

MANOGAT

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Editorial

So, How's life? Good, fit and fine? You might be tempted to ask, what's up? Why am I questioning like this? Why not talk of something else? See, aren't you already bored? That means, change is extremely essential in life and that is why, Manogat is being presented in a new form. Talking of change, a story came to my mind;

There was a city like Pune-Mumbai. There was a famous Hanuman temple in the city. There used to be many beggars around the temple. They were deaf, dumb and handicapped people. They competed each other in begging. Everyone implored the visitors to have mercy on them. Everyone earned a bit. Far back in the queue stood a blind man quietly. In his neck hung a board saying that his fate was so bad, he couldn't see. He used to barely earn 10-15 bucks.

Once a famous poet visits the temple. Children encircle him for his autograph. But the poet notices the blind man standing far back. He feels sorry to see that the poor man has got nothing in alms. He goes and talks to him. The blind man is pleased to get so much attention from such a famous personality. The blind man requests him to sign on the board hanging in his neck. The poet obliges him by doing so.

The blind man soon realizes that he is getting a lot of money in alms. Instead of 10-12 he is getting 30-40 bucks now. The blind man thinks this is due to the autograph and blesses the poet.

One day, the poet visits the temple again. He again looks for the blind man. This time his bowl is not empty. He again goes and talks to him. The blind man is extremely moved. He thanks the poet whole-heartedly for giving his board a golden touch. He says you are as good as God as the miracle has occurred due to you. The poet listens to this and starts laughing. He says, it is no miracle. I just replaced the words on his board from; 'My fate is bad that I can't see' to 'this world is so beautiful but I can't see it'. This change, changed people's outlook towards you and they showed mercy on you.

The blind man liked the poet's trick. He started writing a new good thought every Saturday on his board. All the visitors started reading his board regularly and helping him.

So folks, didn't a small change, change the life of the beggar? It is very important to incorporate change in our profession, nature, habits according to time. So read this new issue of Manogat and if you like any tip or trick, take it up immediately. So, see you again soon!

One in hand is worth two in bush!

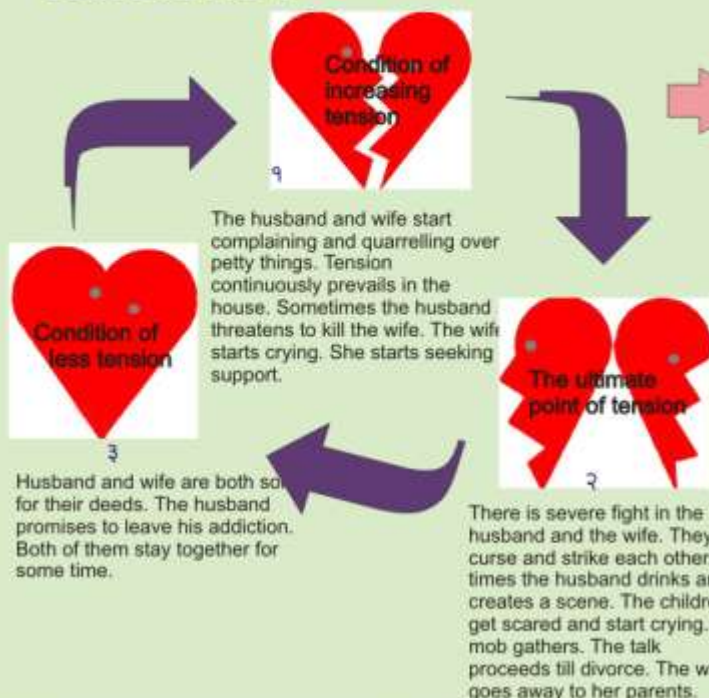


Harba : (shouting at two kids)
Kerba : Harba, what's the matter? Why are you shouting at the kids?
Harba : What else should I do? (looking angrily at the kids) Just get lost, useles!
Kerba : Why are you so bugged? Is everything alright?
Harba : What should I tell? Why did I indulge in this matter?
Kerba : But you said that your vegetable-vendor business was running smoothly and you could also save some money.
Harba : That's true but that itself gave birth to this problem. I had some money and so decided to take a leap but got entangled instead.
Kerba : Where did you leap?
Harba : Fifteenth August just passed by, isn't it...
Kerba : So, you must have earned well on a holiday.
Harba : Oh not I thought I could earn a thousand rupees atleast by selling flags and play-mills of rupees of 500-600. I asked these kids to sell on the road but they are of no use.
Kerba : But how are the kids at fault in this?
Harba : They couldn't even sell 200 flags. Let alone profit, I couldn't even recover the investment.
Kerba : Don't get depressed like this. If you take up any business hastily like this, loss is sure. You wanted to earn more but lost less and you lost all your savings too.
Harba : What should I do now?
Kerba : Your vegetable business is running smoothly and yet you took up this new business. How can you do justice to both together? So, concentrate completely on your vegetable business.
Harba : So true, my friend!
Kerba : Nurture and grow your business. One in hand is worth two in bush.
Harba : Yes, I was wrong. I shouldn't have been fickle-minded.
Kerba : And you were unnecessarily blaming the kids.
Harba : Yes, I didn't analyze my mistake properly. Now onwards, I will not act in haste.
Kerba : It's nice that you have realized your mistake. And don't give undue advice to somebody else.
Harba : Definitely. I will take my own decision henceforth and that too, not in a haste.
Kerba : Ok, see you then!
Harba : See you!

