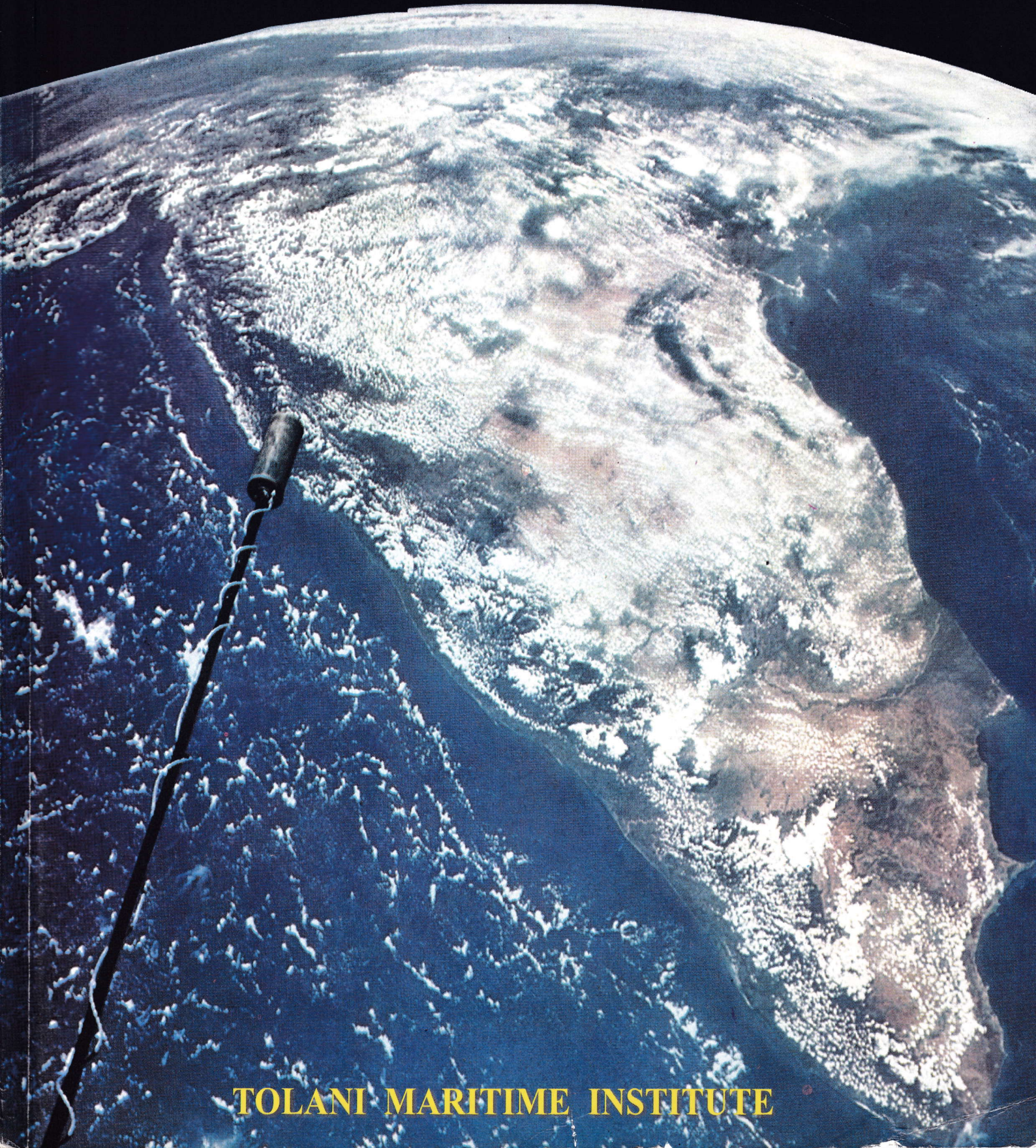


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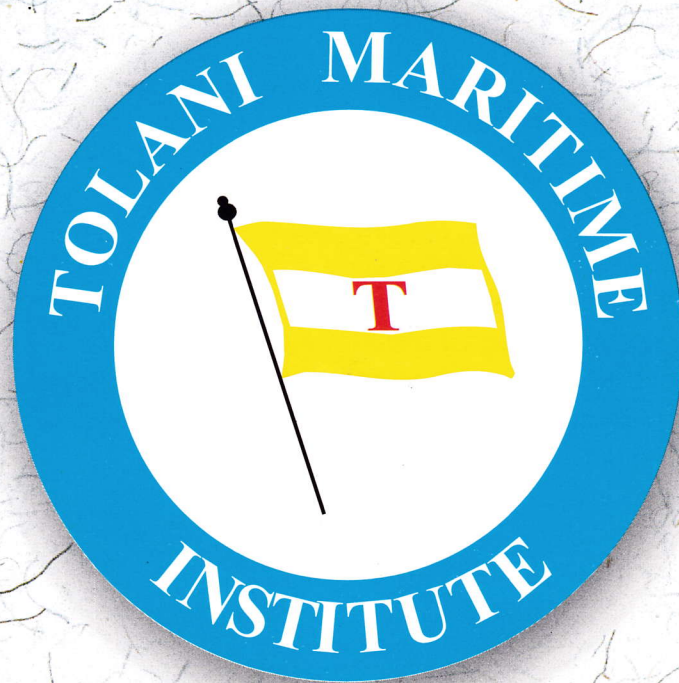
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Principal's Message



On the occasion of the release of the second issue of our Institute's annual magazine, I congratulate the members of the Editorial board and all the contributors.

The past one year has seen changes both in and around the campus at all fronts. It has been the year of the roller-coaster and I can't put it more succinctly, the setting down to the new campus, the excitement and exuberation of internship on board and the satisfaction of completing an immensely successful academic year.

I have no doubt that as we move towards our goal of developing TMI into a world class training institute, REFLECTIONS will continue to reflect the hopes, aspirations and pride of all those associated with it.

I once again wish the magazine all the very best.

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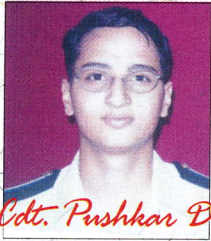


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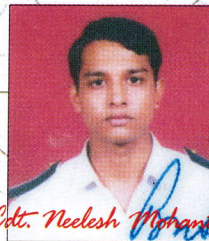
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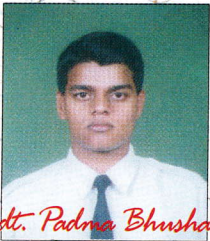


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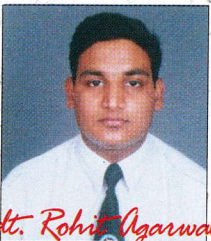


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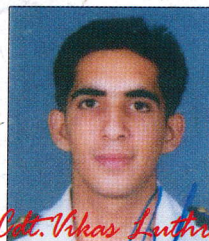


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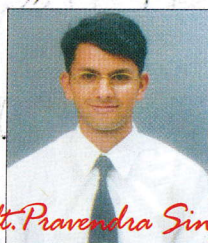
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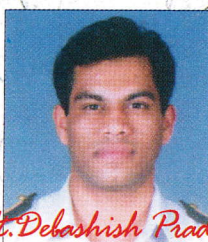
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Word from the Editor...

This past academic year has been an epitome of change and dynamism with peace being endangered in West Africa, The Olympics in Australia, A new most powerful man in the world i.e. G. W. Bush, our very own V. Anand reaching the peak of glory, Leander and Mahesh creating history yet again and many more, all signifying that "the global village" is seething with restlessness which will hopefully culminate in a more idealistic world order.

It's been a year since the last issue of Reflections was put into print and the time has come for the release of the next edition.

As India has stepped into the new millennium determined to prove to the world that it is a major force to reckon with, we budding marine engineers are equally determined to prove to the world that we are the best mariners that the world has produced.

This issue, aptly named "Reflections 2000-2001" captures the excitement, emotions, experiences and the commitments of the cadets as they have faced them through this past year...

*Chief Editor
Cdt. Gaurav Kapahi*

About the Cover

As India moves on into the 21st Century, it's time we seat back and relive our past and vision our new future.

This picture of the Indian peninsula taken from space gives us a brilliant overview of our mother land and compels us to reflect on her aura and her achievements, thus forming the perfect platform on which to base the second issue of the annual "Reflections" magazine.

- Don D'mello

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MONEY ! HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

(The following article won the first prize in the essay writing contest held in T.M.I.)

"Money can buy books, but not brain,

Money can buy bed, but not sleep.

Money can buy pleasure, but not happiness,

Money can buy men, but not friends."

Money, is it merely a five letter word which showers, by its presence, innumerable comforts and excessive power all around or carries with itself a deeper meaning? D. H. Robertson termed money as a commodity. In describing its strength when he aptly says "A commodity, which is used to denote anything which is widely accepted in payment of goods or discharge of other business obligation is money." Hence the fact which comes in front of us is that money has great power as most of the things can be purchased by it. Naturally it makes its possessor powerful and influential. Hence to put it in a nutshell, money epitomizes the whole concept of living in comfort with all the materialistic pleasures, if not the inner happiness which can be derived by it.

Money is all-important today. According to Hartly Withers, "Money is what money does," and it definitely does a lot of things or rather everything, almost. Since the beginning of the economic development of life, the need of

money has been felt. Men could not be entirely independent materially. They could produce only some things and were in need of other things, which were produced by different people. For securing these other goods a purchasing medium was required. In the beginning the system of Barter existed, after which, as the civilization developed, the concept of money grew and it appeared in the shape of shells, then coins of copper, silver or gold. This variability of money has made Trescott say "Whatever serves as money, is money, whether it be a metal coin, cigarette or string of shells." Now since we have come out of the Stone Age, the systems of money prevalent today are highly developed. Ours is the world of economic development, industrialization and money is a bridge from the present to the future.

Since we have seen that money is a very powerful tool in the present scenario, so an important fact is that merely earning of money or the spending of it on our necessities, comforts or luxuries is not an end in itself. The right use of money and the right use of the power which money gives to us can on the other hand go on to improve the condition of the society. The excess amount, which one has after spending on the basic necessities, is usually for luxury. If this excess money is not used for charitable and productive purpose then this definitely is the amount of money, which can be termed as being 'too much' for the person.

Luxury becomes a crime when it is practiced at the cost of the comforts of many. This is exactly the stage when money becomes too much for a person. If a person has excessive wealth, then, rather than spending it to meet his own luxurious demands, that money should be spent on that underprivileged section of the human society which is not capable of its own upliftment, but rather depend on us for the same. The very question of how much money is too much for a person has come up because, in our society, we have inequitable distribution of money. Due to this, we see our society divided, though not in a very demarcated manner in two classes, the rich and the poor. The difference is such that the rich have surplus wealth and do not know what to do with most of it. All the surplus wealth is therefore utilized for luxurious living. The poor on the other hand may not have even two square meals a day and are definitely deprived of the basic necessities of life.

Luxury, in itself, is also a very debatable word with different parameters set for different people. Something,



which is luxury to one, may just be the necessity for the other. Say for a doctor, the need for him to have a car is emphasized more than that for a teacher. A doctor has to respond immediately to ailing patients at odd hours, and especially in emergency has to take them, especially from remote areas to a near by hospital in his own car. On the other hand the car for a teacher will be nothing more than an object of luxury as it would be of no use to him professionally or to further his basic cause, that of educating the people. Similarly life shows us many such incidents where we see that the same item is a thing of necessity for one but a luxury for another. Here if the teacher blindly follows the doctor and goes for a luxurious car irrationally, then definitely for him money has reached that stage where it is more than sufficient.

Hence we see that to state discreetly 'how much money is too much' is not possible, but generally it can be termed to be the excess money left with a person after spending it on his basic necessities which includes a little bit of recreation. It seems that the kind of life style we are suggesting uptill now is that of a puritan, indulging only in charity work and doing nothing for one's own personal wealth. Before we start airing our views about how much money would be sufficient for a person, we should also remember that this quantity would differ from person to person with regards to his social status. So naturally a person who is rich, powerful and has all the means in the world would try to increase his wealth by expanding his empire. Now if in this process he opens up new factories or similar establishments then these will help decrease unemployment and alleviate the unhealthy living conditions of the poor. Also from the increased profits due to the above, if donations, are made to charity then no one can ask for anything better. On the other hand if a person tries to gain more power using, illegal channels, due to his good financial

position, then the stage is reached when money for the person has become too much, rather in excess.

We therefore see that whether money has become too much for a person can best be decided by the use it has gone through. Its through the help of private individuals only, that hospitals, schools and other institutions can be opened as the state is not always in a position to do these things adequately. So the bottomline is that people who actually concentrate their efforts in these directions of social elevation and goodwill, to them whatsoever amount of money they earn cannot be termed as too much as long as the money is properly used. These are the sort of people who in their small but special way try to do something for the society thus justifying the words of Shiv Khera, the great motivator - *"Good people pray for others while rascals prey on others."*



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INSIGHTS INTO MARRIAGE....

- The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday, is to forget it once.
- When a man opens the door of his car for his wife either the car is new or the wife.
- A psychiatrist is a person who will give you expensive answers that your wife will give you for free.
- When a newly married couple smiles, everyone knows why. When a ten year old married couple smiles everyone wonders why.
- Many men look at marriage as a very expensive way to get their laundry done free.

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FAVOURS

One year being in a hostel has convinced us of the importance of friendship. Friends, otherwise would be mates to spend a couple of hours with, but here they are those who we match our every stride with. These fellowmen will remain our well-wishers throughout our life, and moments spent with them would be cherished till eternity. Obviously being with them means giving and asking favours; in fact, one's ability to go to the farthest extent to help a friend is the judgement line in friendship. But 'How Far?' is the question.

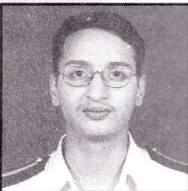
If it were easy enough, I would say give none take none. But again this would mean no friends, because the favours that you do for your friend are the cementing mixture to your relationship. They build new ties, strengthen old ones, and bring warmth in relationships. Besides, someone asking you for a favour imparts a certain feeling of comradeship in your own mind, which instigates the carrying out of the desired task. However all is well only if it ends well. A favour unduly exploited could mean hurt sentiments, broken relationships and estranged friends.

A favour is a double-edged sword, which if not handled with care inflicts a deep gash. Money, personal items, personal skill, or even official discretion are some of the usual favours asked for in our hostel. Of these most are well fulfilled, from both sides. But those which are not, remain a permanent black memory in our mind. Therefore it is very necessary to deal with these with extreme caution.

Firstly it is important to realize that in order to ensure the

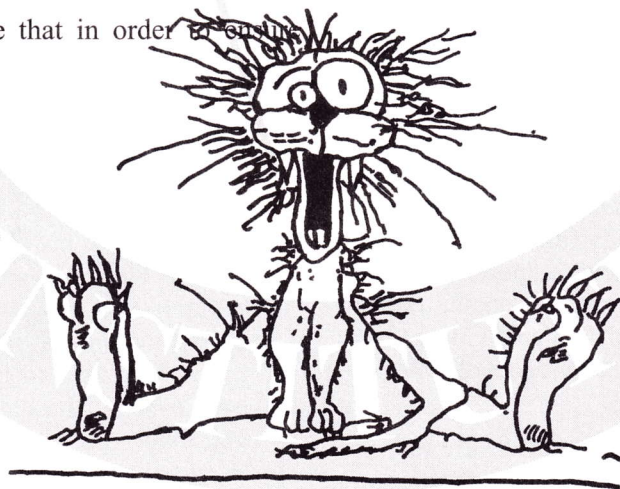
availability of your friend in case of any future needs, it is obligatory for you to follow his instructions. If money has to be returned within 10 days, do it. That proves the extent to which you ratify his favour. Then it is equally important to take care of his belonging. If his shoes are not to be used in the rain, don't. Respect his sentiments for that particular object. Then again, don't judge the value of the item yourself. It could practically be worth a few rupees. But it could be gifted to your friend or it could be a memory of some one, or a prize. If it is expensive to him so should it be to you if you borrow it. Lastly do not go back on your word. If you have promised something to your friend, go by it. Don't let him down in front of someone else or put him in a fix.

Remember a favour does not have to be returned; even thoughtful handling of a favour can show your gratitude to your friend. Besides, you will also be lending something sometime to someone. Yours could be the same fate.



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“STRESS”

- Abhishek Bharadwaj

KAUN BANEGA CROREPATI?

When pounds precede performance.

We are in a world where changes take place in fast forward, things gets transformed radically overnight. What was good yesterday gets junked in no time. Strangely, while this is the general trend, there is another, rather curious, move where traditional wisdom gets reinforced and confirmed. What was rejected, as junk is suddenly proved valid.

Traditional wisdom always insisted that Cricket was a game of chance. The margin between success and failure is painfully thin. Though the role of chance is reducing in cricket, at one level it is increasing. In the past, (the pre-Cronje tape era that is) a player stood on his own merit and was elevated to the portfolio of a powerful role model on the basis of performance. Some one, who regularly cuts ribbons, attached his name to products, ranging from shirts to shampoos. All this fame because the player was a visible, and recognised, symbol of cricket.

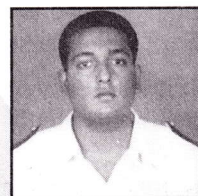
But now, after Cronje spoke on a borrowed mobile and Manoj Prabhakar says Kapil Dev conversed with him on a similar subject, there is what is described by analysts, as a sea change. Would one want the tainted and tarnished to inaugurate a shop, or pay a bomb to a superstar to say that he uses his detergent? Then that one must be mad!!

It was only by chance (The Delhi Police stumbled on a conversation while investigating a separate case) that Cricket met its Waterloo. Amitabh Bachchan's Crorepati game on T.V. is relatively new for viewers. But, in the cricket arena, this game has gained greater popularity than the game itself. Cricket, too was a game of chance, of luck, and fortune strike the right shot and make big bucks. The problem is, cricket does not need this new element, and this extra element of chance as it is already full of exciting and annoying possibilities. Cricket was never a sport, but a way of life that stood for fairness, justice and unadulterated sportsmanship. What was it they said?? ... yes, "Cricket is a game of glorious uncertainties." So don't violate all ethics of sports and kill the essence of the game.

Change is inevitable- in cricket and in life too. In cricket, economics determines several aspects; sponsors and networks have a major say in the way the sport is played.

While money brings a competitive edge, it also brings in its wake several unpleasant things.

Now after the volcano has erupted to throw up the ugly lava of deceit and corruption, there is a device to put the clock back. So, computers do not lock cricket right away.



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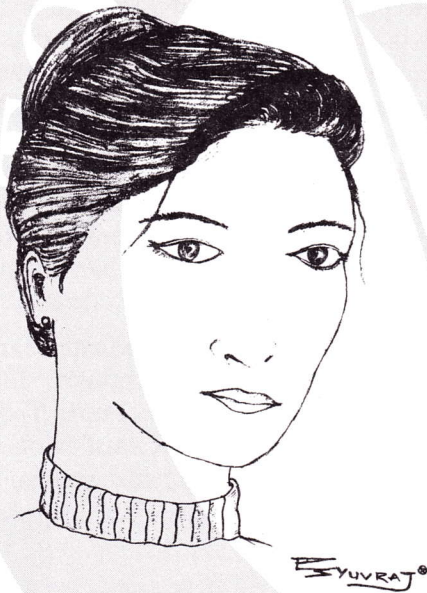
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OF BEAUTY CROWNS: FOR BETTER OR WORSE?

Delhi likes to throw parties and call important guests. Hence it is no surprise if you find women of great standing thrown together in the corner of a lawn and one makes a remark and the other hears it. But what makes the composition all the more interesting is that the two women happen to be Miss Sushmita Sen & Mrs. Shobha De.

Someone asked the crown winner about relationships today and what she thought of it. Says she "Relationships these days come with expiry dates attached to them". Little wonder that it caught Mrs. De's ears and she wrote an article about it, which the humble author ended up reading.



Over the past six years there have been six different beauty queens. Says the Times of India, "The first time was a minor miracle the second a delightful deja vu the third a barely creditable coincidence", but six! Pardon me, but that is far too many for a single nation. Surely it must have had some effect on the people, Apart from the opportunity to claim another national holiday; it must have made people think and worse change. The negative degree of comparison so subtly used here is to bring home the point that change brought about by such events very rarely brings out positive

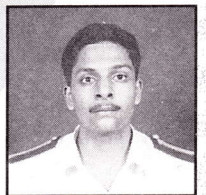
aspects. Already we had enough hell raised over foreign broadcasters beaming their lifestyles into drawing rooms and bedrooms through the television and now we have an army of young teenagers (both boys and girls) eager and ready to fall into the closest approximations of Ash, Sush and Schwarznegger, as soon as possible. And if that wasn't bad enough, cosmetic companies have begun vying for top models making the writing clearer on the wall, "Move aside brains and intellect, you come second to the pedestal of beauty."

Note all that came out of the crowns consisted of strained relationships and beauty conscious people. There were positive aspects too.

Perhaps the best part of all this was the image enhancement of the Indian girl, the housewife. (Her image had taken a severe beating under the ad propoganda of soap and detergent manufacturers. They saw her more infatuated with the brightness of her husband's shirts and less with the husband himself).

