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Cognitive-Linguistic Study of Life and Language of Great Legal Luminaries - A Self growth and Personal Excellence Development Program for Lawyers

Introduction

These great legal luminaries defined our past and left behind a scintillating legacy of their genius. These were the rare men with rare cognitive abilities.



CJ M.C. Chagla



Justice H.R. Khanna



Justice V.R. Krishan Iyer



H M. Seervai



Nani Palkhivala

These legal legends did not just grow up. They *evolved*. Many wonder as to what is the key driver of their luminous growth and scintillating personal excellence. For example, those who saw legends like Nani Palkhivala in action in the courts where he always shown high and bright found Palkhivala's genius and stupendous rise at the bar rather mystifying.

Senior legal luminaries Shri. Soli Sorabji and Arvind Datar in their recent book *'Nani Palkhivala- Courtroom Genius'* pondered over the secret of Palkhivala's meteoric rise at the Bar and his great success:

"What was the secret of his (Palkhivala's) stupendous success at the bar? What makes one person reach unbelievable levels of achievement in his chosen field? Are there any lessons to be learnt from such success? Is there a formula that can be replicated by anyone – like ingredients of a recipe of a master chef that can be merely repeated?"

Sorabjee and Datar identified certain factors which contributed to Palkhivala's eminence such as continuous practice, stream of opportunities, single-minded determination, capacity for hard work, time management, concentration, speed reading, continuous self-improvement, clear strategy and persuasive style of advocacy, etc. They even referred to Gladwell's "Theory of 10,000 hours' rule of success.

When we critically studied the life and work of these great legal luminaries whose very names inspire awe and reverence; we found that their genius was driven by the powerful cognitive infrastructure they had zealously and continually built. Their exceptional cognitive abilities propelled them ahead. Everyone has his own distinct splendour and hallowed place in the judicial history of India. They always remained at the forefront because of their cutting edge sharp cognitive abilities.

When we studied their cognitive abilities of razor sharp reasoning and encyclopedic, electric memory; we found that these abilities flowed from their linguistic excellence. They had sublime command of the English language and their words spoke as ambassadors for their souls.

It is worth knowing how their excellence in the English language contributed to their meteoric rise in the court of law. They set the law courts on fire with their English. It was a key source and resource for their genius. They made their English a powerful source of personal cutting and winning edge competitive advantage. The words they used gave them their distinct identity. All that these luminaries wrote and spoke was illumined by the power of their language. Their language became their power house, a source of lasting personal competitive advantage. They created their sphere of influence and impacted the world with the power of their words. Their language invariably distinguished them. Their language gives us a window to their scintillating minds.

Very often the role linguistic competence in the making of the geniuses is not fully recognized. We call such geniuses great communicators but ignore the fact that their communication skill sits on the strong shoulders of sound command of the language.

Study their speeches and writings. For example, read Justice H.R. Khanna's speech at the farewell dinner the SC Bar hosted in his honour after his famed resignation from the Supreme Court. This speech is an eloquent example of this scintillating profound cognitive-linguistic ability of a true genius. This speech so ably reveals the very essence of the genius that was Justice H.R. Khanna.

There was a sort of “Quantum mechanics” working magically in the words they used. See how these geniuses used high impact English expressions like “*quanta* – packets of energy” unflinchingly hitting hard created tremendous power in their communication. They dressed their thoughts in beautiful and powerful words. They wove their magic with their words and enthralled their audience and set the courts on fire. These luminaries had unrivalled command of the English language. They impacted the world with their words pulsating with beauty, power and precision. When these great masters spoke and wrote they wove absolute magic and cast a spell with the power and beauty of their English. They shared the gold of their minds with ‘*their type*’ of English. Undoubtedly, their linguistic excellence is one of the secrets of their luminous genius and lasting achievements. Their words were cut in gold and still breathe delightfully with a life of their own. Their scintillating language was the throne for their genius.

