

# IMMEDIATE INSPIRATION

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*My Immediate Inspiration*

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## STEPS TO DIVINE LIFE

- 1) Start the day with God } It is  
to the Way
- 2) END the day with God } to  
is
- 3) Fill the day with God, God
- 4) To serve humanity while living in the world  
is superior to a life of seclusion in a cave.
- 5) The best way to relax the body & mind  
is to chant the divine name. Name it is possible

## GAMATRI MANTRA

IS the Reliever of all diseases  
 Wards off all MISERY  
 IS the fulfiller of all desires &  
 IS the bestower of all福 is beneficial  
 → SAI BABA

## TEACHER

The Mediocre Teacher Tells  
 The Good Teacher Explains  
 The Superior Teacher Demands  
 The Great Teacher INSPIRES -

Take care of your Body  
 It is the only place U have to live in }

## ATTITUDE

: It is the ATTITUDE  
that brings U happiness;  
than the object of joy  
Matters the best of life's situations  
Being content with what U have  
are the sure ways for best Happiness,  
we need not go after happiness,  
If we <sup>can't</sup> ~~can't~~ perch ~~itself~~ on ur life  
like a beautiful butterfly

The life is yours :- Take the power to choose  
what U want to do and do it well

Take the power to love what U want & live it honestly <sup>in LIFE</sup>

Take the power to walk in the forest & be a p/o NATURE

Take the power to control Ur own life. ∵ none can do it full

Take the power to make Ur life happy ∵ the life is yours

~~My notes~~

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Namosthu Ramaya Sa Laleshmenayya

Sanyaiche Tasmai Jaevakeetmayaayai

Namosthu Rudrendra Maanileshjee

Namosthu Chandraarke Hemaganeshya

Mleenup:

Sr Rame lwo's one Zekkomena — Namasthe

Namastho Jaevakee Devi — Namasthekaare

Namaste To Rudray Yama }  
Indra & Vaayu } — Namasthekaare

Namasthe To Chandra, Surya & Sri Devarakandas

Ratheshwari is considered as Panchamaveda (Vth Veda)

Bhagavatgita is considered as Upaveda &

recommended for daily perryane  
It is all the kender of Radheyamal <sup>which</sup> is唱

Sundarakanda is Considered as VEDA SAAR

is noted for its elegancy & daily perryane

# The Compendious of RAMAYANA

AADAHAM Apaharthaevam

DHATHRAHAM SARVASAMPADAHAM

LOKABHRAHAM SRI RASA MAM

BHUVYO BHUVYO NAMAM YASHTI

" I bow again & again to SREE RAMA  
who removes all obstacles and  
grants all wealth and pleases ALL"

Ramayana AAYAVAM = Ramayenam

= Remedy of RAMA

RAMAYANA + AYYA = BNA = PTI RAMAYANAM

(Those who recd Remedy (in Teertha or Name  
and attain Bratma LOKA.)

Ramayana has established a code of conduct highlighting

1) An ideal son, an ideal wife & an ideal husband  
throughs ~~sacrificing~~ RAMA

2) An ideal wife throughs ~~practicing~~ VIDHI

3) An ideal brother throughs Lakshman & Bharata

4) An ideal messenger devotee throughs Anganya

5) An ideal <sup>lesson</sup> highlighting dangers of ~~ego~~ lust <sup>less</sup> RAMA.

RAMAM DASSARATHAM VIDHI.

MATH VIDHI JANTAKATHMAYAM

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GACHA TAATA YASHA SUKHAM

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## Action Plan

# Salient features of 21<sup>st</sup> Century

January 2001

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The Salient features of my thinking of 21<sup>st</sup> century as it struck me on New Year day

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1st New Year's Day

17 WED

14th Makar Sankranti

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26th Republic Day

19 FRI

29th Basant Panchmi

① My decision to rewrite my autobiography spreading it into TEN volumes covering one decade at least in each volume.

② The immediate inspiration that prompted me to go whole hog into this exercise;

③ The concept of SATYAA (TRUTH)

④ My Obedience

↳ Hindu Religion

My Obedience

↳ my favorite God

My Obedience

↳ LORD GANESHA

ME and my favorite God

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Lord Ganesha in all his Splendour

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First Principle I learnt in my life (90/10)

Salient features of Indian Constitution

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India Vs Dualism - My lead language

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My SUCCESS MANIFESTO

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# INDIA ISN'T THE ONLY NAME THAT INDIA HAS.

The golden bird. The independent republic. The partitioned nation. The largest democracy. The land of diversity. The country of divisions. The next superpower. The centre of chaos. The emerging giant. The sleeping tiger.

India is a nation with many identities. A nation that is continuously growing, morphing. And as she changes; constantly, insistently, we too become a part of her story.

We stand by her as she struggles to fix her flaws and mend

the chinks in her armour. As she falls, picks herself up and dusts herself off.

We walk with her every step of the way as our nation takes the path towards a future where she will emerge stronger, more powerful.

And we help her prepare. For we know that tomorrow definitely has her name written on it.

LEADING CHANGE FOR

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[toi.in/175](http://toi.in/175)

# My Immediate Inspiration

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As I have been expressing earlier 2  
I am a regular reader of daily/weekly  
predictions in the newspapers/journals/magazines  
for my zodiac sign "Libra" linked with my  
birthday, falling within the range "Sep 24 to Oct 23"

One such prediction (posted along side)

Cautions weak Librans "to keep the windows  
of their minds wide open"

That will give us the twin advantages of letting  
negative influences wait out, making room  
for an increasing number of positive and  
beneficial "influences to flow in". In any case,  
efforts put in are likely to combine with any  
current thrusts and provide us with the sort of  
results that act as further incentives to  
boost our morale and help us to proceed ahead.

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While we will be able to register some improvement from a long-term viability point of view, he advised us "Librants" to find a balance between the time we allocate to professional & financial pursuits and the time we spend on our personal & literary talents.

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It is in this background that I tried to devote a little time to spend usefully on literary pursuits like attempting some auto biography like write up to harness my literary talents and come up with new and inspiring ideas to achieve a degree of success that stands right or rightfully open up the eyes of my children & close relatives from the domestic front.

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It is around this time when a US presidential candidate Bill Clinton seeking support from a large section of American electorate hailing from India, announced that he considers United States + India to be "natural partners" in a peaceful democratic way of life + said hardworking Indian American professionals were adding richness to the American society and invited the Indian community to join him in "renewing the strength of the country" and promote the working relations between US + India, which not only strengthens the Indian base but also promote in a big way the <sup>an exchange</sup> ~~transfey~~ of Indian professionals, particularly in the computer field between the two countries.

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# Inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi

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In my life I have always looked to Mahatma Gandhi as an inspiration **8**

because he embodies the kind of change.

That can be made when ordinary people come together to do extraordinary things.

That is why I carry a pocket-size portrait of this apostle of peace in my pocket always to remind me always that real results will not come by the wind or from the heaven but will come from one's own right actions & decisions at the right opportunity time.

No wonder to think or no need to doubt but for this old man's quit India moment, India would not have seen the light of freedom or independence from English rule.

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# Memories of a Gandhian childhood

What it was like to grow up in the midst of the freedom struggle.

