

# Subodh Newsletter

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## Editorial

Every tiny step taken with enthusiasm and positive spirit deserves encouragement so that it grows into a big leap towards success. We therefore thank everyone for letting our efforts meet the desired outcome through their contribution, constant encouragement and post release constructive feedback.

A great start for a journey is vital for fuelling its purpose and ensuring its fruitful completion. Subodh newsletter too after its promising launch is on its next step to provide you with another colourful spectrum of college news and creative pieces through the January issue. The issue is marked with a blend of excitement and anticipation as it encapsulates the examination fervour and the contentment of moving next step towards the new semester.

As the even semester begins, we look forward to another lively and fruitful session of academics spiced up with various co curricular and extra curricular affairs.

Wishing you all a happy reading, once again!

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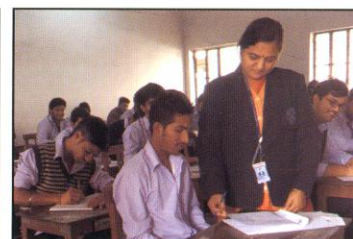
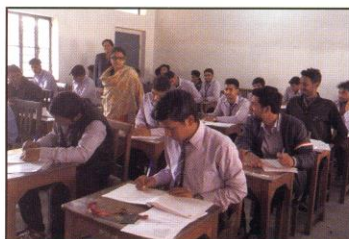
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## New Beginning defines New Goals !



Come December and it is time to turn to books with efforts to stay up till late in the night and rush early morning for the end semester exams. Though cold and chilly, the college was engaged with exam activity which could be observed at every nook and corner of the college. If you could see students having heated up discussions regarding the subject matter and revising important topics, you could also notice invigilators marching to and fro to keep the atmosphere in discipline. The campus bloomed up with students dressed up in blue. It was an amazing sight to see the young comrades gracefully dressed and geared up to face the exams. The atmosphere was charged with apprehension yet the young faces exuded energy.

The End Semester examination, Nov- Dec, 2015 commenced on 26 Nov 2015 and ended with the arrival of new year. The whole examination conduction took place in three shifts - morning, noon and evening for different streams comprising B.Com, B.A., B.Sc, BBA , BCA, PGDCA, M.A., M.Com, and M.Sc.

My congratulations to all the staff members for smooth and effective conduction of exams and my best wishes to the students for success. Any new beginning is driven by new hopes and new achievements, so I wish you all a very happy new year and fruitful academic days ahead.

Principal  
S.S Jain Subodh P.G College





## Achiever's Bay

### Publication of Books

\* Dr. S.K. Chaudhary and Dr.Chitra Rathore (Department of EAFM) jointly published a book titled *Anusandhan, Vidhievam Takneek*.

\* Dr. Divya Walia (Department of English) co authored a book titled *Indian Writing in English : An Anthology of Poetry*.

\* Dr. Suman Yadav (Department of History) published a book titled *Guptakalin Smritiyon mein Nyaya evam Dand Vidhan*

### Success in Competitive Exams

\* Rakesh Kumar Saini ( Department of Economics) and Vikram Singh (Department of Statistics) cleared Statistical Officer Exam 2012 conducted by RPSC

\* Mr. Kanaram Nitharwal (Department of Chemistry) has cleared the Mines Protection Force exam.

### Participation in International Conference as Chairperson

\* Mr. Ashish Swami and Dr. Leena Bhatia (Department of Computer Science) both chaired a session in the International Conference on Computers and Managers (ICCM 2015) organized by Centre for Global Management, California State University, San Bernardino, USA and International Association of Academics in collaboration with S.S.Jain Subodh PG (Autonomous) College.

### NCC Training Programme

\* Dr. Harbhajan Singh (Department of Geography) trained three month NCC training at Officers Training Academy at Kamptee, Nagpur and qualified as Associate NCC Officer.

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## Campus Buzz

Amidst the 'busyness' of studies and regular classroom sessions, some cultural events also made way into the academic schedule to liven and bubble up the environment with celebration and excitement. Fresher party 'Abhinandan' by the



*Fresher's party of the Department of BBA*

Department of BBA was a grand event organized with much fanfare.

"Fiesta 2015, a fresher's party for P.G. students was also organized by the Physics Department, featuring various cultural activities such as dances, songs, mimics and poems.



