

Save water,
Save Life!

Tip of the
Month



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May 1 :Workers Day
May 15 :International Day of the Family
May 31 :Anti-Tobacco Day

Editorial



Sankatrao is a friendly chap. His friends range from the street-pals to corporation-officers and political leaders. God knows from where Sankatrao gets his daily piece of news! New schemes of the Government, new programmes of political parties, street-disputes, issues, he knows one and every thing before anybody else. He can think of new ways to earn money due to these news.

Now, the government declared a soilage-free locality scheme. Sankatrao was the first to know about it. Those who pissed or excreted in public would be charged a fine of Rs. 100 and those who would catch such people would be rewarded with Rs. 200. Fine! Sankatrao gathered 4-5 friends and cooked a plan. Accordingly, they should soil in public and would be fined Rs. 100 each and Sankatrao would catch them and hand them over to the police. He would earn a prize of Rs. 200 for every case which meant a profit of Rs. 100 per head. They could then share the profit and if ever the police found out, they could give them a share too. Sankatrao was popular due to such tricks.

Sankatrao came to know of another scheme that the Government would give new houses to everyone in the locale. Sankatrao spread the news everywhere and took hundred rupees each for registration of names. He also privately told another trick to some of his friends. Once they got a house, they should rent it and continue living in the old house. Those who would believe in his tricks would sometimes fall into serious trouble.

Once he came up with a plan to give ration-card in fifteen minutes. He gave ration-cards to many in Rs. 100. One day government announced the list of duplicate ration-cards. Everyone attacked Sankatrao. Sankatrao pacified everyone and assured that within two days he would transfer their names from the duplicate list to the original list and he again charged Rs. 100 per head for that!

Once Sankatrao got the news that the corporation was recruiting peons. He charged Rs. 1000 each and assured all the young men in the locale that they would get corporation-jobs. 3-4 months passes but no jobs were given. But Sankatrao has the skill to pacify such boys in a 'party'.

But now, Government has pledged to arrest such Sankatraos. So beware! Keep distance from such shrewd Sankatraos because they end up directly in the police-lock-up.

Instead of befriending such Sankatraos, be in the company of good friends, good institutions. You will easily get all the news, new policies, trade-tricks...so, won't you befriend Manogat? This friend is waiting for you every month!

There is no short-cut to success



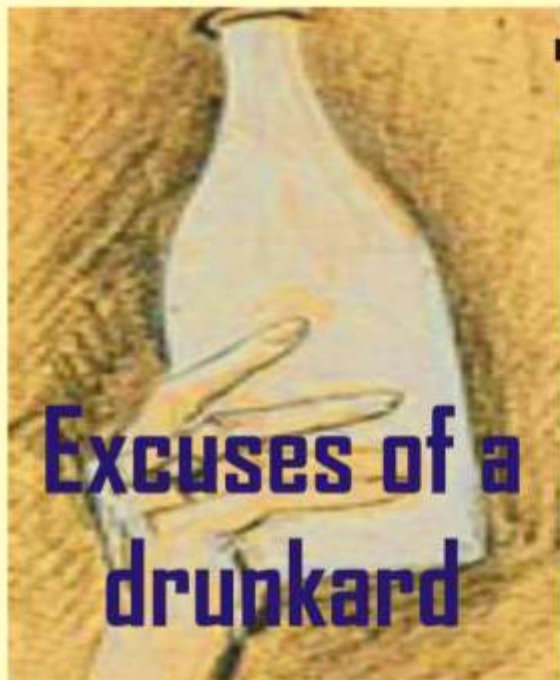
Kerba: Hello Harba. Are you alright? Resting at the roadside?
Harba : I am ok now but soon won't be so.
Kerba: Why do you say so?
Harba : Then what should I say? The heat is rising and so I started ice-candy business and now there is a big problem.
Kerba: Didn't the business go off well?
Harba : When I have a guide like you, why won't it go well? It went off very well.
Kerba : Then what happened?
Harba : I required a lot of ice everyday. I used to buy a costly variety. Somebody told me that another ice-factory sold it for half the rate. So I started buying from there. My profit increased but....
Kerba : (smiling) You are sick because the profit increased?
Harba : Listen further. Last Monday I was selling ice-candy. Half of my ware was sold. At that time some kids brought a corporation-officer to me. He told me that 10-12 kids who had eaten my ice-candy started vomiting and had to be admitted to the hospital. They have taken along a sample of my ice. I inquired late and came to know that the ice-factory owner was arrested for making ice from dirty water. Now tell me, won't I feel sick?
Kerba : (comforting), oh no, greed is bad! See how you have landed into trouble. While doing any business, keep in mind that you can't play with people's lives. What if your own child would have suffered?
Harba : That is true, my friend!
Kerba : The basis of expanding any business is honesty. If that is absent, everything will be futile. A balloon kept in heat starts losing air and so does a business which doesn't have honesty.
Harba : I won't do any such thing in the future. I have learnt a lesson.
Kerba : Good, that's it. Better late than never done. Come on, let's go to the corporation and see what has happened.
Harba : Thanks Kerba for helping me in trouble. Come on, let's go.

