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# IN THE KINGDOM OF FOOLS



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# EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Understanding the concept
- Being acquainted with prose and author's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the prose
- Developing LSRW Skills

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

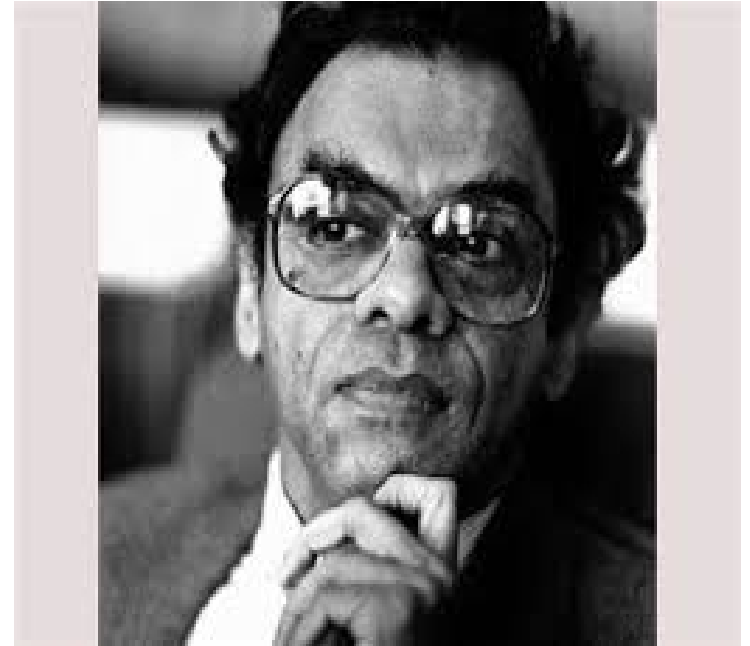
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# THE AUTHOR:

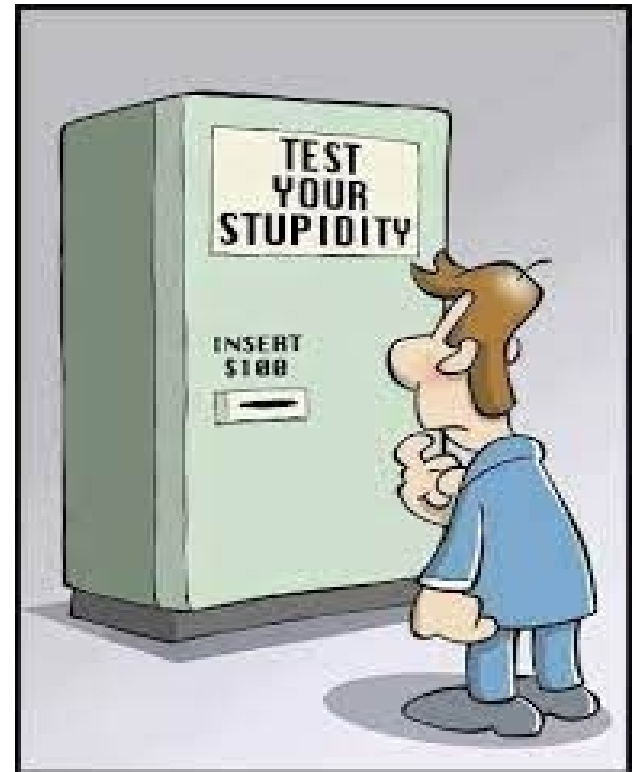
Attipate Krishnaswami Ramanujan (March 16, 1929 – July 13, 1993) also known as A. K. Ramanujan was a scholar of Indian literature who wrote in both English and Kannada.

Ramanujan was an Indian poet, scholar and author, a philologist, folklorist, translator, poet and playwright. His academic research ranged across five languages: Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Sanskrit, and English. He published works on both classical and modern variants, and also argued strongly for giving local, non-standard dialects their due.