*Fresher's party of the Department of Physics*

'Esperanza', was another gala event organized by the Department of Computer Science to welcome the new and young entrants in their department.

College life is full of varied experiences with learning being the core of it.



*Fresher's party of the Dept. of Computer Science*

Besides academics, many social and moral lessons are also imbibed by the learners during their academic journey.

The guest lecture on 'Literature as Celebration' by Dr. Deepa Mathur, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur organized by the



*Guest Lecture by Literary Society*



## Speak your 'Self'

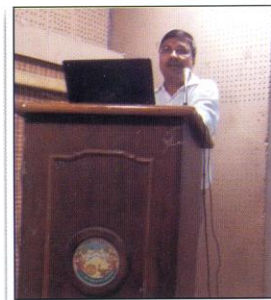
**Dr. Supriya Paliwal**  
Department of Psychology

'My success was built on learning from failures.'  
- Satya Nadella

Whatever we do in life we always mark our progress by success. It is important to us for many psychological reasons: it makes us feel we are competent, capable and gives a reassurance that we can do things. But the truth is that we can mark the progress in our life equally by failures as by success. We link failure to a belief that we do not have what is required to make it in the world and we will always fall short of something. Failure damages our good feelings about ourselves. It can be cruel to us. We are greatly helped in life when we have a balance of success and failure. Success can strengthen our feelings of competence but failure makes us think in a humble way reminding us that we are humans and that we can do well when we take good with bad. Experiences of failure can have an important place in psychological growth. We do not welcome them, but they have something good for us. They challenge us to examine ourselves more closely and compel us to ask ourselves- where we went wrong? This self analysis makes us think and perform better. We get a chance to find out that are people who succeed good and those who fail bad. Failure can be a toxic emotion, but do not be afraid of failing, do not let fear stop you from moving ahead. A very nice thing about failure is that it is entirely on us as to how we perceive it. We can see it as "the end of the world", or as an incredible learning experience. Whenever we fail we must look at it as an incredible learning experience. These lessons are important as this is how we grow and stop making mistakes. Failures stop us only if we are psychologically weak and let them stop us. So never get into the habit of giving up. Remember with each failure comes a new learning experience.

## Campus Buzz

Department of English offered to the students, a new way of reading and enjoying literature, which developed and/or reinforced their interest in reading literary texts. Similarly, the guest lecture of Mr. Navin Sharma (Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Gravita India Ltd.) on Lead Recycling: Necessity and Advantages' by the Department of Chemistry was an endeavour to throw fresh light on the uses of lead so as to keep the environment sustainable.



Guest Lecture by  
Department of Chemistry

The Department of Physics also organized a guest lecture on the topic "Track attachment membranes". The resource person was the Russian scientist Dr. D. Mitry Zagarsky from Institute of Crystallography, Moscow University, Russia.



Guest Lecture by Department of Physics

Alumni are an asset to any institution because they are not only the ambassadors of that place but also act as a mirror reflecting the outcome of the efforts made by the institution to make them world ready. Alumni meet organized by the

Department of Computer Science was attended by the former students in great number and projected a fine picture of the well settled and successful 'Subodhians.'

Industrial trips were also organized by the Department of EAFM and the Department of Computer Science with an

aim of facilitating learning

through experience. The visit also led to making the knowledge acquisition pleasurable as well as fun. The students participated with great zeal and one couldn't have missed their exuberant faces.

We love our country and are proud of its territorial assets. This was the

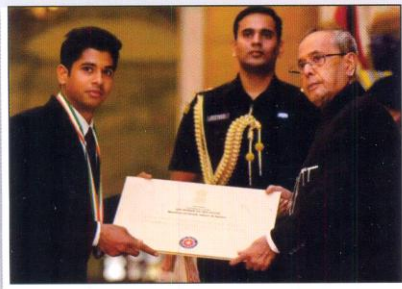


Alumni Meet (Department of Computer Science)



## Students' Gallery of Fame

\* Anshul Gour (M.A. Sem I) was conferred with Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award (NSS) by President Pranab Mukherjee for being instrumental in the promotion of social service activities.



\* Four cadets from the college have been selected for participation in Republic Day Parade

\* Swati Dudhwal (M. A Sem I) has won gold medal in National Ranking Archery Championship and has been selected to represent India in SAF games starting from 5th Feb 2016.

