**Five College Mentored Hindi Study Guide 76**

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**Materials**

* Jain,Advanced Hindi Grammar (AG), Chapter 16 pp. 129-139 (Compound Verbal Formations, Part 2)
* Jain, Intermediate Hindi Reader (IR), Chapter 7 pp. 82-84 (लोक कथाएँ – बनिये को आशीर्वाद)

**Assignments for Independent Study**

* The story बनिये को आशीर्वाद in IR, Chapter 7 pp. 82-84
  + First skim through the story and identify the main characters and plot points.
  + Now read the story more thoroughly and find answers to the comprehension questions.
  + Look up *Baniya jokes* online and do a little research to determine how Baniyas are portrayed in these jokes.
    - Bring two of these jokes to your conversation session.
  + Prepare two discussion questions based on the story for your conversation session.
* Read through the entire glossary list for this reading on pp. 87-91.
* For all the words marked with \* in the glossary list:
  + Make Flashcards and review the vocabulary repeatedly.
  + Make sure you can translate the words from English to Hindi and vice versa.
  + Practice spelling each word correctly.
  + Practice using the words in your own sentences.
* Study the use of the compound verbal formations in AG, Chapter 16 pp. 129-134.
* Do half of the sentences in each of the exercises: 1-6, pp. 135-138.
  + Show your answers to these exercises to your mentor in your tutorial.

**Homework to Hand In at the Tutorial**

* + - Write out answers to the following reading comprehension questions in Hindi, based on the story. Use complete sentences.
  + Why does the *baniya* hesitate to sacrifice an animal to Bhairunji?
  + Why does the *baniya* stop wanting to make sacrifices after his son is born?
  + What happens to the water buffalo that the *baniya* ties to Bhairunji’s altar?
  + What does Bhairunji say about *baniyas* at the very end of the story?
    - Write a response to the story analyzing or discussing some element of it (for example, why the *baniya* caste’s economic role might make them the subject of stereotypical portrayals). Write at least ten sentences.
    - Write out Hindi equivalents of the English sentences in AG Chapter 16, exercise 7, p. 139.
* Your two discussion questions based on the story.

**Conversation Session Preparation Guide**

* Be prepared to answer any comprehension questions based on the reading बनिये को आशीर्वाद.
* Be prepared to retell the story in your own words.
* Be prepared to initiate and talk about your two discussion questions.
* Be prepared to read out and discuss the two *baniya* jokes you found online.