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Shivaji he was born in a conservative family  
he was educated in Law at the University College  
of London. In 1891, after having been admitted  
to British Bar, he returned to India & attempted to  
establish law practice in Bombay, but without success  
Two years later  
An Indian firm with interests in South Africa  
retained him as legal adviser in DURBAN (S.A.)  
While being there he was <sup>belonging to</sup> treated as <sup>in</sup> inferior race &  
was horrified with rejections of basic civil liberties  
to Indian settlers. He threw himself into the  
struggle for basic elementary rights to Indians.  
His auto biography "My experiments with TRUTH"  
throws much light on his attitude towards life,  
approach to God and his efforts in succeeding in  
total liberty to Indians from the British Yoke &  
his reluctance to separation of India into two

# What is INSPIRATION?

In my opinion any inspiration

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comes from the bottoms of our heart

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To quote from Random House Dictionary,  
 Inspiration comes automatically ~~like~~ the  
 drawing of our breath & a divine influence  
 under which books of scriptures are held  
 to have been written down whether it is  
 Verbal (by the dictation of the mouth or mind)  
 or plenary (covering all the subjects treated)  
 or moral (something like religious teachings)  
 But the common factor is that all these  
 are thought inspired and sudden inflow  
 from the most direct with divine prompting  
 It may also emanate from the encouragement  
 emboldened by a sudden brain wave  
 or thought provocation by an event or episode

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describes INSPIRATION as an act of drawing in breath as opposed to EXPIRATION. Analogously, the word denotes influences exerted upon the human mind & spirit and specifically those which resulted in certain scriptures being inspired by GOD. The nature of this inspiration has been very much discussed. The older view (which was purely verbal and plenary or mechanical inspiration) is now displaced these days by that described as dynamical, essential or vital. Under this, it is held that the BIBLE contains the most valuable "WORD OF GOD" & that the inspiration lies not in the manner (but in the record) but in the value of the revelation.

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Even according to the Encyclopaedia, the inspiration may be an automatic influence of the mind through God's provocation or intuition of one's own mental thought or prompting by a fellow human being or relative or Colleague. In the case of Mahatma Gandhi too, he wrote from his writings : " I agreed to write my autobiography at the instance of some of my Colleagues at the Ashram" scarcely had he turned the first leaf, riots broke out in Bombay & then a series of events followed which culminated in his imprisonment at Yerwada JAIL. His fellow prisoners encouraged him to put everything to the side and finish the writing of his autobiography but other events occupied his priorities in political field.

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But a God fearing friend of ~~mine~~ TUESDAY  
Banchi had his doubts which he JAN'2001

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one day shared with Gandhiji, when he asked: "What has set you on this adventure?"

"Writing an AUTOBIOGRAPHY is a practice peculiar to THE WEST — I know <sup>of</sup> no body in the East having written one of this magnitude, except among those who have come under Western influence as such"

Even if u write, people reject your future plans of today, & if u change your plans, is it not likely that the men who shape their conduct on the authority of your word, may be misled? or your writings may result in difference of opinions or lead to <sup>riots.</sup>

Don't u think it's better not to write our biography?

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By this time,

Gandhi's experiments in the political field are now known, not only in India but to a certain extent in the <sup>entire</sup> civilized world; and the title "MOHAMMAD" he won was mainly based on these experiments, if I am correct.

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For me they have not carried much value. But I feel like narrating my own experiments in the academic field as also in the domestic front - in consolidating all family members and preserving the joint family system. There may be certain experiments on the spiritual field but there is no room for self-praise. They can only add to my personal humility. The more & more I look back into my past, the more & more kindly I do feel about my limitations on the domestic front -

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To be frank, there are innumerable definitions of God, because this manifestations are different & innumerable. They overwhelm all of us with wonder & awe and for a moment stun me. But all of us worship God as a supernatural force guiding us from behind & influencing our actions in the direction of TRUTH.

Gandhiji worshipped God as only TRUTH. I was prepared to sacrifice everything dearest to him in pursuit of this quest, with a conviction that He alone is real & all else is unreal.

Gandhi believed that the seeker of any TRUTH should be humbler than dust. The entire world crushes the dust under its feet, but the seeker of TRUTH should be so humble that even dust could crush him.

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Only then, nor until then, will we have a glimpse of TRUTH -

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## Concept of SATYA.

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It is easy to forget the concept of SATYA by letting feel it is nothing but TRUTH.  
 But I could realize it only when I happened to visit SATYA DIAGNOSTIC centre along with my sister for her health check-ups & x-ray etc.  
 All gas could have heard the slogan "Prevention is better than any CURE".  
SATYA Diagnostic centre believes that it is economical to invest in preventive health care rather than to think of any hospital at the time of distress. More than the cost, it is the sheer joy of living a happy life without worrying about one's health. It is therefore necessary for all of us to think of our health & body whenever we eat, drink and make merry.

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but not hold the leaf after the hands are burnt.

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I take this opportunity to tell my readers that whatever I express in these pages reflects only my personal observations & feelings felt on the spot & hence may not be taken as authoritative. The experiments (in Gandhi ji's powerful tone) or experiences (in my own limited way) are only glimpses of a middle class family life and taken as illustrations of a joint family life, in the light of which everyone may carry on his own experiments according to his own inclinations and capacity. Do this limited extent atleast, I trust that the illustrations & quotations will be really helpful, because I am not concealing or understating with any motive.

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I hope to acquaint the reader with ~~all~~ my  
habits & routine schedules, faults & ~~errors~~  
without hiding keeping them open to any criticism  
In judging myself or commenting on others,  
I shall try to be as harsh as truth, as I  
want others also to be.

Measuring myself by the standard,  
I must confess with sage Sardas;

Where is there a wretch

so wicked & boastsome as I ?

I have not forsaken my Maker  
Nor lost confidence in his blessings

But proceed with immense faith & trust  
in his plans both in letter & spirit &  
keep praying for this BLESSINGS !!

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As a Hindu, Gandhi never said:  
1 "I don't claim <sup>it</sup> to be the only  
true religion of the world"

This dogma lies at at the  
core of Christianity, Islam  
or Judaism and that not-

The Bible says: "No man cometh  
under "Father (God)"  
but by ME"

The Quran says: There is no God  
but Allah &  
Mohd is his prophet

Hinduism, however, believes & it  
asserts that all ways of belief  
are equally valid & everybody is  
free to reverence the saints of their faith.

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# My Observance to Religion

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Before I offer my Observance to my favorite God of my religion, let me express a few words about my Hindu Religion.

India is a compoundum of all religions. When I come across a Muslim, he says he is friend of being a Muslim; when I approach a Sikh he says he is friend of to be a sikh (sandarbh) while a Christian says he is friend to be a Christian. Whereas a Hindu says he is friend to be Secular. I don't understand why this double standards. Why the spark of Hinduism doesn't energise him to be called a Hindu - they don't we say anti pride (Gare se kahoon) "HAI HINDU HA!"

Hinduism is no monolith. Its strength is found in each Hindu - I take pride in its diversity, in its openness & in its Religious freedom.

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Winston Churchill once banked that :

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"India is merely a Geographic expression".  
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It is no more a single country than the ~~equator~~  
<sup>right</sup> Churchill was rarely ~~about~~ his concept "INDIA"

It is true that no other country in the world  
embraces the extraordinary mixture of ethnic  
groups, the profusion of mutually incomprehensible  
languages, the varieties of topography & climate,  
the diversity of religions & cultural practices  
and the range of levels of economic development.

Yet India is more than the sum of  
its constituents & contradictions. It is a  
Country held together, in the words of its first  
Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,  
"by strong but invisible threads. Legend says that  
she is a Myth & an idea, a dream & a vision & yet  
a very real and present and all pervasive".

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How can one approach this land of  
 snow-peaks & tropical jungles & grainy fields  
 with 22 official languages & 22000, <sup>dialects</sup>  
~~and~~ <sup>distinct</sup> inhabited in the first decade of 21st Century  
 by over a ~~billions~~ billions individuals of every  
 ethnic extraction known to humanity.

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How can a person come to terms  
 with a country whose population is 40% illiterate  
 but which has educated the world's second  
 largest pool of trained scientists & engineers,  
 more learning cities ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> 1000, while  
 4 out of 5 Indians scratch for a living  
 from the soil of the mother earth?  
 It has produced religious leaders like Vivekananda,  
 world parliamentarians like Pandit Nehru &  
 world scientists like President Abdur Rabbani?

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① Some ~~gymn~~ are spoken  
by more people than those  
who speak Danish or Norwegian)

What is the clue in understanding THURSDAY A

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Country ripe with despair & disrepair  
which month has moved a moghul emperor  
of the Standard of Akbar, to proclaim:

"If on earth there be a paradise of BLISS  
it is this, it is this, it is this (INDIA)?"

