BIOGRAPHY OF SWAMI NITYANANDAJI MAHARAJ AT A GLANCE

1. Birth : He was born on 1st November, 1933, at Gobindapur village under Hizla Police Station in the district of Barishal in East Bengal (now Bangladesh).

2. Parents : Late Haribhusan Chakraborty (Father), Late Manada Sundari Devi (Mother)

3. Childhood Education :

- He was admitted initially in a local “Pathasala”.
- Subsequently completed Class- I and II in the same village based running school by a Muslim community.
- Left Gobindapur village and stayed with one maternal side relative at Contai in the district of Midnapur and read upto Class- V in a local Primary School.

4. In refugee Camp

He was admitted in a student Home as a refugee which Hindu Mahasava used to run by the courtesy of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee when he was a student of Class- VI in Senhati High School. As ill-luck would have it – the said student Home had to be closed for obvious reasons. He left Senhati.

5. First contact with Swami Punnyanandaji Maharaj

In October 1944, he took shelter in a large building at 10, Nalini Sarkar Street, Kolkata and this is the place where he first came in contact with Swami Punnyannadaji

Maharaj.

6. Admission in Rahara, Ramakrishna Mission Boys' Home

In early part of December 1944, he accompanied Punnyanandaji Mahara along with few other unfortunate boys to Rahara Ashram and was admitted in Class- VI in Ashram School.

7. Child shows the Man

He sang a song before Swami Punnyananda such as "Jiban Prabhatey Maramer Sathey Balo Joy Ramakrishna re". When he was a boy, his sonorous voice and the divinity introduced him to Swami and the rest is history.

8. Boyhood Education

- Class- VI first half in Senhati High School in Senhati (Khuna) and second half in Rahara Ashram School.
- Class- VII Khardah Sibnath High School
- Class- VIII Rahara Ashram School
- Class- IX and X Barrackpore Government High School in 1949
- I.A. – Jaipuria College, Kolkata in 1951
- B.A. (Hons.) – Presidency and Sanskrit College, Kolkata in 1953
- M.A. – Calcutta University in 1955

9. Special care and love of Swami Punnyanandaji

He lived in Rahara Ashram for long 32 years under affection and guidance of Swami Punnyanandaji and chronologically as student, worker, Brahmachari and

Sannyasi. During lifetime of Punnyanandaji he worked as School Head Master, Professor, College Principal and Assistant Secretary.

10. Initiation to Srimat Swami Virajanandaji Maharaj 6th President of Belur Math

He received kindness and Diksha Matra from Swami Virajanandaji on 6th July, 1946 at Belur Math.

11. Joining Ramakrishna Mission as Monastic member

On 27th February, 1966 after taking Sannayasa from Srimat Swami Vireswaranandaji Maharaj the 10th President of Belur Ramakrishna Math.

12. Assistant of Swami Punnyanandaji at Rahara Mission

Served as “Assistant Secretary” during the period 1966 to 1971.

13. Sad Demise of Swami Punnyanandaji 21st November 1971 at 8-15 p.m.

14. Following the footstep of Swami Punnyanandaji

- After sad demise of Swami Punnyanandaji Maharaj, he concurrently discharged his dedicated services as School Headmaster, College Principal and Secretary of the Ashram and constituted Attorney to deal with numerous immovable properties of Ramakrishna Mission till 18th September, 1976 following the footsteps of Swami Punnyanandaji.
- **Leaving Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur**

17th October, 1976.

- Setting up a new organization at Barrackpore with 20 Tribal children : Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission was constituted and duly registered on 1st November, 1976, but its activities commenced with 20 distressed tribal boys on 1st January, 1977.
- Establishing a new order at Barrackpore

To undertake social, cultural, educational, medical, spiritual and welfare activities for the masses particularly for the benefit of poor, orphans, destitute, disabled and backward classes irrespective of caste, creed, religions and regions he established Vivekananda Order under Vivekananda Math.

- Receiving 1st National Award from Government of India

In 1984, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission received National Award from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India for valuable services in the field of Child Welfare by the kind hands of Jnani Jail Singh, the then President of India.

- First visit to abroad

In 1987 Swami Nityanandaji Maharaj visited “Street Children International”, New York, USA.

- Member of Planning Commission of India in CAPART

In the year 1994-95 and visited Japan as a member of the Planning Commission of India.

- Recognition of Ashram High School by WBBSE

WBBSE accorded recognition as a X Class High School with effect from 01.01.1987 by an order of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. Afterwards this school has been upgraded to Higher Secondary Section (XI and XII).

- 2nd Foreign Visit

In 1988, Swami Nityanandaji visited a Unit of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, UK Centre at Bolton, (near Manchester).

- 2nd National Award from Child Welfare from Government of India

In 1992, the Mission received National Award from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India for valuable services in the field of Child Welfare by kind hands of R. Venkatraman, the then President of India.

- Political disturbances at the Mission

Some staff of the high school being politically motivated started disturbances against the Mission Authorities, consequently Swami Nityananda terminated services of two indisciplined teachers. The matter went to Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta and litigation continued for more than 10 years. The disputes resolved ultimately by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

- 3rd Foreign Visit

In August 2001, Swami Nityanandaji visited Second time at Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, UK Centre at 238, Bridgeman Street, Bolton, UK.

- Win over of a crucial Court case at Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

Mission prayed to the State Government for granting Special Rules for management of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission established schools since 1987. But all the attempts and prayers were fruitless and went in vain. Ultimately Writ Petitions were filed before the Hon'ble High Court seeking natural justice. But Mission's prayer for granting Special Rules was rejected, Therefore, appeal was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India set aside the impugned Judgment of the Calcutta High Court and passed an Order on 29.11.2004 stating that the Mission is entitled to rights under Article 26 of the Constitution of India on that basis seek framing of Special Rules under Rule 33 of the WBBSE. Accordingly, Government of West Bengal vide Notification in the Calcutta Gazette published on 13th December, 2011 granted Special Rules for management of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission School established and run by the Mission in West Bengal. This is an achievement.

- 3rd National Award from Government of India

In 2003, the Mission received National Award from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India for valuable services in the field of Child Welfare. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Hon'ble President of India visited the Mission on 21 January 2003 and donated his 2 months' salary.

- 4th National Award from Government of India in individual category

In 2007, Swami Nityananda Maharaj individually received National Award for valuable services in the field of Child Welfare.

- Retirement from the executive power of Vivekananda Math With effect from the year 2007.
- S.R. Jindal Prize for Poverty Alleviation

He received S.R. Jindal Prize in 2011 awarded to Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission for its achievement in the field of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation amounting Rs25 lakhs.

- 2nd visit of Hon'ble President of India

On 19th January 2013 Sjkt. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India visited this Mission Headquarters at Barrackpore along with the Governor of West Bengal

- Retirement from the Secretary-ship of the Mission

After approval of Governing Body of the Mission Society, he handed over the post of Secretary through a ceremony to his student Swami Nityarupananda on 3 rd July 2013.

- Admission to Peerless Hospital with serious Kidney Problem

In 2nd week of December 2013 he admitted to Peerless Hospital under Dr. Ajoy Sarkar. Though he had been suffering with various diabetic-related ailments for couple of years.

- Admission to AIIMS as a Guest of Hon'ble President of India

3rd week of December 2013 he was admitted to AIIMS, New Delhi but came back from there after a week.

- Departure from this physical World

On 5th January, 2014, Sunday in the Morning.

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