# THEME OF THE STORY:

- “In the Kingdom of Fools” is a folktale that brings to light the dangers posed by foolish people.
- It also emphasizes the view that foolish people can be very difficult to manage.
- They can be dealt with only by the wise and calm people. The story is about a kingdom where the king and the ministers are nothing but fools.
- They reversed the order of the day and night and punished anyone who violates the laws.
- A learned Guru and his disciple arrive in the kingdom only to find that everyone performed the chores after evening and slept at night.
- After this a series of events follows which lead to the downfall of the king and his minister.



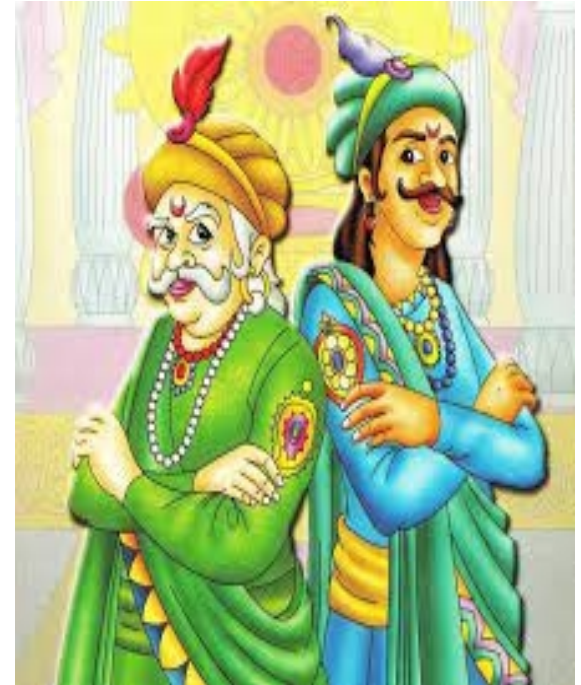
# THE KING DECIDES TO DIE

- The king thought over the whole case. He didn't want to lose the kingdom even in his next birth also.
- So, he talked to his minister. The king said that they would go on stake themselves. Thus, they would be reborn as king and minister again.
- The king and minister went secretly to the prison. They released the guru and the disciple. They put themselves in their places. So, they were taken to the stake and executed.



# GURU AND DISCIPLE BECOME KING AND MINISTER

- The dead bodies of the king and the minister were taken down.
- The people mourned their deaths. They discussed the future of the kingdom.
- Suddenly some people thought of the guru and the disciple. They' were secretly leaving the city.
- People saw them. They requested them to be their new king and the minister.
- But they put one condition. It was to change all the old laws. So, they changed the laws.



# TITLE OF THE STORY

- “In the Kingdom of Fools” is a story about a kingdom ruled by a foolish king and his silly minister.
- The people too are foolish, for they obey the most ridiculous orders passed by their king. The entire action of the story takes place in this kingdom.
- The reasons that make this place a Kingdom of Fools are well exemplified by the episodes in which innocent people are caught one after the other in the name of justice. Hence, the title stands justified and apt in every way.





# MESSAGE OF THE STORY

- The story is a folktale and gives two messages.
- The first message is that one should stay away from foolish people; else one is bound to suffer.
- The second message is that in order to tackle foolish people one should employ wisdom and not logic. The guru does not argue or reason the innocence of his disciple. Rather he flatters the king and manages to convince him that the new stake was lucky. He not only saves the life of his disciple but also rids the kingdom of the foolish king and his silly minister. In addition, he becomes the next king and his disciple the next minister.



# VOCABULARY

- evidence: something that makes a belief plain or clear
- vision: dream
- scrape: a difficult situation caused by one's own unwise behaviour
- clamour: a loud complaint about something or a demand for something
- mystery: something strange that has not yet been explained or understood
- ascetic: to avoid worldly pleasures and to live a simple life
- postponed: to delay something to a later date
- promptly: with immediate effect
- panicked: taken over by a sudden feeling of terror or anxiety
- mourned: feel or show sorrow for the death of someone
- persuade: to convince someone

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