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## The Glories Of Purusottam Month

Once upon a time thousands of sages were amalgamated at the holy place Naimisyaranya to perform some sacrifice. Fortunately by wandering different pilgrimages the great sage Suta Goswami arrived there along with his disciples. The sages present there were became very happy by seeing him. They all stood up immediately from their sitting place to pay respect to the great sage. They offered a very nice Vyasasana to suta Goswami and respected him with folded hands to sit down on that vyasasan.

The sages of Naimisyaranya said to Suta Goswami with folded hands O Sutaji! all of us requesting you please tell us some thing about the wonderful activities and pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. There are many thousands of such religious stories but we want to listen the most perfect one, by following which we all can be delivered from this material ocean and return back to Godhead.

By listening all these requests made by the sages headed by Saunaka risi, suta Goswami started speaking O' sages please listen me, at first I want Puskara Tirtha than after visiting thousands of other holy places I have been reached Hastinapur. There I have seen at the bank of Ganges thousands of sages were sitting together with Parikshit Maharaj and in the mean time the great sage Sukadev Goswami appeared. There all the sages present there were pay proper respect to him by standing from their sits with folded hands. All the sages, unanimously offered a lotus vyasasan to sukadev Goswami which was meant for speaking Krishna katha to Parikshit Maharaj.

Suta Goswami said O' sages I am just coming from that place Hastinapur after listening whole Srimad Bhagavatam from the Lotus mouth of Sukadev Goswami. So now I am going to tell you about most interesting activities and pastimes of the Lord.

Once, long ago Narada muni reached Badrika Ashram the residence of Lord Narayan risi. River Alakananda was flowing down from his lotus feet. So Narada have paid his obeisance to Narayan and started praying . O' Lord of demigods, O' ocean of mercy ! O master of creation you are all truthful, trisatya, essence of all truths. So I am paying my obeisance unto you."

O' Lord ! in this material world all the living entities are busy in sense gratification. They all have forgotten the ultimate aim of their life. So please explain me some thing which will be helpful both for the householders and sages in renounced order like me , to attain self realization and return back to Godhead. Listing such sweet words of Narada lord Narayan stated smiling, he said O' Narada

please listen about the pious past times and activities of supreme Lord Sri Krishna which will diminish all the sinful reactions of past Karmas. O' Narada you have all ready knew all the activities of the supreme Lord, but for the benefit of others you are king again. So now I am going to tell you about the Glories of sacred Purusottam month which is fully potent to grant all material happiness and at the end of life helped to return back to Godhead.

Naradji enquired O' Lord I have heard about Glories of all the months including Kartik, chaitra etc, but which month is this Purusottam month ? O' ocean of mercy please tell me all about this, what is the way to glorify this month , tell what shall I do in this month, How to take bath, how to give charity, how to chant, worship and observe fasting in this month. Please tell everything about this month.

Suta Goswami said O' sages after listening all these questions of Narada Lord Narayan started to speak from his moon like lotus mouth.

Lord Narayan continued O' Narada I am going to tell you the same which have previously been explained by lord Sri Krishna to Maharaj Yudhisthir. Once Dharmaraj Yudhisthir have lost everything including his empire, palace even his wife Draupadi to Duryadham in a gambling match. Draupadi was insulted by Dussana in front of whole royal assembly. When Dussasana had tried to make draupadi naked being assisted by Lord Sri Krishna Draupadi was saved from such a dangerous situation. After this incident Yudhisthir Maharaj along with his brother and wife left his kingdom and continued to live at Kamayaka forest.

Once Lord Sri Krishna the son Devaki visited the pandavas in that forest. All the Padavas including Draupadi became very happy seeing the Lord. They all forgot their painful forest life immediately. They fell as if they have enriched with a new life: They paid their obeisance at the Lord's Lotus feet. After seeing the miserable conditions of the pandavas Lord Sri Krishna became very sad. At the same time he became very angry towards Durayadhan. It was appeared as if Lord is going to destroy the whole universe. So pandavas became fearful, they all started to pray the Lord in humble mood. Listing the humble prayers of Arjuna lord became cool down. Than taking this opportunity Arjuna started to ask some questions to the Lord Sri Krishna O' Arjuna being very pleased with all of you [pandavas] and being controlled by your devotion and friendship towards me now I am going to tell you about wonderful history of Purusottam month.

O' Arjuna ! once upon a time by the arrangement of providence the extra month came to the world. Every one told this month as the most inauspicious as if stool like month nothing is auspicious. Just like one could not stool so this month was also untouchable. Being unprotected and blasphemed this mouth was rejected by the people for any religious and auspicious activities.

So being rejected by the human beings, listening their bad words and being blasphemed the extra month became very sad. She came to Vaikuntha to explain her situation to the Lord. Seeing the Lord Visnu at his simhasana [lotus chair] she fell down at his lotus feet in a mood of sorrow and griefness. Tears were following

down from her eyes. She started praying to the Lord, O' ocean of mercy! I came to you being rejected and blasphemed by the peoples of the world. Please protect me where is your mercifulness. Why you are so indifferent to wards me, saying these words the extra month started crying in front of the Lord Visnu and sat down in a sorrowful mood. Seeing the humble position of the extra month. Lord visnu became very merciful towards her. Lord told her do not Lament I shall give you protection from all of your miseries. It is not proper to lament after taking shelter at my lotus feet.

Narayan risi continued being consoled by the Lord the extra month started speaking in a flattering language O' Lord you knew all of my painful conditions. No one is more miserable situation in this three world than me.

First of all other months, years, days, night, movements etc. being protested by you always moving fearlessly in a charming mood . But I {extra month} don't have any name any protector or any husband who could give me shelter. All the demigods, human beings have rejected me for any auspicious activities. For this reason O' Lord I want to die immediately.

O' Narada the extra month became peaceful after being repeatedly telling I want to die I want to die, I want to die. She fainted in front of the Lord.

Being insisted by the Lord Visnu, Garuda started fanning the extra month. After sometimes the extra month got up and started to speak again O' Lord of the universe I am in your shelter so please protect me.

