# Media Disinformation in the Media about 2014 Potency test of SPH

## **MEDIA PROPAGANDA NAME: NITHYA NANGA**

**MOTIVE**: Delegitimizing the mission of SPH and therefore arrest the revival of liberal gender identity framework of Hinduism.

**DESCRIPTION:** The caption such as "Nithya-Nanga" with the corresponding caricature resembling a Hindu ascetic like SPH was used to establish the narrative **fundamentally targeting Hindu gender identity, science of Brahmacharya\* and eleven gender identities**. The word Nithya nanga was used to ridicule the traditional Hindu dressing, where clothes are generally worn unstitched for its corresponding health benefits. The propaganda associated this with "nanga" - "immoral nakedness".

\*Brahmacharya is a period of celibacy during which a Brahmachari (a pupil of any gender) explores his true intrinsic gender identity without any form of sexual engagement either physically by act or mentally by thought. This period of conscious research (conscious queering) and exploration of the self empowers the Brahmachari to develop the true understanding of the self. This period allows the pupil (Brahmacharyi) to consciously select one of the eleven gender identities which best fits the pupil's discovery of the self. Only after the complete realization of one's gender identity by the age of 21, the pupil (Brahamachari) transgresses to the Grihasta (householder) or Sannyas (lifelong celibate) lifestyle. Many enlightened Hindu masters and incarnations have expressed multiple gender identities during different periods of their life.



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**Title:** Nitya-Nanga Tweeters go berserk

with godman one-liners



**Publication:** Deccan Chronicle

**Date:** 7 March 2010

Title: Nitya-Nanga by night



**Publication:** Bangalore Mirror **Date:** 9 June 2010, **Page:** 1

Title: NITYANANGA

COMMING SOON TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU

The media-wing of the neo-Hindutva ideology (referred in this news-article as "SAFFRON PARTY") had the "Nityananga" propaganda led by Madan Patel who had joined the BJP in 2007. By <u>Dec 2010, Madan Patel furthered the propaganda by making a politically motivated defamatory movie</u> aimed at delegitimizing SPH and His efforts of revival of the Hindu eleven gender identity sciences.

#### **MEDIA PROPAGANDA NAME: I AM NOT A MAN**

**MOTIVE :** The SPH is an ideal for 2 billion practising Hindus, whom the neo-Hindutva political leaders hated for His gender identity. The media propaganda "I am not a man" was aimed at not just delegitimizing SPH for being publicly outspoken of His <u>transcendental gender</u>, but also to delegitimize practising Hindus and the LGBTQ community and therefore arrest not just SPH but the revival of the liberal gender identity framework of Hinduism.

**DESCRIPTION**: SPH, a life long celibate, has on multiple occasions <u>publicly spoken of His</u> transcendental gender. Hindus all over the world relate with SPH as both a mother figure and a father figure in their personal lives. SPH would dress as Devi (divine mother) on Mothers day for His devotees. This was unacceptable to the neo-Hindutva political masters. A false police complaint was made against SPH by a man claiming that he had suspicion that SPH may have misbehaved (with somebody). The deceitful vague letter which was not even a complaint did not make any allegations of rape, did not name any victim, did not even mention somebody who could probably be a victim. Yet this false and baseless complaint of suspicion of misbehaviour was actually registered as a formal FIR (complaint) of rape without a victim! Further this FIR was registered out of jurisdiction to create a complex system justification where nobody could be blamed for the series of fraudulent and blatantly unlawful measures that had been taken by State Police to somehow illegally arrest SPH. The police went to the extent of lying in the court and arrested SPH on the day when His counsel was about to secure His anticipatory bail from the court. In prison, the police tortured SPH to force Him to give a false confession of indulging in gay sex, something which was criminalized in India under Article 377. The torture involved forced dehydration and starvation, sleep deprivation, unhygenic living conditions such as living on floor wet with urine of police officers, induced hypothermia, forced exposure to asbestos dust to cause mesothelioma, asphyxiation, subjecting Him to water boarding, enhanced interrogation, repeated and excessive withdrawal of blood, needless medical tests for torture which damaged His internal organs like through endoscopy with a thicker tube than can be even inserted, injecting unknown substances in His blood which caused Him cardiac symptoms but failed to kill Him. During this time, the politically owned neo-Hindutva media created a hate propaganda targetting the gender identity of SPH to justify the torture and unfair trial that He was subjected to. Judges have publicly acknowledged the judicial empathy towards the third gender as, "the voluminous accounts of rape, torture, extortion and harassment suffered by gay and transgender people as a result of this law (377) do not appear to have moved the court". Months later from the arrest of SPH a High Court judge remarked on the fact that the actual complaint (on SPH) was a mere suspicion and also spoke on the torture done to SPH, asking the State Police in court, "Under the guise of suspicion, how long can you (police) torture a person (referring to SPH)." However the judiciary remained largely indifferent to torture specially when done to somebody "who was not a man" (not one of the binary genders) in a news article by former Chief Justice Ajit Prakash Shah as, "During my tenure as Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, several cases in this regard were brought to the court. But this issue is not restricted to Tamil Nadu alone. Torture is, in fact, an integral part of police culture all over the country. Indeed, it would not be amiss to argue that this culture in India today is reminiscent of the brutality of the colonial police forces that we are so keen to forget." SPH, a life long celibate, co-operated with the torture hoping that the numerous blood tests which were actually aimed to torture Him bring out the truth that He was sexually impotent. A potency test done in the prison on 26 April 2010, gave SPH cardiac symptoms, and was intended to kill Him with a cardiac arrest. The same day a trial court judge observed SPH profusely sweating and got alarmed by the situation and ordered immediate medical

attention. The reports of the potency test gave the police the first hand data of sexual impotency of SPH. The testosterone level of SPH was around 12 ng/dL against a normal range of 200 ng/dL to 1000 ng/dL (Pg. 25 of "08.03 - certified copies of medical report from victoria"). The police lied in the court forever that this "test" was never actually conducted and got all references of this "test" unpublished from the media. Copies of these media reports have been preserved by the ASMT community in their archives and can be cross verified with other public copies which are available in some of the public libraries of India. For instance the 27 April 2010 - The New Indian Express report in Page 3, titled as Potency test causes cardiac trauma (pg24 of pdf) - clearly reports this.

