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# CONVERGENCE

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# **Digital Convergence of life!**

*It was an era when we used to read hard copy newspapers at the morning while having a sip of tea; used to listen our favourite soundtracks on cassette players and used to watch movies in cinema hall once in a month in theatres. Presently we can read, listen and watch everything anytime and anywhere on a small screen device called smart phones! Yes, I am talking about convergence. Every medium is now available on mobile phone. Media convergence is now a part of our day to day life. It is a phase of human existence which has not been experienced like present extensive level.*

*Our perceptions of day to day interactions are becoming more mediatised. We are becoming more dependable on digital technologies than never before. Digitalization is now on the prime agenda of the Prime Minister of India! Convergence is becoming smoother with use of digital technologies like mobile phones and internet. Internet and smart phone is the main change agent of 21st Century life. We cannot skip this process but we will have to witness the metamorphosis. It is not just a convergence of technology and medium but our personal, social, cultural and political life. Everything together can be accessed by digital technologies. Nothing is separate but integrated. No one is in their private zones but all are under digital surveillance. No one is free but busy online. Each and every digital information is saved in the 'digital clouds' and can be taken for understanding market.*

*The victory of Trump (US President) and Narendra Modi (Prime minister of India) are examples of understanding the audiences through digital platforms. They deal with the big data and analyse the data for policy making and for political communication. World politics is also affected by digitalization and they understood its importance. Entire globe will follow the process of digitalization like India and the big data will be the sovereign not the nations.*

*Digital era will create good and bad consequences in all sections of life. We should try to remove the deep rooted problems like corruption, illiteracy, poverty with the use of digitalization. Social divide can be filled by Information Communication Technologies by empowering the masses. I am personally optimistic about the process. Let's be ready for a convergence, convergence of ideas, technology and life. It will lead a new culture and life! Let's experience...!*



**Swapnil Kamble**  
**Editor in Chief**

## Congress sails despite Modi wave.

### New Delhi, 12th March

The results of the Vidhansabha elections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa, showed both Congress and BJP, pass with flying colors one day prior to Holi. 2 states were submerged in orange while the other 3 were colored by the hands of Congress.



After a decade, Congress finally came into power. Congress won more than 60 seats in the 117-seat constituency, a clear majority to form the government. AAP was second, followed by the alliance of Shiromani-Akali Dal-BJP. Congress state head Captain Amarinder Singh expressed his gratitude saying, he was thankful to the people for overthrowing the rule of Akali dal and holding hands with Congress. Winning with a huge margin and bringing congress back on track of Punjab politics; Amarinder Singh proved that he was the real captain of Punjab. He is also the party's Chief Minister candidate.

Uttar Pradesh saw the exact opposite results as Punjab. Winning over 324 of 403 seats, BJP managed to achieve majority in the state. The alliance of Samajvadi Party and Congress managed to get 55 seats, whereas BahujanSamaj Party managed to bag only 19 seats. SP leader and current Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav submitted his resignation after his loss in the elections. The BJP leaders gave the credit of this victory to PM Modi; saying that it was due to his leadership that BJP was able to come in power in the state after 15 years.

In Uttarakhand, BJP maintained a clear majority by winning 50 of the 70 seat constituency. The ruling party Congress had to settle for 11 seats. This was said to be a result of known Congress leaders leaving the part and unrest in CM HarishRawat's rule.

Despite the blockade crisis, Congress has managed to keep a strong hold on Manipur. But it was a close call between Congress and BJP, where they managed to get 28 and 21 seats respectively. Social activist IromSharmila, who entered politics this year by establishing her party - People's Resurgence and Justice Party barely managed to get 90 votes.

BJP took a hit in Goa elections, despite being the ruling party for 5 years. Though Congress could not get majority, it did manage to win 17 seats, while BJP managed to get 13 seats. Goa Forward Party (GFP) and the MaharashtrawadiGomantak Party (MGP) managed to get 3 seats each. The margin of seats between Congress and BJP was a narrow one. The small parties have gained importance in the current scenario.

## “ I have rewarded honestly in the budget 2017”, says FM Jaitley

### New Delhi, 1st February,

In the wake of a new year when the nation was just getting accustomed to economic reforms like demonetization, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was all set to present the annual budget 2017 in the Parliament.

Arun Jaitley's fourth budget proposal mainly comprised of ten distinct themes : Farmers, rural population, energizing youth, poor and underprivileged, infrastructure, financial sector, digital economy, public service, prudent fiscal management, and tax administration. A clear emphasis was given on the economic digitalization of India. Key features of the budget include : passing of GST (Goods and Services Tax) which is expected to make a stop to black money transactions, doubling farmers' income in the rural areas under the MGNREGA scheme, maximising youth's productivity under the Skill India Mission and using it towards the development of the nation, putting a limit to the funding to political parties, segregation of income tax rates according to the income slots ; reducing an individual's tax rate from 10% to 5% for income between 2.5 - 5 lakhs. Along with the total allocation of 1,31,000 Crore Rupees for the railways, many innovative schemes have been launched for the railways.

Digitalising rural India has been another emphasis in this budget. The Centre's aim to push digital transactions in rural areas requires better connectivity which they aim to achieve by 2017-2018 under

the DigiGaon initiative. Amidst global and local economic uncertainties and barely three months after demonetization, the biggest Black Swan event in recent national memory, it was a challenging task for the finance

minister to frame the budget. Usually the last three months give an idea of how the economic situation is shaping up, helping to structure the forthcoming budget proposal, unlike this time.



This year's budget was not only prepared to 1st Feb, but after 92 years in a historic move the Union and Railway budget were announced together. In spite of the demise of a sitting member E. Ahmed on the day of when the budget was scheduled, it was decided to proceed with the hearing of the budget after paying respects to the deceased. Arun Jaitley not only presented the budget with ultimate finesse, but it also comprised of 'shayrees' and poetry.

## Train blast in Kalapipal

### Kalapipal (Shajapur), 7th March

The first ever strike of an Islamic state on a train on 7th March in Madhya Pradesh triggered by a low intensity blast injuring 10 passengers marked a state of distress amongst the nation.

IS courier boy was held for carrying explosives on the train and for the official suspect, some "bags" were the source of the blast. The explosion took place around 9:50 am in the bogie adjacent to the guard coach a few minutes after it crossed Kalapipal Railway station. The blast covered the compartment with a white powdery substance and the force of the blast was such that it damaged a portion of the coach while inflicting injuries on the passengers.



“No fatalities have been reported, but around 10 persons had been injured. Two of them were referred to Bhopal and the rest are at the Civic Hospital in Kalapipal,” said the government railway police SPD Krishna Veni.

The morning blast on the Bhopal-Ujjain passenger train at Jabri railway station spurred Madhya Pradesh police and Uttar Pradesh to launch coordinated operations in the two states. There were eight members of the group who were arrested and the blast was said to be a trial run according to the Intel official. This was also the first time that an attack has been carried out by IS in India. Union Home minister Rajnath Singh inquired from UP through DGP Javed Ahmed about the operation.

This was also the first time that an attack was carried out by the IS in India using the recruits radicalised from within the country.

## Techie brutally murdered by security guard.

**31st January Pune**

Rasila Rajan, a techie working in Infosys was strangled to death on the ninth floor of Infosys, Hinjewadi, by a security guard, Bhaben Saikia who hails from Assam.

Rasila is a Software Engineer and started working with Infosys, Pune almost a year ago. She belongs to the Kozhikode district of Kerala. The Deputy of Police Pune Ganesh Shinde said that, "It was Rasila who paid for her life". She had warned Saikia about complaining to the authorities about the inappropriate stares that he was giving her. They even had an argument about the same on Saturday. On Sunday Rasila had important project work with her colleagues in Bangalore and hence went to the conference room on the ninth floor of Infosys building at 2pm. Saikia approached her and asked her not to complain about him, for which she denied. The constant in and out of the room by Saikia was questioned by Rasila. He said that the seniors wanted the count of the computers in the conference room. On seeing the right opportunity he then strangled the youngster with the cable wires. He also hit her face with his shoes, injuring her nose.



According to the CCTV footage Saikia last left the room at 5pm that day. She is suspected to have been strangled then. When there was absolutely no response from her till 6:30pm by the Bangalore supervisor who was working from home, he called up the security personnel to check on her. The security guard found her lying on the floor in a pool of blood and wires around her neck. He immediately alerted the Hinjewadi Police. Saikia stayed in the office until the end of his shift and left.

"We found Saikia's blood soaked shoes in the room." Senior inspector Arun Waykar of the Hinjewadi police said. The police also learnt that Saikia had told his colleague that he had committed a murder. "He even called his mother and maternal uncle on the phone and told them about the murder," a police officer said. As many as six teams were sent to different locations to nab Saikia. One of the teams went to CST and arrested him while he was trying to board a train to Assam. He was brought to Pune for further investigation. He confessed to the murder and said he that did it out of anger. He feared losing the job.

"I don't find the police taking enough efforts for this case. I would like the CBI to work on it too", said Mr. Rajan, the father of Rasila. This is another case which has occurred in a month's time after the murder of Antara Das who worked in Capgemini.

## "I received death and rape threats": Gurmehar Kaur

**New Delhi, 6th March**

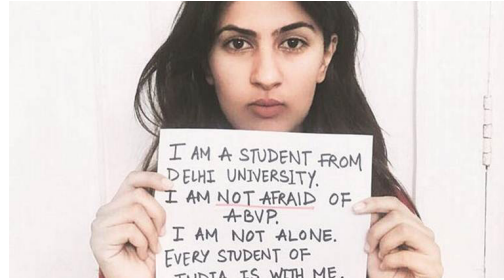
Daughter of a Kashmir martyr, Captain Mandeep Singh, Kaur is a first-year student of English honours at Lady Shri Ram College for Women.

On the night of 26th February, 20-year-old Kaur alleged that she received rape and death threats after she changed her profile photo. Celebrities including Virender Sehwag and Randeep Hooda took on to twitter to voice their disapproval along with several politicians.

Following violence at Ramjas College on February 22nd, when a clash broke out between two student groups, one led by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and the other by Left-leaning student body All India Students' Association (AISA), Kaur initiated a social media campaign. As part of the campaign, Kaur posted a picture in which she holds a poster reading "I am not afraid of ABVP". The campaign went viral and students from across the country joined the movement.

"We had our college fest on the day Punjab had elections. She missed the fest and went to vote. She told me how she could not miss her chance of exercising her right as a citizen for the sake of a fest. That's the kind of girl she is," said Mitali Mishra, a professor at Kaur's college. Her father, Captain Singh, 30, who was posted in 4 Rashtriya Rifles in Kupwara was killed when militants stormed his camp in August 1999 when she was two.

Kaur made a peace video when she was in school. Through the video she tried to convey that: "Pakistan did not kill my dad, war killed him. It took me a while to know, but today I do. I have learnt to let go of my hate." She is now being made the poster-child of anti-nationalism for that old video which has resurfaced on account of the latest row. "People have nothing to say against Kaur so they are now using the old video. We instead think it was a beautiful video. She is doing what her parents have taught her and I am very proud of her," said one of her classmates.



Mishra also insisted that people should not equate Kaur with Kanhaiya Kumar, the former JNUSU leader and said her student is not associated to any political party. "It is inhuman to call her anti-national". Kaur has even approached Delhi Commission for Women to complain against the threats she has been receiving. She told media persons later what she has started is not a political movement but one against violence. "We have not started a political movement. I want everyone to understand that. This is not about political parties but students and our campus being safe from violence and threats. No matter which organisation you are associated with, you cannot threaten women with rape. That cannot happen," she said.

## TVF CEO allegedly accused for Molestation.

**Mumbai, 13th March**

The Viral Fever or popularly known as TVF have always been in the limelight for its oh so popular web series namely Pitchers and Permanent Roommates. But this time TVF has caught people's attention as a 22-year old ex-employee of TVF has allegedly accused the TVF's CEO Arunabh Kumar for molestation at the work place.

This 22-year old with the username Indian Flower has written an anonymous blog called 'The Indian Uber- That is TVF' where she mentioned about her experiences with Arunabh and how she was being molested by him right from when Pitcher was released till the time Tripling got over.

Soon after the blog went viral, a few other women also started posting their similar experiences with the CEO in the comment section of the post. Reshma Patra, Arunabh's IIT batchmate, alleged that he had come home with her and strip and dance for him. Two other ex-employees of TVF, Aayushi Agarwal and Rafiya Khan, alleged that Arunabh used to touch them at inappropriate places and referred to TVF as an unsafe work place for women.

After such accusations being lined against the CEO, TVF released an official statement and called the allegations 'defamatory and ludicrous'. They also stated that all the allegations against TVF and its employees were false, baseless and unverified. "We will leave no stone unturned to find the author of the article and bring them to severe justice for making such false allegations", was stated in the comment section of the blog by TVF. After this blog post by TVF was put up, users on Twitter started roasting TVF by changing the original words and commenting that this was what that should have been released in the statement instead.

Many TVF employees as well as the popular standup comedians came in favour of Arunabh and TVF as a work place. Amit Golani- works with TVF, Ashish Sakya and Tanmay Bhatt of AIB (All India Bakchod), Nidhi Bisht- also works with TVF and Aditi Mittal- standup comedian are some of those who tweeted in favour of Arunabh Kumar and said that the allegations were just an attempt to defame Arunabh.



## “The way they killed my daughter, a similar treatment be meted out to them”

Patna, 6th January

Despite the enactment of the Criminal Amendment Bill 2013, neither the rate of rapes has reduced nor the heinousity of the crime has decreased. After four years of the 2012 Delhi gang rape and murder, the rape of 15 year old Dalit girl in Bihar has triggered the same kind of protest across the nation and forced the authorities to take steps against the violence against women, and render justice.

Dika Kumari, a student of the Government Ambedkar Residential High School in Bihar's Vaishali district, was found murdered on January 8, 2017 in a drain outside the school. According to one of the deceased's classmates, Dikha was seen last time when she went out of the adjoining block of the building to fetch water at around 11 p.m. on January 7. The victim's mother, Kusumi Devi, claims that on January 6, Dika had told her on phone that she was being harassed by one of her teachers from the school promising her to increase her marks if she is ready to do what the teacher says.

Women, who had seen the girl's body on the hostel premises, said there was no cloth on her body and that the lower half of the body was full of blood. According to Kusumi Devi, the rapists slashed the girl's breasts, throat, back and abdomen with a sharp weapon and stuffed an undergarment in her private parts to stop the bleeding.

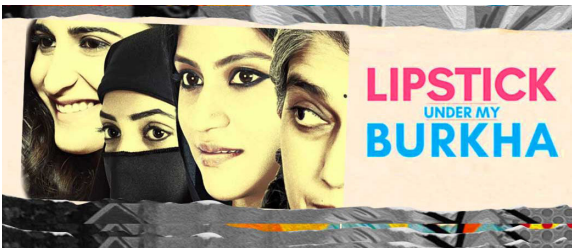
Kusumi was not ready to believe that there was only one or two person behind the gruesome activity. She said, “My daughter was very bold, brave and popular in the school. She was of strong built and also played football. Her rape and subsequent killing would not have been the act of one person. She would have easily fought out her way to safety, if her assailant had been only one person.” Kusumi demanded the same barbaric treatment to her daughter's assailants. Though the medical reports failed to confirm rape, the death occurred as a result of an internal injury and excessive bleeding.

On 19th January, a candle march was organised subsequent to which a high level investigation team led by the IG (vulnerable groups) has been formed, including representatives of student and women organisations. The Opposition Party is trying to hush the matter by offering Kusumi Rupees 8 lakh to keep her mouth shut. All the investigations are taking place from the scratch but justice to the 15 year old still remains an open file.

## CBFC Denies ‘Lipstick Under My Burkha’ Certification

Pune, 13th March

‘Rajneeti’ producer, Prakash Jha's film ‘Lipstick Under My Burkha’ has been denied certification by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). The reasons cited for denial of certification were presence of continuous sexual scenes, abusive words, audio pornography, and a sensitive touch about a particular section of Indian society. Overall, because of being a lady-oriented film with a feminine approach, the revising committee of the CBFC, popularly known as the Censor Board, headed by Pahlaj Nihalani as Chief, outright denied the film of certification.



Directed by Alankrita Shrivastava and starring Ratna Pathak Shah, Konkana Sen Sharma, Aahana Kumra and Plabita Borthakur in the lead roles, this film focused on the lives of regular women and the everyday trials and tribulations they face, specially highlighting their needs and fantasies. The trailer of the film immediately ceased the audiences' attention, and this denial in certification has caused a heavy uproar of reactions from the audiences and many popular figures of the film industry as well.

In a recent interview, the director, who was present while the committee was making their decision, shared how the members made no communication regarding the denial. Instead of suggesting edits, or citing reasons for their decision, they outright rejected the film for certification. Alankrita, who has previously been on battles with the CBFC for some of her other films feel that this film has been targeted solely because it has a 'strong female voice which challenges patriarchy'.

The makers of the film will soon be approaching the Film Certifica-

tion Appellate Tribunal (FCAT) in hopes of getting the film cleared for certification. Producer Prakash Jha however is positive that his film will be screened in cinemas soon. Where he feels that the CBFC was simply doing their duty, he also feels that issues like these prevent filmmakers from exploring the unconventional parts of the society for their films.

'Lipstick Under My Burkha', following and even prior to its release was screened at several film festivals, namely Indian Film Festival, Los Angeles, Tokyo Film Festival, Mumbai Film Festival, Glasgow Film Festival and even received several accolades and appreciation from the juries too. The CBFC and their Chief Pahlaj Nihalani in particular have faced heavy criticism for this decision. Apart from expressing their anger, the Twitterati and media have also expressed their ridicule at the reasons cited in the official statement, highlighting the spelling mistakes made in the document.

## Indian Engineer Shot Dead In A Bar In Kansas

Kansas, 22nd February

On 22 February, 2017 an Indian engineer, employee of Garmin, a technology firm, was mistaken for a "Middle Easterner" and shot dead by a white American in Olathe, Kansas.

Srinivas Kuchibhotla along with his friend Alok Madasani were spending an evening at the Austins Bar & Grill when the suspect Adam W. Purinton started hurling racial slurs at the two when they were watching basketball on the bar. He mistook them for 'people from Iran' and started yelling "get out of my country" and "terrorist". He was later confronted by the bar authorities and asked to leave the bar. He did so, only to return with a weapon. He started firing at Kuchibhotla and Madasani as he was yelling "get out of my country". Srinivas father of two, was shot dead on the spot and Alok was injured in this open fire. A young white American Ian Grillot aged 24, came to their rescue and was shot and injured in the process.