Lord Visnu told to extra month O child don't lament all of your miserable conditions are going to be finish very soon. Get up and come with me to Goloka Vrindavan which i seven unattainable to great Yogies. Goloka is the abode of Lord Sri Krishna. Where Lord Sri Krishna in his two handed form surrounded by gopies enjoying His eternal pastimes.

At Goloka the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna will deliver your miseries, please come with Me. Speaking like this Lord Hari took Malamasa or extramonth to Goloka by holding her hand.

From a distant place Lord Hari along with extra month have observed the affulgence of Goloka. By this effulgence eyes wiere automaticaly kbecame closed, so by keeping the extramonth behind him Lord Hari proceeded farther and reached the main gate. The door keeper pays respect to the Lord Hari. After reaching the supreme abode Lord Hari met supreme FLord Sri Krishna who was surrounded by many gopies. Lord Hari who is the husband of Ramadevi paid his obeisances to Lord Sri Kirshna. After all Lord Hari made the extra month to fell down at the lotys feet of Lord Sri Krishna. She was crying loudly. So Lord Sri Krishna asked who is this crying one why she is crying even at Goloka vrindavan. By listening these words of Lord Sri Krishna, Lord visnu got up from his sit and started explaining the whole measerable conditions of the extramonth, please protect this unprotected one. There is no one except you {Lord Krishna} to save

[the extramonth] her from this measerable condition and give her ful protection. By saying these words Lord Visnu remain standing infront of Lord Krishna in folded hands.

Thus Suta Goswami continued to speak, O' sages ! when Lord Visnu after explaining all the measerable conditions of extramonth took his sit , Lord Sri Krishna spoke very confidential, words to him, which I am going to explain all of you.

Lord Purussottam Sri Krishna told - O' Visnu you have done very nicely by bringing this extra month to me. You will become very famous for this act. To whom you have accepted . I am also accepting. I shall make this extra month same like me . In quality, fame, oppulance, realization, success, giving benediction to devotees. This month will be equally potent like me. I am bestwoing all of my quality in this month. Like me this month will be famous as Purussottom month in the world.

O' Janardan please you have bestwoed all of my qualities to this purusottam month. Now I myself become the husband and protector of this Purussottam month. Being equal me this month Purusottam will be the master of all other months. Now this month becomes worshipable by all others, every one shoud pay their obeisances to her, everyone should worship her. This month is equally powerful like me to give any type of benedictions to its observer. I am making this month desire free unlike other months who were full of some desire. The worshiper of this month will be able to burnt all his past sinful reactions after enjoiing a blissful material life he will return back to Godhead.

O' Garudadhwaja" Lord Sri Krishna continued. My abode Golake is unattainable to the performers of austerities, Mahatams or great souls who are engaged in pious activities, to a person who maintain celebacy or who fasts for whole life not eating any thing. But just obeserving the Purussottam month and becoming a devotee one can easily cross over this material ocean and return back to Godhead. So this Purusottam month is best of all other austerities. Just like a farmer produced a rich harvest [corn] after throwing the seeds in a nicely cultivated land so an inttelligent man who observes his devotional service towards the supreme Lord in this Purusottam month will enjoy a blissful material life in this world and after leaving his body he will retrun back to godhead.

An unfortuanate ignorant man who does not perofrm any Japa, does not give any charity, does not pay respect to Lord Sri Krishna and his devotees, does not behave properly to Brahmains makes enmity with others and who blasphemes the Purrusottam month will go to hell for unlimited period . Lord Sri Krishna continued How can a person make his life successful unless he performs devotinal service in this purusottam month? A person who is fully engaged in sense gratification and does not give any special importance, to this Purussottam month becomes the best candidate for hell. So all the human beings should perform some devotional service in this purussottam month by taking a holy bath, worshipping Me Sri Krishna by chanting My holy name , above all giving some charities. A

fortunate person who follow my instructions and observes this Purussottam month properly. In a faithful way worships me Sri Krishna will attain fame, opulence and nice son in this life. after enjoying a happy life at the end he will be return back to golake Dham. So following my instruction s every one should worship this Purussottam month.j I am make this month abest among all other months. So O' husband of rama devi give up all kinds of mental speculatings about extramonth. Now you please take this Purusottam month to your abode Vaikyntha' with You.

After narrating this history of Puruasottam month, Lord Sri Krishna Looked in a merciful way to Yudhishthir and Draupadi. Then he started speaking to Arjuna.

O' Lion among man now you could understand the reason why you pandavs one suffering. Because you could not recognize the presence of Purusottam month which have recently been passed away. The month which was most dear to Vrindavan chandra have passed away, but you pandavs being in forest didnot worship Purusottam month. So now you are suffering because of your Prarabdha Krama. You have been following only some of the ritualistic principles given by Vyasadev to you. But unless you worship the Purusottam month you can not able to perform pure devotional service to me.

Lord Sri Krishna continued, now I am going to narrate a famous historical event connecting the previous birth of Draupadi. In her previous birth Draupadi was the daughter of great brahmin sage Medhavi. Her mother was died when she was a small child. So she was under the care of her father. Day by day she become grown up and attain her young age. She was very beautiful but her father was not much interested about her marriage seeing her other girlfriends with their husbands and children she passed her days in very miserable way. In the mean time her father Medhavi also passed away from this material world uttering the name of Hari.

So the daughter of Medhavi now have passed her days in most miserable way. Fortunately one day the Great sage Durbasha appeared in her asram. seeing the great sage the girl paid her obeisances to him and worship him.

She has offered flowers and fruits to the great sage. When the great sage became very pleased towards her, she started lamenting and crying before him. Then the sage enquired about her lamentation. The brahmin girl started speaking O' saint Durbasha you know everything about past, present and future. I have no shelter in this world. I have lost all of my relatives. My parents were passed away I have no brother also being unmarried there in no husband of mine to protect me. So O' great sage please do something for me please find some way and give me some advice which could relieve me from this miserable conditions. After listening her prayer, Durbasha started to think over the miserable condition of the girl. Then he decided to show some mercy towards her.