**Publication:** Bangalore Mirror **Date:** 26 April 2010

**Title:** Sex Swamis and scandals



**Excerpts from the above article:** "Nithyananda who has a penchant for draping himself in silk saris and have his disciples address him as 'Mother' on Mothers' Day" (referring to **the Hindu tradition - Devi Bhava Darshan**)

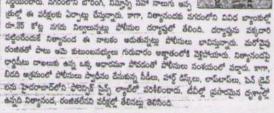
**Publication:** Saakshi

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Title: I am not a man

# నేను మగవాడినే కాదు: నిత్యానంద

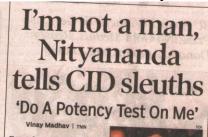
బింగకూరు, మ్యాస్ట్రేవ్.: రావలీలల నిర్యావంద స్వామి పోలీసులకు నరికొత్త బిక్కు తెచ్చి పెట్కారు! తాను మగవాడినే కానని, అలాంటప్పడు నటి రంజితతో లైంగిక కార్యకలాపాల్లో ఎలా పాల్గొంటానని సీఐడీ పోలీసులను ప్రశ్నించారు!! గురువారం విధార జలో నిత్వానంద నుంచి ఇలాంటి సమాధానం రావరంతో పోలీసులు నివ్వెరపోయారు. ఆయనకు లింగనిర్ధారణ వరీక్షలు నిర్వహించాలని నిర్ణయించారు. నగరంలోని బౌరింగ్, నిమ్మాన్స్ నహా నాలుగు అన్న



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**Publication:** Times of India Date: 30 April March 2010

Title: I'm not a man, Nithyananda tells CID sleuths 'Do A Potency Test on Me'



Bangalore: "I'm not a man. There's no way I could have indulged in sexual activities with women. Do a potency test on me". That's the sum and substance of Swami Nityananda's startling statements to CID sleuths soon after he was brought to Bangalore after being arrested in Himachal Pradesh. However, CID sleuths decided to ignore him, believing he was only trying to sidetrack the invertible.





I am not a man: Swami Nithyananda

Posted By: Samyuktha Published: Friday, April 30, 2010, 12:00 Bangalore, Apr 30: In an unexpected twist to the 'Swami sex scandal' saga, Nithyananda has now claimed that he is not even a man and can not perform sexually.

Criminal Investigative Department (CID) has asked the sleuths to conduct a potency

"I"m not a man. There"s no way I could have indulged in sexual activities with omen. Do a potency test on me," the Times of India quoted Nithyananda as telling the CID officials.

**Publication:** Oneindia **Date:** 30 April 2010

**Title:** I am not a man: Swami Nithyananda



Cops say women's cell in Ramanagaram jail will keep tainted spiritual guru Nithyananda safe from possible attack by other prisoners

BANGALORE MIRROR BUREAU

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Swami Nithyananda's rather ingenuous attempt to wrong-foot his interrogators by claiming that he is not a 'man' and therefore cannot be accused of having sex with women has cut no ice with the police. Instead of subjecting the Swami to a 'potency' test as he had wanted, they packed him off to a cell meant for women at the Ramanagaram district jail on Friday after a magistrate remanded him to judicial custody.

Sharing the cell with him is his follower Nithya Bhaktananda, who was sent to the jail on April 22. The cell is being closely guarded as the Swami is considered a high-risk prisoner.

The CID's custody of the Swami, in connection with two Filis The Cid is designed in the control of the swami, in connection with two Filis registered against him, came to an end on Friday afternoon after he was produced before the magistrate in Ramanagaram.

The Swami pleaded with the

a from possible attack by magistrate to direct the jall authorities to allow him to conduct dibyana', 'poola' and other rituals in the jall premises. He also wanted 'sattvik' food supplied to him from his ashram near Bidadi. The court allowed him these 'comforts' by issuing a direction to the jall authorities.

"We opfed for the women's cell because of its location. Some prisoners in the jall are known to be hostile to the Swami and there is a chance of him being attacked. So we scouted for a safe place within the jall and it happened to be the women's cell, "a senior jall. All after safe has been remanded to it in the safe has been remanded to judicial custody till May 12, and his ball application will come up for hearing on Monday, Mean-while, a fast track court in Ramanagaram, which is hearing a case pertaining to the storage of illegal sandalwood in his ashram, granted him ball in the case. There is also a possibility of the Tamil Nadu police taking him into



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Title: Ladies' (god)man in women's cell! am not a man

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**Date:** 7 May 2010



TV Channel: TV9
Date: 30 April 2010

Title: Nithyananda transferred to

women's cell

URL: <a href="https://youtu.be/Qj91IGPzQ4">https://youtu.be/Qj91IGPzQ4</a>

**Excerpts:** "Swami Nithyananda who had declared that he was not a man, was sent to women's jail. Surprised..? Nithyananda has really been put in ladies' jail. However, there are no women in that jail at this time." "Swami Nithyananda has sensationally declared that he is not a man. At the same time, the Sex Swami has been transferred to Women's Jail. Don't think already that Nithyananda is not a man. Currently, there are no women in Ramanagar Sub-Jail Women's cell."

## Disinformation in the media about the potency test

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