

SACRED SPACE

# Courtesy...does it pay?

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Courtesy, although an eight alphabets word but carries a lot of meaning and takes any individual to a very respectable and high place or brings down his social stature at such a low level that no one likes to be in any relation with him or her. It can be, therefore, defined as the act of showing regard for others, excellence of manners or social conduct coupled with blend of polite behaviour.

Courtesy is nothing more than consideration for others. It opens the doors that would not otherwise open. A courteous person, who is not very sharp, will go further in life than a discourteous but sharp person. It not only makes a person to be well behaved but also enhances its personality to face any challenge which may come in his/her life time.

It is little things that make a big difference. Courtesy is made of nothing more than many small gifts. Small courtesies will take a person much further than cleverness. Courtesy is an offshoot of deep moral behaviour. It costs nothing but pays a lot.

No one is too big or too busy to practice courtesy. Courtesy means giving a seat to the elderly or to the disabled while travelling in public transport, which is not a difficult thing. Courtesy can be a warm smile or saying thanks to some one. It is a small investment but payoffs are big. It enhances the other person's self-worth. Courtesy requires humility.

Courtesy and manners go hand in hand. It is equally important to practice manners at home and not just on outsiders. Showing consideration and good manners brings out a feeling of warmth and acceptance in the home. Courtesy means practicing good manners and making small sacrifices to others.

Besides, being self-satisfying, politeness and courtesy have many more advantages than rude behaviour. Rude and discourteous people may get short-term results. Most people avoid dealing with such behaviour and in the long run, rude people are disliked. Courteous behaviour ought



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to be taught to children at an early age so that they can grow and become mature, considerate adults. Courteous behaviour, once learned, stays for life. It demonstrates a caring attitude and sensitivity to other people's feelings. It seems trivial and unimportant, little phrases such as "please" "thank-you" and "I am sorry" take a person a long way. Remember, being courteous will breed courtesy in return. Practice as much as often as you can.

Politeness is the hallmark of gentleness. Courtesy is another name for politeness. It costs a little but pays a lot, not only to the individual but also to the entire organisation. Courtesy coupled with politeness also plays significant role in social, political, educational setup of the Indian society. One who adopts this will definitely enhance while those who ignored will have to face the wrath.

Have you noticed that sometimes, when one person is telling a joke, another person will jump in and give the punch line, drawing attention to himself. And after everyone laughs, he will reveal where he read it. This may show superior knowledge but it shows inferior manners.

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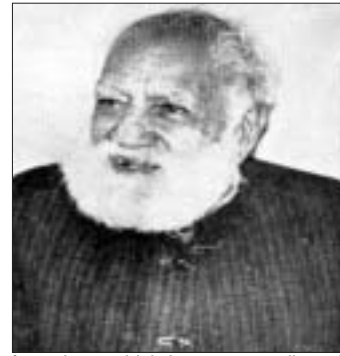
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Today, is the world is universalized, modern societies at national and international levels play a significant role. However, if we talk about the western world, the people are more courteous and tolerable. In Indian civil society, people are tolerable and courteous but still we have to strive a lot way to make the same in real sense. We have an age old tradition and rich cultural diversity but it is matter of concern that we have forgotten while the western nations are adopting our culture and traditions. Rabindernath Tagore once commented on the non-violence concept of the Father of the Nation that western world will adopt non-violence much before the Eastern world. It is the matter of fact that western adopted various aspects of the society like tolerance, respect for others, universalisation and brotherhood in comparison with eastern one. So, we as Indians have to go a long way to go to acquire such important aspect of the society which we call courtesy.

There are a few literateurs in the world who devote themselves towards the development of literature in letter and spirit. Dr. Siddheshwar Verma was one of them who was an internationally known linguist and phonetician. By dint of his devotion towards study he had acquired a fair knowledge of many major languages when he had just touched 37th year of his life. These languages are Sanskrit, English, French, German, Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu and when he reached 70th year of his age he had mastered over 30 languages including Tamil, one of the most difficult languages, amongst the world, languages. With the result he had been acknowledged by the both Indian as well as European scholars. But if is really very sad that such a great son of our country had expired in Delhi almost unsung and unwept on 17 August, 1985. Even in Jammu, where, he had served as a Professor of Sanskrit for a pretty long time, he was mourned in a very small gathering of his admirers and disciples though he had dozens of them in this city of temples and at the time of his first death anniversary only a few scholars had gathered in a small room and paid tribute to him and passed a resolution demanding a Siddheshwar Verma chair of Professorship in Jammu University and to raise a memorial after his name. But alas! After 1987 it was felt as if the name of Dr. Siddheshwar Verma was just a myth. Linguistic Society of India, Jammu, Club, however, held a seminar on 12th December 1991 which was presided over by Dr. Ved Ghai and Prof. M.L. Lakhanpal, the then Vice-Chancellor of Jammu University. Thus after a silence of four years he was again remembered by his admirers in Jammu. But it may be pointed out that great men never die and thus always remain immortal on the pages of history. It is true that Dr. Siddheshwar Verma was not so popular amongst general masses but he was highly acclaimed by the scholarly world especially across boundaries of the seas and nations including Pakistan.

