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As we sail through the mighty ocean called 'LIFE', success and failure often go hand-in-hand. But unless we pause and ponder over the reasons, it would be difficult to reach a satisfactory solution which enables us to move forward.

Education is the primary tool which enables and empowers us. True education serves three purposes: 1) Provides correct information. 2) Helps to change our attitudes and preconceived notions. 3) Provides specific skills in the process of producing the necessary structural aspects of life.

Everything is possible if we have the WILL, the WISH and the SKILLS. As children we sit and watch our mothers rolling out chapathis and cutting vegetables to make the best curry, we are curious. "I wish, I could", says my inner self. If I follow that urge sincerely and systematically, one day I could become one of the best chefs in the world.

Once I boasted to a colleague: "I can make sambhar". He laughed and said: "Okay, tomorrow you make it, I shall join for lunch." And I took up the challenge. The next day as he put his first handful of rice-sambhar into his mouth he shouted: "Hei, what sambhar, there is no salt". Then I realized my fault and said: "Sorry, standing next to the stove

fiddling with the pots and stuff, I forgot to put salt. My mind was occupied by the badminton court, as I had to join that evening for a game."

Thus I learnt an important lesson in my life: CONCENTRATE IN YOUR WORK. Concentration and skills go together.

I met a very simple but great human being: - TENSING NORGAY - in Moscow." How did you manage to reach the top of Everest?" I asked. He was very kind to quench my curiosity. "When I was 5 years old I felt very sad and sympathetic to my father. He was a SHERPA carrying huge burdens on his back, going with Western Everest climbers. Then I began sharing his burden, grew up as a sherpa. One day I thought, why can't I try to reach the top? It took 20 years for me and I did it. Whenever the sky was clear I used to sit and fix my eyes on the glittering peak."

Then he narrated to me various aspects of the climbers' techniques, confrontation with forces of nature, but all that adding to his skills for navigation upwards, never losing hope or interest. His rocky WILL, his sincere WISH and his sharpened SKILL one day made him ONE OF THE FIRST TWO HUMANS who stepped on the top of the world!!!

These days, I wonder, while multiple-tasking is the order of the day, concentration and patience being pushed aside, gadgets and gizmos take control of our "WISH" and "WILL", will SKILL and QUALITY of work be able to stand the test of time?

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