



The Unique Cloth

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Abstract: -

“The Unique Cloth” is a story that shows the brilliance of Tenali Rama who is one of the ministers of King Krishnadev Raya. Tenali Rama is the wisest minister and helps the King to solve each and every difficult situation and problem. He can find solutions to any complex problem. In the paper, I have attempted to translate and rewrite the story in English, taken from various sources, oral as well as written.

Overall, the story is a clever tale about the importance of patience, wit, and honesty. It highlights the power of thinking outside the box and the consequences of deceit.

Once one visitor comes to cheat and earn money. He wants a Cloth, not of any color to gift his wife otherwise he will have to give money. It is just his trick to cheat but Tenali Rama solves the problem with his great answer. He reveals the true face of that visitor and solves another tricky problem using his great intelligence.

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As the golden rays of the sun fill the state of Vijayanagara, The court of Maharaja Krishnadev Raya is held every day. The court of the king is famous all over the country and abroad. Maharaja KrishnadevRaya was prajavatsal, fair, and appreciative of artists. People from distant countries came to the court of Maharaja and presented their art, presenting their problems. King also showed mercy on them. Now the same way a traveler came to the Maharaja's court to solve his problem.

King called the traveler in the court and asked him to state his problem. Traveler said that Maharaja I have come from seven seas away hearing the fame of your court. Your Majesty, it's my wedding anniversary in a month so I asked my wife what she wants as a gift. My wife wants a dress, But the color of the dress she wants has become my problem. And if I am not able to give a dress of this color then 4,00,000 gold coins is required instead. Otherwise, she will divorce me. Maharaja said, 'How can the color of cloth become a problem? The traveler answered, "According to my wife's description the color of that cloth should be neither white nor black nor red, blue, yellow, green, pink nor purple nor should it be made of a mixture of any two colors.

Now tell me Maharaja, where can I get such a colorless cloth from? I am a general trader I can't give 4,00,000 gold coins. My wife has threatened to divorce me if I am not able to give her a gift. After hearing his problem Maharaja gets tension yet Maharaja promises him to solve his problem and he will have to because now it is not about him but it is about the reputation of his kingdom. King tells to each minister to solve the traveler's problem but no one is ready to find such type of cloth. Tenali Rama the most intelligent person in his court is also out of town for two days. Now he has no choice so he tells the traveler that, the person who can solve your problem is out of town. But I guarantee that he will solve your problem after he comes back till then enjoy our hospitality.

On the next day, Tenali Rama comes back and goes to the king. King says everything in detail, now in the court Tenali Rama meets with that traveler and asks him to repeat his requirement about cloth. The traveler repeats everything and after knowing his demand



Tenali Rama tells him to come the next day and assures him that he will get his clothes by tomorrow. Now the traveler is a little bit worried after seeing Tenali Rama's confidence.

The next day court is held and everyone is very excited to see that colorless cloth. But the traveler looks much tensed. Tenali Rama comes confidently and says to the traveler that in the kingdom many dyers were ready to give the color as you want. But they need so much time but in the morning one dyer come to me and said that he is ready to dye the cloth. After listening this traveler asked immediately when he got this Cloth. Tenali Rama tells the traveler that the clothes you require are unique so the day you will get these clothes is also unique. That day should not be Monday or Tuesday or any day of the week. It should not be Kartak to Aaso or any month nor Ekam to Poonam or even amavsya, when this day comes you will get your cloth.

Traveler said that the day you describe is possible to come. Then Tenali Rama said confidently that if the cloth you describe is possible to get then the day you will get this cloth is also possible to come so wait for the day and enjoy hospitality till it comes. And if you try to run away our soldiers will throw you in jail. Now the traveler regrets, and immediately apologizes, then says that with the help of this trick, I cheated on many kings and got 4,00,000 gold coins. Then the king Sends him to jail and appreciates Tenali Rama.

The Moral of the story is -

With Your patience and Intelligence, you can face any situation

If you are tempted to earn money in the Wrong way, you will end up in trouble.