

DADA – The Complete Man

What makes a man complete? A million dollar question isn't it! In today's world, we all are striving to excel in our lives and are trying to strike a balance between four dimensions of life – Profession, Family, Social and Spiritual growth. Dada has effortlessly achieved this balance with magnificence, and hence he has been an ideal and a complete man.

Dada's life has been an open book to learn life skills, which he discovered, practice and excelled in his life successfully. This is an attempt to rediscover these skills for our young generation from Dada's life – a mantra for becoming a complete man in all respects.

1. **Professionalism:** A lawyer by profession with phenomenal listening and communications skills with a focused approach and an eye for detail had made him much sought after popular legal luminary amongst all sections of the society. He would apply logical thinking and had tremendous patience by dedicating almost 14+ hours of work in not so plushy work place. He always had a small note pad with important notes and things to do so as to have perfect time management in those times. He never bothered for the fees from his clients, many a times he would plead cases free of cost. He always believed that work is worship and gesture of help or his legal guidance is for the betterment of society.
2. **Family Man :** Irrespective of his very busy schedule and professional life, Dada has always drawn a clear line between his profession and family. He has been always a family oriented man. He ensured that he spent quality time with his large family. He has been a man of few words but always a man of true words. He inculcated reading habits and made every one comfortable by motivating us to speak on the occasion of birthdays. This helped us to lose stage fear early in our life and today each one of us could speak effortlessly in front of large audience. Family get together over Bhatta or hand made ice cream was a treat for everyone to enjoy his magnetic company. He was compassionate and always radiating positivity.
3. **Social Outreach :** Dada always believed that one has to give back to the society and he made it a point that education is the key for uplifting and empowering society at large. He displayed his leadership qualities by involving himself with educational institutions. At that time he had very innovative ideas of teaching and learning. He also dedicated his time and effort for nation building and ensured harmony amongst Hindus and Muslim in the volatile environment at Malegaon during curfews and riots. His word was a last word and he seamlessly defused tensions and avoided clashes. Even today senior functionaries including people like Nitin Gadkari remembers his work for RSS.

- 4. Spirituality :** He was highly spiritual and I believe that this was the core of his success. His wisdom, thinking and practicing of the teachings from his readings of good books has made him a man with a difference. Dada has always believed that good work will always pay back in terms of well wishes and blessings. He shared his spiritual experiences with many of us and that was life teaching explained to us in simple words. He neither engaged nor encouraged gossiping and his clear and calm mind with a photogenic memory has made him a special person for all of us.

We all are grateful to God Almighty to have born in this family. Our childhood memories about Dada still linger in our mind. If we can follow his teachings in true sense, we can always been successful by managing these four dimensions in our life by applying these life skills.

Remembering DADA- The Complete Man on his 115th birth anniversary with gratitude and folded hands.

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