though a panel has been appointed to give their advice as to whether this case should go to the ISKCON Child Protection Office or not.

Six months ago when I shared confidential documents of Lokanath's sexual abuse of a child, I said, "I want to be part of an ISKCON where men who molest children are not worshipped with adoration and reverence."

I am just one voice. Every voice makes a difference. If having a child molester worshipped in ISKCON is of concern to you, please speak. 🙏

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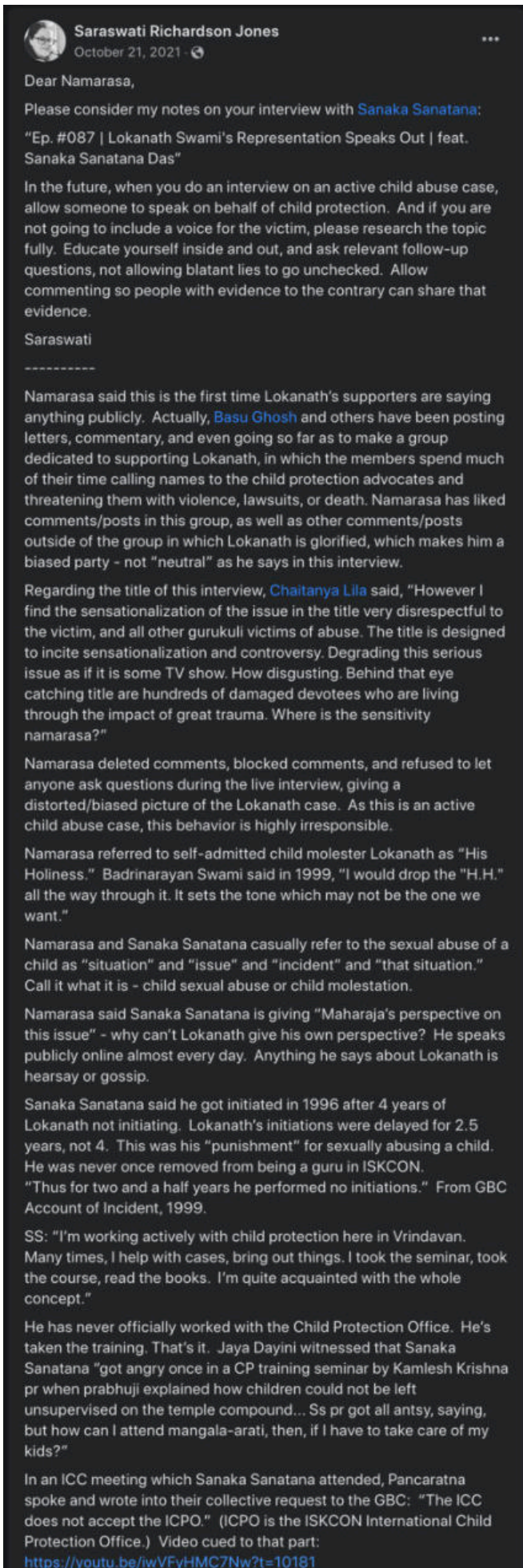
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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**  
October 14, 2021

Dear Ambarish Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am writing to you at this crucial juncture in ISKCON's history--in-the-making. Lokanath is currently under investigation for child sexual abuse. Until the investigation is over, it is unacceptable for him to be promoted and to be publicly placed in high profile places. This includes leading kirtan at the worldwide onca-in-an-ISKCON-lifetime event, The Grand Welcome Ceremony of Srila Prabhupada's New Murti to the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium.

In 2010, Lokanath wrote "I sexually abused her" in his admission letter:  
<https://satyavrata.wixsite.com/.../letter-of-admission-by...>

In 2018 the GBC RESOLVED:  
"No person, who has been determined to have engaged in severe maltreatment of children, will be allowed to remain active in a position of authority or trust within ISKCON, this includes activities such as leading kirtan, giving class, speaking publicly at any ISKCON event or representing ISKCON in official capacities."  
[https://gbc.iskcon.org/gbc\\_res/GBCRES18.pdf](https://gbc.iskcon.org/gbc_res/GBCRES18.pdf)

Lokanath admitted to sexually abusing an 11 year old child. Therefore, he should be restricted from all institutional leadership roles, including leading public worship. He is welcome to practice Krishna Consciousness but as ISKCON is undergoing an internal review on the abuse he perpetrated, Lokanath should not be endorsed as a leader.

Lokanath was on the original schedule to lead a "Maha Kirtan" for this event, then he was removed, and now he is back on again. Per ISKCON law, he is not allowed to head the TOVP kirtan.

We agree with the GBC Chairman Bhanu Swami when he says it is best "to keep [Lokanath's] participation out of the program, even in a minor role" (Brajavilas shared this quote in an email to Basu Ghosh on October 11). Yes, ISKCON should not present Lokanath Swami as an institutional leader or allow him to lead public worship.

In 2006 the GBC RESOLVED:  
"Nevertheless, the perpetrators, even if now taking up the process of devotional service, may still constitute a threat to our children. Further, if they become involved in any type of leadership positions, regardless of the degree of actual risk, it will become an embarrassment to our Society, bring about further loss of faith from our second generation and other devotees, and constitute needless legal risk to ISKCON."  
<https://gbc.iskcon.org/2006/>

As this 2006 GBC resolution states, Lokanath is free to practice devotional service, but not in a leadership capacity within ISKCON, as an ISKCON-endorsed leader.

Brajavilasa complained about Vaishnava Aparadha against Lokanath. Lokanath is not the victim.

Actually, in 1997 the GBC resolved that abuse to children is Vaishnava Aparadha:  
"[LAW] 501. THAT the GBC Body hereby declares that the International Society for Krishna Consciousness does not condone abuse of any kind, especially that which is directed towards dependents such as women, children, aged and cows. Battery, verbal and emotional abuse are destructive to the devotional creeper and thus considered serious Vaisnava aparadhas. Any attempt to justify this type of abusive mentality on the basis of sastra is misconstrued and is firmly rejected by all practicing Vaisnavas."  
<https://gbc.iskcon.org/1997/>

On August 12, 2021, just two months ago, the GBC voted into law the ISKCON Code of Ethical Behavior:  
"3a) ISKCON devotees, in particular officers and directors, are expected to scrupulously refrain from even the appearance of sexual misconduct in its many forms. The following categories of behavior are specifically criminal:  
• Child sexual abuse, including any sexual activity, involvement or attempt of sexual contact by an adult with a person who is under the applicable legal age of consent" (p. 7)

"11a) ISKCON devotees have an ethical responsibility to protect others who appear to be victims of abuse or neglect, particularly minors. ISKCON officials are expected to report to appropriate authorities (including the ISKCON Child Protection Office, police, and child welfare agencies) whenever they have reasonable concern that a minor in their community is being abused, neglected, or is living in an unsafe home. ISKCON devotees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with local laws and learn how to recognize basic indicators of child abuse and neglect." (p. 17)  
[https://gbc.iskcon.org/.../10/CODE\\_B-21-21\\_FINAL\\_COPY.pdf](https://gbc.iskcon.org/.../10/CODE_B-21-21_FINAL_COPY.pdf)

We stand at a crossroads in the realm of child protection within ISKCON - do we want to move forward or do we want to go backwards?

As a person with great influence, you have an important decision to make. What you decide today will set a precedent that may be followed for generations to come. Please ask that Lokanath be removed from the schedule.

Sincerely,  
Saraswati

cc: GBC, North American Leadership Council, ICPO, North American CPO, Youth Ministry, Ad Hoc Panel Members


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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

October 7, 2021 · 🌐

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"Hare Krishna [Bhakti Chaitanya Swami](#),

I am looking at the schedule for Prabhupada's murti being welcomed to the TOVP (attached), and I see that Lokanath is scheduled to lead the "Maha Kirtan." He is under investigation for child sexual abuse. Until the investigation is over, it is unacceptable for him to have such a prominent public place in ISKCON at this time.

As the highest authority in ISKCON, please remove him from the schedule.

Thank you,

Saraswati"

**SRILA PRABHUPADA VAIBHAVA  
DARSHAN UTSAVA SCHEDULE  
OCTOBER 14 & 15**

*Grand Welcome Ceremony of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's New Murti to the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium*

pleased to present to all devotees the complete schedule of events for this auspicious and historic two-day occasion of the Grand Welcome Ceremony of Prabhupada's new murti to the TOVP on October 14 & 15. This launch event presents another milestone in the completion of the TOVP through Prabhupada's personal presence, which will inspire and direct our further progress in his most watchful eyes.

ire event will be broadcast live on Mayapur TV and the TOVP Facebook and YouTube Channel.

