



## Barsana and Mathura to celebrate the arrival of Ashtasakhis

On the next Poornima (full moon) day, Sri Radharani will give darshan to devotees along with her ashtasakhis (eight friends) in the Radharani Mandir situated on the Brahmachal mountain. The devotees have started preparations for this utsav. About 25 crore rupees will be spent on the renovation of the old temple, and consecration of the moorthis of ashtasakhis at the Sheeshmahal.

Till now, Sri Radharani has been giving darshan to devotees along with her two friends Lalitha and Vishakha. From Poornima day, Sri Radharani will give darshan to her devotees with her most loved friends Lalita, Vishakha, Rang Devi, Sudevi, Tungvidya, Indulekha, Champak Lata and Chitra Sakhi. These friends will come to Shreeji's presence with paan bida, perfume, chamar, veena, garland of flowers, kalash, vastra in their hands.

These moorthis have been made of gold and silver by artisans from Senganoor in South India. These have been made by Jaya Hanuman Seva Trust, Chennai. The Trust will bring them to Barsana on 10th December. The Trust is also making a Sheeshmahal for their consecration. The darshan of ashtasakhis will be allowed only on special festivals.

\* Translation of the press release done by the temple. Estimate inaccurate.







## Ashtasakhi Moorthis with Sri Swamiji at Madhurapuri Ashram, getting ready to serve Sri Radharani at Barsana



