

About this time Rama Devi, a cousin for whom Deendayalji had special affection, fell ill and was sent to Agra for treatment. He responsibility if taking care of her fell on Dendayalji. With this duty added to his studies and R.S.S. work, Deendayalji faced a difficult decision-should he read and appear for the examination, which was fast approaching, or should he attend on Rama Devi, whose health was deteriorating day by day?

He decided to give up his studies for the time being and nurse his cousin. He attended on her day and night and tried all methods of treatment, but to no purpose Rama Devi passed away. Deendayalji felt so depressed that he could not appear for the M.A. examination. His education was interrupted and both his scholarships- awarded to him by the Maharaja of Sikar and Shri Birla-were discontinued.

Some time later, at the instance of his aunt and against his own inclination, Deendayalji appeared for a Government-conducted competitive examination. But there was a problem. Indian to the core that he was, he had no Western-style suit with him, but his friends had told him that a suit was essential for the candidates. He thought a good deal about it, but felt he could not ask his uncle for money, as uncle Radha Raman was unhappy at Deendayalji's not sitting for the M.A. Examination. So he took the money from his aunt, bought a suit-length and gave it to a tailor, telling him that he required the suit for an interview on a particular date. But tailors are tailors, and when Deendayalji went to collect the suit the tailor told him it was not ready but that he would stitch it immediately. Deendayalji calmly replied, "So God wills it thus. It is all for the good, now I do not need the suit". He took back the cloth and went home.

When he went for the interview he saw that all other candidates were wearing fine suits, while he alone was in a 'dhoti' and 'kurta', with a cap on his head. The candidates made fun of him and remarked, "Panditji has come". This was the first time he was called Panditji, - an appellation millions were to use with respect and love in later years. Deendayalji felt he would not be selected as he was in completely Indian dress while the interviewer was an Englishman. But when the results were declared his name was the first in the list of selectees.

However, a Government job had no fascination for Deendayalji and with his uncle's permission he went to Prayag to do B.T. He stayed in the college hostel and regularly engaged himself in R.S.S. work.