**October 14**

*Operational Times*

- 10:00 am - 9:30 pm
- 5:00 am - 4:30 pm
- 12:30 am - 12:00 pm (East Coast)

um - Kirtan mela

- n - Prabhupada bhajans
- n - Glorifications by Srila Prabhupada disciples
- n - Zoom program hosted by HG Amogha Lila das. Swasti Vajradatta - invoking auspiciousness by Mayapur Gurukula boys
- n - Kirtan
- n - Welcome address by HG Braja Vilasa das
- n - Inaugural address by HG Ambarisa das
- n - Sampradaya Samelan panel introduction by HG Gauranga
- n - Sampradaya Samelan panel discussion
- n - Welcome Ceremony launch by HH Jayapataka Swami and HG Ambarisa das
- n - Cultural program by Bhaktivedanta National School (BNS)
- n - Program ends

**SRILA PRABHUPADA VAIBHAVA  
DARSHAN UTSAVA SCHEDULE**


**October 15**

*Operational Times*




- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- 5:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 12:30 am - 10:30 pm (East Coast)

- um - Elephant procession with Prabhupada utsav murti, Nityananda Padukas and Nrsimha's Satari to the TOVP office while offering 125 kalashes, lamps, bells, conches and flags
- um - Victory Flag hoisting by Srila Prabhupada
- um - Arrival at TOVP temple hall / Kirtan mela
- n - Maha kirtan by HH Lokanath Maharaja
- n - Welcome address by event host HG Braja Vilasa das Swasti Vajradatta - invoking auspiciousness by Mayapur Gurukula boys
- n - Maha Nrsimha Yajna
- n - Inaugural address and glorifications by HG Ambarisa das, HG Svaha devi dasi, HH Gopal Krishna Goswami, HH Jayapataka Swami, HG Jananivas das and many other ISKCON leaders
- n - Unveiling of Prabhupada murti by HH Jayapataka Swami and HG Ambarisa das
- n - Grand Abhisheka Ceremony - 5 kinds of abhishekas
- n - Srila Prabhupada Guru Puja and kirtan
- n - Srila Prabhupada Vaibhava Darshan Utsava prasadam feast


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**Saraswati Richardson Jones**

September 17, 2021 · 🌐

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Regarding the World Holy Name Festival, I am saddened and disappointed in the Day One participants who have knowingly participated side-by-side with a child molester.

[Yasomati Devi Dasi](#), [Denis Harrison](#), Bada Haridas, [Bhakti Rasamrita Swami](#), [Giriraj Swami](#) are enabling and endorsing a child abuser, which is causing great pain to many.


Any of the participants can make a statement towards the importance of child protection in our society, by bowing out. You can speak anywhere. You can chant Hare Krishna anywhere. But to do it side by side with a child molester who is an active guru sends the message that you do not care about children in ISKCON.


I look forward to the remaining days of the festival and which devotees will make a statement towards strong child protection in ISKCON by refusing to participate in the festival.


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 **Saraswati Richardson Jones**  
September 16, 2021 · 🌐

Thank you [Bhakti Beat](#) for shining light on an important topic: why is Lokanath, a self-admitted child molester, headlining a Kirtan festival?  
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We love the Holy Name Festival, but are troubled by the inclusion of an admitted child molester as a headliner. Lokanath Swami is currently being investigated by an ISKCON panel to decide what happens next regarding any punishment for his self-confessed sexual molestation of an 11-year-old girl many years ago. Should such a man be glorified as a spiritual leader? Should he be leading kirtan at a worldwide festival? What say you Bhakti Beaters?

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 **Sanaka Rsi**  
April 30, 2021 · 🌐

This a letter of admission written by Lokanath Maharaj. This letter was co-written by Bhakti Chaitanya Swami and Armarendra, with assistance from Badrinaray Swami - only AFTER Satya (the sexual child abuse victim) wrote her "I am that girl" public statement and the aforementioned GBC members and advisors insisted it be written.

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Dear Devotees,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

With this letter I would like to bring the following distressing and unfortunate matter to your attention.

In 1990 I was in the United States, staying at the house of a devotee family of Indian origin. During my visit, there were some very regrettable incidents that took place between me and their eleven and a half year old daughter Satya, in which I sexually abused her. I sincerely apologize for this despicable behavior on my part, which has caused Satya considerable grief and distress.

The circumstances of the incident are as follows: While I was leading the Worldwide Padayatra program, I suffered a broken leg. While recovering with my right leg in a cast, I stayed for about a week with the Indian devotee family. During this stay, the father frequently asked me to preach to members of his family, including Satya, and the incidents occurred in the course of my interactions with her. I would sometimes sit inappropriately close to her, and pat her when, for example, she played the harmonium very nicely.

I was also asked by Satya's father to wake her up on time each morning, as she would not listen to her father. One morning I noticed that she was running late. While chanting in my room, I saw her in the room directly opposite mine. She was still wearing a long T-shirt that she used as a nightgown. She was upset that I saw her dressed in this way. When I told her to go to take her shower, she ran into her room to hide from me. I made her come out, and as she ran past me. I then said, "Go and take your shower!" and slapped her on her rear end with my hand, which I acknowledge was completely unacceptable.

The incident that most distressed Satya, however, took place one morning in the living-room. As we sat reading together, I touched her right thigh and moved my hand between her knee and upper thigh, over her clothing. While I was touching her upper thigh region, I also touched her private part. Satya was clearly shocked and disturbed by this act, and I was immediately overcome by regret and shame at my actions.

My transgressions were not consciously planned. I realize, however, that had I kept strictly to the proper etiquette of a devotee and sannyasi, I would have been protected and would not have committed these reprehensible acts, for which there is no excuse, and which I regret beyond words.

In 1993, Satya brought these incidents to the attention of the GBC. In response, a committee of seven GBC members was promptly appointed to investigate her allegations. I was immediately suspended from initiating further disciples, and my movements within ISKCON were restricted. The GBC also instructed me to seek help from a group of mental health professionals specializing in child molestation.

The mental health professionals conducted an evaluation over several days that consisted of multiple clinical interviews, psychosocial and psychosexual histories, and various other tests. Some of the main conclusions of the professionals were as follows:

- I am not a pedophile.
- I do not pose a danger of overt sexual violence toward women and children.
- The incidents occurred under unusual circumstances, with inadequate precautions.
- With proper counseling and strict oversight, I should be able to avoid a repeat of this behavior in the future.
- I acted in a clearly inappropriate manner towards Satya.
- My actions subjected Satya to an extremely disturbing and traumatic experience common to victims of sexual abuse.

Satya was also interviewed by a professional female devotee specializing in child molestation. The results of that evaluation, however, are confidential.


After performing a complete investigation, the GBC Committee was very disturbed by my deviations, and suspended me from initiating for at least five years. They further ordered me to spend at least two months in Vrindavan in a mood of repentance. While in Vrindavan, I intensely prayed to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Krsna Balarama for spiritual strength, so that such behavior never occurs again. By the causeless mercy of Their Lordships, Srila Prabhupada and the Vaisnavas, my record has been spotless since 1990.




I have also sought forgiveness directly from Satya - both in writing and in person. I offered my obeisances and apologies to her in the presence of her brother, and the family at the time appeared satisfied. Satya was like a spiritual daughter to me. Because of false pride and arrogance, I disobeyed the firm commands of Sastra, and have suffered an unbearable reaction. I have sincerely learned my lesson.

I sincerely regret these incidents and am very much repentant. I again offer my heartfelt apologies for the pain and distress I have caused Satya, and pray that she and her family may forgive these terrible transgressions.

Praying for the mercy of the Vaisnavas, I remain,

Your worthless servant,  
Lokanath Swami

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**Sanaka Rsi**  
November 2 at 7:45 PM

What are the implications of ISKCON leaders publicly fraternizing with known child abusers?

Historically ISKCON's leadership has afforded high profile perpetrators of child abuse far more support, compassion, 'understanding' and protection, than they have to their victims. There has been a lot of blaming, shaming and questioning the victims, but from the same leadership we have rarely seen anything even remotely close directed towards the perpetrators.

Among some devotees, objecting to the worship of a notorious child abuser, is effectively viewed as a greater sin than the abuse of the child itself.

This culture is what allowed ISKCON's most notorious perpetrators to continue offending years after the first reports came out, we saw this with the likes of Dhanurdhara and Bhaktividyapurna and we're now witnessing the same with Lokanath.

I wonder how many of the senior devotees that have protected and enabled Bhaktividyapurna over the years now feel a sense of remorse and responsibility for the new abuse that was recently uncovered...

Recently Lokanath had his 50th anniversary Golden Jubilee, where several of his senior god-siblings participated in the celebrations.

I wrote some comments on how their presence at this public function constitutes support and endorsement for Lokanath, and how it appears to convey the message that these senior devotees believe that celebrating with him is more important than objecting to the fact that a child abuser is a guru in the movement of their Spiritual Master.

Shortly after I made these comments, I noted that Srutakirti Prabhu, who has been a good friend of mine going back several years, had deleted me from his friend's list.

He canceled our friendship for expressing my disappointment that he chose to attend the celebrations of a child abuser, but he did not 'delete' Lokanath for abusing a child.

In other words, it appears that he was more upset by the fact that I pointed out that, his presence at this function constituted support and endorsement for Lokanath and everything he stands for, than he was by the abuse of a child perpetrated by Lokanath.

Bhurijan Prabhu is one of the first devotees that got involved in education in ISKCON. I first met him when I moved to the Vrindavana Gurukula in 1990. He lived in the Gurukula building for years whilst Dhanurdhara and many other teachers were abusing children.

