

### ***A Pinch of Snuff by Manohar Malgoankar***

*A Pinch of Snuff* is an interesting and exiting story full of wit and humour, written by a great novelist **Manohar Malgoankar** (1913-2010). He was a prolific novelist and a wonderful short story writer. The present story *A Pinch of Snuff* is taken from his book *Contemporary Indian Short Stories in English*.

**Nanukaka** is the main protagonist of this story. He is a man equipped with tricks to deal with any kind of situation anywhere. Nanukaka comes to her sister's house in Delhi, as he has to meet the welfare minister in Delhi. He goes to the minister's office to meet him, but even after waiting for hours, the minister does not meet him and calls him after three days. While returning Nanukaka meets the head of a political party, where he comes to know that the welfar minister' daughter is going to be married to the son of the Maharaja of Ninor. He plays a trick. He tells his sister's son to rent a grand car and pretend to be his driver and he himself arrives at the minister's residence dressed like an astrologer.

In the visitors' book there, he describes himself as the astrologer of the Maharaja of Ninor and returns by writing his current address. On seeing the name of the astrologer of the Maharaja of Ninor. Welfare minister rushed to meet astrologer and himself arrives at Nanukaka's residence. Thus, Nanukaka easily meets the minister.