

FATHER'S DAY 1 - Friday
MAY

Happy

Whatever be the traditions of the countries like United States of AMERICA, I observe my father's anniversary on the day he breathed his last.

Though, as the eldest son of the family, I had to struggle a lot to make both ends meet while maintaining the joint family in all its splendour & glory as it existed in the past before my coming into the world (I don't know) I did not have the privilege of having my parents with me during their last days so that I could render my little service to my aged parents and watch them progress day by day in looking after their comfort.

Father's Day

Pages

As I mentioned earlier in my biography
my native place happened to be NELLORE &
While on ancestral lands stand located
at an ancestral village Panulakurupalem
(about 10 kms from NELLORE TOWN) we stayed
at Nellore ^{Town} by virtue of my father Enkupat-
Nellore (an teacher). After my graduation
I had to move to Hyderabad in search of a
job which I secured by open competitions
& later take care of higher education
of brother & sisters at Hyd where I
could secure their admission in professional
colleges using my local contacts & influence,
which facilities were not available to them
in their hometown, to speak honestly

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"It is easy to flatter; it is harder to praise." - Jean Paul Richter

3 Sunday
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123-242 Week 18

After securing his Engineering degree,
my brother happened to work in half a dozen
places like Navi Mumbai, Cochin, PUNE, WADGAON etc
before settling down in Hyderabad as a
lecturer in Osmania University, Hyderabad.
As a step between the cup & the lip, the
Osmania University job eluded him, after which
he had to go to ROORKEE (UP) to join
a Research organization like C. L. R. I. Roorkee.
Finally, with the influence of a Chemistry friend
I could bring him to Madras (Chennai)
which is about 100 miles close to my home town.
But by that time my father too retired & stayed
with me at Hyderabad along with his children &
grand children.

2009

"Eat to live, and not live to eat." - Benjamin Franklin

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Week 19 124-241

4 Monday
MAY

The transfer of my brother from Roorkee to Madras became an attraction for my father to move from Hyderabad to Chennai, so that he could be in a position to make frequent visits to Nellore and take care of his agricultural activities. I never interfered in their agricultural operations (with the help of my younger brother) and left it to their choice, though I might have collected a couple of kgs of vegetables from my home town or realised a couple of hundreds of rupees from the sale proceeds of various agricultural operations in the village.

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"Penny wise, pound foolish." - Proverb

5 Tuesday
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125-240 Week 19

What I meant to say in the context -
is that my father stayed with my brother
at Chennai during his last years of life
and breathed his last on 19th May 1980.
While staying with my brother at Chennai
The first message I got was on 16th May
after he was admitted into VHS Hospital
at Adyar. I flew to Madras along
with my sister on 16th May and could be
by his bed side and served him for 3 days
before he expired on 19th May and could
render my last-minute help at the time
of need, though he was not in a position
to interact with me, being in a Coma state.
That was my misfortune, as I take it. ²⁰⁰⁹

"He who thinks himself wise, Oh heavens! is a great fool." - Voltaire

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Week 19 126-239

6 Wednesday

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I had only the privilege of performing
last-rites to him for ten to fourteen days
before getting back to my job at Hyderabad.
Ever since then I have been performing
his annual ceremonies on the prescribed day.
ಶ್ರೀಗಣೇಶ ವರದಿ (Sree Ganesh Vardhi Shasti)
(Calendar day may vary from May to June of the year)

(xx) by way of Nitya Karma (daily rituals)
followed by Saphindi Karamam on 30th May
and Hajkunthe Samaradhana on 31st May
Ona Masakam on the 14 days & 28th day
followed my monthly ceremonies for the
first Twelve months of the first year.
For all these rituals I used to shuttle from Hyderabad
as the performance of rituals was my first responsibility.

"To err is human, to forgive is divine." - Alexander

COMMUNICATION is the key to any relationship.
Despite this, when I did not know as a child,
the irony is that we were afraid of speaking
with my dad, freely & frankly or even to
express our needs & demands,
but getting our demands fulfilled
by talking through my mother.

There were a number of times when
he inspired us & injected optimism
in my heart & made me feel
that there is always a cushion to break
the best part about him was that
he never stepped in unless I called him out.
It was an unwritten contract between us
because I would not ask him to solve my
problems, unless I could not do anything
about it myself.

On a number of occasions, I used
to go on cycle (with him) to my village
farmhouse in Hampden to collect vegetables
& visit our family Temple (TRINITY).