In 2016, I interviewed Anita Mataji, one of the former teachers in the Vrindavana Gurukula who shared with me that she had approached Bhurijan Prabhu to ask for guidance on how to handle the abuse of children in the Vrindavana Gurukula. She told me that he discouraged her from reporting the abuse.

It is safe to assume that he is very well acquainted with the problem of child abuse that has plagued ISKCON over the years, unfortunately, while I have often seen him publicly fraternize with notorious offenders, I have never seen him take a principled (and difficult) stance for the protection of children.

Many of these senior devotees are themselves parents, I like to hope that if Lokanath had abused their 11 year old daughter, they would be less 'forgiving', 'transcendental' and ready to jump on stage and party with him for his 50th anniversary...


It is sad to see that these devotees appear oblivious or unwilling to acknowledge the implications and optics of their presence at this function.

At the end of the day actions speak louder than words. If you are silent on the abuse of children or worse, you go out of your way to discourage the reporting of abuse and then you show up for the party of what is currently the most high profile child abuser in ISKCON, then the facts say that the protection of children is something that you value less than participating at this event.

I wonder how many, if any, of these senior devotees paused to consider the implications and impact of their presence at this function, before they accepted the invitation. I wonder how many them have approached Lokanath privately and pointed out to him that his attachment to being a guru has compromised the purity and integrity of Srila Prabhupada's legacy.

These are not easy questions, and refusing an invitation may not have been easy, but I wonder if these devotees were able to see that their presence at this event was also very problematic, I wonder if they saw that in these situations there is no easy option and that perhaps rather than looking for the easiest option and pretend that there is no problem, it may be better to choose the principled option.


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Sacinandana Swami


Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I pray that this e-visit meets you well in health and Krsna consciousness.


Your recent public association with Lokanath "swami", a self-confessed and sanctioned child sex molester, has drawn criticism. Sharing a public space with him has done you no favours. I believe your decision was ill-judged. Lokanath is not welcome to visit certain countries around the world. He is currently being investigated for alleged rape.




Because of the appalling and disappointing way his case has been handled by the GBC I have now publicly distanced myself from this body of devotees as not being representative of the values and principles instilled in it by Srila Prabhupada. They are not my "spiritual authority" and my spiritual life is no longer dependent on them.


I'm disappointed that your public association with him is being interpreted as you condoning such behaviour. It certainly does not send out the message of "zero tolerance." We need to distance ourselves from those who transgress the norms of a civilised person until and unless they are equally subjected to the laws of ISKCON and its policies and procedures regarding child abuse and other gross misdemeanours.


Sincerely,  
Hari-dhama dasa




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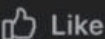

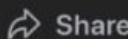
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Disappointed in the following people for publicly endorsing admitted child molester **Lokanath** as a guru in ISKCON. If you have personal relationships with any of them and are disappointed as well, I encourage you to contact them.

- [Bhurijana Dasa Live](#)
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While the ISKCON Leadership Sexual Misconduct Office is investigating a rape perpetrated by Lokanath, Lokanath should be suspended until the investigation is over.

Right now Lokanath is initiating new disciples almost on a daily basis. These photos are from a 500-person initiation in Govardhan held on October 20, 2022.

Have these new initiates been given truthful details of Lokanath's past admitted child molestation? Have these new initiates been told that Lokanath is currently being investigated for rape of another victim? If they haven't, how will they feel when they find out that ISKCON has been endorsing such a man as a top spiritual leader in their religious society?

From the ISKCON Leadership Sexual Misconduct Office Guidelines:  
"SUSPENSION OF A LEADER PENDING FINALISATION OF INFORMATION GATHERING AND/OR A DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY  
The Director of the PLM office in consultation with the local GBC and / or the local Temple authorities (hereinafter referred to as responsible persons) shall determine whether or not it is necessary to suspend the respondent until the information gathering and disciplinary enquiry is completed."

**Kapil Tyagi**  
Yesterday at 12:44 AM · 🌐

500 Devotees Taking initiation from His Holiness Loknath Swami Maharaj on his 50th initiation ceremony in Daan Ghati Govardhan Dham 🙏  
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This weekend we will be hosting two guests.

1. Saraswati has been raising awareness of child protection and asking the GBC to be accountable for their decades-long mishandling of Lokanath's child molestation case.
2. Abhaya Charan once considered Lokanath as his guru. When Abhay Charan was supposed to take initiation from Lokanath in the early 90s, his initiation was delayed because Lokanath was suspended from initiating for 2.5 years for molesting a child. However, Abhay Charan was given a different reason for the delay. Lokanath said he was waiting to initiate so he could make an offering to Srila Prabhupada for his centennial year (1996).

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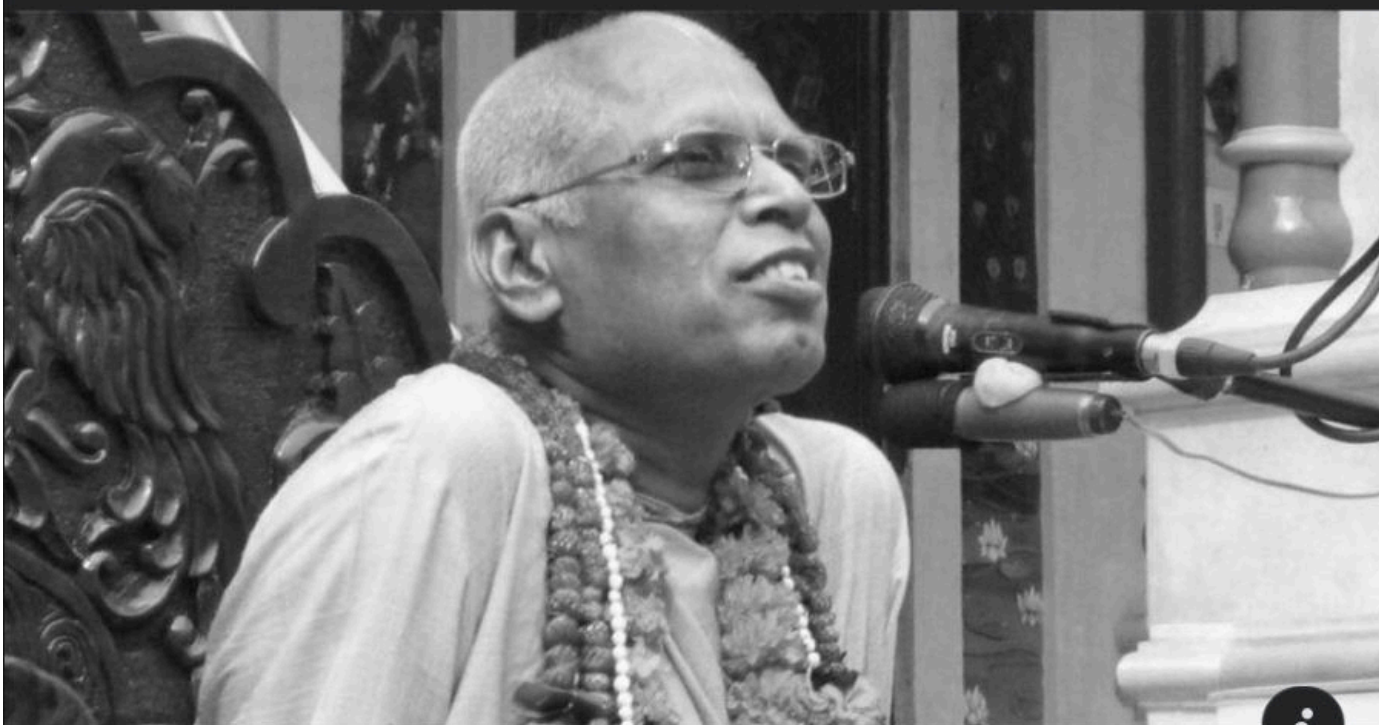
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**RESOLUTION REQUIRED**  
Dear Devotees,  
A Decision Required Following ISKCON Decision on Lokanath Swami

**Background**

The ISKCON issued the following resolution dated 08 July 2022:

Based on ISKCON's historical principles and practices as well as the Report, ISKCON has decided to suspend the Sannyasi Prabhupada from all ISKCON activities and to request the Temple Leaders Forum to make a decision on whether to welcome HH Lokanath Swami for future visits and preaching in South Africa as well as initiating devotees to ISKCON in South Africa.

- The ISKCON Bank reaffirms its standing policy that an ISKCON Regional Governing Body (RGTB) or service body has the right to restrict any devotee from visiting and preaching in its region, and if that devotee has been a devotee of ISKCON.
- Lokanath Swami shall not visit ISKCON, or preach or officiate, in any region in which he has not been approved by the Regional RGTB or service body of that region. The ISKCON Executive Committee (EC) will not provide for the ISKCON of that region.
- The present Resolution is based on and limited to the facts described herein.

The documents attached to this communication comprise background as to how the above resolution was reached. You can also find the original documents shared to the public, at <https://www.iskcon.org/press-releases/2022/07/08/070822-01>

**Resolution Required**

Although a previous resolution was taken where Lokanath Swami was allowed to visit South Africa, and that all information pertaining to this matter together with the ISKCON resolution had been reviewed, it is necessary for the SANC to reach its position. Therefore in accordance to point 2 of the above resolution, make your decision on whether Lokanath Swami should be

**Saraswati Richardson Jones**  
September 20 · 🌐

I appreciate that Swarup Damodar has reached out to his congregation asking if they want the child molester Lokanath touring South African ISKCON temples.... he might have asked his congregation BEFORE Lokanath was invited to South Africa, but still this is something. And I look forward to seeing ISKCON South Africa one of many ISKCON regions that permanently bans Lokanath.

