

TEAM LEADERSHIP

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ABSTRACT

A leader is a dealer of hope. A leader has to be duty conscious. The prime quality of the leader is patience and the concern towards others. A team leader has to motivate the others. When the crisis comes he has to lead from the front. The present Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni will be as cool as cucumber whatever may be the situation. Because of that temperament he will make the rivals to think twice. At times, in a tight situation such as 30 runs needed in 15 balls, the crowd and the audience who watch the match in T.V. will be in tension. Even the bowler will be in tension. But, Dhoni will play sensibly and score the enough runs easily as he has concentration towards the target and passion towards the game.

A leader will adopt new technique to get success. The West Indian cricket captain Clive Lloyd introduced new techniques by using four slips and two gullies while setting fielding for his pace battery namely Roberts, Holding, Croft and Garner. The difference between the boss and the captain is that the boss will be commanding to get things done and maintain distance from his colleagues. But the leader will request to get things done and full freedom will be given to the colleagues and the leader will work with his fellowmen. It is informed that the leader will not be sleeping during night when the whole world is sleeping. Clive Lloyd, Gandhi are the successful leaders.

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INTRODUCTION

Hope

Man is living in this world with a hope that he will get up tomorrow. Hope gives him belief and the belief gives him relief. Hence a leader gives a lot of hope to his followers by his action and his works. When Mahatma Gandhi declared that India will be getting freedom with the help of truth and satyagraha, Acharya Kriplani informed Gandhiji that it is not possible to get freedom without violence as United States of America and France have got freedom with the help of violence. At that time, Mahatma Gandhi informed Acharya Kriplani that so far it has not happened means we cannot come to conclusion that in future it will not happen. Moreover, Mahatma Gandhi smilingly remarked that people read history and Gandhi will create history. Mahatma Gandhi created history by getting freedom without a drop of blood. Mahatma Gandhi pinned hope on him and his principles.

In general, to have a good health people take seven seas capsules. Like that to become a successful leader or teacher five 'C's are needed as Clarity, Conviction, Confidence, Competence and Commitment. In case of a language teacher he has to be clear in his ideas whether he is going to teach prose or poetry or drama or grammar, etc. He is supposed to have a conviction that which lesson or poem he will be handling the class. To handle the class successfully and to gain confidence he has to prepare well at home. The competence denotes the input. It is stated that the people view this

world by their competence. But the society views the person by the output or the performance. Hence, by having confidence in the subject and the command in the language good performance may be given in the class. Finally the commitment part comes as the commitment towards the students' fertility. A good teacher will always give his special care and share towards the slow learning students.

Conviction

For every child, till he enters school, father will be the role model. During school days or college days the teachers will be the role model. Hence the leading qualities are developed by the child by imbibing the qualities of good teachers. Napoleon Bonaparte, the famous French leader has stated that 'Give me good mothers I can give you good government'. Hence, women's education plays an important role in this society.

Responsibility

In cricket, the West Indian cricket captain Clive Lloyd, the Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting created the win win situation. They accepted the responsibility. Cricket is nothing but a tussle between the bat and the ball. Winning or losing will be the part and parcel of the game. If team wins the credit will go to the team and if team loses the captain will take the responsibility. Ganguly's comment on responsibility is that "Former India captain Sourav Ganguly said that then Test captaincy, in a full-fledged role, can be mentally and physically demanding since you are carrying your players with you. It is a position of responsibility"¹. Rahul Dravid's praising words on Dhoni "Lavishing praise on Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who has shocked the cricket world by retiring from Tests, former India skipper Rahul Dravid said the stumper-batsman would go down as a captain who led 'more by example than by rhetoric or by words'.

'He was a captain I enjoyed playing under', Dravid told ESPN cricinfo.

'One of the things I liked about MS was, what you saw was what you got. Very uncomplicated, always led by example. One of the things I really liked about playing under MS was that he never asked you to do anything that he himself didn't do', he explained.

Dravid said Dhoni earned the respect of his teammates by setting an example with his own performance.

'The reality was he was having to transition a senior group of players and build a younger group who were coming through', Dravid said.

Walking the Talk

'In a sense he was not the most communicative of captains, but he tried to earn your respect by walking the talk. He never took a backward step, and led more by example than by rhetoric or by words. More by actions', he added.

Dravid said Dhoni deserves credit for inspiring a whole generation of small-town cricketers.

"For someone to come from a small town like Ranchi, to go on and captain India and play 90 test matches, to do it the way he has, I think he brought a lot of dignity to the job of captaincy," Dravid said.

