

Honest watchmen

Sir: A strange but true incident of honesty occurred recently at the Puttanachetty Town Hall. Recently, I had been there to attend the 'College Day' function of the GHMC where my sister studies. After the function in which my sister featured in one of the dance programmes, we left for Majestic (BBS) in an autorickshaw. But in the confusion that night my sister left a bag which contained a costly silk saree, some gold ornaments and a little cash, in the hall itself. We realised that the bag had been left behind only the next day. Not knowing what to do, I rushed to the Town Hall and asked the day watchman about the lost bag. He immediately recalled that he had seen a bag with the night watchman.

He then asked me to write a list of the things which were lost and assured me that the bag would be returned to me. And he also told me that he would ring me up after he found it. A prompt telephone call came that night itself. The watchman asked me to come and collect my bag. The bag was returned with contents intact in it. Day watchman Govinda and night watchman Govindaraju refused to accept any reward for their honest job. It is only because of such people that our country is still surviving.

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