Lokanath is currently in South Africa, singing and speaking at various programs. Many devotees have expressed their concern, which led to the below communication:

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Dear temple leaders,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

The SANC has convened an urgent meeting this evening to deliberate the sensitive issue on whether or not to welcome HH Lokanath Swami for future visits and preaching in South Africa as well as initiating devotees from South Africa going forward.

The SANC has requested the Temple Leaders Forum for its collective view on this matter. This collective view will be added to this evening's deliberation and decision by the SANC. The views and concerns of the temple leaders are very important, especially in this issue, as you will be an important part of the representation of the decision to the community.

This request of your input is quite late and that is regrettable. Please, however, try to study the documents that have been shared with you on WhatsApp. And, based on that reading and your realizations on the issue, please vote and comment using the Google Form link below. Please try to do this by 6:00pm today, 14 September 2022.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant,  
Swarup Damodar dasa"

EDIT: [Bhakti Caitanya Swami's](#) involvement in the decades-long cover-up of Lokanath's child molestation case as he is seen in the photos welcoming Lokanath to South Africa.

<https://lokanath.net/bhakti-caitanya-swamis-involvement.../>

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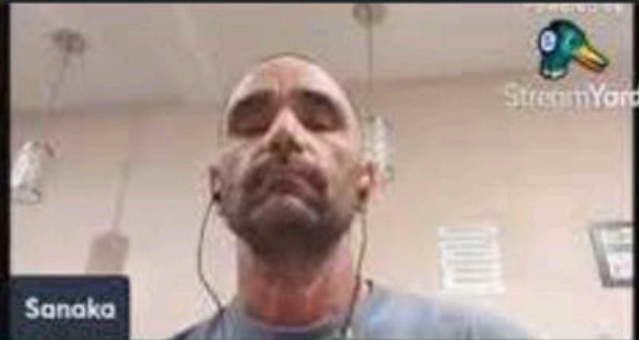
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Those who use the spurious argument to defend Lokanath - or to criticise those expressing concerns about him - that "this was all 30 years ago - you shouldn't hold a sadhu's previous sins against him" are forgetting....


...child abuse (and alleged rape) are not "ordinary sins". They are the most egregious forms of violating other living beings. Yes, every soul can potentially redeem himself/herself in due course - no matter what their prior transgressions. But such transgressions are not to be overlooked in the context of this life. He escaped a prison sentence because of some negotiating and false assurance by his cronies whereby the family was dissuaded from reporting and ISKCON leaders ignored their own legal responsibility to report. But for him to continue to be held up as God's via medium - to be worshipped as good as God, to be publicly venerated as a pure soul, to undertake to take souls back to Godhead.... This is shockingly out of step with common decency, society's expectations, etc and truly fails to recognise the serious damage that his lusty and unconscionable behaviours have had on one or more innocents, their families and other victims of abuse... He's not only escaped the "hangman's noose" but remains elevated to the most worshipful/holy of positions in society....




...these egregious acts of abuse were not committed prior to his taking up Krishna consciousness (not that it should take an education in Vedic philosophy to realise that it is unconscionable to violate children).... It's not that we're being asked to overlook some trivial matter when he didn't know any better. People are rather insisting that we overlook severe transgressions committed while ostensibly presenting as a holy man, sannyasi, guru..... He was welcomed as a trusted person into the Pandey household and asked to provide some educational input because he was taken to be an elevated spiritual leader.... He actively utilised his status as a supposed spiritual leader to gain access to and molest a minor.... How's it possible that someone behaving thus is allowed to continue acting in such a capacity? In secular society, even the school janitor has to pass a background check to be anyway near children. And here we're putting this person on a golden throne, washing his feet and singing prayers, and people are entrusting their path back to Godhead to this person....

...and all this with the approval of the Society's governing body.




Whatever credibility problems ISKCON and the GBC have had to date with convincing people that they are people of substantive spiritual realisation fit to act as Prabhupada's representatives.... this is a new low....

When those entrusted with the governance of a spiritual organisation as important as ISKCON - with such a noble heritage - exercise such poor moral reasoning, then it is really worrying for the healthy future of the Society. Can ISKCON learn from such dreadful mistakes and right itself or will it now continue to devolve into a shadow of the dream that Prabhupada painstakingly initiated?



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**Damodara Dasa**

**Admin** · July 27 · 🌐



Someone is going to have to explain to me how, during an active rape investigation, the Society's leaders can essentially say "We're OK with this child abuser staying on as a guru...."



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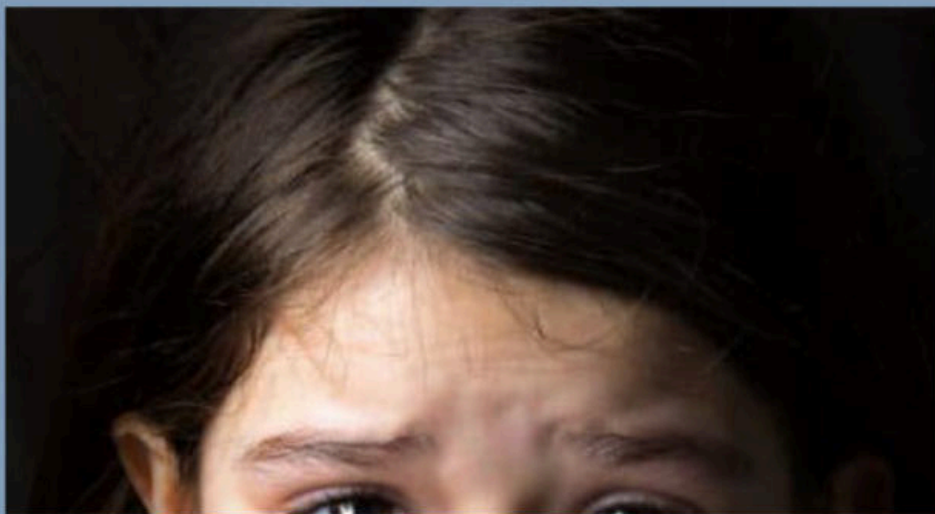


Henry Dom Hari-dhama

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Lokanatha "dasa" (aka Swami) has not only perpetrated a crime against a child. He is now being investigated for alleged rape. Not only has he done immeasurable damage to his victims but he has also done harm to their families, ISKCON, the sannyasa ashram, and to himself. And that's not all. He is perpetuating the pain all victims of sexual molestation have experienced in the past by keeping this abuse case alive. He continues to cause us subtle violence by keeping silent and wallowing in his attachment to guru-status, with all its trimmings. His conduct is that of a hard-hearted, if not heartless, individual, who is wholly devoid of any decency, morality and a sense of righteousness. I'm ashamed to know him and even more having served under him for so many years. Once upon a time I "idolised" him. How the "mighty" has fallen.



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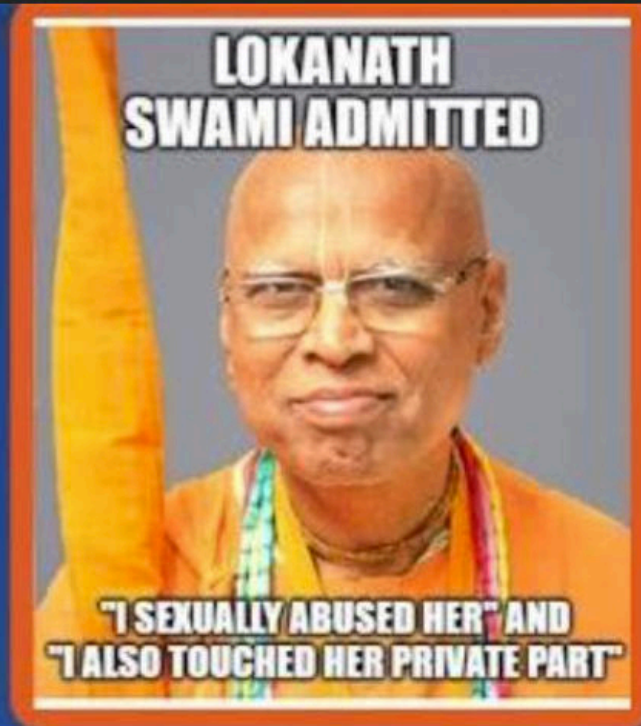


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A succinct summary by Jesse the Monk (aka Yasoda dasa?). And still we're hearing nothing....

Could something else be going on?