When I was wondering what to do this Friday,
I decided to write a chapter about him
in my autobiography. I remember
him for my life. (Taken a separate volume)
Thanking someone as special as my DAD &
spelling out those unspoken emotions has
become my hobby.

"Fortune favours the bold." - Virgil

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Week 19 128-237

8 Friday

MAY

One important event which I would
 like to keep on my record at this stage:
 My parents stayed with me at Hyderabad
 While my sister studied at Osmania
 Medical College & Girls Polytechnic at Hyd
 I was unable to make my parents' stay
 more comfortable, as it looks, from my
 meagre salary as UDC / SAS Accountant-
 in-Chief's office late to result they might
 have slept on floor or a mat or on
 a campbed without any cosy cushions etc.
 While my brother as a diet recruit to
~~Recon~~ ^{Recon}gent Cadre in a Research organization
 might have been able to provide more comforts to them
 in cushioned
 bed etc etc.

"Freedom is the oxygen of the soul." - Moshe Dayan

9 Saturday
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○ 129-236 Week 19

The basic difference lies in the fact that while my first appointment was as a clerk Upper Division clerk in a Central Organisation my brother's appointment was to the cadre of Engineer (a gazetted cadre to start with). Apart from the basic difference in salary I did not have other perks (perquisites like furnished quarters & other fringe benefits). Even while on tour, I did not enjoy any comforts but used my daily allowance to spend on trips to home & back as unauthorised necessity; to look after the family needs & comforts.

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"A faithful friend is the medicine of life." - The Bible

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10 Sunday

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Week 19 130-23

I realised this aspect rather very late.

On their first move ^{out} from Hyderabad city, they had to move to ELURU, consequent on the posting of my Medical Sister to serve at the Headquarters Hospital Eluru; in West Godavari District, since the local vacancies were snatched away by influential medical graduates close to MLA (MLAs) Ministers etc.

After the marriages of my sisters, I wanted to bring them back to Hyderabad, but they preferred to stay in ancestral home at NLR to attend to its affairs. By that time, as my brother settled down @ SERC Madras they preferred to move to Madras close by.

"Friends are not made. They're recognized." - Clare McMurrah

11 Monday
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131-234 Week 20

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During one of my visits to Chennai,
(While on my touring duty to a nearby
district like Chittoor or Nellore) I
deliberately raised the issue with my
father about my desire to have them with
me at Hyderabad. I felt their reluctance
also offered to make their life equally
comfortable at Hyderabad also, though
it is somewhat farther away from Nellore
to see my father immediately reacted &
told me: "Don't worry about the issue.
I blurted out: "We are more comfortable ^{here} than Hyderabad".
I appreciated his plain speaking and
regretted for my inability to provide
them more comfort.

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"Have no friends not equal to yourself." - Confucius

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Week 20 132-233

12 Tuesday
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In my entire career for service of 30 years, I utilized my first & last LTC tour to North in a Central tour via Bombay, New Delhi, GAYA, Ho Chi Minh City, Vientiane, Vientiane, Vientiane in June 1988 before my retirement in Oct/88. Taking advantage of this LTC TOUR, I visited GAYA & Benares to pay my last respects to my aged parents through a GAYA SRADHA. There I happened to meet an old friend relative in the shape of CV Subrahmanyan who started "Akshata Brahmanam Nithya Anna danam Samajam" Visknu pada Road, GAYA. 2009

"Chance makes our parents, but choice makes our friends." - Phyllis Diller

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Week 20 134-231

14 Thursday

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I may submit in the context,
 that while I could not provide much
 needed comfort to my departed
 parents while they stayed with me
 I am able to do this through my
 small gesture in the shape of a
 recurring conducting of annual rituals
 both at Hyderabad (by inviting a
 couple of live brahmins from the
 Sameksha temple) on both these days
 as well as at GAYA through the
 good offices of the Andhra Brahman Sangham
 and think of my aged parents, as a
 family gesture, to be followed by
 my successor.

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Saturday

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Week 20 136-229

Today, being father's day

I happened to see American President Barack Obama who was proud to say

"I got my first name & ambition from my father way back in. . ."

He claims to give back more than ^{what} he received

a life of humiliations about the man who abandoned the family, a memoir

named "DREAMS from my FATHER" and endless reflections on his own successes:

Shortcomings as a parent of Sasha & MALIA

As the President of a big country like US

he has been telling men "What sort of father they should be?" as a father's day ritual:

He is asking US men to be Better FATHERS than his own.