The crowns also made a statement for the country. Despite the instability at the center, the debt profile, the crashing stock markets and over burdened civil administration we have managed to put up 6 winners on the world stage recently and have atleast temporarily hammered more serious shortcomings into oblivion.

Whatever may the fallout of these chain of events be, the nation isn't content with the number six & seems geared to be wanting more . Move aside American beauty, the third world girl is here and that too, offscreen!



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Should She Join Sea?

Coping with the male chauvinistic world has been one of the crucial challenges which women have faced. Indian womanhood, which has been denied of equality and opportunity, has struggled to incarnate in a new 'avatar' of womanhood.

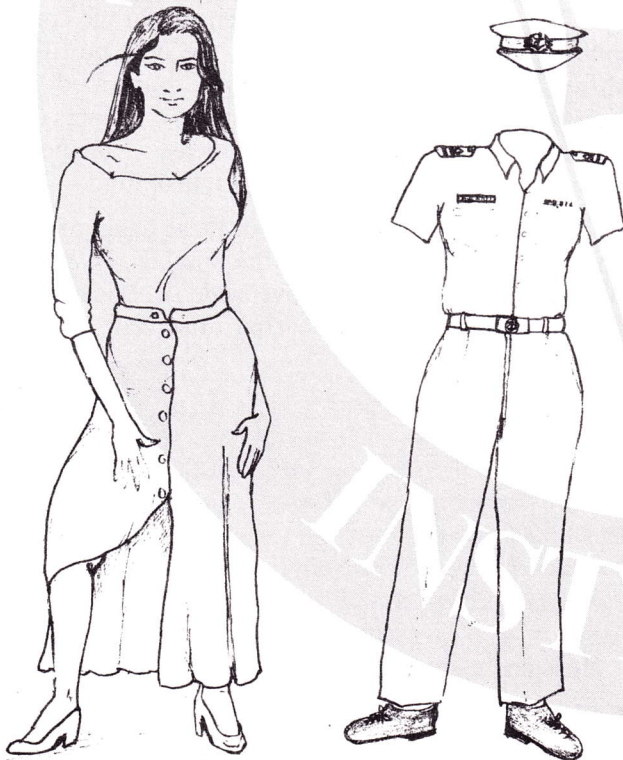
Today the Indian woman is better educated, more broad-minded and more enterprising than what she was ever considered capable of a generation ago. She has fought against traditions and discriminations and is emerging victorious. She is ambitious and career oriented, and despite this she still manages to balance herself between her home and her office commitment with little or no help from men.

To talk about women, her equal rights and her status in the society doesn't mean that we give a blind eye to the hard fact and the problems that she is likely to face by being given equal coverage as is given to any other man in this male dominated society. Most of us would keep quoting the examples of Rani Laxmibai, Indira Gandhi, Kiran Bedi etc,

but no one knows how many hundreds and thousands of them are forgotten. Women are social under weights suffering from marital violence, poor wages and victimization.

The induction of women in the merchant Navy and in the armed force is one of the important news worthy issues. A lady sailor would be exposed to extreme working conditions, including manual labour and an unsteady family life not to mention the likely increase in sexual harassment. Before women are inducted into any service it is important that working condition, living condition, security etc. should be looked into thoroughly. Imagine a situation where both male and female sailors are caught in a fire. The male would save the female but not vice versa. Her inability to act like a man is due to physical constraints. The aim of quoting such an example is not to project the inability of a woman, but instead to emphasize on the fact as to why a woman has to do exactly what men are doing to prove her efficiency and ability. In other words how many men have brought the same sense of pride to our country like Sushmita Sen, Aishwarya Rai, P.T. Usha etc. If she can bring laurels to her nation by concentrating on and utilizing her talent in the field actually meant for her than why should she induct herself into a field in which she would hardly exploit her talents.

Given the present infrastructure and working conditions of sailors it would be prudent not to employ women sailors at least at this point of time. Though such an example may trample upon the views of "Women's lib", it is not meant to be discriminatory against women.



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SELF CONFIDENCE IS INDISPENSIBLE

Have tremendous faith in yourself

Have that faith, each one of you in yourself that

Eternal power which is loaded in every soul and

You will revive the whole of the world.

As I tread on the road of life to attain my destination, the life which we call a 'riddle' gradually unknots itself. I am acquainted with the challenges that are put forth towards an individual and am quite amazed to see him accepting those challenges with courage and confidence.

All human trails i.e. goodness, sharing, intelligence lose half of their worth and effect when our personality lacks confidence. Presence of caliber is praiseworthy but its expression with utmost faith in oneself to the outside world makes it worth possessing.

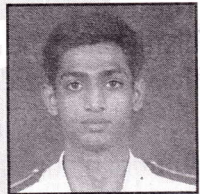
We all aim at perfection. Flaws are an unavoidable part of human personality, but a self confident person not only acknowledges his infirmities but dauntlessly confronts them and emerges victorious in the end. He does lend an ear to other people's opinion of his self but is not blindly directed by it. He has visions and finds himself capable of realizing it. He views failures as the stepping stones to success. These infuse him with another opportunity to scrutinize his own self and to expel their cause. He is restless to make his dreams come true and in fact his restlessness and anxiety gives him the much-needed succor for the attainment of his goal. Optimism gives a glow to his eyes and he contributes in making the world a better place to live.

The predicament of a weak-kneed person is just the reverse. He is like the plant, which is uprooted with every blowing wind. He is led by other people's views. Instead of facing the shortcomings of his own self he tries to escape from them. He is unable to realize his own potentiality and fails on all fronts and is an object

to ridicule. No doubt he has dreams, but they are seldom-realized. Unfulfilment and dissatisfaction breeds frustrations and a frustrated person gradually alienates himself from society and his family.

History has been the witness that man has performed chivalrous and sacrificial deeds, which has stunned humanity and compelled it to believe in his immense caliber. It is the courage and confidence, which initiates man's endeavors. The other human quality of intelligence, tactfulness assists us a little later in our efforts to achieve our goals.

The gorgeous damsel 'success' garlands the gallant. The flower of happiness aromatizes his surroundings. Taking the reins of his fate in his own hands, he endeavors for further accomplishment.



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QUOTABLE QUOTES

Some people are wise, some are otherwise.
It is because light travels faster than sound that
some people appear bright before they speak.
It is difficult to soar with eagles,
When you work with turkeys.
Sure god created man before woman.
But then you always make a rough draft
Before....
The final masterpiece.

SOME THOUGHTS ON MARINERS, THEIR VALUES AND ATTITUDES

It is said that if there is one thing which is permanent, it is change. Families, Organizations and Societies, all are constantly under change and for any society on the move, some kind of contradictions developing in the process is inevitable but not necessarily acceptable to all sections of the society.

Marine people are a sample cross-section of the present Indian Society and its dynamics are naturally reflected in the Merchant Navy too. We are all part of this changing society, its tensions and turmoil, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the marine society insulated from the winds of change blowing outside.

Over the years, people in the merchant navy have been brought up on a certain set of values. These values are cherished and therefore it is disturbing when these very values seem outdated to the world outside.

Ethics, bad or good emanate from the top. Juniors below try to emulate their seniors and if they find that the seniors themselves put self before duty, the juniors get confused and do not know whom to follow, or what is wrong and what is right. For a young impressionable mind full of ideals, the attitude and behavior of seniors are very important moulding factors.

For various reasons, basic religious values, which are the same in all people and all walks of life, seem to have been delinked from our professional life. In the British Merchant Navy, ship's morning routine starts with prayer irrespective of the various denominations present. In our defence services also due emphasis is given to ethics and morals that build up the trainees personal character. Perhaps some kind of ethics and moral training should also be introduced in the officers' cadre in the Merchant Navy during the training period.

At one time, there was no dearth of heroes. Now there seem to be none, except perhaps in the field

of sports like Cricket. War produces Heroes but that too has been evading us for some time now. Reading autobiographies of great people is definitely a source of inspiration. Much can be learnt from it.

In short, lofty ideals, high morals, brave heroes are like distant stars which we may never reach, but they do guide us like the bright stars in the heavens guided ancient mariners to navigate their way through the wide open seas. And guiding stars we do need to pass successfully through this voyage called life.

Like the rest of the society, there are growing expectations among marine people too. It manifests itself in many ways. For one, parents want their children to do better than them. Middle class parents want their children to rise to the Officers' Cadre and the upper class wants to send their children abroad and acquire things: Music System, cars, a house and that too at the earliest. Now a days one does not wait to buy an item, one takes resource to a loan.

Merchant Navy Officers being highly paid do not have to think much about repayment of these loans. Living well on loans is no longer considered a bad thing.

The profession of a Mariner can not be compared with usual civil life. It is like trying to compare apples with oranges or more aptly tigers with trees. The perquisites of marine life are not only confined to money or material comfort-- but in terms of some thing higher which satisfies the maximum egoistic and social needs of an individual. Of course, at times the grass always looks greener on the other side. It is a question of how well we are able to highlight or 'sell' marine life to young entrants and their parents. The cookies crumble if they see the sea side of marine life especially in the top rungs years. For Marine Engineering is that life, which, at sea is both adventurous and enjoyable but lonely without one's own family members. However, when one visits the Rose Island of Port Blair and walks round the abandoned colony of British Contingent of the times gone by one realizes that, in a way they too were lonely, away from

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their homes and country. Answers again point to the fact that some people do want some thing more than ordinary to live their lives fully. The call of the Marine Engineers at sea is one of them.

Pressures on Merchant Navy Officers come from various directions. Stresses and strain at work are too well known to describe them here. Studies have shown that hard sport activities like long runs or hard swimming followed regularly, release the same kind of body chemicals or hormones, which an aphrodisiac would. There is a feeling of spiritual upliftment and feeling of general well being. We have also to agree that many domestic disorders start or end with exercises. Getting addicted to hand play means better enjoyment at sea and should be heartily encouraged. As regards pay, take any country and one would find that marine officers are paid handsomely as compared to their counter parts at the global level. Despite a few apparent human feelings a marine officer is a respected person of the community and upholding of certain values is expected of

him. He represents certain values, which the common people cherish. In any case the marine services are one of the last bastions of basic values and we at TMI not only have to preserve it but also need to spread its fragrance to the rest of the country.



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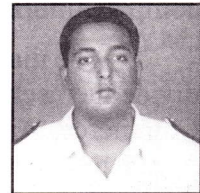
UNDER PRESSURE

As benzene-laden air wafts into our lungs, as rivers turn into sulfuric sludge and garbage piles spill out of landfills, the red alert has been sounded on the environment front. The extent of degradation is such that in a country where poverty and unemployment are pressing problems more and more people see attrition of the environment as the gravest threat. People are for once concerned- concerned for preserving our habitats. Greater awareness has also led to people seeking stricter laws, stiffer penalties and higher taxes to conserve whatever little exists.

Environment pollution is going to be the biggest scare of the 21st century. The alarmed citizens reveal that while India may be low on the totem pole on the human development index, at least where environment is concerned, Indians are thinking ahead. A majority of population feel that environment should top the priority list, ahead of economic growth. But aren't the two correlated? Worldwide, air pollution seems to be a nightmare for Americans and so too for Indians, although vehicular pollution also features on the hazard list. Going the authoritarian way, strict laws and heavy fines are India's solutions to combat environmental pollution, although the educated and affluent prefer penal measures.

Despite the high level of environmental concern, Indians do lack the initiative of making any conscious effort to help the cause. The ubiquitous plastic bag is considered one of the largest menace. This includes plastic foam and generally any kind of plastic. America and Europe have already banned the use of plastic bags and have switched over to recycled paper bags although, their major threat are aerosol cans. India virtually stands alone in the use of plastics.

If the present scenario does not undergo a radical change, we would soon be bequeathing legacies of anti-pollution masks to the next generation. Are we actually usurping the rights of the future generation of "tax-free respiration"? Think...



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INDIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

Education is one of the essential prerequisites of today's world. When a child reaches the age of three, his parents start worrying about his education. The Indian education is praised all over the world. Indian students are supposed to be the best amongst all and they are said to have the sharpest brains. India is the country, which gives the maximum number of software professionals to the world.

The Indian brain is the foundation of the Silicon Valley in the U.S.

In spite of all the above achievements our education system still fails in many aspects and we as students can understand this in a much better way. In our system, starting right from the nursery, a student is made to learn things by heart. His innocent childhood is spent in learning the basics of the language. At this age a child should be taught different things not by making him learn by rote, but by making him understand, by letting him explore the world, by making him play different games. We should have the concept of '*kindergarten*'.

Marks should not be allotted till the fifth standard. We should have a grading system so that competition is not very tough and studies do not become a burden.

Again, at the secondary school level we are made to learn subjects like Sanskrit, which have little relevance in today's world. Emphasis should be laid on practical learning. More and more emphasis should be laid on the use of computers because now a days computer literacy is a must for everyone.

The ninth standard, students should be made to divide themselves into different streams i. e. Sciences, Commerce, Arts etc. because if it is decided which stream a student would take it would be much easier for the teachers also to concentrate on the students in a much better and a very specific manner.

Emphasis should be laid on the other interests of each student. We should have an ability section which would groom a student's extra talent. For instance a student good in photography should be encouraged to master the talent. If these things are carried out along with the studies they do help a lot in the overall development of the personality of the individual.

Immediately after a student passes his Higher Secondary School Examinations he is left alone in the big world to make a place for himself. He is the one who finds himself in a loose position. It is at this stage that a person gets through professional colleges or he has to struggle to get in a good degree college.

It is for the Educational Board to amend its policies. If it brings about a change in the emphasis laid on the learning of different things, things would definitely improve. More emphasis should be laid on practical applications; students should be made to understand things by observing their surroundings. First students should be made to work with different components so that they are able to get the answers to the questions like what? how? and why? Indian Education is praised and with these changes it can still be made to touch new heights.

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FACTS BEHIND FALLACY

The unexplained, the metaphysical and the uncanny have always fascinated man. Spirits ghosts and demons the evil creatures of the night, voodoo and black magic may often be dismissed as figments of one's imagination. But somewhere, deep in the subconscious, we want to believe in them just as man yearns to believe that life exists even after death. Superstitions too may be thought of as a result of this "over active" imagination of the human mind. (Talk to your granny or an old aunt and they will be able to give you an endless list of these faiths, and perhaps even their origin).

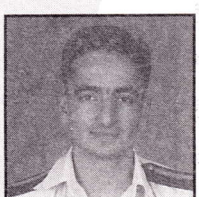
Some of them are commonly known, like when someone sneezes, you ask God to bless him. (It is said that your soul leaves your body when you sneeze. The blessing not only helps it to return it also prevents the devil from entering your body). As for crossing the fingers while making a wish, it is believed that the united knuckles prevent the wish from escaping.

Many superstitions find their origin in simple common sense; others come from the wise men's experience. While some can be traced to a sociological setup others have a medical foundation. All the same the fact remains that not all superstitions can be explained.

Human life continues to be considered inseparable from natural phenomenon. Hence the myths regarding eclipse, storms hail & snow. In the past man had time to notice the mysteries of nature; there was an almost childlike curiosity in him. Some of the superstitions came from what he observed around him. Being less rational and more intuitive, he instantly saw the meaning behind things. He could lay a finger on what would elude the man of today. He even knew that stated as it was, many would not accept it. And intuitive as he was, he knew just the way to make people sit up and take notice of his observation even make them accept "blindly".

Here are some superstitions which man believes in and the logic behind them

- Do not cross over a sleeping child: He may not grow: this can be termed as plain common sense, for while crossing over a child, one may trip and fall on the baby. What if the person is carrying something heavy. It may fall on him and hurt him fatally.
- A flexible thumb indicates a generous heart: It indicates a soft body, which supposes a generous mental make-up. Just as the thumb yields ,the heart is also taken to be generous.
- Looking into a broken mirror brings bad luck: The distorted image that stares back at you from the shattered pieces is not a pleasant sight. It may disturb you psychologically.
- One should not swing one's legs lest some evil spirits get under the legs: This indicates nervousness and can become a persistent habit.
- When yawning one should snap one's fingers in front of the mouth to prevent evil spirits from entering: Nothing can be said about evil spirits but snapping one's fingers definitely prevents a fly or a mosquito from entering the mouth.



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WHY DO WE TOLERATE TERRORISM ?

Mission for mission, international terrorism has become the most dreaded public enemy, equipped to the teeth with the latest state of the art war machines.

It satisfies every military commander's definition of effectiveness: destroys enemies in their own countries or wherever found; uses minimum armed forces causes almost no casualties in the field and none at all to its bases, supply lines, economy and political leadership.

We need to give it a thought -- What has enabled terrorism to become so powerful and pervasive as a method of war? The answer is plain and shameful; the passive and indecisive moral attitudes of its target prey : the democracies of the world.

The pre-planned murder of Rajiv Gandhi the late Prime Minister of India by the LTTE in India. The Indian Government up till now hasn't succeeded in punishing the culprits. The Libyans Abdul Baset Ali and Lamem Khalifa were accused by the United States of bombing Pan Am flight

103 over Scotland and killing 270 men, women and children including 188 Americans, but the American demands to turn the men over for trial were put down. The result is that till now the United States Government has taken no steps to punish the Libyan security detachments that guard these men or the armed forces that help these terrorist outfits. Noteworthy though, is that all the while Libya gets supplies from America and allies openly.

To defeat terrorism two things are essential "National Will and Moral Support". A law-enforcement approach must always be a part of our responses to terrorism. Indeed a country should be prepared to treat acts of aggression. There needs to be proper planning and equipping for direct preemptive or retaliatory action against known terrorist hide-out in countries that shelter them.

The leader of the nation can play an important role to wipe out terrorism from the country because 'National will and moral courage need leadership'. He needs to make an intense effort to get international support. The leader should be frank enough to face the public and ask them for their help in defending this new generation of enemies of freedom. He should have enough courage to ask and expect political, economical and moral support of other countries.

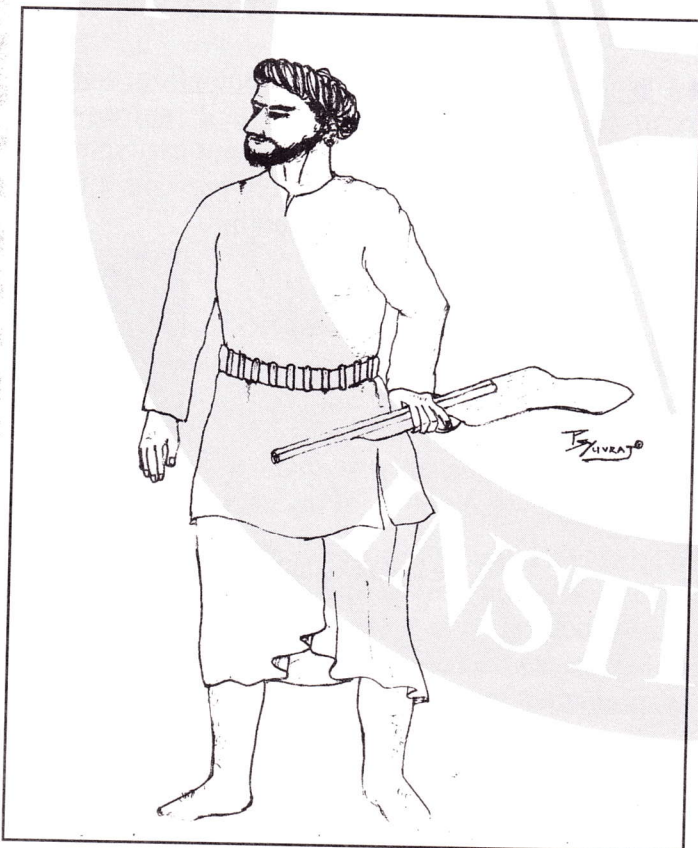
Countries today need to stand together against terrorism. They need to work upon it unitedly to protect their citizens from more murder. I'll conclude with this modest plea,

"Wake up before it's too late".