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**VID#099: LOKANATHA SWAMI CASE SUMMARY**

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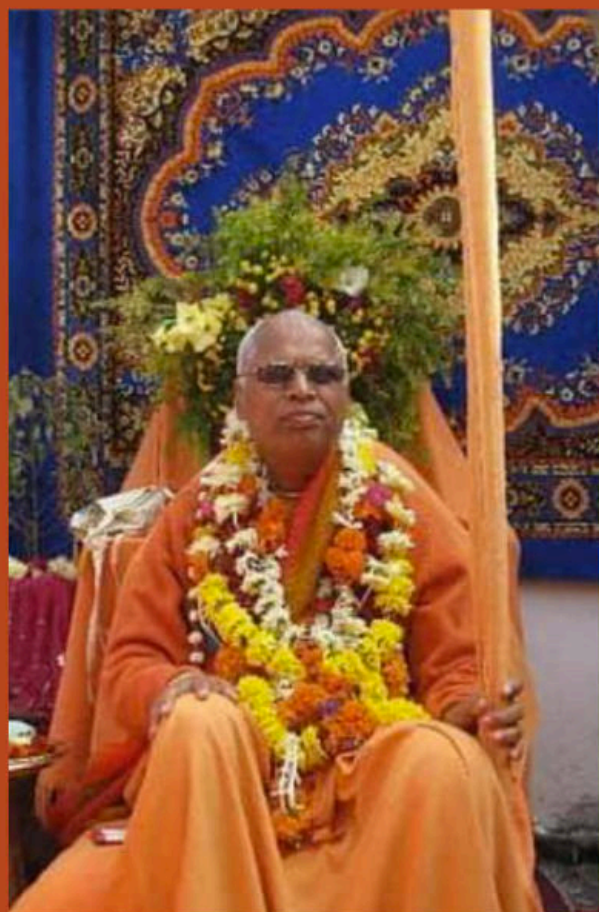


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"His Holiness" Lokanath "Swami" - aka child abuser and initiating spiritual master "who is a good as God." We now need to strategise in how to force GBC hands to put out in the public domain their long-overdue ruling on this discredited "devotee."



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I have been involved in the Lokanath campaign to have his child sexual abuse case handled properly for the first time in 30 years. I publicly shared confidential documents on April 15 which led to the GBC Executive Committee less than a month later on May 12 resolving in a statement to suspend Lokanath pending a Child Protection Office investigation:

<https://lokanath.net/gbc-resolutions-may-2021>

5 days after giving the CPO the case, the GBC SECRETLY took the case away from the Child Protection Office. I have been working hard to raise awareness, spread information, write letters to the GBC, and overall put public pressure on them to give the case back to the CPO so they can make a proper decision. No one else is more qualified to handle this case in ISKCON than the Child Protection Office.

The GBC has now appointed a panel to look at the past mishandling of the case to see if it should even go to the Child Protection Office. Which is against GBC policy. All suspected or confirmed cases of child abuse are supposed to be handled by the Child Protection Office. That is the reason for their existence.

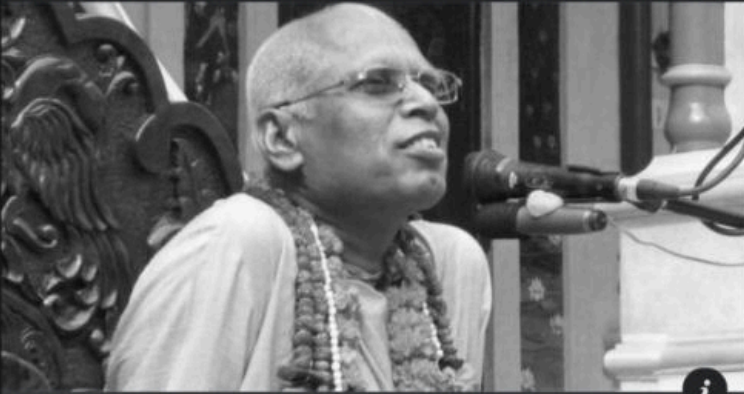
Here is a blog some of us started on the Lokanath case. I hope it inspires you to act in a way that leads towards stronger child protection in ISKCON.

If we have a known child molester sitting in our topmost spiritual seat in our society, pedofiles will start lining up to join ISKCON.

The site includes:

- Lokanath's Admission Letter
- Interview and Statements from the Victim
- Email exchanges of ISKCON's leaders conspiring to cover up the case
- Eye-opening email exchange between Lokanath and his previous disciple Abhay Charan Das
- Letters and statements asking the GBC to take a stronger stand against child abuse, from such personalities as Rupanuga (Prabhupada disciple from 1966), Padmapani (started Vaishnava Journal), Krishna Dharma (author), and other devotees.
- Legal implications, GBC Resolutions not followed, and other info.




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


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If convicted of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Lokanath Swami could get a 5-10 year prison sentence, and up to a \$150,000 fine.


The New Jersey Attorney General could press charges with enough evidence, and prosecute without the victim's cooperation.

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**Niscala Devi Dasi**

October 15, 2021 · 🌐

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It's been pointed out that Lokanatha has constructed many temples in India. Considering his service, why should one little incident (repeated sexual abuse of a child) not be overlooked? Here are the reasons why.

Lord Kapila has advised in SB, 3rd Canto, that for one who glorifies or worships His Deity form but doesn't honour His presence in the hearts of all beings, his worship is as good as pouring ghee into ash.



Every being should be honoured, as within each, the Lord dwells. Sexually abusing a child is certainly a great dishonour to that living being. Hence, worship of the Arca vigraha becomes useless.

They need to understand what Srila Prabhupada meant when he advised a mother that worship of her child was more important than worship of the Deity. Worship of the Deity means loving and caring for the Deity, but neglecting a child while doing that makes the worship utterly useless. First the child should be loved and cared for. Then the Deity worship is accepted by the Lord.


The same principle is encapsulated in the sloka for self realization. That the soul is dasa dasa anudasa. By serving the servants of the Lord, we're acting in our constitutional position. Neglecting them, and attempting direct worship, completely disregards this sloka.


Lokanatha should have directed the funds for counseling for his victim, after profuse apology and expression of remorse. He should place her welfare as top priority, then think about other services.


He should also give up the pretense of being a sannyasi and guru, as child sexual abuse disqualified him.



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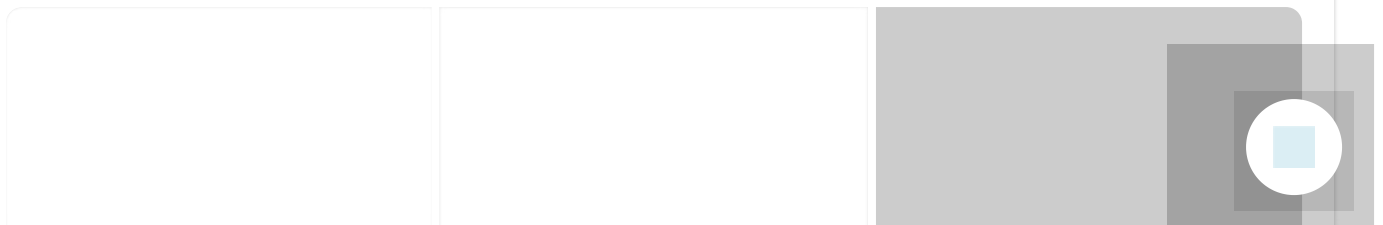
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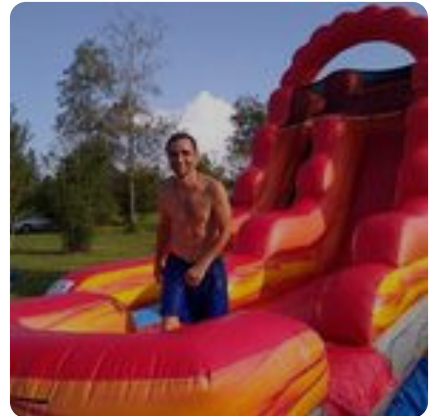
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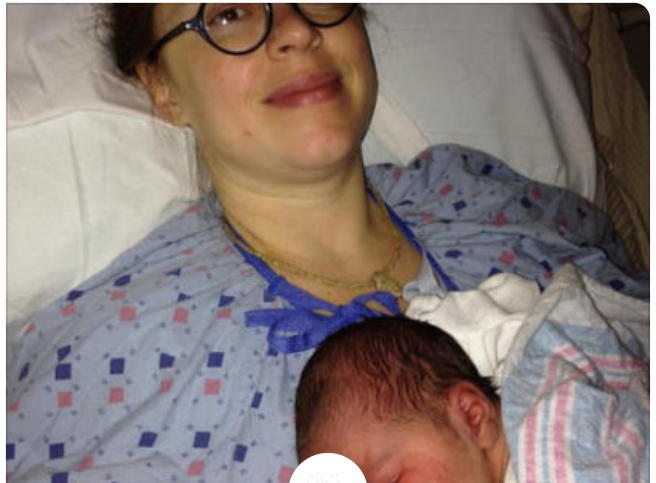
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I just got off the phone with a reporter who writes for the New York Times, among other publications, and he is wondering if there are any victims of child abuse in ISKCON he can speak with. He is interested in doing a story but would be more likely to do it if he had some firsthand sources.

He would like to speak with people to let them know what it is he's doing and to see if it's something they might like to work with him on. No pressure.

Please private message me on FB Messenger, or give my contact info to someone you think might be interested to speak with this reporter.

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My friend Jaya Sri Vrnda is getting married. I made calzones.