How does one evaluate a culture  
that elevated NON-VIOLENCE to an effective  
moral principle, but those freedom  
was born in blood & those independence  
still soaks in it? How does one explain  
a land where peasant organizations & suspicious  
officials attempt to close down Kentucky Fried Chicken  
as a threat to the nation, when a famous Prime Minister  
bittingly envisions the sale of Pepsi-Cola, in a country  
where all villagers don't have clean "drinking water";

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and which yet invents a greater quantity  
 & variety of sophisticated software for  
 US Software Manufacturers than any other  
 Country in the world?

How does one can portray the present,  
 leave alone the future, of an ageless civilisation  
 that was the birthplace of 4 major religions  
 a dozen different traditions of classical dance,  
 85 political parties & three hundred ways  
 of cooking a potato vegetable?

The short answer is that it can't be done  
 at least not to every one's satisfaction.

The country's national motto, emblazoned on its  
 governmental crest is: "SATYAMEVA JAYATE"

It remains: "Truth always triumphs"

It is a Qn b/w which there are a billion answers  
 — if the last census has not undercounted

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All Said & Done, The Answer to all Qs  
 lies in a single insight or Single Realization  
 i.e. "The Singular Thing about India is  
 that You can only speak of it in Plural"

No matter what you have to presume that  
 "There are many mini-Indias in a major India"  
 Everything exists in countless variants.  
 There is no single standard or fixed stereotype  
 or no "one way". The kind of pluralism  
 is acknowledged in the way India arranges  
 its own affairs : all faiths, all groups,  
 all ideologies contend in contest for their separate  
 place under the sun and still survive.

As we move into the 21st Century, The  
 prevailing Thought is "India is not just a country  
 but an adventure, one in which all avenues are open

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and everything is possible"

As one British historian E.P. Thompson mentioned.

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"All convergent influences of the world

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runs through the Indian Society -

Hindu - Muslim - Christian - Buddhist - Marxist -

Gandhian - Liberal - Socialist - democratic -

as well as secular. There is not a single thought that is being voiced in the East or West that is not active in some Indian <sup>mind</sup> brain.

This Indian mind is remarkably made of diverse forces: (as line around) like

- 1) Ancient Hindu traditions
- 2) Impact of Islam (Christianity) Buddhism
- 3) Two Centuries of British Colonial Rule
- 4) Our own past scriptures
- 5) modern myths &
- 6) Contemporary influences

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The result is unique, not because of the variety of contemporary influences available in India, but because

The diversity of its heritage. But one of the few generalisations that can safely be made about India is

"that nothing can be taken for granted about this country (called India)"

not even its NAME, because

the word INDIA is derived from river INDUS

which now flows in PAKISTAN. Of course,

this anomaly can be easily explained away by telling the "Pakistan was also part of India, began its partition in 1947"

But each explanation breeds another anomaly which needs further explanations. There is no limit.

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All said & done, India's Geography underpins the national principle of Variety 18 While other data on dimensions & population raises to the top of the world nations.

- 1) India is world's 7<sup>th</sup> largest country  
Covering an area of 1.3 million Sq miles  
 $= 3.3 \text{ million Sq km}$
- 2) It is 2<sup>nd</sup> most populous nation on Earth  
With more than 1 billion population,  
against China's 1.3 billion (which  
increases annually by 13 million equivalent  
to a new Australia every year)
- 3) The projections for next three decades  
is that India will take over China
- 4) 95 long Coast line ( $> 3000 \text{ miles or } 5000 \text{ kms}$ )
- 5) 95 land frontiers with its neighbors ( $> 9000 \text{ miles or } 15000 \text{ kms}$ )
- 6) Long borders to 500 km ( $> 2000 \text{ miles or } 3000 \text{ kms}$ )  
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7) The country's four extremes

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represent four dramatically different

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types of ecological systems (right from

Ran desert of Rajasthan to Ganga River Basin)

8) The seven states of North East Region

(called Seven Sisters) embrace a wide

diversity of cultural strains from

the tribal traditions of Nagas & Mizos

9) The arid & weather beaten Deccan

Peninsula is a Dravidian pride.

10) The Coastal belt on the East covering

greener pastures carrying Rice Belt of

Andhra Pradesh

11) On the West we have the Arabian Sea

belt of Kanekkas & Keralite Tea belt

12) Lush south western state of Kerala belt

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What makes so many people united?

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coupled with or aided by the attitude  
of generations of foreigners right from  
Alexander the Great upto BARBAR  
who constantly saw the people of  
the land beyond the Indus as ONE,  
though divided, venerated & differentiated  
by birth, caste, language, speech etc  
The history of one walks the other  
their diversity emerging from Geography  
was made of Pluralsim. Consequently  
it is not surprising that their folk life  
is something like traditional Indian musical  
orchestra covering all ragas & styles;  
but unshackled by sophistication.

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India was but never in the past,  
~~throughout~~ all the centuries of rule by Hindus, or  
Muslim kings, had any section of Indian  
people sought a different political order  
on the ground of religion alone. (Muslim king  
had Hindu Ministers & all the vice versa)  
But the idea of dividing Indians by the  
merrier in which they held out their hands  
(to God), was born in the wake of unsuccessful  
but multi-religious "mutiny of 1857" when  
Hindus & Muslims rose together in revolt  
against the same foreign rulers. The sight of  
Indians of varying faiths & regions & cults  
united in a shared struggle against alien rule  
threw more terror into the hearts of the British.

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From then actual reality soon came to put down  
by use of arms

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It is at this stage that the Colonial MONDAY

ADMENISTRATORS, neuting to defend their

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ADMENISTRATORS, neuting to defend their  
forced possession of India, indulged in the  
peculiar policy of "Divide & Rule" following  
the Roman Maxim "DIVIDE ET IMPERA".

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"Rousing communal feelings" became "Colonial Policy".  
The seeming paradox of imperial policies  
culminated in the tragic partition of India  
upon independence - so that August 15, 1947  
was a birth of new nation into an abortion.

of part of land donated to Pakistan.

In the words of our first prime minister of India,  
Pandit Nehru "This is a moment, a rare moment  
which rarely comes in the history of any country,  
when we step out from the old to the new;  
when we take the pledge of dedication to our nation".

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(X) ~~B~~ Ghandiji challenged the doctrine  
of racial superiority & opposed Partition

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It is at this stage Ghandiji became Mahatma  
He attained the highest status anyone could hope for  
strictly speaking, the ideal ~~rel-~~ a person stands for  
or thoughts & values that his life & works represent  
that are recognised & appreciated when international  
awards like NOBEL Prize are given to anybody.

Just one idea "Nonviolent Resistance to Drive British  
out" he called "Satyagraha" sufficient

Nobel prize to him, more than Amartya Sen  
for Economics in 1998  
or Dag Hammarskjöld after death in a plane crash in 1961  
(former Secretary General)

Nevertheless, Ghandiji's inspiring legacy &  
Universal Message needs no stamp of approval

from anybody, even Nobel committee whose selections  
of awards over the years, has been of dubious merit.  
For a man, who venerated Truth & Justice since birth  
preached non violence, any recognition through awards &  
titles & symbols is MEANINGLESS

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The Story of my experiments like TRUTH

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emerged from Sandeep's conviction that said

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"Truth could not be obtained by untruthful means  
but only through accurate, just & right-ful means".

Sandeep's film has also evoked international  
response & his challenge to the world came to him at  
before the international public forums with

~~killing~~ the killing of Martin Luther King Jr (who was also  
similarly killed in America for the same cause)

Mo King's comment that "Sandeep's method of  
nonviolence became his guiding light of  
our movement. Lord Christ furnished the spirit &  
motivation, while Sandeep furnished the method".  
Sandeep's ideals had a tremendous intellectual  
impact on the founding fathers of India, who incorporated  
many of his convictions in our diverse principles of state policy.

