



Dharmo Rakshati Rakshita: In Yudhishtira's Life in Mahabharata

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Abstract: The Mahabharata is more than the story of a war and kings. it is also a value-based discourse on human life, morality, and dharma. Yudhishtira is considered an unusual character in Mahabharata. He represents Dharma; thus, he is called Dharmaraja. The most illustrative representation of the Sanskrit maxim “Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah” “Dharma protects those who protect it” is the life of Yudhishtira. Through the years of his life, Dharmic precept impacted his thinking, decision-making and behaviour, and the choices he made at various stages. The study starts with a discussion of Dharma in Indian philosophy, which serves as a basis for individual conduct and social order. It looks at many crucial events in Yudhishtira's life. For instance, the game of dice, the years of exile, the Yaksha-Prashna episode and the challenges of Kurukshetra War. These incidents show that Dharma will not always be easy to follow. More often than not, it requires sacrifice, patience, self-control and moral courage. Yudhishtira faced numerous dilemmas pertaining to personal interest and personal obligation. In other words, he tried to do the right thing, even when he suffered the consequences. The article emphasizes that his firm commitment to truth and justice led to moral and spiritual victory of Yudhishtira. As illustrated above, Dharma is not a domain of religion, but a practical tool to live life with integrity and responsibility. Yudhishtira is an example for making a right choice in the present-day moral crisis and conflict of values to choose the right over the expedient. As this find out about has concluded “Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah” which means “Those who are sincere in their dharma are finally protected by dharma” is still valid and relevant.

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Introduction

The Mahabharata is one of the great epics of Indian civilization. It embodies timeless lessons on human conduct, ethics, governance and spirituality. Amidst the story of a war between two families, it leaves one with several philosophical lessons on how individuals struggle to make the right choices. At the centre of this teaching is Dharma – which acts as the guiding principle behind righteous living and social harmony. The Mahabharata repeatedly emphasises that being true to Dharma is not easy. One has to balance personal interests, social obligations and morality.

One of the notable personalities in the epic, Yudhishtira, is recognized as the symbol of righteousness and integrity. Yudhishtira, the eldest of the Pandavas, is known as Dharmaraja, the king who strives to uphold Dharma in everything – a name that is appropriate. His character is not presented as perfect. The character is portrayed as one who faces a host of problems, troubles, and dilemmas.

Yudhishtira is extraordinary due to the fact that when two options are open to him which would result in righteous conduct by him, he invariably chooses the one which involves suffering and sacrifice.

The Sanskrit aphorism "Dharma Rakshati Rakshitah"/"Dharma protects those who protect it" embodies an essential idea of Indian philosophy. It means those who stick to truth, justice and duty will be supported by them in the end, surely. This is evident from the life of Yudhishtira. Even after being humiliated, exiled and made to suffer loss and war, it was his steadfastness to dharma that led to the acquisition of honour, kingdom and moksha.

This essay will explain the meaning of Dharma and examine the life of Yudhishtira to show how "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah" plays out in his life. A study of key episodes from the Mahabharata emphasizes the continuing relevance of Dharma for individuals and society, examined along the lines of Morality/Ethics. The Discussion also concretizes the relevance of Yudhishtira and the life— values that are useful even today for a better life, leadership and decision-making.

Concept of Dharma in Indian Philosophy

Dharma has the foremost position in Purusharth Chatushtaya (Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha), indicating that adherence to dharma should be our primary obligation, subsequently leading to the natural attainment of the other three purusharths.

Dharma refers to an individual's responsibilities, ethical principles, and behaviour. The individual who adheres to them is the guardian of dharma. It pertains to the individual's specific karma, responsibilities, and behaviour within society. Dharma denotes the value system, traditions, and cultural framework of an individual or society.

The meaning of the word Dharma - "Dharayati iti Dharmah" – Dharma means "to hold".

Finding an appropriate term for 'Dharma' in Western languages is exceedingly challenging. The nearest English synonyms for Dharma are righteousness and ethics.

Dharma encompasses various meanings, including obligation, non-violence, justice, ethical conduct, and virtue. The literal definition of Dharma is 'the most suitable belief to be embraced,' which should be adopted by all individuals. Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Jainism, and Buddhism are sects (sampradaya) or communities. "Sampradaya" refers to a collective of adherents to a particular tradition.

