

## A Study of the Novel 'Chanakya's Chant' of Ashwin Sanghi

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### ABSTRACT

This paper aims at the textual analysis of 'Chanakya's Chant' which is the act of retelling of Indian historical fiction in the thriller genre. Ashwin Sanghi builds his Chanakya's Chant (1) mainly on Chanakya (Kautilya or Vishnugupta) based on a political thriller with roots in ancient Mauryan history. Ashwin Sanghi is a modern writer of a new era of retelling Indian history or mythology in a contemporary context. The author was successful in enumerating two stories of two parallel worlds tied together by its two protagonists, namely Chanakya and Gangasagar. Chanakya, one of the shrewd political strategists to have ever lived in the history of India, united the scattered Indian subcontinent into one continent as United Bharat under the reign of Chandragupta Maurya. Gangasagar Mishra, a poor and unknown Brahmin teacher in modern India, who follows Chanakya's lines is a reincarnation of Chanakya himself and a political strategist to make Chandni Gupta a Prime Minister of Independent India. Chanakya's Chant is not one but two similarly themed tales, covering across two different timelines, combined into one thrilling fictionized novel. The author might have been struggled in collecting the facts about Chanakya's life and studied the political environment of independent India. Though both timelines progressed at their own pace, Chanakya's story dragged whereas Gangasagar's story progressed quickly. Chanakya's story appeared in 340BC, is a story of revenge that Chanakya wreak against the king, Dhananda, and bringing up Chandragupta Maurya to take over the throne. The second tale, based in modern India is that of Gangasagar tutoring a young girl, Chandni Gupta from Kanpur, to eventually become the Prime Minister of India. The author surprisingly has given a sentimental ending to the two stories of his novel. Ashwin was successful in quoting a Shakti mantra several times before the main events within this story. This paper has been an attempt to study and analyze how Sanghi has retold Ancient Indian History and recreated the same by mixing it with modern politics in his Novel 'Chanakya's Chant'.

**Key Words:** Chanakya, Gangasagar, Chandragupta, Chandni Gupta, History, Modern politics.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Chanakya's Chant is a political thriller that appeared in two different ages - in ancient Bharat and the present day. Chanakya was born again in the form of Pandit Gangasagar Mishra, a poor Brahmin teacher in a small town of the Uttar Pradesh State of India. Both Chanakya and Gangasagar are characterized as almost unbeatable men and their plans are seldom or never prevented. Chandragupta and Chandni were almost all dolls at the hands of their respective mentors. The second plot opens in a hospital ward at Kanpur from where Pandit Gangasagar Mishra watches his mentee Chandni Gupta taking oath as the Prime Minister of India. The first story related to ancient Indian history originally occurred two thousand and three hundred years ago begins in another chapter where how Vishnugupta sees his beloved father mercilessly killed by the king of Magadha and how he designated himself 'Chanakya' while swearing revenge. The tales keep oscillating between these two different periods as Sanghi characterized Chanakya in one story and Gangasagar in another story as master political strategists and ultimate kingmakers of their era - Chanakya mentoring Chandragupta Maurya and Gangasagar tutoring the beautiful slum-child Chandni Gupta. Chanakya's Chant takes the readers between two stories which are separated by two thousand and three hundred years, Chanakya in one and Professor Gangasagar in another, both men have the same pursuit to have a stronger India under an efficient leader. They both wish to replace the existing corrupt regimes and installing their proteges in the highest corridors of power.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Paul (2) has published a paper on "History and Hindu Mythology: The Thinning Lines with References to Ashwin Sanghi's Bharat Series and Related Literature" in which the author tries to focus on the popular tales and characters of Hindu Mythology associated with the history. Rabia Khanam (3) has published a paper on "Reaffirming Mythology Rediscovering Roots –A Comparative Study of Myth and Tradition in Ashwin Sanghi Chanakya's Chant and Ashok Banker's Gods of War" in which he concentrated on Myth and Tradition in Ashwin Sanghi Chanakya's Chant and Ashok Banker's Gods of War. Ranjithaa. K.C, and R. Gayatri, (4) have published a paper on "Comparative Study on Chanakya Niti and Henry Fayol's fourteen Principles of Management" in which researchers have tried to bring out concepts like hard work, determination, perseverance, and commitment from Chanakya Niti.

## 3. A CLOSE LOOK AT THE NOVEL

The historical narrative of Chanakya's time is referred to as "About 2300 years ago" in each chapter which itself reminds readers to be prepared to shift oneself to the early past. He discovers the inscription that is recited by him a handful of times. This historical chant by the kingmaker forms a driving force in fulfilling the wish of Suvasini, the lover of Chanakya in the existing context by Chandni Gupta as modern Suvasini. Translating the chant written on ancient

stone, Gangasagar's teacher says, "It's the final recognition of female power". Chanakya's Chant consists of twenty chapters, which are being summarized below.

### 3.1-ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Paurus, an emperor of Kaikey was dead due to Vishaka, a vishakanya, a poison maiden by Chanakya as one of his secret services. Chanakya, a son of Chanak, a popular teacher in all of the Magadha dynasty was known as Kautilya and Vishnugupta. Shaktar, a brahmin Prime Minister wanted the king Dhanananda of Magadha to spend less time with wine and women and more time to improve the lives of Magadha's citizens. Dhanananda got angry at Shaktar's counselling and sent him into Nanda's hell which was the torture chamber, where Girika tortures prisoners who feel death is better than living there. Guards killed Chanak by the order of King and his head had been displayed along the banks of the Ganges as Chanak, also the teacher of sons of King was revolted against the King along with a large crowd due to arresting Prime Minister, Shaktar who is a thick friend of Chanak. Katyayan, a minister in Dhanananda's cabinet and loyal friend of Chanak warned Vishnugupta, a son of Chanak to take care of himself by leaving the place and assured to take care of his mother and his childhood crush and daughter of Shaktar, Suvasini. Chanakya located the head of his father and the rest of the body, walked around the body once and to the light pyre thereafter. After the cremation, Chanakya was given a small dagger for his body protection, fifty gold panas for his sustenance, and a letter to the dean of Takshila University.

### 3.2. PRESENT-DAY

Pandit Gangasagar Mishra, Kanpur's foremost professor of history, not interested in teaching history and interested in creating history, president of ABNS, Akhil Bharat Navnirman Samiti goes for morning walk daily, takes tea at Banarsi tea house, and reads newspapers as he wants to know everything that happened in the country. Gangasagar was born in 1929 in Cawnpore, the anglicized name for Kanpur, Kanhapur, original name after Kanhaiya (Krishna) to Mishraji, a poor brahmin teacher. Ganga was a centre of attraction to her mother among his family members including his two sisters because sons are treated as assets and daughters are treated as liabilities in society. There is also the possibility that Ganga will get dowry which will be squared off to pay for her daughter's weddings. He inspired the words of Mahatma Gandhi and feels that one day he would also possess the power to make or break empires. At the age of fifteen, Gangasagar lost his father and joined with one of the Mishraji's wealthy patrons, Agrawalji's company with twenty-five rupees home taking a salary for maintenance of double-entry bookkeeping, primary books accounting, ledger posting, and trial balance preparation. Ganga Sagar has completed his training satisfactorily when he understood the answer for 2+2 is whatever he wants to be but not only 4. Agrawalji sent Gangasagar to Patna (Pataliputra), the capital of Bihar to search for the underground iron ore. Gangasagar observed the soil of Patna, which was soft, red, alluvial soil and rich in iron ore. He dug the soil and found a block of stone, perfectly polished granite, and bore inscriptions in a script that is not understood by Gangasagar. He had taken that stone to his schoolmaster who read the Brahmi, the calligraphy used in Mauryan times as 'Adi Shakti, Namoh Namah; Sarab Shakti, Namoh Namah; Prithum Bhagvati, Namoh Namah; Kundalini Mata Shakti; Mata Shakti, Namoh Namah'...32 of Chanakya's chant.

After seeing the block stone, Ganga's teacher had written down what it says on a sheet of paper and that is given below.

