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निदेशक का संदेश

प्रो. प्रमोद कुमार जैन

यह बहुत ही हर्ष का विषय है कि संस्थान की ई-पत्रिका 'रविस्ता' का पांचवा अंक आप सबके समक्ष प्रस्तुत है। किसी भी संस्थान की पत्रिका उस संस्थान में होने वाली गतिविधियों एवं एक समय विशेष को दर्शाती हैं। आज जो समय, आप अपने साथियों के साथ एवं अध्यापकों के साथ व्यतीत कर रहे हैं आने वाले कुछ वर्षों में आप इन्हीं सब क्षणों को याद कर प्रफुल्लित होंगे। अतः इस पत्रिका के माध्यम से मैं आप सभी विद्यार्थियों को यह सन्देश देना चाहता हूँ कि इस स्वर्णिम समय को व्यर्थ न जाने दें एवं इस अध्ययन काल के प्रत्येक क्षण का आप अनुभव करें। पढ़ाई के साथ-साथ संस्थान स्तर पर होने वाली सभी प्रतियोगिताओं में सहभागिता करें जो आपके बहुआयामी विकास में सहायक होगा।

पूर्व के अंकों की तरह 'रविस्ता' के इस अंक में भी सभी विद्यार्थियों ने अपनी लेखन शैली, चित्रकारी, विचारों की गंभीरता एवं वर्तमान परिदृश्य के अनुसार इस ई-पत्रिका को अलंकृत किया है। इस अंक में कई लेख आपको वर्तमान देशकाल एवं वातावरण के बारे में विचार करने पर विवश करेंगे। एक ओर जहाँ कुछ छात्रों द्वारा बनाये गए स्कैच से उनकी प्रतिभा का बोध होता है तो दूसरी ओर हिंदी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा में दिए गए लेख एवं कविताएँ बहुत ही रोचक लगते हैं।

मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आपको यह अंक अवश्य रुचिकर लगेगा।

'टीम रविस्ता' के सभी सदस्यों को हार्दिक शुभकामनायें!

जय हिन्द!

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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It is a matter of immense pleasure to present the fifth edition of the Institute's e-magazine, Revista. The magazine of an Institution represents the activities and events happening at the Institute. The time that we spend today with our fellow mates and teachers, recalling these moments will make us feel delighted after a few years. So, through the magazine I would like to convey to the students that do not let this golden time go in vain and live each moment of this time. Along with the studies participate in various co-curricular activities that are conducted at the Institute level that will be beneficial for your all-round development.

Similar to the previous editions of Revista students have ornamented this edition with their writings, drawings, profoundness of thoughts and according to the present perspective. Many writings of this edition will compel you to think about present time and space. On one hand where the sketches made by some students showcase their talent, on the other hand the Hindi and English articles and poems are also quite interesting.

I believe that you will find this edition interesting.

Good wishes to all the members of 'Team Revista'!

Jai Hind!

Tin Bin Din Melt in Kin

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We live in an age of chatter-clatter, where people are least understood despite speaking a lot. People exploit their communication skills as if beating on the tin plates to hush the voice of the opponent. They shut –up mouths of others by refusing to hear them appreciatively. There are not many who engage the opponents in a fuller, sensitive and sensible conversation.

People are understood a little because we have become alien to ourselves. Human beings are not willing to kindle their insight by practicing silence while observing life, thereby engaging in a conversation with the self. But step relentlessly into a 'Sawal- Jawab Akhada', harping on their arguments in loudest tone possible that does not make for a sound defense. In this 'Question – Answer dangal', the ones who are capable of drowning the opponent's argument through crooked behavior and dialogue become the winners.

Esteemed philosopher and writer, Sri Aurobindo, has said in his famous work, 'Matru Upanishad', 'A questioning mind cannot be enlightened'. One may learn the material science through questions but a growth in wisdom is attained by climbing in silence the ladder of own being. It is an opening of the inner eye of vision, development of insight by shunning the ego that brings holistic, inclusive approach to life. When such a stage is attained, mingling in talk with other people results into a song. A rhythm of views tames the wilder note producing melody of opinions, germinating chords of friendship and kinship that melt the rift in arguments into common concerns and commitments. We are also living in an age of a clamorous call for homogeneity. In such a society, heterogeneity has to be contained by forceful ordering based on simplistic notions. It is also assumed by some that man and woman are the same. Their needs are the same. Refusing to acknowledge the special role of the sexes results into incomplete understanding of a human being. Our championing for the sameness, makes stones of everyone in the human race. It is like being in a garbage bin, where everything is the same- all are one – a waste! A useful waste, producing biogas and manure, where there is no marriage of the opposites born into flowers of beauty, magnanimity, excellent in genetic structure and subtle in spiritual apprehension forged by companionship of the different.

Human society becomes an existence in a bin if the spirit of unity does not serve to blossom diver-

sity, allowing life its full possibility. Every soul needs to evolve in its uniqueness by comprehending the Universal by 'Swa-Dharma', that is, activation of the innate forces present in man and woman processed differently by every human being.

The most unfortunate scenario present today is that we have become used to din. Ruckus on every issue is a hobby. Moving, raving, ravaging mobs have become a regular feature of our life. A mindless mob that is driven by anger and frustration does not care like the Gandhi's Satyagrahi for the truth; instead it explodes rampaging, drilling fear in the minds by derailing, pelting, pillaging and destroying the public property to humiliate the authorities. The forces in power, wrestle on the issues with the din that is a count of numbers rather than a representation. Straining and strangulating the most delicate chord of human relationship by employment of intimidation both ways, sometimes secures victory for the either side at the cost of seriously damaging kinship.

The greatest feat Indian culture and civilization has achieved is in treating entire human race as a family and the entire creation a home. This ideal of homeliness is enshrined in the Gita as, 'Lok-samgratam', that suggests, human beings attain their full development in making the world a 'home to all'. At home, we love to speak sweetly and are heard with affection. At home, no one is the same. Everyone is special. They are loved and celebrated as such. At home, issues are handled with care. Here belongingness of unfailing love is the way to deal with the difficult. By treating every relation as sacred we become the brick of this earthly heaven called HOME!