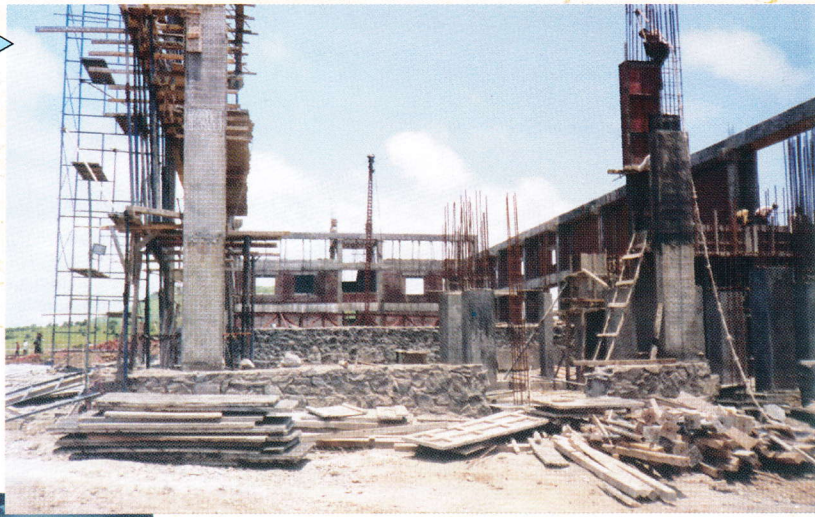


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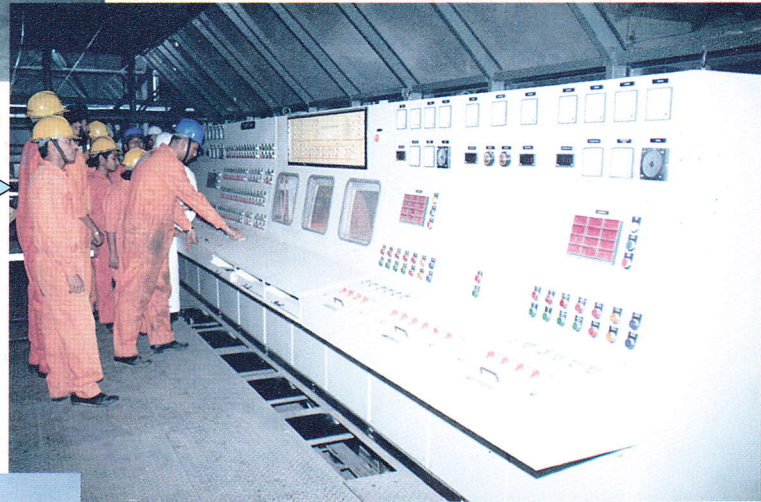
An insight to a milestone - The workshop at Induri under construction (1999)



The workshop as of today (2001) - the lathe section



The boiler control panel - a major part of the work shop



One of the two auxiliary generators - providing emergency power to the institute





Marching on the road to Success - The TMI flag flutters high during parade.



Handing - over Ceremony - Cptn. Razdan takes the salute



Marching to their tunes - TMI Parade Band



May I have your attention please ? The U - formation during the Investiture Ceremony

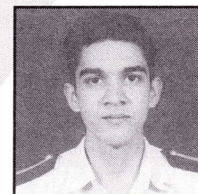
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CORNY MEDICAL DEFINITIONS

This guy applied to Medical School.
He never made it - wonder why?
These are the definitions he gave:
Antibody - against everyone.
Artery - the study of fine paintings.
Bacteria - back door to a cafeteria.
Bowel - letters like a, e, i, o, and u.
Benign - what you be after you be eight.
Caesarian section - a district in Rome.
Cardiology - advanced study of poker playing.
Cat scan - searching for lost kitty.
Chronic - neck of a crow.
Coma - punctuation mark.
Cortizone - area around local courthouse.
Cyst - short for sister.
Diagnosis - person with a slanted nose.
Dilate - the late British princess Diana.
Duodenum - couple in jeans.
Enema - not a friend.
False labor - pretending to work.
Genes - blue denim.
Groin - to mash to a pulp / smile.
Hernia - she is close by.
Hymen - greeting to several males.
Impotent - distinguished, well - known.
Labour pain - hurt at work.
Lactose - person without toes.
Lymph - walk unsteadily.
Menopause - I no wait.
Microbes - small dressing gowns.
Neurotic: Someone who builds castles in the sky.
Obesity - city of Obe.
Psychotic: Someone who lives in those castles.
Psychotherapists: The one who collects the rent.
Pacemaker - winner of Nobel Peace Prize.
Protein - in favour of teens.



Pulse - grain.
Puss - small cat.
Red blood count - Dracula.
Rupture - ecstasy.
Secretion - hiding anything.
Subcutaneous - not cute enough.
Tablet - small table.
Tumor - extra pair.
Ultrasound - radical noise.
Urine - opposite of you're out.
Varicose - very close.
Vas deferens - extremely different.
Vein - at what time?



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MATRIMONIAL PROPOSAL

From
 Mathematics Epigram,
 Mathematics Colony
 Dynamics Street,
 40 degree, 30 minute
 25 second

My dear Mrs. Trigonometry,

With due calculation, I am asking your opinion about the marriage of my son "ZERO", with your daughter "Miss INFINITY". I have already consulted Mr. Statistics. He says, their stars give the promise of a happy and prosperous life. You also know that they love each other so much that either of them is prepared to die for the other.

Proof

Any digit / zero = Infinity.

Any digit / Infinity = Zero.

It is true that both of them possess weaknesses. My son "ZERO" is a good, promising lad who is popular among many students; who during the exams is envied by those who do not know him. But he is such a stiff necked person that inspite of his multiplication or division with the greatest numbers, he yields nothing but himself.

As regards to your daughter "Miss INFINITY", she is not so beautiful. Moreover, when she starts talking she

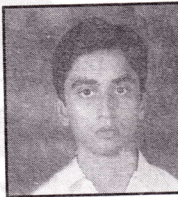
knows no end. Intellectual giants have tried to check her spread but could not. In spite of all this, I think the match is very good and a suitable one.

Kindly write to me after consulting the formulae and suggest a suitable day for the ceremony. Also please consult your two sisters, "Miss SOLO GEOMETRY" and "Miss COORDINATE"

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. ALGEBRA



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Alarmed by the rapid destruction of the world's marine corals, scientists around the world have been researching to create artificial corals.

Scientists from the USA have succeeded in taking major steps towards this objective. Condemned ships have been sunk in warm water seas and the growth of corals on them has been encouraged.

The first ship wreck to be thus treated, the M. V. Iruculent has already grown a layer of corals and has become home to several species of small fish and shrimp.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TELLING LIES.

There is no denying the fact that speaking the truth is one of the most commendable moral principles that has come down to us through the ages. No one in his right senses would plead to tell lies. But the truth about telling a lie is that all of us lie. We have been doing it for centuries. Lying, meant to harm others needs to be condemned. But innocent lying or lying to improve human affairs is not only healthy and should be encouraged. Only chaos would result from absolute truth at all times.

Think of a friend who tells another that he looks upon him as a bloodsucker. Think of a lawyer who tells the judge that his client is a murderer. Think of a subordinate who tells his boss that he is corrupt and a student who tells his teacher that she is cheating instead of teaching.

Thanks to our habit of telling lies, nothing of this sort happens. All these unpleasant happenings are avoided because we avoid speaking the truth..

Diplomacy is the refined art of telling lies. But this is encouraged and applauded because it is done in the name of service to the country. Similarly if lying is indulged in the name of improving social and personal relationships. What

is the harm?

Take people in love- They provide excellent material for a study in the importance of lying. Every girl knows that the sweet words her lover whispers in her ear are nothing but lies wrapped in sweet flavours yet she swallows them with relish and hungers for more. Is there a woman who does not know that her lover who promises her stars, is just telling lies?

In the end one says that lying sometimes adds happiness to human affairs!



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**GIVING THAT UNFORGIVABLE MINUTE,
THE RUN OF 60 SECONDS.**

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF ONE MONTH,

ASK A MOTHER WHO GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD.

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF ONE WEEK,

ASK THE EDITOR OF A WEEKLY.

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF ONE HOUR,

ASK THE LOVERS WHO ARE WAITING TO MEET.

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF ONE MINUTE,

ASK A PERSON WHO MISSED THE TRAIN.

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF ONE SECOND,

ASK A PERSON WHO JUST AVOIDED AN ACCIDENT.

TO REALISE THE VALUE OF A MILLI SECOND,

ASK A PERSON WHO WON A SILVER MEDAL



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THE LAW - A PAIN IN THE NECK (AND WHEREVER ELSE!)

Ever wonder why laws were ever created or better still ever imagine a place without any laws?

I am not here to tell you about the consequences of breaking laws, for I believe that, in a way, remains a surprise for the law breaker.

The macho guys, with muscles bulging from every orifice of the flimsy cloth material ... including the neck hole, ask "What is life without breaking any laws?" or "How much fun do you have obeying a law?" But I ask, have you ever heard them say "Beware of the consequences?"

The law, can be regarded as a paradox in it's own sweet little way. I'll give you an example.

"Don't touch this live wire !", Now that makes absolutely no sense. To any common man using electricity he'd definitely know what would happen to him if he did, but yet there is law highly regarded, highly enforced. Then again think about small kid, just being able to understand what he's reading for it might just save his life.

The youth, the growing adolescents of India are the more thick headed type. They are definitely more difficult to reason with and they need a lot more than reason not to go ahead - as they might say - or even do something for which they can be famous. So as a result of "teen logic" we have in the right corner under aged drivers with blood boiling and in the left corner, teen alcoholics and smokers with something to soothe their vocal chords. And the tag team list of life ending with the break of a relationship is just endless.

Oh yeah,, and ever try confronting or correcting a teenager and you'd be in for the worst trouble of your life. (I know I wasn't a piece of cake to begin with). How are you ever going to explain when he strikes back with "I'm old enough" or " Don't tell me what to do" or worse " Don't tell me you didn't do such things when you were a kid". Imagine our parents trying to deal with kids like that and mind you ALL OF US ARE NOT ANGELS! One thing I know that

would definitely happen is that just what dear old Mom and Dad asked us so kindly, yet firmly, not to do, we go and do just that... just to prove them wrong.

And for those who might have read the Charles Dickens classic about an orphan boy.(None other than our own Oliver Twist) ... sharing a bit of our lives now and then, may (or may not) recollect this blissful sentence of Mr. Bumble Beadle. "The law is an ass-an idiot", and may go by this sentence as role model.

What do you do? "Don't ask me. I've never been in this position before" or perhaps a little bit of "Just pray to God and things will be allright" and a dash of "Hey, tackle your own problems" are some of the answers to our distraught parents questions! Of course we all can try to be on our level best but no.... "Our parents will handle it: or perhaps "I'm doing the best I can" is the most common answer.

But before I go I'll leave with some paradoxes that were formed due to excessive law breaking. They might be



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funny, yes, but they are true. Most of them of course have to be dissolved or removed from force, but there are still many enforced.

Some of them are

- 1) Beware, to the citizen of Greene, New York, for he shall not eat peanuts and walk backwards during a concert, for he faces the risk of prosecution.
- 2) In Muncie, Indiana, you are prohibited to carry a fish tackle in a cemetery.
- 3) It is prohibited to slurp soup in a restaurant in New Jersey.
- 4) In Tennessee, a local demands that a woman must not drive a car, unless a man walk in front with a red flag (This should be applied in Mumbai and Pune as well)
- 5) Milwaukee residents must keep their pet elephants on leashes while taking walks.
- 6) It is illegal to get a fish drunk or catch whales in the inland waters of Oklahoma State inland waters.
- 7) Coffee cannot be served to babies in Massachusetts.
- 8) Bees are prohibited to fly over town in Illinois.
- 9) No person shall walk, run, stand, sit or lie on the grass in this pleasure ground - courtesy New Quay Urban Council.

- 10) And, the finale', announcing the prizewinner for the weirdest and wackiest law in the "Law Making Gone Nuts" Competition. - "No overtime will be paid to firemen and policemen on Sundays and Holidays" The result of this law caused an outburst resulting in this second law "No crimes such as theft, robbery, or fire shall be committed on Sundays and Holidays".



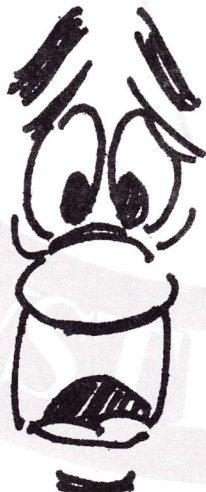
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Cadet's expressions at ...



Cadet, you get morning muster off



... but you have to do 1 hour quarter master duty...



... wait ! probably 2 hours



may be even three !

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ANALYSIS OF BACK BENCHERS

SYMBOL: Bb

ATOMIC NUMBER: 420

EQUATION FOR PREPARATION:

Back chairs + Students = Back Benchers

RELATIVE DENSITY: Heavier than his batch mates.

OCCURRENCE:

1. On the back chairs of the classroom.
2. In the front row of cinema halls.
3. Generally busy disturbing the class.
4. Always stealing a glance at her/his wristwatch during lectures.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

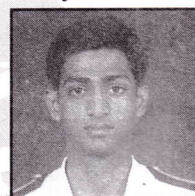
1. Teacher's words are French to him.
2. Immensely vulnerable to movies.

3. Ready to throw the chalks on the teacher once her/his back is turned.

CHEMICAL EQUATIONS:

1. Bb + error/late \longrightarrow Punishment
2. Bb + punishment \longrightarrow No effect.
3. Bb + homework \longrightarrow poor results.
4. Bb + games \longrightarrow Breaking of others bones.
5. Bb + examination notice \longrightarrow No reaction.

USES: Good consumer of his parent's money.



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the S.C.C.'s command



... And you have to do extra PT drill everyday.



... And if complete this successfully, you get 5 credit marks.



But if you don't, you lose 20

MODEM ,MADAM

My friend who's just going to complete his computer engineering. made me computer literate during the last holidays. However, I still keep complaining about some of the irritants of handling this "bionic nerd ". For one it is a teasing interlocuter. When you simply want to shut it off, it confronts you with the smart query, " ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO SHUT DOWN THE COMPUTER?" (That seems to me a cunning request to our oscillating minds). Quite often when you exit from your programme, the monitor displays dire warnings about files getting lost. I thought it happened only in the labyrinthine of office interiors.

Come to the next phase of this answering machine .. The brave new world of computers and internet has taken a great deal of getting used to being called a perfect answering machine for whatever queries you have in your mind. I got acquainted with this technology in Pune. Soon I realised that in today's world one has to be a " Cyber-viber " or else he/she will remain a cipher. So it becomes extremely important to be e-literate today. Surfing the net is not as easy as I was told.

Having logged on, the first hurdle was filling the user-name box. To my amazement, I couldn't use my name as it is, because there were 34 clones of the same name already on the net. The silly machine made me feel like an impersonator. Another funny incident that took place in the learning process was when I thought of using the e-mail facility ,which confirms the instant delivery of your message at the click of a mouse. Having composed my messages in 'word' I tried to transfer it to the Internet through " copy "&"paste". Not having clicked inside the message box, a

few of my surprised friends received blank messages (very much like an irritating blank call!).

There is apparently a whole New World with cyber malls, book marts, chat rooms, etc.. It seems that anything from a book to a bride can be downloaded through the net. What bothers me is that this machine exhibits an Acute Attention Deficit Syndrome." . There isn't just dotcom, there is also a shotcom. The moment you leave your keyboard for a short break the screen saver starts cascading on the screen. They fade in and fade out in pixels, slatted lines, top down, bottom up, side to side and what have you?

Like a tempting seductress, the Internet is ensnaring more and more people in its word wide web (www.). It makes you feel guilty if you are not a netizen. From the padosi paan wala with a website to even a cyber beggar, who has thought of raising a million dollars through asking for a mere dollar contribution on net the possibilities seem mind boggling.



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LAWS OF LIFE

The Murphy Philosophy:

Smile... Tomorrow will be worse.

Boling's Postulate:

If you're feeling good, don't worry. You'll get over it.

Chisholm's Second Law:

When things are going well, something will go wrong.

Finagle's First Law:

If an experiment works, something has gone wrong.

Finagle's Third Law:

In any collection of data, the figure most obviously correct beyond all need of checking is a mistake.

Finagle's Fourth Law:

Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it only makes it worse.

Pudder's Law:

Anything that begins well, ends badly.

Anything that begins badly, ends worse.

Howe's Law:

Everyone has a scheme that will not work.

Perlsweig's Law:

People who can least afford to pay rent, pay rent.

People who can most afford to pay rent, build up equity.

The Airplane Law:

When the plane you are on, is late, the plane you want to transfer to is on time.

Johnsons Law:

Tooth ache tends to start on Saturday night.

Law of the lost inch:

In designing any type of construction no overall dimension can be totalled correctly after 4:40 pm on Friday.

Skinner's Constant:

That quantity which, when multiplied by, divided by, added to, or subtracted from the answer you get, gives you the answer you should have got.

Johnson's First Law:

When any mechanical device fails, it will do so at the most inconvenient possible time.

Wyszkowski's Second Law:

Anything can be made to work, if you fiddle with it long enough.

Sattinger's Law:

It works better, if you plug in.

Lowery's Law:

If it jams force it, If it breaks, it needs replacing anyway.

Schmidt's Law:

If you mess with the things wrong enough, they will break.

Anthony's Law of Force:

Don't force it; use a larger hammer.

Cahn's Axiom:

When all else fails, read the instructions.

Rule of Accuracy:

When working towards the solution of a problem, it always helps if you know the answer.

Fett's Law of the lab:

Never replicate a successful experiment.

Futility Factor:

No experiment is ever a complete failure it can always serve as a negative example.

Mr. Cooper's Law:

If you don't understand a particular word in a piece of technical writing, ignore it. The piece will make perfect sense without it.

Brooke's Law:

Whenever a system becomes completely defined, some damn fool discovers something which either abolishes the system or expands it beyond recognition.

Heller's Law:

The first myth of management is that it exists.



*A bond so strong, it lasts long
- A game of Tug'o' War*

*The complete men
- practical in Thermal
protective aid and
Immersion Suits*



*Between the devil and the deep blue sea
- Personal survival technique course*

*The first close-up look
at our future career :
a visit to M.V.Prabhu Daya*





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*Learning the lessons of life
- Modular Course in progress*



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*When the going gets tough, the
tough gets going - self study hour*



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*To be or knot to be
- Seamanship practicals*



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*Spreading the word around
- A seminar on Careers*

TIMEOUT

Peter's Theorem:

Incompetence plus Incompetence equals Incompetence.

H.L.Mencken's Law:

Those who can - do

Those who can not - teach

Those who can not teach - administrate

Truman's Law:

If you can not convince them confuse them

First Law of Debate:

Never argue with the fool people might not know the difference.

Ninety-Ninety Rule Of Project Schedules:

The first ninety percent of the task takes ten percent of the time, and the last ten percent takes the other ninety percent.

John's Collateral Corollary:

In order to get a loan you must prove you don't need it.

The Ordering Principal:

Those supplies necessary for yesterday's experiment must be ordered no later than tomorrow noon.

The Rule Of The Way Out:

Always leave room to add an explanation if it doesn't work out.

Clarke's Third Law:

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

Weiler's Law:

Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

Weinberg's Second Law:

If builders built building the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.

Beckhap's Law:

Beauty times brains equals a constant.

Parker's Law:

Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clean to the bone.

Captain's Penny Law:

You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool MOM.

Katz's Law:

Men and nations will act rationally when all other possibilities have been exhausted.

Mr. Cole's Axiom:

The sum of the intelligence on the planet is a constant; the population is growing.

Steele's Plagiarism of Somebody's Philosophy:

Everybody should believe in something - I believe I'll have another drink.

The Kennedy Constant:

Don't get mad - Get even.

Hartley's First Law:

You can lead a horse to water, but if you can get him to float on his back, you've got something.

Owler's Note:

The only imperfect thing in nature is the human race.

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AMAZING FACTS

1. An average adult's skin weighs about 9 lb; 3 times as much as the brain, & covers an area more than 18 sq. ft.
2. The average human has as much hair as the hairy primates, but it is so short & fine, we simply do not look as well covered.
3. A Swami in Chennai, India 1949, was found to have hair nearly 26 ft. long Normally a man's hair grows no longer than 3 ft.
4. The complexities of perception mean that we often do not see what we do not know. The Australian Aborigine cannot see the full colors of the rainbow because he only knows, and has names, for four of them.
5. Police dogs cannot distinguish between the body smells of identical twins even if the twins live in different towns, have different jobs & eat dissimilar food.
6. An adult has an average 9000 taste buds, but a baby has many more. Babies even have buds on the inside of their cheeks, which in part explains a child's vigorous reaction to strong tastes.
7. Sea sickness is caused by the brain on misinterpreting the movement of fluid in the cochlea. This fluid moves consistently in response to the movement of the boat, even if you remain perfectly still. The brain thinks the movement is yours & tries to stabilize the effect. The confusion, which follows, causes nausea & dizziness.
8. A baby's bones are as flexible as reeds. They can bend very easily under pressure and simply resume their original position when the pressure is removed.
9. There are some 30 muscles attached to the bones of the skull. Their sole purpose is to give the face expression.
10. A great deal of the energy used in making our muscles work is lost as heat and an amazing 75% during vigorous activity. Body efficiency is only 25% ,about the same as an internal combustion engine..
11. According to the Guinnes Book of World Records the man with the strongest teeth in the world is Hercules John Massis of Belgium, who for a TV show in 1979, prevented a helicopter from taking off using only his teeth..
12. The speed of a blink of an eyelid has been estimated at between 60 - 100 miles per hour.
13. In one day, 8 tonnes of blood passes through the heart.
14. The power of the human heart beat is such that if the main artery, the Aorta was cut, a streak of blood, 6 feet high would be released.
15. Just one of the liver's numerous functions, to remove potential toxics from the blood stream is so complex it would require a five - story building occupying an entire city block to reproduce its capabilities.
16. Jaundice changes the colour of urine to orange or brown; typhoid changes it to green and if it is a bright blue green you should immediately suspect cholera.
17. Although the kidneys are quite small - 4-inches long 2.5 inches wide, the compressed tubes inside them would stretch for 50 miles if extended.
18. A computer with all the skills of the human brain, as fast as we now understand them, would have to be the size of the entire planet.
19. At the moment of ejaculation some 350 million spermatozoa will be deposited around the crevice yet something less than 100 will ever get near the female egg.
20. Much of early knowledge of the physiology of digestion came from the famous stomach of a Canadian who was accidentally shot & severely wounded in the chest. During his recovery, a hole in the left side of his body remained open, allowing the contents of his stomach to pour out. He plugged the hole with bandages & maintained a reasonably normal life. He was pursued all over the country by an ambitious doctor who eventually had enough information on the gastric juices leaking out to publish an astounding study.