Four thousand days you shall pray.  
 Four hundred chants every day.  
 Chanakya's power is yours to take.  
 Chandragupta, to make or break.  
 If there's a lull, start once more.  
 King must be queen, to be sure.  
 Suvasini's curse shall forever halt  
 If you can cure Chanakya's fault.....34 of Chanakya's chant

### 3.3. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Chanakya got admission into Takshila University under the guidance of Acharya Pundarikaksha and the admission director. Chanakya solved a weed of dry kush grass problem by drizzling the whitish liquid repeatedly over an area of the grass to kill and said that an enemy should be destroyed till the very last trace. As the scriptures, traditions, culture, prayers, and deities are common among Magadha, Gandhar, Kashi, Kuru, Kosala, Mallayrajya, or Panchala, they can be brought into under one umbrella, called Bharat. Chanakya was raised to the position of upacharya, teaching assistant in his favourite subjects, political science, and economics due to his capabilities and merits. Yogi, Dandayan liked Chanakya with a strong opinion on every major issue. He educated Chanakya that Chanakya's enemy is not Dhanananda but Alexander the Great.

Chanakya's teaching speciality is inviting rapid-fire questions from students and answering them efficiently. He believes in the following principles. (1) If we want people to have respect for the law, then we must first make the law respectable. (2) A ruler must profess to be a servant of the people. (3) A good speech is not one in which one can prove he is lying (4) A hungry man is more interested in some pieces of bread rather than freedom. (5) Politics is a war without bloodshed and war is simply politics with bloodshed. (6) Government is about principles and the principle never acts as a principle. Dean on his death bed had given his house, his manuscripts, and his loyal manservant to Chanakya and asked to bring his mother to Takshila to take care of her. Chanakya put his favourite students, Sinharan, the son of the governor of Mallayrajya who had been removed from the throne of Mallayrajya by cheating, Mehira, a Persian student came due to Macedonian invasion and Sharangrao, the brightest Brahmin boy in the university and advised Sinharan to check Ambhi, the crown prince of Gandhar, an arrogant person. He went to see his mother and also his childhood friend cum love Suvasini who is the daughter of the imprisoned Prime Minister shaktar. When Chanakya met Katyayan after ten years, he wished him with Hindu or Vedic formalities or customs and said that he wants to take his mother to Takshila. Chanakya came to know that his mother stopped eating and passed away around six or seven years ago at Kusumpur, an ancestral home near Pataliputra. He also came to know about Shaktar whose family was destroyed by Dhanananda and whose life is a living hell

in Nanda's hell, and he dies a thousand deaths each day. His daughter Suvasini's life is worse than death. She survived due to Rakshas at the cost of her mistress. Rakshas being a brahmin kept Dhanananda immersed in wine and women and convinced to give more grants to learned brahmins. Chanakya thanked Katyayanji for his survival and was indebted for the rest of his life. Chanakya understood that Dhanananda can be dethroned using money, men, and materials.

Chanakya went to witness the proceedings of Magadha court and ensured that he remained hidden. But Rakshas recognized him and announced that Magadha is honoured to have Chanakya, a revered professor at the renowned Takshila university. Rakshas asked Chanakya that 'o enlightened teacher, how can society work in harmony towards the progress of the kingdom. Chanakya replied by knowing the king, as shudra that the duties of brahmin are studying, teaching, and praying on people's behalf with the gods. The Kshatriyas are meant to protect the people. The vaishyas are meant for trading, manufacturing, and producing wealth. The shudra's are meant to serve all the three higher varnas. Dhanananda maintained his composure and asked that 'Acharya, what should be the qualities of King? Chanakya answered that 'An ideal king should be eloquent, bold, strong memory, keen mind, amenable to guidance, capable of leading the army, foresight and avail himself for opportunities, support peace, know when to fight, preserve his dignity, be sweet in speech, straight forward, amicable, avoid passion, anger, greed, determination, vulnerability and finally conduct himself by the advice of elders. Dhanananda asked Chanakya not to speak anything. Chanakya immediately said that his advice is meant for those who have the inborn capacity to absorb. Rakshas reminded his king that Chanakya is the son of Chanak. Chanakya said to the king that an enemy should always be destroyed to the very final trace just he will destroy the king and his perverted dynasty one day. Immediately, the king ordered his royal guards to arrest Chanakya and send him to Nanda's hell and remarked a monkey shall always remain a monkey. Chanakya has taken oath on the ashes of his parents that he shall not re-tie his Shikha until he has expelled Dhanananda as well as the Macedonian invaders from his country and united it under an efficient ruler.

### **3.4. PRESENT-DAY**

Gangasagar advised Ikrambhai to enter into politics because he was famous in that area with a negative shade. Gangasagar teaches the children history in his school along with managing the school. Gangasagar pulls high caste Hindu votes and Ikrambhai will take care of Muslim votes when Ikram bhai fights the next municipal elections on an ABNS ticket for Mayor seat. According to Gangasagar 'the early bird gets the worm but it's the second mouse that gets the cheese. Gangasagar requested all corporators except Muslims to make Ikram their second choice and second mouse to bring the cheese home.

Gangasagar said to Ikram that they have to get money to strengthen the ABNS and also do some good along the way to enter into state politics. They want to upgrade the municipal hospitals without the budget. They have asked the donations from the businessman to upgrade the facilities and rename the hospitals in the donor's name. If they did not accept then their tax cases will be pursued with double the vigour. As the revenue collections are down this year, on the advice of Gangasagar Ikram had given two options to the tenants of municipal land either negotiate with authorities for an increased rent or negotiate with an unlawful person for

decreased life expectancy as they are going to sell the lands to unlawful persons otherwise. Ikram had signed the contract for the sewage-disposal system keeping five per cent for the party.

Gangasagar hired a reporter and girl for a sting operation against the chief Minister about his illegal contact with the girl which leads to the resignation of the chief minister. The police commissioner of that area was taken into the confidence of Ikram with his old direct connections which he was as an antisocial element because of government unofficial records. The result is that the police commissioner provoked Rajjo Bhaiya, a member of the state assembly, states important political underbelly, under trial in twenty-six criminal cases including several of murder, assault, and possession of illegal weapons to hold a rally in home minister's constituency to shake him up a little. Home minister, seventy-five years old man ordered the police commissioner to arrest Rajjo Bhaiya immediately worrying that he will have the entire party in disarray. The police commissioner refused the proposal and advised him better to arrest his close associates instead of him and release them on bail later. The police commissioner has rounded up hundreds of Rajjo bhaiya's associates and released those men on bail due to political pressures.

Gangasagar feels that Ikram is not the right person for the chief minister post and is a poison like Atropine that is to be used in small doses. One fellow teased Chandni who kicked him right between his legs. He doubled over in agony; muttering curses at her. Gangasagar asked Gupta to send Chandni along with him to make her educated in Great Britain, later to build a political and social platform and also allow her to be adopted by Ikram bhai, Muslim law does not validate it. Gangasagar convinced Gupta and Chandni of his proposal at last as she is assured to be going to rule the country. He murmured to himself. "Adi Shakti, Namoh Namah; Sarab Shakti, Namoh Namah; Prithum Bhagvati, Namoh Namah; Kundalini Mata Shakti; Mata Shakti, Namoh Namah".

### 3.5. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Shaktarji was removed from Nanda's hell and sent to the camp of Senapati Maurya of Pipplivan. Chanakya was also removed from Nanda's hell with the help of dwarves by the influence of Senapati Maurya ((Mor means peacock) and Katyayanji. Acharya had proceeded to Pipplivan immediately and received better treatment than he expected from Senapati and his wife Vishala, an out-caste Kshatriya. Outside the house, the group of young boys was busy in a game of role-playing. The boy who plays the role of the king was attracted by Chanakya. Chanakya immediately approached the boy (king's role) and asked a cow to get milk and ghee for the yagnas. The boy is Chandragupta, son of Senapati Maurya. Chandragupta ordered his people to give whatever Chanakya wanted. When Chanakya prostrated himself before Shaktar, he blessed him affectionately. He informed Chanakya that all his sons were dead and his daughter whom Chanakya loved so dearly is worse than the dead and concubine of Rakshas. Chanakya's father always wanted his son and Suvasini to marry, merging both families into one. He requested Shaktarji to give the dwarves and Senapatiji to hand over Chandragupta to make him king of Magadha. Acharya gave a substance, reptile repellent to dwarves who went on sprinkling small quantities around the rubble to slithered out snakes, rats, etc. They have taken diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires, pure crystals, beryl, silver panas, and copper Kakani from the treasury to build an army. He requested Shaktarji and Katyayanji to be around Magadha to give Dhanananda the

trouble he deserves by the time Chandragupta returns. Maurya's wife's words, sending her son with Chanakya for a greater good look like a true Kshatriya because she is a wife of a warrior.

