

### **...Off the Cuff! (Part 2)**

So here I am again. To talk about Chennai again. I guess I should call it the Chennai Chronicles!

So the other day I was keenly observing and making a note of a person's behavior. Well, I do think that I am a good read of people's behaviors. And while doing so and more importantly observing the man's responses, one thing struck me- people of Tamil Nadu respond to certain behaviors quite differently, quite obviously as compared to the North Indians. If I am kind and I request something politely, the Tamilian *will* respond with kindness and will be happy to help you. Whereas if I smile and be nice to a man from the upper parts of this country, he *will* immediately assume that he can take an advantage of me, maybe I am signaling something covertly. That is why I have been saying that interacting with a South Indian, especially a Tamilian is so much hassle free, far less complicated. So even when I am still not conversant in their local language, living here is much easy.

Working in the office, with mostly Tamilians is again easy peasy. Simple straight forward people! They take their time to accept you, after all I am a hindi speaking individual and there still is some hesitation and slight aversion to Hindi and Hindi speakers, but after sometime when they do accept you, then winning their hearts is no big deal. This attribute explains the Rajni phenomena! 😊😊