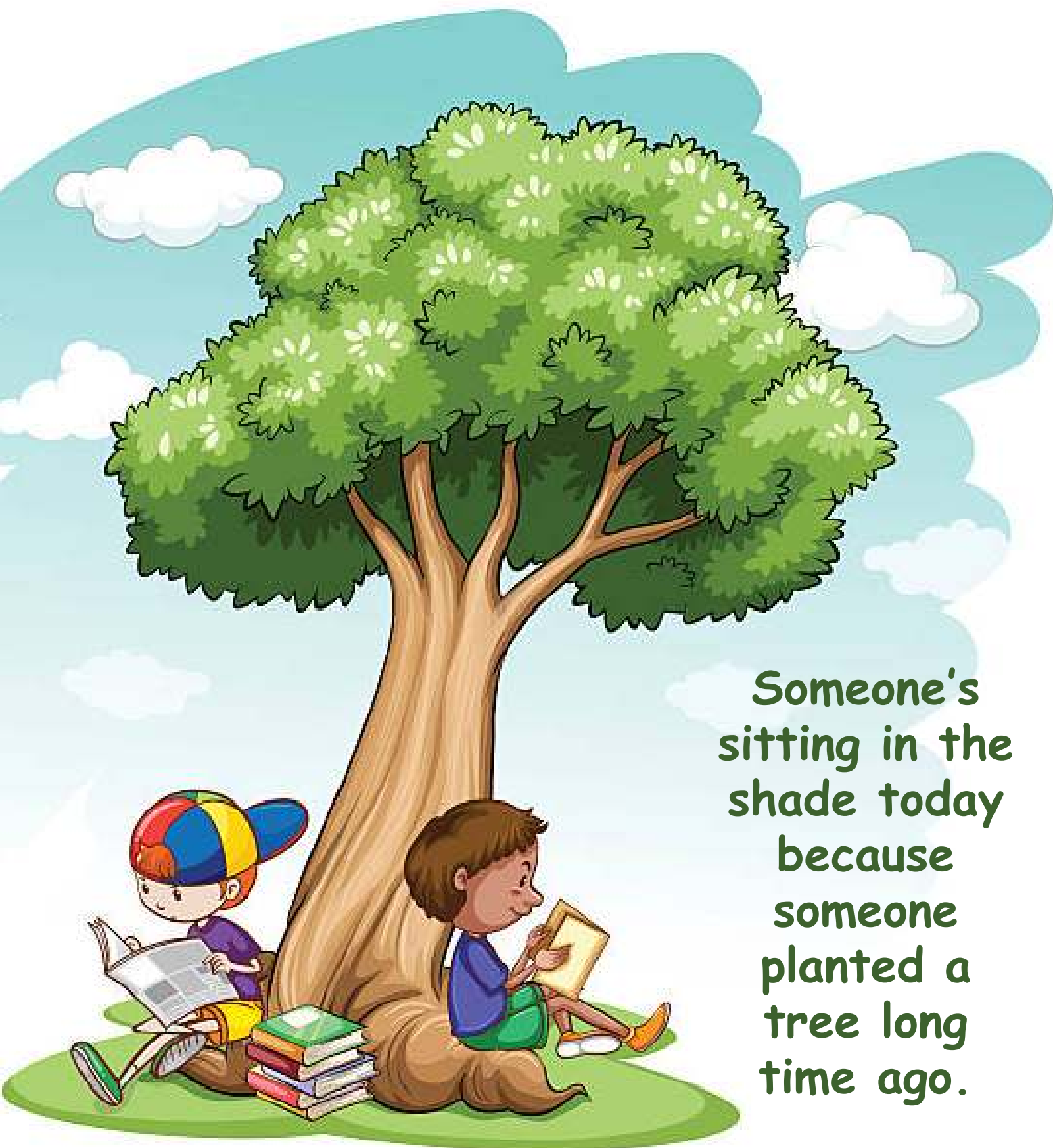


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IT'S YOUR WORLD

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Someone's
sitting in the
shade today
because
someone
planted a
tree long
time ago.

Buddha Seeking Buddha

Several disciples had gathered around Buddha one day, eager to hear his sermon. But Buddha chose to remain utterly silent, only holding out a lotus flower.

Only Mahakashyapa, gazed intently at the flower, and realised the inexpressible meaning of Buddha's gesture. He had obtained inspiration directly from Buddha's gaze, and the flower that the Master had held. He smiled at Buddha in gratitude, and Buddha smiled back in recognition of his disciple's subtle sense of insight. Thus was born a new school of Buddhism, Zen, in which experiential wisdom took precedence over sermons and scriptures; and in which revealed transmission bypassed the need for words and rituals.

To this day, Zen Masters do not use words to transmit their wisdom, relying instead on intuitive thought processes and the grasp of unspoken truths. It is believed that Bodhidharma, the South Indian Pallava prince-turned-monk, first brought Zen to China; He was perhaps in the direct lineage of the disciples of Mahakashyapa. The essence of Zen philosophy is expressed in the Bloodstream Sermon attributed to him.

"Buddhas don't save Buddhas. As long as you look for a Buddha somewhere else, you will never see that your own mind is the Buddha. Don't use a Buddha to worship a Buddha. And don't use the mind to invoke a Buddha. Buddhas don't recite sutras. Buddhas don't keep precepts. And Buddhas don't break precepts. Buddhas don't do good or evil. To find a Buddha, you have to see your nature."

