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## Mother as Psycho – Social Guide in Aditi kulkarni's Shyam's Mother

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### Abstract

This research paper attempts to find out the role of mother as psycho – social guide in the life of Sane Guruji. The concept of motherhood stands universal, surpassing geographical and other barriers. Mother, being tutor, guide, philosopher and friend – remains as founding stone for child's self actualization and productive personality. Shyam's mother inculcated the seeds of love, truth, sincerity, hard work, liberty and built a strong confidence in his mind. The fame and name of Shyam (Sane Guruji) as a teacher, social worker and freedom fighter was nothing but his childhood development under his mother's supervision.

**Key Words:** Mother, teacher, philanthropist, character, childhood development.

Mother is the name of God in the lips and hearts of children.

W. M. Thackery.

Pandurang Sadashiv Sane also known as Sane Guruji (Guruji meaning "respected teacher") was a Marathi author, teacher, social activist and freedom fighter from Maharashtra. As a prolific writer, he has 104 books to his credit. He wrote poetry, stories, essays, novels and philosophical books. He translated Tagore, Tolstoy and English classics while in jail. Sane worked as teacher in Pratap High School in smaller town. He gave up school job to join the Indian Independence Movement when Mahatma Gandhi started the Dandi March in

1930. During the period of 1930 to 1947, Sane Guruji participated in different agitations and was arrested on eight occasions.

Shyamchi Aai, the Marathi literary classic, written by Sane Guruji, is translated by Aditi Kulkarni in English in 2008. It is based on a mother's unconditional love for her child that was famously made into a film, with same title and won All India Golden award. Shyamchi Aai is a fictionalised account of the childhood years of Pandurang Sadashiv Sane. Shyamchi Aai, written in jail, has 45 episodes in which Shyam, recalls the teachings of his mother, a devoutly religious person with an earthy and practical philosophy. The story unfolds in the form of chapters named 'ratra' (night in Marathi).

Many psychologists have studied the relations between person to person in the orbit of attachment theory. This theory in psychology originated with the seminal work of John Bowlby who studied child's relationship with his mother in terms of social, emotional and cognitive development. Sigmund Freud in his theory of oedipal complex states that the boys between the ages of three to five would desire their mother.

The French philosopher Auguste Comte says, "Woman is the most moral element in all humanity". Shyam's mother Yashoda played a role of guide, friend and philosopher in his life. She like a guide, nurtured and shaped his innocent mind, telling him difference between paap and punya (Virtue and Vice). Human being should feel shame while doing evil, but at the same time, doing good things he must feel proud of himself. To make her point Yashoda refers example of Krishna. In chapter 'Aakache Lagana' (sister's marriage) mother teach him value of respect. She says: 'take respect and give respect as it is a reciprocal process'. (Translated mime p.26) Shyam's mother built confidence and boldness in him, even beating him sometime. She beat him when he says no for swimming. In this regard, American Novelist Pearl Buck quote: "Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers but it is love just the same".



and most mothers kiss and scold together".

Yashoda's philanthropist heart made foundation for 'humane and empathetic' soul of Shyam. Values are inculcated and carried forward from generation to generation. She through her compassionate heart and helps consciously inculcate life values of love, respect, empathy, brotherhood etc. setting her own example. She also like teacher nurtures humanistic approach in his poet-hearted mind. She says "wipe out tears of other and smiles them, there is happiness in it. The person who loves others is a great person". (Translated mine p.26).