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My niece brought us vegan lasagna, tasted fine, but prefer cheese for flavor, just saying. I tolerate veggie burgers, veggie chicken, veggie sausage etc. ,but once you've had curd!!!

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Replace "BVPS" with "Lokanath":

"Their public support of him was in essence a seal-of-approval of BVPS. There is a need for a massive culture shift amongst senior leaders in ISKCON aimed at preventing and discouraging further abuse of children."

- from Anirdesya Vapu (fka BVPS)'s most recent CPO decision... [See more](#)



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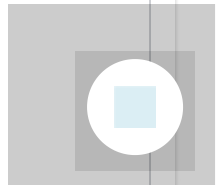
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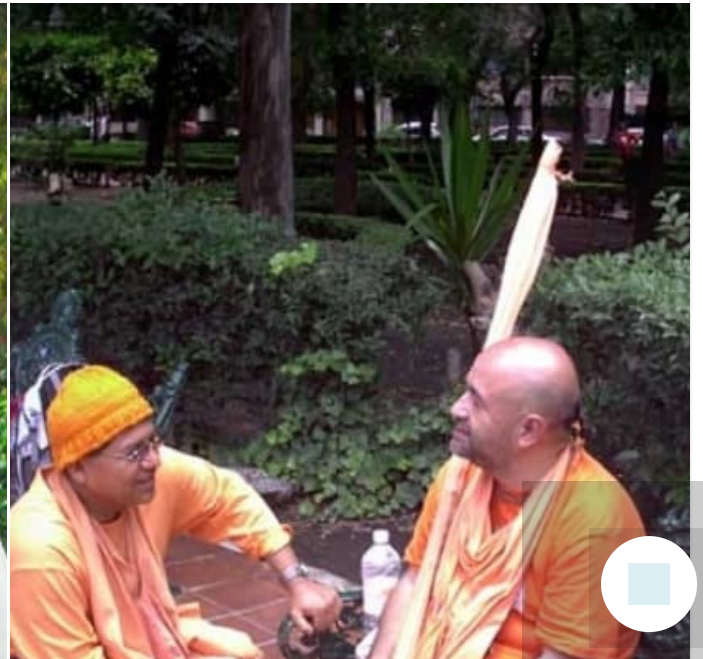
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Does anyone know WHEN and WHY these two ISKCON sannyasi gurus were removed from their positions in ISKCON?

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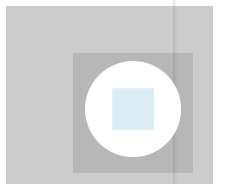
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In this podcast we talk about the problem of systemic child abuse in the Hare Krishna Movement.





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Observations on the statements by Indradyumna Maharaj and BB Govinda Swami.

"The best apology is a change in behavior".

A good apology is necessarily going to be self-incriminating. The greater the crime, the more difficult and excruciating a good apology will need to be.... [See more](#)





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**Sanaka Rsi**

December 14, 2022 · 🌐



Hare Krsna Hridayananda Maharaj,

I was happy to see your recent public post where you boldly shared your views with the devotee community on the recent CPO case involving Anirdhesh Vapu (AV) and others. I particularly appreciated your statement that you 'sincerely offer your assistance' to the victims.

This is precisely the sort of leadership that ISKCON needs today to navigate these difficult and confusing times.... **See more**





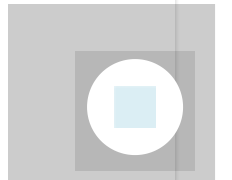
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**Sanaka Rsi** updated his cover photo.

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1. Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones

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2. Mr. Dominic Johnson  
(AKA Damodara Dasa, AKA Vedic Inquirer)

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3. Meta Inc., / Facebook / Instagram  
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DLF Phase 2, Sector 25, Gurugram,  
Haryana 122002

4. Twitter, Inc.  
Through its Country Head  
Peninsula Business Park,  
Lower Parel, Mumbai,  
Maharashtra

Sub: Legal Notice

I am concerned for my client H.H. Lokanath Swami, C/o Radha Parthasarthy Temple, ISKCON Hills, Glory of India & Vedic Cultural Centre, East of Kailash, New Delhi, and on his behalf I hereby serve upon you the above mentioned Noticees, the following legal notice for knowingly making false imputations against my client intending to defame and harm his reputation:

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1. That my client is a 73 year-old sannyasi (monk), and a law abiding citizen of this Country, who has never been charged with any crime in India, or in any other country.
2. That my client has has been actively involved in preaching Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavata for 50 years, and has ten thousand disciples and several lakhs of followers.
3. That due to having put in over 50 years of selfless service to society after renouncing material life, my client has earned a well-deserved reputation as a monk, spiritual guru, and preacher possessed of great integrity.
4. That I am informed and have perused a number of social media posts that were created, posted, forwarded, and/or published by Noticee Nos. 1 and 2, primarily on Facebook, but also on Twitter and Instagram, wherein you have made false imputations about my client using various terms such as, but not limited to "Child abuser," "Child molester," "Sexual Abuser," and "Pedophile."
5. That some examples of said imputations were posted on, but not limited to, the following dates;
  - a. Facebook: 3Feb2022, 5Feb2022, 7Feb2022, 13Feb2022, 23Feb2022, 2Mar2022, 4Mar2022, 12Mar2022, 23Mar2022, 1Apr2022, 16Apr2022, 8May2022, 16May2022, 24Jun2022, 10Jul2022, 3Aug2022, 17Aug2022, 20Aug2022, 21Aug2022, 8Sep2022, 10Sep2022, 11Sep2022, 16Sep2022, 20Sep2022, 22Sep2022, 25Sep2022, 11Oct2022, 12Oct2022, 21Oct2022, 22Oct2022, 26Oct2022 30Oct2022, 2Nov2022;
  - b. Instagram: 22Oct2021, 29Oct2022;
  - c. Twitter: 28Oct2021, 28Oct2022.
6. That it has been brought to my notice that you have also posted on social media, statements of admission purporting to have been written by my client, while presenting that said statements were genuine, although my client has not made any such statements. Furthermore, you have circulated the url of a website, not owned by my client, although titled lokanath.net, wherein you have also posted the same false statements of admission.



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7. That the above referred posts published by you on your social media pages, despite being false, may well create doubts in the minds of others about my client, while you may also gain some advantage by attacking my client's integrity.
8. That your Facebook profile pages seem to have 3800 and 3000 followers respectively, and there have been various comments and reactions expressed by some readers in response to the above referenced posts, which apparently indicate that some of those readers have accepted the false statements, which has thus resulted in bringing disrepute to my client.
9. That your false and defamatory posts continue to remain available on social media, and so in addition to said posts defaming my client, they may also be shared or forwarded by others, resulting in further defamation.
10. That any potential future defamation notwithstanding, your existing defamatory acts have already resulted in substantial loss of image, status, and reputation of my client, with my client having already received calls and queries from followers, peers, supporters, disciples, and other members of society at large, concerning the misinformation being spread by you.
11. That I have noticed that you have also made imputations against others on your social media pages, which may indicate your habit and intentions of harming the reputation of people, who may not have any legitimate reason to be targeted by you.
12. That your imputations against my client have been made by you with the intent of harming, or knowing, or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm my client's reputation.
13. That your imputations have directly and indirectly negatively affected my client, and are defamatory, and as such you are guilty of defamation as defined in the Indian Penal Code. The damage caused to the reputation of my client because of your making false, malicious, and defamatory imputations cannot be assessed in terms of money. However, my client holds a good reputation with the general public, along with a large circle of followers and supporters, and claims ₹2,00,000,00 (Rupees Two Crores) from you as a token amount of compensation/damages for said

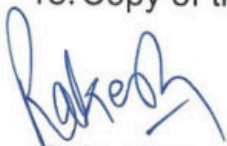
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defamation. The said amount will be donated to the organisation ISKCON and used towards the Food for Life program run by the organisation to feed the poor and needy.

14. That my client also has grievance against Noticee Nos. 3, 4, since you have allowed publication of such false imputations on your social media platforms. Thus, my client is pursuing legal remedies against you for allowing the use of said platforms to broadcast defamatory statements against my client, having not removed them even though the aforementioned, false and malicious imputations constitute defamation of a well-known public figure, and are against the community standards published on your websites prohibiting misinformation. As such, you are also jointly liable for action, alongside Noticee Nos. 1 and 2, if you fail to comply with the submissions made in terms of this instant legal notice.
15. In view of the foregoing, I hereby call upon you All the Noticees to:
  - a. Immediately pull down/withdraw any and all imputations, as narrated above, made against my client;
  - b. Immediately refrain and desist from posting, or permitting to be posted, on any and all accounts under your respective controls, any content defaming my client, now and in the future;
  - c. Tender an unconditional apology to my client to his satisfaction through both print and electronic media; and
  - d. Send an amount of ₹2,00,000,00 (Rupees Two Crores) as damages/compensation jointly and severally for defaming my client.
16. Please note further that in case of your failure to comply with the aforesaid submissions within 10 days of receipt of the instant legal notice, I will initiate appropriate legal proceedings, both civil and criminal, before the competent court of law.
17. This notice is without prejudice to the rights of my client to claim further recovery and damages.
18. Copy of this notice has been retained in my office for further action.