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We are Indian Constitution X

But Gandhi never won the

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prestigious Nobel peace prize,

(a distinction given to Sweden Academy)

he's since conferred on a series of

self-proclaimed Gandhians,

right from Martin Luther King (Jr)

to Adolfo Perez Esquivel of KRAIL.

His prize was something less tangible.

Book to cost of production →

the publicity posters for the film

proclaimed that "Gandhi's Triumph

of Independence Changed the World forever"

I still wonder Gandhi's efforts

lacked his tenacity & influence

My Obedience to my favorite God follows

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As a Hindu, I take no pride & joy in  
destroying other's people's symbols or hitting  
on their head because of the cut of his  
hair or beard. I am proud of my Hinduism  
Take pride in its "Unity in Diversity"

its openness & in its religious freedom  
The term "Hindu" originally referred to people  
around river Sindhu or Indus, but  
who now lies in Islamic Pakistan.

Defining a Hindu may be only to  
distinguish him from a non-Hindu  
but even that is <sup>also</sup> foolish one for all the  
because they will take as generations  
background: That may amount to taking revenge  
against history, because they don't realize that  
History is its own revenge

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# ME + My favorite God

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India is a bundle of many Religions.  
The sad irony is that India's Secularism  
Coexistence was paradoxically made possible  
by the fact that the overwhelming majority  
of Indians are Hindus. I am also a Hindu.  
As a Hindu, I feel that I belong to the  
only major religion in the world,  
that does not claim to be the only true religion.  
I am comfortable in facing my other  
fellow human beings of other faiths,  
(as long as they do not clash with my faith)  
without being burdened by the convictions  
that mine is a path which others have missed.  
This dogma lies at the core of  
other religions like Christianity, Islam  
or Judaism.

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A muslim professes to say There is no God but Allah  
"There is no other God except Allah" &  
"Mohammed alone is my prophet".

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A Christian says "I am the truth & Life"  
While no man cometh unto Father <sup>(GOD)</sup> except ME

A Hindu, however asserts, Let all ways of beliefs are valid and Hindus readily venerate the saints & sacred places of other faiths.

The Vedas are the source of Hinduism which proclaims the God is real one & only one.

Why then Hindus pray to so many gods?

Why they perform so many festivals along with so many rituals scattered over the entire year, while Christians celebrate only Christmas to welcome the new year? Muslims celebrate one Ramzan festival.

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one ritual & pray one God like other religions?

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Hindus are not poly-theistic to ~~pray~~

many Gods. Hinduism also speaks of one God)

i.e. SUPREME SELF (ATMAN) located in our body called BRAHMAN. The different Gods & Goddesses

of Hindu pantheon are mere representatives of different faculties, powers & functions of the one Supreme God in our manifested world, to satisfy different castes or sections of society, subcastes & sects.

The master plan of the Hindu Sages has been drawn up logically, practically & scientifically to divine every activity, as otherwise their main attention will be drawn to the centre of material world with sinful attractions.

In Hindu mythology, every activity is diminished from the cradle to the grave. A touch of duality is lent to his material pursuit to attract his attention towards God at some stage or other. (I am dealing

with this topic on God) & his various manifestations the purpose man lives in a different volume (no)

For example, Hinduism has personified wealth & riches in the form of Goddess LAKSHMI

to let a man, who is after money, remembers his Goddess in all his transactions & pamper her with all faith & sincerity on every Friday etc.

Similarly 9 days of Navratri (also called Dasera) is meant for worship of 3 deities to attract 3 Goddesses (Durga for destroying negative forces)

(Lakshmi for bringing wealth & riches)  
(Saraswati for gaining knowledge supreme)

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While 10<sup>th</sup> day (Vijay Dasami) is celebrated as DAY OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Similar we have in Hinduism

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different Gods at different locations

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With different strengths, accompanied by different spouses with different manifestations, with different areas of operations, using different modes of transport with predetermined purpose so that there is no clash at any stage in their day to day operations. So that any ordinary human being does not suffer from any sort of difficulty or misgivings in carrying on with his daily activities right from the sunrise till he goes to bed, all with the blessings of the deities or Gurus supervising his activities.

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# LORD GANESHA

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Among the pantheon of Hindu Gods,  
 Lord Ganesha is given the privilege rank  
 of no. 1 to be prayed before the start of any  
 venture of work, whether short term or long term  
 to ensure smooth flow of inputs and timely  
 return of the output with 100% success or results.

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## Om Namo Ganesaya Namaha:

Suklaam Baradwaram Vighnivom

Sasi Varnam Clathr Bhigam

Prasanna Vadnam Shreyeth

Sara Nympha Sankeyeh!

## Om Ganesaya Namaha

Every morning, for longer than so far I remember

I have began my day with this prayer.

I learnt it without being fully aware of what all

the Sanskrit words meant, knowing only that I

was invoking the name of the great elephant-headed

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God to bless all my day's endeavours to come.

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There is no other more familiar figure than that of Ganesha, the elephant headed with a mountainous belly, one missing Tusk from hands & seated usually on a mouse. His extremely familiar figure dots every ~~corner~~ <sup>village</sup> ~~hamlet~~ <sup>TOWN</sup> of India.

Of all religions (Cong, Ganesha is the most popular)

He is known to different people with different names:

1) Vinayaka ② Vinayake (Lord of lords)

3) Gajendra (Elephant) ④ Siddhi Vinayake

5) Eka Danta (one tusk) ⑥ Lightness wave (who removes all impediments)

7) GANADATHI (Head of Ganas)

It has been ordained by Lord Shiva (His father) <sup>as progenitor</sup>

that before the commencement of any task or undertaking, the name of Ganesha with OM

should be uttered or intoned to get success & a hurdle free passage through the course of proceedings.

OM SR I GANESHTAYA NAMAH

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Favorite month to worship: Bhadrapada

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In the language of symbolism:

- 1) His feet are the signifiers of KNOWLEDGE & ACTION
- 2) The AXE that he holds in one hand is the symbol of sacrificing Ties that binds you into worldly attachment
- 3) The Ropes or LINES that he holds in the other hand is the depiction of how he pulls his devotees closer to himself.

Hanuman is blessed by Lord Shiva to be the only God whose intercession can remove all obstacles or hurdles from the path of anyone who invokes his help. That is why he is called VIGHNESWARA.

The rationale underlying all his prayers before starting any project indicates that he is the ruling spirit of asanas asanas

Where is the centre of our body, therefore

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all physical energy is generated.

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Ganesha or Ganespathi as we call him in South India sits majestically on my bed room window shelf, in multiple forms of statuary, stone, metal or paper pulp & soon. There is nothing incongruous about this, as he used to appear in innumerable sizes & shapes on posters & trade marks & wedding invitations etc. A hunchy, full-bodied, long-trunked with broken tusk, attired in various costumes & poses, Ganesha riding his way across Indian hearts on a tiny RAT is, undoubtedly, a Hindu's most popular divine figure.

Even the great 2000 year old epic Mahabharat was supposedly dictated by Sage Veda Vyasa to Ganesha himself for the first time. Seven since then many writers found it helpful to invoke

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Lord Ganesha in their epigraphs.

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(LORD) VINAYAKA

Mooskite Vachana Modake Haste

Chamara Karna Vilambite Suthra

Vaamana Roop Maheswara Putra

Vighna Vinayaka Naade NAMASTHE.