Law is essentially cognitive in nature. Success in law requires higher cognitive abilities such as reasoning, language, and memory. It makes eminent sense to endeavour to sharpen these cognitive abilities, Palkhivala called it “Cultivating the mind.” You know the legend of Nani Palkhivala. This program is inspired by our interactions with him. He explained how he cultivated his mind by cultivating his language. He told us, “*When our language is poor; we remain intellectually poor!*” Indeed, our language is our intellectual achievement. Nani Palkhivala is a luminous embodiment of this excellence.

Nani Palkhivala – the Cicero and Caesar of the English language

We can certainly take the late Nani Palkhivala as a powerful case study of how a lawyer’s genius is shaped by his acquisition of his language, the lifeblood of his profession. Palkhivala’s singular excellence served him well. When you study the life and language of Palkhivala you get immersed into his refreshing, fragrant highly cultivated mind. Throughout his life, Palkhivala zealously and unflinchingly cultivated his mind while enriching his unrivalled command of the English language. He did not “*pick up*” his English; he cultivated his English and continually enriched it with his vast and varied reading. His unrivalled felicity of expression in English provided the strong shoulders on which stood his great persuasive advocacy. He saved the Constitution of India in the Supreme Court when the Constitution needed saving with the sheer power of his words. We sorely miss him in India today.

His words established his presence quickly and effortlessly and expanded his inescapable influence. His words unflinchingly awakened intelligence in his audience. Rarely we come across such a scintillating linguistic genius.

Palkhivala owed his scintillating genius to his study of some of the greatest contemporary geniuses and great minds from the past. He always critically appreciated literary works through fruitful linguistic study. Palkhivala always acknowledged his debt to his study of geniuses like Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo and Tagore. He admired many authors and poets for their illuminating works. He absorbed their thoughts and language. Who can forget the annual budget speech at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai? Palkhivala was a public educator par excellence. The landmark cases he argued (Kesavananda Bharti amongst many others) have created their own history. Rajaji hailed him as “*God’s Gift to India*”.

Palkhivala always exhorted all promising professionals to zealously ‘cultivate their minds’ the way he did. In many of the precious interactions we had with Palkhivala, he insightfully explained the role English played in his making as a successful legal professional. He critically explained that the limits of our language mean the limits of our world. The limits of our language are the limits of our mind. Our language is the ambassador of our soul. It reflects the very essence of our mind and its evolution. Sometimes, as he explained, many great minds remain in dark for want of evolved language. Language decides the calibre of our practices and hence the quality of the output.

Palkhivala quoted Churchill who said that he would lash a boy for not knowing enough words. Palkhivala made a revealing statement that when our English is poor we are intellectually poor. One must plough and fertilise one’s mind with eloquence in English and “*cultivate one’s mind*.” Palkhivala spoke and wrote both like Cicero and Caesar. *When Cicero spoke people marvelled and when Caesar spoke people marched*. His contemporaries marvelled at the beauty, power and precision of his expression.

At CILRSR we critically studied the high impact lexicon and zealously documented it. We found the whole endeavour very rewarding. As words lead to thought, we can say that if you acquire their high impact vocabulary you acquire their thought power. These towering intellectual giants whose minds reached the ‘summit of thought’, are no more with us but their cogni-lingual excellence is still accessible to us through the words they spoke and write. Studying them is inestimably valuable for our growth. CILRSR invites you to join this unique self-study program and acquire their excellence in English for your self and professional growth. This program gives access to the thought system and thought process of the great masters.

This gives program participants a unique opportunity to cultivate their minds through intellectual osmosis with some of the leading luminaries who were intellectual giants India recently produced. This program offers you a singular opportunity to acquire their sublime eloquence in English through this linguistic study. They will even gain insightful understanding of their thought process as to how they thought their thoughts and crafted their superb arguments. The participants will acquire whole new cognitive linguistic self.