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STATUTORY WARNING

Cigarette smoking is injurious to health, Tobacco is probably the most dangerous substance commonly consumed by man.

The letters of the alphabet are the building blocks of language and communication. But when it comes to Tobacco, these building blocks spell one word "DEATH."

You have heard these words before: "Smoking causes all kinds of diseases and illness." But do you know how tobacco can hurt you. If cigarettes are so bad, why do people keep smoking them?

Cigarettes are addictive. Nicotine is the drug in all the tobacco products that causes its users to hook on to it. It is as powerful as some of the strongest illegal drugs, like heroin and cocaine. It kills slowly, keeping a death grip on a user often till the day he or she dies. And cigarettes do kill hundreds and thousands of people each year.

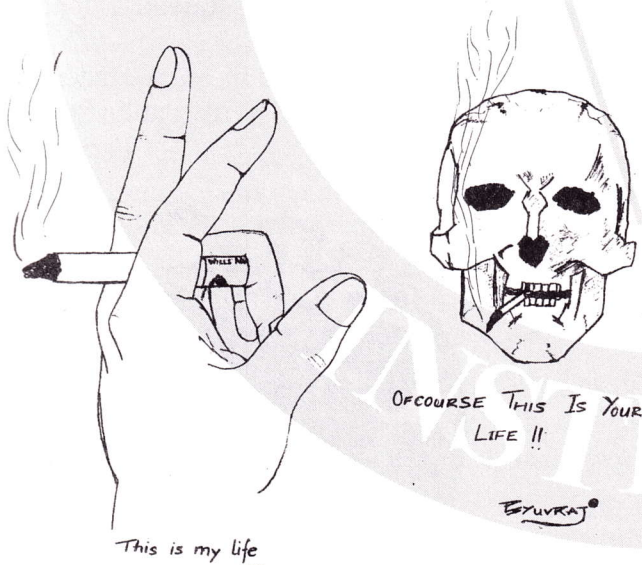
If you smoke or use tobacco get help to stop.

What's in a Cigarette: the astounding facts.

The public has been told little of what is there in a cigarette. On Dec. 2, 1997 of the Liggett group Inc., makers of L & M brands of cigarettes brought out Cartons that would soon list its ingredients for all the world to see.

This was a first for any tobacco company. This is what the company reported as the ingredients in L & M cigarettes. The complete list is as follows-

- Blended Tobacco.
- Water.
- High fructose corn syrup.
- Glycerol propylene glycol.
- Sucrose.
- Invert sugar.
- Casing Flavor.
- Natural and artificial licorice flavor, menthol artificial milk chocolate, natural chocolate flavor.
- Artificial Tobacco flavors.
- Valerian root extract.
- Molasses extract.
- Vanilla extract.
- Vanillin.
- Isovaleric acid.
- Cedarwood oil.
- Phenylacetic acid.
- Patchouli oil.
- Hexanoic acid.
- Veliver oil.
- Olibanum oil.
- 3-methyl pentatonic acid.
- Denatured ethanol.



In reality there were 599-ingredients identified in various tobacco industry documents.

Where on earth would a list of 599 ingredients fit on a pack of cigarettes? Not likely, and the carton would be so filled with the ingredients list that there would be room for little else. Unless it would be the skull and cross bones denoting poisonous ingredients.

How can we continue to smoke, knowing the nature of what we are ingesting into our fragile bodies? Its no wonder that more than 400,000 people die from smoking in the U.S. each year

DISEASES CAUSED BY SMOKING

You smoke you choke. Smoking is the leading cause of emphysema: a disease that ruins your lungs. People with emphysema have trouble with breathing and may suffocate.

If you use cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco, it can cause stomach cancer.

In fact 11% of stomach cancer & 87% of all lung cancer deaths, are caused by tobacco. Most people start smoking as teenagers, hanging out with friends. The quitting process is difficult, but it is the only way to save your health. If you are tobacco-free don't even change. A hit from the white stick will knock you down, may be for the rest of your life.



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She's dying - Is She?

Have we even wondered what it feels like to be choked? To try to breathe when we are being smothered? To feel the life ebbing out of us? It must be a terrible way to die. I know someone who's dying this way. I don't know if I can save her, but am going to try. If we all pitched in too help her, may be she would have a change.

Last night I talked to this wonderful, beautiful earth. I have known her in all her splendour, but last night she looked old, tired and weary, ravage and broken. And my heart bled for her. Her eyes were puffy from crying but she had no tears to shed. She coughed agonisingly.

And the doctor said she couldn't be cured because she needs clean, fresh air. Please help her, she needs immediate attention.

This is just a modest request from one of her sons to his brothers and sisters.



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UFO's

It was a cold and quiet night on the 18th of December 1992. Jack, aged 19 was walking back home, through a shortcut in the woods.

That evening had been splendid for Jack. He had just returned home for his holidays and his friends had thrown him a "Welcome Home" party. All of them were in their late teens and it was obvious that liquor would be part of the party. Jack had had 3 cans of Budwisers and by 1:30 am had excused himself and started his walk back home.

He had barely reached home when a greenish light coming from the southern side of the woods caught his attention. At first he hesitated, but soon curiosity overcame fright. It took him just under a minute to reach the source of light. The sight, which met his eyes, first put him in a state of utter confusion.

The scene was that of an ovular object which was hovering 10 to 20 meters above the ground. It took Jack just a few seconds to realise what he was looking at, and the realisation made him break into a cold sweat. Fear now took control of his brain. It reached such an intensity that he collapsed on the ground unconscious.

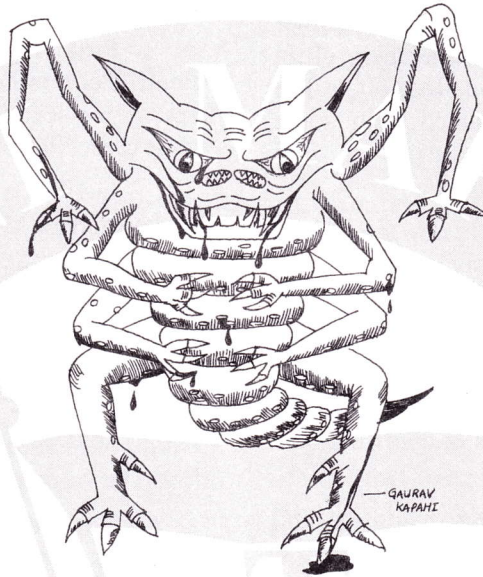
Jack's life was never the same again. After the traumatic experience that night, he had to be admitted to a mental hospital, and has never recovered since.

What was this object he had seen? Where did it come from? Had he actually seen it or was he hallucinating? These questions unfortunately cannot be answered.

Scientists call such objects UFOs. Standing for Unidentified Flying Objects.

It is an unexplored subject and nobody in the world is an expert at it!

The world today stands divided on its opinion on the existence of UFOs. Half say that they exist and half say that they are just plain and simple hoaxes. But, are they? Let's find out...



UFOs are actually as old as ancient Egypt. The first account of UFOs may be estimated to be around 3000 years ago, during the reign of Pharaoh Tutenkhamen. "It was circle of fire coming from the sky ... they became more numerous. They shone more brightly than the sun" - These few sentences were found engraved on an Egyptian stone. It is believed that the Pharaoh ordered it to be written.

The Bible claims that a prophet from the sixth century BC said, "A great cloud with brightness, fire flashing continually... and in the midst of fire gleaming bronze, and from the midst of it came a light of 4 living creatures. I see a wheel upon the earth, one for each of the four of

them. When the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose." Here, the fire, which gleamed bronze, could be compared to the corona of the spaceship and the four living creatures can be compared to Aliens.

Two thousand years after the Prophet's experience, on the 12th of September 1271, another strange incidence was recorded. A powerful priest was to be beheaded. But as soon as he put his head on the chopping block, a moving object appeared in the sky. It was shiny, round and very bright. The executioners were terrified and ran away, leaving the priest free to go.

Many such incidences were reported in ancient history,

1389 - Japanese people saw 3 objects combine to form one and speed into space.

1458 - The Emperor of Japan saw five stars circling the moon. They changed colour five times and suddenly vanished.

1606 - In Kyoto, Samurai warriors spotted a whirling ball of fire like a red wheel, hovering a few feet above the ground before it rose and vanished.

5th December 1577 - Priests in France said that some clouds covered the sun, and from the clouds emerged a

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number of tall, bright, hat like structures. These were very bright and left a yellowish green glow across the earth. They believed that God had come to earth to give man a sign that it was time to mend his ways!

Since science had not progressed to a great extent in the olden days, scientists believe that the above mentioned sightings were generated with the help of weather conditions. They believe that weather played a major role in the imagination of people who saw the so-called UFO's. For example clouds shaped like UFOs assisted with some background lightning may have been the cause of vivid imagination of these people mentioned above.

In the late nineteenth century there were new inventions. However thousand's of people supposedly started seeing objects which did not exist then-'Airships.'

In April 1897, the 'Chicago Times' published an 'airship' sighting by a certain Mr. Robert Lowen. He claimed that with the help of his field glasses, he saw 5 lights moving across the sky. Many people had seen this & confirmed his story.

The night flyer was around 70 feet long, cylindrical and of fragile construction.

A few months later the same paper reported that 10,000 people saw a black object streaking across the sky. It hovered over Chicago city for 10 minutes and then sped into space.

Both these sightings could not be explained. Reports of *several such sightings continued to pour in from California, Washington and Canada* for the next several months.

Then all of a sudden all stories vanished for 6 years, until the aeroplane was invented.

Just at the turn of the 20th century ushered in fantasies of flight, mid century spawned in the dreams of space.

By the 1960's American and Russian scientists were already building space ships.

During World War -II, rumors were that the Nazis were trying to build a new type of aircraft resembling flying saucers. Due to this, pictures of flying saucers with cannons and guns attached to them started emerging.

To investigate these strange sightings, the Russians hired Prof. Allen Haynec. At first he was a bit skeptical, but later on he discovered that 20% of all UFOs sightings could not be explained. He labelled these sightings as "Close Encounters" and classified them into three types.

1. Close encounter of the first kind - In this case, a UFO is spotted.
2. Close encounter of the second kind - In this case evidence like landing marks are left by UFOs.
3. Close encounter of the third kind: In this case, an alien being is actually sighted.

Prof. Haynec tracked UFOs for 20 long years. The scientific community saw him as an obsessed eccentric. He kept up his search till his death in 1986. However in his whole career he could not find any evidence of alien visitors.

In 1947, a number of sightings were reported from the state of New Mexico, USA.

Papers reported a story of a flying saucer that had crashed near the town of Roswell, New Mexico. The airforce quickly refuted the story saying that it was just a weather balloon!

However, the people involved in the cover-up activity of reclaiming the saucer and the bodies of the dead aliens started coming up.

The Legend of the Roswell saucer & the alien bodies has grown through the years until now, it has become an icon for the supposed US government's cover-up of the existence of UFO's.

One of the witnesses of the Roswell incident who saw the crash and rushed to the site, expecting to see a plane crash, was shocked to see a flying saucer with a dazed creature walking around two bodies which were covered in a white cloth. He was there for a few minutes before the military arrived and drove him away.

Strangely, after this incident, most of the military activities started being concentrated in and around Rosewell. Even the first atomic test site was situated near Rosewell.

According to some locals, the saucer and the alien bodies were taken to a top secret airforce base near the state of Nevada, known as 'AREA 51'.

The U. S. Airforce has never confirmed that such a place exists. But it is famous, none the less. There have been many reports, pictures and tapes showing the presence of flying objects performing UFO like movements in this area.

The Question that arises from all this is, can there be life on any other planet in some other galaxy?

Lacking proof that life exists among the stars, mankind has populated outer space with pigments of his

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collective imagination.

Authors like Jules Verne and H. G. Wells started writing tales of invasions and under water adventures giving rise to what is known as 'Science Fiction'. Inspired with the advances in space and technology, books, serials, movies started being made based on UFO's in the middle of the twentieth century.

In the 1970's the stories of UFO's took a new turn. People now started talking about alien abductions. Abductees claimed to be lifted off their beds and taken to spaceships. They also claimed to come in close contact with the alien beings. This was later termed as "Close Encounters of the 4th kind". Abductees claimed that the aliens were mostly interested in their sexual and nervous systems.

Out of the various alien experiences, three distinct types of aliens emerge -

1. The Blondes - They are beautiful and elegant
2. The Grays - They have very smooth skin and look very weak.
3. The small hairy monsters - seen mostly in South America.

It is now believed that most of the UFO can be caused due to sleep deprivation, bad food, moulds on bread, drugs etc. Most of the experiences of abductees being lifted off the bed or seeing a flying object or bright lights can be easily replicated by hallucinating drugs.

In 1983 a professional psychiatrist was asked to interrogate nine of the most commendable and reliable

abductees, and her findings show that all of them had suffered some kind of abuse in their childhood, which had an adverse effect on their imagination.

Her study only provided another battleground for skeptics and believers. While skeptics believed that abductees were disturbed individuals who channeled their trauma into imaginary abductions, the believers believe that abductees would obviously be more disturbed than normal human beings.

As this debate goes on, the scientific community is working quietly to find out if there might be life beyond earth.

In 1996, in a meeting of the American Astronomical society, Scientists announced the discovery of several planets outside the solar system and galaxy which may have the same warm watery conditions essential for life. Astronomy may be on the verge of a discovery as earth shattering as that of Copernicus in the 16th century. Inspired by the reports and sightings, NASA has started a program to search for planets & life outside the solar system called SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence). So far 55 new planets have been found outside our galaxy.

Will we find other intelligent beings out there? If we do, will we discover that they found us first, or will we be the strange aliens who will visit other planets?

Only time will tell....



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Could this be true? Will there be a day when your address will not just be restricted to the stereotypical... xyz (place), India, Earth. Can you attach the name Mars to your list of travel destinations? In effect, can man inhabit Mars? Such a horrendous thought, surely!! But wait! it might just be possible.

Let us begin with a refresher session on this ; the most exciting of planets in the solar system. What makes it so exciting is the fact that it is the most approachable planet away from the earth. With just *five million* miles separating the two, Mars is also the only planet that has characteristics comparable to earth. For instance, a Martian day consists of 687degrees compared to Earth's 23.45 degrees. This, in effect, means that each season on Mars will be almost twice as cold as on Earth. In 1704, astronomer William Herschel observed that Mars had ice-caps at its poles.

However the similarities just about, end here; since as compared to the Earth's moon, Mars satellites 'Phobos' and 'Deimos' are two in number and don't have any bearings in terms of lunar activity. Also the mass of Mars is about one-tenth that of Earth.

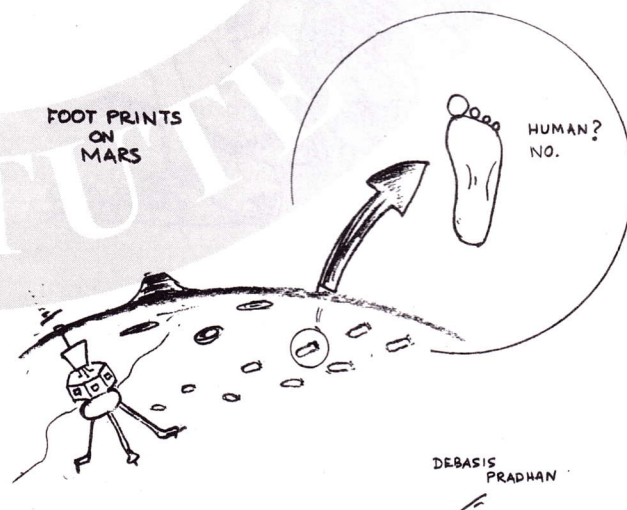
On the twentieth of July 1976, the first marsiander was set on the Martian surface, by the Mars probe Viking !. It studied the Martian surface in detail, thus giving us some valuable data. The maximum daytime temperature on the surface was found to be 200 F. In fact it was so cold, that even carbon-di- oxide froze in the polar region, adding to the icecaps observed by Herschel.

The Martian surface was found to be richer in iron than that of Earth's About 80% of this, comprises of iron-rich clay in the form of limonite, which is also responsible for giving bricks (on Earth) their red colour.

You might be wondering, why go to such pain to explore and map such a useless planet. What do we have to gain through this seemingly trivial agenda? But wait, there are theories floating around that could make

this red planet your future home. Well, the key word today is "Terraforming". The word is self-explanatory and means the formation of terra (land) on Mars. How can this be achieved? First of all, Mars has an abundant supply of carbon-di-oxide. This gas, though harmful to humans is quite essential to plants.

Scientists plan to build a huge dome over one-third of the Martian surface; which will contain carbon-di-oxide in slightly pressurized state. In to this dome, super-green house gases such as Freon will be added which will intensify the green house effect. Though harmful to life on Earth, this green house effect on Mars will help in melting whatever ice pockets may be present in the dome. Once the dome has sufficient water resources, plants will be introduced; with the pressurized gas ensuring that their roots will penetrate the soil and thus helping them overcome the weak gravitational forces. Hence the roots of these plants (specially chosen for their super photosynthetic properties and ability to thrive on limonite) will start converting the carbon-di-oxide to oxygen, thus making the dome's atmosphere more Earth like. Once there is enough oxygen in the dome (i.e. when it reaches a supersaturated state), it will be released into the Martian atmosphere; along with a large quantity of



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super-green house gases such as Freon. These in effect, will slowly re-enact the same set of events that were expected from the dome experiment, but on a larger scale. Thus, Mars will have quite a few pockets of water, which will partially vaporize under the influence of the green house effect and form clouds. These clouds would then be responsible for a pink/orange-ish sky (due to the thin atmosphere and incomplete refraction of light), which should absorb a large amount of the sun's harmful U.V. radiations. Also, these clouds will provide rainfall and climatic changes; thus spreading water pockets and encouraging life forms to come and thrive.

Once sufficient oxygen levels are attained, plants having high adaptability to such climates (as described earlier) would be bred and implanted, so as to provide vegetative nutrition to the animals that will be set free on the Martian surface. In the end; when all the experiments have been successfully completed; MAN will finally set foot on MARS in the hope of long term inhabitation!!

Another theory floating around is the concept of Thermo-Nuclear heating.

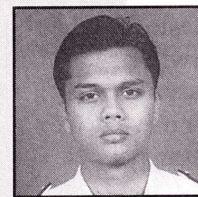
This can be achieved by heating the Martian surface with the help of repeated thermonuclear explosions; which will reduce the heating time by almost 200% as compared to the green house effect. But due the relative unpredictability of such explosions; i.e. in terms of radioactivity and gene alteration in plants and water, makes this an unfavorable choice.

But, what will the effect of colonizations, as a result of Terraforming, on humans be? First of all, due to low gravity, humans will grow taller with thinner legs (as a result of the weight being taken off them). Also with time, due to lack of oxygen and a thin atmosphere, their lungs will grow larger and their heads smaller; thus giving rise to a new species of humans called "MARTIANS". Furthermore, the warmer climate could trigger some dormant volcanoes on Mars to get active, thus spewing lava on to the

newly inhabited Martian colonies,. Excessive mining of Mars for minerals and chemicals would intoxicate the atmosphere, making it unbearable Also, due to the thin atmosphere, the U.V. rays and E.M.F. pulses resulting from sun storms (which are effectively blocked on Earth by the thick ozone layer) will pierce through the Martian atmosphere, destroying not just plants and animals, but seriously endangering human existence and disabling electronic systems (which would leave the colonists stranded and without help.)

Furthermore, the time required to Terraform a planet the size of Mars would be more than 200 years and an unmentionable amount of money and resources. And all this, without being sure if the experiments will pay off. So the question remains, should we spend trillions and trillions of dollars on Mars, or should we be swept away in this incredible flight of fancy or should we be practical and risk being coined old-fashioned and dogmatic!!

This choice, I leave unto you, the readers; who I hope are learned and wise enough to realize that another choice exists! -- that of preserving Earth and Mother Nature, in her beauty and grandeur for generations to come. Surely this is the soundest of choices to be made.



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MYSTERIES OF THE OCEAN

From time immemorial oceans have been a treasure house of mysteries, which have baffled the whole world.

Given below are the few cases of mysterires of vast ocean.

The Bermuda Triangle

The Bermuda Triangle (buhmyoo duh) also called "The Devil's Triangle", is an area of ocean off the southeastern coast of Florida where many ships and airplanes have disappeared. However, commercial and military craft cross this area safely every day.

The Triangle connects or has its vertices on the Caribbean islands, Florida and Bahamas.

