

Jayaguru
Nilachala Saraswata Sangha
Branch: America Saraswata Sangha
Program for Young Aspirants' Session

Date: April 04, 2010

Time: 11:15am-11:40am (**Eastern**)/10:15am-10:40am (**Central**)/08:15am-08:40am (**Pacific**)/
3:15pm - 3:40pm (**GMT**)

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	Topic		Time
1	Pranam and opening of the curtain (Bhaba Bandhana...)	All	11:15 – 11:16
2	Shri Guru Pranam - Short Stotra Bandana	All	11:16 – 11:18
3	Introduction	Bijoy Bhai	11:18 – 11:20
4	Reading – Helping Lankeshwara Bhai ...	Siddharth	11:20 – 11:30
5	Discussion and Q & A	Gyan Bhai	11:30 – 11:35
6	Song	Bhakti	11:35 – 11:40
7	Bhaba Binimaya	Siddharth	11:40 – 11:41
8	Invitation for the next session – 04-18-10	Swati	11:41 – 11:42
9	Truti Bichyuti (Forgiveness for any mistakes)	Siddharth	11:42 – 11:43
10	Last Song (Dayamaya Shricharane)	Shreya	11:43 – 11:44
11	Pranam, Jayaguru Nama Kirtan and closing of Curtain	All	11:44 – 11:45

Beginning Prarthana:

Bhaba Bandhana Mochana Pujoyabaram
Gunahinamasesha Gunadhipatim
Bhaba-bhirujane Satatam Baradam
Pranamami Gurum Siva Kalpatarum

Shri Guru Pranam:

Om Brahmanandam parama sukhadam kevalam jnanamurtim
Dvandatitam gagana sadrisam tattvamasyadi laksyam
Ekam nityam vimalamachalam sarvadhi saksibhutam
Bhavatitam trigunarahitam sadgurum tam namami.

Invitation:

Jayaguru. I invite Shri Shri Thakura, all the young aspirants, their parents and other members of America Saraswat Sangha to our next session to be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 11:15 eastern time.

Truti Bichyuti:

Jayaguru. On behalf of all the young aspirants of America Saraswat Sangha, I beg for forgiveness from Shri Shri Thakur for any mistakes that we might have made.

Acts of Thakur Nigamananda

12. Helping Lankeshwar Bhai in his Duties

Lankeshwar bhai was an active member of the Chaandaamaari sangha (Chaandaamaari is a city in Bangladesh). He was from Gadagadiya village, which is close to Chaandaamaari, and was the head master (principal) of a Primary School in a different village. As the school was far from his village, Lankeshwar bhai lived there during the week days. He went back to his village every Saturday after school and returned on Monday.

Devotees at Chaandaamaari Sangha, used to hold puja sessions on every full moon. One such full moon had fallen on a Monday. As usual, Lankeshwar bhai had come home for the weekend and was supposed to go back to school on Monday morning. However, the devotees of the sangha asked him to stay. They insisted, "The session will be dull if you do not attend. Please stay back and attend the session. You can return to school on Tuesday. Nothing will happen if you miss the school just for a day."

Lankeshwar bhai replied, "What if the school inspector comes on a surprise visit on Monday? If he finds out that the head master is missing, I might lose my job."

The devotees responded, "You would be staying back, not to do anything unlawful, but to attend Sri Sri Thakur's puja, join the prayer, and discuss upon him. So, Thakur would save you from any troubles that may arise. If you do his work, he will take care of yours."

Without any further argument, Lankeshwar bhai stayed back and attended the puja session. He performed the book-reading *seba* (service) during the session. The devotees had lots of fun.

He went to school the next morning. On his way, he had to cross the river Mahaananda. There was no bridge over the river and people usually waded across. Upon reaching the river, Lankeshwar bhai heard that the river had lots of water the previous day and, therefore, no one had crossed it. He was glad to hear that. Still, the thought of the school inspector giving a surprise visit, worried him. By Tuesday morning, the water level had gone down significantly. Lankeshwar bhai crossed the river by foot and reached school. As soon as he arrived, the Assistant Head Master told, "Sir, the school inspector gave a surprise visit yesterday. You had not told me that you would be absent."

Lankeshwar bhai felt as if the whole world came crashing down on him. He asked, "What happened then? Did he write any bad remarks against me? I hope I will not lose my job!"

The Assistant Head Master replied, “No, no, rather he has written good remarks about you and has praised you for your sense of responsibility. When he unexpectedly showed up at school, I was a bit perplexed. After arriving, he mentioned something about you. I said, ‘Lankeshwar babu goes back home after school on every Saturday and arrives back at school on time on Monday. I do not know the reason why he did not come today.’

Then the inspector asked me, ‘Do you have any animosity with him?’

‘No, Sir. We have a very cordial relationship between us.’ I replied.

He said, ‘If that is the case, how did you not know that he has taken leave today? Look at this application!’ Then he pulled out your application for leave from his pocket. He continued, ‘I have granted his leave request. These days, many teachers remain absent from school without even applying for leave. But, Lankeshwar babu is so responsible that he went to my office this morning and submitted the application.’

I noticed that the application was written by you and had your signature. I could easily recognize your handwriting.”

A stunned Lankeshwar bhai responded, “What! I had not submitted any application! This is incredible!”

He then realized that this was the act of his dear Thakur. In his disguise, Thakur had appeared at the inspector’s office in distant Shiligudi and had submitted the application written in his name, with his signature resembling his handwriting.

(Source: Bagudara Smruti)

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