**Journey with Rama**

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Have I mastered time?

On 25th February, I along with my friends had to head towards our respective colleges. We had to catch a train leaving at 6:27 in the morning from Lalkuan Station. Maybe the excitement of me having a good time with my close friends and the thought of catching the train early in the morning woke me up early, when I looked at the time, it was 2:44 am (too much early). Oh, this often happens to me in, and around, some special days. I got back to sleep, after some time I woke up again and saw it was 2:44 am, completely shocked, I was like “WHATT!!”, questioning myself “Have I mastered Time?”, then I saw it clearly it was 3:44 am (exactly 1 hr. after my first sleeping break), then I laughed and pointing to myself, that ‘this, this Bhumit is going to master time ha-ha, nice one’. I got back to sleep again. It was 4:50 am when I got up. I washed myself and packed my remaining stuff. My phone ranged, it was Sanjana. By the time she called, she had already reached the station, and at that moment I was at home, savouring my mom-made Paratha. After some time, I heard a horn of Train, when I hurried myself up. Asked father to make it quick.

As soon as I took a step in the platform 5 (where train arrives), I saw Sanjana, who was about 40 meters away from me. She was standing completely still and facing towards the train, it seemed like she is playing door escaping riddle and deeply contemplating on, which door should I choose to move in the train. I approached her and gesticulated her ‘this way’, I am not good at reading facial clues but here I can figure it out that she was not able to recognize me well. ‘Had it been so long that she unable to recognize her such a close friend’, I thought. But she followed me, maybe she recognized me afterward. We all got settled and the train picked up its pace and here we come where the Journey with Rama begins.

We shared our pleasantries along the way. We had a great time,

‘I asked this question to many but no one able to come up with the answer that satisfies me’ she said, ‘and with great courage I am placing this question before you, Why Goddess Sita has to give test for her purity twice’. So, this was question not about Goddess Sita but more about the actions that took by Rama (Whom I love the most even more than my mom (Goddess Sita), I have placed her 2nd). Sometimes it hurts when we see our close friends condemning the one you love. And I saw many specially the younger generation having doubt about Rama’s personality. Let us come to this topic properly.

After winning the battle with Ravana, Rama ordered Vibhishana to bring Sita from Ashok Vatika, Sita approached Rama, but Rama stopped her by questioning about her purity, and asking her to give a test by going through a fire. Rama ordered Lakshmana to arrange sticks. A fire was set to prove the purity of Sita. Sita steeped in and walked through that fire, Agni Dev hold Sita and brought her to Rama saying, ‘Why you send her to me, she should be with you, she is pure’. Now this is where many people thing that Rama did not believe Sita. And forced her to give a test if she wants to live with Rama. Rama is a supreme God, he knows everything, we can experience everything that is happing in this world. He believed her, but what he can feel is that there are many how are suspecting about Sita purity. So he did this, just to prove her purity to the rest of the world.

I know very less about Rama Story, nevertheless I am capable of giving answer to almost every question about Rama,

Words of Insight: Shiva is the one who has mastered time, which simply explains why he is called as Mahakaal (Maha means Master Kaal means Time).