It is believed that dharma makes man human.

In Indian philosophical thought, Dharma occupies a central position, because individual well-being and social order rely on it. Contrary to rules imposed from outside, dharma is an inner principle that guides human behaviour in accordance with truth, justice and moral responsibility. It regulates the relationships of an individual to himself, society, nature and God. Dharma is not just a religion but a way of life that fosters harmony.

Ancient Indian texts portray Dharma as what sustains the universe. The Mahabharata, as stated, Dharma holds society together and maintains order in the world. Like the previous verse, the Manusmriti mentions that the qualities such as Patience, Forgiveness, Self-control and similar are considered the attributes of Dharma. The selfless pursuits promote altruism and help one to give up selfish desires to serve society.

The comprehension of Dharma in Indian philosophy is dynamic and not rigid. Though the nature of Dharma may vary, it always remains what is spiritually right. This concept is seen through the ideas of Svadharma, one's own duty, as contrasted with Samanya Dharma, universal duties. Universal categories of duties such as truthfulness, compassion, non-violence, and justice apply to all. However, duties differ according to roles in life. To be considered dharma, an action must be wise and discerning, and appropriate in the circumstances.

As is evident from the lines of the Bhagavad Gita the Nishkama Karma 'selfless action' is essential. Lord Krishna counsels Arjuna to stick to his "Svadharma" even under unfavourable circumstances. This teaching informs us that Dharma is not dictated by convenience or choice but by the fulfilment of obligation.

In the text of Mahabharata Dharma is generally subtle and difficult to understand. Characters frequently find themselves in situations where different duties come into conflict. They often must make ethical choices in difficult situations. As we see through the epic, Dharma is not merely a rule, but a perpetual quest for truth, justice and righteousness. The life of Yudhishtira is an excellent example of the

meaning of Dharma, with his actions being guided by the morals of Dharma, whatever the hardships he may have had to face.

The Principle of "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah"

The Sanskrit phrase "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah" translates to "Dharma protects those who protect Dharma." In Indian philosophy and ethics, the idea is quite noteworthy. People who are true, righteous, just and moral eventually gain the protection of what they stand for. People often say that righteousness is the foundation of peace implying that good conduct leads to happiness, peace and success.

- **Definition and Importance of the Principle**

According to it, Dharma does not mean only performing the religious rites or fulfilling the social duties. It is a force that regulates human behaviour and inspires good and right living. A person who follows Dharma develops qualities such as honesty, kindness, and fearlessness. These traits enhance individual character and add to the strength of society as a whole.

The principle also states that if one acts according to the Dharma, s/he should be prepared for the good consequences, while if one acts out of greed, injustice or falsehood, s/he should be ready for suffering. As a result, Dharma protects human life and helps him choose the right path.

- **Dharma as a Source of Protection**

The dharma need not be always understood in a material sense protection. When we keep our inner peace, self-respect, and right action, often Dharma saves us. The person who acts according to Dharma will definitely suffer hardships but hardships do not matter when it comes to righteousness.

The following helps us understand the protective role of Dharma.

- Dharma protects a person from sinful act and the resultant consequences.
- Dharma creates Social protection that is helpful in building trust, cooperation and harmony.
- When a person acts righteously, his mind is at peace and his heart free from guilt.
- Spiritual evolution is ensured through Dharma, i.e., self-realization and Moksha.

- **Dharma and Responsibilities of a Human Being**

Humans also have responsibility according to Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah. One ought not to think that Dharma automatically protects. People must strive to live truthfully and justly with compassion and duty. We must always make ethical choices anyway, even one that is inconvenient.

Indian texts repeatedly emphasise that the maintenance of Dharma is essential to the prosperity of individual and social life. Whenever Dharma becomes low, there is confusion, conflict and injustice. Each person should affirmatively participate in making Dharma sustainable through thought, speech and action.

- **Reflection of the Principles in Mahabharata**

The Mahabharata shows us what this means through the characters. Even though people like Kauravas often use unfair means to achieve power and gain, they don't succeed for long. On the contrary, those who remain steadfast to Dharma, like the Pandavas, reach honour, respect and permanent fulfilment.

