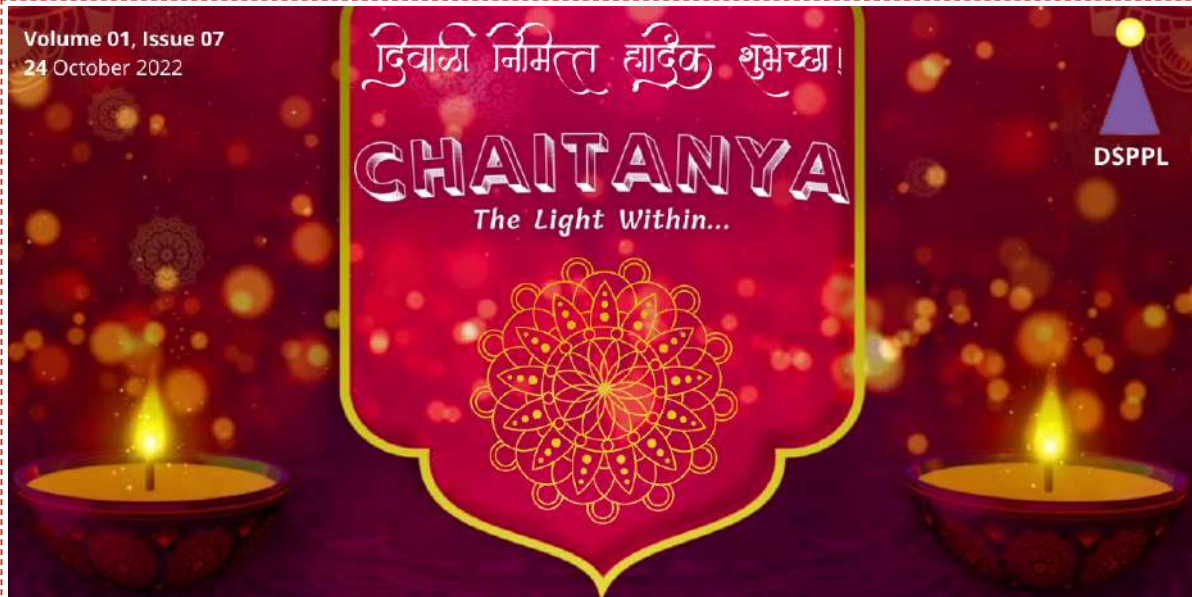


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**Diwali- a festival of light or a festival of sound?**

When the sky and surroundings are filled with darkness on a new moon day in Ashwin month of Hindu calendar, a miracle happens. A good Samaritan lights a lamp. Soon, many people follow this act and within no time, the whole atmosphere is full of light. That miracle is Diwali- a festival of light. What a noble idea of filling up the space of darkness with a series of lights. The meaning of Deepavali is exactly that. Deep + Avali where Deep is the light and Avali means a series. It is a series of lights that make it Deepavali. By doing this at least one day a year, a human being emulates the God who does it every morning by lighting a Sun in the darkness filled sky.

“Light a candle, don’t curse the darkness” a proverb goes. Diwali is that response to the saint who said that. “Appa (Atma) deepo bhava” another messiah said. You light ‘your’ light. That is his message. You are capable and are responsible for your own life. Take the ownership of life in your hands. Each one lighting one

lamp and soon the whole world would be full of light. "And there will be a light" another saint said in support. That promise gets fulfilled in Diwali.

The ancient wisdom was supreme as it was a manifestation of a supreme principle of being an asset to the world and not a nuisance. But what are we doing today? We have come quite far from that supreme principle. We created crackers to explode. We created a deafening sound to create a fear in every mind. The light stands for assurance to everyone, the noise creates fear. That is a difference. Many people who are ailing get disturbed by noise. Many who would like to rest and be peaceful at the golden age of life lose their sleep with the noise. Many birds and animals do not know what is happening when they hear a ferocious noise. The whole world around gets disturbed. Why create such a situation when the whole idea was to bring people out of the fear of that pitch darkness?

So, students, kindly look into this. On this Diwali, let us create a wonderful light and stay away from the noise making crackers. Let there be crackers who just give a fountain of light and bring joy to human eyes and heart. The world has enough noise, why add to that? Let us play a melodious music if you want a sound to contribute to these celebrations. But big No, No to those horrifying exploding crackers. Let the peace prevail. Let the promise of light stand up.



Dear Students of DSPPL and my young friends,

Rishi-Muni and Sadhu-Sant

A lot of words are used which may be synonymous to the word Guru. Friends, let us make a sincere attempt to figure out why we have different names for Godly people.

1. Muni (मुनि):- Muni is derived from manan (मनन्), in Sanskrit it is root verb (धातु). Manan means to think. Muni is someone who does introspection (अन्तर्दर्शन) or who is thoughtful.

* According to Srimad Bhagwadam: Muni is expert in mental speculation or in thinking.

* According to Srimad Bhagavad Gita (2.56): Muni is one who can agitate his mind in various ways for mental speculation without coming to a factual description.