He is the LORD of Power & Wisdom

He is the Lord of Vighnas

His name or idol is worshipped first

in all occasions of well functions

No activity is initiated without his presence

His names are:

Eka Danta, Sumukhi, Suryakarna, Sourpaka, Lambodaraya,

Vighneswara

GAJANANA, Vighnaraja, Vakratundi, Siddhi Vinayaka

Skandhepooraja, Kapila, Dhoomra Ketu, Vinayaka

His Mantra is

OM GUNG GANAPATYE Namaha

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Lord Ganesh brings PEACE, Happiness + PROSPERITY

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Whether you believe it or not  
no wonder, if I say, when I start  
writing my autobiography, in some form  
typed "My garden of Thoughts"  
I dictated it to an orphan boy, Ganpathi,  
living in my grand floor tenement,  
with a big nose, shrewd-intelligent eyes,  
Who enters my room with an elephantine  
head, dragging an enormous tummy before him.  
In Hinduism, the God-head is not any  
remote or forbidden entity in the distant  
heavens or remote vision in sky like a Rainbow,  
but is accessible to all of us & hence many  
fams for those who need to imagine him  
in a more personalized form or fashion,  
depending on the needs of different individuals.

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The Hindu pantheon of Gods includes thousands of such figures great & small but Ganesha is the Chief of STANAS or well-known scholars called "INFERIOR DIETIES".

The ~~is~~ and - Part of the famous TRINITY

like Brahma (the creator)      } who are the  
Shiva (the destroyer)      } three principal  
Vishnu (the preserver)      } Hindu Gods.

and represent the three facets of Ultimate First Cause.

Ganesha is the son of Shiva or atleast Shiva's wife Parvathi (because according to one Theory Ganesha was snatched from the scurf of her womb, without paternal involvement). As a writer my appeal for Ganesha lies in the plethora of stories, running around his peculiar body shape & how he was brought into this world & how he acquired his unconventional appearance.

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The most likely heard version that I heard from my grandmother, when I was five "About the time when Parvathi went to take her bath, she asked her son Ganesha to guard the door & not to allow anybody inside. Shiva came in a hurry & was about to enter but Ganesha stopped him & was firm in his refusal. Enraged by his effrontery, Shiva cut off his head with a sword. Meanwhile Parvathi returned from her bath & demanded to replace his head. Shiva could only oblige her into the head of the first living creature he came across, which was an elephant. To me this was a salutary lesson to me & my mother did not intend me to take that way when she narrated

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The event for my information.

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My mother, who always boasted  
the obedience of her children  
has another version of the birth of Ganesha.

Parvathi created Ganesha out of starch powder  
made him sit at the entrance of her door

when SATURN (Shani Dacheraz) entered.

Parvathi asked him to identify the boy and  
appreciate his grand looks & fantastic strength.  
But Shani's deep gaze and penetrating looks  
reduce the boy's head to ashes. Here  
again, on her demand, Shani could only  
get the head of an elephant as replacement.

All said & done, I was impressed  
very much by Ganesha's rare qualities  
of stubborn devotion to duty and  
obedience to his parents.

Again it is his stubborn behaviour  
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his parents (this time it was his father)  
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that costed his ~~task~~

Once the powerful Avatārā Purush PARASURAAM the receiver of so many boons from Lord Shiva, came to call on this great yogi Shiva, at his abode of Mount Kailash. Once again Ganesh, at the door stopped him & refused to let in the visitor. To disturb his father sleeping, furious Parasurama tried to force his way in, but Ganesh picked up Parasurama with his long trunk, swinging him round & round & threw him on to the ground. When he got up, Parasurama flung his axe at obstinate Ganesh. Recognising the weapon of Shiva's, he took the axe humbly on his task. Ever since Ganesh has only one task.

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As I grew older I learnt —

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more of such stories associated with Lord Ganesha  
A scholar told me that Ganesha's flat body  
represents the hugeness of the cosmos and its  
combination of man & elephant signifying  
the unity of the MICROCOSM (MAN) & the  
MICROCOSM (Elephant)

Another scholar suggested that his unattractive  
form can hide internal spiritual beauty  
which attracted his true loves SIDDHI + BUDDHI

Further Ganesha's long trunk can be curled  
into the symbol "OM" (the primal sound)  
While the snake found coiled around his waist,  
represents the force of cosmic energy..

It is no surprise then Ganesha is worshipped

in India with great reverence & enthusiasm  
hence the importance of Ganesha Chaturthi

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<sup>mighty</sup>  
Why does <sup>ganesha</sup> ride a tiny rat—?

Every thing associated with him signifies has capacity  
like an elephant, he can cross through jungle

While like the rat he can burrow his way through  
the tightest defences. A God who combines the  
attributes of elephant, mouse & man can remove  
any obstacle confronting those who propitiate him.

Once Parvathi asked her son Ganesha & Muruga  
to go round the world in a race. Muruga started  
off on his mount confident to encircle the globe  
But Ganesha took a few steps on his rat, around  
his mother & sat down at her feet. When Parvathi  
reminded him of the challenge, he said "you are  
my WORLD MOH" "I have gone  
around you"  
No wonder many Indians consider Ganesha  
as their powerful deity, despite his modest standing  
in the Pantheon of Hindu Gods.

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We are also aware of how Ganesh devotees in broken India (in 1890s) allowed the plague to take many Indian lives, rather than cooperate with a British campaign to exterminate the RATS that carried the infection. Similarly we are also aware of the MILK Miracle in Gujarat + other cities (1995) by which Ganesh drank milk from the devotees, who believed in the phenomena, as a message from God. The gigantic Ganesh idol immersion in the sea immediately after Ganesh Navaratri is also an eye catching episode. Still I resume my busy life to next morning after immersion.

"Om Ganesay ananade  
Never is one peace or all an trouble"

We are so much engrossed with Indian ethos that we tend to forget that India is greater than sum of its parts. That is the big point that allows us to continue to call ourselves as Indians.

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Lord Vinayaka is the witness....

# PEOPLE GAVE US POWER, WE DEDICATE IT TO THEM

Vinayaka Chavithi Greetings to all

token of love for them, with Lord *Vinayaka* as a glorious witness. The great epic, *Mahabharata* authored by *Vyasa*, was scripted by Lord *Vinayaka* himself. It is again, only he who scripted the fruitful version of benefits aimed at materialising the over-all welfare of the society consisting of all sections of people. For this merciful act of

Lord *Vinayaka*, I wish to offer him my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the people of my State. And I salute to him with folded hands in deep reverence. In the future also, I wish all my beloved people should live with success and progress in leaps and bounds. Certain unexpected events in the national and international economic scenario has had

impact even on our State. We are hence sparing no effort, with a heart of commitment, to extricate our people from the intricacies of those consequences. At this juncture, I, by heart, word and deed, do entreat the first god of any worship, Lord *Vinayaka* to cast his endless spells of kindness on all our future endeavors as

At the start of any auspicious ritual, even gods worship Lord *Vinayaka*. They pray him to present them with victory. Such divine power is Lord *Vinayaka*. With his kind blessings only, all the Projects and Schemes heralded by our government succeeded in multiplying the welfare of the people in this State. I am extremely happy that the fruits of development are directly reaching the people. With the help of his grace, this is the Government administered by the people to their own advantage and wishes. Therefore, on this auspicious day, I solemnly and humbly dedicate this Power to those very people who conferred it on us, as a

before, cherished to felicitate the people with peace and prosperity. I desire that all Telugu people in the State should lead their lives with comprehensive comforts, with the ways of welfare and the complete health benefits through 'Rajiv Aarogyasri' programme. On the occasion of *Vinayaka Chavithi*, I once again wish happiness and warm greetings to 15 crore of Telugu people in A.P. and all over the world."

Yours affectionately,

*Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy*

# The Image Of Ganesha And Its Meaning

## Sacred Space

### The Sacred Elephant

To You whom the wise exclaim as the single-syllabled, Supreme sound, stainless and peerless, bliss, formless, unconditioned — the Indweller in the core of sacred tradition — to that Primeval One I bow in adoration.

Adi Shankara,  
Ganesha Bhujangam

May we worship Ganapati, the Protector of Noble People, the Best Poet, the Most Honourable, the Greatest Ruler and the Treasure of all Knowledge. O Ganapati! Please listen to us and take Your seat in our heart.