Durbaha started speaking O' beautiful one from now after three months the most auspicious month Purusottam is coming. this Purussottam month is most dear to Lord Sri Krishna. By just taking a holy bath in this month a man or woman

become completely sinless. This Purusottam month is even more glorious than all other months including Kartik month. The glories of all other months is even not equal to one sixteenth part of the glories of Purusottam month. The merit of a person who takes even once a holy bath in this month is equal to the merit of taking a bath in Ganges for twelve thousand years, or merit achieved by a person who takes a bath in holy water of Ganges or Godavari when Vrihaspati [Jupiter] enters Leo [Lion]. So if you will take a bath, give charity and chant the holy name of Vishnu in this month all your miseries would go away, you will attain all kinds of perfection, all of your desires also get fulfilled. So following my advice please do not forget to worship the forthcoming Purusottam month.

After speaking these words Sage Durbasha remained silent. Unfortunately the Brahmin girl did not believe in the words of Durbasha, rather she got angry and started speaking 'O' great sage you are speaking lies. How could this extra month which is also called Mala Masa [stool month] be superior to other great months like Magha, Kartika and Vaisakha. I am not going to believe you. You are trying to cheat me. This extra month is most abominable for any kinds of pious activity. By listening these words of the Brahmin girl Durbasha became very angry, his whole body started burning, his eyes became red. But thinking about the helpless condition of the girl he cooled down again.

Durbasha told the girl 'O' unfortunate one, I am not going to curse you because your father was a good friend of mine. Now you are in a helpless condition. Being an ignorant child you could not understand the shastric conclusions. I am not going to take your offences towards me. But at the same time I should not tolerate your offences towards the Purusottam month. In your next life you will certainly get its results. Speaking these words the great Sage Durbasha left that place for the service of Lord Narayan.

Lord Sri Krishna told to Arjuna 'O' sinless one when Durbasha left that place the Brahmin girl [Draupadi in her previous birth] lost all of her opulences in that very moment. Being an offender to Purusottam month her body started looking very ugly, she lost all of her bodily shining etc. Then she decided I shall worship Lord Shiva who is known as Ashutosha, who gets pleased very soon.

So thinking in this way the Brahmin girl started performing great austerities to please Lord Shiva the husband of Parvati. The Brahmin girl continued her austerities for nine thousand years. In summer season she should sit in a place for meditation putting fire around herself under the hot sun, in winter season she meditated under cool water.

Observing her great austerities even demigods became fearful. Considering all the situations Lord Shankara appeared to the Brahmin girl being pleased in her worship and austerities. When Lord Shiva appeared in front of the Brahmin girl in his spiritual form, the girl immediately stood up, as if she got a new life. In the presence of Lord Shiva all of her bodily weaknesses have gone, she again started to look beautiful. Seeing Lord Shiva in front of her, she started to worship him in her mind, then she started to recite nice prayers to please Him.

Being pleased with the girl Lord Shiva said O' performer of austerity all good fortune to you. Now please ask some boon from me. I am pleased with you. I shall grant what ever you want. Listening these words from the mouth of Lord Shiva the girl speaks out O' friend of the poor if you are pleased with me than please "give me husband". Repeatedly speaking the same thing give me husband for five times the girl remain silent. Than Lord Shiva told let it be happened what you have asked for husband five times, so you will get five husbands. Listening Lord Shiva's words the girl was ashamed. She told O' Lord this is most abominable for a girl to have five husbands. Please return your words. Lord Shiva told her it is impossible for me. What even you have asked from me it will happen. But you will get five husbands in your next life. Lord Shiva again reminded the girl that she has been offended to Purussottam month previously by not following the words of sage Durvasa. Lord Shiva continued O' brahmin girl, there is no difference between the body of Durvasa and mine [Lord Shiva]. We all the demigods including lord Brahma and all the great saints like Narada worships this Purussottam month following the order of Lord Sri Krishna. A devotee of Purussottam month achieves all good fortune in this life and at the end of his life he return back to the Golake, the abode of Lord Sri Krishna. Being an offender to Purussottam month you will get five husbands in your next life. So the girl became very sad. Lord Shiva immediately disappeared from that place.

After Lord Shiva left that place, the brahmin girl became very murese and fearful about her future life. In this way after fewdays this girl also left her body being subjected to the uncontrollable time. Lord Sri Krishna told, O' Arjuna; inthe mean time the great king Draupada have been performing some sacrifice.

From the sacrificial fire this brhmingirl has took her birth or appeared as the daughter of Maharaj Draupada. O' Arjuna the same daughter of Medhave risi is now became famous in the word as Draupadi who is non other than your present wife. Being blasfamed the Purussottam month in her previous life she has been insulted by Dushasana in front of the whole kurvas assembly in which all of you pandavas brothers were present. Fortunately she remembered Me [Sri Krishna] and took My shelter. So for giving her offences I have protected her form most abominable condition.,and saved her from the hand of Dushasana. So O' pandavas brothers Lord Sri Krishna continued; donn't forget again to worship the forth coming Purussottam month. A person who blasfames Purussottam month and don't not worship her, and don't worship[ Krishna ] Me will never attain a good fortune. this Purussottam month is fully potent to full fill all your desires and remove your all shorts of mesearies. Now forteen years of yur forest life has going to be passeed away. So plesse worship this Purussottam month sincerely which will bestow you all good gortune. Giving full consolation to the pandavas, Lord Sri Krishna left that place for Dwaraka.

After few days when Purussottam month appeared, Maharaj Yudhisther have reminded the words of Lord Sri Krishna to his younger brothers and wife Draupadi. All of tham followed the instructions given to them by Lord Sri Krishna. They perform their worship to Purusottam Sri Krishna in verious ways in the

Purussottam month. By the merit they have achieved performing Purussottam vrata or worshipping the Purussottam month the pandavas have returned back their lost kingdom, after enjoying a blissful happy life they all return back to Godhead in the grace of Lord Sri Krishna.