Many people believe that the disappearances have taken place under mysterious circumstances. Only a few captains or pilots radioed distress messages. Searchers seldom found bodies or survivors, *though bits of wreckage were recovered after several disappearances.*

Some scientists believe that violent, unexpected storms or downward air currents destroyed the ships and planes. Swift ocean currents may then have swept the wreckage far from where the craft disappeared.

The Bermuda Triangle covers about 440,000 square miles (1,140,000 square kilometers).

It is formed by an imaginary line drawn from a point near Florida to Bermuda to Puerto Rico and back to Florida.

The first recorded disappearance of a United States ship in the Bermuda Triangle occurred in March 1918, when the U.S.S. Cyclops vanished. On Dec. 5, 1945 a squadron of five U.S. bombers disappeared, and a seaplane vanished while searching for the aircraft.

The S.S. Baychimo (30 years adrift)

On July 6, 1931 the Baychimo left Vancouver Canada, with a crew of 36 under Capt. John Carnwall. Passing through the Berring Straits, the Ship entered the North west passage. This ship was carrying fur.

On the return journey the ship was caught in the early winter ice. During the howling blizzard, the ship was unable to move, with vessel in danger of being sunk. Capt. John and its crew established the camp on ice close to the shore and prepared to wait there till spring. Early November brought a rise in temperature enabling the men to look around. They found that the Baychimo had snapped its mooring and disappeared. Capt. John led the crew to the safety of Point Borro, 50 miles away, where they learned that the Eskimos had spotted the missing ship 45 miles south west of its former position. The crew and the party of Eskimos managed to reach the ship and removed much of the valuable cargo but before the cargo could be removed fully the Baychimo had vanished again.

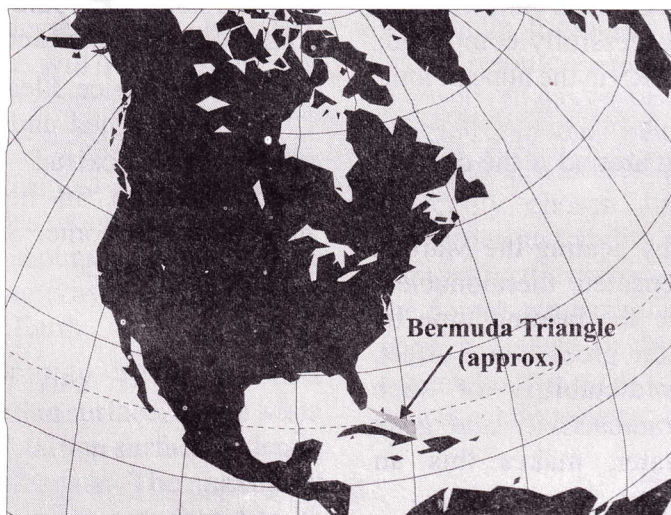
The following spring the ship was observed 300 miles further east near Herschel Island and was reported that it was in excellent condition by Leslie Melvid - a young trapper. Since then the Baychimo has been sighted frequently. A party of Eskimos boarded the ship in 1930, but drifted for 10 days before they could make their way to shore on a raft of ice. After this it was shifted on numerous occasions. Once in 1934, 1939 an attempt was made to tow the ship to port but dropped due to rough weather. The last sightings were in 1956

and 1962. The Baychimo seems to have disappeared since then but may get turn up again.

There is no parallel in modern times for ships to sail in seas with out a crew for such a long time. For over 30 years the Baychimo has survived the ice in one of the cruelest seas of the world.

The Octavius - Paid lives to cross the short cut

The Octavius left England in the year 1761, bound for China. On its return journey the Captain decided to look for the elusive north west passage rather than sail all the way around South America. But they got no further than the north east of Alaska, when the ice trapped them. Thirteen years later the whale - ship Herald caught sight of the



DID YOU KNOW ?

Octavius drifting into the open waters.

The Captain of the Herald - Captain Warren led a reluctant crew to search for the ship. They found all the crew dead but perfectly preserved by the freezing air. The Captain died while writing an account of his passage. The crew of Herald didn't want to stay any more on the ship, the sight of 32 dead people had made them sick. Capt. Warren took the account that the Captain of Octavius was writing, but unfortunately the sailor entrusted to carry the pages, while hastening into the life boat dropped them in the sea. The front pages, which remained with him, gave an account of some of the deaths including that of the Captain's son. It also gave the latitude and longitude of the ship on that day.

The mystery now is that the ship had been found at the eastern end of the north west passage whereas it had been

looked in the western end. The only logical reason is that the ship must have found the north west passage by itself. Ironically the Octavius was the first ship to navigate the north west passage but the Captain and his crew never knew it.



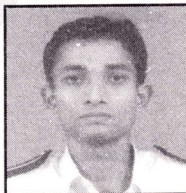
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SUCCESS

That man is a success,
who has lived well.
Laughed often and loved much.
Who has gained the respect of
intelligent men,
and the love of children.
Who has carved his niche
and accomplished his task.
Who leaves the world better
than he found it.
Whether by an improved poppy.
a perfect poem,

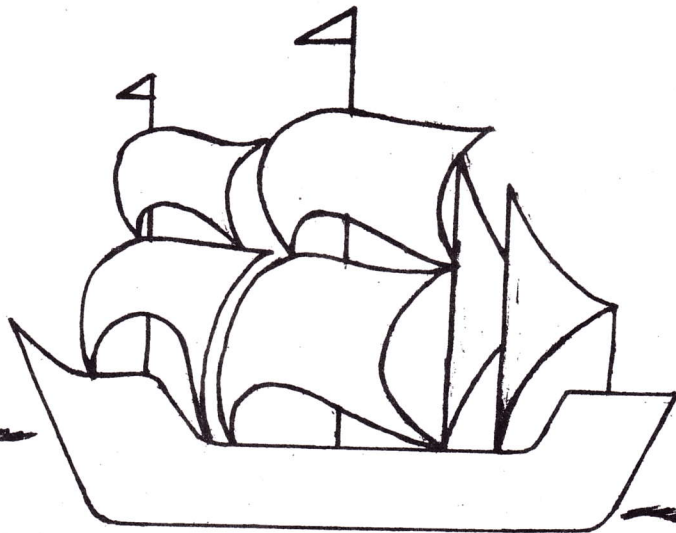
or a rescued soul.
Who never lacked appreciation
of earth's beauty,
Or who failed to express it
Who looked for the best in others
and gave the best he had



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Our path is rough
Our life is tough
Still, to succeed
Hardwork is enough.
- SRINIVAS SIRASAPALLI.



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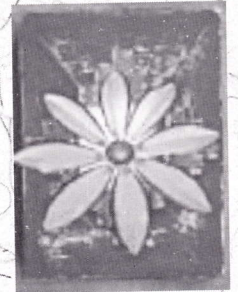
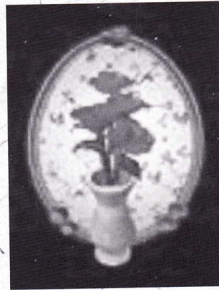
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www.Musicurvy.com and www.khazana.com are amongst the other good sites for indian music

Current Affairs and News

www.cnn.com & www.abcnews.com



Sites which cover the latest news from America and Europe. Considered to be the best sites by various search engines.



www.dawn.com

It's a Pakistani site, and focuses on the Pakistani internal & external affairs and points out the flaws of the Indian Army.

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The official source for freeware/shareware DOS games. Just Dos games, this site contains the best dosgames on net, these games can be downloaded free and can be downloaded very fast, since they are supported by dos, they require very less memory. Its one of the best sites on net

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www.iwrestling.com

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Your #1 Source For Professional Wrestling... Online!

A site strictly for wrestling fanatics, consisting of bios, photos and videos of wrestlers, controversies on-screen and off-screen, results of matches, match schedules etc.

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www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/index.html &
www.fourmilab.ch/earthview

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MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER

Kimberley Peters, in her late twenties, slim, very intelligent, was one of the employees of the New York Advertising Agency. Toni Prescott, 22 years of age, daring, aggressive, mischievous and athletic, was one of the residents of her building. She had a British accent and was totally frank in nature. Alec Singer, 18 years of age, shy soft-spoken, art-lover, with an Italian accent, was one of the co-workers of Kimberley. Toni and Alec were very good friends and used to share each other's joys and sorrows, Kimberley never knew both of them, but they knew everything about Kimberly, and kept a keen eye on her. Toni was very jealous of Kimberly and hated her style of living life, whereas Alec was somewhat sympathetic towards her.

After a short period of time, there were occurrences, of brutal murders and castration of all those men who came closer to Kimberley, Toni and Alec. These men included each one's fiancés also. Kimberley was the prime suspect of all those murders, since all those men were related to Kimberley in one way or the other. At last after a murder of a security personnel she was held in custody. There were charges against her as a serial killer. Along with it, there were evidences, such as DNA matching, fingerprints, etc, which went against her.

But American Jurisdiction couldn't prove her guilty, as her lawyer proved that she was suffering from Multiple Personality Disorder, and she was a victim of M.P.D.

What is M.P.D? It's a condition where there are several completely different personalities in one body. It's also known as dissociative identity disorder. It's been in psychiatric literature as more than trauma. The victim shuts out the trauma by creating other identity. Sometimes a person will have dozens of different personalities. In the above case it was later known, due to psychiatrists, that Kimberley Peters, Toni Prescott, and Alec Singer were all one and the same. Toni Prescott and Alec Singer were the different

personalities in the body of Kimberley about which Kimberley never knew. Thus Kimberley was a host and Toni Prescott and Alec Singer were her alters who can take over her body at any moment they desired.

What are these alters? These alters are created because the host can't stand the pain of the trauma. It's a way of escape. Every time a fresh shock occurs, a new alter can be born. The psychiatric literature on the subject shows that alters can be totally different from one another. Some alters are stupid, some are brilliant, and some are aggressive and short tempered. They can speak different languages. They have varied tastes and personalities. People with M.P.D. are normal... until an alter takes over, the host, and then the host suffers a fugue. Fugue Amnesia is a condition where the victim loses consciousness of where he is, or what he is doing, a loss of time and memory, for the period that the alter is in charge. It can last for few minutes, or days or weeks or may be throughout life, if the alter takes over completely; and hence the host would have no recollection of anything that the alter does. Thus in the case of Kimberley, all the murders were done by Toni, her alter, who was aggressive in nature, and about which Kimberley never knew.

Sometimes some of the alters know all the other alters, they may also talk with them and sometimes they know only some of them. But the host is usually not aware of them, until psychiatric treatment. Hence Kimberley didn't know anything about Toni and Alec, whereas Toni and Alec were very good friends.

What is this trauma? Trauma in case of M.P.D. is mostly child abuse and child molestation at a very young stage, i.e. about at an age below seven, at the stage when the child is not aware of sexual facts, and has the fear of death due to it. Most reported cases are of incest and child molestation involving father and daughter. Current statistics from the Department of Justice of America indicate that approximately one-third juvenile victims of sexual abuse are children

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under 6 years of age. In the above case, Kimberley was sexually abused by her father at the age of six when she knew nothing about sexual facts. She had a fear of getting killed, and this gave birth to a new personality in her mind- Toni Prescott. This was her alter, aggressive in nature, daring and was there to protect her. Hence Toni Prescott was 6 years younger than Kimberley. And on similar lines Alec Singer was born in her, and hence whenever any man tried to come closer to Kimberley, there were memories of the past in her mind, recalling her father sexually abusing her. Toni Prescott used to murder them brutally and castrate them. This Kimberley never knew.

Treatment of M.P.D.: It requires a psychiatric treatment over long periods, sometimes even up to six or seven years. These alters of the host can be brought in contact with the psychiatrist only under the stage of hypnosis. For hypnosis, hypnotherapy and sodium amytal is used. These alters are then fully studied by these psychiatrists. Their characteristics such as habits, hobbies, nature, behaviour, language and their varying tastes are observed properly. These psychiatrists talk with these different alters about their reason of occurrence and make them gradually start communicating with the host without being hypnotized. The host seems to be talking to itself, but in fact at that moment it is communicating with its alter personalities. And then gradually the host is asked to adopt the habits and behaviour of the alters, leaving their negative aspects, which is the short coming of its cure. Due to this adoption of habits and behavior of the alters by the host, the alters need not take over the host again and again, and slowly starts diminishing. For example, if the alter uses abusive language due to its aggressiveness, the host is asked to use somewhat abusive language, and if the alter is fond of painting and listening to soft music, the host is asked to do so. Such type of psychiatric treatment is given to M.P.D. patients.

Even after this treatment for about five to six years, there are chances that an alter may take over after diminishing once, even to the extent of about seven to ten years later, if any traumatic event similar to that in the past takes place again, this actually happened in the

case of Kimberley, when she heard the news that her father was going to marry a woman who had a six year old daughter.

Conclusion: During the past 20 years, there have been dozens of criminal trials involving defendants claiming to have multiple personalities. The charges include a wide range of activities, including murder, kidnapping, rape and arson. It is a controversial topic among psychiatrists. Some psychiatrists believe that it does not exist. On the other hand, for years, many reputed doctors, hospitals and social service organizations have been treating patients who suffer from M.P.D. Some studies estimate that between 5 and 15 percent of psychiatric patients are affected with it. In a sense we all have alter egos, or multiple personalities. A kind person can commit acts of cruelty. Cruel people can do kind things, but these multiple personalities in normal people are under control.

Two third of the cases of multiple personality disorder are treatable. Following is a list of some of the organizations devoted to help and treat patients of M.P.D.

ORGANISATIONS:

United Kingdom British Dissociative Disorders Professional Study Group, Chester.

Australia Australian Association for Trauma and Disassociation (AATD) Melbourne.

Canada Canadian Society for the Study of Dissociation.

Montreal

Netherlands Praktijk Moor psychotherapie, Castricum

Israel Israel Institute for Treatment and Research on Stress, Haifa

BOOKS:

● Diagnosis and Treatment of Multiple Personality Disorder. By Putnam, Frank.

● 2. Dissociation in Children and Adolescents: A Developmental Perspective by Putnam.

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- Three Faces of Eve. By Thigpen. Personality and Criminal behavior by Allison R.B.

ON THE INTERNET:

1. www.sidran.org (Sidran Foundation Online)
2. www.issd.org (International Society for the study of Dissociation).



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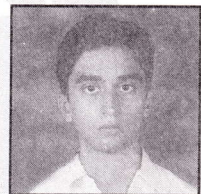
MASS SUICIDE

Lemming is a small gray or brown mouse like rodent, that's live in the colder region of the Northern Hemisphere, especially in Alaska, Norway, Sweden, etc. Their feet are covered with fur for protection against cold. A lemming feeds on roots, stalks and moss.

Lemmings are very strange and fascinating creatures. Every 3 or 4 years lemmings march towards the sea and jump into it. And thus they commit mass suicide. Do you know why they commit mass suicide?

A female lemming breeds at least two times every year and every time she produces 3 to 5 young ones. But every 3rd or 4th year, instead of producing the usual number, it starts giving birth to 10 or more young ones, resulting in a population explosion which soon leads to almost total consumption of vegetation in the area. This makes living impossible for

Lemmings. Lemmings then migrate and march towards the sea. They advance slowly and cause great damage to the vegetation in the way. Many of them die or killed during the march. When they finally reach the sea they jump into it for 15 20 minutes they swim and finally drown. No Lemming ever returns from this march. Migration to the sea is repeated every 3rd or 4th year. This mass suicide is a strange peculiarity of this creature.



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BE PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN

- Q.** Who is the co-founder of Sun Microsystems?
(The company which is sweeping the Internet with its brainchild "Java")
- A.** Vinod Khosla
- Q.** Who is the Creator of Pentium Chip ? (Needs no introduction, 90% of today's computers run on it)
- A.** Vinod Dahm
- Q.** Who is the third richest person on the world?
- A.** According to the latest report in Fortune Magazine, it is Aziz Premji, CEO, Wipro. The Sultan of Brunei is in the sixth position now.
- Q.** Who is the current president of AT & T Bell Labs?
(AT & T Bell Labs is the creator of C, C++, Unix etc ,to name a few)
- A.** Arun Netravalli
- Q.** Who is the founder and creator of Hotmail?
(Hotmail is world's #1 web based email program)
- A.** Sabeer Bhatia
- Q.** Who is the GM of Hewlett Packard?
- A.** Rajiv Gupta
- Q.** Who is the Testing Director of Windows 2000?
- A.** Sanjay Tejwrika
- Q.** Who is Editor-in-chief of Yahoo (runs world's foremost search engine)
- A.** Srinija Srinivasan
- Q.** Who are CEOs of the following well-known companies?

Cybercash
MCI Worldcom
PSINet
Motorola
Microstrategy
Equalfooting.com
Teligent, Inc
MindBank
U. S. Airways
CIENA Corp.
BioNetric
Net 2000 Communications
Computer Associates
SAIC
Startec
INOVA Health System
Cvent.com
Eglobe
Metrocall, Inc
DynCorp.
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The Carlyle Group
Cyveillance
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Intelsat
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Venture Fund, L.P.
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Igate Capital Corp.
Aspect Development Inc
Nemagic
Arzoo.com
Syntel
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Please find the answers yourself

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WebMethods
Lucent Technologies (Pioneer in Fiber Optics)
Proxicom
Network Solutions (The sole web domain assigner)
General Dynamics Corporation
Lazard Freres
Litton PRC
Columbia Capital
Primus Communications
Discovery Communications
Bell Atlantic
Cable & Wireless
The Motley Cool
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What did you find?

Do you find anything common between them? Yes they are all Indians. We are known as the Indian Mafia (or Internet Mafia?). We are the wealthiest among all ethnic groups in America, even faring better than the whites and the natives.

We are the success story here!

- Editor

NOBEL PRIZE

Nobel prizes are awarded to eminent scientists in the world for their outstanding contribution to the field of Science and Humanity. The Nobel prize, which is awarded every year for the best achievement in experimental science in different fields of science, was introduced in 1900 as per the will of Alfred Benhars Nobel, a great scientist and humanitarian of the XIXth century. Alfred Noble was a scientist and inventor and was also a dynamic industrialist. He was also interested in literature, his own poetry and dramatic works.

He bequeathed all his property for the benefit of those individuals who contribute significantly every year for the progress of science, peace and literature in the world.

Since 1901, the noble prizes are being presented to the laureates at ceremonies on the tenth of December, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death. In the will, Alfred Noble wrote:

"It is my express wish that in awarding the prize, no consideration be given to the Nationality of the candidates, but that the most worthy shall receive the prize, whether to be a Scandinavian or not".

The list of the first five countries that won Noble Prizes are

USA, Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia.

The only Asian countries that have Nobel laureates are Japan, Israel, India and Pakistan.

In the past 99 years of Noble Prize History, India has received only 6 noble prizes..

The Indian noble prize winners are

- Rabindranath Tagore (Literature)
- Sri. Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman (Physics)
- Mother Teresa (Peace)
- Har Govind Khorana (Medicine)
- Subramanyan Chandrashekar (Physics)
- Amrtiya Sen (Economics)

Mathematics, which is one of the purest sciences, is not included in the noble prize distribution system. Here is an interesting story beneath this fact: noble prize *Alfred Noble's wife eloped with a mathematician which made Alfred hate all the mathematicians and so mathematics is not included in the distribution.*

How Noble Laureates are selected?

The Noble foundation has a systematic step by step method to choose the Noble laureates. Some of the academicians in Sweden are entrusted with the responsibilities of managing and disbursing of funds in terms of prizes.

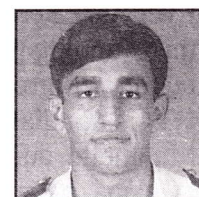
- Nominations are received from countries a year in advance, before the fifteenth of February for which the nomination is made.
- The nominations received by each committee are scrutinized and investigated with the help of expert in each of the subjects.
- The choice of laureates is announced in the month of October.
- A vote is taken for the final choice of laureates by the prize awarding committee.
- The prizes are awarded in the prize award ceremony held at City Hall in OSLO Norway on the tenth of December every year.

All the medals awarded before 1980 were made of 23K gold and today they are in form of plates of 23 K gold. The plate is 66 mm in diameter, 3.2 or 2.4 mm thick.

The weight of the medal varies upto 175 grams in amount / purity of gold.

In the recent years the prize amount won in Swedish Crowns::

Year	Amount in Crowns
1900	150,800
1920	134,000
1940	138,600
1960	226,000
1980	880,000
1990	4,000,000
1999	over 7,500,000



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ENZO'S FERRARI

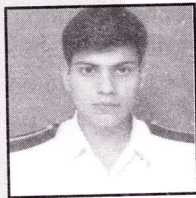
There is no name in motor sport that invokes as much passion; there are none where road cars are as consistently beautiful and mechanically complete as theirs, and all this brought about by the passion for the cars "fast cars" and business acumen of man.

Enzo Ferrari, when he died in 1988, was one of the best known men in the world, a superstar, this fame, which was greater than those of politicians, movie stars or pop idols, earning him the sobriquet 'pop of north' was created by his cars, after which everyone yearns but few can afford. It is not necessarily a question of taste or male chauvinism that excludes the female form from adorning Ferrari's car at motor shows, they really don't need it, its as simple as that. Crowds form to gawk at one parked by the curb, crowds surge against barriers at Motor shows trying to have just a glimpse perhaps of Maranello's finest.