\* Manendra Singh (B.A. Sem V), a member of Rajasthan Ranji team 2015-16 scored century against Punjab.

\* An article of Sonu Singhal & Mohit Khandelwal (M. Sc. Sem III) on saving of road electricity was published in *Vigayan Pragati*. (Issue: Sep., 2015)

\* Ms. Poonam (M.Sc. Sem III) has been selected as flying officer in Indian Airforce.

\* Ms. Rinku Sharma (M.Sc. Sem I) was awarded Gold Medal in National level Taekwondo championship.

## Campus Buzz

message reiterated on the day of Kashmir merger by Mr. R.S.N Singh, Ex Member (RAW), who not only highlighted the geographical importance of Kashmir but also its political significance for a country like India. The occasion was also graced by the Education Minister Sh. Kalicharan Saraf;

Shri Kanhaiyalal Chaturvedi, editor of *Pathey Kan*; Sh. B.S. Pradhan, Senior Administrative Officer; Shri R.C. Jain, Convenor, S.S.Jain Subodh College and Prof. K.B. Sharma. The event also marked the launch of Subodh newsletter by all the dignitaries present on the stage.

Subodh college emphasizes on collaborative approach towards achieving its academic goals and facilitating professional as well as personal growth of its students and staff. As a

step towards this, a debate competition on 'Patriotism and Nation Building' was organized in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Rajasthan (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India) to reinforce a sense of responsibility in the young minds of today towards their nation as an individual as well as a part of youth community

'An extended hand for help may one day lead to shaping of arms strong enough to rule the world.' The Department of EAFM visited RAYS - 'Aasha ki ek kiran' a home for special children on 24th Dec., 2015 to bring hope in the young minds to be able to see the world with more positivity and to help them instill faith in life and its goals.

For professional accomplishments and success, healthy body and mind are not only essential but desirable too. In order to help faculty members understand the importance of keeping oneself healthy as well as active and creating effective work life balance, a guest lecture by Dr. Ravinder Singh Rao, Sr. Heart Consultant, EHCC, Jaipur was organized. The session was fruitful in terms of the tips and strategies for maintaining healthy lifestyle that were shared with the audience.



Kashmir Merger Day



Debate competition on 'Patriotism and Nation Building'



\* Positions won by college in intercollegiate sports events organized by the University of Rajasthan:

- ❖ Archery - Winner
- ❖ Cricket - Winner
- ❖ Football - Winner
- ❖ Gymnastics- Winner
- ❖ Handball- Winner
- ❖ Kabbadi - Winner
- ❖ Table Tennis- Winner
- ❖ Tennis - Winner
- ❖ Weight Lifting - Winner



*Winner Archery Team*

- ❖ Athletics -Runners up
- ❖ Badminton - Runners up
- ❖ Boxing - Runners up
- ❖ Cross Country- Runners up
- ❖ Cycling - Runners up
- ❖ Hockey- Runners up
- ❖ Judo - Runners up
- ❖ Pistol & Air Rifle- Runners up
- ❖ Squash Rackets- Runners up



*Winner Football Team*

## Creative Hues

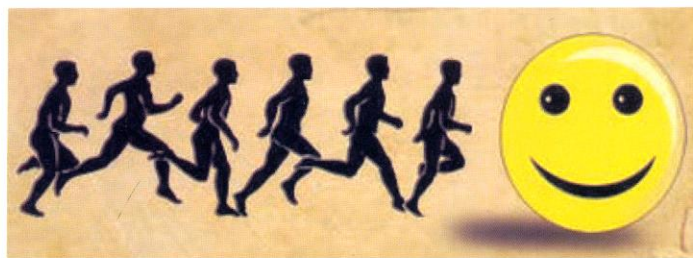
### In Pursuit of Happiness

**Dr. Rama Hirawat, Department of English**

Our contemporary world is etched with boundaries: physical and psychological. Physical borders can be crossed with the miracle of technology but psychological borders evolve constantly and it becomes impossible to bridge them without self-analysis and realization. Each human being is engulfed in a relentless pursuit of happiness, which they seek in situation (I would be so happy if I could get a lucrative job or a foreign trip!), individual (lover, spouse or child), or products (thanks to our growing consumerist attitudes). That's it? Is this all we need to be happy? Amen. I wish it was so easy to become and stay happy (all the happily married rich guys would actually be happy). But life is as we all know a rollercoaster ride and it is our nature to be doubtful and be discontented.

