

Instructive Stories from teachings of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur

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In a village there lived a boy named Panchanan. In tropical lands, small boys in their early age move around naked. Panchanan as a boy of five years used to go naked all the time. So the neighbours were fond of calling him "naked penco"

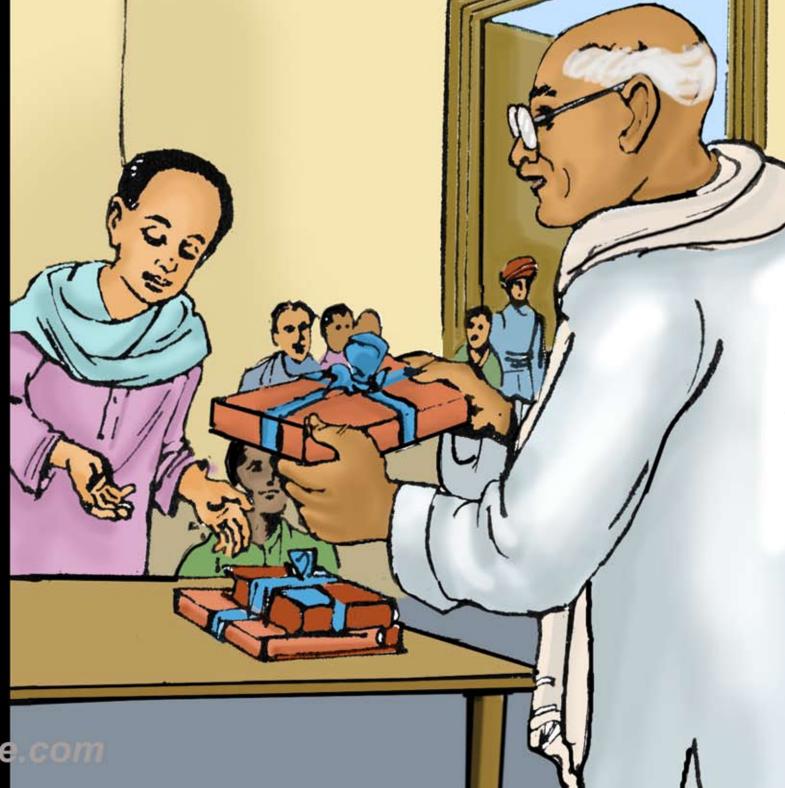


Right from his childhood he was very bright.



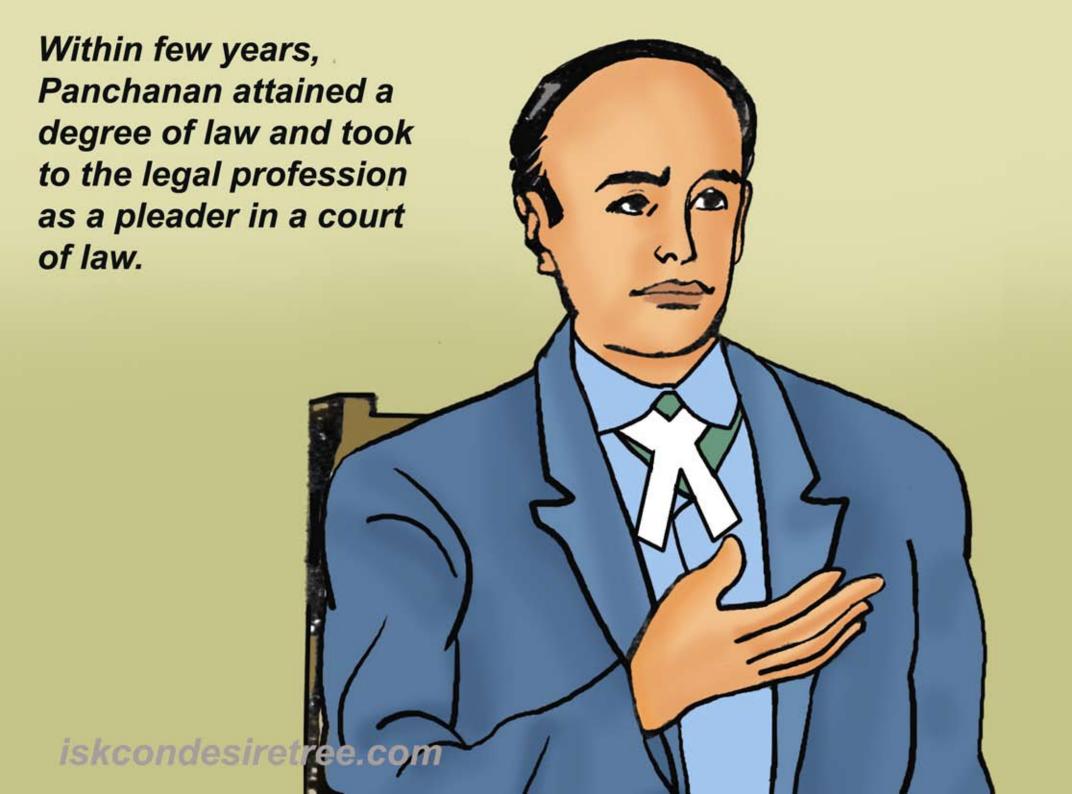


Penco was very good and sincere in his studies. Every year he used to get the topmost position in school.



