

MAHA SARASWATI DIKSHA



*Shuklaam Brahmavichaar Saar
Paramaadyaam Jagadvyaapineem
Veennaa Pushtak,*

*DhaarinneebhamayDaam
JaadYaapandhkaaraapahaam
Haste Sfatik, Maalikaam Vidhateem
Paramaasane Sansthitaam Vande Taam
Parameshwareem Bhagwateem Buddhi
Pradaam Shaaradaam.*

I plead to Goddess Saraswati who is fair in colour, the first and foremost divine energy, who is present in the world in the form of knowledge, who wields a Veena, Vedas, Crystal rosary in her hands and one of whose hands is raised to bless Her sadhaks. She is the one who is capable of eliminating ignorance and bestows intelligence.

There was a young boy named Raman who lived in a small village. The boy was a dumb and was lone son of her mother. His

father died when he was young and there was no one to take care of the family. The mother worked really hard to take care of the family and fulfil the needs. Having a dumb and utter foolish, the mother always remained concerned about the future of her son.

Once a famous saint visited the village. Everyone went to seek his blessings and so did Raman's mother. The mother told her situation and the saint replied, "Send your son to me tomorrow". The next day, on his mother's insistence, Raman visited the saint. The saint

told him," Raman, I can teach you a mantra. If you recite it 1008 times in the Goddess Kali temple, She will appear before you and fulfil your wishes. But you should recite it with full devotion."

Raman went to the Maha Kali temple. He sat there with closed eyes and recited the mantra with great devotion. Suddenly there was a voice calling "Rama, Rama". When Raman opened his eyes, he saw the Goddess Kali with all her 1000 heads. As soon as she saw the Goddess, he immediately started laughing. He could not control his laughter.

Goddess Kali asked, "Rama! Why are you laughing? What is so funny?"

Immediately Raman said," Mother! I was just thinking what will happen if you catch a cold. A common man like me with one head suffers a lot when I get a cold. I was wondering what would your case. I imagined you sneezing with all thousand noses. That made me laugh."

On hearing this Goddess Kali too enjoyed the joke. She said, "Rama I like your innocence." and continued, "Rama....Look at my hands. I have got two bowls, one with milk and the other with honey. The milk bowl represents "Knowledge" and the honey bowl represents



"wealth". You can take any one of these and drink. If you drink the milk you will be blessed with lot of knowledge and if you take the honey bowl you will have lots of money. But you can take only one of these. So think and choose one."

Raman thought for a while and said, "Goddess Kali! Can I taste both before choosing?"

Goddess agreed and gave both the bowls to Raman. Even before Kali realised what Raman was doing, he drank both milk and honey from both the bowls. Goddess Kali, a little annoyed asked, "What did I tell you and what you did?"

Raman replied, "Mother! I am sorry. But what is the use of knowledge without wealth and wealth is of no use without knowledge. That is why I drank both." and bowed before the Goddess. Goddess Kali liked his cleverness and blessed him. From then on his fame and fortune spread everywhere and the small boy grew up to be among the wittiest persons India has seen, Tenali Rama. He was able to obtain special blessings of Goddess Saraswati in life.

This small story teaches us about the significance of Goddess Saraswati in life. Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning has often been called as Medha in the ancient texts and in Jain literature. Still there is a bit of difference in Saraswati and Medha. The former only brings gain of knowledge while the latter also makes one perfect and practical in everyday life. A person who has perfected Medha Sadhana need

not be an expert in Vedic knowledge or knowledge of the scriptures, but he sure shall be able to excel in the field that he has chosen in his life. Medha Sadhana is a sadhana that bestows intelligence, presence of mind, ability to make successful plans in seconds and achieve the desired success in them.

One might be a chartered accountant, engineer, doctor, politician, high ranking officer, teacher, journalist or in any other vocation, this sadhana comes as a boon and helps one develop and hone the skills that could make one unparalleled in one's field. For students desirous of good results in competitions too this sadhana comes as a divine gift. It can help develop greater perspective, deep insight and power of concentration and capability of working hard for hours without tiring out.

Also, who doesn't wish to become an eloquent speaker? May it be any field of life, a good speaker always emerges out to be the winner. We all go to grocery shop. How many of us would like to go to a grocery shop whose owner doesn't talk politely? On the other hand all of us like to go to the shop whose owner is witty and is a pleasure to talk. If by chance one happens to be in the field where eloquence counts the most then lack of eloquence could mean being left behind in the race. What if you are a lawyer and you can't express your points? What if you are a politician and you can't speak in front of people?

You may be very educated and possess a lot of knowledge, but the present age is

conducive for a person who can express his views, who can give words to his thought and who can convince the people around. What is the use of such a knowledge which can't be understood by others?

Many often we see that people are able to crack the written examinations yet they mostly fail in an interview. The reason for this is they lack the confidence to speak out in front of people. It is equally important to understand that thoughts without words are useless. A person sitting at a very high authority especially needs to be a much better speaker because he has to deal with different types of persons and for each person, he needs to use different tactics.

We all know Kalidas. In his initial days he was an utter fool. He once tried to cut down the branch of the tree on which he was sitting. How come such a fool become so knowledgeable and an eloquent speaker in life, how come he became the greatest poet of this country. The reason behind this major transformation was the guidance of Goddess Kali who advised Kalidas to worship Goddess Saraswati. Kalidas did as was asked by the Mother Goddess and thus emerged as one of the best writers of all time. His great tasks include *Meghdoot and Abhigyan Shakuntalam*.

If by chance one happens to be in the field where eloquence counts the most then lack of it could well mean being left behind in the race to the top. Eloquence is something that proves of enormous help in any field but if you

are a lawyer, a sales person, a politician or a leader of the masses, a teacher, a management Guru or a manager, then without it you would be like a lion without its claws and fangs. In the world of Sadhanas, the deity who is associated with the gain of oratory skills is none other than the Goddess of learning and wisdom, Mother Goddess Saraswati. Many believe that She is worshipped only for success in education, however one could seek the divine help of the Goddess for becoming eloquent, ensuring honor, recognition and awards for one's efforts and even finding a good job.

Goddess Saraswati is normally considered to be a Goddess for children only. However, it is a myth as we need knowledge as well as power to express ourselves in our day to day life. Without any doubt, if we are unable to utilize our knowledge in our day to day life, no matter how many degrees we might have acquired over our life, all of them are in vain. Another aspect of Goddess Saraswati is She also brings prosperity in life as without Her blessings, one can't gain knowledge and any wealth acquired without knowledge can't remain for a long duration with the person.

Thus, worshipping Goddess Saraswati in our life is a must and everyone must worship Her with full devotion. On this Vasant Panchami, Gurudev will be initiating His disciples with Maha Saraswati Diksha and it is our fortune to get initiated with this divine Diksha in life.

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