By loving Home, let's bring up a World where tin, bin, din melt in KIN.



REPORTS

ASTRONOMY CLUB

FOOTBALL CLUB

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CLUB

ASTRONOMY CLUB 2015-16



Astronomy Club fulfilled its purpose i.e. to promote amateur astronomy and to educate about various astronomical phenomena successfully through various events organized throughout the 2015-16 academic session. The club witnessed participation of highly motivated and interested students from the first year who worked along with senior members with full zeal and enthusiasm to make all the events successful.

The various events that happened during the session are as follows:

- Sky gazing: The Astronomy Club regularly conducted sky gazing sessions in which we probed into the infinite and majestic universe using our telescope Bresser NT-150 to observe different heavenly bodies and observe various astronomy phenomena. The most observed heavenly body was the one closest to our home- the Moon. Along with it, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun were also observed which, as always, left everyone mesmerized. The working and operation of the telescope was also taught.
- Discussions: Regular discussions on various topics of astronomy and astrophysics were held. The topics included some of the most bizarre phenomena of the universe such as black holes, dark energy, supernovae along with the most fundamental questions of the universe and so on. The existence of extraterrestrial life and the outer space missions with their impact on general public was also discussed. All the members participated in this event to expand their knowledge and gave their views on the same.
- Quiz: During the annual tech fest of our institute - Abhikalpan 2k16 - the Astronomy Club conducted a quiz in which different teams from the institute along with many teams from different colleges participated. The team from our institute won.
- Event Horizon: This event was also conducted during the Abhikalpan 2k16. The teams were given the topic "Interstellar Travel" in which they had to explain the feasibility of travelling through galaxies, its impact and how it could possibly happen. The event witnessed participation from different teams from different institutes. The team from our institute won.
- Exhibition: The club conducted their annual exhibition during Abhikalpan 2k16 which showcased different astronomical and astrophysics concepts through various models and charts. The main aim of the exhibition was to educate people about the recent developments in the field of astronomy and astrophysics. The exhibition received heaps of praise from all the visitors. The telescope owned by the club was also displayed.
- Mercury Transit: On May 9th 2016, Mercury passed in front of Sun during daytime; the phenomena known as Mercury Transit. In India it was visible from around 4 pm (IST) till few hours. The club successfully organized the event for viewing the transit through the telescope.

The year 2015-16 witnessed great participation from everyone and the club fulfilled its aim to educate people about astronomy and astrophysics with the help of all the club members. The club will continue to organize different events and encourage students to participate with even greater fanaticism and eagerness.

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT CLUB

2015-16

Successful entrepreneurship is an amalgamation of planning, dedication and diligence. An entrepreneur has to essentially acquire analytical, interpersonal and communication skills to excel in the rapidly changing business world.

It is this thought that is the fundamental idea behind the Business and Management Club of IIITDM Jabalpur. The club aims to build a sense of entrepreneurship and management among the students. Although the prime focus, as the name suggests, is on Business, the club also aims to inculcate Managerial aptitude in a broader perspective. This would not only develop entrepreneurship skills, but also make the students more employable and industry oriented. At the Business and Management club, we strive to bridge the gap between the curriculum and the industry.

**‘If you don’t drive your business, you will be driven out of business.’
-B.C. Forbes**

Coming to the domains that the club covers, the main areas of emphasis are the functioning of the corporate world and the basics of management. The enlightenment on these areas is meticulously achieved by the presentation of real life cases and success stories. There is also much focus on industrial and economic awareness.

Various topics related to the economy and finance are discussed in detail. Also, there are specific sessions for MBA related information and for entrance exams such as CAT, XAT, MAT, GMAT etc.

To achieve greater efficiency and interest of the students, the club regularly organizes events that nurture passion for the business world among the students. Some of the activities that form a

part of our annual calendar are Brand Presentation, Group Discussion, B-Quiz, Case Study and B-Plan which have witnessed excellent participation in the past.

During Abhikalpan, the Technical Fest of IIITDMJ we organized all these competitions with high quality performances from the participants. We aim to further widen the range of activities that the club encompasses and also expect higher participation in the coming year.

We are moving on the right path with the relevant ideas in our minds. All that we need is dedication, faith and perseverance. These are the concepts that drive the business world and the same concepts drive our club as well.

FOOTBALL CLUB

2015-16

The 2015-16 academic year was the benchmark year for the Football Club of IIITDM Jabalpur in terms of frequency of club activities and populace associated with the club. From highly experienced Final Year Students and Post Graduate members to the ever reliable Second and Third Year members to the talented and promising Freshmen, all of them contributed zealously to make the club epitome of success.

Throughout the year the club organized various competitions and training sessions in which club members eagerly participated and gave their level best. On an even higher note, during the evening sessions even non-club members tend to come onto field and get themselves involved in the club's games and activities. This helped the club a lot in building to its ever growing popularity and enhancing its reach to every student in the Institute.

The football club organized many tournaments in the academic year 2015-16, few among them are:

1. Futsal was organized in the month of September. It was first of the two tournament of this format organized in the previous academic session. It was an open tournament in which students had to make their own team of 7 players and participate in it. This edition of Futsal saw active participation from every year. For the first time there were two teams from the First Year in Futsal which showed its popularity among them. This tournament was concluded in 4 days.
Winners- Fourth Year

2. Enthuse is IIITDMJ's Intra-College Sports Meet. This was held in the month of October. Unlike in the year 2014-15 in which the format

of football competition was held on the basis of Franchise, this time it was an Inter-Year event. Teams put up by respective years played with great passion and vigor in this competition. This competition gave them a perfect platform to perform and showcase their inner abilities, skills and mental resilience.

Winners- Second Year

3. Gusto is IIITDMJ's Inter- College Sports Fest. 2015-16 academic year's edition of Gusto took place in the month of January. During

this fest, Football Tournament witnessed multifold increase in number of participant teams, ranging from colleges of Center India to colleges of North India. Football Club of IIITDMJ itself put up two teams to represent college in this hard fought and highly competitive fest. During this high and exhilarating level of competition both of the teams succeeded in reaching the Semis.