Happiness is a state of tranquil and satiate mind. Disrupting emotions and the unquenchable thirst for more, disturbs our thoughts and obstructs the faculty of analysing our conducts. Engulfed in picayunish concerns and desires, we forget that the ultimate desire is happiness which is stable- joy. We need to understand that happiness is like a butterfly- the more we chase it, the more it eludes us. The moment we focus on our Karma, it will come quietly and sit on our shoulder. Scratching like a feline may get us materialistic pleasures but surely it will not bring us stationary happiness.

Let us ask ourselves - are we really happy? All of us who are reading this article have means to fulfil our basic (and more than basic) needs, and to a degree we are all settled individuals yet how many are emotionally and physically fit, are not desperate to prove something, get something. Amidst the hustle and bustle of personal and professional lives do we really enjoy or understand the purpose of our existence. We have turned into selfish beings who are concerned with all things that can be designated as 'My'. (Even when we do charity we think it's good for Me, I'll receive the blessings). We have to re-channelize our actions by evaluating our intentions and by moving beyond mean prejudices. We need to understand that whatever good actions we do are the reason of our existence, this is for what we have been sent to this earth. Let's open up our arms and selflessly embrace the humanistic virtues. Let's strive to do our karma earnestly and therein lies our dignity and contentment. This sincerity inevitably leads to a beatified soul.





## Daughters

Dr. Namita Singh  
Department of English

Daughters are lovely,  
Daughters are sweet;  
Their unconditional love no one can beat.  
They are the flowers with a wonderful scent;  
who bloom somewhere  
and spread their aroma somewhere else.  
They are known as the epitome of sacrifice;  
Since childhood they learn to fit into the role  
of perfect bride.

They part from us to kindle someone's  
house;  
And are taught to prove a better spouse.  
They move to in-laws with dreams in their  
eyes;  
With hopes and promises of some new ties.  
Dreams of love and dreams of life;  
Bought in exchange of dowry of lakh twenty  
five.

Once, the princess of their homes, now turn  
into so-called queens;  
Their tiny shoulders, with huge  
responsibility, reveal their wonderful being.  
They bear all sorrows, ups and downs;  
Never complain under the pretention of the  
social crown.

Suddenly we get news current;  
Your lovely daughter is accidentally burnt!  
She was working carelessly in the kitchen;  
Hence hurt herself in that situation.  
Is this the fate of these lovely daughters?  
I asked myself calming down with a glass of  
water.

Thank God! It was just a dream;  
I said after awaking with a scream.  
I found my lovely daughters standing beside  
me;

With care on their faces and several worries.  
What happened Mumma? The elder one  
asked;  
Looking them with affection I took an oath  
fast.

My daughters will never become the  
epitome of sacrifice;  
In the fire of dowry, they will not lose their  
lives.

They will turn into independent women;  
Having all the values in them interwoven.  
They will serve their society and nation;  
And prove themselves a wonderful creation.

## एक बात युवा पीढ़ी से .....

Dr. Suman Yadav  
Department of History

बच्चों की पढ़ाई शुरू होते ही प्रतियोगिता का भाव उनमें पैदा कर दिया जाता है, बच्चा समझ जाता है कि जहाँ प्रवेश में ही प्रतियोगिता है वहाँ पढ़ाई में क्या होगा? अक्सर प्रतिभाशाली व्यक्तित्व के धनी विद्यार्थी भी परीक्षाओं में इतने प्रभावी सिद्ध नहीं हो पाते, जितना उन्हें होना चाहिए इसके पीछे कई कारण व मुद्दे हो सकते हैं, परंतु एक महत्वपूर्ण कारण होता है - उनके विचारों की अपवित्रता, अश्लील व्यवहार, जिद्दी व आक्रामक स्वभाव। धीरे-धीरे प्रतियोगिता से भरा यह व्यक्तित्व बड़ा होने लगता है व जीवन के क्षेत्र बदलने पर यही प्रतियोगिता प्रतियोगिता में बदल जाती है।

