

**SAKTHI FOUNDATION - CAC**  
**Uni5 RAMAYANAM - 12. Bow of awareness**

Few days back when a friend came to Sendurai to observe the school he has brought a big pouch. I thought it might be his camera. Later he said that he has to attend a sports match in Salem next day. I thought that must be his cricket set. That evening he opened his pouch and took that bow. It looked very beautiful.

When he explained about the bow, its strength I admired and also connected that with Shiva's bow which was broken by Rama. I got the chance to lift that bow, it was easy but to tie the string was the most challenging part. Later to pull the string to release the arrow was very difficult for me. There I understood the power of bow and also imagined how Rama must have handled the bows in Ramayana. Hence is well denoted as "Kodhanda Rama" - Rama with the great bow.

Let us go to Mithila and see what is happening.

It was dawn. Rama and Laxmana got up and offered prayers to morning and performed their morning rituals. There were listening to the spiritual discourses given by Viswamithra.

King Janaka went there and mingled with them for further conversation. He gave respect to the princes of Ayodhya.

"Dear guests! I am happy with your arrival. I am giving you a hearty welcome to you! What can I do for you? I am ready to do it!" - says Janaka

In this context Viswamithra introduces them to Janaka as,

" They are King Dasaratha's sons. They are well known for their braveness. They are born to good mothers. They are aware about their duties. They have a good wish to see your sacred auspicious bow! So please show your sacred bow. They can see to it and leave to their nation."

Janaka was happy to listen to Viswamithra and spoke further,

"You must listen how I got this. King Nimi is our very first king. Following him the 6th generation was King Devaraatha. He was given and blessed with this bow by Lord Shiva.

Shiva used this bow to kill Daksha. This bow is the weapon of awareness to chop our self-ego. Rudra threatened Devathas who participated in the yaga conducted by Daksha.

**"How dare you are to attended Daksha's yaga who refused to invite me. You also accepted his sacred food. I want to chop the heads with ego and make you to feel for this mistake."**

Immediately Devathas surrendered to Shiva and accepted their mistake and put off his anger. This bow was given to Devaraatha in our clan.

This is the symbol of true awareness. Many tried to lift this but they were in vain. One who is living in awareness alone can lift this. People who failed in lifting this got angry because they cannot accept their weakness and abused us and also disturbed this city in many ways.

I am also worried about this bow. It is very difficult to make brave men without awareness to understand the concept behind this bow. Just physical power does not help them. Let me show this to Rama and Laxmana.

If anyone can string this bow I can offer my daughter Sitha to him as beloved wife through marriage."