Winners- GGITS

4. Futsal: This second edition of Futsal was organized in the month of April. Buoyed up by the success and popularity of earlier edition, this time there were a total of 16 team participants. This was the highest ever in the history of Futsal tournament organized by the club. This edition witnessed a whole new level of excitement, thrill, skills and pressure handling. This edition also became, by far, benchmark for cut-throat competition.

Winners- Fourth year





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ARTICLES

DEMONETIZATION IN INDIA

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We, the people of India, in our 70 years of independence have seen various changes in the political and economic systems of this nation. The demonetization of money is one amongst the many. There have already been various talks about the benefits and drawbacks of this scheme and not one side seems dominant. One thing that does get highlighted by this step of our Honorable Prime Minister is that, the tenacious man that he has been to the people of this country, he continues to be the same.



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He emerges as a man of new vision and innovation who is ready to take bold, firm steps towards the development of our democracy.

The scheme is targeted towards the following main points:

- The cloning of notes of higher denomination to fund various terrorist activities.
- The undue usage of stacked up high denomination notes by drug smugglers for their illegal transactions.
- The problem of uncirculated capital in the country which is withheld as piles of money

in lockers or in the form of gold, real estate, and other assets.

Coming to these far sighted effects of demonetization later, first there is a need to throw some light on the present scenario wherein the citizens are bound to wait in long queues outside the ATMs and on many occasion go back disappointed when ATMs go out of cash. It certainly is a situation of turmoil in the country and where many people are complaining about the inconvenience caused by this decision of the central government, there are some who appreciate this audacious step taken by the Prime Minister.

While there is around 16 lakh crores of money under circulation in India, the Government of India is aiming to eradicate the counterfeit money and parallel income running in the country, which cannot be tracked, and largely being utilized for illegal activities.

Ending uncirculated money would prevent the terrorists to fund their agencies. This in turn would lead to a striking blow to all the terrorist organisations that have been thriving upon the cloned or piled up stacks of high denomination notes. This can prove to be a major success to our government as this would lead to an end to Kashmir terrorism, Naxalism and all the local terror agencies.

In addition to this, ending uncirculated money would bring this untracked money into the hands of the government which could be used

for the overall development of the country. The first step towards it would be reduced fiscal deficit and a further increase in bank growth.

“We, the people of India, in our 70 years of Independence have seen various changes in the political and economic systems of this nation. The demonetization of money is one amongst the many.”

This shall boost the economy of the nation and also serve as flag of achievement for the central government. Moreover, as more money is available with the government, it would increase liquidity with the government. The government shall then be able to provide better funding for different policies and schemes that shall lead to the overall upliftment of all sections of the society.

The citizens could expect to see a greater number of development projects being carried out and coming into being very soon as there would be greater resources in the hands of the Government, which it could apply for faster and more accurate development. As the economy of our democracy flourishes through the years, there is a sure chance of a hike in the GDP of our nation. Also, the value of Rupee as compared to the Dollar shall see an improvement given that the currency of the country is not unaccounted for.

There are various parties and individuals talking about the pain and misery of the common man and his day long struggle to get required amount of cash at required times. There are people complaining about the poor execution of the entire demonetization scheme and also raising brows over the Government's true intention for its introduction. But there is a need for the people to realize that, as and when all transactions would be taking place in white money, the cost of living shall go considerably low whereas the quality of living shall see a high. With all money being circulated in the knowledge of the income tax department there shall be greater affordability of commodities for the common man.

Most importantly, as there would be no cloning

or fake currency being used in the market there would be a significant decrease in murders, crime rates and other illegal drug dealings as there would be no resources or very less resources to fund such activities.

A major point of consideration is that as all the money of the nation would be tracked by the income tax department, there would be greater tax collection by the Government which would further give it more money in hand, hence, greater economic and infrastructural development of the nation.

Given to the many advantages that demonetization brings with itself, the Government of India is sure to flourish, in the minds of people, as a better decision making body for the country.



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Why Me?

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Why Me?

Such an interesting question. A serious one though. How many of us have asked this question? Not just for entertainment, but with a sense of inquiry. You are upset. Are you not? Why? Are you the only one? Is there any way to deal with it? To end it completely.

Not just a problem, but the feeling as a whole. Let's look into it. You want something, you pursue it. Be it money, fame, company or happiness. But you never stop. Had your achievements given you a sense of completeness your search would have ended altogether? But you never stop. Lying within everyone is a never ending tendency to pursue something, no matter how meaningless it is. But when you attain it, achieve it, obtain it, it loses all its meaning. You then set out to find something new. You search for the 'new' but all of it is done with your stale old and worn out mindset. You are then just a machine that searches for achievements, achieves some-

thing and then set out for yet another search. All this time you never nurture your existence. A man who does not appreciate himself always seeks appreciation from others. And this pursuit of appreciation prevents him furthermore from observing himself.

You become so lost that you cannot understand your own feelings, let alone the feelings of others. You are frustrated with your daily mechanical life. But you won't end the cycle of repetition because that habit of yours pays you. You never ask yourself why you are angry, sad or happy. Yes happiness too is to be questioned. Are you really happy or are you just excited by your idea of being happy someday? What makes you happy? Is it a thought of achieving something that makes you happy? Are you even happy when you achieve it? Your dreams make you happier than your achievements. Don't they? Then you ask "WHY ME?"

As if others are happier than you. Seeing someone in the same pathetic state as you makes you happy. Why? The reason behind this is that you want equality. You won't raise yourself for equality but pull others down. It is a natural phenomenon as it is always easy the way down. The idea of equality is a complete nuisance in itself.

"I don't believe in equality, I believe in uniqueness"
- Osho

That quote explains it all. You will never be happy unless you accept yourself.

Now many will say that it is all goody-good talk with no practicality. Because it seems to stop you from improving. A man who has accepted himself in a complete sense would not want to improve. Would he? But here is something about them that makes them more prone to improvement as compared to those who resist their nature. People who resist their nature waste a lot of energy in battling against their nature. A man who completely understands his nature not only harvests great energy but transforms completely into a new being. He becomes independent of his old nature, not because he wanted to but because the old nature becomes completely useless.

"It is only a confused mind that chooses."
- Jiddu Krishnamurti

Attention in itself is a great tool for harvesting great energy. There is a great refreshment that comes with observation without judgement.