Shyam admits greatness of his mother who guide him to think about others and who shaped his character. In chapter 'Punyaattama Yashwant' Sane Gurugi gives due credit to his mother. He opines that whatever he has well in his mind or character is the result of his mother and brother. He concludes- "it is a thing of luck to have great mother and brother. They are God given gift". (Translated mine.p.34)

Her eco-friendly and biocentric perspective is visible all through her life. Her sensitivity and attachment for nature was deeply peculated in Shyam's mind for flowers, plants, trees and animals. She very skillfully nurtures the value of love for nature. In chapter 'Dumb Flowers' she teach him to love flowers, which affects his life. Shyam considers flower as god's beautiful idol. He admits that ecological legacy of father and mother he is carrying on. He observes, "I inherited obsession and love of flowers respectively from father and mother." (Translated mine. p.28)

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In the preface of book Sane Gurugi states

that human greatness lies in character and goodness. The dictionary definition of character is 'the stable and distinctive qualities built into an individual's life which determines his or her response regardless of circumstances'. John Locke explains that 'we are like chameleons; we take our hue and the colour of moral character, from those around us'. The character of sane Gurugi is shaped by his mother by inculcating the values of love, affection, compassion, liberty, hard work, humanity etc.

According to Erik Erikson social development involves learning the values, knowledge and skills. Parents are the first important influence on child's development. Other factors are family, school and peers. Sane Gurugi's social development and building of character is the result of advices given by his mother. In chapter 'Great tear', she advises him about purification of mind. "Like body and clothes, mind should be simple and clean." (Translated mine.p.60)

Shyam's mother set a good example of liberty before him through her insistence to her husband to build home when they were made homeless as their home was confiscated by government, failing to provide revenue. She quotes, 'liberty is my crown, ornament of liberty is more important than jewels'. The metaphor of 'mother love' also traces his love for motherland. For the sake of liberty he resigned the job of teacher to join Indian freedom movement.

Either mother or guide can teach important principles. To beautify life, needs three qualities. First is love, second knowledge and third power. One is useless in the absence of others as they are interdependent. Knowledge without love is useless. Love without knowledge is useless; and power without love and knowledge is not also fruitful. Love means development of heart; knowledge means development of intelligence and power means development of body.

On social front, she also guides him and wipe out the feeling of untouchability from his



mind. Perhaps because of this learning he observed fast in Pandarpu for the entry of untouchable people into temple of Vithal-Kukamini and in which he succeeded finally. She made him bold enough to face criticism of society. His mother makes him aware of inferior and superior complexes. She inculcates value of brotherhood in him through various examples. The principle of social accountability was a blessing of his mother.

Psychological development involves mental, physical, social and spiritual growth that allows person to live a productive life. In Sane Guruji's case Daniel Goleman's term 'emotional quotient' fits perfectly. EQ is an ability to identify, evaluate, control and express emotions. Because of this ability he is known as "Guruji" (teacher) in society which is biggest honor to him. Shyam's mother inculcated the seeds of love, truth, sincerity, hard work, liberty and built a strong confidence in his mind. The fame and name of Shyam (Sane Guruji) as a teacher, social worker and freedom fighter was nothing but his childhood development under his mother's supervision. His mother Yashoda had passed on legacy of character in his life. In this regard the quotation of Booker T. Washington is apt. He says, "In all my effort to learn, to read, my mother share fully my ambition and sympathized with me and aided me in every way she could, if I have done anything in life worth attention, I feel sure that I inherited the disposition from my mother".

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## SMART CLASSROOMS -THE SMART WAY OF LEARNING

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#### Abstract

Technology has become a way of life which has affected us in every aspect and education is not an exception. Quality education is an essential requisite in today's competitive environment. Our education must adapt to technological advancements. The smart classes are a modernized method of education in Indian education scenario which provides quality education to students by helping them in better concept formation, concept elaboration, improvement in reading skills and academic achievement. Smart Classrooms an innovative concept which needs Adaptive learning for providing personalized learning.

Smart Classrooms are technology enhanced classrooms that foster opportunities for teaching and learning by integrating learning technology, such as computers, specialized software, audience response technology, assistive listening devices, networking, and audio/visual capabilities. The digitized classrooms have made the education joyous, interesting and enhanced students' performance. Smart classrooms are means for smart learning as we find most of the students spend most of their time chatting online and social networks. So, the teachers must grab this platform to change the way students learn using internet and modern technology. To meet the needs of society and this new generation of learners, we must keep evolving and innovating.