

Win-Win Situation

Once, a great mathematician lived in a village outside Ujjain. The king often sought his advice on matters related to the economy. He was known as far as Taxila in the North and Kanchi in the South. However, it hurt him when the village headman told him that he was a great mathematician who advised the king on economic matters but his son did not even know the value of gold or silver. The mathematician called his son and asked him which of the two is more valuable - gold or silver? The son said gold. His answer was correct. The mathematician asked his son as to why the village headman made fun of him and claimed that he did not know the value of gold or silver.

He told him that the village headman teased him every day and mocked him before other village elders that he neglects his son. He felt that everyone in the village laughed behind his back because his son did not know what is more valuable, gold or silver. He asked his son to explain this.

The son then told his father, the reason why the village headman carried this impression. He told him that every day, on his way to school, the village headman calls him

to his house. In front of all the elders of the village, he brings out a silver coin in one hand and a gold coin in the other.

He asks the boy to pick up the more valuable coin. The son told the mathematician that he picks the silver coin. Then everyone makes fun of him and he goes to school. This happens on a daily basis. That is why, they tell the mathematician that his son does not know the value of gold or silver.

The father was confused and asked his son that despite knowing the value of gold and silver, why did he always pick the silver coin. He took his father to his room and showed him a box. The box contained at least a hundred silver coins. He said that the day he will pick up the gold coin, the game will end, they will stop having fun and he will stop making money.

Moral - Sometimes in life, we have to play the fool's role because our seniors and our peers like it. That does not mean we lose. It just means that others win in one arena of the game, while we win in the other arena. We have to choose which arena matters to us.

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Ninety-nine Percent have Antibodies 6 Months after Second Dose of Covishield: Study

A study by Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has noted that the COVID-19 antibodies were intact in 99% of the cohort, 6 months following the second dose of Covishield vaccine. Director of the institute, Dr CN Manjunath, said that among 250 fully vaccinated healthcare workers, 99% of them were found to have intact antibodies against COVID-19. He added that the findings indicate that booster doses are not needed at present. Blood tests for the IgG neutralizing antibody were conducted on 250 healthcare workers at the hospital. All the participants had received their second dose of Covishield in February 2021. When tested for antibodies in April, 79% had a positive antibody response, while 21% exhibited a negative immune response. When tested in September, 99% of the cohort exhibited a positive immune response while only 1% had a negative immune response. Around 49% of the cohort had over 90% antibody levels... (Source: ET Healthworld – TNN)

Delirium Common after Hospitalization for Severe COVID-19, Finds Study

Patients with COVID-19 usually had an extended course of delirium in the intensive care unit (ICU), likely with several contributing factors, suggests a new study. The researchers also noted that neuropsychological impairment may continue after discharge from the hospital. Investigators assessed the medical records of 148 patients admitted to a Michigan Medicine ICU from March 1 through May 31, 2020. Telephone surveys were then conducted between 1 and 2 months following discharge to evaluate the neuropsychological function. Delirium was noted in 73% of the patients, with median duration of 10 (interquartile range 4-17) days. In the delirium cohort, majority of the delirious patients were female (70%). Delirium was reported to be tied to prolonged hospitalization, increased duration of ICU stay, discharge to skilled care facilities and positive screening for neuropsychological impairment during the months following discharge, stated the authors. The findings are published in *BMJ Open*... (Source: DG Alerts)