Silence is looking within to find out your true nature. Our world has the tendency to drown us in a tsunami of noise! Incessant (and often mindless) chatter, blaring music, non-stop TV, constant telephone calls, endless meetings and lengthy presentations, and at times heated arguments hurt our eardrums and our hearts: noise and sounds assault us all the time.

The demands and distractions of modern life only take us away from ourselves. This is why Indic philosophy and culture insist on silence, withdrawal, stillness and meditation whereby you can discover the Divine within yourself.

"The more a man finds his sources of pleasure in himself, the happier he will be," writes the philosopher Schopenhauer. "... The highest, the most varied and lasting pleasures are those of the mind..."

Truly, if we cannot find our sense of self-worth, our true happiness and contentment within, it is useless to seek it elsewhere! This is exactly what silence helps us to do!

The best part of silence is that the ego is switched off at least for a while, and we are focusing our attention inwards. If any of you have voluntarily or compulsorily sat in silence even for a few minutes, you will know that the mind is energised, recharged by this experience.

Not only Zen; most other ancient faiths set great store by the sadhana of silence. Dhyana and Yoga are based on silencing the mind and emotions as well as speech. Of Shiva, who is worshipped as the ultimate guru, Dakshinamurthy, scriptures say this: "Thou art He who imparts instruction in utter silence. Thou art He that observes the vow of taciturnity, for Thou instructest in silence." For it is said that He brought the four learned Sanakati Munis -- Brahma's intellectual offspring -- to the state of Self-realisation by the power of His silence.



The Blind Boy !!!

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: 'I am blind, please help.' There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?'

The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.' What he had written was: 'Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it.'

Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing?

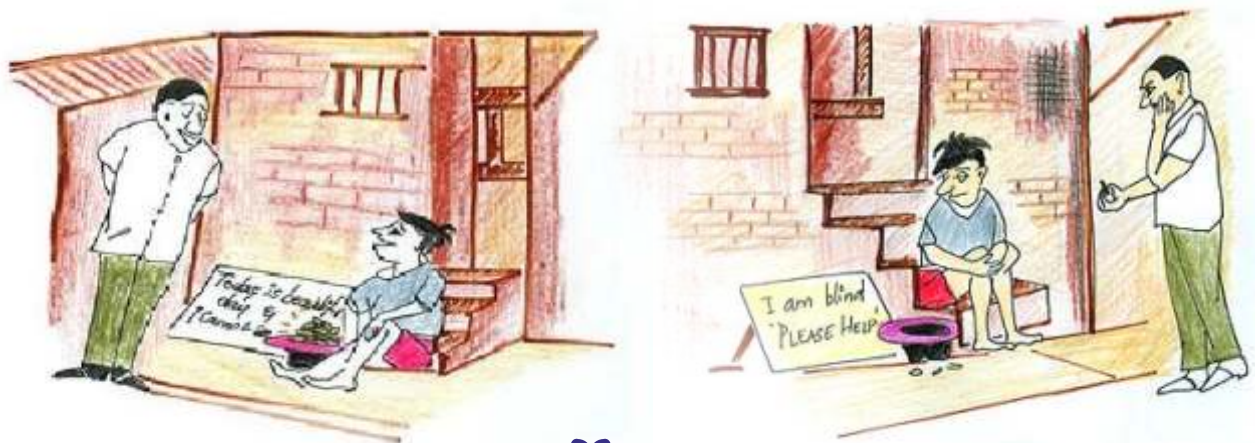
Of course both signs told people the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.

Invite others towards good with wisdom. Live life with no excuse and love with no regrets. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

Great men say, 'Life has to be an incessant process of repair and reconstruction, of discarding evil and developing goodness.... In the journey of life, if you want to travel without fear, you must have the ticket of a good conscience.' The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling...

And even more beautiful is, knowing that you are the reason behind it!!!



Shri. Anant Posha Thali
(Father of Maruti Thali -FEI Mumbai)
(1958-2017)

We at FEI Family will miss you

A well wisher, selfless person and a gentlemen. He was a very strong leader of our house, who always inspired us at every stage of our life.

His life has enlightened us to live with unity in all adversity and face the situations bravely.

We will follow his ideology and his hopes and dreams will live in our hearts forever.



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Diwali – The festival of lights was enthusiastically celebrated with beautiful Rangoli and Laxmi Pooja at our **Mumbai** and **Ahmedabad** offices.



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Mr. Ashwini Kumar Rai (FEI Delhi) and **Mrs. Priti** are blessed with baby boy.





Birthday girl
Ms. Smija Abhilash

Dear Smija, you share your birthday with **Tipu Sultan**, a ruler of Mysore renowned for his bravery against the British East India Company. Well known for his valor and courage.

"Experienced, efficient, responsible and yet always a silent symphony."
- **Pratap Nair**

"Silent, friendly and always has a charming smile" - **Smita Pillai**

"Sincere, smart working, understanding & helping." - **Vinu Pillai**

"Still waters run deep" is an apt quote to describe Smija. The potential and energy she has within her can never be known unless one works with her.
- **Vidhi Nair**

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Ashwini Kumar Rai	Delhi	08th
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Nifin Mhatre	Mumbai	14th
Kaushalya Sanduni	Colombo	16th
D. Jagadeesan	Chennai	18th
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Smija Abhilash	Corporate	20th
Rakesh Rehwadi	Ahmedabad	28th
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