Enzo Anselmo Ferrari, was born in 1898 in Modena, the son of a metal worker. One of his first jobs before the First world war was as the war his obsession with cars started whilst working in Milan with CMN (Costruzione Meccanica Nazionale). He competed in his first motor race soon after. In a few years time Enzo Ferrari was to join Alfa Romeo and was moderately successful Alfa-Romeo team cars were run under the Scuderia Ferrari banner from 1930 to 38 before World War II interrupted. After the war Ferrari moved to the village of Marranello just outside Modena, In 1946 Ferrari lined Gionchino Colombo and together they realized Enzo's dream, when the first V12 Ferrari racing car, drove in '47. The first road car; the 166', arrived in 1948 and it had a 2 litre V12 engine. Ever since Ferrari car's have been much sought after for this stunning performance, glamorous appearance and racing pedigree. Great cars as the "250 Berlinetta, 365 GT4, Mondial 8, Testarossa, Dive 740 '750, the 550 Maranello and the latest and awesome looking 360 Modena, have all rolled out of Maranello and onto the testing track at Fiorano next door before being handed out to their customer's worldwide.

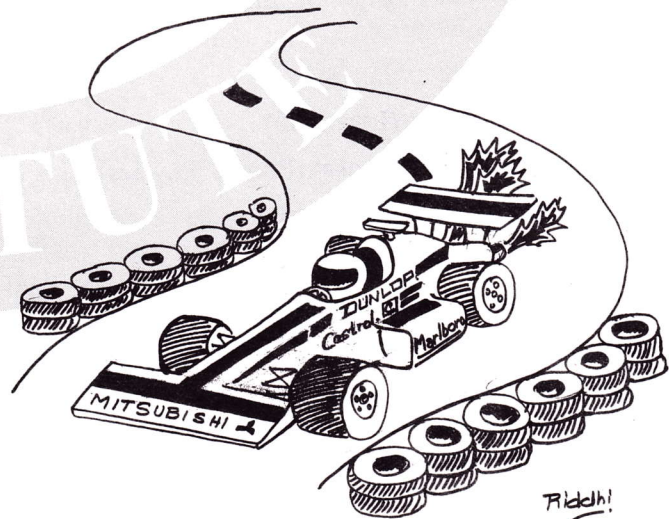
And then there's Ferrari's Formula One Connection'

Ferrari "is" Formula One. Each has never been without the other, and is unthinkable that the scarlet cars would ever leave. Ferrari represents the history of the sport and the passion of the sport. 50 years of racing, a list of names which is the envy of all in the sport, in any of its branches, and there are ghosts around Maranello that will never leave, forever lending their presence to the cause. Ascari, Gangalez, Fangio, Hawthorn, Van Trips, Phil Hill, Surtes, Bandini, Ickse, Landa, Reutemann, Regazzoni, Sheckter, Gilles Villencuve, Pisoni, Arnoux, Alborets, Berger, Mansell, Prost, Alesi, Michael Schumacher, and Enzo himself, Ferrari names all, names whispered and revered by a group of fans so distinct and dedicated, they have their own name the Tifosi.



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THE EVOLUTION OF THE NET

September 1969: A group of students in ULCA linked up a computer through a refrigerator sized router and connected it to another computer on Stanford University using telephone lines. A stream of electronic signals sent to Stanford proved that the computers were indeed connected. This was the first of connections of Military funded ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network).

October 1969: The first actual HELLO message sent.

December 1969: Four sites or nodes were connected ULCA, Ford Research Inst., UL Barbara and the University of Utah.

1971 The Birth of Email A simple program developed by Ray Tomilson of BBN that sent messages across distribution network. Further reworked in 1972 when the "@" sign was introduced.

1973 First international connections to ARPANET University college of London & Norway.

1974 The Design Transmission Contract Program (CTCP) was split into TCP/IP.

1984 Domain name system was introduced.

1986 Symbolics.com was assigned on March 15th to become the first registered domain. Others to join the

race were cmu.edu, mitr.org, and css.edu.

1986 NSFNET created with backbone speed of 56 kbps.

1991 NSFNET backbone upgraded to T3 (44.763 kbps)

1992 Number of hosts increased to more than 1 million.

1994 ARPANET / Number celebrates its 25th birthday e-shopping comes into being.

1996 Birth of Push Streaming Technologies.

1998 The portal emerges as a buzzword; e commerce develops further.

1999 First Internet Bank of Indiana, the first full service bank available only on the NET, opens for business.

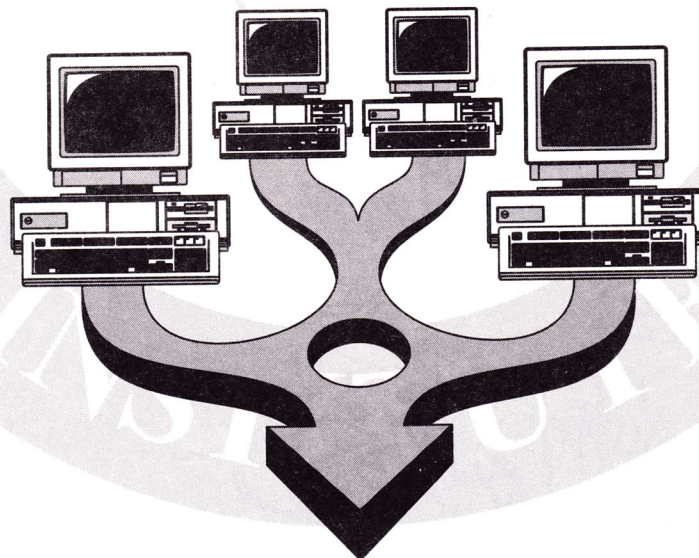
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The new millennium turns into a CYBERAGE.



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MARINE MOPS

Oil spills at sea threaten animals, plant life and other marine resources. Oil can also cause long term environmental and economic damages to the marine ecosystem.

However, there are several ways to fight oil spills at sea. The best method is to contain the oil, then physically recover it from the water. But mechanical removal of the oil isn't feasible if seas are too rough or if an oil slick is rapidly approaching a bird colony and there isn't sufficient time to mount a full scale clean up operation.

The natural action of ocean waves can break up oil slicks into small droplets especially if the seas are rough. But in cases where time is limited, chemical dispersants are used to quicken this natural break up of the oil. The rougher the seas, the better the chance the dispersants will work.

Chemical dispersants are usually applied by spray systems mounted on sea vessels or aircraft. They work on oil in much the same way that laundry soaps break down common oils and greases.

Dispersants are most effective on oils that flow readily, rather than on thicker oils like Bunker C. And since fresh crude oils become stickier the longer they are exposed to water, the decision on whether or not to use dispersants must be made quickly.

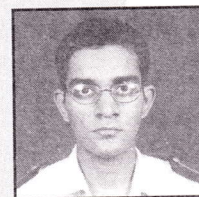
In making that decision, a number of factors must be

considered :The dispersal of oil slicks with chemicals may reduce harm to birds, damage to shorelines, fishing gear etc. But speeding up the transfer of oil into the water could also result in a mixture of oil and dispersant chemicals that will kill marine creatures or affect the taste of commercial fish species.

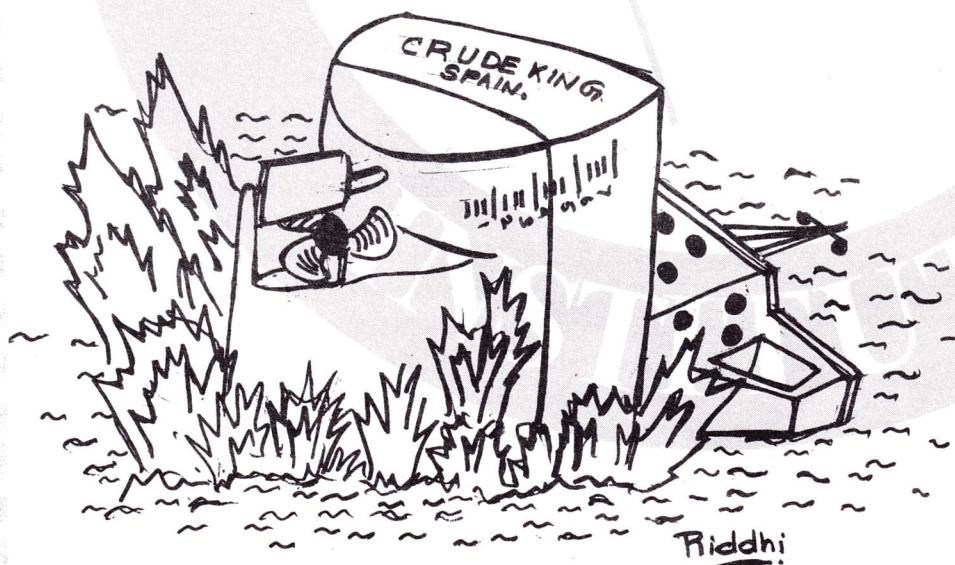
Chemically dispersed oils are difficult or rather impossible to recover with mechanical skimming devices. There are also safety considerations. Spills of volatile fluids such as fresh crude oil are potential fire or explosion hazards. Chemical dispersants may increase this risk because as they break up the oil they can increase the amount of explosive hydrocarbons in the atmosphere. Therefore dispersants should not be used near populated areas.

Dispersants should not be used near drinking water or industrial water supplies. As a result of which their use is generally prohibited in fresh water.

Marine pollution, like oil slicks is an issue, which needs to be tackled by the marine industry. Measures such as using dispersants need to be made more efficient .However, we in the marine field, need to do our best to prevent hazards, like oil spills, etc from occurring in the first place.



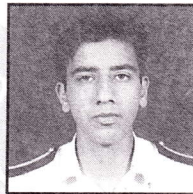
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POEMS

SAIL ON....

In the ocean of life,
There's so much to explore.
So much to adore,
Everyone's on a voyage,
Oh explorer! You sail on...
Many new things,
You are bound to discover.
Moments that you'll cherish,
For now and forever.
Everyone's on a voyage,
Oh explorer! You sail on...
This ocean is,
A never-ending mystery.
But one has to be a part of it,
Plan future, escort present.
And rest is history,
Everyone's on a voyage,
Oh explorer! You sail on...
Overcome the troubled weather,
And the sickness of sea.
A lot of answers,
You need to gather.
How adventurous life would be!
Everyone's on a voyage,
Oh explorer! You sail on...



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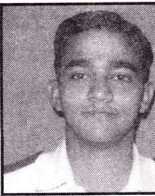
A Family

Where one's life is spent the most
From childhood to his end is close.
All his joys and all his sorrows
are spent together,
Thinking of his family's tomorrows.
Father, mother, brother, sister
help in forming the family picture
Together they lead into the future
Holding hands and supporting each other.
Parents work day & night
In order to make their child's future bright
But do the children really realize
How the parents pay the price.

Parent child securely argue
In order to reason out their views.
Quarrels often take a turn
and sudden uprisings are born
But this can be controlled
if both sides are calm.

For this reason a family should be strong,
And not let the quarrels break it down
For this is the only unit

where one is emotionally connected
And if this relationship is disrupted
No one can ever mend it.



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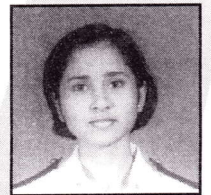


POEMS

A LADY MARINE ENGINEER ?

Titanic was the bait ,
and now.....
I 've played
into the hands of fate.
I knew nought ,
'bout the gamble and its stakes ,
when I walked through
the TMI gates.
I didn't suffer a long wait ,
(" The ship of dreams ? " ha!ha!ha!)
It started with a story ,
the Hollywood baked.
Think again ,if you think
we're talking a piece of cake.
Mom said ,
" Whatever you get into
do so in your wake ".
Dad said ,
" We're here every step of your way".
Sis said it point blank ,
" I do believe
you can walk the plank ".
Teachers said,
" You're welcome,
as long as you know it's not a picnic date ".
Then I realised ,
my dreams here had a nightmarish gait.
Still , I can do it ,to myself I said.
With time
I made some true friends and some fake
(It's been a men's dome for too long).
So , I strive hard
to stay on my feet and
make them understand ,
that I too am a fair fight

not some low brain lass.
That I too can deal with
the high brawn tasks.
Alas ! some still say,
" Girls don't have,
what it takes ".
Good God, guys!
Give me a break.
Look around you ,
things have changed.
Broaden your minds ,
it's past stone age.
Look how large is the ocean ,
come out of the lake.
There is little of the field
that you can and I cannot rake.
I represent strength
and not the weak.
It's a lot of toil
but I'm ready for uptake.
I'm the pride of my nation,
a lady marine engineer
on the make.



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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SHOE

My name is Lotus Bawa
 And was bought from the island of Java.
 My owner is on sail;
 Merry drinking wine and ale.
 And when he's back,
 I'm removed from the rack.
 I'm wrapped in a blanket of dust;
 And my masler looks at me with disgust.
 Gone are the days when one foot-tap
 Would send the sandals in a trap.
 My sporty cousin,
 Is in a good state.
 He loves running,
 Resting in the rack he does hate.
 Even though he was bought late,
 For the master he never had to wait.
 My cousin from the states,
 Has a very different fate.
 He's cleaned round the clock.
 Because he is a 'Reebok'.



Lotus bawa



La'bella

There's an amusing story,
 Behind my brother 'Reebok'.
 Trekking-Lore forced my owner,
 To once climb a massive rock.
 He climbed the target,
 But only with a lonely sock.
 Blisters spoilt the entire party.
 Dear! He could now barely walk.
 The very next day,
 There came a sailing knock.
 It was them that he purchased him,
 When he reported at the US. dock.

But I have seen a better time,
 when I was in my prime.
 I had that rich, glossy shine
 And the ladies were all mine.

I remember it was 'like' first,
 As they say "Sick of love-Thirst".
 She pledged loyalty, and wanted me 'JUST DO IT'

But I was cautious,
 And asked her to first
 prove it.

That she obviously
 could not.

And as she quickly
 wanted to 'tie-a knot'
 She married my stout friend 'Bata',
 And I bid them farewell and said 'Tata'

Next was the glorious La'bella
 Who reminded me of Dicken's Estella.
 Charming, gorgeous, flamboyant, aristocratic &
 tall;

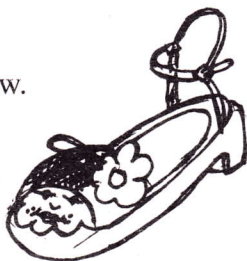
She was the prettiest of them all,
 Together a few days did we spend,
 But I must tell you the end.

Out of me she made an ass,
 When she 'laced up' with 'Adidas'.

But the rest was still due,
 And this happens with very few.
 As in naturally I grew;
 I found the love that was true.
 Florina was her name,
 And we both felt the same.



Nike and Lotus bawa



FLORINA

POEMS

Oh! I loved her so,
How much? You'll never know.

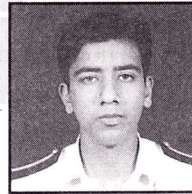
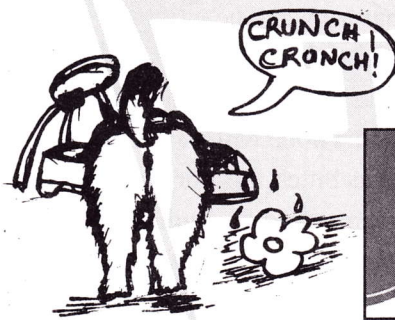
But this affair was to drastically end'
which is still tough to apprehend.
An unwanted shoe named Force 10;
Held my darling tight.
Gave her a derogatory shoe-bite;
And stripped her of silken laces bright.
She approached the pet dog,
To narrate her plight
But he tore her,
With all his might
She was soon out of
sight!
Before having been torn
to shreds,
She did put up a brave
fight.
Agony was apparent in
her open mouth,
As she was in immense
fright.
So much of leather shed
in the kennel,
Oh my! What a 'leathery' night.

I can't remember if I cried
When I lay beside her still side.
Something touched me deep inside,
The day Florina died.

A part of history,
Now are all my love- tales.

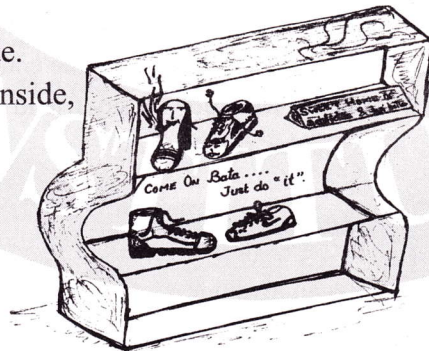
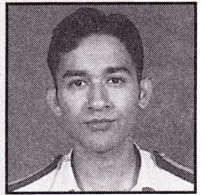
The only life-inducing tonics,
Are strongly hammered nails.
A new branded sole helps,
When an old one fails.
A shoe's last few love tales;
Depends on from where he hails.
In every walk of life
A shoe always trails.

As do noble cobblers say,
A little hit of shoe- polish,
Keeps us happy and gay.
Topping around the female footwear,
Makes our day.
Beware Hawaii *chappals* & floaters
We are here to stay!

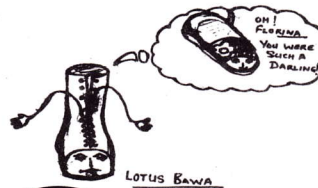


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AND THE STORY
GOES ON !!



POEMS

"WHAT IS LIFE"?

I just want to know
What is life?
And please tell me why there is sadness in life?
If I don't tell you, it won't be fair,
Because, you and me,
We both love and care!
What I believe is
'Tom' sunshine will come by,(let's stay firm on what
we decide,)
Though life's touch don't hide!
We know from within we're strong,
And that we won't be wrong!
Though life may demand what we lack,
Just remember and fight back!
Nobody is ours none will wait for us,
Though this bitter, it is very true,
Don't get attached to anything,
Cause when snatched, sadness will it bring
In life don't fall prey to anger and hate,
Whatever happens is written in our fate!
If any body has paid attention
To what we have expressed
Today there is nobody to hear
What we say!
In the end, life is not easy my 'friend'
People are less happy and that is not the end
This is what is life what do you say friend
Is this right?



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HOW SAFE IS YOUR EMAIL?

Here's a fact. There are more than a billion users of the Internet today. There are even more which have e-mail addresses.

Question: How safe is your email?

Well...if you think that just by having a password and an account with a well-known mail service, you're as safe as a bug in a rug...well, think about this... as a bug can get caught...so can you.

Consider this, you log on, type a letter and send it... across the internet (considered to be one of the riskiest places in the world today) and think that there is no one monitoring your mail... Wrong again. Your mail is so carelessly sent that access to it is very easy to obtain.. That's right! Gulp right down buddy, for this is the absolute truth, If you can send an unprotected letter, say even a "top-secret" document into a place which is more dangerous than a red light area or a ghetto, I swear to you my friend it is like walking through a gang war in full swing.

Anyway, look on the bright side...there are million users like you who send mail every minute and the possibility of your mail being accessed by unauthorized personnel is well...One in a million. So, In a way, you are safe. But hang on in there; you still might get unsolicited mail or junk mail or spam mail (as the people call it). That is also very dangerous, for then you know you have been ...well...targeted!

Question: Is there any way out of this?

Well, the question is simple and fortunately for you, there are various and simple ways to protect your mail. Read on, may be you'll find your choice.

1. If you're surfing from a Net cafe, the mail service providers include the option of setting up a more secure working area. Refer to the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page, you'll definitely find your answer. And remember to check this option whenever you surf.

2. Always, and frequently change your password, that way

you can be a little safer.

3. If you ever receive mail from an unknown sender be careful with the mail 'coz it could be a tracking bug or even a virus. The Trojan virus is said to spread in this way. This virus can erase your whole hard drive.

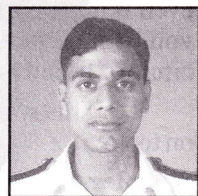
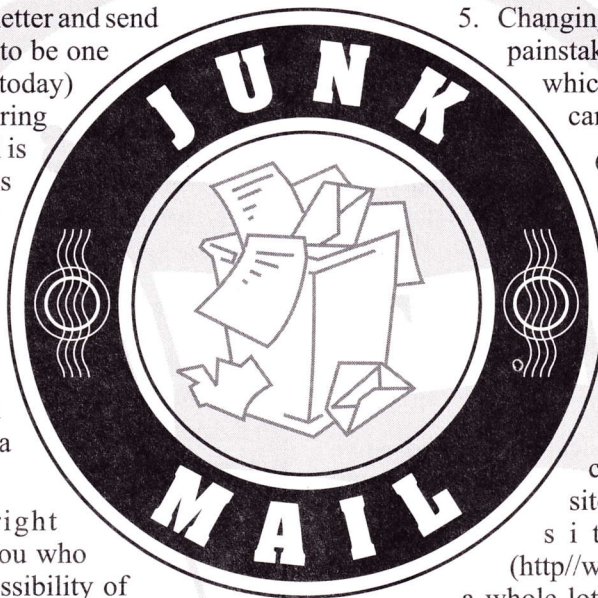
4. Delete all read mail and ,incase, you get too much of junk mail- I'm sorry!, but you may have to change your address or perhaps even change the MSP.

