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Friends,

Today I am sharing the story of a fallen Tree. These photos were taken on 08-06-2010 morning. These trees fell down on 07-06-2010 after the onset of monsoon in Mumbai previous night and that too when the monsoon has not started in full swing. Anyway, this is the usual site in any city during monsoon days.

You may be wondering as to what is new in this information and photos. Friends, wait. This is the starting point of the story.

I feel that a very close relationship is prevalent between a man and the tree.

We should consider ourselves lucky, if like a tree we all get a place to grow and branch out.

Visualize the trees in the jungle or for that matter in our society compound. Who takes their care? Birth is not in their hands but still they make all out efforts to grow & branch out and reach for the air at one end and for the water at another end by spreading their roots. Friends, don't you think we can learn from this? Just imagine. **Like such trees, we have no control on our birth.** We can't select the parents, family, financial condition etc. **But still we should make every effort to shape our life under the guidance of our parents, teachers, relatives, friends etc. We owe thanks to these people. This debt can never be repaid. We should make our roots so strong that we can survive in crisis.**

All days are not alike. **Happiness and problems follow each other in rotation. Change is inevitable part of Life.** What goes up eventually comes down. Every act of pleasure (Luxury) brings certain element of difficulty. **How we react to difficulty?** No body wants sorrows, problems and difficulties. Some persons of soft nature become tensed even after trying over the bad days. Some brave persons may become soft and pessimist after difficulty is sorted out. **We should accept problem as blessing** without asking question as to why I am suffering. When you get reward in Life, do you ask the question as to how I got his high reward disproportionate to my abilities? Please remember that **Optimist finds opportunity in every difficulty and Pessimist finds difficulty in every opportunity.** We should accept the difficulty without blaming any one and then try everything possible at our level and leave the rest to GOD who knows what is best for us.

Trees shade their leaves every year and after monsoon get new leaves. **Can we not shade bad qualities like anger, jealousy, enmity etc. and acquire whatever is good? If we don't improve then difficulties will make to learn this but at a heavy cost.**

In case of heavy wind and breeze, trees bend to the extent possible and save themselves. Those who don't, fall down. Same thing happens with a man. **One should know what to adjust, when to adjust and how to adjust in Life.** However these parameters are achieving new 'Low values' in real Life.

Moral of the story:

Make your roots (of good qualities) so strong that any crisis can not uproot you. You may be highly qualified but you should become a good citizen in the first place. Short cuts in life can take to the top but can't keep you there.

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