

STATEMENT OF MA NITHYA GOPIKANANDA, B.E.

1. I am a native and resident of Salem, Tamil Nadu. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and conservative family. I have acquired a degree in Engineering during 2005 with Computer Science as my core subject and thereafter I took video editing training in Real Image Media Technologies. I joined a HR firm as a recruiter and worked there for few months.
2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2007, due to my spiritual thirst I decided to join and serve Nithyananda ashram on my own will and volition. Accordingly I joined Nithyananda ashram in the year 2007 and I started my career in the ashram as a volunteer. As a volunteer I served the ashram by dedicating myself to the ashram and thereafter became a full-time ashramite. Since from the days of my joining the ashram till this date I have participated in almost all the spiritual programs conducted by the ashram not only in the ashram but also other places outside the ashram.
3. I was also working for the web department and video department at the ashram. As a volunteer by sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned a good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time and became an ashramite.
4. A certain lady by name Arathi used to volunteer at our Ashram. After she became a volunteer, she started attending all the programs conducted by the Ashram. As

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a Volunteer, she earned the good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time. On seeing her work and performance as a Volunteer, she was entrusted/assigned with several other works in the Ashram. On joining the Ashram, as a volunteer she started residing with other junior most and senior most level Ashramites and also used to participate in most of the spiritual programs along with others conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.

5. Of late, she developed intimacy with a certain Dharmananda, an Ashramite and started behaving indifferently by skipping the discipline, rules and regulations of the Ashram. She slowly started moving with the said Dharmananda in lonely/secluded places in the Ashram and began to spend more time as and when she used to go out of the Ashram for some reason or the other.
6. I brought this fact to the notice of my fellow ashramites and subsequently this fact was brought to the notice of Swamiji who in turn advised Arati not to indulge herself in such type of activities and not to breach the discipline or the rules and regulations of the ashram and further Swamiji advised all of us to maintain the decorum and dignity of the ashram and concentrate on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent, etc.
7. In spite of the advice tendered to her by Swamiji, instead of mending her ways, she continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with

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Dharmananda and abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the ashram for reasons best known to her and which are inexplicable.

8. This being the case, now it is brought to my notice a tell-tale statement said to have been made by Arathi which contain false, frivolous and baseless allegations not only against the Ashram but also against Swamiji. If I am asked to say/comment about the genuineness/ correctness of the said statement, I completely deny the same as false, concocted, cooked up and a got up story, which is made only with an intention to spoil the image and the reputation of Ashram as well as of Swamiji.
9. In the year 2009 I participated in the Kalpataru and padayatra programs conducted at various places in the State of Tamil Nadu. In Rajapalayam, myself, Ma Nithya Achalananda and Arati worked together till late in the night on uploading the day's events and photos in our website.
10. In fact, in most of the places, I saw Arati and Dharmananda sitting and chatting. They both usually had private secret conversations at all the time. Once in Pondicherry, only the two of them went to the beach while we were all busy coordinating and taking care of the participants of Kalpataru meditation program. They used to return late at night.
11. Further I would like to add here itself that since I was part of the Kalpataru and padayatra program with Swamiji during the months of Jan and Feb 2009, I can

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certainly that say no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati during the said program.

12. I am also certain that in our ashram as well as outside the ashram where programs are being conducted no female ashramite is allowed for any purpose to the place where Swamiji stays. As I know, the procedure and practice in our ashram is that rooms will be allotted separately for male and female ashramites whenever we stay in the ashram. Likewise, whenever the spiritual programs are conducted outside the ashram the same practice is followed strictly. Further I am certain that no such untoward incident had taken place at Rajapalyam as projected by Arati in her statement.

13. The statement made by Arathi is obviously at the behalf of and instance of some behind the scene activists who are based in Tamil Nadu and USA who are bent upon tarnishing the image of the ashram and the Swamiji.

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