Senapati Maurya was a son of Mahanandin, the powerful Shishunga ruler of Magadha, and his wife Mura, the only daughter of the chief of the Moriya's, the warrior tribes of Pippilivan. Although Mahanandin had many other sons, Senapati Maurya was only his successor. Mahapadma, a barber of Mahanandin, the illegitimate child of Kshatriya's father and a Shudra mother philandering with the queen, decided to screw the king as well by bumping him off and all other claimants to the throne with the help of the queen. Senapati Maurya was only left and Mahapadma did not feel the young boy be his threat in the future. Mahapadma recognized the talent of Senapati Maurya and made him the commander of his army. He conquered most of north Bharat and Deccan from the Himalayas to the Kuntala, and from the Jamuna to the Brahmaputra under his authority and named Magadha as a powerful state in north Bharat. Though he was a Kshatriya-shudra, he patronized brahmins and he has a strong military, fair taxation, massive irrigation projects, etc. Dhanananda, son of the ruler changed the excellent period into the worst period. Senapati Maurya was seen as a liability rather than an asset by the twisted son.

### 3.6. PRESENT-DAY

Chandni learned English communication skills and British traditions under the guidance of Miss Feversham. Chandni decided that her journey towards politics started from this place. There was a debate conducted by the student union and this house believes that women must be legally guaranteed equal pay and the first speaker was Geoffery Hemingford who also introduced the other speakers. Geoffrey argued that men and women should get equal pay. Chandni said that there are some jobs to which men are better suited than women let's pay the men more there and some jobs to which women are better suited than men let's pay these women more. Geoffery and Chandni had loved each other.

The election commissioner had announced elections in Uttar Pradesh. Gangasagar was sure to utilize the dispute between the Uttar Pradesh home minister and Rajjo bhaiyah. Gangasagar managed that Ikram did not contest in elections due to his old criminal offence. Ikram is advised that he will exercise the power through a nominee like his daughter, Chandni Gupta.

The Uttar Pradesh home minister had a piece of information that police commissioner had created differences between him and Rajjo Bhaiya and police commissioner had been removed and Ikram was concentrated for that. Sub-inspector Brij Lal had arrested one of Ikram's faithful followers and the confession was written up and signed within an hour against Ikram. Menon, the young Keralite was appointed as a new secretary to Gangasagar. Hameed, a Muslim from Kerala, a waiter at the golden gate bar met Gangasagar through Menon. Hameed was a secret lover and an agent for a homosexual judge who fixed a price for each case he hears in the court.

Chandni was pregnant and asked Geoffrey what to do with no clear-cut answer. Geoffrey loved Chandni because he bet with Victor for the same. Mr. Harry Richardson, a business associate of Agrawalji, an agent from England working for Gangasagar used to give regular

updates about the happenings around Chandni's grades, progress, debates, friendships, and her extra-curricular activities. Gangasagar had offered to Richardson to sponsor his daughter, Josephine Richardson to Oxford. Chandni tried for abortion which was not possible and gave birth to a stillborn child. As the junior team's boat collided with the floating corpse of a naked man, the club boat had bumped into the body at seven that morning. The police were immediately summoned. The body was of Geoffrey's whose face had been beaten up to a pulp, hence facial recognition was not possible.

### 3.7. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Mainika was staying in a pleasure palace with a swimming pool reserved for wealthy and influential men. A man, Kaikey intelligence operative met Mainika with a message in which he was informed to keep commander-in-chief of Gandhar with her on the third day of Bakula when the forces of Kaikey shall attack Gandhar but Ambhi, son of Gandhar Raj, who has been expelled from the Takshila university due to his misbehaviour wants to destroy his neighbour with the help of Macedonians. Chanakya introduced Chandragupta to his students, Sinharan, son of Governor of Mallayrajya, Mehir, Persian, and Sharangrao with elephant memories and told them that Chandragupta will be tutored in the subjects of kingship-combat, warfare, politics, economics, languages, mathematics, and the sciences and asked Sinharan to be his best friend because Sinharan, governor's son of Mallayrajya has been trained in the very same subjects. Chanakya and Chandragupta had brought a significant amount of gold to raise a force of students to assist in repelling the Macedonians at the doorstep of Gandhar.

Chanakya advised his friend Indradutt, the Prime Minister of Kaikey not to attack Gandhar and let Gandhar keep Macedonians out which leads to pushing him Ambhi into Macedonians arms. Alexander, son of Olympias and King Philip of Macedonia conquer Syria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia, and Bactria. Alexander had executed his cousin, murdered two Macedonian princes, poisoned his general, and burned alive his stepmother along with her daughter to ensure his accession to the throne. He had defeated Darius III of Persia and was offered his daughter and marched into Persepolis and declared himself Shahenshah, the king of Kings. He decided that Ambhi was the key to invade Bharat. Kaikey's horseman surrounded the Ghandarraaj's palace and blocked entry and exit and made Gandhar's royal family a prisoner of Kaikey's cavalry. Gandharraj felt very bad about his son Ambhi for his foolish incursions into Kaikey. Indradutt, the Prime Minister of Kaikey respected Ghandarraaj and said that Kaikey and its king showed affection and respect for Gandharraj for his honesty, but Ambhi has been creating trouble along with the border areas with his military men. Indradutt said that his king is very much worried that Ambhi has been secretly negotiating a treaty with Alexander. If Gandhar allows Alexander passage to Bharat, then all kingdoms shall be at risk. Abhaya was called by Gandharraj and enquired about Ambhi's meeting with Seleucus, the trusted general of Alexander. Indradutt remembered Chanakya's words that Paurus had achieved nothing by attacking Gandhar except for propelling Ambhi into Alexander's arms. Ambhi entered his father's bedroom in the night and killed him with a knife. There are four types of wrestling in Bharat, Hanumanti, Jambuvanti, Jarasandhi, and Bhimaseni. Chanakya said that it will be difficult for Alexander to defeat the mighty army of Kaikey in his diminished capacity. Out of all



Kingdoms, Magadha was the strongest. After Magadha, Kaikey was the strongest. Ambhi cannot defeat Kaikey and takes the support of Alexander to defeat Kaikey. Paurus had no intention to help Chanakya to conquer Magadha. If Kaikey was under attack, then they feel the need for Chanakya and then they will help Chanakya. Whenever Alexander conquers the kingdoms, he put his general to look after the Kingdoms and he is not leaving large military there and depends on local allies. Most probably Alexander, after winning Paurus as well as Ambhi, will put Seleucus as his governor there and moves to another place. That shall be Chandragupta's moment, Bharat moment.