Suta Goswami told to the sages of Naimishraniya O' sages' now I am going to explain to you another famous history of Maharaj Hadadhanwa of sun dynasty in this connection of glorifying Purussottam month. Long long age there was a religious king named Citradhanwa, who was the ruler of Haihaya state. He had a very qualified son named Hadadhanwa. Hadadhanwa was famous all over the world because of his good qualities like truthfulness and following the religious principles strictly. In an early age Hadadhanwa became a learned scholar by pleasing his Guru. He studied all the Vedas including Angas and Upanisads. After pleasing his Guru and paying him Dakshina Hadadhanwa returned back to his father's palace. His father Citradhanwa became very old. So he decided to go to forest and take renounced order of life to please Sri Hari. Now Hadadhanwa became the king of Haihaya state. In due time Hadadhanwa achieved a beautiful daughter named Guna sundari, he had four other famous sons named Chitrabak, Chitrabha, Maniman and Chitra-Kundala.

Lord Narayan continued, once this Hadadhanwa started thinking in his mind how I have achieved all such material opulences. In influence of which pious activities I have achieved a undisturbed kingdom, beautiful queen, beautiful sons and daughter etc. He thought I have not done anything in this present life, may I have done some pious activities in my previous life. Thinking in this way, in the next day the king went to the forest by riding his horse along with his army to perform hunting animals. In this forest one deer being attacked by the arrow of the king's bow ran towards the other forest. The king also followed the deer.

After following a long way behind the deer, the king became very tired and felt thirsty. So he started wondering for water. In a little distance he saw a beautiful pond full of clean sweet water. So he got down from the horse's back and tied the horse in the near by banyan tree. After drinking water he took some rest under the banyan tree. When the king was relaxing himself a beautiful parrot who was sitting on that tree started to speak some thing towards him. The parrot started reciting a verse again and again which meant as follows:

"O' by observing your material opulences you are not considering about the real achievement of human life. So how can you cross the material ocean, the cycle of birth and death".

After listening these words from the mouth of the parrot again and again, the king Hadadhanwa considered the advice seriously. So he started thinking this parrot may be the great sage Sukadev Goswami himself who being compassionate towards me advising how to deliver from this material ocean. In the mean time his army reached that place. The parrot also disappeared after giving instructions to the king. So after reaching his palace king started to think over it.

When king Hadadhanwa was thinking seriously about the words of the parrot, the great sage Valmiki came to his palace. The king immediately got up from his seat and paid his obeisances to the great sage. Valmiki asked O' king why you are looking so morose, please tell me everything about your sadness, I shall try my best to solve your problems. Getting some consolation from the sage king Hadadhanwa has explained about the verse spoken by the parrot in the forest to him. After listening to the king, the great sage Valmiki told O' king in your previous life you were born in a Brahmin family, at the bank of river Tambraparni in the state of Dravida. Your good name was Sudeva. You were a religious, truthful and self-satisfied Brahmin. Your wife was named as Gautami the daughter of Gautam Rishi. When you were in Grishastha Ashram you were following all the religious principles, but in spite of all these merits you did not have any child. So one day you have expressed your feelings to your wife explaining all of your miserable conditions. You told her O' beloved one, our human birth is fruitless because we don't have a son who is going to deliver us from the hell named after put; so I am decided to die immediately. By listening your words your wife has advised you to worship Lord Jagannath.

She told you O' dear husband don't speak like this. You are a Vaishnava, so you should have more patience to deal with all these situations. If you desire a son, then you worship Lord Jagannath and ask him for a son as benediction. Following her advice you have performed great austerities at the bank of river Tambraparni for four thousand years. Even the demigods became fearful seeing your austerities. So seeing your strong faith and devotion Lord Hari appeared before you riding his carrier Garuda. By seeing the Lord in his four handed form who ruled over the three worlds, you became very happy and paid your full obeisances at his Lotus feet.

The great sage Valmiki continued, O' king in this way after offering his prayers Sudev Brahmin sat down on the floor in front of Lord Hari. After listening his prayer, Lord Hari spoke O' Sudev, you have done great austerities to satisfy me. Now I am satisfied. Please ask some boons whatever you want. Sudev Brahmin told, O' Lord if you are pleased upon me then please give me a qualified son. Listening the Brahmin's words Lord Hari told him O' Sudev by reading your forehead, I came to understand that because of your Prarabdha karma you are supposed not to have a son for next seven births. So ask for some other boons. Hearing Lord Hari the Brahmin Sudev immediately became senseless. He fell down on the ground unconsciously like a dry tree. Seeing the condition of her husband, Gautami, the wife of Sudev also started crying loudly. After observing the most measurable conditions of the Brahmin couple Garuda, the carrier of Lord Vishnu became sympathetic. So he also requested Lord Hari to grant them a son. Hearing Garuda's request Lord Hari empowered him to give the boon to the Brahmin couple. So Garuda started fanning to the fainted Brahmin Sudev. Then Garuda told to the Brahmin couple O' fortunate one, following the order of my master Lord Hari, I am giving a boon to you, that you will get a son very soon, as qualified as myself.

The sage Valmiki continued, in this way after giving the boon Lord Hari

disappeared from that place with his carrier Garuda. After sometimes have passed Gautami gave birth to a son named Sukadev. From his very childhood Sukadev has exhibited his wonderful good qualities by satisfying all of his superiors, parents, friends and guru. Once the great sage Devala who was shining like a sun, came to their place. The Suddev Brahmin and his wife prayed him and gave him a nice seat for sit down. Their son Sukadev also paid his obeisances to the great sage.

After looking the face of Sukadev, Dabala Rishi became happy. But suddenly he became grave. He spoke to the Brahmin couple. This child Sukadev has all the good qualities for a great person, but there is one disqualification for which all of his qualities are going to be fruitless. This boy has to leave his body at the age of twelve by sinking in the water. Then the sage left that place. The Brahmin couple again became unhappy. But remembering the all-merciful Lord Vishnu, they again started to continue in their day today life.

One day their son Sukadev was taking a bath in a nearby tank with his other friends. Following the unavoidable providence [time factor] the boy went to the deep water, got sunk and died. The friends of Sukadev had informed his parents about death of their beloved son. So divine couple again became morose. They started crying very loudly, in this way they came to the bank of that tank and saw the dead body of their son. They both started kissing the dead body of their son and lamented. Suddev took the dead body of his son to his lap and started crying, O' son get up we are waiting for you. Unless you get up and talk to us we both of your parents also give up our life here. We should not go to our house back. Speaking in this way the Brahmin started chanting the holynome of Lord Hari.