The moment you start observing your grief, you no longer see it as your own problem but as a pattern that had recurred every time you were affected by it. Then you won't be asking yourself, "WHY ME?" but you will realise that the "ME" in that question was the real problem all the way.

You claim to like a person (say A). That person likes someone else (say B). You do not understand why 'A' does not like you nor does 'A' have any reason not to like you.

Now there is another person (say C) who likes you but you don't like that person. Because you

like 'A'. By choosing 'A' you not only hurt yourself but you hurt others too.

"To die every second is to be reborn every second. But that needs uninterrupted attention"
- Jiddu Krishnamurti

Choice in itself is a disease.

It is highly probable that you are not sure of what you like. You run after something/someone and when you get it you don't know what to do next. All the pleasure was in pursuit. I don't say to end your pursuit but to understand it.

First Kiss

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“Shhhh,” he whispered, “You talk too much.” I felt his fingers on my skin travelling the roads that were never mapped before, as if coating it with honey, glazing it with layers of sparkle. And every electric spark that was flared that day has a scar here, still.

“Make me stop,” was my prompt, heedless reply, which was followed by a giggle and him biting his lower lip. I watched him perform this insanely seductive act and my mind birthed little galaxies that spilled poetry of his essence all over my brain.

“You know, that is my territory. If you want to be bitten, you can simply ask me to do so.”

“You’re wild, and I like it,” out came his velvety voice and managed to make my lips curl a bit. Just a bit. With an inundation of sadness lumped in my throat.

“You know, I almost fell in love with you. Funny there?” I asked with an ear to ear grin. But his eyes were only fixed on my lips and the way they shone in the pale moonlight. Mine, traversing his quirks. There was something different about his basic structure, both physical and emotional, that drew me in. From the way his soft forehead felt on my lips, to the way his coarse cheeks felt on my fingers, he was full of contradictions. A paradox. You could find his baby eyes sparkling with love that will be poured down on you just if you happen to look in them or you could find his sexy, half smile telling you how much he’d like to uncover every inch of your physique.

“You are typical in your own peculiar way, you know?” he finally said. A tinge of melancholy

associated with his speech. I kept quiet. Seldom did he talk that way, so when he did, I just wanted to listen.

“You have this strange attraction associated with you. You will always find people gravitating towards you, regardless of their will,” he said as he withdrew from an almost, to-be-memorable first kiss of ours.

He turned his back to me. “There’s a way you dazzle in the darkness. In my darkness. And the light. It glares in my eyes. It will blind me one day, love,” he turned back and I noticed the shine in his eyes. Shine that was brought by tears. “Love?” I hadn’t expected my voice to come out of my throat, but that made him chuckle. A grim chuckle. Indescribable.

Maybe that is what I fell for. His irony. His way of defying his own self. He was so confident, yet so afraid. He outshone the sun for me, and said that my dull brightness would blind him. Ironical.

I went close to him again. Placing his hands on my waist, I cupped his face in my palms. “Look into my eyes. What do you see?”

And that led to a perpetual gaze. As if he was trying to read every story I had hidden from this world. Every secret, I dared not talk of. And ever so slowly, his eyes closed, and so did mine. And I knew what euphoria was, for the first time. It was almost funny how his fingers were causing jitters on my skin, while his lips just closed every wound, sublimed every dread, and puffed away every reclusive thought of mine. As our lips parted, our souls intertwined. The shimmer in our eyes was indistinguishably intense. Our breaths, equally hollow, and our lips, equally pink.

“You know, you taste like melted chocolates,” I broke the silence and was glad to have his sly smile back.

“Now, where has the wild girl gone? Haven’t kissed her yet.” He said, pulling me closer than ever.

“Do you really want her?” I questioned as my fingers found home in his silky hair and we, together, went in to paint another bizarre portrayal of ecstatic love on our canvas of mistakes.

After all, when has one kiss been enough for two souls, yearning for salvation in each other?

I Don't Want to Die Before I Die, Dad

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"I don't want to die before I die, dad," he said, with his head hung low and red, swollen eyes. "Engineering kills me. I don't like engineering. I don't want to be an engineer, dad. I want to be a painter."

"Tell me Arjun, what is it that you like to paint?"

His eyes lit up. Was he really asking him about his passion?

"Everything, dad. Everything that looks beautiful. Everything that looks ugly. I want to caress every single curve and every single line through my paint brush." He said, enthusiastically, wiping off his tears of misery.

"Then paint my dreams, son. Paint the future I have seen for you. Don't you want the well-settled life I have wanted for you? Paint your life through my brushes and hues."

With a heavy heart and shivering fingers, Arjun painted the end of his life on his death-bed with crimson and black.

Death of a dream doesn't hurt as much as the death of a dreamer.

His voice still rings his dad's ears. Quivering, helpless and completely devastated.

"I don't want to die before I die, dad."



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INDIA OF MY DREAMS

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“If there is one place on the face of earth, where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began its dream of existence, it is India.”

-Romaine Rolland, French Scholar

There are only a few countries on which nature has bestowed its opulence and abundance like it has on India. Through the chapters of history, our motherland has seen share of struggles and achievements, highs and lows. In the post independence era, India has marched steadily on the aisle of progress and growth. What is really incredible is that even under situations of distress, India has remained a land of dreams, hopes and aspirations. It is this self-belief and optimism, which is the key attribute of the various facets of India's development.

On the economic front, we have indeed come a long way. Our growth rate, which hovered around 2% in 1950 has reached an impressive 7.6%. We are the world's fastest growing major economy and are

being looked upon as the economic superpower of the future. However, on looking beyond superficial statistics, we find severe problems like poverty, unemployment and massive disparity between the rich and the poor. If we are aiming to build a prosperous India, we need to bridge this ever widening gap between the affluent and deprived. Basic and critical facilities like education and healthcare should reach people beyond all social and economic barriers.

Coming to infrastructure, which is one area in which our country has made phenomenal progress. There has been a strong emphasis on smoothening of the transport network of late, with effective implementation of projects like Golden Quadrilateral and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. To sustain and compliment economic growth, India now needs to address issues related to highway density and rural connectivity.

