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Friends, today I wish to share some thoughts on 'Skill'. Last month I had been to my village in Gujarat. One vendor was selling the fresh 'Tadgolas'. (The fruit is very tasty and has little water inside.) He was delicately removing the 'Tadgolas' from the fresh fruit shell and selling it instantly. It was a nice sight to watch. As my wife placed the order for 'Tadgolas' I was observing his skill. Instantly I captured his video. The empty shells of tadgola fruits were kept aside and two calves were enjoying the delicious meal. I took the video of 'One dish Meal'. I request the viewers to watch the said videos before reading the article further. (Videos are available on link <http://is.gd/bLsj7> (Skill) and <http://is.gd/bLsbw> (One dish meal). In fact these videos prompted me to write on this subject. Subsequently I also uploaded some more videos on skill. Refer link <http://is.gd/c1Yiw> (Skill-Gilebi) and <http://is.gd/bZYMW> (Skill-coconut). With this introduction in brief, let me now share my thoughts on 'Skill'.

**The dictionary meaning of the word 'Skill' is ability to perform well, dexterity.**

The 'Managerial skill' is the buzz word of the day. White collared people usually have a wrong notion that only they possess the skill due to higher education. Only they are destined to do the skilled job in the office. **Seldom it is realized that practically every job requires skill and every skill is not taught in the educational institution.** Some skills are in the family and are transferred from one generation to another.

Now I request you to watch the video once again on <http://is.gd/bLsj7>. Just observe his skill. Tell me honestly, whether he has less skill as compared to the surgeon? If he makes the mistake in chopping, the fruit will get cut and can not be removed intact. He has to use the blade with utmost accuracy. The skill level can well be compared with the surgeon doing the operation. Or for that matter compare the skill with any good cricketer. He has to play the ball in a particular angle to get a perfect square cut.

You will also realize this skill in other videos on <http://is.gd/c1Yiw> (Skill-Gilebi) and <http://is.gd/bZYMW> (Skill-coconut). Just observe the control on his hand for laying Gilebi and also preparing for the next lot simultaneously. These jobs may not require much theoretical training but the skill gets sharpened by an on going practice. Same is the case of removing coconuts by using bamboo. You have to take the precaution that coconut does not fall on you.

Have you observed the cobbler repairing your shoes or sandals? Surgeons use the same logic for stitching the wounds. A watch repairer puts a small binocular on his eyes at the time of carrying out wrist watch repairs.

The purpose for writing this article is to make you realize that **every job requires skill. We must appreciate & enjoy the skill displayed by anyone irrespective of his age, caste, literacy etc.** These skills are used by them for their livelihood. Given the chance and the opportunity they can still do it better and also acquire similar complimentary skills. One of our society's servants has a beautiful handwriting and hence he is given the job of writing all society announcements on the black board. If he would have got the chance in his early life, he would have become the good signboard painter. He also knows the small plumbing jobs but did not get opportunity to work as a plumber.

We should maintain our 'child instinct' even with an advancing age. We should remain a 'Student' all through Life because one can learn from practically any one provided you have an open mind. Yes, I mean it. There is no end to education if you take a wider meaning of the word.

Next time when ever these Artists provide you service, take a look at them and their skills and I am sure **it will make your day.**

Do share your observations on the subject with me on **[spandane2008@gmail.com](mailto:spandane2008@gmail.com).**

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