Several hours later, the suspect was caught in Applebee's restaurant in Clinton, Missouri where he attracted the attention of a barman when he said that 'he had shot two Middle Eastern men and needed a place to hide.' The bar authorities called the police immediately and the suspect was arrested.

Adam Purington, a 51 year old male works as a desktop support specialist for an IT company GEN3RATION in Kansas City. He is a former United States Navy veteran and lived alone for 20 years. He earlier worked as an air traffic controller at the Federal Aviation Administration. Multiple investigations were done and Purington is charged with first degree murder and two counts of attempted premeditated first degree murder. If he is convicted he will face a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole for 50 years. For now, his bail has been set at \$2 million. The FBI's Kansas City department has said it is investigating the shooting as a hate crime. President Trump addressed the shooting in a speech to Congress last month. "Last week's shooting in Kansas City reminds us that while we may be a nation divided on policies, we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all its forms," Trump said in his speech.

As reported, not many American newspapers addressed the issue in its full intensity but Indian newspapers made it a front page story.

This incident received reactions from worldwide on Twitter and other social media platforms and a GoFundMe page was created to help Kuchibhotla's family to bring his body back to Hyderabad which raised \$5,90,000. Moreover, because of the proceeding of the case, the friends and family of the victims have filed a petition demanding an explanation from the federal government about 'Indian Engineers target of hate Crime' addressed to President Donald Trump.

Even after raising awareness about Indians being victims of racial abuse, the incidences have not stopped. Instead there are more violent attacks targeting Indians. A Sikh man was shot in Seattle suburb, as the gunman shouted "go back to your country". Furthermore, Harnish Patel residing in Lancaster, South Carolina was shot dead near his home. Police officials are hinting these crimes towards "racially motivated killing". After these attacks, many are now suggesting the Indian government to issue an official warning against traveling to United States of America. Raising concerns about the safety of Indians in the US in the current scenario, the victim's wife wrote on Facebook, "Many times, these issues are talked about for a few weeks and people tend to forget about them afterward, but the fight must go on towards eradicating hatred from the minds of people. So what is the US government going to do to stop hate crime?" Whereas, many are blaming it on the Trump administration's embracement to harsh anti-immigration policies as a primary reason for fueling the violence and his brief remarks in the address to Congress about this issue will not be enough to resolve it.

## Forced conversion is a Crime!

### Karach, 14th March

The PM of Pakistan Mr. Nawaz Sharif declares forcible conversion to Islam a crime on Tuesday. While greeting the Hindu community on the occasion of Holi, he also stated that destruction of other religious worship places will not be entertained and is clearly against Islam.

Many leading members of the Hindu community and minority law makers attended the function, where the PM kept insisting on the fact, that the within Pakistan, the fight is between terrorists and those who want to see the country progress into an Asian tiger. Islam gives importance to every human being regardless of his caste, religion or creed, says PM Sharif. He believes that now there is no fight in Pakistan over religion and that everyone should be free to choose and practice what they feel is right.

Although, Mr. Sharif admits that in the past there were some miscreants who had attempted to create divisions on the basis of religion but strongly insisted that now anyone can go to their worship place freely. Despite all of his words of wisdom, it has been observed that the Hindu community has constantly complained about their people living in the rural areas to be forcefully converted to Islam and if gone against this – their women were kidnapped and forcibly converted.

After 2013, the situation of law and order in Karachi has improved according to the details in the premier. Also other parts of Sindh have seen a decrease in cases of Hindu traders and businessmen being picked up for ransom.



## And the Oscar goes to....

### Los Angeles, 26th February

The 89th Academy Awards were a starry affair, where the best film of 2016 were honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science. The glamorous event took place at the Dolby theatre in Hollywood, California.

Hosted by the comedian Jimmy Kimmel, the Oscars became a night to be remembered for more than one reason. The celebrities were left gasped due to a goof up for the main award of the night - the best picture. Presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway first announced La La Land as the winner. The producers then realized that the presenters were mistakenly given the wrong envelope. While the La La Land team gave their speeches, the presenters announced that there was a mistake and that Moonlight won the award. Moonlight became the first film with an all-black cast to bag the Oscar.

Except for the finale, La La Land did steal the show by winning 6 of the 14 record-tying nominations. It included best director to Damien Chazelle and best actresses to Emma Stone. Casey Affleck bagged the award for best actor for Manchester by the Sea. Winning the award for best supporting actor, Mahershala Ali (Moonlight) became the first Muslim to win an Oscar.

The Salesman, won the Oscar for best foreign language film. The Iranian director, Asghar Farhadi boycotted the ceremony in protest of President Donald Trump's immigration ban. Hacksaw Ridge, Manchester by the Sea, Arrival were some of the other nominees to shine at the Oscars.

Host Jimmy Kimmel added glow to the event by giving an outstanding opening monologue, where he took a dig at the current political climate in the states. He also spoke of all coming together in unity. Kimmel left the audience in splits with his humor and punchlines. He paid tribute to The Lion King by enacting a scene from the film, with 'Lion' star Sunny Pawar. In a series of funny events he blamed himself and Steve Harvey for the wrong envelope mishap.



Some of the other notable awards of the evening :

Actor in a Supporting Role  
**Mahershala Ali, Moonlight**

Actress in a Supporting Role  
**Viola Davis, Fences**

Foreign Language Film  
**The Salesman (Iran)**

Animated Short Film  
**Piper**

Animated Feature Film  
**Zootopia**

Film Editing  
**Hacksaw Ridge, John Gilbert**

Cinematography  
**La La Land, Linus Sandgren**

Original Screenplay  
**Manchester by the Sea, Kenneth Lonergan**

Adapted Screenplay  
**Moonlight, Barry Jenkins and Tarell Alvin McCraney**

## Fukushima Nuclear Disaster Completes 6 Years

### Fukushima, 11th March

Fukushima The tsunami which hit the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in North Eastern Japan, on March 11 2011, completed its 6 years today.

The nuclear disaster which killed almost 6 workers on the spot. It has more longing effects on the pregnant women, children and likely to affect general public and vast majority of workers. It might increase cancer rates or birth defects.

While doing the internal investigation about the nuclear power plant, it was concluded that direct cause of accidents was the tsunami which knocked the reactions cooling system and it subsequently got too hot and started to melt, which led to several explosions. Later on TEPCO (Tokyo electric power company) admitted that their company failed to take stronger measure to prevent disasters. The severity of the nuclear accident could be imagined by the fact that it was rated 7 on the International Nuclear Event Scale, where 7 is the highest number.

One of the major issues is the contamination of the ground water due to nuclear reactor; however a frozen wall has been built to prevent it. On the other side, the earthquake and tsunami killed over 15,000 people from effects which are not directly related to destruction of reactors at Fukushima.

Japan has a former relation with nuclear weapons. On August 6 and 9 in 1945, US dropped Nuclear Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, marking the end of World War II and killing more than 129,000 people while rest succumbed to injuries or illness. The afterwards are worst, the cancer rate went up from 10 to 44%.

## Discovery beyond our solar system

NASA, 25th February

It is very obvious for us to say, "The earth is round" because we have theories to prove it, but when we go back centuries, it's seen that philosophers have died proving this very fact. Coming to the present, with science, world seems to be magical. Scientists have made remarkable discoveries. Having said so, it is safe to say that, with the current health status of our planet all the space administration institutes like ISRO, NASA, Space-X, etc are trying to find a planet which can be made habitable for humans. Satellites have been sent to Mars by NASA and ISRO (ISRO achieved it with minimum expense) to study the flora and fauna of the planet because the first step in finding life outside our own planet is to find a planet like our own: small, rocky, and at just the right distance from the star, so that, liquid water could exist on its surface.

The biggest breakthrough was on February 22nd 2017, when an announcement came from NASA that the space agency along with partners around the world, has found seven potentially Earth-like planets orbiting a star 40 light-years away. Before going into the details of discovery, let us see the history of NASA. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) were established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower along with distinctly civilian (rather than military) orientation encouraging peaceful applications in space science. The discovery of the new planet system is supposedly the first time that so many planets of this kind have been found orbiting a single star. Trappist-1 is a tiny, "ultra-cool", dwarf star. It's cool because it's small: just about a tenth of the mass of the sun and about one-thousandth times as bright. But its low mass allows its planets to orbit it very closely and remain in the habitable zone.

Three of the planets are in the habitable zone—the happy place where liquid water can exist on the surface of rocky planets, as it's not too hot or cold. (Although liquid water could potentially exist on any of the seven, NASA said, it likes the odds on those three best.) The space agency calls the discovery of the fascinating solar system record-breaking. NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has revealed the first known system of seven Earth-size planets around a single star. At about 40 light-years (235 trillion miles) from Earth, the system of planets is relatively close to us, in the constellation Aquarius. Because they are located outside of our solar system, these planets are scientifically known as exoplanets. This exoplanet system is called TRAPPIST-1, named for The Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope (TRAPPIST) in Chile. In May 2016, researchers using TRAPPIST announced they had discovered three planets in the system. Assisted by several ground-based telescopes, including the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope, Spitzer confirmed the existence of two of these planets and discovered five additional ones, increasing the number of known planets in the system to seven. Using Spitzer data, the respective team precisely measured the sizes of the seven planets and chalked out first estimates of the masses of six of them, allowing their density to be estimated. Based on their densities, all of the TRAPPIST-1 planets are likely to be rocky.

The Spitzer Space Telescope (SST), formerly the Space Infrared Telescope Facility (SIRTF), is an infrared space telescope launched in 2003. It is the fourth and final of the NASA Great Observatories program. Spitzer is designed to detect infrared radiation, which is primarily heat radiation. Spitzer's highly sensitive instruments allow scientists to peer into cosmic regions that are hidden from optical telescopes, including dusty stellar nurseries, the centers of galaxies, and newly forming planetary systems. Spitzer's infrared eyes also allows astronomers see cooler objects in space, like failed stars (brown dwarfs), extra solar planets, giant molecular clouds, and organic molecules that may hold the secret to life on other planets.

While this discovery was made using the Spitzer Space Telescope, one of the most important instruments in the search for other planets is the Kepler Space Telescope, which is credited with 2,331 confirmed exoplanet discoveries. It uses a technique called the transit method, watching for a star to dim when a planet passes in front of the distant sun. About 74 percent of known exoplanets have been discovered using this method, according to NASA. The James Webb Space Telescope, set to launch in 2018, will have the ability to measure the chemical composition of exoplanet atmospheres



## School Boy Invents Silent Heart Attack Detector

Chennai, 7th March, 2017

Meet Akash Manoj, a 10th grader from Chennai who is in Rashtrapati Bhavan to exhibit his invention; A "silent" heart attack detector. This device is to be attached to the wrist or at the back of the ear which releases positive electrical impulses; this attracts the negatively charged protein released by the heart to signal a heart attack. The quantity of this protein, FABP3 is supposed to be normal. If high, the person is recommended to seek a medical treatment at the earliest.

It was his grandfather's death that probed him to take up this project. His curiosity soon turned into an idea that could save thousands of Indians facing this fatal problem. "He was a diabetic and had high blood pressure, but he was healthy otherwise. He had a silent heart attack, collapsed and died," said Akash.

Since Akash was in the 8th grade, he developed an interest in reading medical literature. He visited the Indian Institute Of Science, Bangalore, which was more than an hour away from his hometown Hosur in Tamil Nadu. "Journal articles were expensive, so visiting the libraries was the only way I could do it. Otherwise, it would have cost more than a crore for the amount I read. I was always interested in medical science and I like reading the Journals, cardiology is my favorite," he said.

At the age of 15, his visiting card describes him as a researcher in cardiology. When asked about his preparation for his board exams, he said he studies for it and it does not bother him. Akash's device is currently in the human trials phase. Nothing should go wrong when it is introduced in the market. The trial is reported to take at least two months before it is approved. He also wants the Government of India to fund his project as he wants this to be available for the public. Akash aims to become a cardiologist. He wishes to study at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.

## Australian Open 2017: Roger Federer wins 18th Grand Slam title

Melbourne, 31st January,

Our history is a bucket filled stories of passion and perseverance; this passion drives great minds to do great things. On Sunday, 29th January, 2017 at Melbourne, the Tennis fans witnessed endless passion unfolding another chapter in the rivalry of Rafael Nadal and



Roger Federer. Over their journey of 34 matches, which began at Miami in 2004, these two expertise have taken tennis to a different level that has mesmerized tennis fans, and made people fall in love with the sport in ways unknown before. After taking a break of six months, Roger Federer, at the age of 35, returned to competitive tennis. He defeated four top-10 players involving three five-setters, to win Grand Slam number 18. He even defeated his toughest rival Rafael Nadal in the final, a rival that he had only beaten 11 times before, but lost 23 times. Three hours and 37 minutes into the match, Federer won the final in the most unlikely fashion which also happened to be his most cherished 'Grand Slam title to 18.' He also becomes the first man in history to win five or more titles at three different Grand Slam events. He has won five Australian Opens, seven Wimbledon's, five US Opens and one French Open. The match statistics (6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3) showed that Federer hit 28 forehand winners and 14 backhand winners, but most importantly, eight of his backhand winners came in the final set. He also won 29 of his 40 points at the net while Nadal only ventured forward 12 times over the five sets.

"I'm out of words; I'd like to congratulate Rafa on an amazing comeback. I don't think either of us believed we'd be in the final of the Australian Open, when we were at your academy four or five months ago. But here we stand. Tennis is a tough sport – there are no draws. But if there was one, I would have been happy to accept a draw with Rafa tonight, really." Roger Federer said as he received the trophy from the great Rod Laver after his 100th Australian Open match, mentioned in BBC. However, it's the words and respect that these two players share that steals our heart. Nadal would not have lost this final to anyone else and Federer would have shared it with Nadal if he could.

## ISL and I-League Merger Delayed

Delhi

The highly anticipated merger of the Indian Super League (ISL) and I-League will not take place this year, Praful Patel, president of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced.

"We would have liked it to happen in 2017, we still do, but it looks unlikely," said Patel, when asked about the subject at programme organised to launch 'Back to The Roots', a book on football written by Shaji Prabhakaran, the FIFA development officer for south and central Asia.

The main area of conflict is the lack of clarity on which teams from Kolkata and Goa would represent their respective states in the amalgamated competition that is supposed to be India's top-flight football league, said Patel.

According to a proposal offered by the AIFF and IMG-Reliance, the federation's commercial partners, earlier this year, the combined leagues would be called the ISL and run for six to eight months, beginning after the 2017 Under-17 World Cup that is being hosted by India.

While Bengaluru FC's participation was secured, considering they are the reigning I-League champions and there is no ISL contingent from that city, it seems that no consensus has been formed as yet as to who from Kolkata and Goa will participate. FC Goa represents the state in the ISL, it also has teams such as Salgaocar SC, Dempo SC and Sporting Clube de Goa in the I-League. Kolkata has Mohun Bagan AC and Kingfisher East Bengal in the I-League and Atletico de Kolkata in the ISL. Though the number of teams in the 2017-18 ISL was not made public when the proposal was shared with all stakeholders in May, sources in the AIFF said it is unlikely to be more than ten. This means with all eight ISL franchises being given mandatory entry, according to the terms of their contract, a solution needed to be arrived at to pick two teams from the I-League. With less a year left for the new season, there is no definitive on that yet.

While speaking at a panel discussion in December, Patel called the ISL, in its current avatar, a disturbance. "We (the AIFF) have set the cat among the pigeons," he said, while explaining that without the introduction of another major football competition in the country, the ISL, football in India wouldn't have received the shake-up it needed. At that discussion, former Indian footballer and ex-national team captain, Bhaichung Bhutia mentioned the lack of opportunities at the youth level during his time and said the kind of exposure the Indian Under-17 team is proof that some things have changed for the better.

Similarly, at the launch of the 10th edition of the Hero I-League in Delhi, which will feature ten teams from all four regions of the country, Mr. Kushal Das, General Secretary of the AIFF, reaffirmed the status of the I-League as the premier tournament in the country, stating that it is above the ISL as it offers the teams a chance to compete at the continental level in the AFC Champions League and the AFC Cup. He also pointed out the significant progress the AIFF has made in Indian football over the past year.

The AFC Developing Member Association of the Year award which was won on December 1st for the strides made helped in developing the game at the grassroots level, proves the exponential growth India has made post the initiation of the ISL.

With the I-League being the longest running top-flight football competition in the country and the ISL being a commercial alternative, it would be interesting to see what a merger of the two would bring to a relatively developing football nation like India. Though the deal may not take place this year, the prospects are still open for discussion and hope for a brighter future for Indian football still exists.

## Delay in Flat Possession , Puneite Files FIR

Pune

Dinesh Agarwal, a software programmer, had purchased a 2BHK flat in Ackruti City in 2009 and was promised possession in 2012. On January 21st, 2017 he approached the Kondhwa Police station because he still had not received the flat's possession. He filed a case of cheating and criminal breach of trust under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and various charges under the Maharashtra Ownership of Flats Act, 1963 (MOFA).

The 45-year-old told the police that he had bought an 800 plus square feet flat on the first floor of G-wing, Hubtown Countrywoods, in Ackruti City when it was under construction. He had raised a loan which cost him a little over Rs 24 lakh back then. As promised, he was hoping for possession in 2012.

Agarwal, who currently lives in Bibewadi said, "Once the deadline was nearing, I started making calls to the developer's office, only to be given some reason or the other. They would give me reasons like lack of water, electricity or other amenities for the delay."

With the ownership of his flat nowhere in the picture, he decided to take a big step. Complaining against Developer Hemant Mahapatray Shah and eight others in the FIR, he told the police that he has uncomplainingly waited for years, but cannot do so anymore. "I got a letter from the developer's office in January 2016, asking me to pay the final instalment for my flat. I was hopeful of finally getting my home, but yet again, the developer defaulted." Two weeks after the FIR was lodged, a meeting was called that involved Mr. Agarwal and authorities of the builder's head office. The authorities complained that Agarwal had payments due whereas Agarwal claimed that a full payment of the flat had already been made. Agarwal, in return asked for compensation for the mental stress he had to face and stated that he was ready to take up this issue in court. After further arguments, the builder finally gave in and handed over the possession of the flat.

Agarwal is now fighting his case against the builder for the mental stress and torture he had to suffer and is waiting for the next hearing in the State Consumer Forum.



## Ola and Uber Drivers Go on Strike

Pune

Ola and Uber drivers have threatened to go off road from March 21st after several protests and strikes, the latest one being in Mumbai. With reduced daily wages and close to nothing incentives Pune based Marathi manus Sanghatana have been taking up these issues since the last year.

"Thousands of youths came to Pune with dreams of earning better. They took loans to buy new cars as Uber and Ola were claiming to earn as much as 1lakh per month but they have been cheated," said Anand Tingre ' president of MMS. Now, unable to pay loans, 20000 youths have set to break away from these companies and form their own company and launch their own taxi service called the Marathi Manus Sanghatana.