Most superpowers of the world are incorporating technology and are shifting towards alternative cleaner energy sources. India is fortunate to have solar, wind and bio fuel resources at its disposal which would dynamically fulfill the growing energy demands. Atomic energy is another field of immense potential and with the recent uranium discoveries and diplomatic accomplishments, India's future looks promising.

Robust infrastructure and energy sufficiency are the two pillars on which the growth of 21st Century India stands.

We are a democratic country and the power to rule remains vested in our hands. Through the mechanism of elections, we channelize that the power towards our representatives. In the system of governance which we follow, we ardently need responsible and meticulous people holding positions. This also brings under its umbrella the issue of rampant corruption, which has been the biggest setback to our nation. To build a powerful India, the menace of corruption has to be confronted with conviction and vigor.

We envisage a country with clean politics, honest politicians and dedicated bureaucrats, which finally brings us to the root of all the issues- social upliftment of the masses. After all, politicians arise from the society itself. While we are on a spree of attaining economic and industrial prowess, we must also hold on strongly to human values and ethics.

As Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam remarked, "India has to be transformed into a developed nation, a prosperous nation and a healthy nation, with a value system." It is this value system that is the essence of our nationality and has to be upheld. India is a myriad of cultures and traditions. Our diversity and our tolerance provide us strength. Unfortunately, time and again there have been instances of communal tensions and conflicts which have brought disgrace to the nation. In a country with a demographic structure like ours, mutual respect and harmony between various sections and classes is a fundamental necessity for overall development.

We, as the citizens of a great country, must pledge to build an India where social elevation, concord and economic growth are not perceived as exclusive entities, but go hand in hand. Only then would an India of 1.25 billion dreams be a reality.



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An Ape's Story

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Hi, my name is “Ustad”. I am an Ape residing in a Zoo. I am around 40 years of age. I was rescued from the jungle in my childhood by a human after my mother was shot dead by some human. During this long association with humans in the zoo, I have learned many things about humans. I know that I am standing on the estuary of life and hence I want to share my observations and experience on some interesting human behaviors. Observing human behavior always, has been fun. Humans think they are the absolute supreme species on this planet. Let's see how correct their thinking is.

» Language and Communication.

I used to think that Humans are not gifted with communication skill as they are unable to communicate with me or with any other species in

this zoo. It is only in recent past when I realized that humans have some kind of communication among themselves. They call it language. But at the same time they have screwed themselves up with thousands of altogether different languages. As a result, they don't understand each other and so they are divided into thousands of herds and keep fighting among themselves. Communicating with other animal species in this planet is beyond their ability. It's really funny that humans, who cannot even communicate to the other living beings residing in this same planet, constantly try to communicate with Extra-Terrestrial living beings! But our language is universal. We don't even need to learn it. We are just born with that skill. You take me to any other corner of this planet, and I will be able to communicate with any other ape there. I can even communicate

with all other mammals except humans.

» Technology For Mankind

Humans think they are supreme because they can use technologies for their advancement. I don't understand why an animal should need technology at all! All the animal species live happily without the use of technologies. So why can't Humans? Because they are too weak. If your eye-sight is normal, will you ever need the technology of specs? We are born with some special gifts within ourselves. We have sharp eye-sight with night vision technology, a radar like ear to catch every distinct sound, a sensitive nose which can smell danger from far apart, strong and fast legs by which we can travel far distant lands. Why should one need wheels? Also each animal species except humans have some kind of weapon in -built in their body to protect themselves. Humans need help of technologies to achieve these things which are not gifted to them by nature. Our immune system is thousand times stronger than humans and also there are abundant medical herbs unknown to humans. We don't need chemical farms to produce medicines.

» Evolution and Natural Selection

Humans think they have evolved more than any other species. I agree with them but with a different perception. They have evolved for sure but in the opposite direction from nature. What evolutionary advantages they have? They cannot run, cannot fly, and even swimming is not in their natural ability! Mother nature has totally rejected them and they have become totally unfit to live on this planet. They cannot survive for a single winter night outside their nest without their artificial thick colorful skins which they borrow from other animals. Not to mention how quickly they will collapse in the extreme weather conditions of Poles or High Mountain Ranges. The same is not true for most of the animal species which are now extinct or on verge of extinction. It is not that Nature rejected them but because there was not enough Nature left to give them shelter, as Humans have destroyed most of the Nature.

» Energy Resources

As we have seen, humans use technology as an umbrella to hide from mother nature and to conceal their odds. Let's see how durable their umbrella is and how long it can protect them. As an umbrella is held up by a single stand, similarly

all technologies depends on a single factor which is energy or power supply. This energy comes with a high cost. It costs this planet's natural resources which is finite. Because of human's need of energy, it is getting exhausted rapidly. Eventually, Humans will consume all the energy resources of this planet. Once that happens, their umbrella will be gone. Without power, they cannot transport food, communicate, produce medicine, clothes and yes, they will be unable to produce most of their weapons. But our own in-built weapons will remain with us anyway. They will have to depend solely on local trees for food and living. Eventually forest will reclaim this entire planet once again. That is the day we are waiting for. All other animals will be perfectly fit to "Live" in that situation except Humans. Please note that Humans never "Live". They "Survive" their entire life even in their very own jungle made of concrete. In jungle of trees, they will be able to realize the true interpretation of their own theory "Natural Selection".

» Relative Cage

Now it's time to leave my resting place and to observe humans who have gathered behind the fence. Yes, we need fence to protect ourselves from humans, the most dangerous species on this planet. I need to be careful and stay far away from the fence. One day, a human threw a banana skin on my face without any provocation. They enjoyed very much doing it and rolled with laughter. I don't mind. It was my fault to go too close to those unpredictable creatures. According to our assumption, the generation of our grandchildren or at most the generation next to them will rule this planet because by that time all the energy resources will definitely get exhausted. Then our descendants will roam freely in this entire planet fearlessly. But I am luckier compared to them because in their time, they may not witness any human species to make fun of, unless we protect them in a cage.

Anyway, till that day comes, I want to visit them every day. Look, Humans behind that fence are thinking that they have come to visit me. But in reality, I am the one who is going to visit them. It is only a perception of which side of the fence you consider as inside and which side as outside!

