

The Philosophy Behind My Forty-Five Years Successful Social Services

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ABSTRACT: *During British rule, my grandfather the late Gopalsamy Gounder was an interesting attraction to the local office bearers and elected body members. He was one of the counselors for the Coimbatore Police Department by holding the President of honorary office of Village Vigilance Committee My great grandfather the late Chinna Nachimuthu Gounder was a juror in the British ruling. Also, my father's elder brother the late G. Shanmugasundaram [commonly known as GS] served as the President of Kanjampatti Panchayat Board for 25 years namely from 1954 to 1979. During these four generations our family earned a good reputation in the society and accumulated a lot of experiences. Also, my mother's father and her two eldest fathers served the poor and the needy. They were most popular and famous in Coimbatore district when the British ruled India. Two of them studied law in the 1920s and practiced in the Taluk and District courts. They helped the poor by attending their cases freely. My six uncles were highly cultured, qualified and interested in doing social services by helping the poor families. My mother's father, the late Mysamy Gounder, was the Village Munshif in the revenue department during the British rule of India. Their ancestors held this prestigious position for more than 100 years! These facts were told to me not by my family members but by my villagers and neighboring hamlets. Needless to say, our family was /is very familiar in more than 36 villages. These social services phenomena captivated my childhood and I made up my mind to become an EXTRAORDINARY & OUTSTANDING social worker.*

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INTRODUCTION

My entry into active politics and my secrets for my success

At the age of twenty, I entered into active politics and began my social services. I was **elected** President of Kanjampatti Panchayat Board for 1986 to 1991 period. I had to meet a lot of initial odds. I had to mix with people of several kinds and qualities. I learnt Newton's laws

of motion in my college physics that for every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction. I realized this in my social services and politics also. I had to compromise with people of countless natures. With the grace of Almighty, I decided to keep severe, solid and concrete patience to serve better for the masses.

Till this day, my patience obtained me the following postings:

- 1.Elected President of Kanjampatti Panchayat Board for 1986 to 1991 period.
- 2.Elected vice – chairman of Pollachi South Panchayat Union for 1986 to 1991 period.
- 3.Elected President of Milk Producers Society, Kanjampatti for 1983 to1986 period.
- 4.Elected President of Parent- Teachers Association, Panchayat Union Middle School, Kanjampatti for 1986- 1993 period
- 5.Elected President of Parent Teachers Association, Government High School and Panchayat Union Elementary School, Kanjampatti for 1993- 2018period
- 6.Elected President of Parent Teachers Association Government Higher Secondary School, Kanjampatti since 2012 –
- 7.Executive Member, Parent Teachers Association, Tamil Nadu State Parent Teachers Association from 2008 – 2012
- 8.Executive Committee Member of Community Polytechnic, Pollachi at Nachimuthu Polytechnic since 1987
- 9.President of Parent Teachers Association, Pollachi South Panchayat Union, for the period 1995 - 2006
- 10.Vice President, Parent Teachers association, Pollachi educational District, for the period 2001 – 2006
- 11.President of Friends Volleyball Team, Kanjampatti for the period 1982 to1996
- 12.Recently, I have been appointed as the Senate member of the research committee r of Tamil Nadu veterinary and animal science university.
- 13.From 1988 to 1993 Sri Soundararajan served as the Vice President of Pollachi South Panchayat Union.
14. I was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the International Tamil University in 2021.

My social services

I have successfully performed ninety different types of social services. My social activities have been published by three peer reviewed research journals.^[1 – 3] Also please look at ^[4-6]

Both officials and elected body VIPs and VVIPS sometimes discouraged, insulted and made severe flippant remarks on me. I had to encounter a number of odds and un bearable opposition even from the public in my 45 years of social and political activities. I am very proud of declaring that I never avoided anybody in my public careers. I gave equal honor, respect and importance to my opposition paryt members also.

The prime secret behind my grand success in my social activities

Patience may involve **perseverance in the face of delay**; tolerance of provocation without responding in disrespect/anger; or forbearance when under strain, especially when faced with longer-term difficulties, or being able to wait for a long amount of time without getting irritated or bored.

What are the main qualities you need to inculcate to be successful at work? Hard work is one of them. Reliability is another. But one quality that is just as important but not discussed as often is patience. It is important to be patient and keep going to reach your goals.

Once we learn the importance of patience, we can stop worrying when things take longer than we would like. This applies to small problems like being stuck in traffic jams as well as bigger issues such as getting your dream job.

Patience makes it easier to live because it reduces negative emotions like stress, anger, or frustration. When one is patient, one is calmer and more open to changes.

Patience is an important life skill. Let's see how patience is important in life:

Patience can transform your relationships

Patience transforms your potential

Long-term vision

Mental and physical well-being

Ability to make a sustained effort

Peace and popularity

Patient people are better friends and neighbors

Patience helps us achieve our goals

Patience is linked to good health

For success in politics the following qualities are a must

Honesty , Self-awareness, Deferential to Others, Active Listening, Walks the Talk, Act quickly and decisively, Communicate clearly: direction, meaning, and empathy, Admit when you are wrong, Share the pain, Don't recreate the wheel and support your public servants, Connect with citizens and support local businesses, Ask citizens to help and give them something to do, Get empowered by peers and collaborate., Lastly, for the non-politician—for democracy, Social Astuteness, interpersonal Influence, Networking Ability, Apparent Sincerity:, Image Management, Writing and Research Skills, Knowledge of Social Media, 8. Crisis Management and Problem Solving, .Public Speaking and Presentation Skills, Understanding Your Audience, Thinking before speaking and managing up

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Conclusion

Now I am 65 years old. I would like to retire from both social services and politics. The main reason and logic is that I wish to give room to younger generations who are too ambitious to train and educate them. In the United States of America, a person cannot contest thrice for Presidential polls. I admire it. It is the best policy. I am bound to accept that there are millions upon millions of talented youngsters. I would like to accommodate them by my retirement. I plan to spend my future peacefully with my family members.

May God bless the nations!

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