  
(Rakesh Taneja)  
Advocate

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**From:** Dinanukampa devi dasi deepeekag@gmail.com   
**Subject:** Fwd: Hare Krishna. Australia.  
**Date:** 29 November 2022 at 7:58 PM  
**To:** Rakesh Taneja tanejalawoffice@gmail.com



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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Damodara Pandita das <yakdas@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** 29 November 2022 at 03:43:43 GMT+5:30  
**To:** Lokanath Swami <Lokanath.swami@pamho.net>  
**Subject:** Hare Krishna. Australia.  
**Reply-To:** Damodara Pandita das <yakdas@hotmail.com>

Dear Guru Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I hope you are well. I had hoped to visit Vraj during Kartika this year but health and finances slowed down my plans.

Today I am writing as I was contacted by Damodara das (who lives near me) who just received a legal notice from a lawyer in New Delhi.

I must admit I do not spend much time at all on the internet and I definitely do not follow online criticism of devotees. I do not support devotees sitting on their computers creating problems for others online.

I was previously made aware that Damodara das was making various comments online. On one occasion I did contact him and shared my concerns about his views.

Having said that it seems that him being served a legal document at his house for posting his views online seems to be escalating the situation.

It is not my position to be making any suggestions - and I know little of what was said or done - but I did tell Damodara I would reach out and see if the situation could be deescalated.

Please find the legal notice Damodara received attached.

I hope you don't mind my writing this letter?

Your servant always,

Damodara Pandit das

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**From:** LNS Committee [committeelns@gmail.com](mailto:committeelns@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concerning your recent email  
**Date:** 11 January 2023 at 11:31 PM  
**To:** Rakesh Taneja [tanejalawoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tanejalawoffice@gmail.com)



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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** LNS Committee <[committeelns@gmail.com](mailto:committeelns@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** 01 December 2022 at 04:34:29 SAST  
**To:** [yakdas@hotmail.com](mailto:yakdas@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Concerning your recent email

Dear Damodara Pandita Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Greetings from Sri Vrindavan Dham!

Your email message was forwarded to me, as I'm currently in charge of correspondence concerning the matter you wrote about. As should be clear, we are about to initiate legal proceedings and as such an advance intimation was given to the proposed defendants.

As for de-escalation, I must convey to you that before we reconsider any of the other expectations from the proposed defendants, that were outlined in the legal notice, all the imputative posts will need to be taken down/removed with immediate effect.

Your servant,  
Sanaka Sanatana Das

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## E-MAIL/SPEED POST

Dated: 19.12.2022

To,

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**Sub: Reply on behalf of (1) Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and (2) Mr. Dominic Johnson (AKA Damodara Dasa) to your Legal Notice dated 24.11.2022 sent on behalf of Mr. Lokanath Swami.**

Dear Sir,

My clients, Ms. Saraswati (Sara) Richardson Jones and Mr. Dominic Johnson (AKA Damodara Dasa), have handed over to me the above referred Legal Notice dated 24.11.2022 sent on behalf of Mr. Lokanath Swami, for appropriate response and as per their instructions and on their behalf, I hereby serve you with the following communication:

1. My clients, who are practicing devotees of Krishna, were totally shocked to receive the above captioned Legal Notice sent by you. At the outset, it is stated that the contents of the above mentioned Notice/Communication dated 24.11.2022 are totally false, baseless, fabricated, offensive, malicious and defamatory, save and except admitted hereinafter. We have found that your client by misrepresentation has induced you to address my clients with

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completely distorted facts and false information relating to the present matter. Further, the legal notice sent by you speaks volumes about the greedy, fraudulent and malafide intent of your client and now, by way of this totally false and frivolous legal notice, your client is trying to intimidate my clients by illegally pressurizing and harassing them. Instead of being repentant for his misdeeds, your client has preferred to serve this legal notice upon my clients only to agonize them further and create undue pressure on them to accede to his unjust demands.

2. That at the outset, it is denied that my clients have been involved in any false imputation aimed at defaming your client. It is needless to state that my clients categorically and unequivocally deny each and every averment and accusation made by your client. Further, your client has malafidely suppressed the material facts which are pertinent to be mentioned herein to expose the falsity of his claim in the present matter and the said facts inter alia (without prejudice) are as follows:
  - a. The information shared by our clients about Lokanath Swami's sexual abuse of a minor has been in broad circulation on the internet for 20+ years. His guilt was established by numerous investigations published by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and the governing body of this institution – the institution he serves within.
  - b. That not only has ISKCON established and communicated his guilt but they have imposed numerous related censures upon your client, which he has followed, without protest. ISKCON has also circulated letters of admission signed by your client.
  - c. That as such, your client's reputation was damaged by his own actions. His culpability has been widely communicated over many years. There have been articles in the Indian Press (Deccan Herald 1998) relating to the same, besides that the victim's testimonies have been widely shared

and discussed. A simple Google search on the name 'Lokanath Swami' especially if coupled with "abuse" will find many pages of hits from a wide variety of sources.

- d. That the 'Vedic Inquirer', a discussion group on Facebook, was established in March, 2020 to promote the awareness of the child protection within ISKCON. It has only shared what is also abundantly available in the public domain. Naturally, the relatively lenient handling of Lokanath's abuse case has drawn significant criticism and commentary from concerned persons connected with ISKCON and others.
- e. That though it is written in the legal notice that your client has not been charged with a crime, this is only because, with the assistance of other GBC leaders (his institutional peers), the mandatory reporting of a crime called "Sexual Abuse/Molestation of a Minor" was neglected by those first made aware and the victim's family was dissuaded from going to the police.
- f. That this is why my clients were surprised that having evaded legal consequence to date and still enjoying a life of privilege in the Krishna Consciousness Movement, your client/ Mr. Lokanath would choose to again draw public attention to this unreported and unpunished crime of sexual assault of an eleven year old girl.
- g. That my clients have abundant evidence of every claim they have made and they can very well demonstrate that none of the information as alleged in your legal notice has originated with the Vedic Inquirer but has been abundantly available on the internet for decades and has been admitted by your clients.
- h. That the double standard of your client and the falsity of his claim can be ascertained from the fact that so far, neither he has chosen to



publically deny the imputation of sexual abuse of a minor by him, nor he has taken any action against the media, complainant and his family and ISKCON for publishing the material imputing him of sexual abuse of a minor.

- i. That the intentions of my clients have been bonafide and the information shared by them is not only based on truth but also in good faith and in the public interest.
3. That the contents of paras no.1 to 3 of your legal notice are totally vague, incorrect, false and hence denied. It is incorrect to state that your client is a law abiding citizen of this country who has never been charged in India or in any other country or that he has 10,000 disciples or several lakhs of followers or that he has put in fifty (50) years of selfless service to the society or that he has earned a well deserved reputation as a monk, spiritual guru and preacher possessed of great integrity. Your client is put to strict proof of the averments made in the paras under reply.
  4. That the contents of paras no.4 to 13 of your legal notice are totally vague, incorrect, false and hence denied except specifically admitted hereinafter. It is incorrect to state that my clients have made false imputation about your client on the social media posts like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by using various terms as mentioned in the paras under reply. It is also incorrect that my clients have posted on social media, the statements of admission purporting to be of your client or that your client has not made any such statements. It is also incorrect to state that my clients have circulated the URL of a website 'lokanath.net' or that my clients have posted the alleged false statements of admission in the same. It is also incorrect to state that my client has published or posted anything false about your client or that they have any advantage to be gained by attacking your client's integrity. It is also incorrect to state that the statement of your client

was false or that it has resulted in bringing disrepute to your client. It is denied for want of knowledge that the posts of my clients have been shared or forwarded by others, resulting in your client's defamation. It is also incorrect to state that the acts of my clients have been defamatory or it has resulted in loss of image, status or reputation of your client or that your client has received the calls and queries concerning the alleged misinformation spread by my client as stated in the paras under reply. It is also incorrect that my clients have made imputation against others on their social media pages or that they are in the habit and intention of harming the reputation of people. It is also incorrect to state that the alleged imputations of my clients against your client were made with the intent of harming your client's reputation. It is also incorrect to state that the alleged imputations of my clients are defamatory or that they are guilty of defamation as defined in IPC or that any damage has been imposed to the reputation of your client due to the alleged imputations or that your client holds a good reputation in the general public and has large scale followers and supporters. The claim of your client of Rs.2 crore as token amount for compensation/ damages for the alleged defamation is totally false, absurd, malafide and with a view to harass my clients and to shut down their mouth against the misdeeds of your client which has larger ramifications and against the interest of the children and the followers of the ISKCON Movement. Further, the monetary claim of your client not only shows his greedy nature and material inclinations but also the fact that he wants to take the benefit of his own wrongs by giving this false legal notice in order to extort huge money from my clients who are merely practicing devotees of Krishna.

5. That the contents of para no.14 of your legal notice do not relate to my clients' and as such they need no reply except that the noticees no.3 & 4 have not done anything wrong in allowing the publication of true

information against your client with good faith and bonafide intention to serve the public cause and protect the children.