Among all the characters in the epic, Yudhishtira represents this idea the most effectively. He did not give up on the righteous path despite the many hardships. His life shows that living in accordance with Dharma may require sacrifice and suffering. But ultimately, it gives protection, dignity and victory to those who honour it.

Yudhishtira: The Embodiment of Dharma

Yudhishtira is one of the many remarkable people in Mahabharata who personifies Dharma. He is commonly called in the Mahabharata the Dharmaraja owing to his life guided by truth, justice and duty. Yudhishtira was different from many other present and past heroes who earned accolades for their brute physical strength, military might, or political power. Instead, he was praised for the strength of his character and dedication to what is right, that is, dharma.

- **Yudhishtira's Almighty relation with Dharma**

According to the Mahabharata, Yudhishtira was born with the blessings of Dharma Deva, the God of righteousness and justice. It symbolises the centrality of Dharma throughout his life; such is their divine connection. Since his childhood, he is distinguished by honesty, a sense of caring, humility and self-control.

- **Promise to Truth**

One of the most important virtues of Yudhishtira was truth. He believed that Dharma depended on truth only and held on to the truth even in difficult times. Everyone, whether friend or foe, due to his reputation for honesty, believed in his words. He maintained throughout his life that truth was not just personal but a religious obligation.

- **Sense of Justice and Fairness**

Yudhishtira was always in favour of Justice and Equal Treatment. He was very respectful towards anyone, regardless of their social stature and wanted to make decisions that were fair and not self-benefitting. His realisation of dharma is reflected in his concern for the welfare of others and placing the collective good over individual interests.

- **Show Empathy and Understanding towards others**

Yudhishtira's character has many other important traits as well. He would often show restraint and forgive the people who did wrong to him. Anger, revenge, and hatred weaken moral character but forgiveness strengthens it, he believed. His humane attitude with people made him an ideal monarch as well as a moral man.

- **Sticking to Virtue despite Hardship**

Yudhishtira faced challenges after challenges to test his Dharma. Regardless of what he went through, whether he lost a game of dice and was humiliated, or underwent exile, or fighting a war. Never did he choose to deviate from the path of virtue, even after suffering doubts. His steadfastness during tough times shows that Dharma is valuable when adapted to hard times.

- **An Ideal but Humane Figure**

Yudhishtira is not shown as a flawless person without mistakes. He sometimes gets confused and makes choices which have raised speculation among the academics and readers. Nonetheless, his effort to understand and follow Dharma – even when the right path is not clear – is what sets him apart. His struggle of good and evil is relatable and highlights moral complexity.

As a lifelong devotee of truth, justice, compassion, and duty, Yudhishtira embodies Dharma, exhibiting the qualities of a man of Dharma. His character shows that Dharma is no mere philosophy. It is a way of living a truthful, responsible and meaningful life also.

The Testing Scenarios of Dharma of Yudhishtira

A true test of one's commitment to Dharma happens not when things are comfortable and prosperous, but at difficult times of uncertainty, suffering or when there is a moral dilemma. Yudhishtira remains true even when he is placed in situations where his values and judgment are tested through difficult circumstances. Unlike normal challenges, these tests often embroiled him in situations where every single option had heavy consequences. He had to balance feelings with duties, family loyalty with royalty and ideals with reality. As a consequence, the life of this man illustrates quite well the complications associated with living according to Dharma.

The different episodes of Yudhishtira's life show that following Dharma is not an easy task. Oftentimes, it requires patience, sacrifice, wisdom and the courage to act according to one's conscience even in the face of adversity. Whether facing humiliation in the court, enduring years of exile, answering difficult moral questions or resolving the ethical dilemmas of war, Yudhishtira always tried to be righteous despite intense pressure. Through these experiences, he not only understood the Dharma more philosophically but also practically applied them to life.

- **The Dice Game**

This may have been Dharma's first major test for Yudhishtira. Being a Kshatriya king, he believed that it was the righteous thing to accept the Kauravas' invitation to a game of dice. Nonetheless, he gave up everything he had - his kingdom, riches as well as brothers and Draupadi. This episode raises important questions whether social duty should necessarily prevail upon that of practical wisdom. Even a good person does not know what to do with that knowledge due to Dharma.