Acquiring finer command of the English language is often ignored by many lawyers as they believe that acquiring functional-domain knowledge and mere fluency is enough. Being fluent is different and being **eloquent** is entirely different.

Cultivating their minds with high impact English empowers them cognitively. Language fundamentally goes beyond mere communication; that is just one of the many things you do with language. Excellence in language is fundamental to the intellectual evolution of us humans. Study of the life and language of these great legal luminaries reveal his truth.

This is the first of its kind program that gives direct access to the cognitive linguistic genius of these great masters.

➤ **Who should enroll for this program?**

This program develops key cognitive abilities to bring a definite cognitive shift in the learners by immersing them into the splendid genius of these great legal luminaries. There is no such program available for cultivating one's mind. This program will be extremely rewarding for young lawyers, media professionals, management executives and, in fact, for anyone who aspires to build sound cognitive infrastructure for self development and growth. The only eligibility required is the zeal to study with dedication believing the quest for excellence. The learner is expected to be advanced self learner realising the fact that all learning is ultimately self learning.

➤ **Why study this program?**

Lawyers are not more than their language. They are what their language is. Their language is a key driver in empowering the blossoming of their genius ahead. A lawyer's language is the key arsenal of any lawyer. He works and competes with his language. The language of the lawyer makes the lawyer.

Part – I

Introduction to the life and work of these great legal legends

Part – II

Acquiring the High Impact Mind Cultivation English - systematic study of the words these great legal luminaries used.

- Lexical study of Chief Justice M.C. Chagla
- Lexical study Justice H.R. Khanna
- Lexical study of Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer
- Lexical study of H. M. Seervai
- Lexical study of Nani Palkhivala

Part – III

Appreciation of the select speeches and articles of these great legal luminaries

Part – IV

Examination and Certification (The evaluation is in form of a writing task (essay/speech/monograph) on the life and language of these legal luminaries)

➤ **Intended outcomes of this study (How the learners benefit)**

This program gives participants direct and easy access to the cognitive-lingual genius of some of these great masters. They will gain insights into their thought process – how they thought their thoughts, and the vocabulary they used. Their English will become beautiful, powerful with incisive precision and sharpness. This program takes their English to higher level. This acquisition will give them an unflinching cutting edge advantage over others. Participants will find this program extremely rewarding for their personal growth and development.

➤ **How the program is delivered?**

The program is essentially delivered as an autonomous self study distance education program. The program is well structured and it initiates the participants in the science and methods of linguistics very lucidly. The printed self-instructional study material is couriered to the program participants. This is a very flexible program affords the learners the to study as per their convenience.

➤ **Duration: One Year**

➤ **Mode of Study : Self-study through distance education**

➤ **Program fee: Rs. 15000** to be remitted by a demand draft/crossed cheque drawn in favour of "Knowledge Fountain LLP" made payable in Mumbai. **Avail 10% discount if five or more learners enroll for this program.**

➤ **How to enrol for this program?**

Please fill the admission form given with this and send it to the Program Coordinator with the requisite fees in form of a Draft / Crossed Cheque drawn in favour of 'Knowledge Fountain LLP' made payable in Mumbai, India.

All disputes are subject to jurisdiction of Mumbai High Court.

For any query feel free to call us on 8600178825 email: cognilingua@gmail.com

A brief profile of the Legal Luminaries for this study



CJ M.C. Chagla was a man of many parts. It is indeed difficult to describe the genius Justice M.C. Chagla for he has played so many roles so beautifully and powerfully that words cannot capture adequately the essence of them all. He was a jurist, a judge, educationist, diplomat, Union Cabinet Minister and Statesman and above all a great human being with a noble heart. His contributions are so varied and so many that it is difficult to mention even a few here. He was a historical person who saw the freedom struggle, the tragedy of the partition, participated so actively in India's national and international affairs at crucial hours and contributed to the unfolding of the nation during critical times. He is one of the grand old men of India's judicial and constitutional upbringing. A fearless judge respected for his vast erudition and scholarship he could mingle with the mighty and the humble with great ease. Fame and glory sat lightly on his shoulders. His life and works amaze us as to how a person in a single life can play so many roles so ably and with consummate knowledge and skill. His name is revered by one and shall shine high and bright in the annals of the judicial and constitutional history of India. His book 'Roses in December' is an outstanding classic in itself.