The Small Stone

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They were making houses out of stones and only the best stones were used. I used to watch in awe as I saw all the big stones sit one on top of another firmly holding the weight of each other. Each year big stones were made into houses as all the small stones watched them climb onto one another and cheered for the strong lads.

I was a small stone but a small stone with a big dream. I wanted small stones to stand as houses as well. I wanted small stones to be recognised. I wanted small stones to be cheered. And I didn't see why not, we had the capability to stand firmly and bear each other's weight. We were all stones of the same earth, some big, some small.

I went around finding stones of my kind, some stones with the same hidden desire, some stones in which I aroused the desire but nevertheless, we were all small

stones with a big dream. And we were sure that we will be standing there with puffed chests amongst a loud applause.

Days went by & we practised hard. We climbed onto each other & stood firmly in our places. We practised in mornings and evenings, daily. On days when the big stones practised, we watched them and tried improving our skills as well.

When the day for the construction of a new house came, we were all excited for being the first small stones to stand in a structure. We stood in the line of contestants & waited to be tested on our skill. We were revising all that we knew as we waited for our turns. I stood first amongst the small stones in order to be tested first. When the construction worker came, he picked me up & instead of being placed on the structure, I was flung aside. The reason given was- I was a small stone.

Never again did small stones go near the construction site. We even got a name for stones of my kind- 'Girls'.

My Contribution in Preventing Damage to the Environment

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Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. These words said by Martin Luther King Jr. holds a great contemporary value. If we start ignoring the wrong doings, if we stop believing in our ideas and beliefs and if we become casual and dependent on others and lose faith and hope, then we are doomed to live a life of hardships and misery. Our planet is our home. Our surroundings- trees, water, air is our society. If we do not maintain harmony with it, if we do not respect it then one day we will face the repercussions. The nature is of great importance to human mankind, but knowing this fact we have stopped appreciating its value. Air pollution is increasing day by day, best examples being Delhi and Beijing, deforestation and animal poaching is witnessed all over the world, ice glaciers in Arctic are melting at an alarming rate, global warming has led to last ten years being the hottest in the last 134 years and water pollution is everyday killing not only animals but humans too. Pollution is such a terror that if you don't kill it, it will kill you.

Water and air, the two essential fluids on which life depends, have become global garbage cans. We have ignored the precious gift of earth- its hospital environment, and now the downfall of our home has started. If not now, it will be too late for the mankind to preserve environment. With this initiative, June 5 was celebrated as World Environment Day. To raise and encourage worldwide awareness for protecting Earth by taking positive environment action, World environment day took birth and since its inception, people have started taking preventive measures at individual level in saving the nature. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children. It is for our next generation

that we all will have to contribute.

Today I would like to share the various practices and measures that I take in order to prevent damage to the environment.

Air is the basic necessity of our life. It's the energy that enables us to breathe and live. But sadly we have shut our eyes and let it fall. As an individual to reduce air pollution I always travel in public transportation vehicles. I went to school in a school bus, I go from college to city in my college bus, I travel everyday from home to my workplace in staff bus and in return journey, I first take staff bus and then I travel in government bus to reach my home. I rarely use private vehicle. For shorter distances I always prefer to walk than to travel in two wheeler. Also I rarely use Air Conditioner at home. The warm air coming from the compressor of the AC is directly ejected to the environment which is one of the cause for global warming. By using cooler I try to reduce my contribution to global warming and air quality as well.

Trees are of great importance to us. The fruits to eat, fresh oxygen to breath and absorption of Carbon Dioxide to reduce the green house effect are few of the many contributions which a single tree makes to keep earth healthy. But with need of land to build structures, deforestation is being practised throughout the world. To keep alive this best friend of humans, I have more than 150 plants at my home which I along with my grandmother water and maintain them daily. My college has also taken the initiative of planting trees at the campus. I prepared a book on leaves in which I took a sample leaf from the plant and wrote about it in the adjacent page. The book was filled with different leaves. I shared this knowledge with others and told them about the impor-

tance of each tree to the livings and the non-livings. Personally I would like to say gardening is one of the best hobby a person can pursue. Maintaining 150 plants is not an easy job but when the flower blooms and fruit grows, I attain the utmost satisfaction and happiness. It is true- hard work is always rewarded.

Electricity has become a basic need for humans. To respect this necessity, it is important to save it. At home, at workplace or in my college, I always switch off lights and fans when I go outside the room. It is a regular habit and I never get tired of it, instead I always try to motivate others to practise the same. It is important to always share the good in you and accept the bad in you.

Cleanliness is appreciated by everyone. Even the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi realized its importance and started 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'. This initiative has been appreciated by the entire nation and each and everyone helps in cleaning India. Why? Not only because a clean environment is preferred by all but also because it preserves our environment from harmful waste and damage.

Plastic is non-biodegradable and if not properly disposed, the hazardous chemicals leach into the surface of groundwater which affects soil and water. I always try to keep my surrounding clean (even before the birth of the Abhiyaan). I always throw garbage in dustbin. I never throw it on the land. If a dustbin is not found in vicinity, then I keep the waste in my bag (in a separate chain) or in my pocket till I find a dustbin, especially during travelling. I have shared this habit with others and I am happy to tell you that few of them did changed and followed the same. My college is slowly trying to become a No-polythene zone. My father always carries a jute bag while buying vegetables. At a grocery shop, he carries a big plastic bag and puts all the purchased items in it. Rather than bringing 4-5 polythene bags at

home, now only one bag is used and reused. My mother always segregates the biodegradable and non- biodegradable waste. She feeds the previous one to the cows and the latter is thrown in dustbin. I went to Japan and saw there 5 types of dustbin, each having a specific colour coding according to the type of garbage to be thrown. The best part is people do follow the coding and throw the waste accordingly. This saves a lot of time and also helps in recycling of waste. I would request the citizens of India to also follow the same and help in cleaning the environment.

Last but not the least, water is another important requirement for sustaining life. As a layman, I save water by reusing the water (used for washing clothes) in mopping the floor of my house. Rather than using a tube for watering the plants,

my grandmother and I use a bucket to water plants. This saves a lot of water. The same practise goes in bathing and cleaning the automobile. These initiatives help in saving water.

