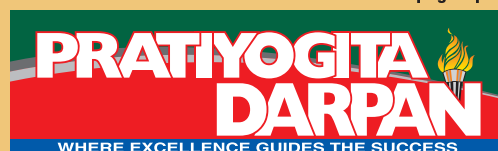




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DREAM BIG AND ACT TO REALISE THEM

Great things are accomplished by those who dream big and move heaven and earth to realise those dreams. Idlers' dreams are futile, since there is no effort to back them up in order to realise them. Men of action do see big dreams, draw inspiration from them and sweat and toil to give them a practical shape. All big things in life, which mankind to day has, started as dreams. The aeroplane has its origin in the dreams of Wright Brothers, the steam engine had its origin in the dream of James Watt. The invention of electricity was the conversion of an idea, virtually a dream, into reality. Our former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam exhorted young men and women to have high ambitious, which actually meant that they should have a vision, a dream of rising high in life and work dedicatedly to realise it. It is true to say that great accomplishments originate from dreams converted into reality.

Behind all accomplishments there is a dream, which inspires a person to go ahead in a big way. It is on record that Wright Brothers (Wilver and Orvil) had seen in a dream that man could fly high in the sky like birds. They began to give practical shape to their dream. Though their beginning was modest, yet it was well determined and well planned. The result was that humanity, in course of time, had an aeroplane. Today, we are able to fly freely like the dreamman of Wright-Brothers. In the early years of the twentieth century, after Dalton, it was dreamt to break or divide the atom. The dream was given a practical shape in Einstein's theory of Relativity which made man the master of nuclear energy. The first ever poet Maharashi Valmiki described Ram Rajya—a form of government, which looks after the health and happiness of the common man. The Ram Rajya of the great sage poet, Valmiki, in course of centuries, gave the politician thinkers the concept of welfare state. Had there been no such dreams, there would not have been so many fine things in life. The other side of it is that if we do not try to prove ourselves worthy of the biggest democratic republic, the dream of our late leaders would remain unfulfilled. In short, dreams are worth while only if follow-up action is taken to convert them into reality. Those who do not work to make their dreams true are not able to give anything new to the world. They are fools and half-mad, who content themselves with dreams, and sleep over them. It is rightly said that the dreams of unfortunate and idlemen never come true.

Generally, people do not remember what they see in dreams. But those, who recollect their dreams and try to draw inspiration from them, do feel like breaking their chains of obstacles and limitations, and make a plan to work out the scheme of their dream. Someone has very aptly advised thus—The best way to bring your dreams true is to wake up and devote yourself to the task set before you by mobilizing all the resources at your command.

There are a number of books on the science of dreams—why do we dream, how do dreams affect our life, how are they related to our practical life etc.; these are the various aspects of dreams, which the scholars of psychoanalysis have discussed in detail. Their conclusions can be summarised thus—our suppressed or ungratified desires appear in various forms in our dreams. What we want to get or accomplish in our actual life and are unable to do, appear in the dream, as if to say, that with an extra effort, you will be able to accomplish it. So, the dreams goad us to fulfil our suppressed desires. Thus, behind our dreams there flow forces of inspiration and effort, which if utilised correctly, we may shed off the shell of a dreamer and become a seer. Our young men and women have made up their minds to get success in competitions, only after having been inspired by some big dream.

Some people, instead of doing so, like to bask on the glories of the past and feel safe where they are. These persons are simply objects of pity, as they busy themselves with sweeping the ruins of the dilapidated buildings.

Our dreams are an index of the ideals we cherish. Our ideals are formed vis-a-vis. the type of life we lead or want to lead. To have great dreams, we will have to lead a progressive life, as dreams are directly related to the gratification and suppression of desires. Michael D. Montaigne gives us the key to dreams thus—Dreams are the true interpreters of our inclinations, but there is art required to sortout and understand them. "Do remember that one who has dreams of silver, will not be able to make his golden future." Therefore it is proper to dream of a golden future and fully devote oneself to work for it, as we can make our future in the present, which is fast turning into past. Our young men and women would be well advised to have dreams of a golden future, plan it and work accordingly.

There is a story of a poor man, who went to Maharaj Yudhishtira for help 'OK come tomorrow', said the great king Yudhishtira. As the poor man turned his back, Bhimsen rang the bell denoting great victory. Yudhishtira enquired—"What was all this about", Bhim replied, "My respected brother, the bell is in recognition of your victory over death (काल देवता) for the next twenty four hours." Yudhishtira realised the importance of the present. He called the needy poor man and did his job. The lesson of the story is—Do think of the future, but do not try to live in it.

Remember these inspiring words of Dr. Samuel Johnson—"The Future can be purchased by the Present."

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