

Rights & Responsibilities

It is said that rights and responsibilities are two complementary sides of a coin. Since last many years, mankind is aware of its fundamental rights which include right of speech, education, work, religion, thinking, region and citizenship and so on guaranteed under the Indian Constitution.

Mankind is aware of its rights. Though we are very much aware of our rights, some people in our society, are still deprived of their rights. Though well-educated and developed segment of society is aware of above rights, there is still lack of awareness of the complementary side of rights, 'Responsibilities', in terms of figures it is merely 5% of awareness.

Like an emperor, when one accepts the responsibilities along with the power & position, dutifully accomplishment, with sense of dedication & unbiased conscience, imply a true noble man.

Earth would be living heaven, when all social segments would be balanced with equal awareness of their rights as well as responsibilities. There will be enslavement, if desolated segment of society remains ignorant of their rights and lack of dutifulness will lead to corruption, exploitation and anguish.

A gardener is not afraid of spikes when he grows roses. Without responsibility, one cannot enjoy the freedom and its rights.

As per my experience of dealing with people working in public or private sectors, most of them are afraid of pinpointing right thing at right time. This attitude makes people irresponsible and the quality of work gets affected. There is no need to be afraid of things that are fundamentally unacceptable.

Years ago, when I used to attend English-speaking classes in Dadar, Mumbai, there was a sentence written on a wall, “Why you worry” Humans has a natural tendency to worry about innumerable things. Sick, worries about getting sicker. Unnecessary worries create fear like fear of life, health, losing job etc. It does not exist; it is just self-created. We should develop boldness and fearless nature to overcome all odds. Being dutiful and courageous at the same time may be difficult, but not impossible.

Often at workplace, people ignore negative behaviours of their subordinates that are damaging to the organization. Fear of power and position stops many rational people from informing these things to seniors or bosses. Pointing at wrong things for the sake of betterment of organization is always acceptable. Use of politeness and reasonability may not harm anyone.

Generally, some people tend to comment or state things orally. I always advise my subordinates, to state maximum things in writing.

Due to fear of conflict and getting into trouble, even seniors avoid writing clear remarks. Criticism is inevitable, if you follow the path of rightness, focused on your aim. The end result is all that matters.

Stress is on the peak, with growing age and responsibilities. Some people become highly conscious of judgments and develop insecurities in their mind. They should be supported and made comfortable, as it is counted as noble duties towards weaker segment of society.

While doing all this, we should consider its long term, as well as short term, benefits such as development of new city/township, creation of work opportunities via industrialization and so on to the society. These things also bring severe effects on environment, society, such as pollution, toxic waste, poorly maintained disposals. Ignoring mistakes of some people may lead to massive disastrous end and exploitation of nature. Wounds of incidents like Bhopal gas tragedy are yet to heal. Handful irresponsible people create a terrible tragedy.

Water is one the most vital resource we have. Lack of uniform water availability gives rise to various projects of dams, diversions. Lakhs of gallons of water is required, every day for industrialization. Processed water with toxic chemicals is again disposed in the same rivers. There are many unanswered issues relating to pollution of water. Those who ignore it, in spite of knowing the reasons should be punished for their carelessness.

First time when RDX was smuggled to India, the District Collector had mistaken it for electronics and could not identify an alarming situation. Same RDX was used by terrorists for bomb blasts. That one mistake turned grave for innocent lives, thousands died, wounded and disturbed for lifetime. These situations suggest importance of responsibility as a crucial quality in leaders.

The great division in our country's history, created two nations - India and Pakistan Responsible factors were many Britishers, politicians, but common man had to face its consequences. I believe sense of responsibility and rationality should be more with more power.

Leaders, politicians, officers have major influence on masses. When this category of power bearers will dedicatedly and dutifully perform their roles, common man will show at least half of their dedication. Geeta- Holy Indian Book says, "*Karmanye wadhikarste ma faleshu kadachan*". It means a man should always perform all his duties honestly, not expecting returns from it.

Once I had a discussion with Miss Amruta Patel – Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board regarding present dairy business. She said, "Honesty cannot be injected". Virtue of honesty is valued, especially in dairy industry, as its facing lot of adulterations. Greed makes people behave crazily. People with good resources also fight for cheap ration, rather than offering it to needy person. Honesty and rational mind overcome all barriers in its way with courage, like a brave Prince heading to rescue his princess.

Many times, people get trapped in troublesome deals because of their relatives and wrong advice. It's up to an individual to be able to choose right things based on right belief. Being two complementary sides of a coin, responsibility and right are integrated.

Fundamental need and right of a man is to get married and have children. Similarly, parenting, caring, right teaching becomes most important part of the life.

Parents use TV, as an escape route to parenting related problems, like solution for lack of time, indiscipline and stubbornness. This may be temporary way out, but it ruins the discipline and has long term adverse effects such as, health issues like, bad eyesight, lack of focus, headache and so on.

All of us want to live in a better, beautiful and peaceful world. To accomplish this, everybody has to take initiative. With the position and passion, the gap between dream and reality can be easily filled.

