

# KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018



MAKE YOUR SMALL EFFORT.  
RADHA AND KRISHNA WILL  
NOTICE AND HELP YOU.

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## THE SPIDER EFFORT

Today I sat at the banks of Radha Kund and had a wonderful realisation I must tell you about.

I had already arrived before sunrise and watched the different morning scenes. Tulasi leaves drifted by from the offering to Giriraj at the *sangam*. Devotees from Delhi whom I recognized sang beautiful glorifications. Later a group of villagers from the Gujar community arrived, all dressed in the most colourful outfits you can imagine. However, what caught my special attention was a group of devotees circulating Radha Kund in a particular way. Their left hands were holding onto the lower step and they splashed water into the *kund* with their right hands. In this way they moved around, clockwise, until they came to me. They were really blissful, chanting the Holy Names and splashing water into the *kund*.

Finally I couldn't contain my curiosity. I know one of these devotees since many years and asked him: "Why are you splashing water into the *kund*?"

Gravely he answered: "See, I have heard from many people, including scientists, that the *kunds* in Braja are not being circulated enough. That's why algae grow

*and it smells because too many people take their bath. I asked what would help these *kunds* and they said there is only one solution: oxygen. The best would be a fountain, like fountains and pools with many bathers in the West have them. But a fountain will never work at Radha Kund. Pilgrims will not like it and the people who live here will not allow it. So all I can do is to take my own hand, inspire a few other people and splash water in order to give the *kund* oxygen."*

I replied: "That's wonderful. That reminds me of the little spider who helped Lord Rama build the bridge from the mainland to Sri Lanka."

And he said: "Yes, Maharaja. That's what we are, little spiders trying to satisfy Srimati Radharani and Krishna." "But," he paused: "when you give your best, when you make your little spider effort, Those you try to please, will take note. And They will decide: I must help this person."

What a good formula! Make your effort, even if it is small, and Krishna and Srimati Radharani, will notice, especially in this month. And They will decide: "I must help this person."