

THE TRANSITION FROM A STUDENT TO A JUDGE

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Our student life is a golden period which is free from all sorts of anxieties and family burden. There is fun, joy and excitement. During this period, the only worry is the examination. The student does not have to earn anything for himself. His needs are fulfilled by his parents. There are classmates, friends, family with whom he spends most of his time. It is in this period that he forms lasting friendship. In this period his friends, peers and enjoyment are the top priorities in life. As it is rightly said that -

*“Zindgi mei kuch cheezo ka maza hi kuch aur hota hai.....
jaise padhte padhte razai mei so jana ka,
Teacher ke padhane per kahin kho jane ka,
lab mei instrument ke wat lagane ka,
Library mei books per pen chalane ka,
Apne friend ko bar-bar usko lover ke samne chidhane ka,
Bar-Bar eye contact kar man main muskurane ka,
Chalte-chalte apne dost ko girane ka,
Aur phir in palon yaad kar aaj bhi muskurane ka.”*

Student life is full of fun and relaxation. Same was our situation. The only worries that we had were getting up early in the morning for school or college, completing projects and praying that the teacher gets absent when the homework is not complete. We used to find happiness and joy in small things, like eating the food in tiffin box before lunch time, sharing of gossips with friends through slips when the class was going on, fighting for sitting on the last bench etc.

Our situation could be well fitted in these lines -

*“Wo big gang of friends
Wo boring uniforms
Wo silly fights*

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*Wo teachers ke naam rakhna
Wo homework na karke jana
Wo roj ke punishment
Wo rocking annual days
So many hands in a single lunch box
Horror exams
Terror report card
Self parent signature
Lovable trips
Wo summer holidays ka intazaar
Wo aakhiri board exams
Wo farewell
Wo subka bichad jana.....
Student life is just a heaven."*

But it is also true that as a student, man lays the foundation for his future life. He studies hard and gains a lot of knowledge. His mind develops, but all this is not a burden to him. He takes pleasure in his books. He knows that books would equip him with knowledge and be a source of great help to him in life.

"You have to dream before your dream come true."

It is also true that student life is the stage when a person starts dreaming about what he has to be in future. It is then only when he starts working hard chasing his dreams. It is rightly said that student life is that phase of life in which a person lays foundation for his future.

As Swami Vivekanand also says,

"Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life-think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success."

As nothing is static, so is our life. Change is the rule of nature. As we grow we undergo different phases of life. This is also an important facet of "Dharma" concept in Hinduism namely Ashram system. It is also a component of ethical theories in Indian philosophy, were it is combined with four proper goes of human life, purusarth, for fulfillment, happiness and spiritual liberation.

Under the Ashram system, human life was divided into four periods, that are Brahmacharya (Student life), Grihastha (Family life), Vanprastha (Retired life), Sanyas (Renouncement of life and attaining moksha).

We all pass through these different phases of life and have different ideologies and ways of living at different phases. Same was with us, during the initial years of student life fun, enjoyment, friends, etc., were the only focus and attraction but as we grew, we realized that life is not only about fun rather life is also about exploring the ways of making our life better and that was the time when we started working towards our goal. It was the last year of L.L.B. when different thoughts struck our mind regarding our ambition in life and then we worked upon it for a few days and concluded that we would work hard and appear in judicial services examination, at that point of time the main aim was to hold a position in society and at the same time give our contribution to public services.

The life of a judge is very different from the life of a college going student. The change from a college going student to a judge had its own charm. We were posted in Nainital, the parting from our family was not without pangs of pain. There were many nook and corners with which were associated memories of incidents of things, sweet and painful, and which had left a trail of nostalgia. To leave home and go to another place to which we had never been earlier was something that had not happened so far. Yet the prospect of sitting on dias was not without its thrill and attractiveness.

The one thought in mind was that we have taken up the first step towards our dream and there are many more steps to go.

*“Zindagi ki asli udaan abhi baki hai,
Hamaare iraadon ka imtihaan abhi baki hai,
Abhi to naapi hai kuch mutthi bhar zameen,
Aage to sara aasmaan abhi baki hai.”*

We have felt many changes in ourselves. As a student of law, we used to stay carefree and the only pressure was to clear the PCS (J) examination, but now after clearing the examination and reaching here we realize that there is much more to learn and that now there is a greater responsibility on us i.e. of delivering justice.

As a judge is shouldered with great responsibility of delivering justice, he has to imbibe many qualities in him, like, patience, impartial behaviour, calmness, humbleness, humanity, so that **JUSTICE IS NOT ONLY DONE BUT ALSO MANIFESTS TO HAVE BEEN DONE.**

In this light, we would like to state that we are finding that though our basic identity cannot change, but slowly with the passage of time we are inculcating in ourselves certain new qualities, example whenever we are dealing with public, we are not carrying the carefree attitude as we used to carry earlier, we are learning something new every minute, from every little thing happening around us. At some moments we are also introspecting ourselves that whether we are thinking in an impartial manner, will our decision be a just decision, in short we act in a more responsible and a sensatised manner. The law books that we are reading, the other literature books that we are provided with by our teacher in UJALA are taking us altogether to a different way of living life, in precise we can say that as a judge we are learning how to live our life in a better way.

We would also like to share certain experiences that we had. Earlier we had a very causal behaviour while socializing but now after coming to this field we have to observe the PROTOCOL while commutating with our seniors. But somewhere in our hearts we realize that this protocol system is imbibed in us, our upbringing in the form of sanskaras.

Earlier in college life, we used to socialize a lot, we were free, but now we find that our socialization has been restricted to a certain extent. Yet another change that we feel is that earlier we used to spend every moment with our family but now we get very rare opportunity to meet our near and dear ones, that is one area were we feel a little nostalgic.

But in the end we would like to say that we are really liking this new phase of our life. This service is not only helping us to earn our livelihood, but is also teaching us how we can become a better human being. Giving judgement and delivering justice is a very solemn service, which forces us to question ourselves every time that "Will our decision in any manner cause injustice to any person ?" and this thought every time helps us to improve ourselves and raise to a next higher level of which we were unaware in the past.

Thus, we can conclude that this transition from a student to a judge is a very positive transition in our lives, which is helping us raise our standard not only academically but also morally. As it is said that “the more you know, you realize that how much you don’t know”, the same thing is happening with us. Earlier the goal was just to clear the PCS (J) exam and become a judge, but now after reaching at this position we can say that there is a lot more to learn so that we can do our job efficiently and also make our life a better life, and yes it is true that **“we were students, we are still students and will always be students throughout our lives.”**

*“The world is a university and everyone in it
Is a teacher. Make sure, when you wake up in
morning you go to school.”*