When the Brahmin couple were lamenting and chanting constantly the holynome of the Lord Vishnu, and untimely rain came along with a heavy thundering wind. The whole world became filled with water, but the Brahmin couple could not know anything because of their lamentation for their son. Their hearts were burnt with the fire of separation from their son. So they were engaged constantly chanting the holy name of the Lord Vishnu. In this way the whole month has passed away. This month was Purusottam month. So unknowingly the Brahmin couple have worshiped the Purusottam not, the month of Lord Sri Krishna. Being pleased by their austerities, Lord Sri Krishna appeared before them, when the Lord appeared the rain immediately stopped. Seeing the Lord the Brahmin couple immediately paid their full obeisances keeping their son side. Lord Sri Krishna became very very pleased because they have worshiped the Purusottama month [unknowingly]. The Lord told O' fortunate Suddev, your son Sukadev will live with you for twelve thousand years in this material world to give you all pleasure and at the end you both of the Brahmin couples will return back to me [Goloka].

As soon as Lord Sri Krishna, the supreme Personality of Godhead has finished his words their son got up just like, he was sleeping for a long time. Seeing their son has got back to his life the Brahmin couple became extremely happy. In the meantime the demigods started flowing from the heaven. So Sukdev [the parrot] paid his obeisances to his parents and Lord Sri Hari. Garuda the carrier of the Lord also became very happy seeing the Brahmin couple with their son. But all these incidents

seems very wonderful to sudev brahmin. So he asked Lord Sri Krishna the reason behind they got back their son to life again.

Lord Sri Krishna who is controlled by His devotees, thus spoke to sudev brahmin, O' fortunate one, did you not know the reason why I got pleased from you? You both husband and wife have observed fasting and worshiped Purusottam month which is most dear to me. When both of you were lamenting for your son by observing full fasting also chanting my holy name, that time the holy Purusottam month was continued. So you were worshiped me in Purusottam month, which has pleased me very much.

Once Lord Brahma was measuring the value of Purusottam month with all other pious austerities and religious activities mentioned in vedas. But the value of Purusottam month remained more valuable than all types of vedic religious, pious activities.

Thus Lord Sri Krishna continued any human being who would observe my Purusottam month remain as the most fortunate one in three worlds, at the end of his life he would return back to my abode Goloka. Saying these words the supreme lord left that place for Goloka riding his carrier Garuda.

thus sage Valmiki told to king Hadadhanwa, O' king, what you have asked, now you got your answer. The parrot who advised you in forest was the Sukadev your son, in your previous life. Sukadev has achieved perfection of his life due to Lord's mercy, he was filling some sympathy for you [Hadadhanwa] his father in previous life. Seeing you were passing a materialistic way of life, he has reminded you about your duty to worship the supreme Lord Sri Krishna. So O' king now worship Lord Hari in forthcoming Purusottam month, by merit of which you would return back to godhead.

Thus king hadadhanwa continued to ask sage Valmiki about Purusottam month. He asked O' sage please tell me how can one observe this most fortunate Purusottam month which is most dear to Lord Sri Krishna? Who is the worshipable Lord for this month? What are the processes to worship this month and observe austerities? Please tell me all these secrets.

The great sage Valmiki replied. O' king one should get up early in the morning [in Brahma muhūrta] thinking about the supreme Lord Hari who is also known as supreme param brahman. Then he should finish his morning duties, taking bath, doing pranayam and offering prayers to the supreme Lord Sri Krishna. Lord Sri Krishna with his consort Sri Radhika are the worshipable deities for this Purusottam month. One should continuously chant Gayatri until sun rises in the east. Then one should pay his obeisance and offer [Arghya] water, flower etc. to sun god, who is also known as Surya Narayan. After finishing all of these morning duties one should start worshipping Lord Hari.

A worshiper of Purusottam month should take a vow to remain truth full, not to speak any lie or engaged in any violent activities. He should remain very peaceful. One should collect some fresh cowdung and with the mixing of some water with

it, he should purify certain area which should be like a circle. Within that purified circled area, one should draw a eight petaled lotus flower with the help of some rice powder. Then one should place a new pot full of holy water collected from different holy rivers or one can call all the different tirthas or river to enter that pot of water. The water pot may be made of gold, silver, copper or a earthen pot according to the worshipers ability to present it.

After placing the holy water pot properly one should call O' river ganges, godavari, kaveri, saraswati, jamuna, etc. Please enter to this holy pot and also make me purify by purifying my body and mind". Then one should worship that water pot with the help of sandal wood pulp, different other sainted things, flowers etc. One should place a copper plate covered with a new yellow cloth upon that water pot. Then one should place deities of Sri Radha Krishna upon that pot. After placing the deities properly, one should start worshipping them with faith and devotion.

The great sage Valmiki continued to speak again one should purify the deities in a fire sacrifice and establish them with a new life through vedic process, other wise the deities made of metal would remain a lump of metal only. A brahmin who is qualified with vedic knowledge should perform these activities. First of all he should chant Purusa sukta stating from Om Tad Vishnur Param Padam etc. "followed by vijay mantra of Purusottam. By placing his thumb on his heart he should chant all these mantras to establish the deities with life. He should take a vow that I shall live for r this deity or die for this deity. He should chant many other mantras prescribed in Yajurveda adding Swaha at the end of each mantra. So in this way by placing life into the deities one should meditate upon Lord Purusottam, Sri Krishna. Then he should speak like this:

O' Purusottam ! I am offering this noble sit to Sri Sri Radha Krishna. The holy water brought by me from different holy rivers including ganges etc is quite appreciable and use full to be touch and use. So O' Lord please accept this water for washing your feet. Saying like this one should offer Padya. Then one should offer achaman to the deities. Again one should bathed the deities with Panchamrita. Again giving achaman, to fulfill one's desires and to attain perfection one should offer new yellow silken clothes to the deities. Then he should pray O' Purusottam Please save me from this nescience of cycle of birth and death."