- **Acceptance of Exile**

Yudhishtira lost the dice game and therefore accepted thirteen years of exile rather than break his word. In spite of the unfairness done to him and his family, he decided to comply with the agreement. He preferred to suffer than to break his promise. It reveals he has a great respect for the truth.

- **The Episode of Yaksha-Prashna**

While in exile, Yudhishtira faced an unusual test when a Yaksha questioned him on various matters related to life, moral, and wisdom. His careful responses showed how far he understood Dharma. He was given the toughest challenge of all to pick one brother to be revived. He chose Nakula with the thought of treating both of his mother's fairly and not just using a strong or useful son. This decision reflected his promise to justice and fairness.

- **The Dilemma of Conflict**

Yudhishtira wished for peace and tried to avoid the war. When all attempts to settle the conflict have failed, he realizes that the use of military force is necessary to protect justice and restore order. This challenged his concept of Dharma as he would have to weigh non-violence against his duty as a king who supports his subjects for righteousness.

- **The Ashwatthama Episode**

The poignant statement by Yudhishtira during the war "Ashwatthama is dead" is said about an elephant while Drona is led to believe that his own son Ashwatthama is dead. This occurrence challenged Yudhishtira's lifelong adherence to truth. Although the statement, which is half-true, helps in accomplishing a strategic goal in the war, it left Yudhishtira morally troubled. This highlights the challenging ethical dilemmas that often arise in the pursuit of Dharma.

- **Giving up and Final Journey**

After successfully winning over the throne and reigning the kingdom for many years, Yudhishtira later gave up the whole kingdom and sets out on Mahaprasthanas towards heaven. In this last test, he showed faithfulness to compassion and loyalty which made him not abandon a dog following him throughout the journey. His life thus marks not betraying Dharma even till the end.

- **The Final Journey and Supreme Devotion to Dharma**

Yudhishtira's life events signify that Dharma is not a set of rules but the right-thinking which enables practice of Dharma in complex situations. Every challenge offered different colours of Dharma, testing him for truthfulness, sense of justice, compassion, responsibility, and perseverance. While he did not always find the right answers he was sincerely committed to the good. This ordeal changed him from a good prince to an enlightened king and righteous man. It shows that the path of Dharma is not always easy but certainly leads to the firmness of character, honour, and spiritual growth. Yudhishtira's experiences made him a living example of the principle that those who protect Dharma, Dharma protects them in return.

Ethical Dilemmas and Interpretation of Dharma

Complexity of Dharma is one of the major themes of Mahabharata. Within the epic itself (Mahābhārata), we see various protagonists presenting diverging perspectives of dharma. People face the difficulty of making moral decisions in many cases because they have two conflicting duties. Yudhishtira's life best demonstrates the conundrum among all the Mahabharata characters. Although he had a great sense of what was right, he often found himself stuck where the right option was not always clear. His experiences suggest that one must think carefully when deciding what is dharma, and it is not always obvious.

- **Dharma and the Undefined Moral Complexity**

Dharma is not a written code of conduct; rather, it is a flowing principle that accounts for context, intention, and responsibility. What may seem right in a particular situation, might not be right in another. The Mahabharata reiterates that it is difficult to grasp the essence of Dharma fully. Therefore, it is crucial that individuals must view it with a critical eye.

- **Truth versus Duty**

One of the greatest dilemmas before Yudhishtira was between truthfulness and duty. For him, the whole of truth was always a vital aspect of dharma. However, during the Kurukshetra War, he was asked to convey the statement of the elephant Ashwatthama's death to dishearten Drona, whose own son's name was Ashwatthama. The statement may have been true on a technicality, but the intent was misleading. This incident shows how competing duties that can conflict can cause a lot of tension, personal honesty and securing justice are examples of this.

- **Personal Morals against a Royal Duty**

As King, Yudhishtira often found himself in a position that forced him to choose between personal choices and duties to the kingdom and society. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he was forced to take part in a terrible war. For moral reasons, he did not want to fight. His desire to fight, however, shows that he understood Rajadharma, meaning the duty of a king to fight to protect justice and social order. When beliefs and actions differ, leaders would bear the brunt of it, says the author.

