



## Towards perfection



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I would like to congratulate Amity for completing eleven years of 'Subhashika' - an Inter Amity competition in Sanskrit (Read page 11). A decade back, when this competition was introduced, my aim was to make my students enjoy and become well versed with Sanskrit language. I am happy that the students are doing extremely well in this language. Over the years I have seen them enjoying this language as their participation has increased. The numbers have gone up and the excitement level too. It is also compulsory for every Amityian to study Sanskrit till Class VII, considering its multiple benefits.

Considered as one of the oldest living languages of the world, Sanskrit, meaning 'Perfected or refined', belongs to Indo-Aryan branch of Indo-European family of languages. All our source of knowledge is derived from various vedic texts, scriptures and literature of many religions that have been written in Sanskrit or have made Sanskrit as a base language. Many major languages find their roots in Sanskrit. For instance, Carnatic classical music is completely based on *shlokas* and *mantras* in Sanskrit. Learning this language requires perfection. It is so refined that even if a phoneme or *matra* goes wrong, the whole sentence loses its meaning and what you write or read becomes meaningless. Therefore, learning such a perfect and in depth language compels the students to read each and every part in detail and with concentration to avoid any kind of mistakes. In the entire process, what the students get trained into is attaining perfection in every task they perform and lead them onto the path of excellence. 🇮🇳

## Simply Gandhi



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As the whole world and especially India celebrates the commencement of 150th birth anniversary of one of the greatest, impactful and impressive human beings ever born in the history of human civilisation, I feel compelled to share one of my greatest learnings of life from him. That I am talking about Mahatma Gandhi is something you all would have fathomed. At Tees January Marg, New Delhi, stands tall the brick and mortar witness of greatest chapter of Indian history - the Gandhi Smriti museum. I clearly remember the first time I visited this erstwhile Birla house which now houses memoirs of Mahatma Gandhi who spent the last years of his life there. What captivated me most was the corner of the room in which Gandhiji used to live and work, hold meetings, etc. It is a huge room, but Gandhiji occupied a very small corner of it. Unlike any other famous person of such stature, who would have filled the room with elegant furniture and set a place for himself right in the centre of room surrounded by followers and public, Gandhiji did none of this. He left the rest of the space for better use. Such an exemplary austerity, such an overwhelming minimalism. Be the change you want to see around yourself- he said and here we had a leader so great in deed, so visionary in thoughts that every aspect of his life reflected the kind of nation and the world he wished to see. This Gandhi Jayanti let's try to embrace the simplistic virtue of austerity and minimalism, and awaken the Gandhi within ourselves to lead this world towards sustainable progress where everyone has access to every resource mother Earth has to offer. Let's be the true Vaishnav Jan. 🇮🇳

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# Which is the right way?

## To A Confused Teenager Standing At The Crossroads Of Life

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The life of an adolescent is not easy. With a thousand things running in our mind and a thousand more approaching us in reality, we often need to make decisions that will probably decide the course of our life. This might slightly make the decision-making process more complicated and stressful, confusing us between right and wrong or sometimes caught between two rights or two wrongs. How, then, must we try to pick what is best for us?

**Straight from the experiences:** We love to hear the whistle of coach, but not the grind of the player. Our experiences shape us and teach us much more than any teacher could, but if we miss classes and turn a blind eye, we would have learned in vain. It is important for us to allow our former mistakes to guide our decisions that we make and shall make in the future.

**Ask yourself:** What did a bad decision from a similar situation that happened in the past teach me?

**Straight from the conscience:** In the rush of metro life, shifting our moral codes and ethics from the driver's seat is very easy. But extra care needs to be taken to ensure that we lead a life that is for the good of everyone. We need to keep in mind that our decisions have societal aftermaths. It is important to keep our conscience clean by making morally clean choices throughout our lives.



**Ask yourself:** Will my actions have negative impact on anyone?

**Straight from the emotions:** Consulting our emotions before making decisions is necessary but it is also essential to make sure that we follow the correct emotions. Fear, impatience, frustration and other negative emotions keep us stagnant. We need to understand that these feelings are impediments to our progress and hinders our personal growth.

**Ask yourself:** Am I letting my emotions

get the best of me?

**Straight from the influences:** In the face of any confusion, our first step is always to turn to our friends for guidance. It is good to know that we can always depend on someone for advice and for support, but it is important to know how our so-called friends affect our life and future. At the end of the day, no one can truly know what is good for us, better than us.

**Ask yourself:** Whom am I listening to and why am I doing that?

**Straight from the thoughts:** It is important to have a positive outlook towards life. If we think something good will happen then we will take all the right actions to ensure that it comes true. It leads us to take better care of ourselves, become more outgoing, and focus on having a go-get-it attitude. Organise your thoughts and understand them in their entirety. It will help you get a clear outlook, making your decision more suitable.