Justice Hans Raj Khanna, the name that is revered as a courageous judge who delivered many epoch-making judgements fearlessly. He became an iconic figure and needs no introduction to anyone even remotely related to law and the Constitution of India. His cases (Habeas Corpus, ADM Jabalpur Case, and others) showed the true strength of his character. On his resignation from the Supreme Court the New York Times wrote an editorial titled 'Fading Hope in India' saying: "If India ever finds its way back to the freedom and democracy that were proud hallmarks of its first eighteen years as an independent nation, someone will surely erect a monument to Justice H.R. Khanna of the Supreme Court. It was Justice Khanna who spoke out fearlessly and eloquently for freedom this week in dissenting from the Court's decision upholding the right of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government to imprison political opponents at will and without court hearings.... The submission of an independent Judiciary to absolutist government is virtually the last step in the destruction of a democratic society; and the Indian Supreme Court's decision appears close to utter surrender."

Palkhivala who himself fought key defining epoch-making cases hailed Justice Khanna as "Generations should remain grateful to Justice Khanna for protection of their fundamental rights."

Palkhivala wrote an article in the Indian Express (Jan 30, 1977) in honour of Justice Khanna and wrote, "*God, give us men a Time like this demands;*

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a Will;

Men who have honour; men who will not live;

Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,

In public duty and in private thinking."

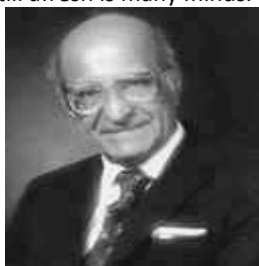
Justice Khanna became the conscience keeper of the Supreme Court. His books (like Neither Roses Nor Thorns) and speeches are worthy of careful study. His life and work strengthens our faith in the Constitution of India and the need for eternal vigilance.



Late Justice V.R. Krishan Iyer gave over thirty years of colourful contribution to the nation. A man of many parts he worked as a human rights lawyer, minister, legislator, high court judge, and member of the Law Commission, Supreme Court Judge and social activist and reformer. Spiritual at the core he made his impact in varied subjects like politics, economics, law and sociology. He authored many books which are well received by discerning readers from varied fields. He was born in a simple village in Kerala and went on to become a minister in the first communist government in Kerala. Having been the minister for law, power, prisons, irrigation and social welfare he was instrumental in bringing about many significant changes in these sectors. He formulated the Kerala Land Reforms Act which was responsible for equal distribution of land amongst farmers and the eradication of landlessness. In 1973 he was sworn as a judge of the Supreme Court of India in 1973 and after his retirement in 1980 became active in social work. During his stint as a judge, the Supreme Court interpreted Article 21 of the Constitution of India, as a result of which the Government was given the responsibility for offering free legal services to all accused persons in custody. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1999.



H. M. Seervai (1906 – 1996) was a leading Jurist and an authority on the Indian Constitution. He held the office of Advocate General of Maharashtra (1957-1974). He declined to become Judge of the High Court and the Supreme Court. He also declined the office of Attorney general for India. His vast erudition on the Constitution of India won him great name and fame and the President of India conferred on him Padma Vibhushan for his vital illuminating books on the Constitution. The British Academy elected him as the Corresponding Fellow for his highest scholarship and outstanding contribution as a jurist, Law Officer, and Advocate to Constitutional Law; as its principal exponent and interpreter. Seervai was hailed for his outstanding merit and as the defender of the Constitution. His magnum *opus Constitutional law of India – a Critical Commentary* is considered a key book to the Constitution of India. His another major work ‘ Partition of India – legend and Reality shed light on the transfer of power, a great tumultuous historical event in concise form. His friends and students saw him as a philosopher and a lover of literature. He was elected Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society of Bombay. He won several honours such as the Award for Recognition as a Living Legend of Law (International bar Association) and the Dadabhai Naroroji Memorial Prize. Seervai argued many landmark cases with consummate erudition and oracy which still afresh is many minds.



