



Class-8

Chapter-7 (Ideal Biographies)

Notes

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Lesson-9, 10 and 11 (Thakur Nigamananda):

Identity of Thakur Nigamananda:

Thakur Nigamananda was born in Radhakantapur village in the night of Jhulan Purnima on Thursday in 1287 (1880 AD) at his maternal uncle's house. His two eyes looked like lotus or Nalini. So he was named Nalinikanta Bhattacharjee.

His father's name was Bhubanmohan Bhattacharjee who was an honest Brahmin and mother's name was Manik Sundari.

Nalini finished his primary education successfully from his village. Then he admitted to the Middle English School at the village of Dariapur. After his marriage, he got admission in Dhaka Collegiate School for higher education.

Nalini got married at the right time. The bride was Sudhangsubala, the daughter of Byidyanath Mukherjee of Halisahar. Nalini was then 17 and Sudhangsubala was 12.

Knowledgeable guru Sachchidananda Paramhansa initiated Nalini with vedic-sanyas mantra and Nalini assumed the name 'Swami Nigamananda Saraswati'.

Thakur Nigamananda spread his philosophy by writing books such as-'Yogiguru', 'Jnaniguru', 'Tantrikguru', 'Premikguru', 'Brahmacharya Sadhan', 'Vedanta Vivek', 'Tattwamala' etc.

Death of Thakur Nigamananda:

Thakur Nigamananda died on 13 Agrahayana, Friday at 1.15 p.m. in 1342 (1935 AD).

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Short Questions from Lesson-9, 10 and 11:

- 1) Where is Kutubpur village?
- 2) What is the name of the honest Brahmin who lived in Kutubpur village in Meherpur district?
- 3) Who was Manik Sundari?
- 4) How did Bhubanmohon Bhattacharjee and Manik Sundari pass their time?
- 5) Where was Manik Sundari's parents' house?
- 6) When and where was Thakur Nigamananda born?
- 7) How did Thakur Nigamananda's two eyes look?
- 8) Why was Thakur Nigamananda named as Nalinikanta Bhattacharjee?
- 9) When did Nalini's father send him to the primary school of the village?
- 10) How did Nalini finish his primary education successfully?
- 11) When was Nalini's Upanayan held?
- 12) How many times did Nalini recite Gayatree mantra in a day?
- 13) What things did Nalini hate?
- 14) Who was Nalini's grandfather?
- 15) From whom did Nalini come to know about Bankimchandra?
- 16) When did Bankimchandra die?
- 17) Which two incidents left deep impression on Nalini's mind?
- 18) Why did Nalini loss his faith in gods and Brahmans, religion and rites and the scriptures?
- 19) What did Nalini start to do after losing his faith in gods and Brahmans, religion and rites and the scriptures?
- 20) Why was Nalini's father had to endure much criticism from neighbours?
- 21) At which age did Nalini marry? Who was the wife of Nalini? Who was the father-in-law of Nalini?
- 22) At which age did Sudhangsubala marry?
- 23) When did Nalini loss all attraction from family life?
- 24) Write on Nalini's professional life.
- 25) When did Nalini go to the great holy place Tarapith?
- 26) Who initiated Nalini in Tarapith?
- 27) Who was Bamaksepa?
- 28) Who was the knowledgeable guru of Nalini? Where did Nalini find him?
- 29) When was Nalini assumed the name 'Swami Nigamananda Saraswati'?
- 30) Which holy places of India were visited by Nalini?

- 31) What did Nalini practise in the holy places of India?
- 32) How did Thakur Nigamananda set examples of serving people?
- 33) What is known as the spokesman of Sanatan religion?
- 34) By writing which books did Thakur Nigamananda spread his philosophy?
- 35) What was Thakur Nigamananda's way?
- 36) In how many ways of Sadhana was Thakur Nigamananda perfect? Write the name of these ways.
- 37) When was Thakur Nigamananda die?
- 38) What did Pumananda Paramhangsa say to Nalini about after life?

Broad Questions from Lesson-9, 10 and 11:

- 1) Explain the main reason of Thakur Nigamananda's practice about the after life.
- 2) Explain the philosophy of Thakur Nigamananda.
- 3) Write down some teachings of Thakur Nigamananda those are mentioned in your textbook.
- 4) Write on Nalini's educational life.
- 5) What moral teachings can we get from the life of Thakur Nigamananda? Explain.

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