**Ask yourself:** What do I want to achieve and how do I achieve it? 🇮🇳

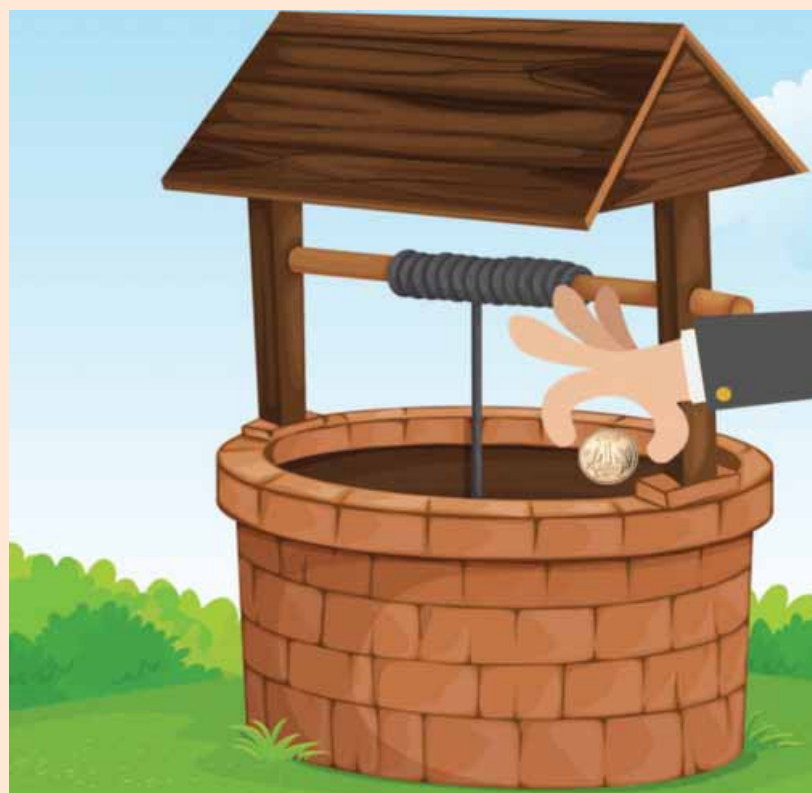
### Little pearls of wisdom

## The precious rupee

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This is the story of a rich merchant named Manohar Lal, who had seen poorer days in his life. It was through his sheer hard work and intelligence that he had become one of the richest person in town. His son, Mahesh, was his sheer opposite. He was a lazy boy, good for nothing. Unlike other boys of his age, he didn't help his father with work and happily lived off his wealth. Manohar Lal was distressed about his son's attitude towards life. One day, he decided to convince him to join the family business. After some deliberation, Mahesh agreed to work, but asked for a large sum of money as his salary. Manohar Lal said to his son, "To run a successful business, you not only need money, but also dedication and hard work." Mahesh did not pay heed to his advice and still demanded money. Manohar Lal reflected for a while and said, "Very well, I shall give you money but on one condition. You must give me one rupee every day, until I ask you to stop." Mahesh found the request strange but easy, so he accepted the condition without any qualms. From the following day, he started to give one rupee to his father. His father took coin and threw it into the well. Over the next few months, Mahesh because of his reckless attitude was drained off all his money and started to borrow money from his relatives.



Soon, they also stopped helping him, and he had to resort to actually run the business to earn some money. His profits were low, so he faced a lot of difficulty arranging for every single rupee. He started to put in a lot of hardwork. When one day he came to give rupee to his father, he saw him throwing it in the well. He got very angry and asked him, "How can you throw my hard-earned money in the well? I have spent my sweat and blood on it." Manohar

Lal broke into a smile and Mahesh finally learned his lesson. This story tells us how every penny counts. For many of us, the luxuries of life like a good house to live, food to eat, are things that have come easy, but what we do not realise is that someone, mostly our parents, have laboured hard to give us all these luxuries. Hence, it becomes important that we value what we have and not put their hard earned money to waste.



Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the story 'Umpteen Reasons Why' of September 17 issue of The Global Times. It talks of why one should not feel defeated. Life will keep throwing challenges which should be accepted gracefully. Every cloud has a silver lining. It is up to us to look for a lining amidst those dark clouds. One such story is that of Kevin Heinz. Even after multiple suicide attempts, he did not succeed. He was among the 1% who lived to tell their tale. The failure changed Heinz as a person. Then, there are people who surrender to their demons and their story comes to an end, with absolutely no closure. At the end of the day, it is important that we understand how precious our dear life is and how lucky we are to be a part of this world.

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