And from where does this mental speculation come from?

Answer is Introspection (अन्तर्दर्शन).

Maunam acarati iti muni (मौनं आचरति इति मुनिः):

One who maintains the vow of silence to prevent distraction during his penance (tapas). Medhātithi commenting on Manu 6.25 defines a Muni as a hermit who has taken a vow of silence.

अग्नीनात्मनि वैतानान् समारोप्य यथाविधि ।
अनग्रिरनिकेतः स्यान् मुनिर्मूलफलाशनः ॥ २५ ॥

agnīnātmani vaitānān samāropya yathāvidhi |
anagniraniketaḥ syān munirmūlaphalāśanaḥ || 25 ||

Having repositied, according to rule, the Śrauta Fires within himself, he shall be a silent hermit, without fires and without a house, living upon roots and fruits. — (25).

‘He shall be a silent hermit’. — The construction is ‘muniḥ syāt’, ‘he shall be a muni’; which means that he shall keep his speech under control; the man who has his speech under control is called ‘a keeper of the vow of silence’.

Again commenting on Manu 6.41 he says:

अगारादभिनिष्क्रान्तः पवित्रोपचितो मुनिः ।
समुपोदेषु कामेषु निरपेक्षः परिव्रजेत् ॥ ४१ ॥

agārādabhiniṣkrāntaḥ pavitropacito muniḥ |
samupoḍheṣu kāmeṣu nirapekṣaḥ parivrajat || 41 ||

Having departed from his house, fully equipped with the sacred things, he shall go forth, silent and wholly indifferent towards pleasures that may be presented to him.—(41.)

‘Muni’, — ‘silently,’ — speaking little.

2. Rishi (ऋषि):- In Vedas, the word denotes an inspired poet of vedic hymns, who alone or with others invokes the deities with poetry. Rishi is a title which is given to the one who knows everything about Shaastras and the science (विज्ञान) behind it.

This is the reason why आर्ष वाक्य (sentences spoken by Rishis) are considered to be utmost true. One can call rishis as ancient scientists who developed shaastras like kundalini yoga and others.

Types of rishis-

- Rishi darshanat is one who has seen the spiritual truth.
- Maharshila rishi is very great in his spirituality.
- Rajarshil is a king who is very spiritual that he is also like a rishi.
- Devarshil is a deva who is also a rishi.

- Eg: Narada
- Brahmarshil is a rishi who has seen the Supreme Spiritual Truth. Eg: Vashishtha, Vishwamitra

R̥ṣi (ऋषि)

Medhātithi commenting on the opening verse of Manusmṛti defines R̥ṣi (ऋषि) as both denoting the Vedas and also those who excel at Vedas both in words and actions.

मनुमेकाग्रमासीनमभिगम्य महर्षयः ।
प्रतिपूज्य यथान्यायमिदं वचनमब्रुवन् ॥ १ ॥

manumekāgramāsīnamabhigamya maharṣayaḥ |
pratipūjya yathānyāyamidaṃ vacanamabruvan || 1 ||

The Great Sages, having approached Manu, paid their respect to him in due form, and finding him seated with mind calm and collected, addressed him these words—(1).

The great sages. — The word 'ṛṣi' means the Veda; and the word 'ṛṣi' is applied also to a person, by virtue of his possessing excellent knowledge of the Veda and all that is prescribed therein and acting up to these.

The R̥ṣis, sages, who approached Manu, were great; the said persons become 'great,' when the above-mentioned qualities become developed in them to a very high degree; just as Yudhiṣṭhira is called the 'greatest of the Kurus' (because he possessed, in a very high degree, the qualities that distinguished the members of the Kuru-race).— Or the sages may be regarded as 'great,' by virtue of their superior austerities, or of the great respect and fame enjoyed by them.

Among other definitions, V. S. Apte citing Yāska says:

They are the authors or seers of the Vedic hymns; ऋषयो मन्त्रद्रष्टारो वसिष्ठादयः; or, according to Yāska, यस्य वाक्यं स ऋषिः, i.e., they are the persons to whom the Vedic hymns were revealed.

3. Sadhu (साधु):- Sadhu means "good" in sanskrit. This person must be good according to scriptures, i.e. something that God likes. It is a very broad range. Sadhu is the one with righteous behavior, who is noble and humble. In general, a good person.

4. Sant (संत):- Saint refers to a person who has done a lot of penance (तपस्या) and is eligible to give knowledge to social people. Sant word is derivative of Saint means One who is sanctified or made holy; a person who is separated unto God's service.

