

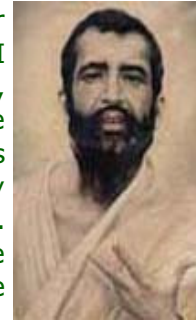
## ● KALPATARU UTSAB



It was the 1st of January 1886. Thakur Sri Ramkrishna Paramhansa Deb decided to go for a stroll in the garden lawn as he was feeling fit after a spate of illness. As it was not a working day, his disciples started gathering in the garden. When Thakur ultimately came downstairs at 3pm, at least thirty disciples has already gathered in the hall and under the trees in the garden gossiping with each other. Noticing him coming towards them everyone stood up with utmost reverence and greeted him with folded hands as Thakur descended the steps to the garden crossing the west corridor of the hall while everyone followed him at a distance.

As he reached the center of the path leading to the main gate from the building, he noticed his disciples Girish, Ram, Atul and others under the shade of a tree in the west of the lawn. Noticing him, his disciples too greeted him with reverence and came to him. Before anyone could say anything, Thakur himself asked Sri Girish Chandra, "Girish you talk to so many people about my incarnation, what have you seen in me?" At this Sri Girish Chandra answered promptly with his folded hands and kneeling down at his master's feet, "How can I comment on somebody who has been an enigma to the great sages like Viyas and Valmiki?"

Overwhelmed at this simple and innocent reply, Thakur addressed the others present, "What more to tell you-I bless you all that you all gain cognizance". Saying this, Thakur passed into a trance. The disciples one by one began taking his blessings and touching his feet. In this phase of trance Sri Ramkrishna blessed his disciples by granting them the holy sight of enlightenment. Overawed at this experience, many of his disciples were dumb founded and began watching him with awe. Some of them invited others to take his blessings while others



chanted hymns and worshiped Thakur with flowers. Some of Thakur's deciples like Sri.Ramachandra described this incident as the transformation of Thakur into a Kalpataru. A Kalpataru, according to Indian myth is a magical tree, which grants anything a person desires from it. It is also said that Ramakishnadeva took away the diseases of certain people by touching them on that day. Now the Kalpataru utsav is held at the kakurgachi Yogaydyan under a mango tree. The sage is remembered through his teachings and philosophy.