



In the 2024 edition of Pune Kabir Festival we are collectively asking the question: **What is Enough?**

साई इतना दीजिये, जामे कुटुंब समाये ।
मैं भी भूखा न रहूँ, साधू न भूखा जाए ।।

Humans are rarely satisfied with what they have. The most common reaction of the human mind to achievement is not satisfaction, but craving for more. Time and again the wise amongst humans have advocated the need for having enough. What is enough? Is it something that is so subjective that we can never arrive at a definitive answer or is it something that we can collectively define? When do we say we have enough? To Kabir, the definition was simple to arrive at. He says, it is enough to have resources which support the family. To be able to put food on my plate and also be able to share a meal with one who arrives at the door. Kabir is not even thinking about prosperity here. He is not interested in luxury but he aims at sustenance which includes 'the others' around.

बड़ा हुआ तो क्या हुआ, जैसे पेड़ खजूर।
पंथी को छाया नहीं, फल लागे अति दूर।।

Prosperity enables us to do more. However, Kabir is also aware of humans who work towards prosperity and worldly accumulation but unfortunately do not share. He shares his words of wisdom for them too. He compares such accomplished individuals to date trees who grow tall, give no shade and who bear fruits so high that no needy passerby can ever reach them. Almost ridiculing the inaccessible and thus completely useless nature of their accumulation.

जो जल बाढ़े नाव में, घर में बाढ़े दाम ।
दोनों हाथ उलीचिये, यही सयानों का काम ।।

If the ridicule was not enough to create awareness about the vices of accumulation, Kabir also has a warning for you! He says you will sink if you don't share! Comparing material prosperity with water inside a boat, he advises individuals to share generously. The wisest thing to do would be to share with both hands!

रितु बंसत याचक भया, हरखि दिया द्रुम पात ।
ताते नव पल्लव भया, दिया दूर नहिं जात ।।

However, Kabir is also very aware of the real fear of humans. The insecure nature of the future makes us unreliable and selfish. What if the future unfolds in an unexpected manner? How are we to cope if we need more than we planned for? This is where Kabir shares an insight, a true realisation of a seeker. He appeals us to share like the trees. To give away with generosity beyond measure as what you give comes back to you with more vigour.

Events/Activities:

The entire week starting from 29th Jan 2024 will have activities planned in schools, colleges, after-school centres, hospitals, housing societies etc. in different parts of the city. These sessions will be led by volunteers joining the PKF.

At some places it could be a music workshop, an origami activity or it may be a drama class all revolving around the theme of the festival. There will be book readings and reflections too.

Festival Dates:

3rd and 4th of February 2024

The weekend event line-up is as follows:

Saturday 3rd Feb: 7.30 am to 10 am - *Prabhat Pheri* on the city roads

Saturday 3rd Feb: 5.30 pm to 9 pm - *Samaj Manch* community expression evening in an old city garden

Sunday 4th Feb: 7.30 am to 10 am - *Satsang* by the river bank

Sunday 4th Feb: 5.30 pm to 9 pm - An evening of curated performances revolving around the theme

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