One should offer brahmanical threads with the new cloth also. Than he should again chant O' Lord! please accept these sainted sandal wood pulp which is prepared by me in careful way. Then he should offer sandalwood pulp to different parts of the bodies of the deities. He should pray O' Purusottam please accept these unbroken flowers carefully collected by me. Than he should offer flowers to the deities. He should worship the different parts of bodies of the Lord by chanting the mantras consist of twenty four different names of Lord Visnu starting from Keshavay namah. In this way one should worship Lord Purusottam properly.

The king Hadadhanwa enquired O' sage! what should be the prescribed foods for a performer O Purusottam vrata? What one should not eat in this month ? Please explain every thing very clearly.

Sage Valmiki told O' king! Listen I am now explaining everything to you in very briefly. In a purified consciousness one should collect, wheat, rice, sugar candy, sasmi seeds, ginger, green leafs, banana, cucumber, rock salt, butter, ghee, curd, mango, potato etc, and should cook them without oil . One should prepare his food with the help of ghee if necessary. One should not eat meat, fish etc, or any kinds of non vegetarian things . One should not use mustard or mustard oil or any kinds of intoxicate things in his daily use.

One should prepare one's food in a purified way in a pure consciousness one should not cook his food in a iron pot. One should not speak any nonsense or think any nonsense while preparing prasadam. One should avoid any types of contaminated food prepared in a contaminated wrong way. In Purusottam month one should not blaspheme the demigods, veda or any literature pursuance with the vedic version, brahmins, spiritual master, cows, person [men or women] who performs Purusottam vrata, the king and all kinds of saintly peoples . One should try his best to please Lord Visnu by performing various austerities in best of his abilities. Sage Valmiki again told a worshiper of Purusottam month should follow the above rules and regulations in the month of kartik and Magha month as well, other wise he could not get the full benefit from performing his Purusottam varta. If possible one can worship Purusottam month by observing a full fast from food through out the month. If he could not observe full fast he could live by drinking ghee or drinking some milk which he should collect by begging. If he could not do this he can simple eat some fruits. An intelligent person should take a vow according to his capacity to observe and follow it . One should not break his vow in the middle. If one worship Lord in his Saligram form giving offering one lekh tulusi leaves, than he achieved an unlmited merit and success which even Lord Brahma could not described .

If one worships Purusottam month in this way,than he could achieve more glories than performing one hundred horse sacrifices. The performer of vedic karmaknada yanjnya is achieved sworga loka, but worshiper of Purusottam achieving goloka dhama. all the holy places of the world came to live in the body of a man who performs Purusottam varta.

King Hadadhanwa asked O' great sage! what are the benefits one achieve by offering a lamp to Lord Purusottam in this month? The great sage Valmiki thus started speaking gladly, there was king named citrbqhu who ruled over the kingdom bhagyanagar. he was a great devotee of Krishna having all the good qualities like truth fullness, nonviolent forgiveness, behavior helper to poor, worshiper of saintly peoples and Brahmins, and knower of all the religious principles mentioned in shastra. Once He great sage Agastya came to his palace. Seeing the great Rsi , the king paid his obeisance form a distant place. When the sage came near by he gave him a nice place to sit down. Than he worshiped him when the great sage was pleased the king spoke, today my life became successful that a great devotee of Krishna enter my palace. He tried his best to please the sage. The king then started to ask Agastya muni about his past life. The king told O' sage in my present life I am enjoying such a undisturbed kingdom, I have a

beautiful chaste wife, nice sons and daughters. So what pious activities I have been done in my past life in result of which I am enjoying so much in my present life. Agastyamuni told O' fortunate one please listen to me I am now going to explain you about your past life.

IN your previous life your name was Manigriba. You were a most cruel, non-believer of God and a person having a very bad character. But your wife (who is your present wife also) was a very pious and religious lady. She was very chaste and beautiful, always engaged to please you. Due to your bad character and cruel behaviour no one was liking you in the society. Every one cut down their relations with you. Even the king of your country also took away (snatched away) everything from you including your wealth and property. In this way being kicked out from the society you have started to stay in the forest with your chaste wife. Once when you were going to collect some food and meat carrying your bow in your shoulder, you have found in the way a man fell down unconscious on the forest road. His name was Sage Ugradeva.

By seeing the brahmin sage Ugradeva in an unconscious helpless condition some mercy arose in your heart. Sage Ugradeva was in his way to Prayag tirtha. Due to fasting and unbearable hot sun he fell down unconscious on the forest road. So after bringing him to your small cottage you both husband and wife started to serve him by fanning him, giving some water to drink and throwing some water on his forehead. After a little time the sage came back to his consciousness. He was looking around with wonder. Then you have described everything about his previous situation and how you have brought him to your cottage. After that you have offered some fresh water to the sage. He was very pleased and asked about your bad living condition. The sage Ugradeva told you "O Manigriba why you are suffering so much in the forest, please tell me everything about your past situations, so that I can find some way for your good fortune in the future." After explaining your life, you have asked him to find some solution to your miseries.

Ugradeva told "O great soul you will definitely become famous in this world because you have served me so well as your guest. So to eradicate your previous sinful reactions I am now going to explain you the most simple and easy way by following which you will attain all good fortune."

The sage told "after three months Purusottama month is coming. So in order to please the Supreme Lord Purusottama, you should offer regularly everyday a lamp to the Lord. By doing this your misfortune due to your poor condition will vanish its roots. The best way to offer a lamp is to offer a gheelamp, but because you are living in the forest so you can offer a lamp with oil of sesamiseeds. When you will get some wealth then you must offer a gheelamp." Speaking in this way, sage Ugradeva left that place for prayag chanting the holynome of Sri Krishna.

Following the order of sage Ugradeva, Manigriba and his wife were offering a oil lamp to Purusottama regularly throughout the month. After some time the couple left their bodies and attained Swarga loka due to their merit of offering a lamp to Lord Purusottama. After enjoying many years in the heavenly planet, the same

couple came back again in this material world and achieved a very glorious position in society as King Citrabahu and his wife. So Agastya muni told to King Citrabahu, "O king, I have explained to you about your previous life, such was the glories of simply offering a oil lamp to Lord Purusottama in the month of Purusottama. A man who offers a gheelamp to the Lord gets unlimited merit. "O king, there is no doubt about such greatt merits achieved simply by offering a lamp to the Lord.