All the above contributions I wrote are very basic and can be practised by each and every human. I believe we all know these measures but tend to ignore them. That is the biggest problem. Environmental pollution is an

incurable disease. It can only be prevented. But, the greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it. Hence, the only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment is to get everybody involved. This is the reason why I have written this article. Hats off to Shri Narendra Modi for he realized the need of the hour. The earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. It is time we should all give some time from our busy schedule and take care of the environment. Also we can practise above written measures during work time too. The major requirement is to change the mindset of the population. Let us all lend a hand to save trees, to save our future.



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The Journey from School to College

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The journey from school to college, from being a kid to becoming mature, from dependent to self dependent, from being stubborn to becoming responsible, from letting go to over-thinking, from over eating to waiting for the mess to open, from being a mumma's child to talking about relationships, has taught a new lesson of our life in just 6 months. Those six months were enough to see the reality of double faced people. Those six months were enjoyable yet complicated. It seems that the whole scenario of our life just changed in a single blink.

Everyone came here with something whether it was a disappointment for not getting into an IIT or an aim to get 10 CPI. But at the end, some made friends and did whatever they wanted to in a short span of time while some are still with the same disappointment. Life is very short to be lived and long enough to count your failures and feel sorry for yourself.

Any institute does not define you, it is you who has to compete with this apprehensive world and outshine. You all will have restless nights and weary days.

You all will have loads of work to do but it has to be you who should stop complaining about things and begin to explore new ones. It has to be you to sacrifice your sleep and still be ready for a fresh start every day.

Remember your aim, your passion and the trust of your parents with which they have sent you miles away from them. But most importantly remember who you are and what actually you are here for. Many things will come and go, the only thing that remains with you is your identity and your soul. So live, because you are made for that, love because it makes living easy and laugh because that is what keeps you alive. Be vigilant but not a coward. Remember, thinking about the things in the right way is what makes our life different from school to that of college.

Types of Patriots

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What type of patriot are you?

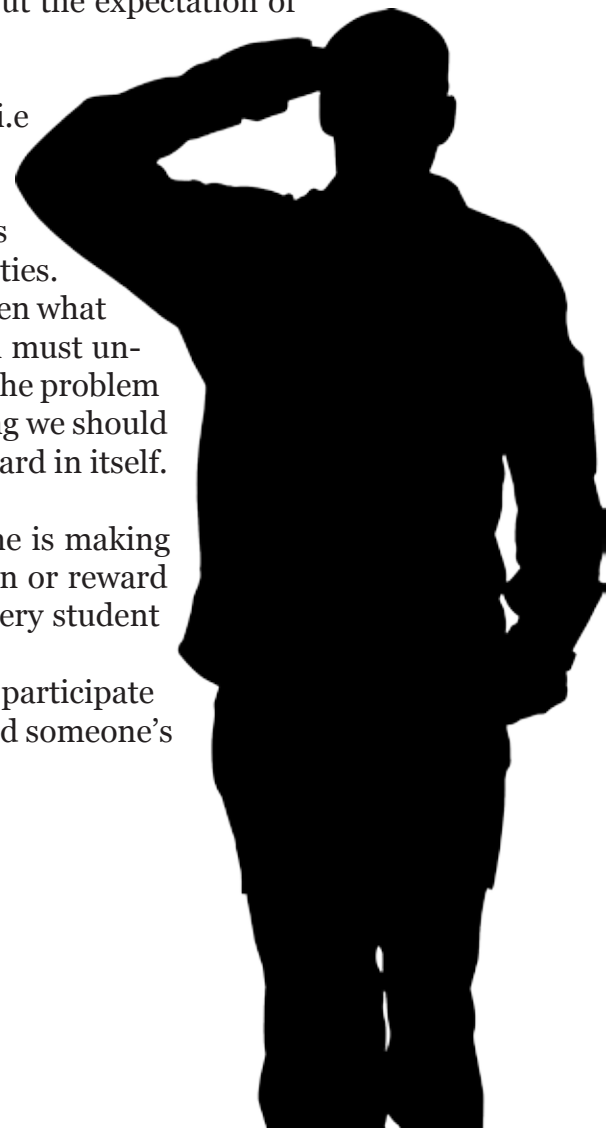
There exist two types of patriots. One, who have the courage to hold weapons along with their lives in their hands and face the enemies of the nation, and the others who perform their duty with utmost sincerity.

Efforts made by soldiers within the country and on the borders are a waste until and unless the citizens of the country do their duty sincerely and that too without the expectation of being recognized by the society or being rewarded.

I basically want to emphasize on the second type of patriots i.e the category I belong to. The second category people like APJ Abdul Kalam Sir, Mother Teresa and many other great souls weren't responsible because they were famous, they are famous because they were serious about their duties and responsibilities. Whatever they did they gave their 100%. They wouldn't have been what they are if they wanted to be what they are. What every citizen must understand is that whatever task is being allotted to you, counts. The problem is that we all work for rewards, perks and prize. The inner feeling we should get is that completing the task in the best way possible is a reward in itself.

A doctor may think he is treating his patients but eventually he is making India a healthy country, a sweeper may not get any recognition or reward for his work but he makes India a Clean country. Similarly, every student by his sincere studies makes India educated.

In a job interview, I declined when I was asked whether I will participate in a war if the country needs me. I am not a person who can shed someone's blood but I can sweat as much as my country demands.



How college friends become eternal friends?

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The most rewarding aspects of college life is developing lifelong friendships with those people whose faces you see almost every day for 4-5 years. The moments you spend and enjoy with these people become great memories and remains inside your heart forever.

Many students are looking for other students to study with or hang out with, since they may not have family members or their high school friends nearby. College friends are different from high school friends as you bond together in different ways. You may bond during late night study sessions, making Maggi, coffee or tea together or exploring different places together. The most cherishable memory you'll have will be of the birthday or festival celebrations with them. In a way, they are your family away from home. During college there are a variety of ways to develop these friendships, which have the potential of becoming lifelong friendships.

