

BrahmKatha: Brahm Prakash Gupta ji, INDRAYAN ki Jubani

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INDRAYAN, Indra ka Ghar, lady luck and his regard for stree-dhan



This is quite sentimental and emotional, straight from heart, absolutely true & factual, got-in-tears multiple times in efforts of writing this 'BrahmKatha', as writing – continuously believed felling short of efforts and memories, ... Please do care for length-depth-breadth of this BrahmKatha. This is parivaar ki jubani, BrahmKatha – Brahm Prakash ji ki Kahani.

In Hindu Dharam, once the body is cremated, the bone is looked out into the ashes. If Atmaram is found intact then the person is said to be pious. It happens to one in millions or even more. This is called 'Mukti'.

Indrayan, aap ka banaya parivaar, was privileged and honored to receive 'Atmaram' during 'Phool Chun-ne ki prakriya'. It was a moment of joy in the times of biggest setback of life in the entire family.

In his introduction, it would be fair to make a mention that he came from very-very extreme humble socio-economic background; however, with very strong personal fundamentals. This will reflect @ many places as we travel through some of his life's journey.

He was 'kalam ke dhani (rich with 'pen' in writing skills). He had the science and art of presenting any complex matter in simplest possible way; reason, his ability & capability to look @ everything from simplicity & resolution perspective. Clarity of thoughts and understanding always helped him achieving so.

In 25 years, we are yet to find a person who would like to talk about him otherwise. Anyone and everyone speak with respect and regard, people just speak "how, when and when he could help them", how nice he was to them, how respectful he was to them, how loving and knowledgeable to them, ...

He went up to Prime Minister Office during Hon'ble S Chandrasekhar as Prime Minister times as "Additional Private Secretary". Shri CB Gautam had very special place in his life and they both enjoyed relationship of difference, with deep & thick family relations even today. Both friends left for Swarg, heavenly last yatra within a span of a month. When speaking about Gautam ji, it would be worth mentioning the help that Gautamji extended to him for seven months, when his salary was suspended due to mischief by one of his colleagues. Obviously, he came clean; but Gautam ji stood on his side like rock solid pillar.

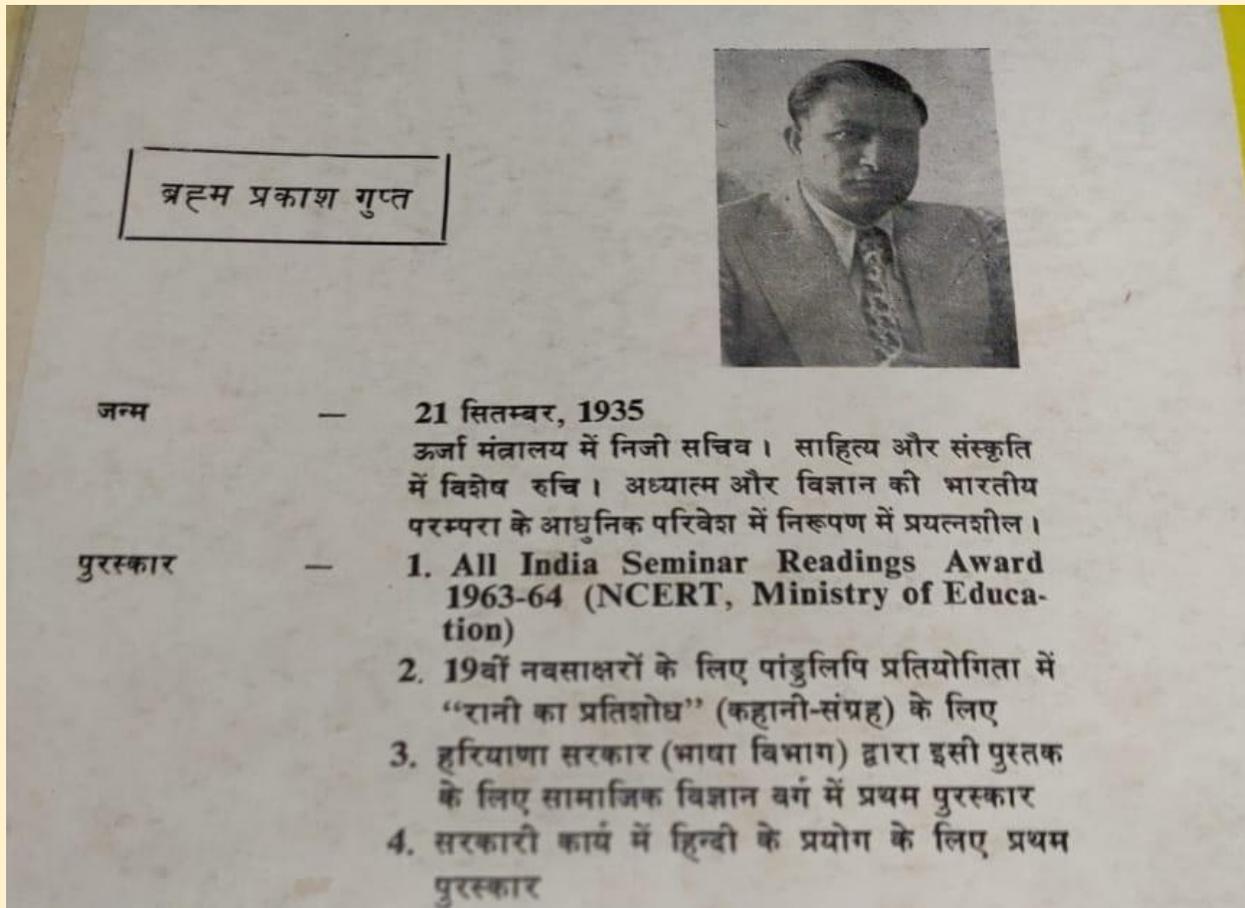
He was very attached to Sonipat in Haryana for two reasons (a) Baba Dham (b) Ancestral families living Sonipat. His heart always remained with families living in Sonipat.