All are away from materialism and are progressing on spirituality however little difference is there between them

Sadhu – The one who has renunciated the world and living alone

Rishi - Sadhu who has progressed a lot...and stays in his Ashram while teaching others about God

Muni - A Rishi who lives alone..and normally does not impart knowledge..but busy in his own quest further

Sant - One who knows the truth... he may be living with family but will be busy in propagating the truth



With Diwali round the corner, everyone is cleaning their homes, shopping and awaiting for the festive season to commence.. There is a different energy in the air.. It was just 2 days ago, we witnessed a huge rainbow here. The Sun was shining bright along with showers of rain and the outcome was a beautiful rainbow.. Our Life also is similar. When we go through a variety of situations and experiences, we come out as wonderful individuals. Life is ever changing and nothing is permanent. There are dualities like day and night, hot and cold, morning and evening, sky and earth; you will see opposites complimenting each other in many ways. So, never get bogged down when things don't go the way you wish. You all are blessed and have something special hidden within you, I am sure you'll be able to find the same one day. Start accepting everything as-is, enjoy the journey.. Enjoy sunny days and rains too, winters and summers too. And then, when you start enjoying everything, Life will be a Rainbow.. Let the light within you lit the lamp in your heart and you be cheerful every moment spreading this light wherever you go, whoever you meet.. This Diwali, let us all be the divine ambassadors sharing the light of goodness and sweets of kindness all around.. Have a wonderful Diwali and a blissful Life ahead!!



Ecological balance need of the hour

I live in Bangalore last 34 years. Bangalore was known for its pleasant weather and green corridors. In the recent past we all have read news about Bangalore

floods . I read an article in the newspaper today sharing the map of Bangalore created in the year 1935 with tanks and it's interconnections. In early 90's I have always wondered how Bangalore has so many lakes? I thought it was natural to the city.

When I read this article, saw the map understood that these are all man made tanks interconnected with canals. The legacy dates as far as 1500 BC as per the history. Tanks were strategically placed and interconnected with canals so that overflowing rain water can be passed on to other tanks. Topography needed that kind of planning.

By late 19th century Bangalore known today as Bengaluru. Came up as a promising hub for industrial and service sector. Now in the present Silicon city of India. One side heavy rainfall last few years and other side tech city has become a concrete jungle covering all the canals and swallowing many tanks in the city. Lakes are lifeline of the city. You have learnt about water and it's importance in our lives during DSPPL sessions.

Water was neither saved for future use nor it drained naturally for people to commute. It was a disaster, but man made.

So what do we learn from this experience?

Only concentrating on technological advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning we have come far away from old maps , town planning done hundreds or even thousands of years ago by our ancestors.

Start pondering over, how to strike a balance and take care of the ecological system too. Also let us thank God for giving us rainfall and drinking water all through our life. We should remember once again Just for today I will be in attitude of gratitude.

With love light and reiki

Aruna M



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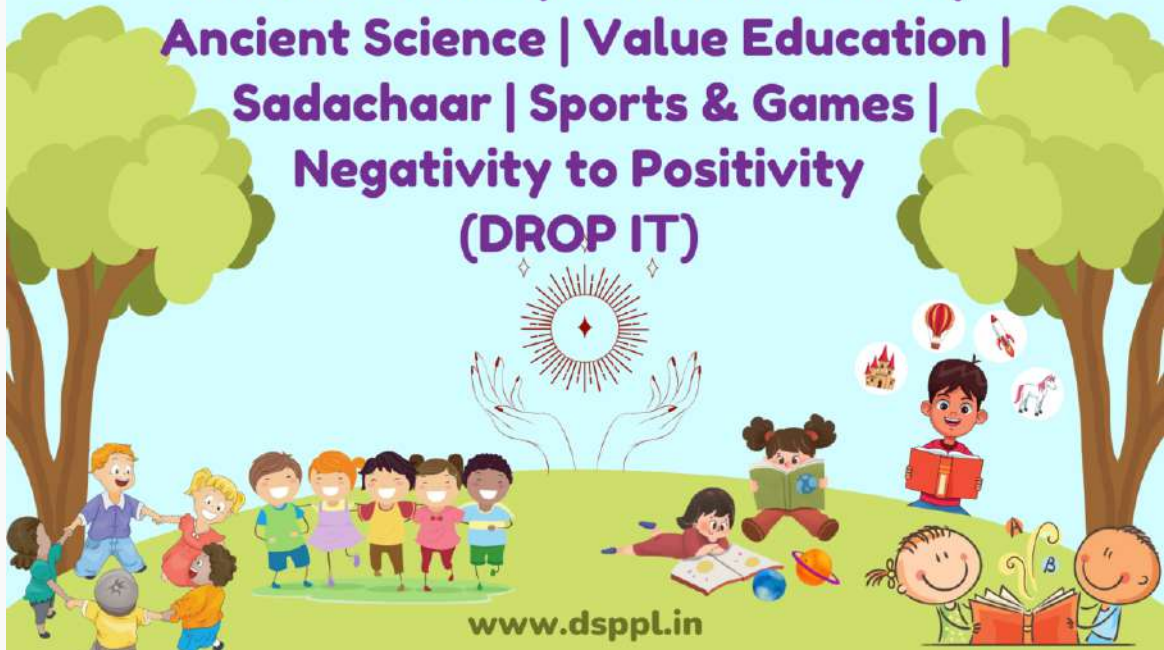
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