"Just remember - when you think all is lost, the future remains." - Bovee

17 Sunday

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The President ~~shows~~ case

fatherhood in a series of events and
a Magazine Article in advance of Father's Day
He said he came to understand
the importance of fatherhood from its
absence in his childhood home - just as
an estimated 25 millions of Americans
today are growing up without a DAD

Similar his wife Michelle OBAMA said
her many friends have her late DAD, FRASER
Cheeks in L.A. has ranked that important. even 5

The father-son presidencies of the
George Bushes, were bookend on Bill Clinton
whose father drowned in a ditch before
he was born & whose step father was an

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abusive alcoholic nicknamed DUDE.

"No enemy is so terrible as a man of genius." - Benjamin Disraeli

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18 Monday
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A Kenyan, goatherder-turned-intellectual, who clawed his way to scholarships and Harvard University, Barack Hussaini Obama Sr (FATHER OF present p) left a family behind to get his schooling in the United States of America. He started another family here, then left his second wife & 2 year old Barack Jr to return to Africa with another woman. His promise flamed out in Africa after stints working for an oil company & the Govt. he fell into drink and died in car accident. "I don't want to be the kind of father I had. The present president is quoted as telling a friend. He cajoles men to be BETTER FATHERS, not the kind who must be unearthed in the soul".

"Genius only means an infinite capacity for taking pains." - Jane Hokin

19 Tuesday
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139-226 Week 21

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His finger wagging is not pointed,
when addressing the blackmen of US
reflecting years of worry about the
future of black US families & single MOTHERS
but it applies equally to others as well.
These are his reflections during:-

Father's Day 2007 let us admit to ourselves
that there are a lot of MEN out there
that need to stop acting like boys, who
need to realize that a father's responsibility
does not end at conception, but needs to
know that "What makes you a MAN
is not the ability to have a child
but the courage to raise a child"

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive." - The Bible

19 Tuesday
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139-226 Week 21

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towards addressing the blackmen of US
reflecting years of worry about the
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Week 21 140-225

20 Wednesday

MAY

Father's Day 2008

Any fool can have a child
That does not make U a father

"It is the ^{to raise a child} courage that makes U proud as FATHER"

Father's Day 2009

We need to step out of
our own heads & tune in. We need to
turn off the Televisions & start taking
time on kids & listening to them
& understanding what is going on in their lives"

He does not hold himself out as
an ideal dad. No driven politician can.

"I know I have been an imperfect father
I know I have made many mistakes
I have lost count of all the times
over the years, when the demands of work
have taken me out from the
duties of fatherhood"

Said OBAMA

in SUNDAY PARADE

"God loveth a cheerful giver." - The Bible

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21 Thursday
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141-224 Week 21

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He volunteers for all those demands
of the state, as all people stoop to do,
when they want power & authority to rule.
His life as a community organizer,
Illinois lawmaker, U.S. senator &
a presidential candidate often kept
him away from the family. At the
same time, he went to great lengths in 2008
campaign to find time with ^{his} wife & girls
and now considers the routine spending
of family time with his wife & children
as one of the joys of living and
working in the White House on the other
of course a late realization.

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"Glory is the fair child of peril." - T. G. Smollett

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Week 21 142-223

22 Friday
MAY

All said & done, Obama president attributed his "fierce ambitions" to his DAD while crediting his MOTHER - a loving but frequently absent figure - with giving him the means to pursue them.

Someone once said :-

"Every man is trying to either live up to his father's expectations or make up his father's MISTAKES"

Obama adds to that saying :-

"I suppose that may explain my particular malady, as well as anything else"

By malady, he means the "WILL TO ACHIEVE"

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"God is truth, and light His shadow." - Alexander Pope

23 Saturday
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143-222 Week 21

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Obama was a school boy in Hawaii
When his father came back to visit him
He gave his DAD a tie while
his father gave him a Basket BALL.
The visit took a sour turn when
Obama went to watch the movie
"How the GRINCH stole the Christmas"
and his father made him shut off the TV
saying that he was watching too much TV.
Obama slammed the bedroom door &
a loud argument ensued. Not the
quell time Obama has in mind,
in asking DADS to turn off the TV."

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Week 21 144/21

24 Sunday

MAY

The celebration of father's day is traced to ancient Romans who honored their departed parents between February 13th & 22nd every year. This day was observed in US since 1909 at the urging of Mrs John Bruce Dodd. A father's day service was held in West Virginia on July 5th 1908 & finally President NIXON declared in 1972 that a day of Honor to father be celebrated with gifts & cards and be held as two days of Celebrations.