5. Changing your address may be a little painstaking but if you notify everybody, which generally takes a week or two, you can be as safe as ever.

6. The best way is to encode your mail using something called a Digital -ID. This ID will enable more secure and much safer transactions as digital codes are very difficult to crack and ,as the general principal goes, the longer, the better.

7. Digital - ID's are available free of cost or for a trial period from various sites- An example being-"And the best site is verisign (<http://www.verisign.com>)", which provides a whole lot of options along with encoding of

mail.



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ADVICE

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There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence...

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The day passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You've done well son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same.

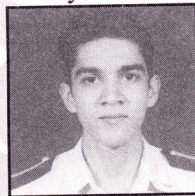
When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry.

A verbal wound is as a physical one. Friends are a very rare jewels indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend a ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND, even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of friends.

This was sent to me by a friend, and is now passed on to you.

And please forgive me if I have ever left a hole in your fence.



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A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$ 20 bill in the room of two hundred, he asked, " Who would like this \$ 20 bill? "

Hands started going up. He said, " I am going to give this \$ 20 to one of you but let me first do this. "

He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He than asked, " Who still wants it? " Still hands were up in the air.

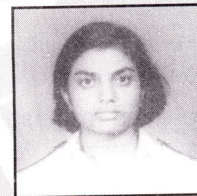
" Well ", he replied, " What if I do this? " And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it in to the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty.

" Now who still wants it? " Still hands went in to the air.

" My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$ 20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground in to the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless.

But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special- Don't ever forget it!

" Never let yesterday's disappointments over shadow tomorrow's dreams. "



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FRIENDS ON THE ROAD

Why do friendships come and go? How does a once-bosom buddy wind up erased from your address book? Is the friendship that fades away necessarily a bad thing?

My first inkling that some friendships are meant to be, came in the spring of my 12th std. My friendships then had been intense. We had bonded instantly and tightly with each other. We had conversations about every thing from the meaning of life to 'what shall we do today?' Once I came across a line, which seemed to express perfectly, my critical situation. It read "God, he wished he could ride for ever with those men...but it could not be. Trails end, and companions of men fall apart".

Of course! Some friendships are meant to be transitory. Like cowboys, who had ridden together for miles, sharing dusty perils and round the campfire coffee, my college friend and I had come to a natural end of our path together. It was time to move on.

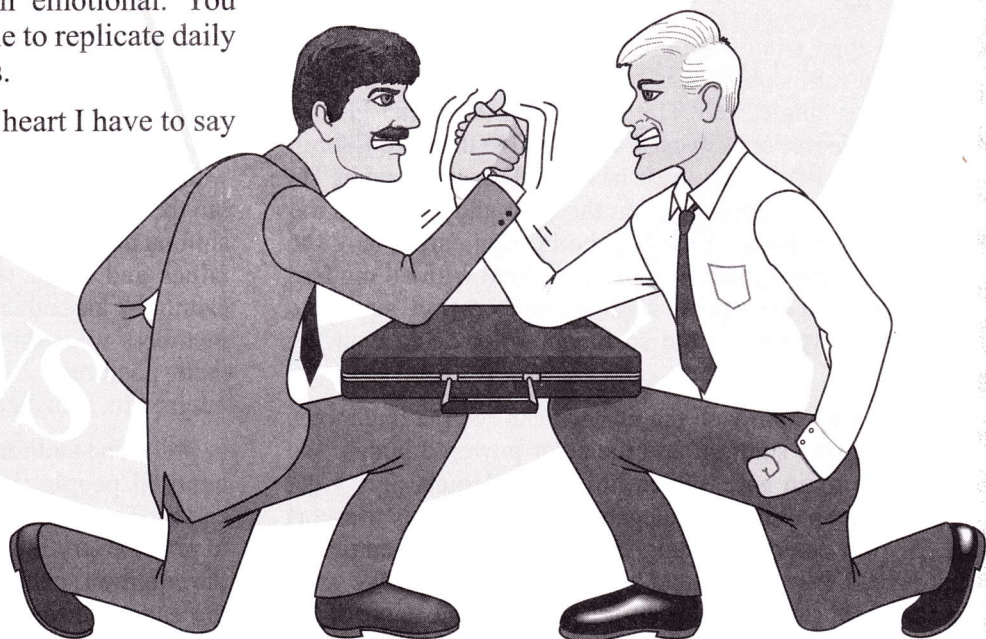
Absurdly obvious, the idea was never the less enormously comforting. It had once seemed like failure to me to build a friendship only to have it squelched by sudden distance either physical on emotional. You move across the country and struggle to replicate daily long walks with phone calls or letters.

But some how with a heavy heart I have to say

that's the way of life, that addition to our friends of the heart, the traditional, everlasting ideal-life is rich with the friends of the road who are with you for a particular stretch and no further. These brief friendships are equally intense, equally necessary, equally worth treasuring as any other and for the duration of that ride you can't survive without them.



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A VISIT TO TALEGAON - 2040

"Please fasten your seat belts, we will be landing at Pune Airport within five minutes". I fasten my seat belt and am ready to touch down in Pune. My plane lands safely and my guards guide me to the gate where two smart cadets salute me and invite me to the 'Tolani Maritime Institute'. I hear the Tolani Band playing in my honour as the *Principal* and the Director wish me. I am impressed. The two cadets escort me to my car. I feel that cadets march better than my own officers do. The Benz sporting the logo of "TMI" arrives in which I sit back and relax. The Director sits beside me. While my car is cruising through the express highway I come across the board reading 'Tolanigaon Ahead'. Time has changed Talegaon to Tolanigaon.

A huge gate marks the entrance of the 'Tolani Maritime Institute'. The moment my car enters the campus I find cadets lined up to honour me. I wish I had been as smart as they are. Various signboards read "Welcome to the Green zone", "We are a Plastic free and Pollution free zone"...etc. On my port side as what the director had promised, I see a huge lake, wonderful plantations done all around the lake and the silvery water gives it a Heavenly look. The car takes a right turn where I get down to see the huge administrative building of the 'Tolani Maritime Institute'. Two smartly dressed cadets then escort me to the building. I am thoroughly impressed by the cadets who stand there to welcome me.

I then enter the building. It is fully carpeted with teak wood furnishings. It is brilliantly illuminated but you cannot see a single bulb. The fountain in the center gives a soothing effect to one's eyes. We proceed to the third floor in a transparent lift, which leads us to the Director's cabin. He uses his remote control to open the door and switch on the lights. The British sofa set and the Persian carpet give the cabin a rich, royal look. The room is fitted with all modern equipment and we spend some time there but since the cadets have impressed me so much, I decide to visit the hostel.

As we approach the hostel I can see the huge trees which filter the sunlight and the solar powered lamps. We stop at the main gate, which holds a welcome sign. I get down and am happy to see elegant lady cadets ready to escort me. We now enter the hostel. As we reach the main entrance, boards read 'Port Tolani' and 'Starboard Morarjee'. We go to the starboard side. Marble carvings spell out the name of the

houses. A long corridor with wooden doors carries the nameplates of the cadets. I wish to see one of the cabins so an assistant takes out a smart card and opens the door. Automatically the lights and the fan are switched on. "This is what I call a perfect study room", I think to myself. The cabin has two well made beds, reclining chairs, two study tables, two computers, cupboards, foldable drawing tables, exhaust fans, night lamps, door mats, speakers and intercoms. Well such smart cadets deserve all this. Then the escalator, lead us to the first floor. This floor has a massive dining space. It seems like a buffet hall of some five star hotel! There is a reception counter with hot cases. Magnificent paintings and records of honour have been put up on the walls. The smart card machines are there to register the name of every cadet. The plants in the hall blend in perfectly with the embroidered curtains to cover the windows. There are separate tables marked for guests, faculty members and teachers. Even a digital Dolby System has been installed in the hall.

We now proceed to the Exhibition Hall. The hall gives me a clear view of what the cadets have been doing throughout their training. I can see various ship models, workshop jobs that they have completed, pumps and engines that the cadets have designed and prepared, electrical and electronic gadgets, mechanical devices etc. This is the treasure, which has come up by hard work, dedication and discipline. Then I am escorted for the 'Guard of Honour'.

The moment I step into the Parade ground a 'Savdhan' leads all the cadets to stand absolutely erect. I am led to the dias where a cadet bearing stars on his shoulders salutes me and reports to me on behalf of the cadets. As I walk along the houses, the house leaders report to me telling me the name of their respective houses. Erect cadets, white shining uniforms, gleaming shoes, smart caps, shining name tallies and collar tags, urge me to believe that there just cannot be any other squad better than this one. The faculty members wear the naval uniforms with stripes indicating their positions. These are the roots of this impressive outgrowth. I am then led to the auditorium.

The auditorium is big enough to accommodate five hundred people. I congratulate the management and the cadets. The air-conditioned red carpeted auditorium tells me to praise everything I have seen so far. Then we go through the common space, which provides the latest information to the cadets, through magazines, articles, daily newspaper

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"Please fasten your seat belts, we will be landing at Pune Airport within five minutes". I fasten my seat belt and am ready to touch down in Pune. My plane lands safely and my guards guide me to the gate where two smart cadets salute me and invite me to the 'Tolani Maritime Institute'. I hear the Tolani Band playing in my honour as the Principal and the Director wish me. I am impressed. The two cadets escort me to my car. I feel that cadets march better than my own officers do. The Benz sporting the logo of "TMI" arrives in which I sit back and relax. The Director sits beside me. While my car is cruising through the express highway I come across the board reading 'Tolanigaon Ahead'. Time has changed Talegaon to Tolanigaon.

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I then enter the building. It is fully carpeted with teak wood furnishings. It is brilliantly illuminated but you cannot see a single bulb. The fountain in the center gives a soothing effect to one's eyes. We proceed to the third floor in a transparent lift, which leads us to the Director's cabin. He uses his remote control to open the door and switch on the lights. The British sofa set and the Persian carpet give the cabin a rich, royal look. The room is fitted with all modern equipment and we spend some time there but since the cadets have impressed me so much, I decide to visit the hostel.

As we approach the hostel I can see the huge trees which filter the sunlight and the solar powered lamps. We stop at the main gate, which holds a welcome sign. I get down and am happy to see elegant lady cadets ready to escort me. We now enter the hostel. As we reach the main entrance, boards read 'Port Tolani' and 'Starboard Morarjee'. We go to the starboard side. Marble carvings spell out the name of the

houses. A long corridor with wooden doors carries the nameplates of the cadets. I wish to see one of the cabins so an assistant takes out a smart card and opens the door. Automatically the lights and the fan are switched on. "This is what I call a perfect study room", I think to myself. The cabin has two well made beds, reclining chairs, two study tables, two computers, cupboards, foldable drawing tables, exhaust fans, night lamps, door mats, speakers and intercoms. Well such smart cadets deserve all this. Then the escalator, lead us to the first floor. This floor has a massive dining space. It seems like a buffet hall of some five star hotel! There is a reception counter with hot cases. Magnificent paintings and records of honour have been put up on the walls. The smart card machines are there to register the name of every cadet. The plants in the hall blend in perfectly with the embroidered curtains to cover the windows. There are separate tables marked for guests, faculty members and teachers. Even a digital Dolby System has been installed in the hall.

We now proceed to the Exhibition Hall. The hall gives me a clear view of what the cadets have been doing throughout their training. I can see various ship models, workshop jobs that they have completed, pumps and engines that the cadets have designed and prepared, electrical and electronic gadgets, mechanical devices etc. This is the treasure, which has come up by hard work, dedication and discipline. Then I am escorted for the 'Guard of Honour'.

The moment I step into the Parade ground a 'Savdhan' leads all the cadets to stand absolutely erect. I am led to the dias where a cadet bearing stars on his shoulders salutes me and reports to me on behalf of the cadets. As I walk along the houses, the house leaders report to me telling me the name of their respective houses. Erect cadets, white shining uniforms, gleaming shoes, smart caps, shining name tallies and collar tags, urge me to believe that there just cannot be any other squad better than this one. The faculty members wear the naval uniforms with stripes indicating their positions. These are the roots of this impressive outgrowth. I am then led to the auditorium.

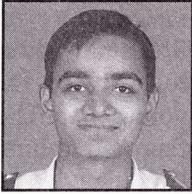
The auditorium is big enough to accommodate five hundred people. I congratulate the management and the cadets. The air-conditioned red carpeted auditorium tells me to praise everything I have seen so far. Then we go through the common space, which provides the latest information to the cadets, through magazines, articles, daily newspaper

and even the Lloyds list! Sport is also not left behind. Here each house has a table tennis table, a swimming pool large enough to put the Olympic competitions to shame, football ground, hockey ground, athletic tracks, squash courts, basket-ball courts, volley-ball courts, badminton courts, pool and billiards tables and a whole lot more to get a sportsman out of the budding marine engineers.

As the director had rightly said, that "The heart of the institute is 'The Workshop' ", it is bigger than any industry's layout. It has all the equipment to make a world-class engineer of the cadets. It contains the boilers, turbines, lathe machines, vices, welding and blacksmithy departments, generators, refrigerators, compressors, sewage treatment plant and the incinerator. This unit is what makes the Tolani Maritime Institute a true green zone. I can also see where the cadets are further trained for fire fighting, emergency conditions and various other modular courses.

I feel that the cadets who pass out from this institute are real world class engineers where they have an excellent hold on their profession, along with which they are very well disciplined, behaved and exemplary cadets. I, the President

of India, on my visit to the 'Tolani Maritime Institute' have learnt that Indians are going to rule the Marine world one day. Thanks, to Dr. N.P. Tolani who has put in everything to bring this institute to its peak. I salute Dr. N.P. Tolani and all the cadets.



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Dream Under Construction

Look to your left, its green,
Look to your right, the hillocks to which I have
never been!
Distant sight, Ah! Mystic hills!
Clouds of smoke, is it because of rails?
Really sad, 'cause we miss the daffodils, No noise;
Surroundings calm and full of poise,
Running smooth and Grey, is the road,
Flanked by farmers' land, very very broad,
How should I describe? Falling short of words;
Impressively guided by hills, bring us the
highway,
Lonawala and Khandala a little down the way,
Oh yes, the training of mariners is on!
That's our dream place Talegaon!

Debasis Pradhan
Syme

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Bhubaneswar .

Why Is A Ship Called SHE?

A ship is always called 'She' because there is always a great deal of bustle around her: there is usually a gang of men about, she has a waist and stays; it takes a lot of paint to keep her good looking; it is not the initial expense that breaks you, it is the upkeep; she can be all decked out; it takes an experienced man to handle her correctly; and without a man at the helm she is absolutely uncontrollable. She shows her topside, hides her bottom and when coming into port, always heads for the buoys.

-----Editor

'LET GO'

MY LUCKY BIRD had just picked up the pilot and Cadet R. Kumar had returned from changing the 'G' flag (stands for I need a pilot) to the 'H' flag (stands for I have a pilot). Cadet R. Kumar was on his first trip, so he was having problems to roll up the 'G' flag. The captain saw this, so he came to aid the young chap. The captain coming to the last part of rolling the flag said to him 'let go'. The lad was finding the command hard to understand. So the captain repeated the command in a loud and firm tone.

At this instant the Chief Officer appeared from the Chart Room, where he had been plotting the vessels progress, and thinking that it was the anchors being referred to repeated the 'let go' command to the Third Mate on the Forecastle..

The port anchor having been cleared was promptly let go. The effect letting the anchor drop from the pipe while the vessel was proceeding at full harbour speed proved too much for the 'windlass brake' and the entire length of the port cable was pulled out' by the roots.'

The braking effect of the port anchor naturally caused the vessel to steer in that direction right towards the swing bridge that spans a tributary to the river in which MY LUCKY BIRD was proceeding.

The swing bridge operator, seeing the ship coming, showed great presence of mind in opening the bridge for the vessel; unfortunately he did not close the vehicular traffic. The result was that the bridge being partly opened and deposited a Volkswagen, two cyclists and a cattle truck full of pigs on the fore deck. In this time, the Third Mate in order to stop the vessel dropped the starboard anchor too. It was too late to be practical and the anchor fell into the swing bridge operators' cabin.

By this time the captain rang double "Full Astern" on the telegraph and the Engine Room to order maximum reverse revolutions. The captain in answer to his call was told that water temperature was 22° C.

The sudden activities in the forward part also had its effects on the aft.

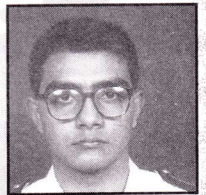
The sudden braking effect caused a tug on the aft, which was taking the towing ropes from the ship, to run under and at the same moment the propeller answered to the full astern ring.

The second Mate who was in charge of lowering the towing rope, acted promptly and rescued the inboard end of the towing rope thus helping in the safe abandoning of that

vessel.

As the port anchor went down, their ship was passing over a cable area at the time. So the anchor dug up the cables from the river bed.

At this moment of minor crisis the pilot of the ship huddled in one corner of the cabin alternately, started crooning to himself and crying after having a bottle of gin in very little time. The Tug Master on the other hand got violent and was restrained by the steward. By this time the 3rd Mate abandoned the forecandle. The Chief Officer came to the Captain to inform that a Section of the National Guards had sealed off the bridge and had placed two Sherman tanks on two sides of the bridge. There also a company of Guardsmen were digging in and also erecting assault ladders to board the vessel. On the other side the Coast Guard were trying to board the ship from the port side. Events, which followed, are beyond scope of explaining. All this for the command 'let go.'



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DAYS TO REMEMBER



*Inauguration of the TMI campus
at Induri (8 th April 2001)*



*Presentation of ISO - 9002
Certificate to the institute*



*Independence day
(15 August 2000)*



*Visit of the then D.G. Shipping
(Mr. Pinto)*

THE 110 ACRE CAMPUS

*The south & west wings -
the 500 + room hostel*



*The posh residential
staff complex*

*A birds eye view of - the mock ship
the workshop, the six cooling reservoirs
and the surrounding countryside*



*The east block and the
fire fighting mockup*

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

"My college going brother used to touch me sexually, in the night, always when I least expected it. My body used to respond."

An excerpt from the recently released book "The house I grew up in dealing with the nightmares of 5 childhood survivors.

Human relationships their intricacies always resist being hammered into stereotypes. There are no conventional abuses, no hackneyed victims in homes riddled with secrets of incautious abuse. These terrible betrayals of love and trust happen in families like ours. And such instances are not uncommon in our well-knit Indian homes".

In 1998, a survey revealed that 40% of 600 women respondents between ages 18 to 35 claim they had been sexually abused by at least one member within their family. These abusive experiences in childhood leave an indelible imprint in their minds, even in adulthood. But for many, they sought out sex, in a desperate attempt to be loved, to seek a sense of self or to regain lost powers.

Such instances open up Grey areas that need to be renewed. Male survivors of incest are also not myths, and it is not only a girl child who is vulnerable to such abuse.

But such cases are hardly reported as it is perceived as unmacho, leads to self-doubts regarding their sexuality or if the perpetrator is a woman, then it makes them look like a weakling. These instances provide a disquieting glimpse into a harsh reality and if not dealt with at the roots, emerges in the adult life in the form of symptoms which seem to have no ostensible link with the occurrence. This is only half the cure, but reports of such harrowing experiences will benefit women everywhere, those who have opted for recovery and those who think perhaps there is no way out.

All in all, it is a write - up to make people aware of all such which are prevalent in both urban and rural areas in ordinary and affluent women.



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REASONS NOT TO MARRY.....

Bachelors should be heavily taxed.

It is not fair that some men should be happier than others.

Bachelors know more about women, than married men, if they didn't, they' d be married too

Oscar Wilde
H.L.Mencken

A man is incomplete until he is married, After that he is finished

Zsa Zsa Gabor.

I don't worry about terrorism, I was married for two years.

Sam Kinison

If you are afraid of loneliness, Don't marry..

Chekov

Its not true that married men live longer, than single men, It only seems longer

anonymous

Cdt. Gaurav Jain
T.Y.M.E.

OPEN SPACE

The dawn of 17th October 2008 , saw a very crowded Times-square . Reporters from near and far , policemen and rescue workers working profusely to save the lives of those who had been a victim to what seemed a peculiar sort of alien invasion.

The indentations on the victim's neck showed a small star symbol, a sort of symbol that you would imagine if you were an avid reader of B- grade horror novels. But , this was real and no one knew what it meant .

The US govt. (which seemingly has unending funds) pumped about one million dollars into the investigation of an accident which in all other aspects seemed to be normal , but leave the star symbol. The US media which was usually over worked and over powered sprang into action praising its govt. actions, and reasoning that it was the constant search for the truth that made the United states the success story of the entire world . (yes , remind them of Mr. Clinton , they say there is an exception to every rule).

The British Prime minister Toni Blair , who so very happily (and politically) took paternal vocation , continued this trend , and extended his vacation further by a month , saying he had to protect the privacy of the new born Blair member from the prime eyes of the media or from an unearthly figure with four hands who resides a million light years away Britons reason that when is work done in parliament in any case.