The major demand put forth by the drivers is the scrapping of heavy penalties by the companies for refusing rides and other reasons. Also due to loads of app based cars on the road the business has been affected so there should be a count on the number of cars attached to Ola and Uber.

"No one had registered officially yet as there are under contracts with their respective companies but almost everyone amongst them will join the MMS cab service once it is launched." a confident Tingre said.

Shekhar Mane a driver said, "I am unable to pay my monthly EMI of 15000 as I am not getting regular trips. If this new cab service starts, I will immediately switch."

Uber and Ola possibly seemed unconcerned by the upcoming competition. An official from Ola commented saying, "These local groups may try to compete with us but it won't affect our business as we are working across the country. The number of drivers may reduce, but we will attract new drivers by creating new schemes."





## A Wall the Size of Your Heart

Pune

The Wall of Humanity, a concept that originated in Iran, has travelled to Pakistan, China and India. This concept, which is now in Pune is gaining popularity. The idea is simple; 'Leave what is unwanted, take what you need.' Those who have extra, unused or unwanted clothes or other items like shoes, blankets can come and donate them by hanging them on the wall. Anyone who needs an item can directly pick it up from the wall. There is no involvement of middlemen which makes the give and take process convenient, efficient and hassle free.



In Pune, the programme is being handled by Nana Gopinath Walke and Jai Ganesh Yuva Pratishthan, who started the wall on the compound of DAV school at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar chowk in Aundh. "One of the government officials residing in our society first introduced me to the concept of Wall of Humanity. As many people would be benefitted by the project, he suggested to me to take it up. It has been 15 days and the response we got is tremendous," said Walke.

"There are many people who have got old clothes in good condition which they are not using and would like to donate. Therefore we have provided a platform to such people. The needy people can come and take away clothes of their size", Walke said. Presently, the walls are full of clothes from men, women and children. People have donated clothes according to the seasons which has benefitted those in need, especially in winters. "People have been bringing in loads of clothes and footwear from their homes every day. The hassle-free process makes more people take interest in this activity and the hangers are overflowing with clothes especially at the weekends. The area around the wall has a few slums, so people from there have been taking clothes regularly", he added.

With a huge amount of positivity and response that Puneekars have shown, the wall of humanity is currently located at – Compound of DAV school at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar chowk in Aundh. "This is a very good initiative" says Rathore, a daily-wage worker who is benefitted by this concept. "People in need, like me, often come here and take whatever they need," he says, urging the trust workers to keep the donations and the surroundings clean.

The concept of 'Wall of Humanity' is bringing a positive change in our city and gives us an opportunity to help those in need.

## VIT Takes Home the 'Firodiya Karandak'

3rd March, 2017  
Pune

After a long day of back to back performances of the nine finalists, it was time. With crossed fingers and heartbeats getting stronger, all the students wished for their college name to be announced as the winners of the 'Firodiya Karandak 2017'. The Vishwakarma Institute of Technology (VIT), Pune bagged the Karandak this year with their enthralling act 'A wedding story'. The act included a play along live music, dance, and a few other art forms like painting, sand art etc. The runners up were S.P. College for their act 'A-cross' who narrated Ferdinand Magello's circumnavigation in an



interesting and unique manner. The second runners up were Pune Institute of Computer Technology (PICT) who put forth the social issue of prostitution in a sensitive yet real manner through their act 'Paash'.

Firodiya Karandak, a brainchild of Suryakant Kulkarni started

43 years back to showcase various talents of college students. It is not merely a play competition but a 'Cinema on Stage', wherein one has to tell a story through various art forms like drama, dance, music, painting, puppetry or any other art form which can be performed live on stage. It has to primarily be a play with an amalgamation of all other art forms. It requires a team effort and a lot of hardwork and coordination.

"Students get to learn a lot beyond just showcasing their talent, this is a whole new experience for them. Over the years, we have seen a lot of innovative concepts. Engineering college students started incorporating the usage of electronic gadgets like LCD projectors for shadow play, high end amplifiers for their sound systems and other advancing technology which started giving them the edge over other competitors", says Suryakant Kulkarni .

The final round was judged by the singer- composer Dr. Salil Kulkarni, actor Bharat Jadhav and director Viju Mane who were more than happy with the performances and the hard work students had put in.

## An Actor Who Died a Lonely Death!

6 January, 2017  
Mumbai

Veteran Actor Om Prakash Puri passed away on January 6, 2017 at his residence in Mumbai due to heart attack. The star was found dead at his Lokhandwala's Oakland Park residence when the doorbell went unanswered on Friday morning. Om Puri underwent a post-mortem at the Cooper Hospital after which he was cremated at the Oshiwara electric crematorium in the presence of his family and friends and many Bollywood's renowned personalities including Sashi Kapoor, Vidya Balan, Anil Kapoor, Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, Amitabh Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Pankaj Kapoor, Supriya Pathak, Paresh Rawal, Ratna Pathak Shah.



Hailing from Ambala, Punjab (now in Haryana), this 66 year old actor has a long journey to talk about. He started working at the young age of 7 to support his family as his father who worked as a railway employee was put behind bars on allegations of theft of cement. To make ends meet, Puri's brother worked as a coolie and he worked at a local tea stall. Even while he was working he did not give up on his studies. After the completion of his primary education, he joined the National School of Drama (NSD) in Pune to study theatre acting. At that time, a fellow NSD student, Naseeruddin Shah encouraged him to join Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune along with him.

Puri's first film was Chor Chor Chhup Ja which was a children's film. Om Puri made his debut in mainstream film genre in 1976's Marathi film Ghashiram Kotwal which is based on a Marathi play of the same name written by Vijay Tendulkar. Puri had claimed that he was paid "peanuts" for his best work.

Puri won the National Film Award for Best Actor for playing a police inspector in Ardh Satya (1982). He became known internationally by starring in many British films like My Son the Fanatic (1997) and The Police Officer (2001). Puri also starred in Hollywood films including City of Joy (1992), Wolf (1994). Apart from films he was a part of Hindi TV which underlined his versatility as a comedian.

He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at Filmfare in 2009. At the International Film Festival of Prayag in 2015, Puri was felicitated with the same. Puri's was recently honoured at the 89th Academy Awards (The Oscars) in Memorium segment for his contribution in Indian and world cinema. Nawazuddin Siddiqui tweeted, "@TheAcademy #Oscars paid homage 2 late #OmPuri, But in #bollywood award functions nobody converse single word for his contribution... SHAME." The duo shared the screen space in Bajrangi Bhaijaan in which Om Puri had a small role.

Looking back at his career, he tweeted, "I have no regrets at all. I have done quite well for myself. I didn't have a conventional face, but I have done well, and I am proud of it", in December 2016. Om Puri had an illustrious film career, spanning over four decades. Most recently he was seen in Dabangg, Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Ghayal Once Again. His latest appearance was in The Ghazi Attack (2017)

## The Artidote's Antidote

March, 2017.  
India

In August 2016, Jovanny Varela-Ferreyra, founder of The Artidote, a global, online community of story-telling to empathize, bond and heal through art used popular social networking App, Snapchat, to



ask his followers a question, "Where are you right now, and what are you thinking?" Within a short period of time, followers from all over the world began sending Jova their current thoughts and feelings. Jova then started curating some of the 'snaps' he found most creative, honest and vulnerable and sharing them on The Artidote's open-to-all social media profiles. Photos started flying in from all over the world, as Jova received messages from every nook and cranny. Socially suppressed women from the gulf countries, people from the war-ridden Palestinian areas, teenagers facing mental disorders, and men bound by the social patriarchy began sharing their stories with Jova. The Artidote, which was already a strong community, began connecting strangers to others who shared similar experiences, beliefs and emotions. It slowly became a haven for people who needed someone to confide in, share their problems and give solutions or simply as a release for those who felt lonely and needed someone to confide in.

The power of this community was proved when in December, 2016, Jova shared a snap of a girl who planned to end her life the following day. Within the next 24 hours, Jova received thousand more snaps from people all around the world offering strength to the girl. A few days later, Jova received another message from the same girl, thanking him for the support the whole world showed her, which stopped her from taking that drastic step.

Since that event, The Artidote community has been seen offering their love and support to every individual who has been in need for it, saving many more undocumented lives through this medium.

## Impact of Television Advertisement on Teenagers

Pune

These days Teenagers are the main and viable market segment of television advertisement as, this is the age where we like all dazzy things, little immature and young undeveloped brain.

Now, days Media is focusing more on adolescence and kids so that they get captivated with the advertisement. Therefore advertisers are these days focusing their advertisement more on teenage mind set in order to reach them and make such kinds of advertisement which create illusions of the products and its beauty in there mind. For example:- In order to reach teenage girls, advertisers usually, take celebrity status with branded materials and there beautiful face. In this situation teenage girl get influence by first, there is a celebrity status so if a celebrity is wearing it, they also want second, the clothing has a brand further they includes both games and celebrity status in order to reach the younger men.

According to Marketing Research Companies, teenagers can be the main source who spend a substantial income, spend family money or they can easily influence their parents to spend money on a large scale. As we say "A coin has two faces" similarly advertisement also have positive and negative impact both on teens. On one hand add are giving us information about new technologies and updates about new gadgets in the market but on the other hand they are playing with the brains of teenagers. Teens watch advertisement and get influence by the model/celebrity in the add which leads to not taking proper diet and look thin which they think is beautiful. We can also study the impact of television

ads by peer pressure and group impact.

What happens in peer pressure? Teens get under pressure from the peer, they think if his/ her friend have an I Phone even he/she should have an I Phone. Under these kinds of pressure teenagers try to influence there parents and get the products they want. In group impact of television advertisement we can say it might be influential at some point where teens influence each other to buy new gadgets and products, but on the other hand if we see un knowingly they are competing with each other in terms of fashion, gadgets and trends which is also helping he advertising companies to get their success of the advertisement.

In conclusion, the effect of television advertisement on teenagers could be very harmful at some point, but advertisement are also making us aware about the on going trends, new technologies and gadgets. Now, it is there in their hand weather to take the positive side or negative side.

## Obituary

*your presence we miss,  
your memories we treasure,  
loving you always,  
forgetting you never.*



*Prof. Adv. Sunil Gokhale*

## बाबरी मस्जिद प्रकरण: लालकृष्ण अडवाणी, उमा भारतीसह १२ नेत्यांवर चालु शकते केस

नवी दिल्ली : बाबरी मस्जिद विध्वंस प्रकरण मध्ये भाजपचे वरिष्ठ नेते लालकृष्ण अडवाणी सह १३ नेत्यांवर आपराधिक कट रचणे या प्रकरणावर परत एकदा केस चालु शकते असे संकेत काल (६मार्च) सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने दिले . या प्रकरणात मुस्लीम मनोहर जोशी, उमा भारती, यूपीचे माजी मुख्यमंत्री कल्याण सिंह आणि अन्य वीजेपी नेत्यांचा समावेश आहे . तसेच कोर्टने सीबीआईला या नेत्यांवर आपराधिक कट रचण्याच्या प्रकरणावर चार्टशीट दाखिल करायला सांगितले आहे .



त्याच बरोबर रायवरेली मध्ये चालु असलेल्या बाबरी मस्जिदच्या निगडीत दुसऱ्या प्रकरणाची सुनवणीला का नाही लखनऊला ट्रान्सफर केल जाऊ शकत . जेथे पहिल्यापासुनच त्याच्या निगडीत केस सुरु आहे . दोन्ही प्रकरणाला एक साथ एकले गेले पाहिजे असही कोर्टने येथे नमुद केले . तर लालकृष्ण अडवाणी यांनी प्रत्येक आरोपाचे खंडन केले आणि ते म्हणाले कि या प्रकरणात कोर्टला १८३ साक्षी दार पुन्हा बोलवणे खुप कठीण आहे . कट रचणे प्रकरणात परत सुनवणीचे आदेश देयला नव्हते पाहिजे . तसेच सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने प्रकरणाची अंतिम सुनवणी २२ मार्च ठेवली .

बाबरी विध्वंस प्रकरणामध्ये यूपीचे माजी मुख्यमंत्री कल्याण सिंह, लालकृष्ण अडवाणी, मुस्लीम मनोहर जोशी, उमा भारती आणि वीजेपीच्यो अन्य नेत्यांवर आपराधिक कट रचण्याच्या आरोपातुन सुटका करण्याच्या प्रकरणावर सर्वोच्च न्यायालयात सुनवणी सुरु आहे . न्यायमुर्ति वी .हाजी महबूब अहमद आणि सीबीआई ने ६ डिसेंबर १९९२ च्या बाबरी मस्जिद ढाचा पाडण्याच्या संबंधामध्ये कल्याण सिंह, वरिष्ठ भाजप नेता अडवाणी, मुस्लीम मनोहर जोशी सह ११ जणांना आरोपमुक्त केल्याबद्दल सर्वोच्च न्यायालयात अपील केली होती . या अपीला मध्ये इलाहवाद हायकोर्टच्या २० मे २०१० च्या आदेशला फेटाळण्याचा आग्रह करण्यात आला होता . हायकोर्टने विशेष कोर्टाच्या निर्णयाची पुष्टि करताना भारतीय दंड संहिता ची धारा १२०ब (आपराधिक कट) काढुन टाकल होत . मागील वर्षी सप्टेंबरमध्ये सीबीआईने वरिष्ठ न्यायालयाला सांगितले होते कि त्यांची नीति निर्धारण प्रकिया कोणालाही प्रभावित करत नव्हती . आणि वरिष्ठ भाजप नेत्यांवरील आपराधिक कट रचणेच्या आरोपातुन मुक्त करण्याची कारवाई एजेंसी च्या बोलण्यावरून झाली नाही . सीबीआईने त्यांच्या जाहीरनाम्यात सांगितले होते कि सीबीआईची नीति निर्धारण प्रकिया ही पुर्णपणे स्वतंत्र आहे .

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पार्लमेंट ते पालिका प्रवास पुर्ण . तब्बल ९८ नगरसेवकांची बाजी एकहाती सत्तेच स्वप्न पुर्ण

पुणे दि २६ः

“ कारभारी बदला ” अशी हाक देत जसा लोकसभेला भाजपाने इतिहास घडविला . तश्याच इतिहासाची पुनरावृत्ती महानगरपालिका निवडुकांमध्ये भारतीय जनता पार्टीने केली आहे . १६२ जागांपैकी ९८ जागांवर भारतीय जनता पक्षाच्या नगरसेवकांना पुणेकरांनी कौल दिला . अशा आश्चर्यकारक निकालामुळे राष्ट्रवादीर्घ ॥ गोटयात खळबळजनक वातावरण निर्माण झाले आहे . गेली १० वर्षे पुण्यामध्ये

राष्ट्रवादीने अनेक विकासकांमांचा डंका वाजवला तरीही त्यांना अवघ्या ४० जागां वर समाधान मानावे लागले . कॉंग्रेसला एक अंकी अकडयात ठेवण्याची भाजपाची इच्छा देखील पुण्यातील या निकालने पुर्ण केली आहे . महानगरपालिका निवडणुक २०१७ च्या निकालाने भाजपाचा पार्लमेंट ते पालिका प्रवास पुर्ण झाला आहे .

निवडणुकीदरम्यान पुण्यामध्ये गिरीश बापट गट आणि संजय काकडे गट असे दोन गट पडलेले दिसुन आले . हे दोन्ही नेते पुण्यातील भारतीय जनता पक्षाचे नेतृत्व आहे . ग्वा . संजय काकडे यांनी निवडणुकीच्या अगोदर असे वक्तव्य केले होते की “ २०१७ च्या महानगरपालिका निवडणुकांमध्ये भारतीय जनता पक्षाच्या ९२ किंवा त्यापेक्षा अधिक जागा निवडुन नाहि आल्या तर मी राजकिय सन्यास घेई न ” पण या आश्चर्यकारक निकालामुळे संजय काकडेचा राजकीय सन्यास टळला आहे .

गिरीश बापट गट देखिल तेवढयाच ताकदिने प्रचार करत होता . इतर पक्षातील ताकदवान उमेदवारांना भाजपा मध्ये प्रवेश देण्यातही या दोन्ही गटांचा पुढाकार होता . पुणे महानगरपालिकेमध्ये भारतीय जनता पक्षाच्या सर्वाधिका जागा मिळ वण्यासाठी या दोन्ही नेत्यांचा सिंहाचा वाटा असल्याच दिसुन येत आहे .

इतर पक्षातुन अनेक उमेदवार भारतीय पक्षात आल्यामुळे पुण्याचा कारभारी कोण असणार आणि सत्तेच्या चाव्या कोणाच्या हातामध्ये असणार याबाबतच्या चर्चा राजकीय वर्तुळात रंगताना दितायेत .

## औषध खरेदीत बदल

महापालिकेच्या औषध खरेदीवरून स्थायी समितीच्या गेल्या काही बैठका गाजत आहेत . कॉंग्रेसचे सदस्य बसवेश्वर सातपुते यांनी काल सांगलीच्या बाजारपेठेत स्वतः दोन औषधे मुमारे अडीच तीनपट कमी दराने खरेदी करून आयुक्त रवींद्र खेबुडकर यांच्यासमोर ठेवली .

औषधे जादा दराने गरज नसताना बंदी असणारी खरेदी होतात हाच इथला पायंडाच आहे . हा भ्रष्टाचार कोणीही रोखणार असेल तर त्याचे स्वागतच . माझ्या काळात औषध खरेदी झाले नाही असे सांगणारया संतोष पाटील यांना आपल्या काळात मुमारे एक कोटीच्या अशाच पधतीने झालेल्या औषध खरेदितच पुर्णतः विस्मरण झाले .

सध्या गाजत असलेल्या १ कोटी ४९ लाख रुपयांची ४१ प्रकारची औषध खरेदीची निविदाप्रकिया संतोष पाटील यांच्या काळातच सुरु झाली . गेल्या वर्षी ६जुन २०१६ चा हा ठराव त्याआधी पाटील यांच्या काळात दोन वेळा औषध खरेदी झाली . त्यावेळी सात प्रकारची खरेदी झालेली औषधांचे दरांची सध्याच्या बाजारात तुलना केली असता तेव्हाही त्या औषधांचे दर जास्तच आहेत . आता त्या औषधेंची एमआरपी ही अधिकतम विक्रीमुल्य किती याची माहिती उपलब्ध झाली नाही . थोडक्यात आता स्थायीत विरोधक झालेले आधीचे सत्ताधारी कितीही नाकाने वांगी सोलत असेल तरी याच मंडळीनी अशी औषध खरेदी करायचा शिरस्ता रूजव ला आहे . महाआघाडी असो की कॉंग्रेसचा सत्ताकाळ प्रत्येक खरेदीतला हिशेव पब का आहे . हा हिशेव किती असावा याचा ताळतंत्र सुटला आहे . तब्बल तीन पटीने जादा औषध खरेदी करण्यापर्यंत प्रशासनाची मजल गेली आहे .