Dr S.P. Shrivatas

Incidentally, during those days he came into the contact with Dr. Keshava Deva Shastri in 1906, whose dynamic personality and scholarship not only made an ever lasting impact on his career but also brought a commendable change in his outlook. With the result the boy, Pindidas inclined towards Sanskrit study and within a short span of period he acquired a working knowledge of this great language. Obviously, the company of Dr. Shastri proved to be blessing in disguise to Pindidas. After doing MA (History) though he held several administrative posts by and by, none could give mental solace to him as he was very much eager to acquire deep knowledge. After M.A. first of all he joined as a private secretary to Raja Sir Nahar Singh and side by side he was also asked to work as a private tutor to Prince Satrunjaya Singh who later on had tolerance Raja of Bijwa (Oudh). But since he wanted to study Sanskrit he left Maharaja's job and joined as a teacher in Hindu High School at Gujranwala whereafter sometime he was promoted as a headmaster in 1915. But that administrative job too did not suite his nature in any way, rather that proved a great hinder-



from them which later on contributed to shape his great personality to a great extent.

ance in his scholarly pursuits. So ultimately he had to leave that job also. But luckily soon after that he joined as lecturer in Sanskrit in Prince of Wales College (now Gandhi Memorial Science College) Jammu and he continued there till his retirement in Nov. 1943, barring a period of about three years when he was sent abroad in connection with his research leading to D. L. degree. During his stay in Jammu he apart from his literary pursuits developed interest in the comparative study of all the branches of the Indian philosophy vis-a-vis western philosophy and culture. He worked day and night for four consecutive years and thus acquired very good command over philosophic knowledge. This study actually proved blessing in disguise for him, as then authorities of education department knew regarding the same he was asked to deliver special lectures on religious instructions on secular lines, and soon after that he was appointed as Secretary for India of the International Moral Education Congress in 1923.

Apart from his tremendous achievement in the field of philosophy, religion and culture he showed keen interest to learn the major languages of the world such as French, Greek, Latin, Russian, Slavonic, German, Arabic and Persian etc. and also some Indian languages like Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and also Tamil (at the age of 70). Actually, it was the result of this keen interest of learning languages of Dr. Verma that he was awarded a language scholarship by Government of India for higher studies in Europe. Sincere by heart and sweet-spoken as he was, he never lost his temper and thus was affectionate towards all. He was punctual in true sense of term. When he used to go to Prince of Wales College (now G.G.M. Science College) people used to correct the time of their watches. He was very systematic, precise and consistent with regard to his daily routine. During summer vacation he used to spend most of his time either in collecting data of the above mentioned groups of dialects or staying at Kud to consolidate them. Actually, whole credit goes to his wife who used to attend him like his shadow.

No doubt due to his scholarship of the world repute he was an institute himself. He was also an instrument for the foundation of the several literary societies like-(1) Linguistic Society of India alongwith Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee and Dr. A.C. Woolner with its first headquarter in Lahore, which was later on shifted to Calcutta and then to Poona where it is still functioning, (2) Association of thinkers, (3) Shabda Brahma Parishad, and (4) Samabhava Mandal. When Dogri Research Institute, Jammu was founded in 1962, Dr. Verma was requested to be its one of

PERSONALITY

# A forgotten scholar of world repute

the patrons which he continued till last moment of his life. When there was a question for the recognition of Dogri language by " Sahitya Akademi" it was Dr. Verma who pleaded the case of this language and ultimately the Chairman Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee was convinced to grant recognition to this language, in 1969.

In recognition of his, devotion towards linguistic study and love for all the great languages of the world and their literature he was awarded "Padma Bhushana" by the Government of India in 1957. He was also awarded the President's Certificate of honour for his contribution in the field of Indology in 1967. In the same year the Punjabi University, Patiala had conferred the D. Lit. (H.C.) upon him and also so by the University of Jammu in April 1982. The Jammu and Kashmir Government had felicitated him with "Robe of Honour" Acharya Vishwa Bandhu of V.V.R. Institute had edited a felicitation volume namely "Siddha Bharati" into volumes in 1950 and presented to him in a function organised in his honour. We are very thankful to Dr. Verma that he had refuted Dr. Grierson that Dogri being a tonal language like Punjabi may be considered as one of the dialects of the later. On the contrary he had established that Dogri was an independent language and was a ruin of a great language which was ever spoke n in the area stretched from Himalaya to Ambala Cantt. Though at present Dr. Verma is no more with us, yet his great deeds are with us to guide us for furthering the cause of the languages and literature. Let the people forget him but the niche of him to be carved on the pages of history can never be removed.

