



Class-3

Chapter-3, Section-1 (Lecture Sheet)

Great Men and Women

Lecturesheet-3

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Ma Anandamayee: Ma Anandamayee was a noble woman and a great worshipper of God. Ma Anandamayee was born on 30 April, 1896 at the village Khewra in the district of Brahmanbaria. Her real name was Nirmala. She was the second child of her parents. The father's name of Ma Anandamayee was Bipin Bihari Bhattacharya. The mother's name of Ma Anandamayee was Mokshmada Sundari. Ma Anandamayee's forefathers lived at a village named Biddyakut. The husband's name of Ma Anandamayee was Ramanimohon Chakravarty. Bholanath was Ramanimohon's nick name.

Her father used to chant the kirtan of Hari. In this way, in the childhood the feeling of her devotion to God was expressed in Nirmala's mind.

After marriage, her life of the worship and accomplishment started. Sometimes she lost sense while singing the name of Hari. Everybody realized that Nirmala was not an ordinary woman. She was a devi. Gradually her name spread out everywhere. By her touch the serious diseases of many were cured. Everybody called her 'Ma'. Then her name became Ma Anandamayee. Her religious speech was very beautiful.

Regularly Ma Anandamayee visited the Ramna Kali temple, situated at Shahbag in Dhaka. The temple of Ma Anandamayee was established near the temple of Kali. At present there is a temple of Ma Anandamayee close to Dhaka Siddeshawari Kali Manmdir. This is the adi (original) Mandir of Ma Anandamayee. There is an asrama and a school named 'Khewra Anandamayee High School' in her birth place Khewra after the name of Ma Anandamayee. There are many temples in different places of India after her name.

Ma Anandamayee spent last days of her life in India. She died on 27 August, 1982.

Some messages of Ma Anandamayee are given below:

- 1) Utter the name of God.
- 2) Listen to the words of elders and parents. Be very careful to your studies.
- 3) If there is love and devotion to God in your heart – there is nothing to be worried.
- 4) In the world, there is no end of opinions and paths. But there should be a harmony of all opinions.