Thus the great sage Valmiki said, in this way after explaining the previous life of King Chitrabahu, and being worshiped by him, Agastya muni became very pleased and blessed him with some boons and left that place.

King Hadadhanva asked sage VALmiki, "O brahmin, O saintly one please tell me how to conclude (Udyapan) breaking Purusottama vrata (worship)? Which rules and regulations one should follow? Which are the special days to finish one's vow of worship tto Lord Sri Krishna in Purusottama month. The great sage replied : In Purusottama month, one can break his worship and vows on the foruteenth day, ninth day or on the eighth day of the dark fortnight. Early in the morning one should leave his bed. After performing his morning duties one should invite thirty qualified Brahmins and give them charity according to one's ability. If not possible to invite thirty brahmins, one should invite five or seven brahmins according to his capacity. In mid-day one should purify certain area with cowdung and water. Then he should draw a round cirle witht he help of rice powder. He should bring four new pots and palce them in four directions, placing one coconut upon each of them. The pots should be filled with water before all this. One should establish Lord VAsudeva, Sankarsana, Pradyumna, and Aniruddha above each pot serially. Then he should invite four qualified brahmins to sit inside the circle and chant the holy name of Krishna. By presenting new clothes, two for each brahmin, for wearing one and putting the other on the head, he should welcome them for chanting the holy name. He should also present them one ring made of some metals to wear in their fingers. To purify himself one should perfomr all the purifying processes according to Shastra. When the invited brahmins would engage in their chantin, one should start his worship to Lord Purusottama with his wife. He should engage the brahmins to chant the names of Chaturbhuj, (Vasudeva, Sankarsana, Pradyumna and Aniruddha) separately in four corners of the circle. Four differnt lamps should be offered in four directions. Then one should offer Arghya (oblations).While performing worship by giving Arghya, one should chant the following mantra :

" O Supreme Lord ! O Sanatana, O Purusottama, O hari, I am paying my obeisances unto you. Please accept my offerings along with Sri Radhika. I am paying my obeisances unto Lord Shyamasundar, along with Radhika, whose bodily colour is like dark hue cloud, who wers an effulgent yellow garments on His body." In this way one should pay his obeisances to Lord Purusottama. Again, he should offer (puspanjali) flowers to Sri Radha Krishna. Then he should pay his full obeisances to the Lord along with his wife. Then he should give some charity to the invited brahmin, give a pot full of gold and other dakshinas according to his ability. Then he should offer new clothes and other pleasing presentations to the

brahmins to please them in the best of his ability. He should offer some new clothes and ornaments in the name of Lord Siva and goddess Parvati. He should offer two pairs of new shoes to them.

The best of all kinds of charities is to present a book of Srimad Bhagavatam to a qualified brahmin. By presenting Srimad Bhagavatam which is the literary incarnation of the Lord Purusottama to a Vaisnava devotee of the Lord. One can deliver his forefathers on ancestors beginning from one crore of their life time succession. his forefathers attain Goloka dham and enjoy their life with Lord Purusottama.

After performing the above concluding ceremonies and worship, one could break his vows and worship. Sage Valmiki said, now I am explaining some special ways, how to avoid reactions of other offences committed during the Purusottama month. He should feed some qualified Brahmins and present them some gold to nullify his reactions at the end of the Purusottama month. If some one has taken his meal in Amavasya day he should present cows along with other dakshina (charity) to qualified brahmins. One who has not taken his bath properly in holy water, he should present some milk and curd to brahmins. If some one eats fruits, oil or ghee during Purusottama month then he should give in charity to brahmins at the end of Purusottama month. If someone eats rice and wheat, he should give charity at the end of the month. If some one sleeps on the floor during Purusottama month, he should break his vow by presenting a nice bed along with a pillow to a brahmin in charity.

A person who eating on leafplates during Purusottama month, one should feed some brahmins with ghee and sugar. Who did not cut his nails and hair during Purusottama month, he should give mirror in charity to a brahmin. One who has offered lamps throughout the month, he should give some new lamps and new pots in charity to brahmins. A person who breaks any other rules during the Purusottama month should feed the brahmins with different kinds of sweet juice. Thus any one who observes Purusottam month in a faithful and devotionl way will attain Goloka at the end of his life.

So after narrating everything about Purusottama month, sage Valmiki told to King Hadadhanva, "O King, now I am going to the river Sarayu to take a bath. Speaking like this he was about to leave that place, then the king worshipped him in a very submissive way to please the sage. After blessing the king for good fortune sage Valmiki left that place for Sarayu. When sage Valmiki left that place, the king along with his queen left his kingdom and started to live in a simple and peaceful way in the forest. When the sacred month Purusottam appeared both husband and wife performed their worship exactly they heard the process of worship from sage Valmiki. At the end of Purusottam month an celestial aeroplane came to them, riding which king Hadadhanwa and his queen reached Goloka.

So Lord Narayana told to Narada! O' Narada, in this world there is nothing in equal to Purusottam month. The result or merit one gets after performing sevour austerities for one thousand birth could not be even comparable to the merit of

worshiping Purusottama month. As there is a nice historical story in this connection, a monkey who was delivered from this material ocean and attained Goloka simply by taking holy bath for three days, - night in Purusottama month. The sins of his previous one crore of life time were destroyed.

Listening these words the sages of Naimisyaaranya asked to Suta Goswami, o great sage please explain us in detail about this monkey's past life. Who was that monkey? How and which place he took his bath during Purusottama month? What was he eating during the month? What results he got due to worshiping Purusottama month unknowingly?

In the province of Kerala, Lord Narayana said, there was a greedy brahmin. His name was Citra Sharma, but due to his greedy and cruel nature, the people were calling him as Kadarya (greedy). Being kicked out from the village, he went to the forest. There he met a nice friend, who was a gardener. He started to live with this gardener friend. After sometimes that gardener went to visit some sacred places. So he told to Kadarya to look after the fruit garden. The gardener was a simple person, so he left everything under the care of Kadarya. When the gardener left, Kadarya started eating the best fruits in the garden for himself in a greedy way. When the gardener returned and asked him about the situation of the garden, Kadarya told him that the monkeys and birds have destroyed all the best fruits.