प्रतियोगिता दौरे में किसी प्रबुद्ध व्यक्ति का भी धैर्य कहाँ होगा कि वह समाज को एक-एक व्यक्ति को चुनकर आत्मबोध करवाता फिरे। यहाँ पर आकर समाज की स्थिति को सुव्यवस्थित करने के प्रयत्न में नियमों की संरचना आवश्यक हो जाती है। लोकस्थिति के लिए चिन्तन की सीमाओं का निर्धारण अपरिहार्य हो उठता है। चिन्तन को यदि सीमाओं से मुक्त कर दिया जाये तो उचित-अनुचित, पाप-पुण्य, गुण-दोष, धर्म-अधर्म तथा सत्य-असत्य आदि में कोई अंतर नहीं रहेगा। चोरी करना अनुचित कार्य है, पाप है, दोष है, अधर्म है तथा असत्यनिष्ठ है परंतु चोरी करने वाले को यदि बोध हो गया तो वह चोरी करने में प्रवृत्त क्यों होगा? उसके विवेक में यह बोध नहीं होता अर्थात् वह अन्धकार में है। दण्डित होने के पश्चात भी यदि अपनी हठधर्मिता से वह उसमें प्रवृत्त रहता है तो इसका अर्थ यह कदापि नहीं हो सकता है कि बोध होने के पश्चात भी करता है, नहीं वह भी अन्धकार में है। प्रकृति का यह नियम है कि अन्धकार तब तक रहता है जब तक प्रकाश प्रस्फुटित नहीं होता।

मनुष्य नितांत अकेला प्राणी है, ज्ञात अथवा अज्ञात रूप में वह किसी ना किसी आदर्श, किसी ना किसी आश्रय को खोजता रहता है जिससे उसका वैचारिक तादात्म्य हो। कर्म सम्पादन में एक तथ्य को गीता प्रकट करती है। "दोषयुक्त होने पर भी सहज नियत कर्म न छोड़े क्योंकि समस्त कार्यों का प्राथमिक स्वरूप दोषों से उसी प्रकार आवृत रहता है जैसे अग्नि का प्रारम्भिक स्वरूप धूम से आवृत रहता है।" एक और बात स्पष्ट है कि सभी प्रारम्भिक अवस्था दुर्बल होती है। गीता किन्हीं जटिल आदर्शों का पालन करने के लिए मजबूर नहीं करती-वह तो कर्म करने की प्रेरणा देती है तथा उसकी अनिवार्यता को सिद्ध करती है। निष्काम भाव आने पर सहजतया किसी को भी अपना स्वाभाविक कर्म छोड़ने को विवश नहीं होना पड़ता और न ही इसे छोड़ने की आवश्यकता होती है। स्वच्छ अन्तःकरण व नैतिक चरित्र के विकास हेतु हमारे विद्यालयों, महाविद्यालयों, में समय-समय पर संतसग व नैतिक आध्यात्मिक मूल्यों की समझ देने वाले कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन होना चाहिए। हमारा चरित्र सशक्त व सुजनात्मक होने पर ही जीवन का हर दौर सफलता का पर्याय बन जाएगा। कहा भी गया है-

"धीरे-धीरे रै मना धीरे सब कुछ होय।

माली सींचै सौ घड़ा ऋतु आया फल होय।।

## फर्ज की तर्ज पर दो बातें .....

Swati Sharma  
Department of BBA

जिंदगी की राह पर  
तू चले ही जा  
खोए हुए रास्तों पर ही सही  
किसी को मंजिल तू दिखा सके,  
वो काबिले हुनर तू ला।

खुदागर्जों की इस दुनिया में  
तू खुद को खुदा बना  
किसी के लिए तू जी,  
तो किसी के लिए मर के दिखा।

आसों तो नहीं है  
जिंदगी का फलसफा निभाना  
जज़्बे का तू सबब बन,  
नामुमकिन को मुमकिन कर दिखा।

दुनिया के छलावों में  
तू खुद को न भुला  
तू मुहब्बत, तू इनायत, तू अकीदत,  
और किसी के लिए मरहम बन जा।