Every change starts from you and your surroundings, family, workplace. United efforts won't take it longer to make this country an ideal place.

One of the major issues we are facing is corruption. It's like a two-way road. It has spread rapidly and degraded minds and ability to perform better. There will be no corruption, if all of us decide. Strictly do not use money to push the pending work. The family of corrupt person should try to get him on track. As family is the crucial key to influence this behaviour. A man should not harm other man for greed.

Teachers, professors shape the future generations. Along with a degree, good professors shape young minds and create better citizens for country. Unfortunately, there is no investment on creating better teachers and professors.

Countrymen and their nature are defined by their habits. Routine situations like offering bribe to traffic police may seem very small issue, but this becomes habit one day for both giver and receiver.

Every move towards corruption is ruining our country. Laws are meant to be followed and for betterment of all of us, these should be strictly followed by us and the administration.

Politicians have very common habit of blaming others, for the things creating threat to their power. Usually, taking issues to court and use court's decision as an escape is a popular practice.

Things work in very simple ways. You want good air; you should look after your environment, by reducing pollution causing activities, encouraging tree plantation and use of eco-friendly things. Importantly, taking action against those, who are doing harm to our earth.

Similarly, water being one of the most valuable resources, water conservation methods, and corrected routine habits of smart water usage can solve water problems.

Indian ways of judgment and actions is based on '*Saam*', '*Daam*', '*Dand*', and '*Bhed*'. *Saam* is a way to convey in sober words what you want. *Daam* relates to offer reasonable compensation in whatever form, *Dand* means to explain the possible punishment and *Bhed* refers to division to achieve the desired result. It is very important to use appropriate ways for better decision making. Administrators lack use of '*Dand*' i.e. Punishment. Criminals are not afraid of systems anymore. They keep on committing severe crimes and get bail by monetary push.

Medical crimes are one of the most merciless. "Smuggling of vital organs, blood, ill-legal transplants," - these sorts of crimes, are increasing rapidly. Awareness

among people regarding blood and organ donation will be a great initiative to put these crimes to an end.

There are few daily problems we face, like traffic congestion. Buying a vehicle isn't that simple, as it comes with maintenance, parking issues, fuel theft and so on. Purchase of vehicle should be a careful decision than impulsive.

Religion plays crucial role in our society, as it's majorly driven by spiritual belief. Considering strong impact of religion, all the fundamentals of core philosophy of every religion should reach masses, without any filters. Media like TV can be used to spread the awareness. Religion teaches us love, compassion and equality towards humans and animals too.

With fast paced lifestyle, everyone is running out of time. Balance between professional and personal life is crucial, especially for parents. Dedicated quality time should be given to your kids. Parents have the great responsibility to shape the future of their kids, ultimately creating responsible citizens for better and developed country.

Responsibility isn't limited to family only. With great sense of responsibility towards the growth and development of own personality, find ultimate goal with courage follow the path for the accomplishment of the goal.

Deeper understanding of our own self and acceptance of changing life phases makes life better. True leaders inspire and help their subordinates grow, than stopping them from achieving their goals.

With large differences in living standards, resources allocation methods should change. People with more resources buy properties and keep it locked, whereas needy people don't get to own a single home. These approaches are not beneficial to society. Money has become most desired power in today's world. Everybody is running behind it. Like there is wisely created portrait of Lord Vishnu in temple of Pandurang at Pandharpur. Lord Vishnu is resting on a big snake called *Shesh Naug. Laxmi*, who is goddess of wealth, is sitting next to his feet. Powerful words are written beneath the portrait which means, "The one who is concerned and cared for whole world, Laxmi sits next to his feet."

In this developing and fast dynamic world, use of internet, media has gone beyond need. Exploitation has started. Even in the family's dialogue between the family members also has been minimized which is in long turn not a healthy practice. For betterment of society, there should be sensible and limited use of internet.

Man tends to forget passing years, and aging by getting lost in artificial joys. Old age, diseases and death are inevitable parts of journey of life. One should learn to deal with them. Excess use of medicines, giving fake promises, should be stopped. More demand for this kind of products, is driving them. Natural and healthy remedies are losing their importance. Teenagers also prefer cold drinks over milk.

Happy and peaceful life flourishes with the cooperation of all living things on the earth. With the virtue of compassion, we must respect existence of every living thing and their fundamental rights.

The philosophies of various religions focus humanity, compassion. All of us are children of divine. Quality of life is defined, by union of rights and responsibilities. Ultimately, it defines the quality of life and develops individual. Rights and responsibilities cannot be isolated but with better understanding of both, we can create a better society.

Thought of development, leads to actions and we should proactively contribute for the same.



Quotes

Rights and responsibilities are ... different sides of the same coin.

- **G. Edward Griffin**

“Every right implies a responsibility; Every opportunity, an obligation, Every possession, a duty.”

- **John D. Rockefeller**

“Begin with duties of a man and rights will follow as spring follows winter”

- **Mahatma Gandhi**

“We are all one family in the world. Building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities makes the world a better place to live.”

– **Pope John Paul II**

“Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility. . . In the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have is the ability to take on responsibility.”

– **Michael Korda**