Are you amidst marital tensions?

Our Health is in our hands!

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This is the right moment to step out of this evil condition!


Try to minimize the tension in the household. Both husband and wife should concentrate and find out, why and when the ultimate point of tension is reached. Most of the times, women are victims of violence and tension. So they should find out when the ultimate point is reached (eg. When the husband drinks). At such times, if the wife is not at home or in the house with a relative or if she has already intimated the police, violence can be avoided.

That is why, both should recognize the situation of tension and try to avoid it. Always keep in mind that a happy married life is the basis of a family.

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Costly monsoon guests.

A polite request: The chart below lists the unexpected guests in monsoon. The nuisance they create is also clearly given. Besides, there are also means and ways to get rid of these guests. So beware, do not let these costly guests enter your house.

Name of the unwanted guest	Time and place of the guest's entry	Nuisance caused by the guest and the trouble caused to everyone in the family.	Measures to get rid of the guest,
Diarrhea	While drinking infected water	Loose motions, loss of appetite, stomach-ache, blowed stomach, nausea and vomiting. 	If clean and boiled water is drunk, this guest does not visit.
Cholera	While drinking infected water and eating infected food.	Nausea, vomiting, convulsions in stomach, loose and sticky axcreta, loss of water in the body. 	This guest can be avoided by drinking clean and boiled water and eating covered and clean food.
Hepatitis	While drinking infected water and drinks	Feeling of tension, eyes turning yellow, loss appetite, nausea and vomiting, fever and bo 	This guest can be avoided by drinking clean and boiled water. 
Typhoid	While drinking infected water and eating infected food.	Fever, weakness, stomach-ache, head-ache, loss of appetite 	This guest can be avoided by drinking clean and boiled water and eating clean and covered food.
Worms	While drinking infected water and eating infected food.	Blowed stomach and stomach ache. 	This guest can be avoided by drinking clean and boiled water and eating clean and covered food.
Infection (nose, ears and eyes)	While swimming or bathing in infected water	Due to infected water there are complaints like swelling of the ear (ear-ache and pus), swelling of the eye (redness of eyes), nose-swelling (nose-ache and nose-block) 	Bathing with clean water and having a clean bath after swimming. 
Scabies	If the body is not kept clean, if one does not bathe regularly.	Body itching, rash on hands and legs 	Regular bath with clean water
Malaria	If waste-water is not disposed properly, anopheles mosquito	Cold, fever, sweating, head-ache, muscle-pain, nausea and vomiting. 	If waste-water is properly disposed. 
Dengue	If water is stored for a long time, Edis mosquito spreads it.	Fever, joint-pain, head-ache, nausea vomiting 	If storage tanks, pitchers of water are kept clean.

L for Law.

Anti-encroachment brigade always targets the hand-cart owners. If the cart is picked up, it has to be retrieved by paying fine. There is loss of goods and one has to also give in writing that he will not set his business on that place again. This fear always looms large on all hand-cart owners. We are going to see some legal provisions in this matter.

According to a survey by Pune Corporation, there are 35,000 hand-carts in Pune. Many educated young people have also turned to this business due to unemployment. This number is swelling day by day. Only 4000 have authorized license. All the others are unauthorized. It is impossible to sue all of them. Most of these are functioning for last 10-12 years. Considering all this, Pune corporation has decided to rehabilitate all the 35000 hand-cart owners.

According to this policy, all the hand-cart owners are being given identity-cards step by step. This work will be completed in a year. All those having the identity-card can function with authority anywhere except the 30 main roads. Government rules will also be applicable to them. This decision will benefit customers and sellers.

Some important tips to get the identity card:

Two important things to get the identity-card: Proof of, the seller functioning for more than last ten years (eg. Receipt of the fine paid last time) and inclusion of one's cart in the survey conducted by Pune corporation.

How will you procure the identity-card :

1. Fill the survey form. (These forms are available at three institutes in Pune for Re. 1. their addresses and phone numbers are given below.)
2. Attach copy of the receipt of fine last paid and a copy of the ration card.
3. Submit the form to the institutes mentioned above.
4. Ensure that these institutes hand over the form to relevant corporation officers.
5. Follow-up in the institute to get the identity-card.
6. the relevant officials verify the information in the form. The fee for the identity-card is Rs.250.

Some rules to be observed after getting the identity-card:

- You can function with authority anywhere except 30 main roads.

- You have to obey all the corporation rules and by-laws passed from time to time.
- You have to regularly renew the identity-card.
- Previously hand-carts were also charged a tax of Rs.700 per year. This system has stopped for last three years. So, hand-cart owners have to pay no tax till further instructions are issued.

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