

The Glory of Ram Naam

*Anecdote on Swami Purushottamananda Maharaj
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Swami Purushottamananda used to go every year to Lucknow and stay alone in a small room on the banks of the river Gomati in a place known as Shulka Ghat. As he had several devotees, they would take food for him daily. Once it so happened that on the same banks of Gomati, where there was a platform, a Ramayana lecture was going on everyday conducted by a Panditji.

On the last day, the people who organised the Ramayana lecture decided to invite my Gurudev so that they could hear some words of advice from him. Reluctantly, my Gurudev came and sat along with the Panditji. After the Ramayana was over, the audience requested Swamiji to speak a few words. My Gurudev stood up. While extending his both arms up, he started by saying, "The glory of Raam Naam...." and went into Samadhi state while standing. He was standing still like a mountain. The entire audience was thrilled as they had never seen such a demonstration at any time in their lives. After a few minutes, when Swamiji regained 'normalcy', he began to walk towards his room. The audience shouted, "Swamiji, you have not talked anything at all."

Swamiji walked back to them and said, "You have all seen the glory of taking the name of the Lord once. What is there to be told?" After telling this, he went back to his room.

**** Hari Om****

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