प्रत्येक टप्प्याव हिशेव पुर्ण करित या औषधाची खरेदी होते . शेजारच्या कोल्हापुर महापालिकेला म्हणे वर्षाकाठी ३५लाखांची औषधे लागतात अशी माहिती या प्रकरणाचा पाठपुरावा करणारया सातपुते यानी दिली . त्यांच्या तुलनेत क्षेत्रफळ जादा असल्याने इकडे जादा औषधफवारणी होत असते . त्यामुळे जादा औषध लागतात . हा फरक हा तीन पट होता त्यामुळे या प्रकरणाच्या मुळाशी जाणे म्हणजे नदीचे मुळ आणि ऋषीचे कुळ शोधण्यासारखे आहे . वर्षानुवर्षे विनभोवाट महापालिकेत अशी भ्रष्टाचाराची कुरणे तयार झाली आहेत . ती प्रशासन आणि लोकप्रतिनिधींनी पोसली आहेत . ती बजवण्यासाठी कोणी पश्चात बुद्धीने जरी प्रयत्न करित असेल तरी त्याचे स्वागतच करायला पाहिजे . प्रश्न उरतो तो भुमिके ला सातत्याचा . दिलीप पाटील संतोष पाटील बसवेश्वर सातपुते या स्थायी समितीत घेतलेल्या विरोधकाच्या भुमिकेत स्वागत करताना त्यांनी हा मुददा तडीस न्यावा करता आली तर आधीचीही जादा दराने झालेली वसूली करावी .

## जिल्हा परिषद व पंचायत समिती निवडणुक लक्ष

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मिनी मंत्रालय म्हटल्या जाणारया जिल्हा परिषदेच्या रणसंग्रामात हळुहळु जिल्हावासीयांमध्ये उत्सुकता वाढू लागली आहे . तालुका स्तरावर कधी एकमेकांना रामराम न घालणारे गळयात हात टाकून फिरताना दिसतायेत तर कुठे नेत्यांजवळ चमकोगिरी करताना दिसत आहे . निवडणुकीचे विगुल वाजल्यापासुन गावपुढारी आता चौकात दिसू लागलेत . काही तालुक्यांमध्ये आरक्षणामुळे योग्य उमेदवार मिळत नसल्याने चलती की नाम गाडी असे दृश्य दिसतायेत . काही पक्षांकडे ईच्छुकांची गर्दी तर काहींकडे आयारामांवर लक्ष देऊन असल्याचे सध्या चित्र आहे . या रणसंग्रामात युतीचे संकेत अजूनही स्पष्ट होत नसल्याने ग्रामीण भागात खरपुस चर्चा पहायला मिळत आहे . कोणत्या गटात कुणाला तिकीट मिळणार यावर चर्चा रंगतायेत . जिल्हयात ग्रामीण भागात भाजपा आणि शिवसेना राष्ट्रवादि चे वर्चस्व असल्याने मोर्चेबांधीनी सुरू केलीय . अनेक भागात काही गावपुढारी नेत्यांचे लक्ष वेधण्यासाठी पक्षांतराची भाषा करतायेत . निवडणुक म्हटली की नाराज नवरोवा तयारच असतात आणि आता नेत्यांनाही सवय झालीय जाणारयाना न थांबविण्याची . प्रत्येक पक्षाच्या मुलाखती आटोपल्यात मेळावे झालेतइतकच काय तर चर्चा करून निरीक्षण व परीक्षण ही झालेत मात्र उमेदवारी जाहीर करण्यात आलेली नाही ती याच कारणांमुळे . मात्र ग्रामीण भागात नागरीकांचे चर्चात्मक मनोरंजन होत आहे .

मिनी मंत्रालयासाठी होणारया या निवडणुकांसाठी आगामी विधानसभेचे गणित मांडले जाईल असा अंदाज दिसतोय . सर्वत्र निवडणुकीची चाललेली धामधूम पाहता मिनी मंत्रालयात पक्षीय बलाबल एकच पक्षाला न मिळता मिनी मंत्रालयात त्रिशंकु राहिल असेच आज तरी वाटतेय . नशिराबाद भादली गट जळगाव ग्रामीण संघातील मोठा गट असलेल्या या गटात सर्वसाधारण गटासाठी भाजपकडुन पुन्हा एकदा श्री कमलाकार रोटे यानां तर राष्ट्रवादीकडुन श्री पंकज महाजन तर शिवसेने कडुन प्रकाश माळी हे संभाव्य उमेदवार दिले जाण्याची शक्यता आहे . माजी जि . प सदस्य कमलाकार रोटे हे याआधी दोन वेळा निवडुन आले आहे . राष्ट्रवादीकडुन लिनाना महाजन या विद्यमान सदस्या आहेत . भाजपाचा बालेकिल्ला असलेल्या या गटाला सुरूंग लावत पंकज महाजन यांनी पं . समितीच्या दोन्ही जागा निवडुन आणल्या होत्या . त्यामुळे भादली गटाकडुन निवडणुक लढणारे प्रकाश माळी यंदा शिवसेनेचे उमेदवार असण्याची शक्यता आहे . बारा बलुतेदारांचा हा गट असुन प्रत्येक निवडणुकीवळी नेत्यांसह जिल्हयाचे या गटाकडे लक्ष असते एकदाच्या निवडणुका झाल्या कि नेते फिरकतही नाही . अख्खर अली काझी आणि त्यानंतर वाय जी महाजन सर यांच्यानंतर रोटे व महाजन यांनी या गटाचे प्रतिनिधीत्व केले .

नशिराबादमध्ये आतापर्यंत कोणत्याही जि . प . सदस्यांनी कायापालट करणारा विकास केला नाही . माजी मंत्री श्री गुलावराव देवकर यांनी विकासनिधी दिला त्यामाध्यमातुन बरीच कामे झाली आहे मात्र रस्त्यांची दुरावस्था आहे . गावात मार्गक्रमण करणारा रस्ता असो याचबरोबर तरसोदच्या रस्त्यांची विकट अवस्था यासह पाण्याची समस्या अशा अनेक समस्या शासन दरबारी पाठपुरावाकरून पुर्ण करण्यात असफल राहिलेत . याव्यतीरीक्त या गटात अनेक खेडी गावे आहेत त्याभागातील विकास देखिल झालेला नाही . मोठया शहराला भेटी देण्यासाठी पुरेशी वाहन व्यवस्था नाही . या शिवाय शहरात असलेल्या कॉलेजेसला पोहोचण्यासाठी परीवहन व्यवस्था नसल्यामुळे बराच वेळ प्रवासासाठी वाया जातो . या भागाता छोटे जोडथंभे नसल्यामुळे बेरोजगारीचे प्रमाण वाढत आहे . विजेचे प्रमाण कमी आहे त्यामुळे शेतीचे नुकसान होते .

अस्वच्छता जास्त आहे यासारखे अनेक प्रश्न अजुन तसेच आहेत फक्त निवडणुक आली की मोठमोठी आश्वासने देऊन निवडणुक जिंकायची व पुन्हा येरे माझ्या मागल्या प्रमाणे जैसे थे . तेव्हा येणारया निवडणुकीत जिंकून येणारया उमेदवारांकडुन नक्कीच अपेक्षा करूया की यापुढे तरी हव तासा विकास होण्यास मदत होईल व या भागाचा विकास होईल .

## बंधनातुन बाहेर पडा !

आपण जस जसे मोठे होऊ आणि जस जसे शिक्षण घेऊ तस तसे बंधनातुन बाहेर पडण्याचा प्रयत्न करा . आपल्या सोसायटीतुन खुप अशा आपेक्षा



असतात की आपण हेच केले पाहिजे तेच केले पाहिजे दरवेळेला आपणच ऐकले पाहिजे अस काही नाही आपल्या स्वतः ला काय करायच आहे, आपल्या स्वतः ला काय आवडत हयाचा विचार करायला पाहिजे . नाही तर आपल्या शिक्षणाचा फायदा काय? अस प्रो . स्नेहा गोरे यांनी महिला दिन निमित्ताने आम्ही त्यांची मुलाखत घेतली त्यावेळी त्या बोलत होत्या . याचवेळी त्यांनी त्याच्या आठवणींना उजाळाही दिला .

माझा जन्म १९८७ साली पुण्यात झाला . माझ जन्म आणि शिक्षण दोन्ही पुण्यात झाले . आणि मी आहिल्याबाई होळकर हायस्कूल फोर गर्ल्स मध्ये दहावी पास झाले . त्यावेळीच बालपण म्हटल तर मला बरसे खेळ, बरासा अभ्यास, उ पकम, वेगवेगळे प्रकल्प आम्ही करायचो ते आठवत . आमच्या लहाणपणी इंटरनेट नव्हता त्यामुळे फेसबुकींग करणे, वेवसाइट वाचणे, यु-टुबवर पिकचर पाहणे हे शक्य नव्हत कारण इंटरनेट नव्हता त्यामुळे सुट्टया मध्ये खुप खेळ असायचा आणि बरेस लोक कराटे, डान्स क्लास, झोईंग क्लासला जायचे मी सुध्दा गाण शिकायचे . न्यू मीडिया नसल्यामुळे आमचे हे सुरू असायचे म्हणजे वर्च्युवल रियालटीचा न घेता खरया रियालटीचा भरपूर अनुभव मिळाला . माझ्या आई वडिलांच एवढ स्वप्न होत कि मी जो प्रोफेशन निवडले, किंवा जे काम करेल ते मी मनापासुन केल पाहिजे त्यामध्ये जास्तीत जास्त उंची गाठण्याचा प्रयत्न करायला पाहिजे त्यासाठी त्यांनी मला खुप मदतही केली . माझ अरेंज मॅरेज कम लव्ह मॅरेज जास्त म्हणता येईल माझे वडिल आणि माझ्या नवरयाचे वडिल हे जुने मित्र त्यामुळे त्याच्यांद्वारे आमची ओळख झाली . हृषिकेश महेदळे हे त्यांच नाव आणि ते इंजिनिअर आहे . त्यामुळे एका कॉलेज मध्ये एका वर्गात असे कधीच नव्हतो म्हणजे आमची फॅमिलीमुळे झालेली ओखळ आहे . मीडिया फील्डमध्ये काम करताना मला खुप शिकायला मिळाले जे आपल्याला क्लास रूम मध्ये वसुन जे मिळत नाही ते काम करताना मिळाले . त्यावेळी मीडिया फील्ड आपल्याकडे हळूहळू डेव्हलप होत असल्यामुळे मला नवर्न विन शिकायला मिळत होते . मी रेडियो, टेलिव्हिजन, प्रिंट मध्ये आणि चेन्नईमध्ये असताना कंटेन राईटर म्हणुन विनीटो कंपनी मध्ये काम केले . सकाळमध्ये मी काम करताना मला वेगवेगळे अनुभव मिळाले . त्यावेळी तेथे मला सीनिअर सोवत काम करायला मिळाले त्यांनी मला मदत आणि शिकायला मिळाले . आणि आता मी फर्गुसन कॉलेज मध्ये प्रोफेसर म्हणुन आहे .

त्या सांगतात कि आपल्याला संभाव आपल्या सोसायटीची कल्पना असेल की मुलीनां हे जमत नाही ते जमत नाही अशी मुर्लीवर बंधने असतात . आपण जस जसे मोठे होऊ आणि जसे शिक्षण घेऊ तस तसे बंधनातुन बाहेर पडण्याचा प्रयत्न करा . आपल्या सोसायटीत खुप अशा आपेक्षा असतात की आपण हेच केले पाहिजे आपण तेच केले पाहिजे दरवेळेला आपणच ऐकले पाहिजे अस काही नाही आपल्या स्वतः ला काय करायच आपल्या स्वतः ला काय आवडत हयाचा विचार करून ठरवल पाहिजे मग ते तुमच्या करियरवददल, पर्सनल लाईफवददल असेल लग्नाचा मुद्दा असेल, किंवा तुम्हाला आयुष्यात पुढे करायच असेल . माझ अस म्हण आहे कि स्वतः ला ओळखायला शिका स्वतः ची जी काही आवड ती फोलो करायला जास्तीत जास्त शिका नाहीतर आपल्याला सोसायटीने काय सांगितल कि समाजातील ही बंधने आहे आणि ती मुलगी म्हणुन केले पाहिजे हे तसे आजकाल रिलेव्हेंट नाही . नाहीतर तुम्ही घेतलेल्या शिक्षणाचा फायदा काय? स्वतःला जार्स तीत जास्त संधी मिळेल आपल्या कलागुणांना वाव मिळेल असा प्रयत्न करा .

## Manipur Blockade-Will it end ?

**Manipur:** A north-eastern state of India; a region of vibrant culture and exotic food; a region of green hills and valleys. A state that otherwise occurs to be peaceful but has been facing a 50 year old militant insurgency.

Manipur has had a history in numerous civilian death due to militant attacks. Between the years of 2010 to 2014, the militant insurgency was responsible for about 1 civilian death per 1,00,000 people. But it is not only the militant attacks that cause a turmoil in the day-to-day life of the Manipuris, frequent disputes between the ethnic groups are also a reason for constant tension and violence in the state.

Manipur may be a small state, but the divide between the communities living in the hills and valleys is so vast that there is often some dispute or protest over various disagreements amongst them.

Manipur has a population of about 3 million which includes of Meitei, Kuki, Naga, and Pangal people. Manipuris more of a Meitei dominated region, especially the Imphal valley, which is the capital of the state. Whereas the hills are predominantly inhabited by the Nagas and Kukis.

Once again the state was the talk of the town due to the economic blockade called by the United Naga Council (UNC). The blockade in Manipur has been in effect since November 01, 2016. The United Naga Council blocked the National Highways including NH2 and NH37. These routes pass through the Naga inhabited hills which reach to the Imphal valley. The Trans-Asian Highway was also blocked and trucks carrying supplies were stopped, depriving the civilians of essentials like food, fuel and medicines. The civilians were in distress as demonetisation added to their misery. This has severely affected the day to day life in the state with costs of essentials increasing and shortage of money. When Gaidon Kamei, the UNC President and Stephen Lamkang, Publicity Secretary were arrested on November 25, 2016 and the blockade continued as 'total shutdown'.

Mobile internet had been snatched in the state and 4000 personnel of central paramilitary forces were deployed by the government of India.



### Why the Blockade?

The state government issued a gazette notification for creation of seven new districts by dividing 9 existing districts. The motive behind this decision was to create a more Kuki-majority district from the larger Senapati hill district, also to have smoother administration in the hilly districts. While people in the new district were happy with the decision, the UNC protested this decision, alleging that the new districts encroach on the ancestral lands of the Naga tribe. Also they claimed that creating new districts will cause a divide among the Naga population. They also fear that non-Naga tribes like Kukis would eventually dominate in districts like Kangpokpi- where there is co-existence of Kukis, Nagas and Meiteis. With the State Assembly elections just around the corner, the UNC claim that decision by the Congress-led government was a way of gaining support of the hill residents. Also, the UNC were unhappy because the government did not consult the Hill Area Committees before taking the decision.

The Hill Area Committees are formed to protect the rights of the residents in the hill under the Article 371(C) of the constitution. According to this Act, the Committee must be consulted on matters relating to the tribal people.

There have been Counter-Blockades called by other groups in the state in response to the blockade by UNC. There has been violence in both hills and the valleys. There were incidents of Naga and Meitei tribes in the minority areas. Policemen were assaulted; 3 killed and 14 got injured. Some government offices were burnt down.

The Naga Student Federation (NSF) also imposed total blockade on all Manipur-bound vehicles, passengers and goods carriers. NSF

President Subenthung Kithan alleged that many innocent Naga travelers in Manipur were assaulted and their vehicles were set on fire. They announced that the blockade would go on, until the Manipur government gave assurance of safety and security of the Naga people in the state.

The National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) have also been openly opposing the creation of new districts. Nearly 70 NSCN - IM terrorists attacked the Nungkao post of the 6th Manipur Rifles and 7th Indian Reserve Battalion in Noney district of Manipur. The terrorists killed 3 police personnel, snatched away their weapons and injured 9. The NSCN-IM had threatened the government of serious consequences if the decision of the new districts was not taken back.

The Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh, who leads Indian National Congress in the region requested the United Naga Council to remove the blockade. As the UNC refused to do so, the state government sought the assistance of central government to end the blockade. The UNC leaders met Union Minister Rajnath Singh and asked to impose President's rule in the state.

The NSCN-IM (which supports the UNC) had been ensuing in peace talk with the government of India. While the centre had sent paramilitary forces to both Nagaland and Manipur, who were not quite successful in clearing the blockade. Government officials have been in talks with tribal groups over the past few days. The Meities and other tribal groups too have reached out to each other in search of a solution. The Central Government ruling Bharatiya Janata Party also requested the UNC to withdraw the blockade. But, UNC had refused to end the blockade.

Blockades are not the answer to the political acts in the state. There should be more emphasis on the communication between the State Government, the Central Government, the UNC, the communities and residents of Manipur. Violence and protests are not the solution to such issues. India has been a country of peace and nonviolence, is this the new method of peace talk in the country?

The innocent people of Manipur are becoming targets of these political tantrums in the current scenario. Blockades or violence of any kind should not be tolerated.

-Aishwarya Bhende

## ISRO: The Journey From Ferrying Rockets On Bicycles To Launching 104 Satellites At A Stretch

“Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work.” Abiding by these inspiring words of late A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the untiring efforts of ISRO gathered another feather in their cap with their latest historic achievement at the very dawn of this year, 2017. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) set a new bar after the successful launch of 104 satellites at a stretch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, on February 15, 2017.



### The Milestone

This was the first mission of this year and a very complicated one as well, that received accolades from great personalities all over the world especially from the top brass India. The previous record was held by the Russian Space Agency that launched 37 satellites in 2014. However the previous record that India held was just 20 satellites at one go in 2015.

The PSLV [Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle] took its 39th flight with this successful launch and included the Cartosat-2, primary satellite and 101 international nano-satellites in addition to two of its own nano-satellites, INS-1A and INS-1B. The primary satellite weighed almost 714 kg while the other 103 satellites made it almost equal to 664 kg in total. Considering the great impact of the XL Variant, which was used during the Chandrayaan and Mars Orbiter Mission, the same most powerful rocket was used in this record achievement too. The aim of the satellite is to capture high-resolution images of the Indian landmass.