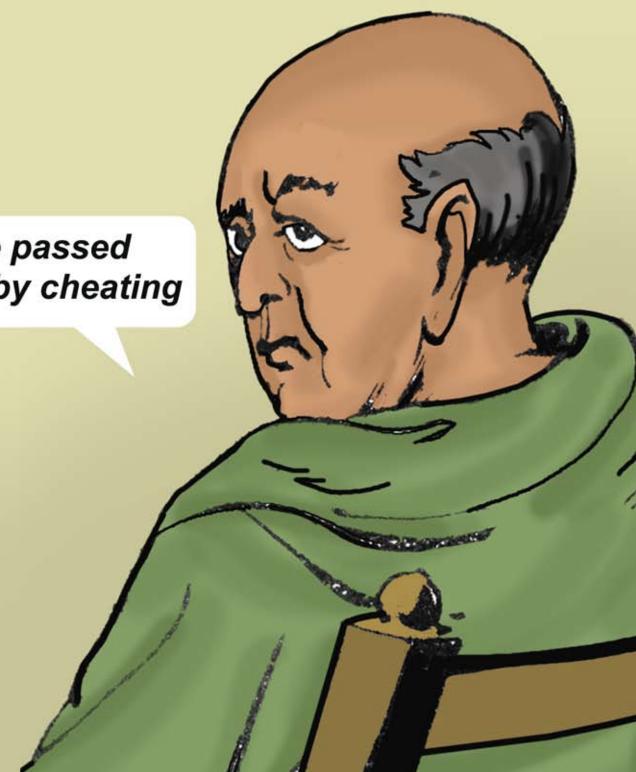
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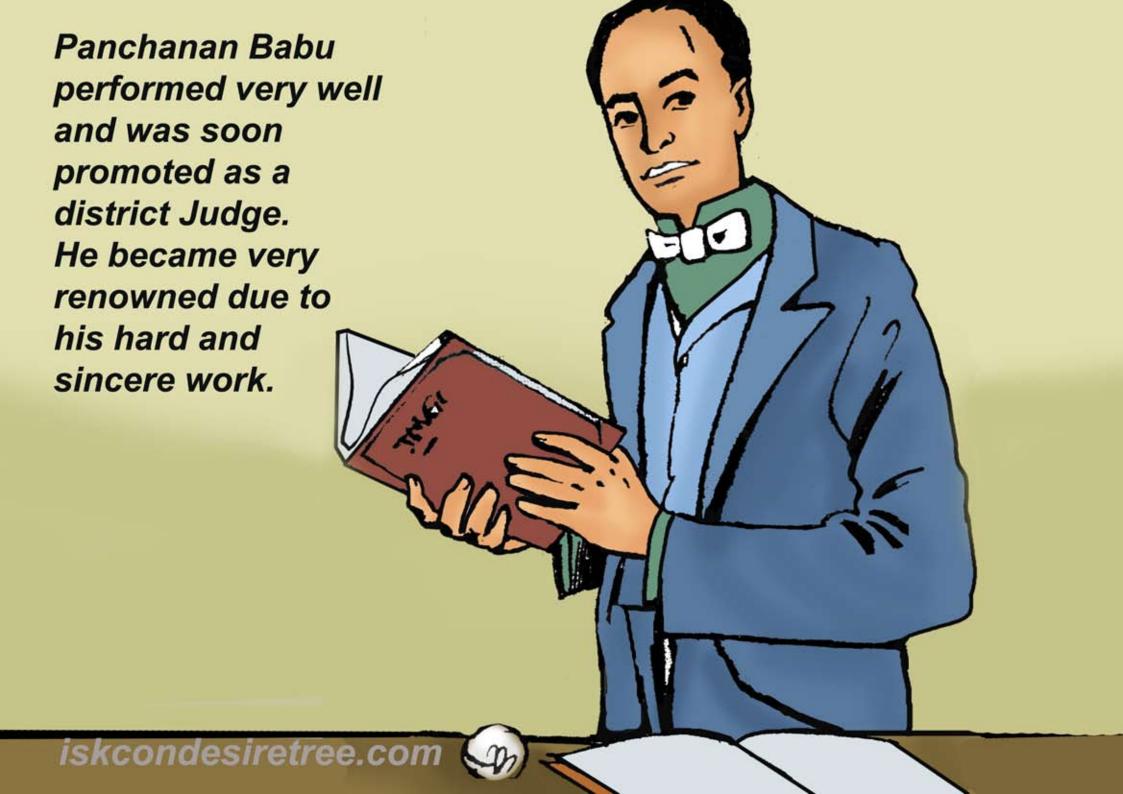