In this way Kadarya had cheated the gardener friend. After sometime Kadarya brahmin died. He was bound to accept the body of a monkey due to his previous sinful activities and cheating his gardener friend.

Though Kadarya was the most sinful person, he had also achieved some merits in his previous life by seeing a Udyapan (concluding) ceremony of Purusottama month when one Vaisya merchant was worshiping Purusottama month. He also worshiped Purusottama month due to his greediness to acquire some wealth from the Vaisya merchant. Due to these merits, Kadarya in his body of a monkey had taken his birth in a holy place on the bank of a sacred lake known as Mriga tirtha. That Mriga tirth was a very beautiful place. The trees were full of fruits and flowers. The water in the lake was very sweet and cool, and very useful for health. That place was so beautiful and pious due to the boon of Lord Ramachandra, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. After conquering Lanka, he became pleased with the monkey fighters (army). Being pleased with his monkey army, the Lord had given this sacred place to them for their enjoyment.

From the beginning of his birth Kadarya, the monkey was suffering from various pitta diseases. Therefore blood was always coming out from his mouth. He could not eat anything. But due to his nature he was jumping from one tree to another and picking up some fruits and throwing them down. In the meantime Purusottama month came. During Purusottama month, the monkey's suffering increased. He could not eat anything. So he had observed fasting unknowingly in this month. One day while jumping from one tree to another, the monkey fell down into the lake of Mrigatirtha. After five days, he died. When he died, a celestial aeroplane came and took him to Goloka dham. He had achieved a very

beautiful spiritual body and lived happily in Goloka.

Lord Narayana said, by seeing a wonderful fortune of the monkey who had attained Goloka, all the demigods started to glorify the Purusottama month. Then Narada asked "O Lord, whatever the principle you have explained previously is meant for the first part of the day of the Purusottama month. Lord Narayan again said, after finishing his noon duties one should wait for his guests at his door. A guest who comes to him when he is engaged in milking his cows, he should worship him properly and make him fully satisfied by giving charities according to his ability.

After satisfying one's guest, one should take his meal (prasadam) very peacefully facing towards the east direction in a purified spot. At first by chanting the mantra "Swaha Om" one should begin to eat his meal with the help of his tongue [without chewing].

Afterwards one should eat the sweet items at first, in peaceful mind. One should not eat any contaminated food. While engaged in eating prasada one should not discuss any material things or blaspheme any one. An intelligent person should engage himself in listening Krishna katha from a pure soul. Thus one should always meditate on Krishna and discuss his past times with other devotees. In this way when evening comes, one should take a bath and perform his evening duties. After finishing his evening prayers and offering some oblations to the fire god, one should sit down and eat something with his followers or family members. After eating one should go to his bed thinking of Lord Sri Krishna in his heart.

The grihastha should perform his home duties in a truthful and peaceful way he should not commit any violence to others and should be merciful towards the poor and saintly people. To protect animals, speak truth, mercifulness, nonviolence etc, are some of the important principles, a grihastha has to follow.

Narada said, "O Lord, please describe something about a chaste woman and how she could help her husband in performing Purusottama vrata." Lord Narayana said "O Narada please listen, now I am going to describe some of the good qualities of a chaste woman. Whether one's husband is beautiful or ugly, have all good qualities or bad, either healthy or diseased, peaceful or angry in nature, a drunkard, illiterate or well educated, a chaste woman should always try her best to give all pleasure to her husband. She should pay proper respect to her husband and other superiors like mother-in-law, father-in-law etc. She should co-operate with her husband in all sorts of religious and pious activities. She should save something from their family's daily expenses for future emergencies. An ideal wife should be very intelligent in performance of her daily duties and deal with family members. An ideal wife should not give anything in charity to her relatives or other person without the knowledge of her husband. She should not speak to any man other than her husband in a secret place. All of the above principles should be followed by a woman. Lord Narayan said, there is no one more worshipable for a wife than her husband. By pleasing one's husband a woman achieves all perfections. Among men and demigods, one's husband is most worshipable for a

chaste woman.

Once upon a time goddess Parvati had worshiped Purusottam month in advice of her husband Lord Siva. Goddess Parvati asked Lord Siva what is the best thing to give in charity, so one conclude his worship of Purusottam month successfully. Lord Siva replied one should fill up thirty [malpuas] in a bell metal pot, than one should bind the pot with seven new threads.

Than placing the pot in a proper place one should worship the pot according to shastras. To conclude the Purusottam vrata and to break one's vows one should give such thirty bellmetal pots full of thirty malpuas to brahamins. If some one is very rich he or she should give thirty such pots in charity ot thirty qualified brahmins. Listening the above instructions of Lord Siva, goddess Paravati became very happy. So to conclude her Purusottam vrata, she gave thirty bellmetal pots full of malpuas to thirty qualified brahmins and became successful in obeserving her Purusottam vrata.

Suta Goswami continued to speak to the sages of Naimisaranya, "O brahmins, in this way, the great sage Narada muni became very pleased by listening all about the Purusottama month from Lord Narayan Rsi. Narada paid his obeisances again and again to Lord Narayana and started to speak, "O this Purusottama month is the best of all other months, it is best among all kinds of Vratas and austerities. And one who just listen the glories of Purusottama month faithfully would acheive devotional service to the Supreme Lord Purusottama. All of his sinful reactions will be immediately nullified. One who performs the whole vrata and worships Purusottama month properly, he will achieve unlimited glories and attain Goloka.

Narada Muni told to Lord Narayana, "O Lord, now I am fully satisfied and my heart and my mind are completely in bliss. I do not want to listen any thing farther."

So after explaining all about Purusottama month Suta Gosvami asked permission from the assembled sages to take bath in the Ganges and perform other duties. Suta Gosvami paid his obeisances to the assembled brahmin sages and then left that place towards the ganges to perform his daily duties. When Suta Gosvami left, the sages of Naimisaranya spoke to themselves, "O this Purusottama month is the most glorious, it is ancient in history. It fulfills all the desires of a devotee just like a desire tree.

Thus ends the glories ot Purusottama month from the Padma Purana.