### The Inspiring Journey

The ISRO we know today made its way into the world through a very humble beginning that took place almost five decades ago in 1963 in a remote place called Thumba, Kerala. Without any great provision for a well-built office or workshop, the then Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR) made its presence felt through a Church named St. Mary Magdalene's Church under the guidance of the great Dr. Vikram Sarabhai. This church formed their control room while a toilet in Bangalore was converted as the satellite data receiving centre. It was only later, in 1975, that it came to be known as the present ISRO.

Among those young scientists who worked in the initial stages of ISRO was our former President late Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam who set up the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station. Aryabhata, India's first indigenous satellite was a great achievement in 1975 by ISRO and was launched by the Soviet Union. The PSLV, the launching vehicle that made India proud this year has undergone just one major setback that took place during its maiden flight. ISRO considered the failure as a stepping stone to success and since then have witnessed several achievements with this same vehicle. The great milestones ISRO has made through include the Aryabhata satellite in 1975, Insat in 1983, the Chandrayaan mission in 2008, Mangalyaan mission in 2014, the reusable launch vehicle and the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System in 2016 followed by the latest launch of 104 satellites in 2017.

### The Glimpse of ISRO's 'Rocket Women'

Women have been seen grabbing the cover pages of business magazines, setting ramps on fire, inculcating storms through their ink, burning holes in the chests of enemies with guns and not to forget those who once struggled hard to step outside of four walls have now stepped into space technology as well. Leaving all the barriers of gender

behind, these women folk are not just from the US or UK but our own nation.

It was not until Mangalyaan made headlines that the role of women was evidently seen in ISRO. In reality the early stages of ISRO rarely witnessed any women influence at all. However the successful Mangalyaan mission gave India a chance to step back and acknowledge several women who have been influential in propelling the whole nation into space.

As per statistics of Quartz, only 20% of ISRO's total workforce forms women of which 10% of the total staff are engineers. This forms the involvement of women in space technology. The recent record of launching of 104 satellites by ISRO witnessed 8 women in the mainstream of the project. Minal Sampath, Anuradha T.K., Ritu Karidhal, Moumita Dutta, Nandini Harinath, Kriti Faujdar, N. Valarmathi and Tessa Thomas are those prominent personalities who stole the limelight of the show leaving spectators in awe of their dedicated contribution which bore fruit with the feat achieved.

Breaking all stereotypes about our notion of an Indian woman, these women proved to the nation and the world, what difference a woman can make in any field. But as any feminist thinker or a philanthropist would do let us not merely focus on their courage for being part of a successful ISRO group from a male chauvinist society but also praise their untiring efforts which helped the whole team of scientists from ISRO reach this unbelievable pinnacle of success.

When we have women who work more than 18 hours a day at the operations desk of ISRO without any weekend or holiday just to make one more successful launch, we have a society still falls prey to feminism and male chauvinism, which has today even influenced the media. Social media is widely used by us to express our views and opinions, our sentiments and emotions, which simply ends with a 'like and share' attitude and nothing more. It's high time that the media and society wake up from their slumber and bring to light the great achievements of female scientists such as these from ISRO who should be remembered for more than just a day.

### The Journey Continues

While anyone would have rolled up their sleeves and toasted to the success of their record breakthrough, team ISRO seem to be insatiable. The very next day, ISRO surprised the world once again with the announcement that they would be launching the South Asian Satellite by the end of March this year. This reflected that nothing- not even those golden moments of success- can steal their deep thirst for giving their best to the nation and the world as a whole. The journey that began five decades ago continues on with their spirits still possessed by an unquenchable thirst for something more. Let these spirits continue to dream higher and higher and as Walt Disney says "If you can dream it you can do it." Let the dream that began from ferrying a rocket on a bicycle, continue to inspire several thousands of hearts and be cherished with their dedicated longing for success ahead.

-Celeste Francis

## Digitalisation

A nation-wide initiative was started 2 years ago to empower the people of the country digitally. Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a major step by announcing "Digital India Campaign".

Firstly, the campaign and publicity should be done about digitalisation. People should know what is the actual purpose of the campaign. Workshops and wide range of activities should be done in order to inform the masses about the campaign. Government should spread awareness about digital literacy, like many ministers across India were organising seminars for illiterate people, holding meetings at public places, etc. Same was done during demonetisation, all the terms regarding the cash transactions, the online banking and much more.

The initiative was taken one step further after the big boom of 'demonetization'. The whole nation is looking forward to this campaign as digitalisation has already changed the graph of the country. Indian IT sector is a major contributor of nation's GDP. But 'how it boons the Indian economy in terms of business, education and job opportunities' would be a tough question!



## Objectives of Campaigns

- \*Manufacturing of electronics in the country
- \*Easy access to Internet
- \*E-governance for faster examination of data
- \*IT training jobs to train up to 1 crore youth for small town villages
- \*Engaging social media platforms

One of the previous steps taken by the government to boost digitalisation was the introduction of Adhar unique ID system. Adhar is like a centralised data repository.

One of the major sectors, which are highly being affected by digitalisation, is education, not only in urban areas, but in rural areas too. Though not much has been achieved in the past two years, but hopes are still high. After the revolution of demonetization, the graph of digital literacy is going up consistently. Trend should change from distance education to digital education.

One of the major reasons why technology is not reaching the rural population is because they do not have the basic infrastructure for digitalisation like electricity, internet connection, computers and smart phones. Though many professors or teachers are coming forward to support digital India campaign, they are selling their lectures online. They are making it easy for the students who live far. To afford internet for educational purposes, it will take at least 5 more years. In addition to that, for most of the rural population, the fact that 'internet can educate' is a little indigestible. For them, it is a source of 'mere entertainment'. So, people should change their mindset about this. They should understand that digitalisation has good points too.

Good and constant connectivity will accelerate digitalisation, the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, and enhance the literacy level which may ultimately it will increase the jobs opportunities. This is one facet of digitalisation among many.

If we see from environment's point of view, digital India has proved to be beneficial in that perspective as well in many ways., The rate of deforestation has decreased as most of us are opting for online payments. Access to a wide variety of books online has reduced deforestation to a large extent. Further, most of the official work is being conducted at digital platform. Unlike BMC (Bombay Municipal Corporation) who spend 2.5 crore in buying stationary.

Medical sector has also got tremendous support as now, there is no need for patients to visit doctors every day, just one face to face personal conversation through video calling with the doctor is enough! But, all this can only be done when there is good and constant connectivity. Digitalisation helps in easy share of urgent medical cases images between various hospitals which are separated by miles of distance

in real. Another advantage that digitalisation offers is that doctors can prepare in advance in case of emergency.

Another important sector of Indian economy which is greatly influenced by digitalisation and demonetization is the business sector. Almost all big business setups have been following digitalisation from last many years, but how the small and low business firms are tackling this situation still remains a question! Gaining and getting more customers for business is the ultimate aim because that is how the businesses are going to earn profit.

Now, new technologies are reducing the gap and enhancing the experience of customers. User friendly interface and simple and interactive applications should be implemented. One of the best opportunities of digitalisation is Work-from-Home, freelancing. Employers appreciate the ability of employees to Work-from-Home. Multiple companies have merged in order to create a better platform. For example, after demonetization, every bank launched their mobile apps. Moreover, the excessive use of smartphones, as a tool for digitalisation, is also getting huge response from the masses. The ease of getting anything from just a touch is making things smoother and it is saving lot of time. People don't carry laptops or tablets anymore. Mobile Number Portability is also supported by many telecom operators.

Just few months after the digital India campaign, Google in the collaboration with Government of India made a new smart phone called Android 1 and the companies which made this phone are Spice and Lenovo. So, the market of digital devices might increase in India. But, one field which has a threat from digital media is the defence sector. With the continuous use of digital media, the nation's security has been compromised to some extent like, piracy has increased, so the chances of getting the data hacked are also high. With the advancement of technology and wide varieties of applications which are available online, anyone can get link of the sensitive information. Many a times, the unwanted elements of the nation create havoc. It is important to take care of them.

The only way by which we can minimize hacking is to have strong programs and secure system.

If we see geographically, the areas in extreme north which are mostly war zone areas, like Siachin Glacier, still have zero internet connection. Internet is still a far cry as they do not even have proper calling services. So, if we are saying that digital campaign is a success, it's true. But we should not forget the areas which are lagging behind due to geographic conditions. Some of the major areas which fall into this category are the Arunachal Pradesh, villages of Chattisgarh, etc.

However, even if the government achieves success by rendering good infrastructure, the bigger question will always be 'who will teach the masses how to operate system? How will they derive benefit from technology?' To cope up with this major problem, India requires skilled and talented labour.

-Sarita Chahar

## Education Going Out of The Way

In the recent past, the content in many school textbooks has been of a serious concern as to what children are being taught these days. Recently this year, a Class XII Social Science textbook, – published and circulated by the Maharashtra State Board, said that a man's family may demand high dowry, particularly when the girl is 'ugly' or 'handicapped'. The chapter titled 'Major Social Problems in India' describes how "ugly women find it difficult to get married and hence the dowry culture prevails".

One of the sections of the chapter reads: "If a girl is ugly and handicapped, then it becomes a very difficult for her to get married. To marry such girls, bridegroom and his family demand more dowry. Parents of such girls become helpless and pay dowry as per the demands of the bridegroom's family. It leads to rise in the practice of dowry system."

When educationists spoke about this issue, one of the six authors of the textbook said, "The textbook has to be read carefully. We have said that these (ugliness and handicap) are some of the reasons why dowry exists. We have also included an advisory on how girls should and can refuse to marry a groom whose family demands dowry".

While this problem was being addressed, another image of an equally ridiculous piece of text appeared online. A Class IV book for Environmental Studies titled Our Green World, which is a part of curriculum in a Delhi school, teaches students the importance of breathing by giving a practical example that shows how children can suffocate a cat to death!

In the process of explaining- "living things breathe" and "living things need air to breathe", the book reads, "no living thing can live without air for more than a few minutes." To explain this with an actual experiment the book says, "Put a small kitten in each box. Close the boxes. After some time open the boxes. What do you see? The kitten inside the box without holes has died."

Such content is teaching young children to kill a living being on the basis of conducting an experiment for self-learning a theory that has already been proved. It indirectly promotes violence and tells children that violence is a casual thing and there is no harm in conducting it. Such experiments raise a huge question on the quality of education we're providing to our children. It could cause an alarming psychological damage that could leave a negative impression on their minds.

There are many such objectifying examples of textbook content which are utterly disturbing and unrequired. Here are a few examples.

**"They (non-vegetarians) easily cheat, tell they forget promises, they are dishonest and tell bad words, steal, fight and turn to violence and commit sex crimes." Class 6 CBSE textbook, 'New Healthway: Health, Hygiene, Physiology, Safety, Sex Education, Games and Exercises'.**

**"The pilot and the Indian together thrashed the negro and tied him up with rope. Like a tied buffalo, he frantically tried to escape but could not. The plane landed safely in Chicago. The negro was a serious criminal and this brave Indian was an employee of Air India."**  
Book by author Dina Nath Batra.

**"A donkey is like a housewife... It has to toil all day, and, like her, may even have to give up food and water. In fact, the donkey is a shade better... for while the housewife may sometimes complain and walk off to her parents' home, you'll never catch the donkey being disloyal to his master."**

From a textbook meant for 14-year-old children in Rajasthan. When contacted by NBC, a state official said, "The comparison was made in good humour".

**"Instead (of a birthday with cakes and candles), we should follow a purely Indian culture by wearing swadeshi clothes, doing a havan and praying toishta-dev (preferred deity), reciting mantras such as Gayatri mantra, distributing new clothes to the needy, feeding cows, distributing prasad and winding up the day by playing songs produced by Vidya Bharati."**  
Shikhan nu Bharitiyakaran by Dina Nath Batra

**Lesbianism is a product of "unnaturally intense friendships... where outlets for a more normal sex drive do not exist" or even a "faulty environment" and claims that the "accompanying deep love... may lead to suspicion, jealousy, suicide or murder".**

The Essentials of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology

**"America wants to take the credit for invention of stem cell research, but the truth is that India's Dr Balkrishna Ganpat Matapurkar has already got a patent for regenerating body parts.... You would be surprised to know that this research is not new and that Dr Matapurkar was inspired by the Mahabharata. Kunti had a bright son like the sun itself. When Gandhari, who had not been able to conceive for two years, learnt of this, she underwent an abortion. From her womb a huge mass of flesh came out. (Rishi) Dwaipayana Vyas was called. He observed this hard mass of flesh and then he preserved it in a cold tank with specific medicines. He then divided the mass of flesh into 100 parts and kept them separately in 100 tanks full of ghee for two years. After two years, 100 Kauravas were born of it. On reading this, he (Matapurkar) realised that stem cell was not his invention. This was found in India thousands of years ago."**

This 125 page book, Tejmoy Bharat was mandated as supplementary reading by the Gujarat government for all government primary and secondary schools.

If this is the kind of education we are offering our children, what kind of development are we looking for in our country?

If we are looking at modernization, this is definitely not the right kind of education. On one side, we are talking and fighting against Section 377 of the IPC that prohibits same-sex relationships, and on the other side, we are describing it as an 'unnatural relationship'. Why are we forgetting Hampi, a UNESCO world heritage site that has sculptures of homosexual activities carved into the walls of its temples? Even if the Indian mentality cannot understand this relationship, we need to accept this behaviour. A personal opinion should be kept personal and can be only stated as one's own perspective. It should not be forced upon as a theory or unjustified behaviour. There is a difference between an opinion, coercion and acceptance that and we need to understand. Let us guide our children expertly because education it is the base of our future

-Sanjarvi Sompura

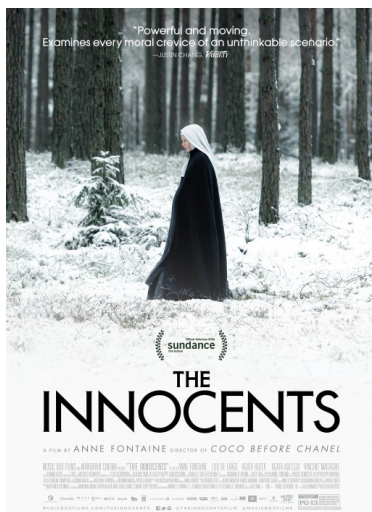


## 15th Pune International Film Festival, 2017



**Playground, 2016**  
**Title: PlacZabaw**  
**Director: Bartosz M. Kowalski**  
**Country: Poland**  
**Language: Polish**

Playground is an observational drama of 3 adolescent children, Gabrysia, Szymek and Czarek on their last day of school. The film starts off in a seemingly normal manner, with the 3 children getting ready for school. A few minutes into the film, the dark persona of each of them is revealed. Where Gabrysia showed her self-harming side, Szymek shows a troubled side of his that physically abuses his handicapped father. Czarek on the other hand has a malicious psyche. On the last day of school, when Gabrysia arranges a meeting with Szymek to express her liking for him, he shows up with his best friend, Czarek, and humiliates her. Shortly after that, Szymek and Czarek head over to a mall to buy a video game. On finding the shop closed, they kidnap a three year old boy and loiter off with him. What follows next is bound to shock most viewers, as the sinister traits of their personalities take over them. The final scene of this film is highly commendable, as it captures the drama from a distance, leaving some gut-wrenching details to the audience's imagination. In the end, you are left with the question of what pushes children to commit such disturbing atrocities.



**The Innocents, 2016**  
**Title: Les Innocentes**  
**Director: Anne Fontaine**  
**Country: France | Poland**  
**Language: French | Polish | Russian**

Les Innocentes is a real-life encounter of a French Red Cross Doctor in Poland post the Second World War. On being approached by a Polish nun, Mathilde, a young French Red Cross doctor, after several requests, accompanies her to her convent to treat a pregnant novice nun who was in labor. After spending a considerable amount of time in the convent,

treating the nun and her newborn, Mathilde learns of the plight of the nuns, more than 7 of whom had been impregnated by rape by Soviet soldiers during the war. After obtaining the permission of the Mother Superior for examining the remaining pregnant nuns, Mathilde overcomes some extreme obstacles to do all she can to help them. After being reprimanded by her senior at the Red Cross van for her disappearances, she even cycles to the convent in the biting cold, once intercepting some Soviet soldiers who attempted to rape her. If these obstacles weren't enough, she even faced the resistance of the nuns who did not allow her to examine them as they suffered from PTSD, and many even considered being touched as a sin. Gradually, Mathilde earns the trust of the nuns and successfully delivers all the babies, and nurses their mothers back to health. The dark clouds after a few months move away from the convent, which then became a shelter for orphaned children, which was the perfect mask for unexplainable newborns at the convent. Mathilde encompasses the strength of a powerful woman, and is truly an inspiring character. Actress Lou de Laâge who played the role of Mathilde also deserves special acclaim for her exceptional performance.



**Rauf, 2016**  
**Title: Rauf**  
**Director: Soner Caner | Baris Kaya**  
**Country: Turkey**  
**Language: Turkish | Kurdish**

Rauf is the tale of a preteen boy, Rauf, set in a war ridden Kurdish village. After getting thrown out of class one day, Rauf decided to drop out of school and insists on joining his father, who is a shepherd. Instead, his father gets his friend, who is a carpenter, to employ him. Shortly after, Rauf is charmed by the carpenter's daughter and falls for her. To win her over, he sets off in a search for a floral, pink-coloured scarf for her which she yearned for, only to find that in the world where he lives, this colour is nowhere to be found. In the meantime, Rauf diligently learns the skills of being a good craftsman. Sadly, most of his customers place orders for coffins in this war-torn land. Where measurements for the coffins are asked, the cause of death is, sadly, taken for granted. War is an important element in 'Rauf' and the people's emotions are beautifully expressed through the stories of mothers awaiting their son's returns, and a father's, of losing his daughter to it. The film throws light upon the condition of such warring countries, and carefully juxtaposes the life of their citizens, who crave for nothing more than normalcy. The cinematography is outstanding and alleviates the otherwise morbid theme of this film.



otherwise chirpy five year old encloses herself in a cocoon of fear as she is unable to understand the events that have happened around her. She distances herself from every male figure in her life; Eline even pushes away her uncle, who she earlier had spent a lot of time with. Where she craves the presence of her mother who makes her feel protected, Sylvie pushes her further away as she spirals into feelings of self-blame. The film is extremely thought provoking, as the audiences are left as baffled as the mother to know who the pedophile was. In an unexpected tale of events, Sylvie, and Eline's uncle find out the sexual predator. Eline slowly returns to normal, putting the misfortunate event behind her, and even starts to trust her uncle again.