Answer of the previous month's question:

A bank or institution charges less interest. And once the documents are made ready, they are useful forever. So always take a loan from a bank or financial institution.

Question of the month :

Why did Kerba say to Harba, 'Better late than never done.'



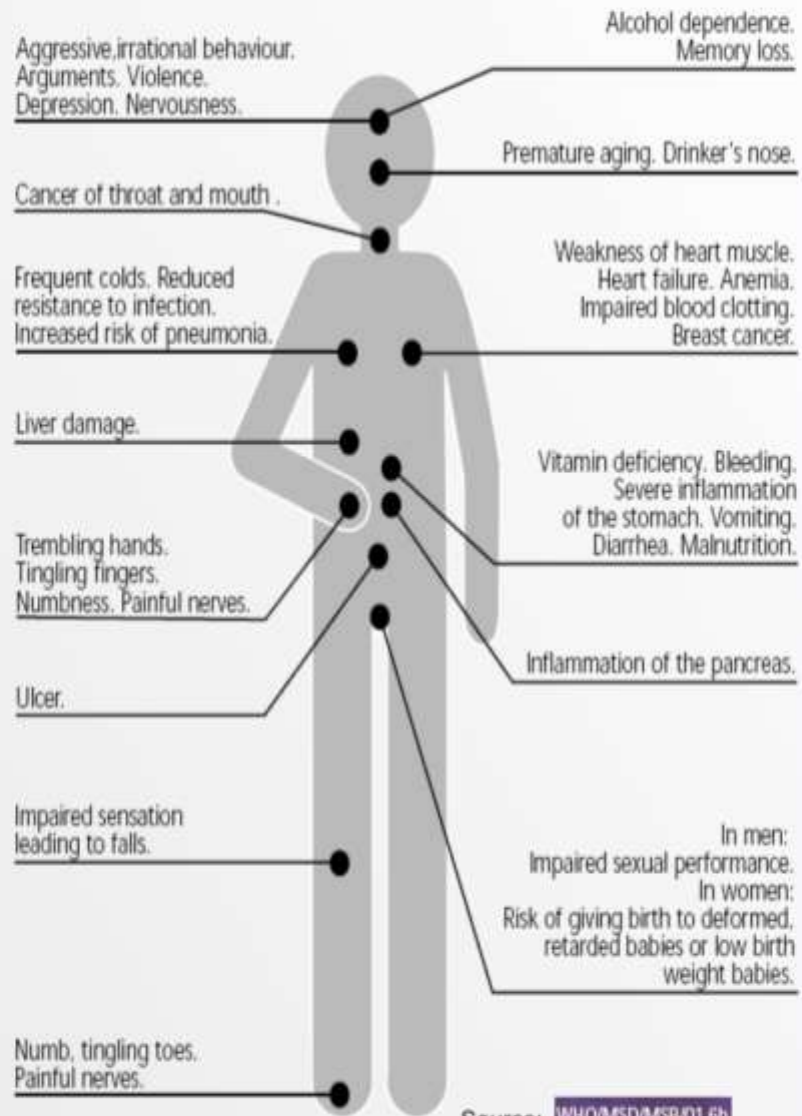
Excuses of a drunkard

- ◆ No interest left in life
- ◆ Too much tension
- ◆ Heart-break
- ◆ No job
- ◆ Loneliness
- ◆ Exhilaration!

The only reason for drinking is liquor itself. All others are 'excuses'.



The Rewards a drunkard gets



Source: [WHO/MSD/MSB/01.6b](#)



No liquor from today

It is not enough to just say this. Will-power is a must for it.

Drinking is a disease which can be cured. If you, your relatives or friends are captivated by liquor, follow the following solutions:

- ◆ AA groups (A group of those who want to leave the addiction)
- ◆ De-addiction centres.
- ◆ Help from psychological counselors
- ◆ Visiting our officer and getting the relevant information