



## S.K.S. SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE (LONDON) – BAL YUVAK MANDAL

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### Nilkanth Varni and Ramanand Swami's meeting

Ramanand Swami was born as Shri Ram Sharma to a Brahmin family in Ayodhya, in 1738. His father was Ajay Sharma and mother was Sumati. He was considered to be the incarnation of Uddhavji. Ramanand Swami was the founder and head of the Uddhav Sampradaya in 1802.

Nilkanth Varni was on Van vicharan for 7 years, 1 month and 11 days. He ended it in on the outskirts of a village called Loj, on Shravan Vad 6 (Thursday) VS 1856. He had a bath at the Vaav there and sat on a stone under a tree to begin meditation. He was in deep meditation that He did not even hear the questions curious ladies were asking after seeing such a bright handsome young man. Sukhanand Swami, who had also come to the vaav to have a bath, became attracted to Nilkanthvarni. Nilkanthvarni came out of His meditation when He heard Sukhanand Swami asking questions on where Nilkanthivarni was coming from, where He was going and who He was. Nilkanthvarni replied back introducing himself and 'I have not decided the exact place to go to but I started my pilgrimage in Uttar Kaushal desh and arrived here this morning. Sukhanand Swami asked Nilkanthvarni to join him and meet his other sadhus at the ashram. Nilkanthvarni said that He would only join him only if he answered the questions he had satisfactorily. Since they were difficult questions, Sukhanand Swami said that Muktanand Swami would be able to answer the questions who was at the ashram. Muktanand Swami (mother of our satsang) was a senior disciple of Ramanand Swami. When Nilkanthvarni arrived at the ashram, Muktanand Swami saw that Nilkanthvarni was not an ordinary man. He answered Nilkanthvarni's questions with passion. Nilkanthvarni was pleased to find an ashram which had true knowledge.

Muktanand Swami told all about Ramanand Swami to Nilkanthvarni, since then Nilkanthvarni became eager to meet Ramanand Swami. Nilkanth Varni decided to go and meet Ramanand swami in Bhuj, but Muktanand swami persuaded him to stay in Loj and write a letter to him first. Both Nilkanth Varni and Muktanand swami, each wrote a letter to Ramanand swami which was delivered by Mayaram Bhatt to Bhuj. The letter was written on the 5th day of dark half of Falgun of Samvat year 1856.

Muktanand Swami's letter was like an introduction. He described Nilkanth varni's body, tapa, Vanvicharan and knowledge of true dharma. Muktanand swami described everything about him. On the other hand, Nilkanth Varni requested Ramanand swami to return to Loj as early as possible so He could meet him.

When Ramanand swami opened the letter, the light of glow came out of it. He said that all problems are solved. Everyone was waiting for a sign from Bhagwan to say that he



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has taken birth on earth. Ramanand swami and other deities had a conversation about how big Nilkanth Varni was. Ramanand Swami said that he was only a servant, the saviour has now come.

Everyday Nilkanthvarni was eager for the return of Mayaram Bhatt to return in Loj with a reply from Ramanand Swami. Ramanand Swami replied back to Muktanand swami, saying to look after Nilkanth Varni and keep him happy. Also to learn everything about satsang and Yog from Nilkanth Varni. Ramanand Swami replied back to Nilkanth Varni saying that He would meet him soon. Meanwhile He should teach people about ashtang yoga and to remain under Muktanand Swami. He served other saints as he was the youngest.

When Ramanand Swami arrived in Piplana at Narsi Vipra's house, he sent Kumarjeet to let Muktanand Swami and Nilkanthvarni know come to Piplana. During the stay at the ashram, Nilkanthvarni had done a lot of tapas and vrats. This made Nilkanthvarni get tired while walking towards Piplana. But the eagerness to meet Ramanand Swami and the yog helped Him get through the journey. They arrived in the morning and Ramanand Swami first met Nilkanth Varni in Piplana, which is 6km away from Loj. They met on the 12th day of bright half of Jeth of Samvat year 1856. Nilkanthvarni prostrated before Ramanand Swami. Ramanand Swami felt embarrassed that the Lord Himself was bowing at his feet. Hence, he picked up Nilkanthvarni and embraced Him. This was a very emotional moment for the santos, tears of joy crept down the cheeks of Ramanand Swami. Ramanand Swami asked Nilkanthvarni to introduce Himself, knowing that Ramanand Swami had given Nilkanthvarni's parent diksha, Nilkanthvarni requested Ramanand Swami to give Him diksha as well.