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What is required to learn mantra shastra?

1: In general, if you have not been born in India or to Indian parents, or acquire a genuine Indian teacher (these last two may still not be useful).. it is almost impossible.
Why?
Slow ■

Why do I say this?
It's because, the ability to pronounce Sanskrit syllables correctly and properly and at some speed .. all are important for mantra Anusthana.
If you can't recite a mantra correctly, you are basically going to have trouble completing even 108 japa, let alone 10k

2.
If you have not been born in India or to Indian parents, or acquire a genuine Indian teacher is what I said earlier.
However:
Some manage despite the first two by grace of 3 descending on them.
But they are few and far in between now:
Western Disciples of Neem Karoli/ Dr RS eg

However, being born in India or to Indian parents, still don't guarantee that you will really make any progress.. because the majority of the educated Indian world is watching porn or playing video games and "enjoying" life… especially true in cities in India..

In fact, many Indians today are by virtue of their addiction to video games and/ or porn are basically never even going to get anyway near a mantra.. see.. Bhagwati knows how to bind people in all kinds of Maya.. these are people who can learn really easily but it's impossible.

Now see the craziness:
You will find a huge number of people from ISKCON from Poland/ Eastern Europe and the like doing 16 malas daily of a mantra.. because at least some of them have seen the flip side of heavy "enjoyment" in real life and not on a screen.. (I hv interviews)

Here is where “pain” and “suffering” come in.
You will find people in the midst of enjoyment suddenly come into suffering AND then they go and try and find the meaning of these things.
Here is where Shabar traditions of sadhus (inc Aghor) help people who otherwise cannot succeed

You will find a good number of Eastern Europeans, Ukrainians and Russians realising very fast that their PAIN has no solution AND normal mantras take pronunciation and time to work!
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They come and learn from Shabar traditions and sit and follow the path- peace comes slowly.

I know a few Italians/ Eastern Europeans and others who came to the banks of the Ganga… learnt .. never commercialised what they learned and got what many Indians could never imagine..

And here is the fearsome effect of the Indian education system guided by the Communists which has completely finished any possibility of many modern Hindus ever wanting to learn as they regard it as “superstition”.. ■■