- **Justice, Compassion, and Impartiality**

Moreover, Yudhishtira's understanding of Dharma was marked by his ability to balance justice with compassion. The Yaksha-Prashna highlights Yudhishtira's impartiality as he chooses to revive Nakula. The other brothers were certainly more valuable than Nakula. He pursued justice for both of his mother's less from a personal inclination or material gain, but rather than for justice itself. Such example shows that an individual should go beyond their selfish interests to comply with dharma.

- **Comprehending Dharma is a Human Struggle.**

Yudhishtira's life teaches us that even the good can be unsure at some point. Often, he wondered that whether what he was doing was really dharmic and repeatedly consulted sages, elders and Lord Krishna. His capacity to reflect on his decisions and learn proves an important understanding of Dharma that growth on a moral level is a continuous process, not the end.

The situation faced by Yudhishtira shows that Dharma cannot be a function of fixed rules or constant formulas. It is all about striking a balance between truth, duty, justice, compassion and responsibility. His difficulties illustrate that pursuing the Dharma entails making tough choices and personal sacrifices. It's through challenges that we actually get to understand the deeper meaning of Dharma. Life of Yudhishtira teaches that moral integrity does not lie in having no dilemmas at all, but in earnest efforts to make right choices even when the way forward is foggy.

Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah: Dharma as Yudhishtira's Protector

Yudhishtira's life is a powerful testimony to the maxim "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah" as per Dharma, who protects Dharma, is protected. In the course of the Mahabharata, we see Yudhishtira faced with numerous harms and roadblocks. Although the immediate consequences of adhering to Dharma were often very difficult, the epic indicates that ultimately we derive protection, victory and honour from our commitment to and devotion in following Dharma. His life demonstrates that though Dharma may test, it never abandons the people who have decisively taken it up.

- **Safeguarding Life Through Morality**

The way Dharma protected Yudhishtira was by giving him inner strength. Also, it prevented Yudhishtira from losing heart. During the humiliating incident during the game of dice and the years of exile, he underwent suffering and did not abandon his principles. Despite the situation outside being unpleasant, he sustained his dignity and self-respect through righteousness. It was his moral strength through which he faced difficulties with patience.

- **Protection Through Trust and Respect**

Yudhishtira was respected and trusted by the sages, elders, allies and common man for being truthful. His reputation was so truthful and fair that people regarded him as a leader even if they disagreed with him. This goodwill is in fact a way to assist and guide through crisis. People regarded him with confidence not because of his power or wealth, but due to the fact that he always behaved honestly.

- **Safeguarding via God's Blessing**

The Mahabharata often implies that those who abide by Dharma receive the support of divine powers. There were instances in Yudhishtira's life when he got help for sticking to dharma. The riches of the sages blessing, the counsel of Lord Krishna, the successful completion of many trials may be taken as the blessings of Dharma's protectiveness. The cases reaffirm the traditional notion that dharma connects a person with a higher moral order.

- **Regain of Empire and Dignity**

Yudhishtira was brought back to his kingdom and rightful place even after losing everything in the gamble of the dice. His win was moral not just political. The resurrection of Dharma signifies the triumph of justice and righteousness over evil – it shows that following Dharma leads to setting right what is wrong. His transformation from disgrace to respectability shows how powerful a conscience can be.

- **Crowning Triumph and Spiritual Engagement**

Dharma asserts that the ultimate success is spiritual and not physical or material. Yudhishtira attempted to act according to his conscience throughout his life. When it was the end of his life, he withdrawn from all worldly attachments to travel to heaven. As he was committed to Dharma, he attained spiritual brilliance and came to be eternally known as Dharmaraja. This final victory signifies that the advantages of Dharma are beyond worldly benefits.

Yudhishtira's story reveals that Dharma provides multifaceted protection. While we cannot always escape suffering, loss and hardship, they give us the strength to bear, the wisdom to make just decisions, and the opportunity to grow morally and spiritually. His experiences bear witness to the truth that good triumphs over evil and, more importantly, those who stay true to one's Dharma are protected by that very truth. The life of Yudhishtira best exemplifies the principle "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah" in this manner.

Relevance of Yudhishtira's Dharma in Contemporary Society

Though the episodes of the Mahabharata belong to a very old-age, values of Yudhishtira are still applicable in the present time. Modern society is marked by the rapid development of technology, economic competition, political complexity, and social relationships. Amid these changes, people and institutions are constantly being faced with ethical dilemmas that need careful judgment. In such cases, Yudhishtira's understanding and practice of Dharma would guide one through personal, professional and social life.