### 3.8. PRESENT-DAY

Gangasagar advised Ikrambhai to maintain a low profile because he is a mayor as well as a Chief ministerial aspirant. Ikram pleaded that who will represent the party if not Ikram bhai since he worked hard to strengthen ABNS. Gangasagar advised Ikram Bhai to put Chandni as a chief ministerial candidate because as an adopted daughter she will be in Ikram's control. Ikram follows Gangasagar's advice. Gangasagar asked Chandni to meet some university students of Uttar Pradesh who contest in student union elections, to take control over youth. The students may enter into bureaucracy (IAS, IRS), trade unions, secretaries within the reserve bank of India and so many jobs as many as ABNS can give. Gangasagar asked Chandni to go on an indefinite hunger strike-a fast unto death-until the unfortunate farmers get full compensation for their land along with the jobs which will be given by the Rungta & Somany steel plant on the outskirts of the city. Gangasagar already promised the management to give a sales tax holiday worth several billion out of which the same amount will be routed back to the farmers as compensation for the land If ABNS will come into power in Uttar Pradesh. If an ABNS leader like Chandni solves the farmers' problem just by hunger strike, then it will be a miraculous solution to become an instant heroine. Gangasagar offered the big post to the police commissioner for his favour regarding the rift between the home minister and Rajjo Bhaiya and shooting Chandni on the hunger strike day to execute Gangasagar's plan to get public sympathy over Chandni to win future elections. Gangasagar asked Ikram to concentrate on counting the votes if any electoral malpractice is there while he concentrates on vote-gathering.

One hundred thousand people participated in a rally which was delighted by Chandni, a political person, and Anjali, a film actress with the three coloured flags of ABNS, saffron for Hindus, green for Muslims, and red for the Dalits. The women though they do not know each other hugged each other though they were the best of friends. Chandni, garlanded by his beloved people of this state, 'Till the sun and moon shall be, Chandni name immortal be' chanted by ABNS people. When the scene was emotional, a shot rang out and the gun had been fired near an open microphone. Chandni fell and was captured by cameras. Gangasagar whispered 'Adi Shakti, Namoh Namah; Sarah Shakti, Namoh Namah; Prithum Bhagati, Namoh Namah; Kundalini Mata Shakti; Mata Shakti; Namoh Namah....158 of Chanakya's chant. Gangasagar advised the Doctor to announce that Chandni was kept overnight for observation though Chandni does not require hospitalization due to a surface wound. Wall posters containing Chandni's message 'I am willing to shed every drop of my blood in the service of my people' appeared on thousands of posters. Though Chandni wanted to go to an election rally, Gangasagar advised her to go to

Tirumala to make Hindu's happy, to go to Bom Jesus of Goa to make Christians happy, and to go to the Dargah of Moinuddin Chisti in Ajmer to make Muslims happy and to go to Golden Temple of Amritsar to make Sikhs happy with the help of an aircraft. Gangasagar promised Anjali to nominate her to the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh. No single party in Uttar Pradesh got a majority in Uttar Pradesh elections. ABNS was not interested to form the government with the help of MLAs of another party because they have to give more portfolios to other party discriminating own MLA's which led to create dissatisfaction in own group and also to avoid split in the party. Gangasagar offered ABNS MLAs to another party to form a government to get important portfolios like Home, Finance, Revenue, Industries, human resources in return. Chandni waits for the government to go into paralysis. Gangasagar ruled out imposing the president's rule. The Prime Minister is worried about forming the government because they had to give more portfolios to ABNS people leaving their own MLA's ideal. Moreover, he cannot impose the president's rule and is not interested to call him a traitor to the constitution, a backdoor manipulator.

### **3.9. About 2300 years ago**

Alexander was welcomed by Ambhi to crush Paurus. Alexander, with the title Parvateshwar, after conquering hill kingdoms of Kashmir, Mallayrajya, Kuluta, and Sindh planned to attack Kaikey's army from the front side as well as the rear side. Parus's sons had been killed. Though Alexander won the battle against Kaikey, he extended his friendship to Paurus and gave back Kaikey to Paurus, and asked him to rule in his name. Chanakya presumed that Alexander will designate Seleucus as governor in charge of the conquered territories and leave Bharat soon. The commander-in-chief of Ambhi had no choice because when Kaikey's forces attacked Takshila, he was in his lover's bedroom and not dared to enter into his own country and became the trainer of Chandragupta's army. Ambhi requested Chanakya several times to reside next to his palace as the Raj guru to guide him in every aspect to make Gandhar economically and politically strong and resilient. After entering into the residence provided by Ambhi, Chanakya said to his disciples that Ambhi had planned to kill him and his people by burning his new lacquer house next to Ambhi's residence which was hinted by the smooth finish of the doors and windows and ants carrying boiled rice through the floor, cracks of an uninhabited house which indicates that there was a cooked food beneath the floor. Lac is highly inflammable and will go up in flames like a fireball if it were to accidentally ignite. After burning us along with the house, the deaths are attributed to an accident. Chanakya asked Sinharan to burn down the house tonight without advertising to anyone. Chanakya said to Ambhi that the burnt house gave a signal or message that Chanakya should not be Ambhi's raj guru and asked Ambhi to find someone more capable than him.

Seleucus, a son of God Apollo, was sent by his mother along with Alexander to fight the Persians. Alexander got married to the daughter of the Persian king Darius III and Seleucus loved Apama, a daughter of a Persian nobleman got a bastard son, and married Apama and got a daughter Cornelia who is comfortable staying in Gandhar rather than in Greece. She would visit sage Dandayan's ashram each morning to learn yoga, protected by her bodyguards, Chandragupta thought Cornelia is lovelier and called by Chanakya who introduced Cornelia to

Chandragupta and asked Chandragupta to focus on making love. Chandragupta said to Cornelia that his Acharya teaches about the renunciation of power and also the power of renunciation. He looked every inch like a prince even though he had no kingdom. Siddharthaka was an accomplished master in the science and training 'the birds called' homing pigeon and strong on the wing, able to fly even against powerful countercurrents of air. Siddharthaka sent a message kept in a capsule which was given by Acharya tied to pigeon to Jeevasiddhi of Pataliputra.

### 3.10. PRESENT-DAY

Menon offered the reporter who was in the jail to arrange bail and other things to grab a story behind the Prime Minister from him. The reporter told Menon that Sadhvi is the illegitimate daughter of the Prime Minister and evidence is a postcard written by the Prime Minister to the mother asking after her and the child. The Prime Minister called her mother, and her daughter calls him a child. Gangasagar influenced the Sadhvi who further influenced the Prime Minister not to impose President's rule in Uttar Pradesh. Gangasagar managed to step down Chief Minister from his throne/chair by using a sting operation. In the same way, they have grabbed some MLAs of the Chief minister's party to their side to support Chandni Gupta without giving any position. Chandni Gupta became Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Shankar was made as a private secretary to the chief minister. Chief Minister depends on Shankar for almost everything. Gangasagar instructed Shankar to keep him informed about Chandni Gupta. Gangasagar came to know the movements of Ram Shankar Dwivedi and conducted a sting operation by Ikram's man when he was naked in Eesha's room, a dancer at Durbar club.

Gangasagar promised Somany to release the order for semi-customized rifles to Majestic Munitions to increase his value almost six times which in return he has to do six things. The first one is allotting two per cent of shares to a charitable trust of Sadhvi. The second is selling the shares of Majestic to book the profit because there is no guarantee for the future. The third is giving a medical seat to the son of the Purohit of a Hindu shelter. Fourth is advising the Defence Minister to ally with us in the future. Fifth is to ask the SARD (Strategic Asia Research Defence) partner of his company to do our work. Finally, withdraw the case against his partner Rungta. All have been accepted by Somany. Chandni was attacked by Rajjo Bhaiya and his group when Chandni was on her way to inaugurate a primary school in Nutpurwa, a small village about one hundred Kilo metres from Lucknow. Shankar fired a gun and killed a man on the horse and crawled under the Ambassador car along with the Chandni Gupta. Shankar killed Rajjo Bhaiya too. The remaining people galloped away into the surrounding hills. They searched the government circuit house on the outskirts of Nutpurwa which was well maintained. Shankar made love with Chandni as she initiated the love and needed Shankar. Gangasagar came to know each and everything from Shankar in detail including his love towards Chandni physically and mentally. Gangasagar felt happy as Shankar told the truth. When Shankar was crossing the streets, the massive twenty-five-ton monster smashed into Shankar, crushing his bones into dusty death.