Own Cup of Tea

'He (Dhoni) might not be everyone's cup of tea, but he was his own cup of tea and he led with a lot of success and

that can never be taken away from him', Dravid further stated.

'And he's been an inspiration. If there are kids in small towns today dreaming and aspiring for great things, not only in cricket but in various fields, then MS Dhoni has a lot to do with it', he added.

Dravid said Dhoni's retirement was a shock to him as well. The former batsman and had the series, which India has already lost by conceding a 2-0 lead to Australia, still been alive Dhoni could have waited to take a call on his career.

'I guess it was unexpected that he would do it in the middle of the series. I expected him to review it at the end of the series, without India playing Test cricket for the next seven or eight months,' Dravid said.

'Knowing MS, if the series was alive, I don't think he would have taken the decision in the middle of the series, but having seen that the series was already gone, may be he felt that if he was going to go, then may be this was the time to do it, and to give Virat Kohli a Test match in Australia to Captain, Wriddhiman Saha another opportunity in a Test match, and to start the process of taking India's Test team forward'.

Dravid lauded Dhoni's leadership style and called him an attacking captain.

'He was never defensive when captaining in India. When he had spinners, he was always attacking, on turning tracks, he was willing to force the game. It's just overseas, and over the last three or four years, that I just think he may be felt he didn't have the bowling resources to be able to take 20 wickets, and he found himself, at many stages, always behind the four-ball,' Dravid said"².

Voices on Dhoni's retirement are as follows "For him to have gone on to play 90 Tests and become India's most successful captain, coming from a small town like Ranchi, is a phenomenal achievement. One of the things I really liked about playing under MS was that he never asked you to do anything that he himself didn't do" – Rahul Dravid.

"Yes, I was a bit surprised by his decision to retire. But, I always feel retirements are something which are purely personal decisions and one should respect them". – V. V. S. Laxman.

"The decision comes as a huge surprise. I was expecting him to step down after the Sydney Test, but did not think he will retire as a player. I still think that he had 2 or 3 more years of cricket left in him. What he has achieved for Indian cricket is incredible, what he brought and his contribution cannot be measured in words" – Sunil Gavaskar.

"It came as a surprise, didn't it, that he quit midstream. It (decision to quit) could have been taken earlier. But, perhaps, he thought it was the right time to handover the mantle to the next man" – Chandu Borde.

"The decision was extraordinary. I feel he should have waited till the end of the series (after January 6-10 fourth Test at Sydney). He had already missed the first Test (at Adelaide)" – Ajit Wadekar"³.

Clarity

Teachers take a lead role in this society. They inform the students that 'Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders'. A teacher takes the role of second parent. Teachers take the role of bridge to bridge the gap between old and new generations. Teaching agriculture and weaving are considered to be the professions. Tamil poet Kaviyarasu Kannadasan says –

"Er konda ulavan indri por seyyum veeran ethu?"⁴

Commitment

The plight of teachers and farmers are same farmers plough the land and give food to the society. Teachers plough the mind of students and produce responsible citizen to this society. Healthy body will produce healthy mind. Farmer Tamil cine poet Udumalai Narayana Kavi illustrates the qualities of the society to have future leaders and farmers in a simple way as

“Nalla nalla nilam paarthu namum vidai vidaikkanum

Naattu makkal manangalile naanayathai valarkanum

Palli enum nilangalile kalvi danai vidaikanum

Pillaigalai Seerthiruthi periyavargal akkanum

Kanniyakum Kaalaiyarkum kattuppattai vidaithu

Karpuneri thavarada kaadal payir valarthu

Annai thanthai aanapin tham poruppai vidaithu

Pinvarum santhathiyai semamura valarthu

Iruppavargal idaiyathile irakkam athai vidaikkanum

Illadar vaalkaiyile inba payir valarkanum

Paar muludum manidakula panbugalai vidaithu

Paamarargal idayithil pagutharivai vidaithu

Pormunaiyai kandavarku nermunaiyai vidaithu

Seervalara dinamum desamathai valarthu

Petra thirunattile patruthanai vidaikkanum

Patruthanai vidaithuvittu

Nalla otrumaiyai vidaikanum

Nalla nalla nilam paarthu namum vidai vidaikkanum

Nattu makkal manangalile nanayathai vidaikanum”⁵

As rightly pointed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru ‘today’s children are tomorrow’s citizens’. It is the bounded duty of everybody to produce more statesmen like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam as politicians bother about next elections and the statesmen think about next generation. As rightly pointed out by the English poet Shelley, ‘If winter comes can spring be farbehind?’.

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