

The 4th Idiot

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3 Idiots



Irritated by the drawing given by a young engineer, which the head of department was not able to follow,

Boss: "You are a nut"

Engineer: "No sir, I am born as a bolt"

Boss said : "You fool!"

Boy: "Sir, don't insult me, [I am not a fool. I am an idiot](#), the 4th idiot, though many people like you are not able to distinguish between the two".

The story of this 4th idiot is interesting. When he was young, somebody in the family said "you are an idiot" and he became the first engineer in his family.

When one of his senior teacher told him that he was an idiot, he became a design engineer in the largest and prestigious company.

When the local bosses there thought he was an idiot, the company sent him to do doctoral course in a prestigious management school. The school conferred him award. ICSSR also gave research grant to pursue his idiosyncrasies.

When a teacher thought he was an idiot, he became a senior trainer in third largest bank of the country, at higher salary than him.

When his boss in the bank thought that he was an idiot, the management deputed him to become a professor in a management institute, bearing all expenses and also giving deputation allowance.

When the new Director of the institute realised that the professor was an idiot, he was made chairman of post graduate programme, along with membership of the Board and also Secretary to the Board. He was also deputed to Europe to understand European management.

When Board realised the folly, he was made Dean (Academic)

When another new director joined and realised that the fellow was an idiot, the Director promptly asked him to stop teaching (that was to be done by people not qualified, but certified by him as expert) and

do research. It then snow balled. Due to his research outcome he was made member of task force for drafting reply for opening education sector of India under WTO and also made member of Research Proposal Evaluation Committee at MHRD. Perhaps MHRD also realised that he was super idiot, and was made director of a management institute. He also requested to help in preparing DPR for 6 new management institutes. AICTE also honoured him by made chairman of approvals/ research / accreditation committees from time to time.

When he retired, a pay revision took place. The Director appointed a committee which after 2 years of rigorous analysis, concluded that the fellow was an extraordinary idiot and did not qualify for newly introduced HAG scale which was for normal professors. The committee also suggested ways to circumvent government guidelines for the purpose, which the Board happily accepted. Impressed with his level of idioticity, a senior Board member offered him UGC Fellowship for two years because he qualified on criteria of eminent scholar/ distinguished academician. While accepting the recommendations, the Board also asked him to prepare a faculty development plan. Impressed with the performance in that Board co-opted him to the Board subcommittee for creating a National Management Faculty Development Centre.

Getting old, the fellow was frequently falling sick and hospitalised/ confined to bed and home. Frustrated, he developed six zero cost books in a single year without any office support or financial assistance, for worldwide use using IT as desired by government by introducing section 7(g) while promulgating IIMs Act. Incidentally, he informed the government about it. Strangely, the latter issued a clarification in pay revision of faculty circular that pension should not be revised. Later, when he sent copies of his 12 books, within 6 days decision for revision of pension was announced and within next 8 days necessary notification was issued. “What more does one want?” he asked the reporter.

On being asked by a reporter whether he was ashamed of being idiot, he replied “why should I? Look at what all I got in life, which many non-idiot aspire. Instead I am proud of it. People perhaps would not have entrusted me with these responsibilities if I was a non-idiot. I have done no harm to society I live in. Look at what non-idiot are doing. Have you seen an idiot raping an 8 years old child and some idiots defending the alleged accused? Have you ever seen an idiot defrauding a bank or engaged in arson activity? We are not able to understand religion, caste etc., Since our brain is not developed to calculate our self- interest, we largely work through our heart, which non-idiot are not able to understand and call us idiots.”

Last question, said the reporter “Is there still any future plan now that you are 71+?”

“Look young non-idiot boy. Idiots don’t stop thinking and working. I am concerned with senior citizens miseries. I developed “Indra- Dhanush” and “Musical” papers for entertainment of Senior Citizens who are confined to bed. I am working on two major projects currently. One creating a designer grave where people can carry money when they say bye-bye to the world. The design is more or less ready, if one is to use power of attorney route. There is provision for making grave at other places also. But you know there are currency and visa issues. Where most people want to go, the authorities don’t accept this currency. Their visa conditions are also very strict, not many people get it. Places where authorities are prepared to accept our currency and also give visa easily, people don’t want to go there”.

The second project I am working on trying to develop an auto burial/ cremation system. Many people are requesting the product”.

“Wish you all the best sir, many of us will also need it”, said the reporter.