Nani A. Palkhivala (1920-2002)

How do we describe the genius of Nani Palkhivala? Former Attorney General of India Mr. Soli Sorabjee rightly said, “One searches in vain for a single word or expression which would adequately describe the many splendored life and career of Nani Palkhivala.” Nani A. Palkhivala - the very name floods our mind with fragrant memories. To innumerable people he was a guiding star. He saved the constitution of India when the constitution needed saving. Generations in India owe their fundamental rights to Palkhivala.

We all remember the scintillating, towering genius of Palkhivala as a great Thought Leader of our times. Palkhivala was a towering genius, a guiding thought leader and a conscience keeper of the nation. Who can forget his annual budget speeches in Mumbai? He was a speaker and writer in a class of his own. He embodied the rare personal excellence that a highly cultivated mind can achieve. He was an idol for us all to follow. The fragrant memory of Late Nani Palkhivala brings to our mind many facets of his multi-splendored personality. He embodied rare personal excellence. Munshiji hailed him as ‘*God’s gift to India*’.

Justice H.R. Khanna said, “If a count were to be made of the ten topmost lawyers of the world, I have no doubt that Mr. Palkhivala’s name would find a prominent place therein. There have been occasions when his advocacy reached great heights, and long after we have heard him, we find his words echoing in our memory and leaving a trail of pleasant remembrance.”

Ponder over these words...

"A man's character appears more by his words than, as some might think it does, by his looks"
- Plutarch (Greek historian)

"Naturally I am biased in favour of boys learning English; and then I would let the clever learn Latin as an honour and Greek as a treat. But the only thing I would whip them for is not knowing English. I would whip them hard for that.

-Winston Churchill

Most of us pedal through life on our small vocabulary, detouring thought in roundabout words," Increase your word power to solve the traffic problem for your thoughts.

- Marlene Dietrich

One picture is worth a thousand words", goes the timeworn maxim. "But," one writer tartly said, "it takes words to say that."

- Chambers.

We live by words: *love, truth, God*. We die for words: *liberty, glory, honour*. They bestow the priceless gift of articulacy on our minds and hearts from "mama" to "infinity". And the men who truly shape our destiny, the giants who teach us, inspire us- leads us to deeds of immorality are those who use words with clarity, grandeur and passion: *Socrates, Jesus, Luther, Churchill*.

- Leo Rosten.

Words are the voice of our heart.

- Confusions

Words are the most powerful drug used by mankind.

- Kipling.

The use of the right word is more important than the right argument.

- Joseph Conrad

Language is the armoury of the human mind.

- Coleridge

"I am only half myself. The other half is my speech."

- Emerson

"The development of the personality is inexplicably bound up with the development of language. Language is the basic and essential instrument in the humanizing of the species; without it thought above very primitive levels is impossible. Language and man are in continual interaction; change the man and in some way and you change the language he uses; change the language he uses and you change the man. On the one hand the process of growth through education and experience causes him to reach out for new language in which to understand and communicate. On the other hand this language contains new thoughts and shades of thoughts, new feeling and shades of feeling, which help to determine such growth. His ability to direct rather than to be directed by experience, his ability to establish human relationships, is intimately related to his capacity for language; the frustration of the inarticulate goes deep. And it must be borne in mind that 'language' in this context is overwhelmingly the spoken language; even in the (historically) rare literate societies such as our own this remains true. Without oracy human fulfillment is impossible; speech and personality are one."

-Wilkinson

It's **ONLY WORDS**;
and **WORDS** are all I have
to take your heart away!
(Read "*Persuade*")

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