He served Government of India in Central Government most of his life, barring a little time with American Embassy. His administration and inter-relationships were well appreciated and admired by people, who had an opportunity to connect with him.

He had special interest in writing. He used to write for children. He was very regular write for Hindi magazine Nandan and Parag. He did deliver SIX TV episodes, telling about Rivers of India in very interesting, engaging, and interacting manner with kids around him. He has more than a dozen books in his credit. Lots of his assets have been deployed on this digital platform.

He WON many Awards and Recognitions, to name a few here

- One of his Awards had altogether a very different background. He Won as Award, which he should/ could not have received basis pre-qualification criteria. However, his literature was so exemplary that his qualification as pre-qualifying criteria got overlooked by evaluation team. It was unearthed later, and it became quite an issue.
- He won Hindi Sahitya Academy Award for his Book 'Char Chawal'.
- Government of India awarded his Book 'Rani Ka Pratishodh'.
- He had a track record of writing maximum Hindi words in a year within his Ministry.



He was a person of principles, he had certain non-negotiable fundamentals of his life, and some of the characteristics were very natural and synonym with him like Honesty, Integrity, Commitment, discipline, follow & respect Protocols, speak slowly-gently-swiftly, he would have never ever accused or abused anyone, build and maintain relationship esp. among intellectuals, and his strong value system.

Some of his beliefs and convictions:

“People respect Chair. If 95%-98% people do not recognise you in private and/or public once you move-on from a chair, you should not mind as they continue to respect the Chair and person sitting in Chair.”

He often used to say and maintained so all his life “Don’t live your today so much that you mess your tomorrow AND don’t mess your today for tomorrow”. It is quite a deep-rooted statement, easier said than done. One needs conviction, believe, and belief in self to live such a life irrespective of situations and circumstances.

He was Man-in-style, lived King-size life despite his humble socio-economic background and irrespective of any situation. During his American Embassy days esp., he had two pair of formal dresses; he would iron them by keeping them under his pillow overnight; will dress up like a thorough gentleman as well-dressed person. Later in his life, he never wore a safari suit beyond 2-3 seasons. Man-of-Style and Man-in-Style.

Money and/or any materialistic considerations could never lure him and/or could never move him from his fundamentals. He always stood on solid grounds basis his principles, beliefs, and believes. He was far from 'greed', very self-contained though progressive and always forward looking.

He was a true classy case of 'Modern-Orthodox'. He was very forward looking in most of his outlook in terms of whatever he did; but still sticking to certain fundamentals of life as he knew the value of them. Case in example, (a) he will believe-in daughter-in-law @ home to follow 'pallu, but just up to forehead'. (b) he knew who among his sons would consume liquor or smoke, but he always maintained 'father-son' never on same table anytime-anywhere. (c) he always expected everyone to follow speaking-sitting-and-other protocols, but still entire family shall have food together.

He never-ever left anything 'Jhoota (left food in his plate)' as he always believed-in what he learnt from his maternal uncle "(a) anaaz aur khane ka apman mat karo, agar bhojan ne aap ka apmaan kiya – to bhooke maroge and (b) think of those who struggle and strive for portion that you are wasting". Again, easier said than done. It is easy to preach, tough to follow. He always preached what he followed, and followed what he preached.

He was an absolutely a family-man. He always ensured that all his family members take atleast one meal together with all cooking & serving dishes in the middle of family-circle. He always called it 'Seven Star Food', this is what he often used to offer to people, who wanted to try offer him out of office business meetings.

He and his family

For him, his mother and sister were everything in his life. He didn't go to office for FIVE days during last days of his mother, just because his mother asked him to stay at home once. His last word before departing for heavenly journey was "Uma aa gayee", as she was still in lift. He didn't utter a single word from morning till mid-night before taking last breath.

It is tough and possibly not possible to articulate or talk about his love & affection with his wife Indra Gupta. She was hardly studied and pure Hindi speaking. Very simple and traditional Indian women. Absolutely 100% housewife with simple living – high thinking. She remained very hardworking all her life. He always looked for opportunities for her to join him in various forums, irrespective of venue from social gathering to visit & stay at LG House, or moving around with his Hon'ble Minister family. Bonding between him and his wife was amazing, undefinable

understanding and mutual trust-mutual respect. At any time, they chose each other over anyone and everyone in the World.

With SIX kids*, he was very connected and engaging with them. Despite all kind of limited resources, he always delivered his best to his kids. His belief and believe was “let me focus on building four pillars, they will build four houses”, esp whenever anyone used to ask him about post-superannuation shifting from Government accommodation in Pandara Road.

He had a very unique characteristic about his friends, some of his Teachers and Principals were his friends. All intellectuals in their respective fields.

The day he left for heavenly journey and decided to bless the friends & families from a new destination, two things worth mentioning (a) he was debt-free, not even a single paise/ penny payable to anyone in any manner (b) he had performed all his commitments including financial ones, by knotting his youngest son Santosh/ Babloo with Rachna.

* Family details as of TODAY

INDRA – BRAHM PRAKASH GUPTA					
AGGARWALS					
SANJAY - SUNITA	SANJEEV - RENU	SUDHIR - SUBAH	SHASHI - SANJAY	SANTOSH - RACHNA	SANGEETA: HEAVENLY
Shraddha – Ashu	Saurabh - Anubha	Suvrat	Akarsh	Siddhant	
Aaroo (Aarohi)					
Shipra – Abhishek	Shruti - Tarun	Sweekriti	Ishita - Vinamra	Samit	
Cherrie (Maira)					