- **Governance and Leading Ethically**

The life of Yudhishtira teaches the importance of having ethical leadership in society. He was a king who considered justice, fairness, and public welfare as priority. Today's leaders in government, business, education and beyond sometimes have to make decisions for large numbers of people. The basic insights from Yudhishtira's stance on truthfulness and accountability is to have a leadership driven by values and not by power, greed or self-interest.

- **Honesty and Integrity in Daily Life**

In today's world, we see a big violation of values for one's gain and the common man thinks it to be fine. Yudhishtira was always committed to speaking the truth. Thus, to him, honesty was the best policy. Truthfulness is a must value for family, education, workplace and public institutions. It enhances societal standing.

- **Making Responsible Choices.**

Making good decisions is not as easy as it is imagined which we see in Yudhishtira Today, people are often torn apart between their wishes, work and moral duties or obligations. Negotiating the consequences before acting, that is the Mahabharata lesson offered by Yudhishtira. Therefore, we should act justly rather than act for what is immediately beneficial to us.

- **Feelings of Togetherness**

Furthermore, Yudhishtira's Dharma signified his love and kindness. In today's world, people belonging to various cultures, religions and groups make up the society. Sensitivity, tolerance, respect and understanding helps them to live in harmony in such environments Yudhishtira and Draupadi's relation signifies restrained emotions to control social relations.

- **Balancing Rights and Duties**

Yudhishtira's life teaches us that duties and responsibilities are equally important as individual rights which is the modern narrative. Dharma teaches us not just to demand our rights but also to give, are we giving due what our family, community, and society owes to us. A balanced understanding of rights and duties helps in the establishment of a more responsible and harmonious social order.

- **A Timeless Model of Moral Character**

Yudhishtira is relevant not for copying everything he did, but for the values he was always trying to uphold. His devotion to the truth, justice, self-discipline, compassion, and strong sense of responsibility continues to inspire people to lead an ethical life in a complex world. His life is a true reflection of success not in terms of wealth but character and contribution to the society.

The lessons embedded in Yudhishtira's Dharma are timeless and universal. Moral values remain essential for one's own self-fulfilment; for the stability of society and for the effective functioning of

our leaders. With the rising complexity of ethical dilemmas these days, the example of Yudhishtira urges us to conduct ourselves with fairness and compassion. As a result, his life remains a wellspring of inspiration to construct a more just, responsible and humane world.

Conclusion

The Dharma concept is very vital in Indian philosophy and is the basis for ethical conduct, social harmony and spiritual growth. The Mahabharata illustrates Dharma in the light of human life. The text of the epic depicts that it is not just an ideal but a living reality. Yudhishtira is the most interesting character in Mahabharata who dwells on this principle. The protagonist struggles with failure, contradictions, danger, and uncertainty throughout his life, as well as with moral dilemmas.

The multiple phases of Yudhishtira's life – the game of dice, the exile, Yaksha-Prashna, the Kurukshetra war and his last journey – prove that Dharma is not so easy to read. These experiences show the complexity and fluidity of ethical decision-making, rather than providing simple answers. Yudhishtira is great not because he never makes mistakes but because he sincerely and unfalteringly believes in truth, justice, compassion, and duty, despite sometimes suffering great pains.

The life of Yudhishtira is an embodiment of "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah". Despite facing humiliation, loss, and suffering, his constant Dharma practice regained his honour, kingdom and spirituality. His journey shows that while Dharma challenges you through hardship and sacrifice, in the end it becomes a source of power, protection and sustainable success. The shield provided by Dharma is not only of a material nature; it also includes moral integrity, tranquility of mind, socially respectable circumstances and spiritual uplift.

Yudhishtira's life continues to be relevant at present times when individuals and institutions face dilemmas and conflict of interests continuously. A leader needs justice, a decision needs a conscience and success needs a sense of responsibility. Yudhishtira's life is thus a potent reminder which teaches us that Dharma is not merely a philosophical idea but a way of living life. His story reaffirms the eternal wisdom of "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah". It means that those who genuinely protect and uphold Dharma are protected by it.

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