A forefather's day in honor of Pilgrims who landed in Plymouth Rock in 1620 was observed in the state of Massachusetts when all people celebrate the day with great feasts, fireworks & folk songs. It falls on 21st June 2009.

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." - The Bible

25 Monday
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145-220 Week 22

The importance of the service of FATHER
is narrated in TAITIREYA UPANISHAD
under the title "PITRU DEVO BHAVA"
(Prostrations to our father)

For Hindus, this day is observed everyday
as the Hindus serve their father everyday
We salute him because:

- 1) He gave us important genes to our life
 - 2) He raised us like our Mother
when mother is away
 - 3) He taught us important lessons of life
 - 4) He worked hard for our education
- That is why we are fond of him
& promise to take care of him
for the rest of his life time:

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Week 22 146219

26 Tuesday

20 Tuesday
Happy MAY FATHER'S DAY

Oh Dad,

U are a person who is loving & kind

I often know what I have in my mind

U listen, suggest - always defend

You are indeed my best-friend.

When things go wrong, U are very patient-

There is always a place for U in my heart.

Thanks for caring, listening & sharing
with ME.

With ME:

Have a number of Toys

a leader of Boys

a change of FUSES

a Healer of Bruises

a man of colour

a hanging screen

a Canseller of teens

a pound of nails

a letter of Tender Tables

a dryer & dirty dishes

a full filler of Best Wishes

Therefore Oh Lord
Blame my lame DA
With a good heart, mind, body spirit

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God." - Gerard Manley Hopkins

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Wednesday

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Read the following story, which tells of the
"LIFE'S gifts are in Disguise"

A young man was about to be graduated of college for the day to arrive soon. Meanwhile he eyed for a new sports car & expressed to his father his desire to have it. On the actual day, his father called him to his private study & handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box, telling how much he loved.

The young man opened the box & found to his surprise a lovely leather bound BIBLE. Angry, he threw the packet on the table & stormed out of the house - "Is this a joke?"

Many years passed & the young man became a successful businessman & acquired a beautiful family & home as well. A few years later he received news of his father passing away & a nephew he called all his properties to his only son.

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Week 22 148-217

28 Thursday
MAY

After the ceremony, he tried to search all his father's papers when he found the same old bible, which he presented him on his day of graduation.

As he turned its pages, a small can key dropped down from the book. It had a tag with the dealer's name & the date of graduation as purchase date. And the words "PAID in full".

"How many times do we miss life's gifts because they are not packed as we expected"

This father's day will tell you how our dad loves you & what U should do in return."

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29 Friday

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149:216 Week 22

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Finally before closing the topic, I want to keep on record my personal feelings on this ^{Topic} subject for my future generations.

Today's son is Tomorrow's father. When he grows to become a Dad ^{only}, he realises how his DAD might have felt in similar situations. When Dalasubrahmanyam wanted to go to his home town, Venkatesh, his son bought an Airfare for him and drove him to the Airport by Jet Air ways. He was surprised to reach the Airport (Rly stn) ^{vis/d} As he was about to enter security - Check, he came back to hug me with tears & repented how nice it would have been had his mother also been with him in this happy occasion.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." - The Bible

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Week 22 150-215

30 Saturday
MAY

I too realised at the stage how I might have harassed him for long & booked & used not & how much he would have struggled to satisfy all our demands, whether they are needy athletes w/ wasteful claims I feel too it is our responsibility to see within later years, to see that their life is complete in all respects

Let us realise that old age is a second childhood & just we take care of the needs of our children, the same care & attention needs to be given to our parents & elders. Rather than my dad saying "Thank you" I felt like telling him "Sorry for making him wait so long for this small dream to have by air". I realised how much he had sacrificed to meet all my demands & promised best possible attention for future events.

"The good is the beautiful." - Plato

Looking back at all these years
the only regret I have ³¹ is not
having told him personally ^{MAY}
how much his support meant to me.

I used to accompany him (as a child)
to the Ramaleyan, then he goes there
to hear the morning assignment of
hearing lectures on Bhagavad Gita
for one hour & incidentally
got roped into the chanting exercises.

Finally it resulted in my joining
a group assignment in the chanting
of Gita verses for a month &
three months, ending with a contest
in which the child reading Gita
fast (without any mistake in expressions)
was awarded gifts in the shape of
books for the interest shown.

In the process I read a "Bhagavad Gita"
which I am still preserving and
reading once in a way & using it also as
a reference book for my Bal Vaidhyam.

All said & done, I can't forget my association
with my father attending the Gita lectures

"Man goeth to his long home." - The Bible

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