-Trisha Agarwal

## **Truman, 2015**

**Title: Truman**

**Director: Cesc Gay**

**Country: Spain | Argentina**

**Language: Spanish | English**

Truman is a heart-warming account of love, friendship and death. It is a light, yet touching comic drama of how a middle-aged man, Julian, attempts to tie up all the loose ends of his life, as he is on the verge of losing his battle with terminal cancer. Julian, a divorcee, is visited by his friend Thomas, who has come to convince him to continue his cancer treatment. Julian however is set about how he prefers for his life to end, that is, without the physically taxing treatments and therapies. So the two men head out on their last vacation together, on an endeavor to make Julian's goodbye to the world a lasting one. The film revolves around Julian's relation with his loved ones- his ex-wife, his son, his sister, Thomas, and most importantly his dog Truman, as he is preparing each one of them for his final goodbye. Even in the face of death, Julian appears calm and even humorous, with only glints of fearful-anxiety showing up at certain moments. The nature of all the characters creates empathy in the minds of the audience, who have all at some point of time faced the pain of separation from a loved one. This beautiful film definitely proves to be a tear-jerker, especially for those who have ever shared a strong bond with an animal.



## **Flemish Heaven**

**Title: Le Ciel Flamand**

**Director: Peter Monsaert**

**Country: Belgium**

**Language: Dutch | French**

Flemish Heaven is the disturbing story of the life events of a mother-daughter duo. Sylvie, a single mother runs a brothel to make a living. Her daughter, Eline one day, fascinated by her mother's workplace, wanders about it, only to be abducted by one of its customers. Found later that day, Eline shows clear signs of sexual abuse. The

## National Anthem : A Feeling or a Necessity!

The song, "JANA GANA MANA" is the national anthem of INDIA, written in Bengali & Sanskrit which later became the lyrics of the first part of the poem written by the Nobel Prize winner Rabindranath Tagore. While it should instill pride and honor in every Indian's heart, it feels very regretful to witness that this very song has become one of the most controversial phenomenon now. Where in, it stings only one nerve in every Indian's mind i.e. "Does singing the national anthem prove your patriotism?", after the series of events in cinema halls and social gatherings where people were name shamed and put down if they don't stand for the national anthem. As per the government and Supreme Court the national anthem is mandatory in theatres and they are still examining the appeal to make it mandatory in offices and schools.

The cabinet of Justices DipakMishra, R. Banumathi and M. Shantanagoudar, however, refused the appeal of playing national anthem mandatory on all working days in public offices including Parliament, assemblies and courts. They also mentioned that when national anthem is played the doors of the cinema halls should be closed, also there were a number of other vague "interim reliefs" that were granted. But they supported the idea of mandatory singing of national anthem in schools. The cabinet of justices was referring to statement of Attorney General MukulRohatgi who on February 14 told the bench that singing of national anthem should be made mandatory in schools.



In 2015, the Madras High Court, quoting the Home Ministry, had said that it is not compulsory for the audience in cinema halls to stand up whenever the anthem was played. The Home Ministry's communication in 2015, forwarded to Chief Secretaries of all State governments and Union Territories, stated that "standing in cinema halls was bound to interrupt the exhibition of the film and would create disorder and confusion rather than add to the dignity of the anthem." On the other hand, the Ministry of Home Affairs orders states that, "Whenever the anthem is sung or played, the audience shall stand to attention." But it does not make any mention of penalty, if it is not obeyed. Rohatgi expressed that "Feeling of patriotism should start from schools. Singing of national anthem should be made part of the school curricular and it should be made compulsory for students to sing national anthem. It is needed to instill a sense of patriotism in children".

This suggestion is very relative to the present situation, democracy would indeed be hollow if it fails to generate a spirit of brotherhood among all sections of the society, a feeling that they are children of the same soil and same motherland. It becomes even more essential in our country, composed of so many races, religions, languages, cultures and with so many disruptive forces. The path of the water should be constricted accordingly to make it flow in the desired direction. Therefore, the appeal to inculcate this practice makes sense.

No government is perfect and obviously there is nothing as 'perfect' in this universe. All are part of the cycle of evolution; if we don't instill a feeling of patriotism in people then the country will never develop. Amitabh Bachchan made a lot of headlines when he sang the National Anthem at Eden Gardens in Kolkata before India and Pakistan's cricket match in the T20 Cricket World Cup. However, this got the superstar into legal trouble as a complaint was filed against him at New Ashok Nagar Police Station, New Delhi for allegedly singing the anthem incorrectly. The complaint stated that Big B took 1 min 22 seconds to sing the anthem as against the 52 seconds prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Supreme Court said that playing the National Anthem before the movies in theatres is mandatory because it would "instill a sense of committed patriotism and nationalism" in citizens and also added by say-

ing pictures of the national flag will also be displayed after the anthem and people must honor them and stand up while it lasts.

"Time has come for people to realize that the national anthem is a symbol of constitutional patriotism, people must feel they live in a nation and this wallowing individually perceived notion of freedom must go. People must feel this is my country, my motherland," the court said on 14 February, 2017. Just after the judgment was passed, people used social media platforms to give their reviews with sarcasm, and statements stating how patriotism is being 'imposed' on them. Some said it is an insult to the National Anthem if it's played before movies with adult sensibilities. "Nothing ignites the patriotic in you as standing up for the national anthem right before watching a movie like Grand Masti," tweeted someone mentioned in Times of India.

All the members sitting in the constitution & all over the country have a different perspective regarding the national anthem. Rather than taking it as a sensitive matter, people are making it an issue. Obviously, there are exceptions made to the rule, for instance, elders and those with disabilities are excused of not following the rule, but the decision was not accepted with many on social media. According to reports, writer and disability campaigner Salil Chaturvedi, who suffers from spinal injury, was physically and verbally abused by a couple when he didn't stand up during the national anthem in a theatre in Goa. In January, a Mumbai resident, Neeraj Pandey, went to watch a movie with two friends and was forced to leave the theatre by a group of people in the audience when he didn't stand up for the national anthem. In November 2015 also a family was made to leave a Mumbai multiplex for not standing up for the national anthem. While trying to unite the people of the country on this sensitive matter, things have started to change track.

To conclude, I would like to state by giving an example i.e. to cook a perfect meal the recipes and the ingredients should be in proper proportion. Comparing the above stated example with the present situation of our country, we the people of India are ingredients to a better future for ourselves and our country. Democracy never meant free will to act and express without limits, democracy is to rule a country with transparent consent and majority of the people. People are using their rights to a negative direction by going against the country and expressing or doing whatever they do like. They have no rights to barge someone out of the theatre or physically assault someone for expressing their view. Instead, the people and the government should take steps to encourage and make people patriotic from within instead of putting it down their throat forcefully. I believe that apart from the national anthem; the theatres should also show a 5 min video showcasing the recent achievement of our country and its stand in the global platform instead of promoting the upcoming movie trailers. Genuine efforts should be conducted to make people believe in our country. When we look through the history of India, we see India has emerged as a great fighter to a developing country up to a well-developed country. Looking at the hatred which is being observed all over the world, India being a nation with so much diversity (in religion, cast, and creed) and it has still stood up as an example of "Management at its Perfection". I feel proud to be an Indian. Jai Hind!

-Kushpreet Kaur

## The Exploding Galaxies

Imagine plugging your smartphone into the bedside charger and placing it in your nightstand carefully. To which you wake up to find your nightstand in flames, smoke engulfing the entire space. Or maybe your car, your working space or the entire office.

How could this have happened? And the answer is:- Your phone is the Samsung Galaxy Note 7- that have spontaneously burst into flames.

In one incident, passengers were evacuated from a Southwest Airlines flight in Kentucky after a replacement Note 7 started smoldering and making "popping noises" soon after its owner boarded the plane.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation banned the use of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 on board an aircraft, amid several reports of the device exploding and catching fire. The Ministry advised airlines and travelling Note 7 users not to turn on or charge the device during flights or carry it in the checked-in baggage.

When as many as 35 overheating incidents of the smartphone were reported worldwide Samsung made the unprecedented decision to recall every single one of the Galaxy Note 7 smartphones sold. But this didn't stop the explosions. Since the recall was announced, the number of explosive Note 7s has nearly quadrupled. Samsung's Galaxy Note 7 has caught fire as many as 112 times after one month on sale.



Samsung apparently had to stop all the sales and shipment of Note 7 and provided refunds and exchanges for the phone worldwide. But apparently it still wasn't enough. As of October 10, 2016 as many as five of the supposedly safe replacement Note 7 phones caught fire as well, and Samsung asked all users to shut down their phones. And finally on October 13, Samsung officially recalled every single Note 7, including replacement units.

On October 18, 2016, McCuneWright LLP sued Samsung and filed a proposed class-action lawsuit over its handling of the recall, stating that the company had "failed to reimburse consumers for monthly costs associated with owning an unusable Note 7". Samsung was also criticized by customers affected by the exploding phones, who alleged that the company was refusing to compensate them for property damage caused by the explosions.

A company spokesperson stated that it had received 35 reports of battery failure, which "account for less than 0.1 percent of the entire volume sold". Samsung stated that the hazard was limited to a small fraction of phones manufactured, and released a tool on its website on September 19, 2016 to identify affected units by their unique IMEI numbers.

But this wasn't the end of Samsung Galaxy Note 7. After all the shame that came to the company and the prohibition of Note 7 across all the airlines, Samsung finally explained the reason for the explosions on January 22, 2017- it's the batteries!

The science behind phone battery fires is actually pretty simple, and fairly well understood. Phones use lithium ion battery packs for their power, and the liquid swimming around inside most lithium ion batteries is highly flammable. If the battery short-circuits - say, by puncturing the incredibly thin sheet of plastic which separates the positive and negative sides of the battery - the puncture point becomes the path of least resistance for electricity to flow. It heats up the flammable liquid electrolyte at that spot. And if the liquid heats up quickly enough, the battery can explode.

We've known for years that lithium ion batteries pose a risk, but the electronics industry continues to use the flammable formula because the batteries are so much smaller and lighter than less-destructive chemistries. Lithium ion batteries pack a punch, for better or for worse.

According to a preliminary report sent to Korea's Agency

for Technology and Standards, Samsung had a manufacturing error that "placed pressure on plates contained within battery cells," which "brought negative and positive poles into contact." The defect was revealed when several contributing factors happened simultaneously, which included sub-optimized assembly process that created variations of tension and exposed electrodes due to insufficient insulation tape. What does pressure have to do with it? MIT materials chemistry Professor Don Sadoway explains that today's cell phone batteries are made by literally pressing together a stack of battery components - and that battery companies are under pressure to cram in as much battery capacity as possible. At first, Sadoway has two theories: perhaps Samsung simply pressed so hard that the positive and negative terminals poked right through the separator and managed to touch. Or perhaps it's the sponge-like separator itself that got squished.

The Note 7 phones didn't explode right away. In practically every reported instance of a Note 7 catching fire or exploding, it happened after the phone was plugged in and left charging, sometimes overnight.

Analysts argued that the recall had hurt Samsung's brand, and would likely cause the company to lose its market share to competitors, including Apple and Google (which had recently unveiled their iPhone 7 and Google Pixel models), and other Android vendors. Credit Suisse analysts predicted that the recall and discontinuation would cause Samsung to lose nearly US\$17 billion in revenue.

In February 2017, the Korea Economic Daily reported that Samsung had been considering refurbishing the Galaxy Note 7 into a modified version with lower battery capacity, and targeted toward markets such as India and Vietnam. However Samsung India has come forward and said that "The report on Samsung planning to sell refurbished Galaxy Note 7 smartphone(s) in India is incorrect."

After the Galaxy Note 7 scandal, Samsung is looking to make a strong comeback with the Galaxy S8. The handset is expected to have a bezel-less, curved display and an iris scanner, and it's supposed to go on sale next April

-Sumiran Atal

## Pune - India's New Party Destination!

The most eminent news in entertainment industry in the year 2016, was shifting of India's three most popular music festivals - Bacardi NH7 Weekender, Sunburn and Vh1 Supersonic to Pune, making it India's youth capital and as the newest party destination!"Pune drew a lot of fame and attention after being the 2nd smartest city in India. Besides the lavish green surroundings and fantastic weather, it also boasts of long wide roads, fast growing industry, active nightlife, a thriving student community and a commendable safety standard. Keeping these important factors and their advantages, the most youth oriented and popular music festivals had found their home here: NH7 Weekender, Sunburn and Supersonic.



Sunburn, the popular EDM festival, is in its 10th edition. For the first nine years, Sunburn was hosted in Goa and had come to be associated with the beach state. When it first started in 2007, Sunburn was the first of its kind electronic dance music festival. This year, it was the first time that Sunburn has moved from Goa to Pune. Sunburn 2016 was held in Kesnand from December 28 to December 31, which falls within the Pune district. However, what drove this move from Goa to Pune is intriguing. There were many hurdles, for setting up the festival here but it all casted away in sometime. Given the interest it still receives, Sunburn clearly hasn't lost its gleam. "Dance music was at a nascent stage and now it's booming because we took the effort to educate and engage fans. Our motto is 'live, love dance'." Sunburn started with one stage and a couple of hundred attendees and now has multiple stages and "3, 50,000 fans attending the festival from 52 countries" said Karan Singh, CEO, Sunburn. It fascinates with new themes every year. This year, Sunburn is inspired by Nature — so except a lot of greenery in the décor added up with the green acres of Kesnand, it was called as the "Sunburn Hills, a 90-acre property with a view of Pune city, with large campsites, and a number of activities like karaoke, open-air theatre, volleyball, paintball, Ferris wheel rides, bungee jumping. Also, for the first time, we will be ringing in the new-year at Sunburn and will be on beyond midnight on December 31," said Karan Singh, CEO Sunburn. Around 150 artists performed this year, and the headliners include Armin van Buuren, Axwell Ingrosso, Afrojack, Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike, Krewella and KSHMR. Sunburn started this season with a bang bringing the top ranked international Djs. From the first day of Sunburn's 10th edition, being held for the first time in Pune, people flocked to the venue in a huge number. Moreover this festival served one of the best spots and true festival feel, may it be after parties, flea market, karaoke sessions, and other activities. Despite of being a month of demonetisation, Sunburn made it through with added incentives including a cashless experience with the tech-equipped Sunburn. In addition, fans experienced a world class experience with on-site camping options, the fan village, an extensive array of food courts, 40 plus experience zones, flea markets, chopper rides, after parties among others. What else could anyone ask for? There were safety measures to avoid mishaps like pick up and drop facilities, for those who wanted to avail such services to avoid drink and driving which worked quite well. While the festival was on its peak, the residents of the nearby villages expressed their disinterest and disagreement for the event to take place. But the show went on keeping in mind all the safety rules and guidelines in control. Even though the crowd was less as compared to what Sunburn had witnessed in the past, people were seen flowing in constantly and no one seemed to mind the chaos much. But, it was a good start keeping in mind all the pros and cons. Soham Mokashi, a student studying in Pune, who visited the festival all four days, said, "It took us two hours to collect our passes and then get to the top of the hill. There were extremely long lines and a lot of chaos." Security officials

stationed at the bottom of the hill to check if people were sporting the requisite bands and then allowed them up. Once upstairs, bags were checked before you could enter the venue. None of the food stalls inside accepted card payments, and there was an ATM at the entrance for anyone needing cash.

Hats off to the organisers who pulled the event excellently even after the pitfalls and challenges. Despite the transformation in venue, fourth edition of Vh1 Supersonic witnessed a lot of love from its audience and their overwhelming response to the festival. Thousands of music lovers flocked-in, in the venue from day one and made it a hit event. The venue was at Magarpatta city, Laxmi lawns which has witnessed the biggest international music such as Eric Prydz, Macklemore, and Zedd. The three-day festival has set a new benchmark with its final electrifying lineup and mesmerizing experiences even as it trailed music festivals like Nh7 Weekender and Sunburn.

Vh1 is famous for its uniqueness as the electronic music festival that's quickly gaining popularity. But due to regulations by the Goan government it had to push its venue too. The grand festival postponed to be set up on 10-12 February 2017, Pune. The main focus were Eric Prydz, Macklemore, Zedd, Lost Stories and even hip-hop pioneer Grandmaster Flash was announced to make his debut at the festival, but only recently cancelled his performance owing to ill health. The rest of the lineup also includes international regulars such as B.R.E.E.D., Aly & Fila, Joris Voorn, who will perform across three stages at Laxmi Lawns in Pune. It was a huge disappointment to the fans as the chunk of crowd for supersonic are goans and mumbaikars but the "Convenience has played the biggest role in selecting Laxmi Lawns as our venue for the upcoming edition of Vh1 Supersonic. While the venue is closer for travelers from Mumbai, there are also several accommodation facilities around Laxmi Lawns, making it convenient for the outstation audience. While it is not too far from the main city, the venue is strategically situated away from the daily bustle of the city," elaborated Saugato Bhowmik, business head, Supersonic. It was a treat for the fans as the venue was every campaigners need. The beer garden was a visual glee with LED see-saw. Life size Jenga and darts, swings, trampolines, ball-pit, and what not. Fashion was at its par with glittering props which tailored in the ambience and added in the party mood. Nothing was alien to the Pune crowd as this city is the home ground of another mystical music festival the weekenders. This city seemed to put their best game face on for the music festival! Nikhil Chinapa, the festival director said over email, "I've always enjoyed playing in Pune and the city has an amazing crowd and following for electronic music. Pune's audience is young, dynamic and has a global outlook. The city has several campuses that draw students from across India and also from several parts of the globe. These communities are melting pots for music appreciation. The city's young workforce has driven a tremendous growth in music listenership and live events. I'm very much looking forward to our festival's first edition in Pune."

Well, supersonic did not have to see criticism as sunburn; rather it went well with great response, keeping its audience asking for more. While NH7 Weekender has been a part of Pune's music festival scene for years, and it won't be worst if more such festivals come along, giving the party fans some world class experience.

-Disha Mathur

## Staying in Trend 101

“Every day is a fashion show and the world is your runway” – Coco Chanel. Taking it in the literal sense, fashion should be something that can be donned every day and by everyone. 2016 has witnessed many such trends that shout ‘comfort’ and they are here to stay for long. Ditching those 5 inch pencil heels that literally kill you and opting for comfortable and funky sneakers was something we all have seen right from runways to airport looks.

From athleisure to 90s revival, 2016 has seen it all. Apart from classic trends which never go out of style, the fashion scene has hopped on to some unique trends in 2016 which are sure to continue in 2017. It was a year when the fashion world saw a comeback of the 80s and 90s style. High rise wide legged pants, high neck tops, chokers, slip dresses, velvet, satin, block heels are some of the trends which have revived and are rocking the runways.



