

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

**Date: January 17, 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 – Daily Prayer	Young Aspirants	11:20 – 11:30
5	Discussion and Q & A	Gyan Bhai	11:30 – 11:35
6	Song	Shreya	11:35 – 11:40
7	Bhaba Binimaya	Jeni	11:40 – 11:41
8	Invitation for the next session – 02-07-10	Sanat	11:41 – 11:42
9	Truti Bichyuti (Forgiveness for any mistakes)	Jeni	11:42 – 11:43
10	Last Song (Dayamaya Shricharane)	Jeni	11:43 – 11:44
11	Pranam, Jayaguru Nama Kirtan and closing of Curtain	All	11:44 – 11:45

**Beginning Prarthana:**

Bhaba Bandhana Mochana Pujiyabaram  
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, February 7, 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*

### 9. Initiation of Amulya Kumar Das

Amulya bhai was from Halisahar, West Bengal. Once, after visiting Lord Vishwanath in Kashi, his mental state got completely changed. He felt as if something was missing in his life. It was continuously bothering him. He was not able to find peace even for a minute. About a year passed in this manner. One night he was asleep in his bedroom and toward the end of the night, suddenly he noticed the manifestation of Sri Sri Thakur in his Gyaniguru form. At that time, Sri Sri Thakur had only four disciples in Halisahar who had received initiation from him. One of them was Fanindra Nath Gangulee, whom Amulya bhai knew. When Amulya bhai described his divine experience to Fani bhai, he was happy to say that the person was his gurudev. Amulya bhai, after hearing Fani bhai, decided that he wanted the same Thakur.

He then had a chance to meet Sri Sri Thakur at the residence of Fani Bhusan Mitra, a lawyer of Howrah court and a famous disciple of Thakur. There he was convinced that this was his Thakur. When he asked for initiation, Thakur replied, "When I return to Bengal the next time, I will give you initiation."

However, being unable to suppress his desire, Amulya bhai decided that he would go to Saraswat Matha in Assam and take initiation from Thakur there. He had found out that Sri Sri Thakur would remain in Matha till Durga puja. However, Amulya bhai did not know where the Matha exactly was or how to go there. None of the people he knew could give him directions to Matha either. Still he was determined to go there.

It was probably the October of 1922. Amulya bhai made all necessary plans to go to Matha. The trains are usually crowded during the Durga puja season. Two nights before his planned departure, he heard a voice while asleep, "Get in the coach next to the engine of the train. You would find seats available in that coach."

Amulya bhai put one set of clothes in a bag and set out without informing any of his family members. At the station, the train bound for Assam arrived and, obviously, all the coaches were full. People were squished inside each of the coaches. Amulya bhai walked toward the engine and found that the coach next to the engine was truly less crowded. He got in and found a place to sit.

His psychological state was such that he did not feel like talking to anyone. Some of the passengers were asking him where he was going. At times he just ignored their questions and at other times he simply replied, "Kokilamukh". He had no idea where Kokilamukh exactly was. But, he had the unwavering resolve to reach there no matter how.

Again he had a dream in that train where he could visualize the Saraswat Matha in Kokilamukh, Assam. The houses, the pond, the gardens, even the saffron flag were clearly visible to him. This made him overcome his fear of going to an unfamiliar place.

On his way, he met Gagan Chandra Deb, another disciple of Sri Sri Thakur, by chance. With him he walked to the Matha after getting down at the Gosain Gaon station. After walking for a while, he could see the saffron flag flying over the Matha from a distance. At that point he was so excited that he ran towards that direction without stopping. When he reached there, he noticed that the place matched exactly with what he had seen in the dream.

It was the Maha Saptami of Durga Puja celebration. A lot of devotees and disciples of Sri Sri Thakur had come from Calcutta. Amulya bhai ate prasad along beside them. That afternoon, Thakur came and took his seat on the Verandah of Sri Gouranga room. Amulya bhai was delighted to see Sri Sri Thakur again. However since he was sitting behind all the people and was also short, Thakur could not see him at first. Many of the devotees present there requested Thakur to give them initiation. It was then decided that Thakur will do that on the day of Maha Navami, two days later. When each one left after doing pranam, Thakur could see Amulya bhai. He then asked him, "When and from where did you come?"

"I came from Halisahar and reached here this morning", replied Amulya bhai.

"How did you come? Most of the places are under flood water!" said Thakur.

The train Amulya bhai had taken was the last train that was coming to Assam. After Amulya bhai answered, Thakur asked again, "Have you informed your mother about coming here?"

"No," Amulya bhai responded.

"Why not?" asked Thakur. Amulya bhai did not answer. Thakur then asked him, "When are you going back?"

Amulya bhai replied, "If you can give me initiation tomorrow, I will return home the very next day."

Hearing his reply, Thakur asked Shuddhananda Maharaj, "This boy is interested in getting initiation. Will you be able to make the necessary arrangements tomorrow? If so, I can then give initiation to others tomorrow as well."

"Of course I can, Thakur. I will make all arrangements", said Shuddhananda Maharaj.

(To be continued)

(Source: Neelachale Thakur Nigamananda, Part one)