### 3.11. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Suvasini said to Rakshas that the king wants her to become his queen. She said to king Dhanananda also that Rakshas wants her to be his wife. As Vishnugupta asked her, she plays this

dangerous love triangle. Dhanananda asked Rakshas to invite Alexander to Magadha as an honoured guest and to become a friend of him. Suvasini met Jeevasiddhi, the lieutenant of Katyayanji who had saved Chanakya from a tiger attack and who is a trusted agent in Pataliputra for Chanakya and gave two rings, one is with Dhanananda's insignia, and the other is his father's given to Rakshas. Suvasini criticized Chanakya that has made her whore achieve his political ambitions. Jeevasiddhi handed over a message of Chanakya's to Suvasini. Chanakya has written that he has no place for any woman as his wife, as he has taken Brahmacharya-celibacy, but his dream is uniting a strong Bharat, a greater good. He promised that he won't forget and said that Chanakya thanks Suvasini and Vishnugupta loves you. Suvasini's chant is "Om tryambhakam yajamahe, Sugandhim pushtivardhanam, Urvarukamiva bandhanam, mriyoy mukshiya maamrital' ...217 of Chanakya's chant. It was an ancient mantra from the Rigveda and meant 'O praise to the Three-eyed one, who increases prosperity, who has a sweet fragrance, who frees the world from all diseases and death! Liberate as the fruit from wine. Shiva, grant immortality!

Chanakya managed to bring the differences between King and Rakshas by the spymaster which results in the order of Dhanananda to kill Rakshas before he returns to Magadha. Chanakya watched the little drama outside Dandayan's hermitage, the mother was advising her child to start eating from the cooler outer edges, and not from the centre which is steaming hot as she nursed his burnt fingers. This uneducated and illiterate mother is more intelligent than Chanakya. After watching the drama Chanakya changed his focus on the smaller Kingdoms that should differ from Magadha. Suvasini has succeeded to create a gap between Dhanananda and Rakshas. Chanakya is expecting Rakshas there with them in a few days and their ally. Magadha remains the most powerful kingdom in North Bharat and Alexander's men are afraid to cross the Ganges. Alexander met Dandayan and asked him to come with him as his adviser and cover him gold because Alexander knew the importance of enlightened teachers like his teachers Leonidas and Aristotle. Alexander was given a life by his mother and father, but he was taught how to live by Leonidas and Aristotle. Though Dandayan rejected the offer, Still Alexander had taken blessings from Dandayan and returned to his Kingdom. Chanakya promised Rakshas that Suvasini is meant for him, provided that Dhanananda out of the way. But Rakshas could not understand how it is possible to throw Dhanananda, a king of strong Magadha Rajya away from the throne. Chanakya has plans to win the war without soldiers and unnecessary bloodshed. Chanakya and Senapati Maurya established a trust called 'the Peacock trust' which gives funds to a dancing school where girls from modest backgrounds at age six to eight born on Tuesdays during the seventh lunar day of vishaka, guaranteed that any man they cohabited with would die are converted into Vishakanyas or poison maidens. Chanakya needs to get Sinharan into power to get control over Mallayrajya to station his troops. Chanakya hired Nipunaka, mad scientist, tantric, an eccentric practitioner of esoteric medicine, pharmacology, sorcery, astrology, and psychology and conveyed Mallayrajya secrets through Sinharan and go to Mallayrajya and do some good old-fashioned fortune-telling.

Nipunaka exposed the presence of bones of the Brahmin whose spirit continues to curse the Mallayrajya dynasty and is an obstacle to the progress of the Kingdom. Nipunaka blessed the King by spraying ashes on him when the king went up to Nipunaka and bowed to him. A day

later, the King falls ill due to the ash of Daura seeds applied to the King's head. Nipunaka was called back to the palace for the treatment. He has given some powder to the king whose remarkable recovery has given Nipunaka to godman status. Nipunaka suggested removing the earthen idol of Kubera, allowed to melt away inside the royal lake, and continue the hymns and invocations. At that moment Sinharan and Chandragupta withdrew troops and stationed a few miles away from the capital. After knowing the withdrawal of their troops, the celebrations have begun vigorously. Chanakya's soldiers crept back and stormed the unsuspecting town and captured the capital.

### **3.12. PRESENT-DAY**

Pandit Gangasagar had placed a bunch of kama-sutra photos of Ram Shankar Dwivedi and Eesha before Dwivedi's table and blackmailed to get the support to Chief Minister, Chandni. Gangasagar, Ikram, and Chandni went to Delhi and meet Major Jaspal Singh Bedi, initially in the army, finally, country Head-Rural research to ensure to win a maximum number of Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh as he better knows polling and politics. As requested by Gangasagar, Major Bedi prepared a list of candidates based on social dominance which is influenced by caste, gender, religion, age, and economic strength. He found Chhachhar community candidate, a tribe of jats who converted to Islam many years ago, sugar cane farmer, acceptable because of economic considerations for Meerut constituency of Lok Sabha to cover forty-five per cent votes in Meerut. To split the remaining fifty-five per cent, he found Daula Hassan Betti, fifty-three years old, a Muslim jat. Gangasagar advised Chandni to involve Sachla Devi in the collection of loan repayments to organize her gangs (eunuchs) to stand and clap outside defaulters, homes, and offices. Sachla Devi is offered to get ten per cent of the loans recovered by her team.

Finance Minister advised Prime Minister to say about clashes along the Indo-Pak border to kill a newspaper story regarding the reservation to get sympathy from the people. The Defence Minister was silent. The reservation leak was due to Chanakya's conspiracy. Prime Minister resigned due to the fear of leaking the story between him and his illegitimate daughter, Sadhvi. Though there is a competition among Finance Minister, Home Minister, and external affairs minister for Prime Minister post, the Defence Minister has become Prime Minister and finalized his party's candidate list containing existing M.Ps.

The story regarding the exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops in Siachen was leaked. Immediately Defence Minister visited the Indian troops in Siachen and the situation was rapidly brought under control. Majestic Munitions managed to spread the news through an American think-tank as it has a stake in SARO. The president of India on Wednesday dissolved the Lok Sabha on the recommendation of the new Prime Minister, the former Defence Minister. The opinion polls say that the majority of the electorate thinks that the ABNS under Chandni Gupta can deliver better results by having a voice at the centre. Allahabad had roared into a frenzy of communal violence. Chief Minister addressed the Allahabad public regarding secularism. ABNS Lok Sabha candidate, Ikram, Gangasagar, and several leaders addressed the public to restore the peace.

### **3.13. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO**

Chanakya offered Paurus the throne of Magadha. Indradutt, the Prime Minister of Kaikey will convince his great king to ally with Chanakya because Chanakya and Chandragupta had a difference of opinion. Cornelia expressed her interest to marry Chandragupta who accepted to marry her Gandharva vivah, secret marriage. Within a few minutes, they placed garlands around each other necks. There is a preplanned and intentional high-level quarrel drama between Chanakya and Chandragupta who went off to meet Abhaya, the intelligence chief of Paurus along with the entire garrison of soldiers of fortune.

Chanakya met Paurus and said that he bells out with Chandragupta because he planned to meet Paurus which was confirmed by Abhaya, intelligence officer of Paurus. Chanakya offered the throne of Magadha to Paurus. Chanakya introduced Sinharan to Paurus. Sinharan assured Paurus to continue as ally of Paurus and asked his blessings. Chanakya wants Paurus to be emperor of Magadha and not his disciples who do not respect their teachers. Paurus accepted Chanakya's goals whether it is winning Magadha or attain heaven. Sasigupta was commander of Ashvakans, but their source of strength was Kalapini. Chandragupta waited to say his plan to Sasigupta. Ashvakans, Afghans were Indo-Aryans who specialized in breeding and training horses. They were very good at riding horses and fighting battles. Sasigupta, a formidable example of male beauty provided thousands of Cavalrymen to serve in the Macedonian army and helped Alexander acquire Pir-Sar fort. Chandragupta suggested Sasigupta ask his goddess Kalapini about Phillipos. When Phillipos tent was on fire, he was naked and frightened. Phillipos and nude Kalapini ran out who was caught by Asvakan cavalrymen tied his hands behind his back and blindfolded him and Kalapini was protected by a blanket and threw her into the arms of a mounted horseman who galloped away. Phillipos tried to explain that his relationship with Kalapini was especially a mutual love. Sasigupta managed to liberate Phillipos but before he could release Phillipos, he coughed blood because a javelin pierced his lungs from behind. Several quarters were already ablaze and Macedonian soldiers were killed. Sasigupta did not feel happy about the incident that taken place. Chandragupta consoled Sasigupta by saying - protecting the dignity of his queen. Chandragupta's archer was the man behind the death of Phillipos.

