

# **How The Elephant Was Put Into The Pitcher?**

## **TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**1. What was the name of the king of Koch kingdom?**

**Ans:** The name of the king of Koch kingdom was Nara Narayan.

**2. Where did the king and the scholars assemble?**

**Ans:** The king and the scholars assembled in his Royal Palace.

**3. What was the name of the Holy book that the king was interested in?**

**Ans:** The name of the holy book that the king was interested in was 'Bhagwat Puran'.

**4. What was the name of the elephant that Shankar deva successfully put within the pitcher?**

**Ans:** The name of the elephant that Shankar deva successfully put within the pitcher was 'Gunamala'.

**5. How could Shankar deva successfully compress the Holy book into a small one?**

**Ans:** Shankar deva prayed to Lord Krishna and remained awake throughout the night and worked and successfully compressed the Holy book into a small one.

**6. Was the elephant a real elephant? Explain.**

**Ans:** The elephant was not a real elephant. The elephant is a very big animal. So it is not possible to confine it into a small pitcher. Like that the 'Bhagavata Purana' is also a large book. So, it is almost impossible to explain that in one day. But Shankerdeva compressed this large book into a smaller one by

writing 'Gunamala'. Gunamala is a brief version of 'Bhagavatapurana'. So his act is described as 'putty an elephant into a pitcher. "

### **Make sentences**

Set in: The rainy season has set in.

Set out: They will set out for Delhi tomorrow.

Break out: (1) A war between the two countries may soon break out.

(2) The criminal has broken out of prison.

Come across: I came across a dead cow on my way to school.

Die of: She died of malaria.

Die for: He died for his country.

Call in: Please call in a doctor.

Attend on: The nurse is attending on the patient.

Call for: I will call for you after dinner.

### **Match the following**

Bhagavatapurana – Gunamala

Shankardeva – Saint

Naranarayana – Koch king

Elephant – pitcher

Pundits – scholarly

Tracies – meditation