Rig Veda 2.23.1,  
An invocation to  
Lord Ganapati

The elephant is a sacred animal for many oriental cultures and carries a great amount of symbolism. It also is one of the sacred treasures of Buddha, and according to Buddhism it is a celestial animal. It is seen as a representation of morals and dignity as well as it can help people having good luck...

According to the oriental traditions and feng shui, the elephant symbolises power, strength, wisdom and longevity.

Jakob Jelling,  
FengShuiCrazy.com

Kishore Asthana

An elephant's trunk has the strength to uproot a tree as well as the finesse to pick up a needle. Ganesha's trunk symbolises the fact that the wise person has both immense strength and fine discrimination.

Ganesha has large ears. The wise person hears all. He has four hands. In one hand he holds a lotus, the symbol of enlightenment. In the other hand he holds a hatchet. That is, the old karma — all your sanskars, the accumulated good and bad of past deeds — get cut when enlightenment comes.

The third hand holds laddus, the round sweet-meats. They are the rewards of a wise life. Ganesha is never shown eating the laddus. The wise man never partakes of the rewards of his deeds. He is not attached to them. The fourth hand is shown blessing the people. The wise man wishes the best for everyone.

Ganesha has only one tusk; the other is shown broken. There is an interesting story as to how Ganesh happened to get an elephant's head and how one tusk got broken. The symbolism of the broken tusk is that the wise person is beyond duality.

We tend to think that we end when our bodies end in the material world. We are the first person. All else is different. This duality is created by the mind which creates the ego to help us survive in this world. This 'me-other' duality is the screen keeping us from realising our real Self, which is beyond body and mind.

Once we transcend this duality, we see the entire Universe as a single whole and we become aware of our true Selves. The single tusk of Ganesha symbolises this non-duality. Wisdom allows us to see all as

one and ourselves an integral part of the whole.

Ganesha is shown sitting with one foot on the ground and the other resting on his knee, above the ground. The wise person is of this earth, yet not entirely of this earth.

Ganesha is shown seated on a rat. The reason for saying that Ganesha 'rides' on the rat is that the rat is among the greediest of all animals. It will keep nibbling at whatever is available, eating everything it can.

Scientifically, too, the rat's teeth keep growing and it has to keep chewing on something to keep these within limits. The rat is a symbol of our senses, which are never satisfied. They crave new experiences, new tastes. Left uncontrolled, they keep growing forever. The wise person rides on his senses. He keeps them under control.



THE  
SPEAKING  
TREE

Ganesha is often shown seated in front of a tray of sweets. In these images the rat is shown sitting in front of Ganesha, perhaps a bit to one side, looking up at him. The senses of the wise person are under his control and the rat dare not eat the sweets without the permission of Ganesha.

Ganesha is the son of Shiva and Parvati, the God governing the life-force and the earth-mother. This symbolises the spirit and body of the wise person. Finally, the wise person has the dignity of an elephant.

When we say "Aum Ganesha Namah" before starting anything what we are saying is that "In what we are about to do, let wisdom be our guide". In a sense, Ganesha is our most powerful god, and he is usually remembered before starting any rituals for other deities.

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first principle I learnt in my life

Discover 90/10 principle

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by Stephen Covey 2

What is this 90:10 principle?

10% of your life is made up of what happens to you in our daily life

90% of your life is decided by how u react.

What does this mean to you?

We really have no control <sup>even</sup> over the 10%  
of what happens to us daily.

for ex:

You can't stop the car from breaking down  
or the plane from late start or late arrival

These things are daily schedule off  
A driver may be <sup>busy</sup> in traffic

may delay your ~~drive~~ or late  
arrive for duty or back home

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We have no control over this 100%  
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You determine the other 90%  
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How? By your own reaction

You can't control a traffic red light

But you can control your reactions.

Let us see an example:-

You are having breakfast with your family

Your daughter knocks out a cup of coffee

on to your business suit before start-

What happens next depends on your reaction

You curse yourself or blame your daughter

She breaks down in tears. You turn

to your spouse & blame her for clinking

You wake your kids for breakfast

or rearrange the Bf table & place up

Cup of coffee at the edge of table etc

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A verbal battle follows  
 You rush upstairs for change of ~~Suit~~  
 Back downstairs Daughter would be  
 crying without getting ready for school  
 Ultimately she misses the school bus  
 Your spouse will get delayed  
 to reach her office on time.

You rush to your garage (you can  
 refuses to start as usual)  
 You rush to drive your daughter  
 in time to school. Because you belated  
 You drive @ 40 mph against 30 mph limit  
 After arriving at your office late by 30 min  
 You find that U failed to pick up your  
 brief case at home & you scratch  
 thrown out of jeep & horse & horse

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as you meet the evening.

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You look forward to come home  
 You find that a small wedge <sup>from</sup>  
 in your relationship with your  
 spouse & daughter as well.

Why? because of your reaction in the morning

Why did you have a bad day?

- Did the coffee cause it?
- Did your daughter caused it?
- Did your wife caused it?
- Did the traffic police cause it?
- Did you cause it?

The correct answer is (e)

I had no control on the coffee

I did not plan to start office early

I do not know how to behave with kids

After all kids are kids

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May be Coffee cup splashed?  
 You could have said: <sup>by</sup> wife / child  
 " Honey  
 OK Child. You should be more  
 careful. in future or next time  
 grabbing a glass, you rush upstairs  
 You come down after changing Ur shirt  
 & pick up your suitcase with other papers  
 You come down see Ur child picking  
 the school bus on time. You drop  
 your wife at the school & reach  
 your office 5 min early & greeted by Ur staff  
 You son writes U " Have a good day?  
 See the referee when Ur seen back home  
 Do you curse an apprentice or staff  
 Does your B/P rise or normal?  
 Who cares whether U seen early or late?

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Remember the 90% 10% principle

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Suppose you are laid off or job

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Why lose sleep & getting irritated

Use ur energy to find a better job / high pay

Suppose the plane is late to start / arrive

Why take urself on the flight attendant

She has no control. Let's going on outside

Take time to study & get to know about passenger

Why get stressed & spoil your mood?

It will make things worse & worse.

Now you know the 90-10 principle.

Apply it well & U will be amazed at results

You will lose nothing if you try at 90-10 principle is incredible

Once U follows it U won't suffer from stress, headache or heart attacks. It changes ur life

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# Indian Constitution

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The constitution of India is in many ways an ideal constitution. Certainly it is the world's largest & longest, most comprehensive, and in many ways an idealistic one, conferring rights & freedom born of high principles, so much so, that Britain's most famous constitutional expert Sir Errol Jennings, declared that:

"It is impregnated with the idea that the last Government are dangerous and ought to be kept in concentration camps."

Certainly it was a questionable whether such a magnificent democratic document, despite being prefaced by its exhaustive triumphant and well-intended socialist

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"Directive principles of state policy"

Could facilitate the kind of effective governmental actions, a developing country of India's magnitude really needed

Sir Ivor Jennings believed that it would

"benefit only the biggest industry - LITIGATION"

No wonder, by the time of EMERGENCY

Indians, who prided themselves on their democratic political system had operated their constitution for 36 long years

but found it necessary, to amend it - not less than 49 times; when

it seemed that many of its own provisions seemed inconvenient & and

legislature breaking them up to make them more meaningful & practical

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The leading Indian Constitutional lawyer NANI PALKIWALA, identified the nine essential features, he believed, made up the "basic structure" of our Constitution.

1. The Sovereignty of India
2. The Integrity of the country
3. The republican form of the Government
4. The Democratic way of life, as distinct from mere adult franchise
5. The existence of fundamental rights (such as due process of law, judicial redressal & others that enable lawyers to help & exercise)
6. No state Religion
7. A free & independent judiciary
8. The dual structure of the UNION & STATES
9. The maintenance of a balance among the three wings (Legislative, Executive & judiciary)

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# The Indian Political System

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based on this type of constitution, was accordingly a product of the liberal tradition of "Locke & Mill", the Fabian Socialism of the London School of Economics and together with Checks & Balances of Jefferson & Madison and also the pluralist thinking of our Hindu Culture, overlaid with a desire on the part of our founding fathers to enjoy fully the political rights of Englishmen, which the Englishmen themselves had for so long denied them. That is the soul of India's Democracy if it cannot feed, clothe, & shelter the millions of Indians in their own home land?

