

Neeti Slokas of Chanakya – Series 1

Chanakya Neeti slokas are useful slokas composed by Chanakya (Kautilya), for our day-to-day life and environment. These slokas give us very valuable insight into society and political life. Even today these slokas have exactly the same value and meaning in our life as it was more than 2000 years back.

1. विद्वत्त्वं च नृपत्वं च नैव तुल्यं कदाचन ।
स्वदेशे पूज्यते राजा विद्वान् सर्वत्र पूज्यते ॥

Scholar and king are never comparable. King is worshipped in his country, but scholar is worshipped everywhere.

2. पाण्डिते च गुणाः सर्वे मूर्खे दोषा हि केवलम् ।
तस्मान्मूर्खसहस्रेषु प्राज्ञा एको विशिष्यते ॥

Noble people have all good qualities and fools have only bad qualities. So, people respect only one noble person instead of a thousand fools.

3. मातृवत्परदारेषु परद्रवेषु लोष्ट्रवत् ।
आत्मवत्सर्वभूतेषु यः पश्यति सः पण्डितः ॥

He who looks at other's wife as mother, treats others' wealth as stone, and treats everyone as himself, is really noble.

4. चला लक्ष्मीश्चलाः प्राणाश्चलं जीवित-यौवनम् ।
चलाचले च संसारे धर्म एको हि निश्चलः ॥

Wealth comes and goes, life and youth goes from the living, in this world of coming and going, 'dharma' alone is firm.

5. वरमेको गुणी पुत्रो न च मूर्खशतान्यपि ।
एकश्चन्द्रस्तमो हन्ति न च तारगणोऽपिच ॥

One good and noble son is better than a hundred fool sons. Only one moon lights the sky, where as thousand stars do not. Similarly one noble son brings fame and respect to family than hundred fools.

6. दूरतः शोभते मूर्खो लम्बशाटपटावृतः ।
तावच्च शोभते मूर्खो यावत्किञ्चिन्न भाषते ॥

Wearing expensive dresses a fool looks like a scholar from a distance. But, when he opens his mouth his ignorance comes out.

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