

**STATEMENT OF MA NITHYA BHAKTIKANANDA, B.E.**

1. I am a native and resident of Chennai, Tamil Nadu. I am the youngest daughter to my parents. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. I have studied upto B.E. in Electronics Engineering at Madras University and thereafter I assisted my father in the family owned business from 1996 to 2003.
2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2003, 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 2003 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 many spiritual programs conducted by the ashram not only in the ashram but also outside ashram.
3. I am also looking after the Publications department in Nithyananda Mission. The nature of work in the publication department is to transcribe and assist in publication of books, magazines, e-books, etc. As a volunteer by sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time.
4. This being the fact situation, a certain lady by name Arathi came to our Ashram sometime during the year 2004 with many personal problems and on being attracted by the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram, she started visiting the Ashram quite often. Initially, she came to our Ashram with many personal

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problems and subsequently, when her problems got solved/improved, she got more and more attracted by the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram. She then intended/desired to associate herself with the Ashram and accordingly, she approached the Ashram along with her husband and her parents and with the consent of her husband and her parents, she joined the Ashram as a Volunteer.

5. I am witness to the fact that Arati Rao was suffering from a highly contagious and incurable STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease), Herpes-2. She has taken healing from Swamiji for this many times to reduce the pain due to the STD. She was in fact a part of a select group of ashramites doing development of techniques and kriyas for various ailments including PMS (Post Menopause Syndrome), Herpes-2 (for her help). She in fact even shared about her disease with me during this group discussion. She used to keep herself at a distance from me to avoid the saliva falling on me. She was also not allowing anyone to touch her clothes.
6. After she became a volunteer, she started attending all the programs conducted by the Ashram. As 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 of the Ashram. On joining the Ashram, as a volunteer she started residing with other junior and senior level Ashramites and also participated in most of the spiritual programs along with others conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.
7. Of late, Arati developed intimacy with a certain Dharmananda, an Ashramite and started behaving indifferently by skipping all the rules and regulations of the

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Ashram. Arati slowly started moving with the said Dharmananda at lonely and secluded places in the Ashram. She even started spending more time than needed as and when she used to go out of the Ashram.

8. I brought this fact to the notice of the 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 violate any of the rules and regulations of the ashram and further Swamiji advised all of us to maintain the sanctity, decorum and dignity of the ashram and impressed upon all of us the need to concentrate on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent, etc.
9. In spite of the advice so tendered to her by Swamiji, instead of mending her ways, Arati continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda. Arati abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the Ashram for the reasons best known to her.
10. This being the case, now it is brought to my notice a tell-tale statement said to have been made by Arathi making 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.
11. In the month of February 2005, I was in Bidadi ashram as incharge of the international publications division as well as in maintaining the mission's web

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site. Arati Rao was also in the ashram during that period volunteering for the publication division. Myself and Arati Rao worked in the publication department together during the day and stayed in one room during the night hours in the ashram. On many occasions myself and Arati Rao worked together by using the laptop provided for us in the room till early hours. During that period, Sri Nithya Pranananda was the personal assistant to Swamiji while Sri Nithyeshwarananda assisted Swamiji in the overall administration. Arati was only a volunteer and had no other interaction with Swamiji.

12. I participated in the NSP program at Yercaud in Feb 2005 along with many other ashramites. In the said program myself and Arati Rao worked as volunteers in the hall and during nights, worked on our laptop in relation to publication work. I assigned Arati Rao the task of selecting, editing and captioning photographs from the day's events and uploading the same into the ashram's website for worldwide viewership. After completing the day's job we used to rest for the day.
13. I also participated in the international spiritual conference held in Salem. Ma Nithya Dayananda mayi used to assist in cooking Swamiji's food. Dayananda mayi, myself and Arati stayed together during the entire stay in Salem. We all attended the program during day time and worked during night hours also to finish the pending publications and web site related work. Arathi used to fall asleep at around 11pm while others were working till early hours of the morning.
14. I also participated in the Varanasi yatra conducted during 2006. I was assisting Ma Nithya Dayananda Mayi in preparing the food for Swamiji for the entire trip

in addition to taking care of the publications and website related work. Arati Rao was also part of the Varanasi yatra. Dayananda mayi, myself and Arati Rao stayed in the same room. Arati Rao apart from being a volunteer also took additional responsibility of assisting me in the publications and web related work. I entrusted to Arati Rao, the task of selecting photos, editing them, generating write-ups about the day's events as well as uploading the photos in the website. Sri Nithya Sharanagathananda was part of Swamiji's personal security staff during that trip. He would sleep in Swamiji's room at night time as he was taking care of Swamiji's security.

15. In the month of Jan 2007, I also participated in the Ardh Kumbh Mela at Allahabad. Arati Rao also participated in the Ardh Kumbh Mela. Myself and Ma Nithya Supriyananda were incharge of taking care of the overseas devotees. In the said Kumbh Mela both of us effectively assisted the overseas devotees as per the instructions given to us by the seniormost ashramites. Arati Rao's role was that of a regular participant. Sri Nithya Sharanagathananda and Sri Nithya Hamsananda were personal sevaks assisting Swamiji who were also in charge of Swamiji's security.

16. I also participated in the Jayanti celebrations conducted in the ashram on 31 Dec 2007. I was in the ashram and had the fortune of seeing the Devi darshan of Swamiji. Immediately after darshan was over late in the night, myself, Ma Nithya Supriyananda and Arati Rao walked back to the room. While Arati Rao retired to bed, myself and Ma Supriyananda continued to work throughout the night. Next

day morning we all joined the Jayanti procession that was held at Anandeshwara temple.

17. Further I would like to add here itself that since Arati was with me most of the time as I was supervising her publication volunteering work, I can certainly say that no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati in her statement.

18. 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 the 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 as projected by Arati in her statement.

19. The discreet enquiries made by me have revealed that Arati has fallen into the hand of some people who are inimically disposed of towards our ashram or to our Swamiji or who are fighting litigations against our Institution or is head in list or has become their mouthpiece in the proceeding maligning Swamiji or his institution.

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