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During the Emergency period,  
 the Government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi  
 brought 15 ~~Amendments~~<sup>14th</sup> to the Constitution, incorporating the  
 basic elements of the new order, on  
 the presumption that "The Constitution of India  
 is not only a legal document but also  
 a political & social document."  
 "It must reflect the wishes & aspirations  
 of the people and it must be an effective  
 instrument for carrying out those changes  
 which are necessary for bringing about  
 a Socio-Economic Revolution." The  
 Constitution was originally preoccupied  
 with liberty & fundamental Rights  
 and forgetful about fundamental duties.

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The chapter has therefore been replaced with a concern for social and fundamental duties.

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The 42<sup>nd</sup> amendment was therefore a historic one because it has brought into existence the need for fundamental duties alongside fundamental rights.

The statement of objects & reasons accompanying the amended document explained: "The democratic institutions have been subjected to considerable pressures & stains and self-vested interests have been trying to promote their own selfish ends to the great detriment of the good of the general public"

(p 10)

One of the clauses was sought to spell out, expressly, the high ideals of Socialism, Secularism, & integrity of nation to make the "directive principles of state policy" more comprehensive and give them precedence over those fundamental rights which have been allowed to be relied upon to frustrate socio-economic reforms for implementing the Directive Principles of State Policy.

The entire thrust of the constitutional changes was ostensibly to facilitate the attainment of socio-economic progress, which had hitherto, it was implied, been thwarted by the existence of a overwhelmingly flourishing democracy in the Indian context.

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According to an old saying"

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"Developing a country under **28** a democratic set-up is like trying to play POKER without BLUFFING!"

The emergency attempted to demonstrate that the game is best played with a stacked deck; (yet to stretch the metaphor the cards had been on the table a longtime). For years, Indians had worried that democracy had become an end in itself unrelated to the welfare of the masses. Other responsible governmental action was constantly being impeded by a politically responsive "SHORT-TERMISM". Indian polity is equally vulnerable to this kind of short-termism.

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But the Indian bureaucracy is

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Characterised by Centralised policy making & decentralised policy administration

Established over centuries ago, under successive empires, Indian administration is usually precise, rule-bound, laborious & slow.

Woodrow Wilson once wrote that: "Politics sets the tasks for administration & also creates some of administration's greatest problems". The situation is not quite different in independent India where too many political parties slow down the pace of administration to the detriment of the common man.

## PRESIDENTIAL OR

NOTES Recently Times of India raised an issue whether India should continue with the existing Parliamentary system with Prime Minister & Cabinet of the British Model or switch over to American System of President ruling the country.

On the one hand  
The parliamentary expands chances for an Indian to exercise his role for the <sup>best</sup> possible candidate in full. Every party has ideological underpinnings & many of them are based on ideological or ethnic lines. Therefore we aren't limited to give our vote to one or the other & if we cannot choose the best, at least we can choose the better amongst them.

But what should we do, <sup>all</sup> when the candidates are crooks & indulge in vote buying using money power.

# PARLIAMENTARY systems

## Action Plan

May 2001

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In parliament, even convicted Members

17 THU

2 WED

Continue to be Members of the House

18 FRI

3 THU

With voting rights intact & were

19 SAT

4 FRI

brought from jail to exercise the

20 SUN

5 SAT

vote to their favorite smuggler

21 MON

6 SUN

or participate in mutual trust-vote

22 TUE

7 MON

or no-confidence motions.

23 WED

The recent first vote gained

24 THU

With the help of convicted MPs who

25 FRI

were brought to the floor of house

26 SAT

from their jail abodes, did not

27 SUN

bring to the County or its Prime Minister

28 MON

It is a shame that there were about 120

29 TUE

Members of Parliament with criminal cases -

30 WED

registered against them (like serious crimes

31 THU

like murder, robbery, theft, kidnapping

32 FRI

extortion & rape are in three digits).

33 SAT

But several MPs involved in multiple cases

34 SUN

even deserving death penalty.

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The West-Minster model has failed

miserably, bring out the need for

# 1 The presidential system of USA

As said & done, I personally feel

that our developmental goals could be better served under a Presidential System.

This is one of the fastest growing economies in the world, and so instead of taking a drastic step of forming 5 zones

The established system of Parliamentary democracy, we can better think over

Changing the people who have corrupted

the system (instead of changing the system)

by selecting quality & meritorious people

as candidates for MPs (MCAs) with clean record

I feel that this is the best possible remedy

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# India vs Dualism

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"What's there in a name?

asked Shakespeare

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I have seen in Indian society, a constant struggle between two distinct attitudes to life : those exemplified by the elevated, sophisticated spiritualisms of the Vedantic philosophy at one end & the materialistic, hedonistic amoral Charvaka as their opposites. To ~~the~~ some extent, Indian society reflects this dualism in their constant struggle between the two opposite tendencies.

1) the stark white simplicity of the Dhoti

VS

Lungi

richly colored silk saree of the women

OR

2) culinary asceticism of the vegetarian Gandhi

VS

Complexity & Richness of the challenging cuisine

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on earth

3) The fatalism of the poor & oppressed  
vs FRIDAY

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The cupidity & greed of the corrupt & the powerful 4

4) the nonviolence of Sandhi

Militarism of a potential nuclear power  
With the largest army in the world

Then there is the most basic duality  
between modern  
of all the "INDIA" and "BHARAT"

Modern India boasts of launching satellites

into space; developed Bombay as Business Capital

With highest commercial rents in the world;

had the most rapid <sup>of any country</sup> growth on earth

making first ever cellular telephone call between  
Communist CM JNWB & millionaire Telecom Minister of Delhi  
Whereas Bharat, the indigenous India speaks  
Hindi, lives in village huts, ploughs the fields  
without any telephone facility, observes caste rules  
and rejects all modes of secular modernism.

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Can U find such dualism in any country?

One area in which BHARAT SUNDAY

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is winning over INDIA is in the naming game

The self appointed guardians of India

are convinced that the names India has given its cities & landmarks reflect the colonizations by the British, a process they are bent upon reversing at the slightest possible opportunity.

- 1) Shiv Sena led Govt in Maharashtra renamed its state capital from BOMBAY to MUMBAI
- 2) Shiv Sena went further by renaming the city's main railway station from "Victoria Terminus" to "Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus".
- 3) Not to be outdone, the DMK Govt of Madras, changed the name of state to TAMILNADU & the name of the city to CHENNAI.

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This is not a new development

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Since names have been changed a  
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plenty of times at many place since

attaining our independence in 1947;

Anglicised version of cities like

CAWNPORE has become KANPUR

POORTA has become PUNE

MYSORE state has become KARNATAKA

TRIVANDRUM has become Tirus —

TRICHUR became Thrissur <sup>Ananthapura day,</sup>

VIZAG became Visakhapatnam

BEZWAADA became VIJAYAWADA

DESHI became INDRA PRASHTA

BARODA became VADODARA

Let us assume that even if we don't have power  
to create let us have power to rename & redefine

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One point at which India's converge is in its process of  
 Celebration. Festivals & Relas define  
 a need for some escape and for Inter-  
 ment India has more of them than  
 any other country. We also take  
 more time off from our duty,  
 like a choice of nearly 50 holidays  
 for a variety of religious & secular  
 festivals ranging from Independence Day,  
 & Republic Day to birthday of Propri- Mohd.  
 Birthdays of Mahatma Gandhi, Valmiki,  
 Guru Govind Singh are also legitimate  
 excuses to have a day off <sup>from</sup> duty.  
 Hindu festivals of Ganesh Chaturthi &  
 Mahashiva Rathri are highly exceptional.