### **3.14. PRESENT-DAY**

President of India asked the chairman of the new alliance, Major Bedi, past Defence Minister who was seconded by Pandit Gangasagar Mishra, the president of the ABNS and the largest alliance partner of the ruling party. Chandni has been given a berth in the new cabinet. As she moved to central politics, Ram Shankar Dwivedi was chosen as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh instead of Ikrambhai, an aspirant for the same. As Prime Minister supports Somani, Rungta is busy finding another minister for support. Gangasagar wants Chandni to be minister for external affairs to get global exposure but presently she is a minister without a portfolio until it could be arranged. Gangasagar wants to accommodate his people into several positions not only in the cabinet but also posts like the director of I.B, governor of R.B, chairman of C.B.D.T, etc. Gangasagar and Chandni visited various government organizations and identified four scams of the finance minister. They will ask resignation of the finance minister due to one scam keeping remain scams using for the future. Ultimately Chandni took over as minister for external

affairs. Chandni was cornered in the Lok Sabha Questions and Answers session. As Chandni got debate experience in England, she has given apt answers to the questions that arose in the lower house. The foreign secretary said to Chandni that the Chinese ambassador has made a statement supporting Pakistan regarding crossing the line of control in Kashmir. He asked Chandni to meet the Chinese ambassador, but Chandni replied that she will meet the Chinese ambassador after meeting Dalai Lama. Raw chief planned to send Makhmud, Pakistani Raw agent training Pakistani terrorists to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China who has been arrested by China. Now China came to know from Makhmud about Pakistan terrorists' activities in Kashmir and also in Xinjiang. China will not be as supportive of the Pakistani cause now. Chandni visited China and addressed a press conference in China saying to hold free and frank discussions on all issues of common interests to shape a relationship that befits India and China.

Hameed revealed to Ikram the secret behind issuing Ikram's arrest warrant and cancelling the same is Menon, secretary to Gangasagar. Hameed requested Ikram to recommend a job in R and S Aviation and he will be in the eye and ear of Ikram. Ikram sent him to Rashid. Hameed under the guidance of Rashid did mischief in a helicopter to create a problem for the external affairs minister but was caught by the fellows with police dress. Hameed was sent to Sachla Devi who handled him to open the secret behind the mischief. As a result, Ikram was found to be the culprit.

### 3.15. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Alexander got malarial fever at the age of thirty-three and was given medicated water contained hellebore and strychnine-a deadly mixture by Antipater's son not to cure but to kill Alexander once for all and he was dead. The combined forces of Chandragupta and Sasigupta would overrun all the provinces directly administered by the Macedonians. Chanakya wanted Rakshas' to help in winning Dhanananda without a fight and with the help of Bhadrashala, the commander-in-chief of the Magadha army and most powerful man in Magadha after the departure of Rakshas. Jeevasiddhi met Bhadrashala and told him that he was sent by Rakshas to solve his problems. Jeevasiddhi was negotiated with Bhadrashala for the exchange of thoroughbreds in the cavalry of Magadh with ordinary breeds from outside Magadh. The horses provided by Jeevasiddhi had small tattoos on their backs indicating they belong to Chandragupta Maurya. Chandragupta and Sasigupta captured Sindh almost completely, Alor, Saindhavavana, Maha Urdha, Brahmasthala, and Patala army have accepted Chandragupta who has now been crowned monarch of Simphapura. Chanakya offered the king of Kalinga that if Dhanananda is over-thrown, Kalinga shall be freed from the unfair war treaty for sixty years. Katyayan supported Bhadrashalaji's words regarding defending Pataliputra leaving border towns because (1) the wealth of Magadh is inside (2) Paurus is likely to attack from the west (3) the king of Kalinga from the south and (4) the king of Nepal from the North. Dhanananda accepted the proposal of Bhadrashala.

Ambhi was made busy with internal politics by encouraging Buddhists, to threaten the Brahmin community. There was a struggle started between Buddhists and Hindu Brahmins. Chanakya sent the information to Chandragupta to save Brahmins through Siddharthaka's

pigeons. Chandragupta is now the monarch of Simphapura and also controls Mallayrajya through Sinharan, Ksudraka, Saindhava, Alor, Brahmasthala, Patala, and Maha Urdha but Sasigupta now controls Ashvakans and Sindh and will try to take over Gandhar. Chandragupta was busy praying to Brahmins and their gods. Sasigupta, invasion of Gandhar will drain him of his resources, make his rule over Ashvakans and Sindh less stable and turn him into the sworn enemy of the most powerful Gandhar Brahmins. Chanakya planned in such a way in which Chandragupta shall effortlessly get not only Gandhar but also Ashvakans and Sindh. In Chanakya's view, the early bird catches the worm, but it is the second mouse that gets the cheese. Ambhi was killed by Sasigupta on the battlefield. Sasigupta was murdered by a brahmin guerilla set on him by Mehir guided by Chanakya. Chandragupta had simply walked in and taken over Gandhar and became more powerful than the King of Kalinga, as powerful as Paurus, but slightly less powerful than Dhanananda. Chandragupta looked every inch the emperor of the world and promised to govern the people according to the laws of kingship as handed down by our ancestors through the Vedas by putting his right hand upon a stack of the sacred Vedas in the great hell.

### 3.16. PRESENT-DAY

Menon explained to Gangasagar that Ikram wanted to take revenge by eliminating Chandni. Somany supported the Defence Minister for the post of Prime Minister. Rungta supported the finance minister for the post of Prime Minister. R and S want the ABNS to lead the government in New Delhi. Chandni is now seen as the only real contender for the Prime Minister.

Gangasagar managed a split between CPUK and INWF unions among ABNKU, affiliated to ABNS, CPUK, headed by Vikram Singh Tyagi, INWF, headed by Lalji Garg. There was a lot of trouble created by the union in the R&S empire consisting of R&S steel, Agro, cement, Telecom, petroleum, infra, textiles, pharma, and Aviation. The former Finance Minister had been forced to resign owing to Gangasagar's conspiracies. Prime Minister had resigned due to allegations on the government regarding allotting Sez to R and S reality, telecom license to R and S telecom, oil and exploration rights to R and S petroleum, a large quantum of fodder and fertilize were procured from R and S Agro for farmers. Ikram, as home minister visited NCRB (National Crime Record Bureau), intelligence Bureau along with the Director of Intelligence. People felt that Ikram was the right person to be chosen as the home minister by knowing Chandinichowk's incident. Gangasagar put the director to check Ikram. Rushid along with other accomplices hijacked the airline's flight which ultimately reached New Delhi airport. Ikram went to the hijacker stood near the door waiting to put him down. The three accomplices were instantly shot by NSU commandos. Their leader was waiting for Ikram at the entrance of the aircraft. A few moments later a radio signal was sent to the Prime Minister. saying four hijackers down, hostages free, six wounded and one home minister was scapegoated. Chandni delivered her speech at Bagmati Muslim Burial ground in Kanpur to the gathered mourners. Ikram achieved more for Chandni by dying than he could ever have achieved by living.

The only people who knew that Rashid had survived were the director of the Intelligence Bureau and Gangasagar. Rashid's real name is Makhmud; a Pakistani double agent and used him



in a Chinese operation. He was arrested by the MSS, the Chinese Ministry of State Security but escaped by his Uyghur comrades and entered India with the help of Nepalese smugglers and reached Lucknow to get help from Ikram bhai. The game R and S played with Gangasagar has become ranged as Prime Minister and Finance Minister are out of their berth.

