



Class-3 (Hindu Religion)

Lecture Sheet of Chapter-8 (Patriotism)

Lecture Sheet - 2

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Ashwamedha Yagna: Ashwamedha Yagna is the ritual only of the kings. In this Yagna (Yagga), a king releases a horse and the soldiers follow it. The horse runs from one kingdom to another. The defeated king goes under the reign of the winning king. In this way, the kings get defeated and the horse moves to another country unless it is stopped. If a king doesn't stop the horse, it means his defeat. At last, the horse returns home and is slaughtered. In this way, the Yagna comes to an end. This is called Ashwamedha Yagna.

Patriotism of queen Jana: It is a story of Mahaharata. There was a kingdom named Mahishmati. Niladhawaja was the king and Jana was the queen of that kingdom. They had only one son named Pravira. Prince Pravira was very brave.

Yudhisthira, the king of the Pandavas, released a horse for Ashwamedha Yagna (sacrificial horse). The king who performs the Yagna becomes the king of the kings.

The horse of Pandavas went to the kingdom of Mahishmati. Prince Pravira stopped the horse and kept it. Pravira's father Niladhawaja became very afraid and ordered his son to release the horse. But, Jana, the freedom lover queen, strongly defended him. She supported his son because she didn't want to lose their independence.

Arjuna was the army chief of Pandavas. Pravira fought a deadly fight against Arjuna but he was killed by Arjuna. Queen Jana didn't break down as she was a true patriot. Her son died for the country. Such death is an act of glory.

King Niladhawaja acknowledged his defeat and released the horse of Pandavas. It was very painful for Queen Jana because she preferred death to losing independence. She committed suicide by jumping into the river Ganges. She is still remembered for her true patriotism. Glorious Jana and her Heroic son Pravira were blessed.

Conclusion: We should be patriot like Pravira and Jana. We should love our country. We should work for the welfare or prosperity of the country. And, we should defend the independence of our country.

3. Answers of matching:

- a) To protect independence is - **iii) A duty of all.**
- b) Patriotism is a - **ii) Noble virtue.**
- c) A great mother's - **iv) Heroic son was Pravira .**
- d) We shall love - **v) Our country.**
- e) Pravira was - **vi) Very brave.**

4. Answers of MCQ:

- a) Where is the Jana's story of patriotism found?
Ans: ii) In the Mahabharata
- b) What was the name of the king of Mahishmati kingdom?
Ans: iii) Niladhwaja
- c) What was the name of Jana's son?
Ans: i) Pravira
- d) Who can perform the Ashwamedha yagna?
Ans: iv) Kings
- e) Who was the army chief of Pandavas ?
Ans: iii) Arjuna

5. Answers of short questions:

- a) Patriotism is one's deep love and feeling for his own country.
- b) **Patriotism teaches us the following things:**
 - i) To know our motherland.
 - ii) To love our motherland.
 - iii) To love the people of the country.
- c) Patriotism is called a part of religion because every honest and religious people love their country. They can sacrifice their own lives for the sake of their country.
- d) Patriotism is important because it is a part of religion. And, it is the duty and responsibility of all to love their country and to work for the welfare of the country.
- e) We shall love our country because she gives us a definite land to live. Moreover, she gives us foods, house etc.