On his death Mr. Kalim Akhtar had rightly recorded in Pakistan Times, Lahore sometime in October 1985-"He is no more in this world, but I still visualise him walking quietly on the Residency Road, Jammu, steeped deeply in his thoughts. So weep no more on his death, for his achievements will be remembered a long time to come. He was indeed a great 'Darvesh' who always worked for the upliftment of humanity in general."

It was my good luck that he had given me so much time as he was very much generous towards Jammuites. That meeting was fixed one month earlier through a correspondence otherwise without prior appointment it was very difficult rather impossible to meet him as he was very much punctual. He used to schedule his daily routine from minute to minute. It is really, sad that people of Jammu have forgotten Dr. Verma. After all he had remained and worked here for 30 long years. Something should have been done to keep on his memory.

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CAREER COUNSELLING

# CBI - the Epitome of Integrity

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Over the past few days, one organization that has been in the news is Central Bureau of investigation. Much talked and hyped, it is one of the most prestigious organizations that offers a lucrative and prestigious career option.

Owing its genesis to the royal dynasties that used to rule the different regions of the world, it has progressed with civilization, and today stands tall taking care of all the intelligence activities within and outside the country.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is a government agency of India that serves as a criminal investigation body, national security agency and intelligence agency. It is an elite force which plays a major role in preservation of values in public life besides taking care of the health of the economy based on the barometer reports. It is also the nodal police agency in India which coordinates investigation on behalf of Interpol Member countries.

Let us travel back in time to the year 1941 when the Special Police Establishment was established. The Central Bureau of Investigation was later established on 1 April 1963. It has earned the sobriquet of "Industry, Impartiality, Integrity".

**Getting in:** Getting in this epitome of prestige, power and integrity is by no means easy. You can either find an entry by taking up U.P.S.C., examination or by Central Government Deputation. Otherwise you can also get into the CBI by taking up the examination for Sub Inspector category, as and when called for by the S.S.C.

This examination is conducted by the Staff Selection Commission once in a year, normally during the month of February and notification for this examination is normally issued by the SSC through leading employment newspapers in the month of October of the previous year. Last date for submission of application forms for this examination is generally fixed during the first week of November.

You must be in the age group of 20 to 25 years as on the first of January of the year in which you are applying. However, upper age relaxation is applicable for reserved category candidates according to the rules of government of India. As far as educational qualification is concerned, you must be degree holders from a recognized university.

In addition to age and educational qualification requirements, you will also have to fulfill certain physical standards like height of 157.5 cms and chest size of 81 cms, fully expanded with a minimum expansion of 5 cms.

This examination tests the ability of the candidates through preliminary and main examinations. Preliminary examination will have questions on English Comprehension, Numerical Aptitude, General Awareness, General Intelligence and reasoning ability while main examination will have questions to test Arithmetic ability, Statistics, English comprehension skills. Only candidates getting through the main examination will be invited for attending the interview. Candidates will also have to take up walking and cycling test as well.

**Appointments:** Appointments to all Group - A posts are made by

the President of India in consultation with the U.P.S.C. like the Director, Special Director, Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Senior Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Police, Additional Superintendent of Police, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Director of Prosecution, Additional Legal Advisor, Public Prosecutors, Principal System Analyst, Programmers.

Appointments to all Group - B posts like Assistant Public Prosecutors, Assistant programmers, Senior Library and Information Officer in the Central Bureau of Investigation, are made by the Director, CBI in consultation with the U.P.S.C., wherever necessary.

Appointments to all Group - C posts, Inspector, Sub Inspector, Assistant Sub Inspector, Head Constable except the posts of Senior Clerk Stenos, L.D.Cs, Head Constables and Constables, Care Tak-

ers are made by the Dy. Inspector General of Police. Appointments to all posts in Group - DL like the Dresses, Daftry, support staff are made by the Superintendent of Police.

All officers who are recruited directly are trained by the CBI at the Police Academy in Ghaziabad (UP). IPS officers are trained at Hyderabad. The CBI also runs a special training center at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

**CBI Spectrum:** Over all these years, the CBI has gained ground and footing and has established a reputation of being India's premier investigative agency with adequate resources to deal with complicated cases. It has had a ripple effect and many more cases were brought under its umbrella such as murder, kidnapping, terrorism, etc. Apart from this, the Supreme Court and even the various High Courts of the country also started entrusting such cases for investigation to the CBI on petitions filed by aggrieved parties. Taking into account the fact that several cases falling under this category were being taken up for investigation by the CBI, it was found expedient to entrust such cases to the branches having local jurisdiction.

