



The Clever Minister

Once upon a time there lived a very clever man called Subuddhi. He was the Prime Minister of the kingdom of Champanagri. This man would not agree with his king if he thought that he was wrong. Instead he would often show the king the right way.

One day the king and his minister went for a walk. On the way they saw a canal filled with dirty and stinking water. The king held his nose and said, "How dirty this water is!" His Prime Minister Subuddhi smiled and said, "It depends how you look at it!" "What do you mean?" asked the king. "I shall show you that in a few days."

Subuddhi took a pot-full of water and in next seven days he cleaned it up really well. Then he put some sweeteners and rose perfume in it and invited the king over.

The king came for dinner and he offered him that water. The king had never drunk such sweet water. "This is the best water I have ever had!" He exclaimed. Subuddhi smiled and said, "This is the same water you thought of as dirty. He explained, "We can make even the impure clean. We must try and make everything better." The king was very impressed. He realised that things which are thought of as disgusting can be made better!

We must try and improve what we think as impure or bad around us.