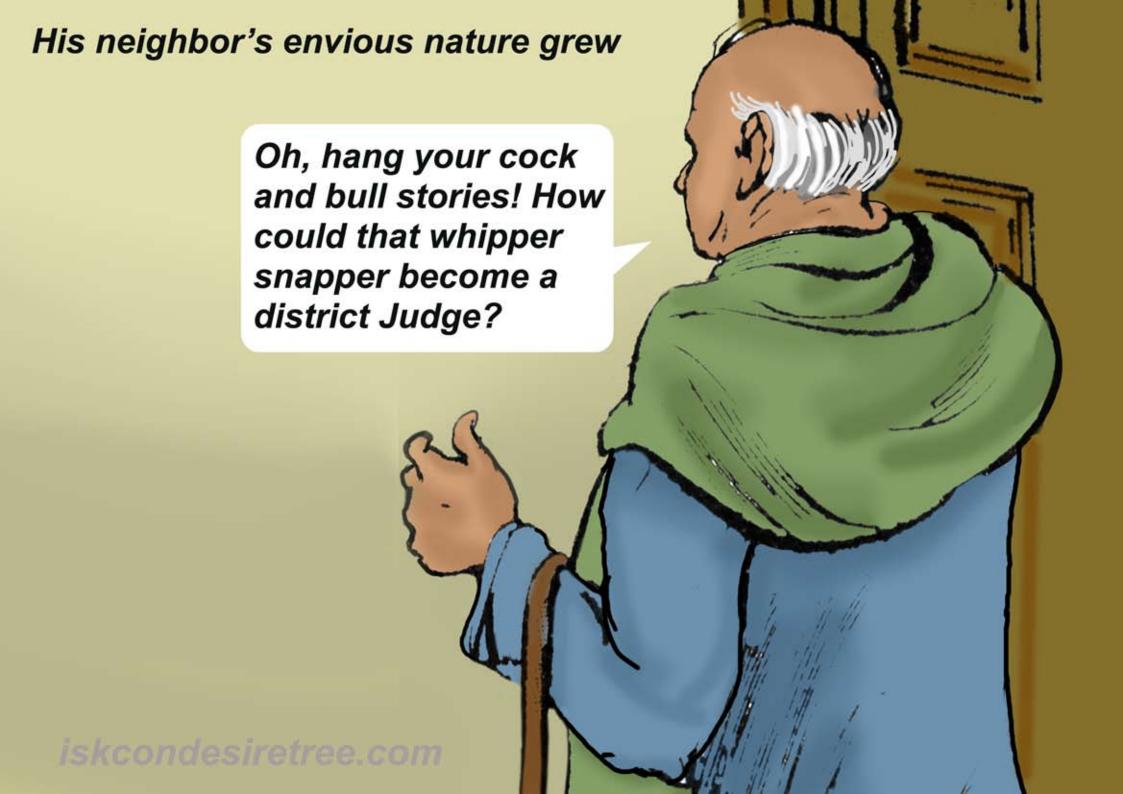


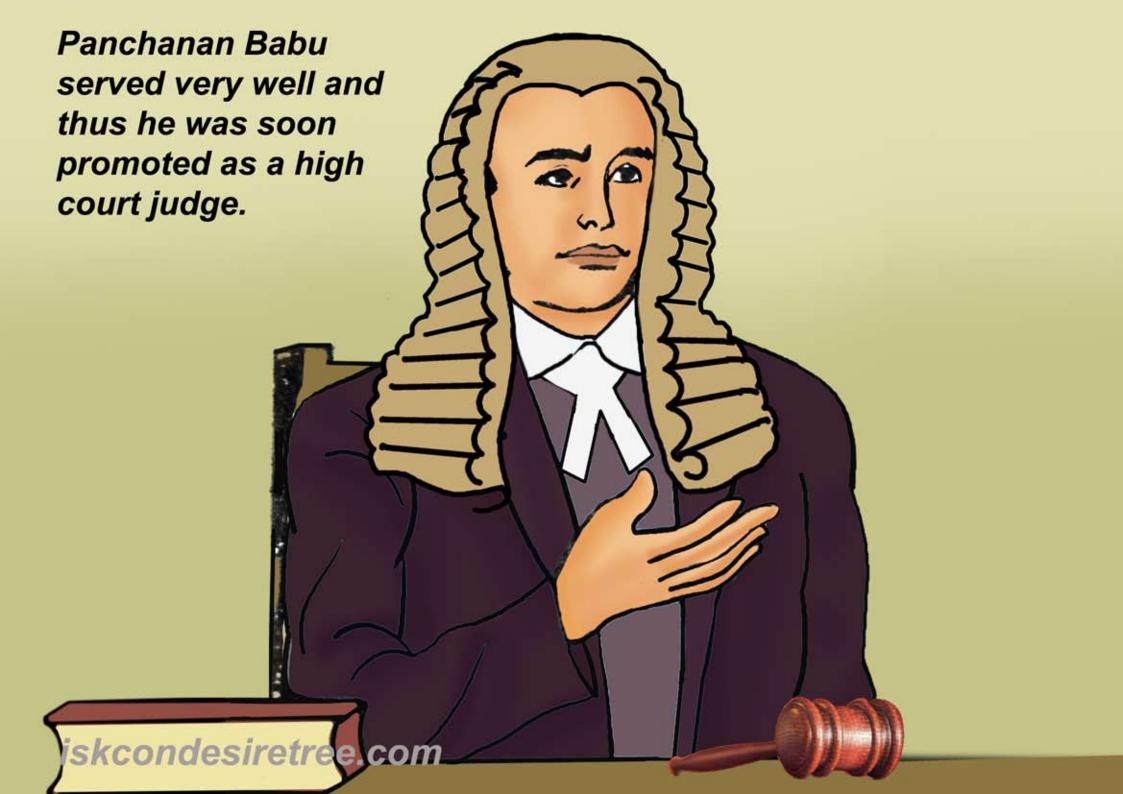
This made his neighbour even more envious....

Penco must have passed the examination by cheating









Whenever the words "Honorable

Mr. Panchanan" were heard by his neighbor,

his envy would grow

further

Naked Penco must be working as a High Court Judge without any remuneration!



PURPORT

Any Vaishnava who has surrendered himself unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord or any person who has been duly initiated into the Maha-mantra under a real spiritual master according to the Pancaratrika scriptures, should never be subjected to any sort of caste distinction. As depicted in the story just narrated, Panchanan Babu was wrongly considered to be a naked Penco even when he became a respectable court judge, and it was also an unfounded assumption that Panchanan could never become a court judge, only because his father was not in good terms with his neighbours. This is nothing but a reflection of one's jealousy.

One who is a Vaishnava, even born of a low caste, should never be looked down upon as a lowly person. As one single rupee is in existence within an amount of crores and rupees, similarly the qualities of a brahmana all exist within a Vaishnava.

As such, it is considered to be an offence to blacklist any Vaishnava as a non-brahmana for any reason whatsoever. In fact an uttama-adhikari or a Vaishnava elevated to the highest stage of self-realization, may very well be honoured as a paramahamsa or a truly wise sage. Those who consider themselves as servants only to such paramahamsa Vaishnavas, actually abide by the transcendental system of the eight divisions of varna and asrama as created by God. They never pose themselves as Vaishnavas under a sense of vanity. Instead. they consider themselves as servants of the Vaishnavas under the paramahamsa.