The year 1987 proved as a landmark year in the growth trajectory when CBI was made to broaden its spectrum and to constitute two investigation divisions, namely, Anti-Corruption Division and Special

Crimes Division, the latter dealing with cases of conventional crime, besides economic offences. The main areas of work within the intelligence services are in the following organizations:

**Investigation Bureau (IB)** Barring legal powers, the Investigation Bureau (IB) takes care of collection and analysis of information. Grade I and II officers work with the Investigation Bureau. Grade I include Assistant Director, Deputy Director, Joint Director, Special Director/Special Secretary. Superior posts are usually filled from State Police Service and IPS officers.

Grade II include Security Assistant (Constable), Junior Intelligence Officer, Assistant Central Intelligence Officer, Deputy Central Intelligence Officer, Assistant Director

There is direct recruitment for the junior posts. Deputy Central Intelligence Officers and Assistant Directors may be appointed through deputation or by direct recruitment.

**Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)** Initially having come into being as an integral part of the Investigation Bureau (IB), it later emerged as a separate organization. Today, it has two main sections: The internal intelligence section and the Counter intelligence section. The two divisions of RAW thrive on the rock solid information network that helps in acquiring sensitive information about crime and counter intelligence from all parts of the country. It employs Attaché (Undersecretary), Deputy Field Officer, Field Officers and Senior Field Officers.

Other personnel working in RAW include specialists in technical and scientific fields, Foreign language specialists etc. If you are a Language specialist, you can find employment with RAW because it deals with foreign countries and is involved in the study of Foreign Service materials characteristics. Raw recruits interpreters who are promoted to assistant foreign language examiner and then to deputy foreign language examiner. Interpreters are recruited directly to the language cadre.

**Detective Agencies** Detective Agencies come as a natural corollary to crime. They start with a thorough background analysis of the case looking at it from different perspectives and opening it threadbare. As a detective you may involve in collecting relevant information, analyzing them and documenting the findings or you may work in association with forensic experts, pathologists, criminologists and handwriting specialists. Retired CBI, Army intelligence and police officers provide training in this field to private agencies. The path to glory: With the modern psychology becoming more complex and human minds building corridors of wealth to instant success without caring much about the means, crime is going to be a major factor to deal with. And that too crime committed intelligently...

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# INNER VOICE

## RELATIONSHIPS

Life is beautiful, it blesses us with relationships. We grow under the shades of family and share a great belonging with each other.

We are born to a women who becomes our mother She feeds us, even when we are yet to see the world, She undergoes unbearable pain while giving us birth, Our sole existence in this world is because of her, She spends sleepless nights in changing our diapers, She taught us, to utter the first word from our tongue, And graduates us from crawling to the first step, Her eyes twinkle after seeing our smile.

We have a father, who gives us a name, He mounts us on his shoulders, Holds our finger and guides us to the world, He cuts his expenses, sheds his choices, To provide us, the best he can afford.

Amazing! he never counts what he gives. We have siblings, and are brought up together, They are first friends of our life, If we fight with our friends, we are never friends again But when we fight with our siblings, we are always siblings. We have a brother with whom we play, share eatables and face scarcity.

We have a sister, Who have unshaken faith, They tie thread of trust on a wrist, With a belief that he will be with them in thick and thins, They cook food, grooms the room and wash your stinking socks, They fight with soft heart with just love inside. But where do all these people go with the time. Is there anyone who could take there place? Does anyone deserve priority over them? When you read these lines, go to mirror and stare in your eyes, And ask yourself a question, Have i done justice to all of them....?

You have to fight an internal war to get a true answer, You will start justifying yourself, but would never confess....!! If this is the state, then stop looking into the mirror for just appreciating your looks. Time never changes, it is we who always try to get ahead of it...!!

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**THOUGHTS UNBOUND**

It began where the rainbow ended, And lasted till the middle of nowhere. Of its mystique aloof existence, The only amulet was air. A transient bend of thoughts, Left me sunk in its charisma. Only me and my shadow stood there, Enthralled in thaumaturgical aroma. Those beautiful-occult raspberries, Peeking through unfurled leaves. Those umpteen lilac blossoms, Whom the janitor soil weaves. Seven steps forward, And seven steps right. Now there I stood, Drenched in divine...

**LET ME GUESS.....**

Let me guess, what the time ahead? Is the world be a heaven or a mess? People are becoming rude and selfish Even they are breaking relationships. Trust is losing its way O, what should I pray? Love eternity and kindness where shall all this lie? Please show me the way or I will die.. Murderers and kidnappers are growing day by day... But the elected Government is losing my faith... O, God, Tell me what the world ahead? Is the world be a heaven or a mess?

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