Let us have a look at some of the trends that made an entry in 2016 :

**White Sneakers :** The adidas superstars and white shoes could be spotted everywhere this season. From celebrities to college students, everyone has been seen flaunting a pair. This one is a no brainer, pair your white shoes with any outfit – jeans, shorts, dresses, skirts and you are good to go! The pop of white completes the outfit and makes you stand out. They not only complement all western outfits but also traditional, Vaani Kapoor has been flaunting a pair of white sneakers with a lehenga in Befikre. Apart from the white ones, colorful funky sneakers, slip ons and shoes are on trend. Not only do they look good but they are comfortable and practical for everyday use.

**Athleisure ( Athletic + Leisure) :** This is a combination of workout wear + clothes you lounge around in. Track pants, loose tshirts, sweatshirts are no more occasion specific wear. You can actually step out of the house as it is, or they can be dressed up to go out as well. Comfort is the mantra, wearing clothes that you are the most comfortable in can be styled this season. Fashion bloggers were spotted wearing sweatpants with different topwear at the Lakme Fashion Week, and the infamous Kardashians are seen flaunting tracksuits and sweatpants at multiple occasions. Designer Masaba Gupta has launched a range of athleisure wear on koovs.com.

**Cold Shoulder / Off shoulder tops :** This has so far been the biggest trend of this year. Flaunting those bare shoulders without exposing too much has been on trend this year. The cold shoulder i.e. cut outs for shoulders, off the shoulder tops and one shoulder tops are feminine and elegant that glam up the entire look. They can be easily transitioned from daywear to nightwear and party wear. They have been sported by all Hollywood and Bollywood fashionistas, and this trend too shall be embraced in 2017.

**Different fabrics :** Denim has always been classic and that will not go out of style. Denim dresses, jackets, tops are ruling the fashion scene. This year has seen the revival of fabrics like satin, corduroy and velvet. Corduroy skirts made a comeback along with satin slip dresses with lace details. Velvet tops and dresses were widely seen during the AW (Autumn Winter) collections. Fashion designers always experiment with different fabrics to create outstanding yet fashionable outfits, thus this trend is here to stay. We might also see some new fabrics being played with in 2017.

**Chokers :** A band worn around one’s neck, choker became the ultimate go to accessory this year. This trend of the 80s as well, has seen

a modern twist with a variety of minimalist as well as layered chokers, colorful chokers, satin, lace and faux leather chokers as well. Stylists have had fun playing around with different chokers this season and we saw many red carpet looks as well as casual looks sporting this trend. Started off as an accessory, choker tops and dresses were also trending this year. It is a top or a dress with an attached choker to it.

**A few other trends :** Other trends like the block heel is back, giving the elegance of a heel and the comfort of a shoe. They are simply more practical than the pencil heel. Fringes and tassles were also spotted a lot this year. Fringes on clothing, bags, shoes and accessories gave them an edgy look. The lace- up detailing on tops, dresses and shoes were also spotted this year. The lace and net were also quite popular among others.

In a quick conversation with Chaitali Banavalikar – Kulkarni, an ex- professor at a fashion designing college and now a stylist, we discussed the trends of 2016 and style predictions for 2017.

**Q : What do you think about the fashion scene in 2016?**

**A :** Fashion keeps evolving, new trends keep emerging every year. This year I saw a lot of cold- shoulders and off shoulders happening among other trends. While styling for my shoots, I had to keep up with the trends in accordance with the client’s requirements as well.

**Q : What styles according to you are going to stay in 2017 ?**

**A :** This year you might see a lot of muted colours, a lot of fringe happening. At the New York Fashion Week, I saw bright poppy colours with fringes. Recently Deepika Padukone was also spotted wearing a fringe saree. Along with fringe, denim might be the thing of the season. Denim sarees, off shoulder denim tops, bell sleeves are catching my eye at the moment.

**Q : What is fashion to you?**

**A :** Fashion is hobby, fashion is my job. Fashion is everything to me, my world revolves around fashion.

**Q : What tips would you like to give to dress on point?**

**A :** Less is always more. Go minimalist, don’t overdo it and wear something to simply stand out. Know your body type and dress accordingly. Wear something that complements your body type instead of blindly following the trends. In the end confidence is the key. Wearing your outfit with confidence makes it stylish instantly!

-Pranjal Satav

## There's A New Diet In Town

Keto diet is a low carbohydrate, moderate protein and high fat diet in which the body produces ketones in the liver to be used as energy. It is known by many names like Atkin's diet, Standard Ketogenic Diet, Low Carb High Fat (LCHF), etc. This diet was earlier used as a medicine to treat epilepsy, but by seeing its drastic effects, it is now popular to treat diabetes, blood pressure, heart diseases and even cancer. The diet enables the body to burn fats rather than carbohydrates, normally which are converted into glucose in the body and is used as a primary energy source to fuel us.

Since the carbohydrate that is converted into glucose is the easiest to digest, it is preferred by the body and chosen over any other source. By reducing the consumption and increase the fat content in our diet the liver converts it into fatty acids and ketone bodies. These ketone bodies go into the brain and replace glucose as an energy source for our body. The increased consumption thus increases the ketone level in our body, this process is known as ketosis. On following this diet consistently, it forces your body into a metabolic state. The body will adapt very quickly to the starvation of carbohydrates and then burn ketones. In simpler words, it will start breaking down your own body fat to fuel the body's normal, everyday functions.



**This diet has three different types.**

The **first type** is Standard Ketogenic Diet or SKD. It is the most common type of the ketogenic diet. Eat minimum amount of carbs at all times. This type of the ketogenic diet is the same as the Induction phase of the Atkins diet. It requires round 20-50 grams of net carbs a day. The exact amount depends on individual needs. SKD is the best approach for the vast majority of people.

The **second type** of diet is Targeted Ketogenic Diet or TKD. In this type of diet you eat carbs right before (30-60 minutes) exercise. It is advised to choose easily digestible carbs. Avoid foods high in fructose and go for glucose-based foods. Fructose replenishes liver glycogen, instead of muscle glycogen which you want to avoid on a keto diet. The carbs consumed before exercise are used effectively and are completely burned without disrupting ketosis for too long. You should eat 25-50 g of net carbs 30 to 60 minutes before exercise. Post-exercise meals should be high in protein and low in fat.

The **third kind** is Cyclic Ketogenic Diet or CKD. In this diet, instead of ingesting small amounts of carbohydrates around your workouts, the CKD devotes one to two complete days of high carbohydrate consumption in order to completely replenish muscle glycogen content in your body. CKD is not advisable for beginners as they are not able to perform the necessary amount or intensity of training. You must completely deplete glycogen stores each week in order to have a successful CKD.

This diet was first developed for treating pediatric epilepsy in the 1920s and was popularized in the later decade as an effective treatment, but its popularity was lost when anticonvulsant drugs were introduced. After almost fifty years, Hollywood producer Jim Abrahams, whose son's epilepsy was controlled by this diet, began to promote it on a public platform. He created the Charlie Foundation which sponsored a research study and marked the beginning of scientific study in this diet. More than half the people who have tried this diet have experienced the dramatic drop in seizures.

Not just epilepsy, but this diet has many other benefits. It dramatically shows a drop in your insulin levels which promotes the release of beneficial hormones such as growth hormones and endorphins, it improve triglyceride levels and cholesterol levels most associated with arterial buildup, it will energize your body, it lowers blood pressure, it drops cholesterol levels, it suppresses your appetite, improves your skin

and hair condition and the most important one, aids weight loss like no other diet.

Furthermore, this diet is not very convenient for muscle and weight gain due to the moderate consumption of protein which contributes greatly in muscle gain and repair. The consumption of protein is limited because when you eat more protein than your body needs to repair the muscles, excess protein is converted into glucose (same as carbohydrates) and is burned as a form of energy source. This will prevent the process of ketosis to take place in your body thus preventing improvement in the person's condition.

This diet also helps recover from cancer. In simple words, cancer cells feed on sugar and survive in the body. The multiply at a drastic rate and there is no cure for it yet. But this diet has proved effective for people dealing with this disease as they are opting for other treatments like chemotherapy. Ketogenic diet prevents the formation of sugar, as we do not consume carbohydrate all together. It is helping the body to battle the virus. Although a strict supervision of what you put inside your mouth is extremely necessary.

Since, the consumption of macros (carbohydrates, fat and protein) in this diet have to be carefully monitored till you enter the ketosis state, a proportion of 70% fat, 25% protein and 5% carbohydrate is required to be maintained in your meals. The more restrictive you are on your carbohydrates, the faster you will enter ketosis. A daily intake of 15-25 grams of carbohydrate is suggested. To do this, you must invest some time in reading and knowing the nutrition facts of the products and the amount that you consume. Moreover, keep your carbohydrates limited, coming from vegetables, nuts, and dairy and you must avoid to eat any refined carbohydrates such as wheat breads, pastas, cereals, potatoes, beans, legumes or fruits. Instead, you can consume dark green leafy vegetables, chicken, pork, beef, nuts, seeds, cream, butter, cheese, etc.

Since precision is vital in this diet, it is very easy to get kicked off of it when you consume anything extra from the given. Cheat meals are surely cherished while on a ketogenic diet but should be strictly avoided for the first 45 days of the diet. There are various food items you can consume on this diet guilt-free like chicken tandoori, paneer tikka, steak, bacon, zoodles (Zucchini noodles), etc. while you are the diet.

When switched to this diet, your body takes a little time to get used to it. Therefore, limitation in performance, headache and nausea is common for a couple of days. Also, not drinking adequate amount of water on this diet leads to kidney stone and constipation. You must always check with your physician/dietician if you have any health concerns regarding this diet. Moreover, celebrities like Kim Kardashian, Megan Fox, Mick Jagger, Adriana Lima, Ussain Bolt, Anne Hathway and Tanmay Bhatt have effectively maintain or lost weight through this diet.

-Shrikanta Pol

## That's Just Te-traffic!

When I think of the things in life that I can always count on, some things that will always happen, irrespective of whether I am having a good day or a bad one it's probably how online delivery people will always come when I'm in the toilet and how there is always going to be traffic. Traffic consumes about half my life. So here are a few things I've noticed when it comes to traffic.

Let's start with baby steps. Which coincidentally, is how people cross the road. Apart from knowing the generic 'look both ways' rule, no other road safety measure is followed by pedestrians. In fact, that is just one half of the rule. 'Look both ways, make sure you see if there are any vehicles coming and then cross anyway making sure you avoid being hit' is our take on that phrase. It's like a giant game of 'Frogger'. I can barely cross the road at a signal without my heart leaping into my mouth. A word of advice to you all, live on a road where all of your needs, from your grocer to your place of work and everything you need are on the same side of the road. No pack of Oreos or pay-cheque is worth crossing a road in Pune.

Moving on to the actual commuting, I feel nothing short of Mad Max on the fury roads of the city. From the clinically insane bus drivers to the spoiled girls on Vespa, travelling in the city is anything but a pleasure. I'm actually pretty upset because apparently there is a race that goes on all day, every day and no one has told me about it. I know this because overtaking and breaking speed limits is as common as bun-maska-chai for breakfast.

Finding a parking spot is equivalent to dating, all the good ones are taken and the rest are in front of closed gates. On a desperate occasion when you have the guts to park in a 'P1' spot on a 'P2' day, you'll discover that ninjas do exist. They disguise themselves as tow truck drivers and you can witness them swoop in with great agility and speed from the shadows and take your vehicle before you can even ask, "Kaunsi chowki?"

After your vehicle is towed, there is only one thing you can do. Go to your nearest ATM and withdraw as much as you can. Firstly to pay off the fine. This will cost you twice the actual fine because of service tax and tip for those top notch hawaldars. Secondly, to pay for the damage inflicted to your vehicle while lifting it by hook (for car) or hand (for bikes) to cram it along with several other vehicles onto an overloaded truck.



Now that I have my driver's license, I've been taking the car out a lot. If you're also driving a car in Pune traffic, I would like to take this moment to congratulate you for your courage, it's inspirational. I would also like to say, "Are you blind?" From what I know, Pune is known for two things, High Spirits and traffic.

So here are a few tips to help you get around Pune in a four-wheeler with minimum emotional and physical damage (to you and your car).

**1. Don't Stop the Party:** The first step to get into a good mood while driving in Pune is to have a good playlist. I'm talking about songs that help you zone out from the traffic-clad streets. The calmer you are while driving, the smoother the ride will be (just kidding, potholes will see to it that your ride is anything but smooth).

**2. Scream and shout and let it all out:** In order to maintain your sanity, don't be afraid to yell at your fellow drivers (from within the confines of your car with the windows rolled up, of course because it's still Pune). Every few metres, there's going to be a rickshaw or a two-wheeler that's going to swoop in out of nowhere and cut you off. Use your inner voice to abuse them to your heart's content, they're used to it. Be creative with your insults to improve your mental functioning. The more

creative your insults, the better you'll feel when you get cut off .

**3. Avoid Panga with Bus Drivers:** Though they are always wrong (not even going to sugar-coat it and say 'sometimes'), don't mess with these lunatics. They're as good as a mafia! These guys think that just because they got a big red bus, they own the streets. Talk about overcompensation issues! The best thing to do is let them jam up the road when they take impossible U-turns or run over some pedestrians when their job becomes too frustrating, all while you can do is smile and wave, boys!

**4. Switch to Suck-up Mode:** In the event you're pulled over by 'mama log', always remember to go into 'galti ho gaya' avatar. We all know that having your documentation in order, wearing your seatbelt and following the traffic rules is not enough to get you out of a ticket. Once a cop pulls you over, you're going to be reaching for your wallet one way or the other. If you're lucky, you'll know someone who can get you out of a fine with a phone call. If not, put on your most innocent face and start crying. Half an hour of that should be enough to get you off the hook.

**5. Never Drive with Family in the Backseat:** This is the most important tip of them all. You may have other things under control but nothing can prepare you for the constant backseat driving and the 'what's the hurry?' when you take it over 40 km/h. Mothers are the worst when it comes to passengers. They find it impossible to fathom that you have the confidence to drive in Pune traffic, which in turn makes you question your own abilities. I suggest you book them an Ola or Uber. If you do this regularly enough, you'll even get reasonable discounts. Try your best not to give in to all the, "Just take me to the market?" or "We'll just drop by auntie's house to say a quick hello!"

So basically in order to survive a typical day out, you must have quick reflexes, patience, a minimum of 2 hours to spare, a rabbit's foot, diplomatic immunity and access to funds. These tips are certainly making driving in Pune more bearable for me. If they don't work for you, you can always do what I did until I owned a vehicle, walk!

-Elton Mendonca



## ‘सुखन’ कवितेचे

पुण्याच्या सांस्कृतीक क्षितीजावर सध्या कविता बहरताना दिसत आहे . गेल्या वर्षभरात कवितेचे त्यातही विविध भाषांतील कवितेचे सादरीकरण झाले आणि सारयाला रसिकांनी उत्तम प्रतिसाद दिला आहे . कवितेचे बहरणे हे सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्रातिल वसंताची खुण मानायला हरकत नाही .

सध्या पुण्यातील तरुण मुले मुली एकमेकांना प्रश्न विचारतात कि सुखन पाहिलेस का आणि हा असेल तर कितव्यांदा असाच प्रश्न आयुष्यावर बोलु काही ईशाद अशा कार्यक्रमांमद्वल विचारला जातो . सलील कुलकर्णी यांनी ‘कवितेचे गाणे होते तेव्हा असा एक कार्यक्रम हि पुण्यामध्ये सध्या रसिकांच्या मनामध्ये घर करत आहेत .



कवितेचे जाहीर आभिवाचन करणे आणि त्या आभिवाचनाला उत्तम प्रतिसाद मिळणे कवितांवर चर्चा होणे कविता समजून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न करणे गजल समजून घेणे समजून उमजून दाद देणे हा सारा प्रवास हा निराळाच . मनःस्थिती परिस्थिती मनात घोळणारे विचार अशा अनेक गोष्टींचा कविता समजून घेण्यावर परिणाम होत असतो . अगदी वातावरणाचाही प्रभाव असतो . त्यामुळे नवी कविता सादर करणे व्यावहारिकदृष्ट्या तोटयाचे ठरण्याचा धोका असतो . असे धोके पत्करून अनेक तरुण कवी आपापले कार्यक्रम घेऊन रसिकांसमोर येत आहेत . अगदी परवाच पार पडलेला ‘सुखन’ हा कार्यक्रम म्हणजे उर्दू शायरी हिंदुस्तानी कलासिकल संगीत आणि सुफी संगीत या सारयांच मिश्रण . याच दिग्दर्शन थिएटर कलाकार ओम भुतकर याने केले आहे . ‘मी काही वर्षांपुर्वी गालिव हे नाटक लिहील . त्यामुळेच मला मनापासुन उर्दु या भाषेवददल आकर्षण निर्माण झाल आणि त्यानंतर मी उर्दु भाषेवर प्रभुत्व मिळवण्याच ठरवल . या कार्यक्रमातील इतर ही सदस्य हे क्लासिकल म्युझिक गाणारे कवि त्यांच्याशी निगडित आहेत . जेव्हा केव्हा आम्ही भेटायचो तेव्हा आमच्या मध्ये शायरी किंवा उर्दु गायकांबदल किंवा कवितांबदल चर्चा रंगायच्या . त्यामुळे माझ्यावरोव उर्दु भाषा ही त्यांना हि आवडू लागली’ असे मत ओम भुतकर ने व्यक्त केले .

सुखन या कार्यक्रमांमध्ये वापरल जाणार सर्व साहित्य हे हाफीज जालन्द हारी साहिर लुधीयान्वी जॉन इलिया फेझ अहमद फेझ मिर्झा गालिव आमिर खुसरो मिर तकी मिर अशा दिग्गजांच आहे या कार्यक्रमामध्ये वापरल जाणार संगीत हे नुसरत फतेह अली खान यांच आहे . हा संपुर्ण कार्यक्रम हा अनौपचारिक असुन हा प्रेक्षकांबरोवर संवाद साधत पार पडतो . प्रेक्षक खुप उस्फुर्त असतात कलाकारांनी विचारलेल्या प्रश्नांची उत्तर देण्यासठी . कधी कधी तर प्रेक्षक सुदधा कलाकारांना प्रश्न विचारतात . अर्थात हे सगळ त्या कार्यक्रमाला अनुसरून केलेल असत .

सुखन हा कार्यक्रम हा भारतातील अनेक मोहत्सवांमध्ये सादर झालेल आहे आणि आता तर या कार्यक्रमाची फर्माईश परदेशातून ही येत आहे . त्यामुळे सुखनची सर्व टिम उर्दू कविता व उर्दू साहित्य हे वेगळया प्रकारे पोहचवण्याच काम अतिशय चांगल्या प्रकारे करत आहे .