## महिला प्रस्थिति एवं मानवाधिकार

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समाज में महिलाओं की भूमिका जन्म से ही लिंग के द्विध्रुवीकरण के कारण अतार्किक व स्वेच्छाचारी ढंग से निर्धारित की जाती रही है। पुरुष व महिलाओं को बचपन से ही समाज के नियमों से परिचित कराया जाता है जिससे बाद में वे उसी तरह का आचरण करते हैं। इस कारण से दोनों के बीच मनोवैज्ञानिक अंतर सामाजिक क्रम में उत्पन्न हो जाते हैं और रीति रिवाजों से संस्थागत हो जाते हैं। इसलिए समाज के नियमों को परिवर्तित करना अत्यन्त कठिन हो जाता है। उत्पादन, पुनः उत्पादन व बच्चों का समाजीकरण- इन सभी परतों में महिलाएं मुख्य भूमिका निभाती हैं परन्तु इन पर स्वयं महिलाओं का सबसे कम नियन्त्रण होता है और वे सामान्यतः पुरुषों द्वारा नियंत्रित की जाती हैं। इस तरह सदियों तक महिला पुरुष के द्वारा उपेक्षित, उत्पीड़ित, त्रसित, शोषित व संवेदित रही हैं। परन्तु 20 वीं सदी में महिलाओं की स्थिति में सुधार लाने हेतु विश्व के अनेक भागों में आन्दोलन हुए। कई देशों में महिलाओं को मताधिकार प्राप्त हुआ।

सार्वभौमिक घोषणा 1948 में महिला समानता को मानव जाति की शान्ति, न्याय व समृद्धि के लिए आवश्यक माना और यह सिद्धान्त रूप से स्वीकार किया गया कि जब तक पुरुष मानव जाति के अपरिहार्य भाग महिला वर्ग को अपने साथ नहीं लेगा तब तक पुरुष समग्र विकास, शान्ति व समृद्धि की कल्पना तक नहीं कर सकता। यदि वह नारी का सहयोग, सह अस्तित्व व संयोग, समृद्धि के लिए स्नेह नैसर्गिक रूप से लेता हो तभी लौकिक जीवन की समरसता, सुरक्षा व संरक्षण सुनिश्चित हो सकेगा। नारी उत्थान तथा नारी सबलीकरण/सशक्तिवाद के सन्दर्भ में भारत में राष्ट्रीय महिला अधिकार आयोग का गठन 1922 में किया गया, जिसकी प्रथम अध्यक्ष मोहिनी गिरि थी। भारतीय राष्ट्रीय महिला अधिकार आयोग का गठन नारी स्वतन्त्रता, समानता व न्याय के संदर्भ में वे प्रयास करने के उद्देश्य से किया गया है जिसमें प्रथमतः नारी शोषण व उत्पीड़न रुके और द्वितीयतः नारी का विकास व सशक्तिकरण के सकारात्मक उपाय किए जायें ताकि राष्ट्रीय विकास की धारा में नारी का भी समुचित, प्रभावी व सकारात्मक योगदान हो। आज महिलाओं को घरेलू मामलों सम्बंधी, कार्य क्षेत्र सम्बंधी, जायदाद सम्बंधी, व्यक्तिगत सुरक्षा सम्बंधी तथा पंचायतीराज व्यवस्था में भागीदारी सम्बंधी आदि कानूनों का संरक्षण प्राप्त है।

अतः मानव अधिकार तत्त्व रूप में सभ्य समाज की मौलिक आवश्यकता एवं मांगें हैं। यह समाज की स्वीकृत इच्छाएं हैं, जो समाज में रहने वाले प्रत्येक नागरिक को प्राप्त हैं, तथा व्यक्तिगत विकास में, समाज में समग्र विकास की दिशा निर्धारित करने में मानव अधिकारों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका है।

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## Light the spark of positivity within you

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You must have heard that small bunches of efforts always lead to great success. Everybody today is in the desire of big achievements at a stroke, which is moreover a dream fantasy. A bunch of people are there who have faith in continuous efforts, rest all want spontaneous success. This tendency has developed anxiety, lack of patience and the habit of adopting short-cuts and finally when the goal is not achieved the youth unable to face the situation gets into severe depression. There is no short-cut to any big and long lasting success, it's only the result of continuous effective efforts, in a smarter way. Do compare yourself with others but with a positive attitude rather than with a sense of jealousy and rivalry.

Try to inculcate the positive aspects of your competitors, so that your personality may get groomed with positivity towards the life. "You become, what you think", so let your personality reflect a positive aura to all. Don't complain; try to bring the change within yourself which you do expect from others. One day you will see that your positivity will definitely illuminate the path of your success. Every effort, every single step with a positive attitude adds on positivity to your aim as the "plus" "+" itself characterizes add-on. Whereas a negative thinking and negative approach "-" (minus), creates hurdles and distances you from your goal. In the starting phase you may be alone on the path but do not get afraid of it, as the positivity within you will definitely attract the others to get onto your road.