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New year days ranging from English New Year day to Ugadi (Telugu New Year's day) & Pagan New Year add to new year days of all religions/caste. The secular harvest-festivals of Dasera, Onam & Vaisakhi and festival of lights called DEEPPAWALI & HOI (spring festival) are equally prestigious in the list.

Not to omit RAKSHA BANDHAN a day of brotherhood, is widely celebrated when women tie colorful rakhees to the wrists of their brothers, who are thus pledged to protect them. Added to this, a Govt employee avails as many as 100 weekends, casual leave + earned leave + sick leave and still collects a full year's salary despite

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Working only one third/365 as on duty.

This dismal picture, coupled with population control measures & corrupt environmental regulations, reflects the bad state of the Indian Ecology in the 21st Century.

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Coming to population, India has the second largest population on earth, after China, and by all counts is set to overtake its giant neighbor by 2020. Its population continues to grow at a rate of 2% and fertility is just about as high as it has been. While some improvements in basic health care have caused mortality rates to drop appreciably since independence. In the last 20 years the Indian population has grown by a number > the entire population of US.

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# The consequences of population

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pressures are widely known already -  
A mounting challenge to keep feeding  
a population expanding beyond the capacity  
of the food producers to cope with it;  
and a growing gap between the  
availability of water, health-care &  
education on the one hand and the  
number of people seeking those essentials  
on the other hand. Equally disastrous  
are the ecological consequences like:  
deforestation, degradation of Ag lands &  
a decline in the ability of land to support.  
Worst of all, India adds an Australia to its  
population every year, without resources to create  
corresponding schools, housing, clothing & jobs &  
food grains required for the added population.

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So poverty breeds overpopulation

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Overpopulation breeds poverty in turn.

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India has made only uneven progress in educating its population. The saddest part of India's literary statistics is the disproportionate per cent of women who remain illiterate. More attention is to be given to improve the lot of women; in general & empowering them to take decisions on such matters as reproduction & family welfare is of much importance. Remarkably India's middle class women have excelled in ~~and~~ professions & occupations previously reserved for men, and so on & so forth.

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Women doctors, engineers, lawyers, airline pilots & most famously a woman from Madikeri, well before such positions opened up to their female counterparts in the Western world.

Literacy made significant progress in recent years mostly on women front. Current figures are more than 60%. The number of men who can read a newspaper is 7600%. In this Information Age, rampant literacy remains a serious handicap in a race that India has no choice but to run.

More to be done in future.

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# My LEAD WITH LANGUAGE

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Though I started my primary education in my mother tongue +

regional language (Telugu) slowly Idr. shifted to English medium by force of habit or as a necessary medium of instruction.

According to World fact Book (encyclopedia) only 5.6% of the world's total population speaks English as a primary language. Net number may get doubled if we take into acc those who speak English as 2nd/3rd language even.

Hence, by conservative estimates  $\frac{1}{4}$  of world's population does not speak English.

Now why I too chose to write down my autobiography in English to suit the convenience of the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 75% of the world population.

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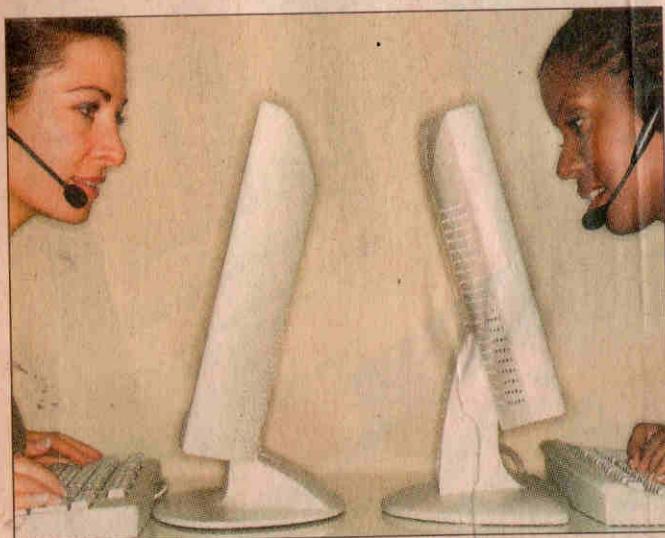
The attitude that English alone is enough, creates self-imposed limitations. Learning another language opens up new opportunities & gives us new perspectives that we might not have encountered otherwise.

Two developments, in recent years, have increased the practical value of proficiency in a foreign language. One is the trend towards preservation of languages, ethnic traditions & culture. The second is the growing realisations of the importance of using native languages in business and diplomatic endeavours. The choice between the two differ from the needs of the country & facility to learn new languages.

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# LEAD WITH LANGUAGE

WITH RAPIDLY SHRINKING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BARRIERS IN A GLOBALISED WORLD, IT HAS BECOME IMPERATIVE TO LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, PROPOUNDS **DEVYANI JAYAKAR**



**E**veryone speaks English, right? Well, that's not entirely true. According to the World Fact Book, only 5.6 per cent of the world's total population speaks English as a primary language. That number doubles when people who speak English as a second or third language are counted. Hence, by conservative estimates, over four-fifths of the world's population does

into other perspectives on international situations and current events. A person competent in other languages can bridge the gap between cultures, contribute to international diplomacy, promote national security and world peace, and successfully engage in international trade.

from other job applicants and increase your marketability to potential employers. Companies that plan to do business abroad have a dire need for bilingual or multilingual employees. To compete internationally, they need employees who can communicate in the places where they do business.

tors, lawyers, law enforcement personnel, counsellors, copywriters and voice over artistes, to name just a few. Knowing a foreign language makes a difference in how you see the world and the world sees you.

As Federico Fellini, Italian film director said, 'A different language is a different vision of life.'

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Apart from linguistic and cultural proficiency, knowledge of a foreign language tells a potential employer something about the kinds of skills and abilities you possess, like flexibility in learning and thinking, an appreciation of diversity, awareness of global perspectives, and the ability to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds.

Combining language study with preparation in another field leads to numerous career opportunities in the diplomatic corps, education, travel and tourism, airlines, government and call centres, as well increasing opportunities for translators, interpreters, social workers, journalists, engi-

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Learning another language, gives the learner the ability to step into the mind set & context of the other culture. Without the ability to communicate & understand a culture on its own terms, true access to the culture is totally barred & negated.

Why is this important?

Intercultural understanding begins with individuals who acquired the language ability & can thereby promote one's own version of communication with an insider's view into foreign culture to another who can understand foreignness sources. A person competent in other languages can also bridge the gap between various cultures & contribute to international diplomacy &

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also promote national security

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More so, when I speak a foreign language, my communication skills complement virtually in any career.

For the purpose, a foreign language is an excellent means to distinguish myself from other job applicants and increase my marketability to potential employers.

Apart from linguistic & cultural proficiency, knowledge of a foreign language provides a potential employer something insight into the skills & abilities the candidate possesses, like flexibility in learning & thinking, an appreciation of diversity and awareness of global perspectives and the ability to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds.

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All said & done, combining language study with preparation in the field leads to numerous career opportunities in the diplomatic corps, education, travel & tourism etc as well as increasing opportunities for translators & interpreters, health care providers, diplomatic personnel, copy writers etc to name just a few.

At any rate, knowing a foreign language makes all the difference in how "I see the world & how the world sees me"

One Italian film director had said:  
"A different language  
is a different vision of life"  
(FEDERICO FELLINI)

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# My success MANIFESTO.

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We live in a world ~~that~~ appears to be driven by ~~three~~ 2 characteristic feelings, namely: POWER; MONEY; + FAME.

In other words, what many would like us to believe in, is the very meaning of success & success to the core.

What is the most important factor that determines a person's success? Is it Hard work; determination, Money, Attitude, Confidence, ambition or Education. A survey was conducted by a team of experts to ask young Indians between the age group 16 to 24, seeking "What success means to them?"

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