

Lessons From News

Statue Of Union

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Last month, there was a news of inauguration of a very huge (90 ft) statue of Hanumanji by the name of “Statue Of Union” in Texas, US. There were many things which caught the world’s attention:

- Name of the statue
- Height of the statue
- Country of the statue
- Art & Aesthetics of the statue
- Hanumanji’s gesture of Abhaya Mudra with both hands..

But one of the most beautiful thing which caught my attention was this
Little Karmayogi sitting at Hanumanji’s feet,
“The Squirrel”



When Rama's army was building Ram Setu then everyone was bringing huge rocks & mountains, but a squirrel was also there bringing little stones to help in construction of the bridge.

Then someone from the the monkey army saw this and made fun of this insignificant looking activity of the squirrel.

But when Rama saw this, he appreciated the effort of the squirrel because Rama saw that everyone is contributing as per their capacity.

“ Big monkeys bringing big stones is similar to
this Little squirrel brings little stones”.

And out of love Rama stroked his hands on her
and the stripes we see today on the on squirrels
is the result of that stroke of love and gratitude done by Lord Ram.



A chopai from Hanuman Chalisa says about Hanumanji:
विद्यावान गुणी अति चातुर, राम काज करिबे को आतुर
(*vidyaavaan gunee ati chaatur, raam kaaj karibe ko aatur*)

Of course, squirrel wasn't Vidhyavaan, Gunee, Chaatur like Hanumanji

But that doesn't mean that squirrel was lesser than Hanumanji in any sense in the eyes of Lord Rama because

Yes little squirrel wasn't *Vidhyavaan, Gunee, Chaatur* like Hanumanji but she was equally *Aatur* like him to do Rama's work.

So if we ever feel that we are not competent enough for contribution in anything good,
Let us don't allow that feeling to stop us from doing, helping, contributing as much as we can at that moment.

And in the process of that contribution for *Ram Kaj*, our heart will be touched by The God in such a way that even our future generations will rejoice the marks of Lord's touch in their life.