So, remember that no short cut and no negative approach lead to any success. Only hard work, continuous efforts, determination, dedication and above all the positivity, are the keys to the success of life.

*Itnaa bhi mushkil nahee sawaal-e-zindagee...tu hal to kar...*

*Mushkilen khud-b-khud bakhurd ho jaayengee ...ek pehal to kar...*



## Combating Corruption: A Global Phenomenon

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Corruption means lack of integrity. It is a malafide act done with an intent to gain some advantage, inconsistent with official duty and the rights of others. In simple words corruption is use of public office for private gain. It is a global phenomenon which has tremendously increased over time and now rampant in all societies across the world.

Corruption in India is a consequence of the nexus between bureaucrats, politicians and criminals. Earlier, bribes were paid for getting wrong things done but now bribe is paid for getting right things done at right time. It is a vicious circle which keeps going on. It does not shock Indians anymore to know that politicians, ministers and bureaucrats are corrupt, even the judges, professors, doctors also belong to the same category. Corruption is prevalent in almost every section of society and at every level. What differs is the magnitude of corruption. Causes, things and situation that water the poisonous plant of corruption are many and complex. Some of the leading causes include overpopulation, unemployment, poverty, illiteracy, low wages of government employees and monopoly of elite class. It is no wonder that the Indian democracy is fast running into a system "by elite, for the elite and of the elite".

There are some specific measures to control the increasing corruption. The right to information (RTI) is one of them. It gives us all the required information about the government such as where the revenue and expenditure is done. In this act one has rights to ask government why the road outside one's house is not repaired and why has one not received one's ration card yet.

Another potent check on corruption is Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). If there is any case of corruption or any complaint thereof, then that can be reported to CVC and redressal of the same can be sought. Establishment of special courts for speedy justice can make a huge positive impact. Transparency and accountability are must for proper functioning of a democratic system.

Therefore, functioning of the government should be more accountable, citizen friendly, ethical and transparent. The need of the time is proper, impartial and unbiased use of various anti-corruption regulations to take strong, deterrent and timely legal action against the offenders irrespective of their political connection or money power. These anti corruption strategies combined with strong will and cooperation from citizens as well as levels of official, politicians, and bureaucrats will no doubt make India, in times to come, a less corrupted country or rather a corruption free nation.

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## Empowering Women of Today

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India today is at the cusp of paradigm change in its growth and its position in the world. We (men and women) must act decisively to capture this opportunity. We need to think big and scale up rapidly in each and every area, be it education, infrastructure, industry, financial services or equality of both men and women. History is a witness of women who in the past had demonstrated unique leadership capabilities, Razia Sultan, Rani of Jhansi, Sarojini Naidu, Indira Gandhi, to name a few. God has gifted women with compassion, tender heartedness, caring nature and concern for others which are essential for women to become and succeed as leaders. In order to help women to be in limelight they need to be empowered. Women empowerment generally has five components: firstly, women's sense of self worth; Secondly, their right to have and determine choices; thirdly, their right to have power and control their own life; fourthly, their right to have access to opportunities and resources; and lastly their ability to influence the direction of social change to create a just social and economic order globally. Education attainment, economic participation, social interaction and intra-household decision making are the key constituents in ensuring empowerment of women.

In India the empowerment process has already begun. We are now witnessing a steady improvement in enrolment of women in schools, colleges and even in professional institutes. Their health status is getting better compared to last decades. In this decade women are entering into non-traditional sectors like police, defense, administration, media and research fields. 26 laws have been enacted so far to protect the dignity and to ensure the security of women. The recent law on the "protection of women against domestic violence" satisfies the long pending demand of women activists. In political fields the reservation for women is a significant step towards their political empowerment. But a lot of work has to be done as there is a category of women (who consider themselves highly educated) that proudly accepts that they don't have digital literacy. Women in India feel proud to display that they are well protected and pampered by their husband without realizing that they are making themselves helpless. This type of extreme dependency is not good for development of women. If women choose to be ignorant then all efforts taken by government and women activists will go in vain. In the name of empowerment there is also a need to inspire women with the courage to break free from the chains of limiting beliefs, patterns and societal or religious conditions that have traditionally kept women suppressed and unable to realize their beauty and strength.