Even if these persons came of a sudra, low caste or social brahmana family before they took shelter under the lotus feet of a Vaishnava, still it is unreasonable and offensive to introduce or call them sudras, low caste people or social brahmanas, recalling their positions in their previous asramas.

One who has received the initiation mantra according to Pancartika scriptures and thus attained his second birth under the auspices of the fatherly spiritual master, and motherly Gayatri mantra, is called a transcendental (not social) brahmana.

All these transcendental brahmanas (who have obtained their second birth in order to offer service to the Supreme Lord Sri Hari) accept sacred threads, chanting beads, tilaka, and the like, as per scriptural prescriptions. Those who maintain that Vaishnavas even if initiated into their new life, must be considered belonging to their own sudra or such low caste as they were by birth, and that such Vaishnavas should not accept any sacred thread, nor chant Gayatri or Pranava mantra - are similar to such people who prefer to brand the district judge Panchanan

Babu merely as a naked Penco, or that naked Penco would not draw any salary even when he becomes an honourable court judge. This must be known as an envious mentality.

Each and every girl moves naked in her very early age, but when the same girl attains her motherhood, then it will be most indecent and offensive to recall her childhood nudity and thus put her to shame.

Similarly, it is more offensive and extremely hard-hearted to make an impression about any Vaishnava in the light of his previous asrama, before taking shelter of initiation in the Krsna-mantra.