### 3.17. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO

Megasthenes, the Greek noble, Macedonian ambassador, sent by Seleucus to Chandragupta's court visited Chanakya in his capacity as he thinks that Chanakya is a demigod. He inquired Chanakya about two identical lamps kept at home. One contains oil that has been supplied from the government treasury while the second is supplied with oil bought by Chanakya personally. Since Megasthenes' visit is not official, Chanakya is not interested to use state resources. Megasthenes said that Seleucus hopes to have mutually beneficial diplomatic relations with Emperor Chandragupta, and he will not compromise on Macedonian control over the territory between Phrygia and the Indus. Chanakya revealed the Gandharva vivah (secret marriage) of Chandragupta and lady Cornelia. Chanakya suggested that Seleucus give Arachosia, Gedrosia, Paropamisadae, and Aria as a dowry to Chandragupta. Seleucus still needs to fight Antigonos and Demetrius, both claimants to Alexander's dominions. Chandragupta would contribute to Seleucus's victory by providing a sufficient number of elephants to terrorize his enemies.

Abhaya, intelligence chief of Paurus had informed Paurus about (1) Chandragupta's coronation in Takshila, (2) no rift between teacher and student, (3) Dhanananda's expectation about Paurus who was on his way to fight him, (4) marriage of Chandragupta with Cornelia, the daughter of Seleucus, who has handed over Arachosia, Gedrosia, Paropamisadae and Aria to Chandragupta as dowry. Megasthenes, Seleucus's ambassador in Chandragupta's court has assured Chanakya that the mighty Paurus shall have no claim to Magadha's throne. Paurus said that he is no longer a servant of the Macedonians. It is his divine duty to capture it and unite it with Kaikey. The king of Kalinga, desirous of throwing off the yoke of Magadha's dominion, with fifty thousand troops will be attacking from the east as Chandragupta's troops move in from the west. He may also be a contender for the throne. Indradutt advised his king that Seleucus or Kalinga except Chanakya are not the real obstacles in our path to Pataliputra.

Jeevasiddhi surprised the people who were busy in preparing Phenashmabhasam-white arsenic, an ayurvedic compound, a strange mixture under the guidance of Chanakya using pigeon post in a dusty old warehouse in Paricharak lane of Pataliputra, and the people who are preparing did not know. Chanakya, Chandragupta, and Sharangrao dressed like Aghorpanthis, a fierce and eccentric sect of yogis who worshipped Shiva, non-terrified (not fear of death) who were not stopped at any of the border checkpoints along the way to Pataliputra in their cart. Chanakya, Chandragupta, and Sharagro entered into Dhanananda's premises where the Brahmins were shocked to find three Aghorpanthis sitting before three of the golden plates. Immediately, Chief Brahmin and Dhanananda asked them to get out of the premises. Chanakya, dressed like Aghorpanthis shouted that Shiva's blood shall poison your wells and your citizens shall die of thirst. All these stood up threw their plates down on the floor in temper and deserted out of the dining hall.

Jeevasiddhi was busy supervising their men who were busy poisoning the wells, basins, tanks, and reservoirs of Pataliputra. When the council calls us, we tell them that Dhanananda must leave the palace to live in the forests. Then Jeevasiddhi's men will pour the mithridatay solution into the poisoned water sources. The moment Dhanananda exits the gates, Bhadrashala will hand over the command of the entire Magadha army to Chandragupta because he has been bribed. Later Paurus and the king of Kalinga will be welcomed as the main allies with open arms.

Dhanananda left his palace and his kingdom along with his wives and servants for renunciation. Bhadrashala was relieved from his debts and became a very wealthy man. Suvasini has been kept away from the king because she would be needed for one final negotiation. A message was sent to Paurus and the Kalinga monarch to enter the Pataliputra. The Kaikey and Kalinga armies entered Pataliputra and were greeted by Chanakya at the entrance. Chanakya invited Paurus that he hopes that Magadha shall prosper under his able rule. Paurus thought that he has taught the rogue his true place. Chanakya said to Paurus and the king of Kalinga individually that he has already told Chandragupta to withdraw from the contest for Magadha. He suggested Paurus and King of Kalinga to decide who will rule Magadha by dual fight without involving their armies. Both the kings knew that the deal would end with a death, but both also knew that they needed a quick conclusion. King of Kalinga was killed by Paurus.

### 3.18. PRESENT-DAY

Josephine, a painter, never sell any of her paintings, had chosen not to tell Harry that his patron was an old man, Pandit Gangasagar Mishra of India. Ever since Josephine and her father had looked after Chandni, Gangasagar had considered it his duty to look after Josephine. Though Eton offered many co-curricular and extracurricular activities, Harry is interested in Violin. when Chandni was in England with Josephine, she used to spend much time with the violin. When she delivered a baby, she was told by Josephine that she delivered a 'still born' child.

There is a tricky transaction going on between Bhabua state Co-operative Bank, Brahma securities private Ltd, Vishnu investments private Ltd, and Shiva Finance private limited with an internal buy and sell transaction to hike fourteen per cent price under the finance of Cooperative Bank. All belong to the same promoter, the Chief minister. Reserve Bank of India freed the bank transactions under the influence of Gangasagar to create trouble to Chief Minister. Agrawalji was advised by Gangasagar to set up a privately funded trust to serve Dalit villages in Bihar-the poorest of the poor and they are the electoral strongholds of Bihar's Dalit Chief minister. The Chief Minister of Bihar wanted to meet Gangasagar to get an electoral adjustment in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Minister of Bihar, at present, wants to contest all the seats on his own. He is interested to have an alliance with Gangasagar so that he would contest all seats in Bihar, and we would contest all seats in Uttar Pradesh to have an alliance with him. Uttar Pradesh has eighty-five seats and Bihar has fifty-four seats to make one hundred and thirty-nine, halves of the seats needed to form a government on our own. The Bihar Chief Minister will do the rest because he is an intimate friend of the leader of the opposition. Gangasagar advised his men to buy the shares of Sentiosys which manufacturers EV machines. He asked Chandni and her ABNS cabinet members to resign from their posts to bring down the government for fresh

elections. He managed to get a bundle of a few thousand rupees from the Prime Minister with fingerprints. Chandni raised her voice and said this house has lost confidence because the bribe was given by Prime Minister to one of the opposition members for passing the bill and handed over the resignations of ABNS candidates. Hameeda said to Prime Minister that she wants to kill Gangasagar because he emasculated her life. Hameeda has to reveal the killing of Ikrambhai by the arrangement of Gangasagar to Chandni. The former Finance minister asked Rungta to create a wedge between Chandni and Gangasagar by revealing the killing of Shankar by the arrangement of Gangasagar.

Gangasagar said to Chandni that political power hopes to control the economic resources of the country. Economic power hopes to control the politicians. Gangasagar revealed that the chip is the heart of EVM's, and the algorithm directs the chips inside these EVMs. Sentio means to vote in English. Sentiosys makes chips. If the machines were rigged to give us more votes, it would be cheating but what if they were rigged to give others more votes. The algorithm adds fictitious votes to our tally but simply reallocates residual votes.

Harry Richardson had given his first-ever solo performance on violin playing in front of the press and audience. In the distance, Harry could even see an Indian reporter concentrated on his report by clicking the scene. Chandni showed his anger on Gangasagar and screamed that he killed Geoffrey, Shankar, and Ikrambhai. She feels that Gangasagar does anything and everything to achieve his ends. Gangasagar is heartless according to the impression of Chandni Gupta. Chandni differed with Gangasagar and threatened him that she is ready to go with the caretaker Prime Minister who has sufficient M. Ps to make her Prime Minister. Gangasagar warned her not to make a pact with the devil, caretaker Prime Minister. This conversation was listened to by the caretaker Prime Minister through the microphone. As Chandni stormed out of Gangasagar's flat, his words were interrupted by his blood coughing.

### **3.19. ABOUT 2300 YEARS AGO**

Bibhatsaka, leader of dacoits, killer of more than one thousand people, with a red tilak on his forehead, having the sword of Bhadrashala gifted by Sharangrao on his hand, owner of Kali Ghat temple, rich man, killed Dhanananda and left the sword at the crime scene as directed by Chanakya. Chandragupta has shown his ability by killing the tiger in front of Magadha's one million people to give a good impression to the people. Paurus had to wait some more days due to not supporting the Astrological signs to him to sworn/coronation as a King of Magadha. In this gap, Paurus was entertained by Vishaka, Vishakanya in Pataliputra's royal pleasure palace.