6. That the contents of para no.15 to 17 are totally vague, incorrect, false and hence denied. My clients do not intend to offer compensation of any amount nor offer any apology for the acts which are in good faith and in public interest based on true information available in public domain for a long period of time. My clients are not inclined to withdraw the information that is in the public interest. The children at large need to be kept safe from those who may cause them harm. If your client chooses to pursue further action, my clients will be ready to refute your illegal claim and will also substantiate every wrong deed of your client by way of concrete evidence. It is also not acceptable that the actions of my clients in sharing reliable information in the community interest have adversely impacted your client/Lokanath Swami's already tattered reputation and it is a matter of great concern and shock that despite the sexual abuse of a child, your client continues to enjoy a celebrity status in total disregard of the rule of law.

Your client is, therefore, called upon, by way of this present communication to do the following within two weeks from the date of receipt of the present communication:

- a. To retract/withdraw the above mentioned notice dated 24.11.2022 and simultaneously retract/withdraw all such claims, accusations, allegations etc. against my clients hereto, immediately and unconditionally and stop sending such communications to my clients; and
- b. Immediately tender an unconditional public apology to my clients in writing for making false and frivolous allegations against my clients and sending total illegal, offensive, defamatory and baseless legal notice; and
- c. Pay Rs.2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores) as compensation to the victim and her family for the sexual abuse committed by your client upon her and for tremendous physical and mental agony suffered by them.

In the eventuality, if your client fails to do so, then my clients shall be constrained to file civil and criminal proceedings against your client, which needless to add shall entirely be at your own costs, risk and consequences.

Copy kept for record.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajay Garg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**(AJAY GARG)**

Advocate

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Dear **Saraswati Richardson Jones** Saraswati , Really amazed to see people like you, Damodar prabhu, Sanaka Rsi prabhu, Uttamasloka prabhu and many other courageous leaders standing for a cause to make impactful changes in Srila Prabhupada's dream ISKCON.... **See more**

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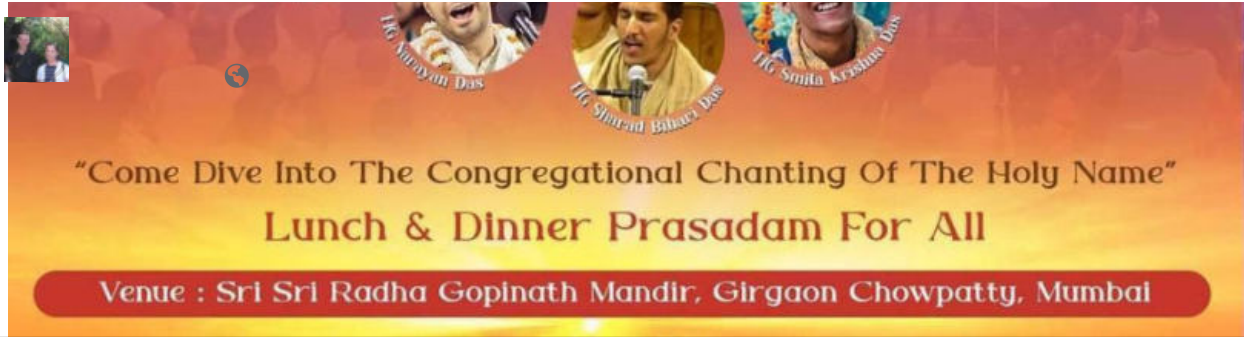
**Saraswati Richardson Jones** Vedic Inquirer - Advancing Child Protection

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yourself.

To reacquaint you with the case of Lokanath molesting an 11 year-old-girl, this is from a GBC meeting in 2011:

Badrinarayan:

"Lokanath was sitting on the couch with this [girl], took his hand, felt her vagina, he moved his hand back after she moved it away, and felt her out as they say, he admitted he was overcome by lusty desires, that's what he told me.

That is the core event.

The letters we heard from other gbc's\* are based on inaccuracies, if the body decides he should initiate, if he cannot take the vow himself to not, I will accept it, it will be a relief. I abhor being in this position but let it be based on facts.

May I never have to ask you this again, are you changing what you told me or is it factual? Either you are inaccurate now or then?"

Lokanath: "I am not going back on what you described."

\* Lokanath had offered to resign in 2010 after his victim wrote public statements. At this meeting in 2011 he said he changed his mind about resigning, and brought letters of support from GBC members. Badrinarayan claimed these letters minimized Lokanath's abuse.

<https://lokanath.net/appendix-g-gbc-meeting-minutes.../>

From Anirdesya Vapu's 2022 CPO Decision that seems relevant now: "This panel recommends the GBC examine the culture of enabling child abusers that is prevalent amongst some senior ISKCON leadership and management."

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your servant,  
Saraswati"

If you would like to email Radhanath Swami, his email address is: rswami108@gmail.com.

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Update; Candramauli Swami responded that he is not going to participate.

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**BY EMAIL / COURIER**

Date: January 27, 2023

To,

**Mr. Rakesh Taneja**  
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Noida – 201 303 (U.P.)

**Subject: Your notice dated November 24, 2022**

Dear Sir,

We write on behalf of our client, Facebook India Online Services Private Limited (“**Facebook India**”), in response to your notice dated November 24, 2022 (“**Notice**”), issued on behalf of your client, H.H. Lokanath Swami.

Your Notice alleges that certain individuals have posted defamatory content against your client, including on the Facebook service (*i.e.*, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and corresponding applications for mobile devices and tablets (“**Facebook Service**”)) and the Instagram service (*i.e.*, [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com) and corresponding applications for mobile devices and tablets (“**Instagram Service**”)). Your Notice requests Facebook India to, *inter alia*, remove content defaming your client from the Facebook Service and the Instagram Service.

At the outset, please note that no entity known as “*Meta Inc., / Facebook / Instagram*” exists. To the extent you intended to address your Notice to Facebook India, please note that Facebook India is the wrong entity for the purposes of your Notice. Facebook India does not host, operate, or control the Facebook Service or the Instagram Service. For users in India, the Facebook Service and the Instagram Service are operated and hosted by Meta Platforms, Inc. (formerly Facebook, Inc.), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America. (See Facebook’s Terms of Service, available at



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<https://www.facebook.com/terms.php>; *see also* Instagram's Terms of Use, available at <https://help.instagram.com/581066165581870>).

Accordingly, Facebook India is unable to take any action in response to your Notice and considers that no further action by it is necessary.

Please note that we are not authorized to accept service on behalf of our client; however, we have retained copies of the correspondence in this matter. Our client fully reserves its rights.

Yours Sincerely,

For Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Tejas Karia  
Partner



**Company Master Data**

CIN	U72900TG2010FTC068332
Company Name	FACEBOOK INDIA ONLINE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
ROC Code	RoC-Hyderabad
Registration Number	068332
Company Category	Company limited by Shares
Company SubCategory	Subsidiary of Foreign Company
Class of Company	Private
Authorised Capital(Rs)	500000000
Paid up Capital(Rs)	104514570
Number of Members(Applicable in case of company without Share Capital)	0
Date of Incorporation	07/05/2010
Registered Address	Unit Nos. 1203 and 1204, Level 12, Building No.20, Raheja Mindspace, Cyberabad, Madhapur, Hitech City Hyderabad Hyderabad TG 500081 IN
Address other than R/o where all or any books of account and papers are maintained	-
Email Id	tvk@fb.com
Whether Listed or not	Unlisted
ACTIVE compliance	ACTIVE compliant
Suspended at stock exchange	-
Date of last AGM	30/09/2022
Date of Balance Sheet	31/03/2022
Company Status(for efilling)	Active

**Charges**

Charge Id	Assets under charge	Charge Amount	Date of Creation	Date of Modification	Status
No Charges Exists for Company/LLP					

**Directors/Signatory Details**

DIN/PAN	Name	Begin date	End date	Surrendered DIN
00008241	VIKRAM RAVINDRA MAMIDIPUDI	26/02/2015	-	
06916999	SUSAN JENNIFER SIMONE TAYLOR	19/12/2017	-	
07041491	AJIT MOHAN	20/03/2019	-	
09404522	MICHAEL LEE JOHNSON	18/11/2021	-	
AQDPK2321D	VAMSI KRISHNA TADEPALLI	06/04/2015	-	

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**Company Master Data**

CIN	U74900MH2013PTC240630
Company Name	TWITTER COMMUNICATIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
ROC Code	RoC-Mumbai
Registration Number	240630
Company Category	Company limited by Shares
Company SubCategory	Non-govt company
Class of Company	Private
Authorised Capital(Rs)	500000
Paid up Capital(Rs)	100000
Number of Members(Applicable in case of company without Share Capital)	0
Date of Incorporation	20/02/2013
Registered Address	C-20, G Block, Near MCA Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai Mumbai City MH 400051 IN
Address other than R/o where all or any books of account and papers are maintained	UNIT NO.101,FIRST FLOOR, TOWER 'B', RMZ INFINITY,OLD MADRAS ROAD,BENNIGANAHALLI BENGALURU 560016 KA IN
Email Id	India-Corp.CS@twitter.com
Whether Listed or not	Unlisted
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06979390	SEAN JEFFREY EDGETT	22/09/2014	-	
07093312	WINSTON SEI SENG FOO	27/03/2015	-	
07657961	ANUP ASHOK MALASHETTI	01/08/2018	-	

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