The Fijian rebels were happy after all as in these alien invaders , they saw the same brutality, dominance and selfishness that they saw in George Speight . They reason that it won't be difficult to adjust to an alien rule, after all we have for years been alien to our country's policies and decisions.

Our friendly neighbours , the SriLankans too are not very concerned . They argue that having been luted in and attacked by the LTTE for years , they ready for any form of such invasions .

Which brings us to the largest democracy, India. The students of India were really excited and were contemplating putting welcome signs, after all they reasoned for decades the

education boards has made us study stuff a million light years behind !Now let us embrace something million light years ahead . They shall compensate for the lost time . Delhi seems to be the most exciting place with the political heavy weights trying to figure out how to woo them for every vote counts .

There is suddenly an increase in the number of Indian models who want to compete for competitions like Ms. Universe . They reason For the first time they can actually wed some one from another universe and become Mrs. Universe (marriage after all is an essential part of Indian life).The cricketers are happy (but mostly unaffected) , the way they play on foreign pitches is as though they are playing on another planet . TV stars , social workers all want to be a part of the glamour and want some(even more) attention .

What about Pakistan ?? Hmmm...who do you think carried out the invasion in the very first place ???.....

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**NBA or TBA ?
(TOLANI BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION)**



**Physically yours - a physical
training session**

**Soaring new heights -
The cadets sweat it out at the volleyball court**



**Quiet please ladies & Gentlemen -
a game of fast paced tennis**



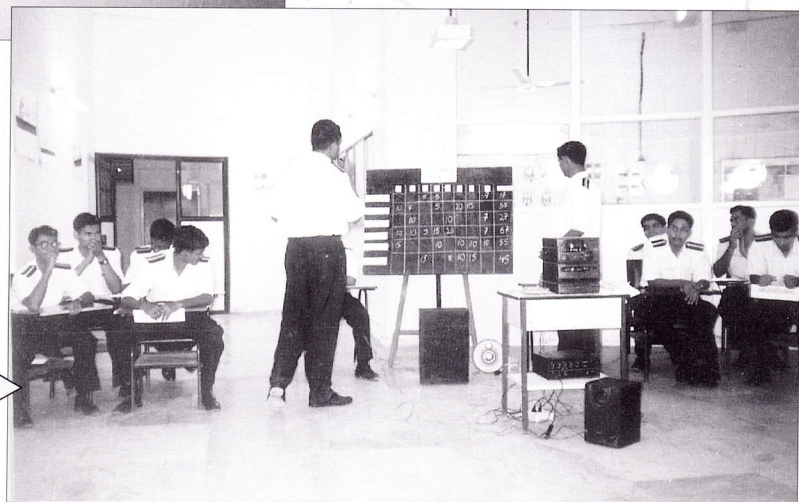
Profound insanity and gang -impressing the croud at the inauguration

The extremely talented dramatics club of T.M.I.



The T.M.I. band - (toilet seat & gang)

Q - RIOSITY - The annual Inter - House quiz contest



TICKLERS

A local newspaper had a humor page with following matrimonial published in it.

Doctor

Recently a love bug injected in me strange bacteria, making me desirous of marriage I am looking for a girl who is patient and has knowledge of all pills and ills is religious minded and keeps away from all sins be it Anacin, metasin or crocin. I promise to be a good doctor with no side effects.

Lawyer

I hereby beg to solicit myself as an eligible candidate for the post of husband after marriage. The person who I'm, looking for should be strictly a girl. The girl should be strictly a girl. The girl should be willing to surrender to the service and jurisdiction of my lord, that is, myself. Any objection would be overruled, and will not be sustained. Apply in confidence and if you have the confidence.

Beggar

Allah ke naam pe koi ek biwi de de. Doosre ki nahin to apni hi de de. Allah tujhe ek ke badle do dega. Hillary hogi to Monica bhi dega.

Banker

Wanted wife who takes interest in me and credits me with her service.

Shaayer

Badi muddat ke baad ek aarzo jaagi hai, ki hum bhi shaadi shuda ho jaayen. Kya vajah shaadi karne ki jo kahde sahi-sahi, to yaaron ab khud se kaam ghar ka hota nahin.

Bewdaa

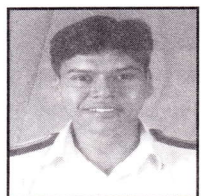
Wanted a girl. Girls' father should preferably have a soda factory and an occasional alcoholic who drinks only when friends come home. Friends come home only 7 times a week. Girl preferred will carry me from bar to *ghar-bar*. Meet personally or send soda for trial. Sample should be ample.

Car- Mechanic

Wanted a sturdy wife. Should be in working condition. Should be above average and must run the household at a good average. Dent won't be tolerated, especially in the headgear.

Pessimist

Why do marriage and mirage rhyme? Because both of them are misleading.



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प्रेम

आज वर्तमान समय में अगर हम स्वयं को देखें तो पायेंगे की हर कहीं प्रेम का मुल्य घट रहा है, और समाज की भावना लोप होती जा रही है। आज इस प्रेम की जगह ईर्ष्या और स्वार्थ ने ले ली है। आज हर व्यक्ति सिर्फ अपने स्वार्थ तक ही सीमित रह गया है, दूसरों से तो जैसे कोई मतलब ही नहीं रह गया है। आज इसी ईर्ष्या के कारण लोगों के बीच की दूरीयाँ बढ़ गयी है। इस ईर्ष्या स्वार्थ के चलते समाज में जातिवाद, परिवारवाद, क्षेत्रवाद की भावना पनप रही है, जिसका दुष्परिणाम हम अलगाववाद के रूप में सामने देख रहे हैं। आज तो जैसे किसी के पास किसी के लिए समय ही नहीं रह गया है। समाज में इसी प्रेम के अभाव के कारण हर इन्सान दूसरे इन्सान से ईर्ष्या और द्वेष रखता है।

अतः समाज में, परिवार में, देश में खुशहाली लाने हेतु यह जरूरी है कि हम प्रेम की भावना को अपने दिलों में जागृत करें।

यह प्रेम ही है जो हमें एक दूसरे के साथ सामानजस्यपूर्ण जीने की कला सिखाता है। इस प्रेम को हर युग में सर्वोच्चता प्रदान हुयी है। हर अच्छे सम्बन्धों का आधार यह प्रेम ही है। यह प्रेम ही है जो एक इन्सान को इन्सान बनाये रखता है और इस प्रेम की भावना से ही इन्सान के अंदर दया, सहयोग, विश्वास, भाईचारा, एकता की भावनाओं का जन्म होता है और अंततः वह सबकी भलाई सोचता है।

प्रेम के अभाव में हमारा नैतिक, चारित्रीक एवं सामाजिक पतन, बड़ी तेजी

से होता है। अतः समाज में परिवार में और देश में समरस्तापूर्ण वातावरण कायम रखने तथा पारिवारिक एवं सामाजिक वातावरण को खुशहाल बनाए रखने के लिये यह आवश्यक है कि हम प्रेम की महत्ता को समझें और अपने दिलों में प्रेम की भावना को जागृत करें तथा साथ मिलकर प्रेम के द्वारा ही हम मानवता का संदेश लोगों के दे सकेंगे और हर व्यक्ति की बुराईयाँ को दूर कर उसे एक अच्छा इन्सान बनाने में उसका सहयोग कर पायेंगे।

अंततः इन्सान की बुराईयाँ दूर होने से परिवार सुधरेगा, परिवार से समाज सुधरेगा और परिणाम एक खुशहाल देश के रूप में सामने आयेगा, जो प्रेम का प्रतीक होगा।



रोहित अग्रवाल

पूर्व छात्र एन. ई. रेलवेसीनियर सेकेन्ड्री स्कूल, गोरखपुर।
तृतीय वर्ष



बदलता इन्सान

हिन्दुस्तान के लिए विधाता का यह निर्णय हो चुका था कि उसकी भूमि मनुष्यों की विभिन्न जातियों, विभिन्न सभ्यताओं तथा विभिन्न धर्मों के काफिलों की मंजिल बने। अभी इतिहास का सूरज भी न निकला था कि इन काफिलों का आना आरंभ हो गया और फिर एक के बाद एक यह सिलसिला जारी रहा। इसकी महान भूमि सबका स्वागत करती रही और इसकी दयालु गोद ने सब के लिए जगह निकाली।

यह संसार विभिन्न जातियों तथा सभ्यताओं की धाराओं का मिलन था। यह गंगा तथा जमुना के धाराओं की तरह भलेही अलग बहते रहें, लेकिन जैसा कि प्रकृति का अटल सिद्धांत है, दोनों को एक संगम में मिल जाना पड़ता है।

हमारी भाषाएँ, हमारी कविता, हमारा साहित्य, हमारा समाज, हमारा स्वभाव, हमारे वस्त्र, हमारे रीति-रिवाज, हमारे दिन प्रति दिन के असंख्य तथ्य, कोई क्षेत्र भी ऐसा नहीं था जिस पर इस मिले-जुले जीवन की छाप न हो। हमारी बोलियाँ भिन्न-भिन्न थीं मगर हम एक ही भाषा बोलने लगे। हमारे रीति-रिवाज एक दूसरे से भिन्न थे, मगर हमने मिल-जुल कर एक नया सांचा पैदा कर दिया।

जब हमारा देश गुलाम था, तब कितने ही लोगों ने अपनी जान बलिदान कर इस देश को आजाद कराया। लोग एक-दूसरे के लिए मर मिटने को तत्पर रहते थे।

लेकिन धीरे-धीरे वक्त बदलता गया। मनुष्य के अंदर के इन्सान ने हैवान का रूप धारण कर लिया। अगर कोई इसको एक बार देख ले तो उसकी रातों की नींद और दिन का चैन छिन जाए।

आज हर व्यक्ति पैसे के पीछे भाग रहा है। पैसे के लिए वह कुछ भी कर सकता है, यहाँ तक की किसी की जान लेने में भी संकोच नहीं करेगा।

वर्तमान राजनीति और वर्तमान राजनीतिज्ञों ने इन्सानियत की नींव की घज़ियाँ उड़ा दी हैं। समाज को अनेक टुकड़ों में बाँट दिया है।

मैं मानता हूँ कि मनुष्य को अपनी तरकी के लिए हमेशा प्रयत्नशील रहना चाहिए, लेकिन किसी की लाश पर पाँव रख कर तरकी हासिल करने के तरीके को एकदम गलत मानता हूँ।

आज अगर एक घायल व्यक्ति सड़क पर पड़ा जिन्दगी और मौत से लड़ रहा हो, और अगर आप भूलवश उस व्यक्ति की मदद भी करना चाहें तो ये हैवानियत के ठेकेदार आपको उसकी मदद करने से रोक देते हैं। मैं पूछता हूँ, यह कहाँ का न्याय है? मैं आज इस रंज और दर्द की बस्ती का बाशिंदा बनकर रह गया हूँ।

आज इंसानियत, उदारता, कोमलता जैसे कुछ उच्च कोटि के शब्द, शब्दकोष के पृष्ठों की सज़ा सामग्री बनकर रह गए हैं।

आज भूचालों से भयभीत हो, कभी तुम स्वयं एक भूचाल थे। आज अंधकार से कांपते हो, क्या याद नहीं रहा कि तुम्हारा अस्तित्व स्वयं उजाला था? यह बादलों के पानी की बाढ़ क्या है कि तुमने भीग जाने के भय से अपने पायँचे चढ़ा लिए हैं? वे तुम्हारे ही पूर्वज थे जो समुद्र में उतर गए। पर्वतों की छातियों को रौंद डाला। बिजलियाँ आई तो उन पर मुस्कराए, बादल गरजे तो कहकहों से उत्तर दिया। हवा के झोंके उठे तो उनकी धारा को बदल दिया। आँधियाँ आई तो उनसे कहा कि तुम्हारा रास्ता यह नहीं है। यह ईमान के दम टूटने की निशानी है कि सम्राटों के गिरेबानों से खेलने वाले आज खुद अपने ही गिरेबान के तार बेच रहे हैं तथा भगवान को इस प्रकार भुला चुके हैं, जैसे उस पर कभी विश्वास ही नहीं था।

हवाएँ गुजर जाती हैं। यह वायु गर्म सही परंतु इसकी आयु अधिक नहीं है। अभी कुछ समय में ही पीड़ा की यह ऋतु गुजर जाने वाली है। इस प्रकार परिवर्तित हो जाओ कि जैसे तुम कभी इस अवस्था में न थे।

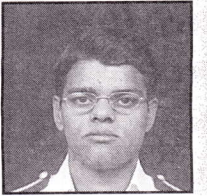
तुम्हारी लापरवाही को देखकर बार-बार कहना पड़ता है कि तीसरी शक्ति अपने घमण्ड का बोरिया बिस्तर बाँध कर विदा हो चुकी है, तथा अब नया सांचा ढल रहा है। यदि अब भी तुम्हारे मन नहीं बदले तथा तुम्हारे मस्तिष्क की चुभन समाप्त नहीं हुई तो फिर हालत दुसरी है। परंतु यदि वास्तव में तुम्हारे अंदर सच्चे परिवर्तन की इच्छा पैदा हो गई तो फिर इस प्रकार बदलो, जिस प्रकार इतिहास ने अपने आपको बदल लिया है।



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जब कोई अपना बिछड़ जाता है ॥

ऐ रात क्या जाता है तुम्हारा ,
जो दे दो तुम हमको अपना एक सितारा,
पास है तुम्हारे, ये सुंदर तारे ।
तुम खड़ी हो जिस मोड़ पर,
ये जिन्दगी भी खड़ी है उसी मोड़ पर ।
जानता हूँ कि तुम जानती हो,
इन सितारों की आयु कितनी है,
इन प्राणों में वायु कितनी है ।
कितने ही तारे रुक जाते हैं, और
शायद उतने ही रोजाना लुट जाते हैं ।
एक समय ऐसा भी आता है,
जब तुम्हारा अस्तित्व ही मिट जाता है ।
तारों से भरी इस गोद में,
एक तारा भी नजर नहीं आता ।
पर कहो कब तक तुम इन बिछड़े तारों पर,
शोक मनाती रहोगी,
फिर ये इन्सान, ये इन्सान,
क्यों रोता है , चिल्लाता है,
जब इसका कोई प्यारा,
इससे छूट जाता है ।



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देह (शरीर) का निर्गुण और सगुण

देह की देहरी पर
 प्रेम
 सुख बनकर आता है,
 मन देह की खातिर
 हृदय के आले पर
 अबुझ दिया घर जाता है,
 देह के
 अंतर्मन की भित्ति पर
 टांग देता है
 कई स्वप्न कैलेंडर
 कैलेंडर की छाती पर
 होते हैं - प्रणय के जीवंत छायाचित्र
 गतिशील चलचित्र,
 पग तल में होता है जिनके
 वर्ष चक्र तिथियाँ, दिवस, माह ।
 देह से घिरे, घर-भीतर
 पकती है प्रेमगंध की रसीली रसोई,
 कभी तृषा मिटाने के लिए
 कभी तृषा जगाने के लिए ।
 देह - गेह के प्रांगण - बीच
 टंगा है मनोहर पिंजरा
 पला है जिसमें हरियाला तोता
 देह-गीत गाता है जो,
 लोकगीतों की तरह
 मन-कथा कहता है जो
 किस्सा गोकरी तरह
 देह के भीतर
 मन की खंजड़ी पर
 ध्वनित होता है,
 देह का निर्गुण और सगुण ।



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मेरी अपनी भावना

भावनाओं के भंवर में
 कामयाबी की डगर पे,
 रखा है पहला कदम ।
 घर, माँ से रह के दूर,
 न हो पाया खुद में मगन,
 रास्ता तो है मंजिल के लिए
 मगर भावनाओं कि लाश का ।
 हृदय में प्यार है, अपनों के लिए,
 उसके उपर चिन्ता अपने कल के लिए,
 दिल और दिमाग की इस बगावत में
 भूलता जा रहा हूँ अपने अस्तित्व को ।
 कहीं ऐसा ना हो, अपने आज के लिए मैं छोड़ दूँ कल को,
 और कल मेरे अपने मुझे सजा दें मेरे उस आज की !
 क्योंकि जो हकीकत है, हकीकत ही रहेगी वो सदा
 कुछ भी कर लूँ मैं, सच पर कुछ असर पड़ेगा नहीं,
 अगर मैं रखता हूँ तमन्ना उसी मृदुल व्यवहार की अपनों से,
 तो जीना पड़ेगा उन तमन्नाओं के लिए जो मेरे अपने रखते हैं ।

मृदुल चतुर्वेदी,

पूर्व छात्र लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय, लखनऊ ।

तृतीय वर्ष

मुसलमान

मैं मुसलमान हूँ
जायसी, खुसरो, रसखान हूँ,
तार-तार रेशम में
बुना जाता हुआ
रंगसाजी काशीदाकारी में
रुई सा
धुना जाता हुआ,
अमजद अली खाँ के सरोद की
स्वर लहरीयों में
लहराता हुआ,
मैं मुसलमान हूँ ।
वाह ! उस्ताद वाह !
जाकिर हुसैन हूँ ।
बढ़ कर फाँसी के फन्दे को
चूमता हुआ,
अशफाक उल्ला खाँ भी
मैं ही हूँ ।
आग उगलती टैंकोको
ध्वस्त करता हुआ
अब्दुल हमीद हूँ मैं
होली और ईद हूँ मैं
मैं मुसलमान हूँ
बोटी-बोटी काट कर देख लो
क्या अलग है मेरा खून ?
सर से पाँव तक हिन्दुस्तान हूँ,
मैं मुसलमान हूँ ।



उदयन राठौर
पूर्व छात्र कॉल्विन ताल्लुकेदास कॉलेज,
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कन्या - एक परिचय

घरों को खुशियों से भर दे,
हर माँ - बाप का तू है अनमोल सहारा ।
तेरा हम सब करें आदर,
बने यह कर्तव्य हमारा ॥

वीरता की तुम श्रोत हो,
ममता की तुम हो देवी ।
कन्या, कन्या कहकर हे जननी,
देता जग तुम्हें उपाधी ॥

तुम्हारी बिगड़ी हुई दशा को देखकर
व्याकुल होता हृदय हमारा ।
क्या करूँ मजबूर हूँ,
अकेला कुछ नहीं कर सकता मैं ये सारा ॥

गूँज रही है दर्द भरी चीखें तुम्हारी,
सारे वातावरण में ।
परंतु ध्यान न देता कोई तुम्हारी ओर,
क्या लोग इतने व्यस्त हैं जीवन में ?

ममता, करुणा की हे देवी,
हमारी प्रार्थना स्वीकार करो ।
बन के फिर से रण चण्डी,
संकटों का विनाश करो ॥

दुनियाँ के ऐ लोगों,
कन्याओं की स्थिति पर ध्यान दो ।
उनका अधिकार दिलाकर उन्हें,
कोटि-कोटि सम्मान दो ॥



अभिषेक राठौर
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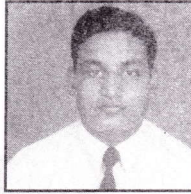
भारत माता की जय

आओ मिल कर रहें हिंद के वासीयों,
मेरे अहले वतन, ऐ मेरे साथियों,
दिल के टूटे हुये टुकड़े जोड़ लें,
अपने रिश्तों को एक नया मोड़ दें,
तोड़ दो हर भ्रम को मेरे साथियों,
आओ मिलकर रहें हिंद के वासियों,
राम की है, कृष्ण की है ये, जमीं भीष्म की है,
भगत सिंह जैसे वीरों की है ॥

एक मंज़िल हमारी एक आवाज़ है,
यहाँ चंद्रशेखर जैसे जाबाँज हैं,
अपनी शक्ति पर हमें नाज़ है,
कश्मीर हमारा ताज है ॥

आओ अब हम एक हो जायें,
कश्मीर से कन्याकुमारी तक,
गुजरात से बंगाल तक,
आओ हम एकता का संदेश फैलायें ॥

फिर न कोई फिरंगी आयेगा,
हमको बाँट कर,
देश को दिमक की तरह खायेगा,
और कोहिनूर ले जायेगा ।
तो आओ एक हो जायें और कहें,
भारत माता की जय !



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मिट्टी और रिश्ते

इस मिट्टी की महक में ,
कोई जानी अनजानी सी खुशबू आती है,
एक वो दिन था, एक आज का दिन
जब याद कहानी आती है ॥
कुछ खट्टे-मीठे रिश्तों की तड़प मुझे सताती है ।
इस मिट्टी की महक में,
कोई जानी अनजानी सी खुशबू आती है ॥
कुछ रिश्ते अनजाने से,
और कुछ जाने से लगते हैं ।
ये गलियाँ, खेत, पहाड़,
थाड़े पहचाने से लगते हैं ।
जब द्वंद्र सा उठता है मेरे मन में,
उस पर से मिट्टी उड़ जाती है ।
मेरी इन मीठी साँसों में कुछ सौंधी खुशबू आती है,
इस मिट्टी की महक में,
कोई जानी-अनजानी सी खुशबू आती है ।



अंशुल दुबे,
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