

HANUMA:N'S SUCCESS LEAP

Along the journey to search Sita, Hanuman realizes his strength, thanks to Jambavan. Motivated by his team, Hanuman leaps across the sea to reach Lanka. He reaches the top most part of the hill they were in and grows in size before taking the leap. He offers his prayers to Lord Rama and flies off with a thud.

A mountain – Mainaka on the seabed recognizes Hanuman as devotee of Rama, on a journey to Lanka in His service. He felt Hanuman must be tired and mounts in size to provide him rest for a while before proceeding with the journey. He introduces himself as a devotee of Rama and offers his service to Hanuman for rest.

Having known the whereabouts of Sita in Lanka, Hanuman has no time left even for rest and is in a hurry to find Sita. However, he cannot refuse the help offered by the friendly mountain. Now there is a challenge – he has to please the mountain who lends a helping hand, but at the same time needs to move forward in his journey. He simply places his feet on the mountain, as a token of accepting the friendly offer. Without wasting much time, he immediately leaps forward thanking Mainaka

for the gesture. Thus he obliged a friend, but did not waste time along the journey.

As Hanuman almost nears the coast on the other side, a huge demon ‘Surasā’ blocks his way. She says “you cannot move forward without defeating me”. Again Hanuman has no time to waste fighting the demon, but he is aware he cannot move forward without crossing her. Hanuman cleverly strikes a deal – “if he can get into the demon’s mouth and come out safely, then the demon should not stand in his way”.

As soon as the demon agrees to the deal, Hanuman increased in size. The demon, with a competitive attitude, also grows in size throwing her mouth wide open. Suddenly, in a fraction of second, Hanuman becomes smaller, flies into the demon’s mouth and comes out even before the demon could realize what has happened. Accepting defeat, Surasā gives way to Hanuman. Crossing both the distractions, Hanuman finally reaches his destination safely.

Similar to Hanuman’s leap across the ocean, is the journey of any successful person. All along the path of success, one is faced two kinds of obstacles – difficulties and pleasurable distractions.

The obstacles are quite obvious, hence easier to recognize and overcome. Seldom is one aware of



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