हे सारे सांगायचे कारण एवढेच कि पुण्यामध्ये सध्या कविता या साहित्य प्रकाराल खुप वर्षांनी चांगला प्रतिसाद लाभतो आहे . विविध कवी आपल्या किंवा इतर कवींच्या कविता घेऊन प्रेक्षकांसमोर येत आहे आणि ते सारे समजून घेण्याकडे ही प्रेक्षकांचा ओढा आहे . कविता म्हणजे काय? या प्रश्नाची बरीच उत्तरे असु शकतील पण कवितेची व्याख्या आणि असे बरेच प्रश्न सोडुन त्या पलीकडे पाहि ल्यास कविता ही जीवनातले सौंदर्य उलगडण्यास मदत करते असे म्हणता येईल . ती मनात उमटलेली उत्कट भावना असते आणि बरयाच अंशी ती उत्कट भावना वाचणारया किंवा ऐकणारयापर्यंत पोहचविते . याचा अर्थ कविता ऐकण्यासाठी ती समजून घेण्यासाठी मनाची एक वेगळी भूमिका लागते . ती जमिन आता तयार होत आहे . त्याला पुण्यातील तरुणांचा देखिल ऊस्फुर्त प्रतिसाद लाभतो आहे .



कोणत्याही भाषेच्या पलीकडे जाऊन एखाद्या व्यक्तीचा उदगार समजून त्याचा आनंद घेण्याची ही वृत्ती रसिकपण अधिक टसटशीत पणे सामोर आणणारी आहे . रसिकांना संतुष्ट करण्याची धुरा या कलावंतांनी आपल्या खांदयावर घेण्याची तयारी दाखवलेली आहे . यातुनच हा कवितेचा प्रवाह हा अधिकाधिक बहरत जाई ल . ही काव्यानंदाची पालखी मोठया डौलाने मिरवली जाईल आणि काव्य परंपरा अधिकाधिक प्रवाही होत जाईल असे म्हणण्यास प्रत्यवाय नसावा .

-Harsh Raut

## अन्नाद्रमुक मध्ये सत्तासंघर्ष

जयललितायांच्या निधनानंतर तमिलनाडुच्या राजकारणात खुप उलथापालथ झाली . संपूर्ण देशाचे लक्ष तमिलनाडूच्या राजकारणाकडेच लागले होते . कातर अम्मांच्या वेळी तमिलनाडुच राजकारण स्थिर होते . परंतू त्यांच्या निधनानंतर राज्याच्या राजकारणात अस्थिरता पसरली . आणि सर्वांचे लक्ष तमिलनाडूचे मुख्यमंत्री कोण होणार याकडे लागले . आता जरी पलानीसामी मुख्यमंत्री बनले असले तरी त्यांना काही दिवसात बहूमत सिध्द करावे लागणार आहे . म्हणजे अजून तरी ती मळनाडुच्या समस्येला पूर्णविराम लागला असे म्हणता येणार नाही . कारण . बहूमत सिध्द करणे हे कठीण आहे . आणि त्यात शशिकला यांनी त्यांच्याच नेत्यांना एक रिसॉर्ट मध्ये बंद करून ठेवले आहे . तमिलनाडु मध्ये सध्यातरी नाटयमय वातावरण दिसत आहे . आणि या नाटकामध्ये सर्वात महत्त्वाचे दोन कलाकार म्हणजे एक शशिकला ज्या आहे अम्मांच्याअगदी जवळच्या सखी आणि दुसरे म्हणजे पन्नीर सेल्हम जे अम्मांच्या विश्वासातले सहकारी . जयललिताच्या आकस्मिक निधनाने पक्षाची सूत्रे शशिकला यांच्याकडे आली आणि तात्पुरती सोय म्हणुन पन्नीरसेल्हम यांची मुख्यमंत्री पदी नेमणुक करण्यात आली . पहिल्यांदा तर सर्व काही ठीक होते . परंतु यानंतर काही दिवसात शशिकला यांनी एक एक करून सत्तेची व पक्षाची सूत्रे आपल्या हाती घेण्यास सुरुवात केली . आणि पन्नीरसेल्हम यांनीही मुख्यमंत्री पदाचा राजीनामा देण्यासाठी भाग पाडले गेले आणि येथूनच सत्तासंघर्षाला सुरुवात झाली .



जरी विनतकार पन्नीरसेल्हमनी मुख्यमंत्री पदाचा राजीनामा दिला असला तरी त्यांनी शशिकला यांच्या विरोधात बंडाचा झेंडा आपल्या हाती घेतला . त्यांनी अतिशय नाटयमयरीत्या मरीना चौपाटीवर जाऊन अम्मांच्या समाधीपाशी ध्यानधारणा केली आणि अम्मांच्याच आत्म्याचे आवाहन म्हणुन शशिकला यांचा मुखवटा फाडत असल्याची घोषणा करून टाकली आहे ना मजेची गोष्ट त्याचबरोबर अम्मांच्या मृत्युवदल राजकीय वर्तुळात सशंयकल्लोळ माजला होता . त्यामुळे लोकांच्या मनातल्या शंका वाढवणारी वागणूक अनावश्यक होती . अशा वेळी शशिकलाचा डाव मोठा ठरला असता . जर अम्मांच्या जवळचा व विश्वासाचा कोणी माणूस शशिकला यांच्यावर शंका घेऊन उभा राहिला . तर त्याला जनतेतून प्रतिसाद मिळण्याचा धोका होता . आपल्यावर तुरूंगात जाण्याची वेळ आली . तेव्हा अम्मांने पन्नीरसेल्हम यांना जवळचा व विश्वासातला सहकारी म्हणुन मुख्यमंत्री पदी वसवले होते . अशा माणसाने शशिकला यांच्याविषयी सशंय घेतला तर या सशंयकल्लोळला वळ मिळणार होते . म्हणुन शशिकला यांनी त्यालाच सांभाळून घेण्याला प्राधान्य देणे गरजेचे होते हे त्यांनी समजले होते . त्यालाच काही काळ मुख्यमंत्री पदी ठेऊन पक्षावर कब्जा मिळवणे आणि जनमाणसातील शंकेचे भूत नाहीसे करण्याकडे शक्ती लावायला हवी होती . पणयेथेच शशिकला यांची चूक ठरली . माध्यमामधून विविध क्षेत्रांत शशिकला यांच्याविषयी असलेली नाराजी उघडपणे बोलली जात होती . त्याचबरोबर अम्मांची भाची दिपा अम्मांच्या मृत्यूविषयी आशंका काढत होती याला जनतेतून प्रतिसाद मिळू लागला होता . या प्रतिसादामुळे शशिकला यांच्या समोर समस्या निर्माण होऊ लागल्याने शशिकला यांनी पन्नीरसेल्हम यांच्यावर दबाव आणून राजीनामा घेतला आणि अधिक आपलीच नेता म्हणुन

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यामध्ये अजुन नाटयमय वातावरणाला वळण मिळाले जेव्हा अन्नाद्रमुकचे नऊ आमदार आणि चार खासदार शशिकलांच्या गटातून पन्नीरसेल्हम यांच्या खेऱ्यात शामिल झाले . कलाकार रामाराजन हे सर्वात आधी पन्नीरसेल्हमला जाऊन मिळाले . त्यानंतर खा . वी. सेंगुलुवन . जयसिंह . त्यागराज नटर्जी . आर . पी . मरथ . राजा . डॉ . मैत्रेया . ई . मधूसुधनन आणि सी . पेन्नायन यांनी देखील पन्नीरसेल्हम यांचा खेमा गाठला . या सर्वांचे असे म्हणणे होते . कि पन्नीरसेल्हम हेच आमचे नेता आणि हेच एमजी रामचंद्रन यांच्या मार्गाचा अनुकरण करत आहे . एक एक करून नेते पन्नीरसेल्हम यांच्याकडे जात आहे . म्हणुन शशिकला यांनी त्यांच्या नेत्यासोबत महावलीपुरम येथील एका रिसॉर्ट मध्ये मिंटींग घेतली आणि त्यानंतर सर्व नेत्यांना त्या रिसॉर्ट मध्ये बंद करून ठेवलेका तर त्यांचे नेते पन्नीरसेल्हमच्या गटात शामिल होऊ नये . पण त्यांना कैदयासारखे बंदी करून ठेवल्याचा शशिकला यांना याचा फायदा होईल का असे केल्याने त्यांना विधानसभेमध्ये बहूमत मिळेल का मला अस वाटत कदाचित शशिकलांना भिती वाटत असेल कि त्यांच्या गटातील आमदार पन्नीरसेल्हमच्या गटात जातील आणि त्यांना बहूमत मिळणार नाही . त्यात राज्यपाल सी . विदयासागर राव लवकर निर्णय देत नव्हते . ते निर्णय घेण्याला विलंब करत आहे हे पाहून शशिकला आणि पन्नीरसेल्हम यांनी राज्यपाल यांना पत्रे पाठवून विनंती केली . पण शशिकला यांनी एक पाऊल पुढे जात राज्यपाल यांना असे म्हणुन दबाव टाकला . कि त्यांनी लवकरात लवकर जर निर्णय घेतला नाही तर त्या विरोध प्रदर्शन करतील पण राज्यपालांचा निर्णय घेण्याचा विलंब हाच निर्णय योग्य ठरला . पन्नीरसेल्हम आणि शशिकला यांना मुख्यमंत्री न बनवता शशिकला यांच्या विश्वासातले पलानीसामी यांना तमिलनाडुचे मुख्यमंत्री बनवले . पलानीसामी यांना मुख्यमंत्री बनवण्याचा कारण म्हणजे शशिकलांवर असलेल्या आय पेशा जास्त संपत्तीच प्रकरण सर्वोच्च न्यायालयात आहे . आणि प्रतिकूल स्थिती असताना देखीलशशिकला यांनी आपलाच राजकीय डाव उधळूनलावण्याची घाई केली . त्यांची सरचिटणीस पदी झालेली निवडही कायदयाच्या कक्षातली नसल्याचा आक्षेप निवडणुक आयोगाने घेतला आहे . त्यामुळे याही प्रकरणावर न्यायालयात सुनवणी आहे . आणि जर राज्यपालांनी शशिकला यांना मुख्यमंत्री बनवले असते तरशशिकला यांना जेलमध्ये जावे लागले असते आणि मग परत तमिलनाडु मुख्यमंत्री शिवाय झाले असते . जर पन्नीरसेल्हमला केले असते तर त्यांच्याकडे नऊ आमदार आणि चार खासदार आहे . ऐवढ्या संख्येने किंवा यापेक्षा जास्त जर कोणी त्यांच्या गटात शामिल झाले असते तर . त्या संख्येने बहूमत सिध्द करू शकले नसते . पलानीसामी यांना मुख्यमंत्री पदाची शपत देऊन राज्यपालांनी त्यांचे काम पूर्ण केले पण हा विषय येथेच संपला वा निकालात निघाला . असे अजिवात म्हणता येणार नाही . कारणपलानीसामी यांना विधानसभेत बहूमत सिध्द करावे लागणार आहे . अशाच प्रकारे झारखंड राज्यात राज्यपालांनी २००५ मध्ये शिवू सोरेन यांना शपत दिली होती . आणि विधानसभेत त्यांना बहूमत सिध्द करता आले नाही त्यात टाळाटाळ झाल्याने त्यांना वडतर्फ करण्याची वेळ आली होती पण ती मुदत संपर्ण यापूर्वीच सोरेन यांनी राजीनामा देऊन पळ काढला होता . १९८४मध्ये तसाच प्रसंग आंध्रप्रदेशात आला होता . महिनाभर भास्करराव मुख्यमंत्री म्हणुन मिरवत राहिले आणि त्यांनी अखेरच्या दिवशी विधानसभेला सामोरे जाण्यापेक्षा राजीनामा देऊन पळ काढला होता . म्हणुनच आज फक्त पलानीसामी यांनी शपत घेऊन पुरे नाही होणार त्यांना बहुमत सिध्द करावे लागणार आहे .

अशाच प्रकारे झारखंड राज्यात राज्यपालांनी २००५ मध्ये शिवू सोरेन यांना शपत दिली होती . आणि विधानसभेत त्यांना बहूमत सिध्द करता आले नाही त्यात टाळाटाळ झाल्याने त्यांना वडतर्फ करण्याची वेळ आली होती पण ती मुदत संपण्यापूर्वीच सोरेन यांनी राजीनामा देऊन पळ काढला होता . १९८४मध्ये तसाच प्रसंग आंध्रप्रदेशात आला होता . महिनाभर भास्करराव मुख्यमंत्री म्हणुन मिरवत राहिले आणि त्यांनी अखेरच्या दिवशी विधानसभेला सामोरे जाण्यापेक्षा राजीनामा देऊन पळ काढला होता .

म्हणुनच आज फक्त पलानीसामी यांनी शपत घेऊन पुरे नाही होणार त्यांना बहुमत सिध्द करावे लागणार आहे . त्यामुळे काही दिवसांत तमिळनाडुचे राजकारण अधिक गुंतागुंतीचे होत जाण्याची शक्यता अजिबात नाकारता येणार नाही . तमिळनाडुच्या विधानसभेत बहुमतासाठी २३५ पैकी ११८ सदस्य आवश्यक आहे . आणि एआयएडीएमके कडे सदस्यसंख्या बळ १३५ एवढी आहे . पलानीसामी हे शशिकला यांच्या विश्वासातील नेता म्हणुन आपल्या आमदारांकडुन यांची निवड शशिकला यांनी करून घेतली .याने हे स्पष्ट होते कि अण्णाद्रमुक पक्षाची धुरा शशिकला यांच्याच हातात राहणार .

## कोण या शशिकला ?

शशिकला नटराजन या जयललिता यांची सावली म्हणुन वावरल्या त्यांच्या प्रिय सखी त्यांना राजकारणाचा अनुभव नसला तरी जयललिता यांच्या प्रत्येक निर्णयामागे त्यांचा काही ना काही सहभाग होता . १९८० मध्ये जयललिता यांच्या सहवासात आलेल्या शशिकला मधले दीड दोन वर्षे वगळता नेहमीच जयललिता यांच्यासोबत राहिल्या . जयललिता यांनीच त्यांना घराबाहेर हाकलले होते . मात्र शशिकला र्यांनी जाहीर माफी मागितल्यावर जयललिता यांनी त्यांना माफही केले होते . शशिकला यांचे पती सनदी अधिकारी होते जयललिता यांचे राजकारणातील प्रश्न वाढत चालले तसे शशिकला यांनी जयललिता यांच्याजवळजाण्यासाठी आपल्या पतीच्या प्रभावाचा उपयोग करून घेतला . दोघींमधील नाते अतिशय निकटचे होते . त्यामुळे च अम्मांच्या मृत्यूनंतर पक्षाची सगळी धुरा चिन्नां म्हणजेच शशिकलाकडे आली .



## आय पेक्षा जास्त संपत्ती प्रकरण

शशिकला यांची सर्वात मोठी समस्या आहे ती म्हणजे आय पेक्षा जास्त संपत्ती प्रकरण . ज्या कारणाने त्यांना जेलमध्ये जावे लागले . १९९१ ते १९९६ मध्ये जयललिता हया मुख्यमंत्री असताना त्यावेळी आय पेक्षा जास्त संपत्ती म्हणजे ६६करोड रूपयेची संपत्ती अर्जित करण्याच्या प्रकरणाने सप्टेंबर २०१४मध्ये बंगळूर च्या स्पेशल कोर्टने जयललिता, शशिकला आणि त्यांच्या दोन नातेवाईकांना चार वर्षांची शिक्षा आणि १०० करोड रूपयेचा दंड दिला होता . यामध्ये शशिकला यांना भडकवणे आणि षडयंत्र रचने यामध्ये दोषी ठरवले होते . परंतु मे २०१५ मध्ये कर्नाटक हाईकोर्ट ने जयललिता, शशिकला समवेत सर्वांना निर्दोषमुक्त केले होते . यानंतर कर्नाटक सरकार, डी.एम.के आणि सुब्रमण्यम स्वामी हे हायकोर्टच्या आदेशाच्या विरोधात सर्वोच्च न्यायालयात गेले . सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने चार महिन्यांच्या सुनवणीनंतर मार्च २०१६ मध्ये त्यांचा आदेश सुरक्षित करून ठेवला होता . सर्वोच्च न्यायालयामध्ये कर्नाटक सरकारची दलील होत, कि हायकोर्टाचा चुकीचा निर्णय आहे आणि हायकोर्टने त्यांना दोषमुक्त करण्याचा निर्णय हा मैथमेटिकल एरर आहे . सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने हायकोर्टच्या निर्णयाला बदले पाहिजे कारण हा निर्णय भ्रष्टाचार करणारायला कठोर शिक्षा मिळू शकते असा संदेश जनप्रतिनिधीला जाईल .

शशिकला व पन्नीरसेल्व्हम यांनी किती राजकीय पेच निर्माण केला तरी ते मुख्यमंत्री वनू शकले नाही . पण याचा फायदा तिसरया व्यक्तीला म्हणजे पला

नीसामी यांना झाला . जर ते बहुमत सिध्द करू शकलेतर तेच मुख्यमंत्री राहतील पण राज्यपाल यांच्या योग्य निर्णयाने शशिकला यांचे तमिळनाडुचे मुख्यमंत्री बनण्याच स्वप्न तुटल अस असलं तरी चार वर्षे जेल मध्ये राहून पलानीसामी यांच्याद्वारे त्या तमिळनाडुवर सत्ता करणार हे नक्कीच . पण कसोटी मतदानाच्या आखाडयात लागत असते .तशी कसोटी देऊनच जया अम्मांनी तीन दशकांपूर्वी या पक्षाला आपल्या मुठीत आणलेले आहे . तेव्हाही त्यांच्यासोबत मूठभर आमदार आले नव्हते आणि तेव्हाच्या शशिकलांसारख्या दरबारी राजकारणाने दुसरया पक्षाला विजय मिळाला होता . पण लवकरच जनता अम्मांच्या मागे एकवटत गेली व आमदार नेतेही अम्मांच्या गोटयात जाऊन दाखल होऊ लागले . अम्मांच्या तेव्हाच्या भूमिकेत आज त्यांची सखी नसून पन्नीरसेल्व्हम अम्मांचा वारसा चालवीत बंडाचा झेंडा घेऊन उभे राहिले आहे . तर तेव्हा अम्मांना हूसकावून लावणारया खलनायकी राजकारणाचा वारसा आज त्यांचीच सखी शशिकला चालवीत आहे .

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## A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



The first class photo of the first batch



Launching of 'Paprefe', the first newsletter of the department



'Medialogue -2015-16'



Setting up the first 'Medialogue' banner



A usual day at class



Traditional day