



It feels marvelous to see our hard work pay off, in kind as well as in words!

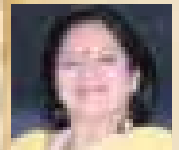
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Best Fictional Story (First Runner Up)

Part 5

Prerna Series

This is part 5 of Prerna Series, a collection of ten stimulating posts about the life and beliefs of Chairperson, inspired from her interactive sessions with Amitians on Prerna Diwas - 2016.

Realise your dreams



Dr Amita Chauhan
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"When I was in Class V, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru was the PM of India. I was very fascinated by him and wanted to meet him. But in those days, there was no internet, no mobiles nor any other means of communication. Around that time, the first bridge on river Yamuna was constructed and he was to visit it. Several schools were selected to welcome him; my school - Sophia Girls School being one. To add to my excitement, only Class V was selected to welcome him; but one girl was chosen to personally greet him. When Nehru came, he took a round, stood next to me and asked - 'What is your name and which school you're from?' It was like a dream come true for me.

Someone truly said, "When you desire something earnestly, the entire universe conspires to make it happen." I wanted to meet Pandit Nehru from the deepest core of my heart, and destiny choose its own way to ensure that I met him.

By sharing this story or incident what I want to convey is that, if you as children, want to do something in life and desire it with a lot of passion, then you are bound to achieve it. Because then you will work towards it and the universe around you will automatically pave way and show you the direction to achieve that goal.

However, in your journey towards that goal, you may face a lot of rain, hail or storm - stop at nothing. A little step taken every day, will only inch you closer towards your dream. Everybody who is born on earth, has been born with a mission to complete. It is important to know that mission and work towards completing it. And if your mission is going to make the universe a happy place, there is nothing that can stop you from realising your mission.

The universe in which we live, is like a human being with a 'happy soul'. So if your dream is going to make the universe happy, it will help you do so. But if what you want to achieve, is likely to destroy that happiness, it will make sure that it is not accomplished. This also explains why we do not get everything we want. Perhaps it was not meant to be or because there is a bigger goal that the universe aspires us to achieve.

If you can dream it, you can achieve it.



Prerna Diwas celebrations at AIS PV

Choose your words

We are surrounded by words from all directions. Time to get rid of the ones that are standing in your way, move on and start a march towards words that inspire and impel

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How many times in a day does it occur to us or someone around us- "That's impossible," or, "That will never work." And is the count same for statements like "That's easy" or "Let's work it out together?" Perhaps not. What we say mirrors what we think and who we are. So before we blame the stars, the universe and other people for our failures, take a look at the things we say at times that cause more damage than our actions sometimes.

"Patience is a virtue"

Sure, this may have been the case 1,000 years ago when a donkey was used as a mode of transport but not in a world where the fast engulf the slow in a jiffy. Patience becomes more of a liability than a virtue, if you keep waiting for things to happen on their own or if patience is practiced at the wrong places. Look at the big companies

slowed down by excessive committee meetings. Many are now extinct or are suffering a great deal. Smaller companies that take quick decisions are taking up the market share.

"It's the journey that matters"

Well sometimes, it's just the destination that matters. This may sound nice, but Dr Seuss and his band of holistic healers will not meet you at the finish line for coming last. Ask the Olympians, or the NFL owner who wants a Super Bowl ring, or ask LeBron James if it's the season that matters or the championship. True, the journey is important, but face it, in some cases you are either 'first' or nothing.

"I don't have time"

It is the biggest lie people tell themselves, every day. Even the busiest of people have time if they want to make time. You think you're busy until there is an emergency, and then you imme-



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diately make time to handle it. If your kitchen catches fire while you are reading this, you will certainly make time to put the fire out. Saying "I don't have time" takes almost the same time as "I can do that too."

"I will do it when I get to it"

Uhh...no you won't because you won't get to it. This statement is an admission of procrastination and/or of being overwhelmed, or both. This person is so busy and so enamoured with his/her tasks that any new thing is just too much. People who can actually get things done will never utter these words. Instead they'll say, "Leave it to me, I will get it handled."

"That's impossible"

Yeah, and so are you and your success with this take on life. Not considering the possibilities and adventures of new projects is the same as focusing and reiterating your limitations. Think about it, you have been asked to do something new and not go to another planet which, if I may remind you, isn't impossible either.

So stop and think, before you speak for yourself. It is these words that will decide what kind of ideology you imbibe. Words will either make you, or break you. As Robin Sharma said, "Words can inspire. And words can destroy. Choose yours well." 📖

Little pearls of wisdom

Beyond fear

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Nelson Mandela is credited as the man who campaigned a peaceful, nonviolent defiance against the South African government and its racist policies. He used the nation's enthusiasm for sports as a pivot point to promote reconciliation between the whites and blacks. He also served as the president of South Africa, becoming the first black president of the country. Yes, a black who would have suffered discrimination in the racist regime, who would have feared this discrimination at some point in life, but who rose against his fears. Like Mandela, we encounter so many people around us, overcoming their fear for the betterment of the society. The firemen plunge into burning buildings to save people; the soldiers are ready to die for their motherland whenever need be. They must have all been scared, of course, but they didn't give into their fear.

Whatever course you decide upon, there will be always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There will be difficulties that will cause fear in your mind that will tempt you to give up. But to map out a course of action and follow it to the end requires courage, just as a soldier decides to open fire on the enemies than hiding to save his life. Just as Nelson Mandela deciding to fight against



racism, than fearing it. So identify your fears and accept them; as Mandela said, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."



Dear editor,

Due to a weird twist of fate, almost every year GT Awards falls on/near my birthday. And this year on my birthday eve, I won the School Time Achievement Award (Yay!). It has been such a great journey the past three years; the first year I worked with the best team ever, the second year was extremely draining but somehow we managed to do it, and finally this year, I was glad to see the editorial team working super hard. 2016 marks the last year I get to attend this event as a part of the editorial team, and as much as I wish I could do it all over again, I'm sure the present team will do justice to everything GT stands for. Sudhi Ma'am and the entire GT team, thank you for being so amazing. I'll miss you guys! 📖

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The spell of journalism

With the successful completion of the seventh GT awards 2015-16, The Global Times, a visionary initiative of our revered Chairperson accomplished another milestone of nurturing another generation of responsible journalists. This innovative dream, shall one day accomplish the mission and vision of Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan, of making India a super power by 2030.

In this edition of GT, we bring to you a complete report of the award function as well as the best stories, pictures, graphics, photographs and headlines that you read through the year, which were honoured. Every year, The Global Times engages a new batch

of students who work as writers, illustrators, photographers, graphic designers or even as models to create a newspaper of their own. This novel enterprise has helped many students realise their calling in life - to pursue journalism at a higher level. But to say that The Global Times belongs only to people who wish to pursue a career in journalism, would not be completely true. For every year, many students who were actively involved with The Global Times, can be seen carving a career in many a diverse field as doctors, scientists, astronauts, academicians, lawyers and even politicians. GT remained with them, whether as active participants or keen readers, a doorway to the outside world. GT, for them, was an

opportunity to learn to think, seek and form opinion, question what they saw, verify facts, discover something new, challenge their own limit of perfection, and even experience the thrill and ethics of the real 'professional' world. The values learnt in the GT newsroom were the values that taught them to successfully carve a niche for themselves in whatever they chose to pursue in life.

Despite print media undergoing a major revolution with the advent of digital media, the love for writing for print or holding a newspaper in hand, continue to go strong. Even after having run the 'Making a Newspaper Contest' for seven years, this magical spell can still be felt within the red brick walls. 📖