Chanakya wanted Rakshas as a deputy Prime Minister of Chandragupta and the new Prime Minister will be Katyayanji, who can tell the king what he thinks without fear. Rakshas was informed that Suvasini is under hostage until he returns. "Chanakya said that 'Birds do not build nests on fruitless trees, whores have no love for poor men, and citizens do not obey a powerless king. He tied his Shikha for the first time after having untied it in Dhanananda's court all those years ago'. —426 of Chanakya's chant. Chanakya said that Suvasini is kept here in the interest of Magadha. Chanakya loved Suvasini but he loved Bharat much more. Suvasini cursed Chanakya that 'I consign you to hell for a few thousand years to suffer tortures for the murders and villainies committed by you in the name of politics and continued "several thousand years

from now, if someone mediates upon a mantra, he shall be able to use Chanakya's knowledge once again, but only if he uses it to advance a woman". The Mantra is 'Adi Shakti, Namoh Namah; Sarab Shakti, Namoh Namah; Prithum Bhagvati, Namoh Namah; Kundalini Mata Shakti; Mata Shakti, Namoh Namah; If the chant is recited four hundred times a day for over four thousand days, the orator shall have Chanakya's powers to actualize another leader-so long as it is a woman. Chanakya is interested to write 'My Arthshastra'. Chanakya recited the mantra to himself. Primal Shakti, I bow to thee; all-encompassing Shakti, I bow to thee; that through which God creates, I bow to thee; the creative power of the kundalini; mother of all, to thee I bow. Chanakya chanted-his eyes closed in prayer-knowing that he had achieved his ambition that he had sacrificed his one chance for love. Suvasini went on to live till she succumbed, at the overripe age of thirty-eight, to sexual hyperactivity and lovelessness even though Chandragupta deputy Prime Minister-Rakshas was ready and willing.

### 3.20. PRESENT-DAY

The doctor confirmed lung cancer for Gangasagar. Rungta and Somany wanted to expose Chandni's child, but Chanakya refused, and he revealed his ambition to make her Prime Minister. Anjali has been updating Gangasagar quite regularly regarding a special night-time friend who visits her almost every night at her elegant sea-facing Mumbai mansion. This special friend's wife is unable to meet his needs. Somany's face turned red. Gangasagar handed over the bundle of yellowed postcards and letters between Sadhvi's mother and Prime Minister to the former Prime Minister. Gangasagar, hoping the caretaker Prime Minister will not pull down Chandni's government prematurely said that he and Chandni do fight occasionally but only to misled others and it worked. Caretaker Prime Minister threatened that he has evidence or documentary proof about the trust established in the Channel Islands to meet the education and living expenses of the bastard boy to withdraw support no sooner than she becomes Prime Minister and it will be history as the shortest-serving Prime Minister ever. Gangasagar threatened the caretaker Prime Minister that he has some papers regarding the account which gives benefit to him, in Liechtenstein bank which received payments from North Korea and Libya for designs of sensitive nuclear technology-gas centrifuges. The Gangasagar has been admitted to Kanpur Hospital and struggling to take in air through the mask and held Menon's hand tenderly. Menon and Agrawalji sat by his side while Gangasagar continued to recite his prayer. 'Primal shakti.....to thee bow---437 of Chanakya's chant.

Hameeda bought a stinger 0.22 Magnum per gun. Outside an agent of the I.B reported what he had observed to the director. Hameeda bought Asahi Pentax 35 mm SLR camera. Outside, an agent of the IB reported to the director. Hameeda has taken the opportunity to take revenge on Gangasagar through Chandni. Chandni and Bihar Chief Minister had swept the Lok Sabha polls in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The remaining seats required for forming the government had been provided by the caretaker Prime Minister. The president was administering the oath of office to Chandni in Ashoka Hall in her crisp oxford accent she was saying. 'I, Chandni Gupta, do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as Prime Minister and that I will do right to all manner of people by the constitution and the law without fear or favour, affection or ill will.' The godfather smiled. The old man continued mumbling his prayers

‘Primal... I bow’...442 of Chanakya’s chant. There was firing took place. The Director of I.B had removed the lifeless body of Hameeda from the Ashoka Hall. Gangasagar confirmed his will to the lawyer in Guernsey. Ultimately Gangasagar closed his eyes in prayer and did not bother opening them again.

#### 4.EPILOGUE

Radhika Shankaran, sitar maestro, and Harry Richardson, the violinist had teamed up and gave a program on ancient Indian ragas in the programme where Chandni was a guest of honour to the British Prime Minister. Chandni does not know the existence of Harry. She said that uncle Gangasagar used to say politicians are like diapers, they need to be changed frequently what is important to her is that she has a son. Harry said that his mum-Josephine always told him his father was of Indian descent and that he died in an air crash. Harry has got two mums. Harry handed over a sealed envelope of Gangasagar with bold handwriting to Chandni. She opened and read in that Gangasagar said that Chanakya did that for his protégé’-Chandragupta, and he did it for his protégé’-Chandni Gupta. He has no regrets. Harry wants to meet Radhika Shankaran finally.

#### 5.CONCLUSION

Chanakya’s Chant is a combination of two parallel stories, the first one in ancient Bharat, and the other in modern India. The first story reproduced the life of a young boy Chanakya, a brilliant student, teacher, and strategist who inspires a young Chandragupta Maurya to ascend the throne of Magadh, the most powerful kingdom in ancient India. The second story is his creation with the inspiration of Chanakya's story and created Gangasagar Mishra, a Chanakya-like character, who plays kingmaker in modern India. The constant back and forth narrative works for most of the novel linking the interlude of 2300 years is a chant: ‘Adi Shakti, Namoh Namah; Sarab Shakti, Namoh Namah; Prithum Bhagvati, Namoh Namah; Kundalini Mata Shakti; Mata Shakti, Namoh Namah.’ A powerful chant and an ancient Sanskrit mantra caroling that Chanakya hands over to Gangasagar Mishra and this is wherein the core of the story lies. “Ends justify the means” he uses every trick plausible and mostly implausible to get to his goal. There is only one rule in his game-winning in the name of the greater good. Chanakya's motive was to take revenge for his father's death and put an end to Dhananda's rule in the Magadha kingdom whereas Gangasagar was just after intellectual and political powers. The novel conveyed the feelings of revenge, to have a united Bharat by Chanakya in the past and equally dedicated aim of Gangasagar to install Chandni as the Prime Minister of Independent India. At some point, there is confusion among readers whether the protagonist is the hero or the villain but feels ultimately that he is just the chess player and that the other characters are merely the pawns. This historical chant by the kingmaker forms a driving force in fulfilling the wish of Suvasini in the existing context by Chandni Gupta as modern Suvasini which is the final recognition of female power.

Sanghi created suspense regarding Harry Richardson, a son of Chandni Gupta, the death of Shankar, personal assistant to Chandni Gupta, and the death of Geoffrey’s he develops the plot, Sanghi doted on many issues like religious friction and corruption in modern India. The story begins in the backdrop of the Mauryan empire with the murder of Paurus. The divide and Rule" policy still exists in modern India since people are divided based on religion, caste, community, and economic status. There are four principles namely ‘saam’, ‘daam’, ‘dand’, and

'bhed' by intellectual pacifying, using wealth as a foul means, by the fear of punishment, and by inducing inequality respectively by social discrimination amongst individuals or populations for winning and ruling over the people. In the end, Suvasini, Chanakya's lover, loses even the last chance to live a dignified life and curses the strategist, that his strategies will stand naive and useless, unless for female empowerment. This leads to the result of emerging Chandni as a national hero with a shining political career. The Chanakya's Chant meditated upon by Gangasagar truly helped him achieve what he imagined for Chandni "Adi Shakti, Namoh Sarab Shakti, Namoh Prithum Bhagvati, Namoh."

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