» Living with Roommates

Sharing your room with some other person other than your siblings is quite a new experience for students who are living in hostels for the first time. Many people find a true mate within their roommates. Sharing your rooms with them provides lots of time in knowing each other. You may also get to know about those details of them which no one knew before, like what weird things they do or what odd things they like to eat. Living together also provides lots of inside jokes, which can create even stronger bonds. You may also become closer when one of you becomes sick, and the parental instinct kicks in.

» Joining a Club

College clubs provide a great platform to find people who share same interests.

Usually college campuses offer a variety of clubs like those that are associated with academic majors, public interests, politics, music, or careers. Clubs provide an opportunity to meet people outside of the classroom, and the opportunity for you to get involved with something that you're passionate about. Being involved in extracurricular activities may also alleviate some of your stress.

» Making Friends for Life

It does take time to develop lifelong friendships. Don't be discouraged if first few people you meet don't turn out to be the type of friends you were hoping for. Trying to meet new people is a good idea. You may make friends with people who you wouldn't have considered being friends with before. If you feel uneasy about the friends you have made, try to remember what you liked about your friends from high school. Keep yourself surrounded by good people who share similar goals to help you stay on track.

Dealing With People Smarter Than You

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“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

We all are flawed because we are human. We are not perfect by any standard. There is always someone smarter than you and someone dumber than you. You will at times be the smart one and at other times the dumb one. The person perfect in everything doesn't exist. In your association with people around you, you'll invariably find someone smarter than you in every sphere of life. You have two choices here. You can become disgruntled, irritated, and jealous and make that person your enemy or use this opportunity to learn and grow yourself.

I would advise people to go for the second option. At every place I have been, there have been people better than me in every area of life. I choose to appreciate them, learn from them rather than trying to find their inabilities and justify that they just appear to be better than I am. This has helped me better myself every single day. This has also saved me from a lot of negativity. We already have enough reserves of negativity on this planet. We don't have to add to that.

Aditya Ghosh, President of Indigo Airlines, the Airline with the best on-time performance once said in a special program on a television channel that he learns being on-time from his car driver. The driver who is always disciplined and ready to go at any time of the day is what keeps Mr. Ghosh inspired. This shows us that we can learn from any one and no one is too big or too small to learn from. We all know about Mark Zuckerberg having Steve Jobs as a mentor. Did a person of Mark Zuckerberg's caliber require a mentor? Yes, he did. A mentor will be able to direct you to your goal and help you in achieving your goals faster than you ever thought possible. Learning from smarter people does the same. You become the person you always wanted to be much more quickly and easily than you ever imagined.

I would like to conclude with a quote from Gautama Buddha saying “when the student is ready, the teacher appears.” Choose to learn and you'll never be the same again.



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POEMS

I Can

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Buried thoughts under the social roots
Had to emerge glistening in your and my eyes
Yes I can.

I can rain joie de vivre
To the mountain of Achilles heel
Day of my life, near to death
Is grilled in your and my conscience
Haunted by excruciating silence of
Limitless nights
Standing in the darkness of liberty
Shouting for sunshine of morrow
Yes I can.

I can save the width of zeal eyes
Restless in you and I
The reason to die everyday
Is the road taken by death souls.
Beneath the chaos of the world of you and I
Stand still and firm
Shred echo of hope
Singing the ode of changing life
Remembering the chorus of joy
Yes I can.

Embrace life to the souls of you and me
Lived in the age of blind eyes
Can wait till destiny
I can. I can. I can.

Silence on my Lips

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Silence started growing on my lips
Tears rolling down my eyes;
Fears running round my head
Sadness filling in my blood;
You are pushing me through a period of grave
Before leaving show me how to be brave;
Our love is turning a memory now
I'll be waiting, always, Oh my love.

Psalm of Life

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All we have are thoughts to be cherished
All we want, our life to be lavish
All we want are the psalms of life
But we never think about the other side.

There lies an innocent girl inside a grown up soul
The girl who experienced a touch
Touch that was unfamiliar
Poke that throbbed every vein of her body
Tap that changed her
And gave her a new psalm of life.

Your psalm of life is your good
But my psalm of life is my darkness, my strength, my bravery
bravery to live with that,
every day, every night and every moment.

पापा मैं बड़ा हो गया

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मेरे कंधे पर बैठा मेरा बेटा जब मेरे कंधे पर खड़ा हो गया
मुझसे कहने लगा, पापा देखो मैं तुमसे बड़ा हो गया
मैंने कहा, बेटा इस गलतफ़हमी में भले ही जकड़े रहना
पर मेरा हाथ यूँ ही हमेशा पकड़े रहना

जिस दिन ये हाथ छूट जाएगा
उस दिन तेरा ये सुन्दर सपना भी टूट जाएगा
मैं तो सचमुच बहुत खुश हो जाऊँगा
जिस दिन तू मुझसे बड़ा हो जाएगा
लेकिन मेरे कंधे पर नहीं
जब तू अपने पैरों पर खड़ा हो जाएगा

मैं तो बेटा पिता हूँ तेरा, तुझे अपना सब कुछ दे जाऊँगा
एक दिन तेरे इन्हीं कंधों पर इस दुनिया से विदा हो जाऊँगा

रात में, एक अँधेरे में

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रात में, एक अँधेरे में।
हाथ में कुछ लिए
किसी की हँसी को
खुद का अस्तित्व लिए।
कोई खड़ा था।
मासूमियत तो चेहरे पे थी
वो थोड़ा खिलखिला भी रही थी।
यूँ इधर उधर भटक रही थी,
उसकी आँखों में नींद नहीं थी।
लोग बस मना करते जा रहे,
पर
वो दुबारा नए की तलाश में रहती।
जो भी हाथ में था।
उन्हीं
किसी के खिलौनों को लेके।
वो लाश बनकर रहती।
गलती है क्या उसकी,
बस जीवन के दूसरे पाले में जन्म ले लिया।
वो हाथ में जो था।
उसके लिए जिंदगी,
दूसरों के लिए खिलौना बन गया।
वो हाथ में गुब्बारे थे।
उन मुट्ठियों में गरीबी थी।
जकड़ी थी वो खुद में

गरीब होके बदनसीब थी ।
लोग कहते हैं
केवल कहते ही रह जाते हैं ।
वो प्यारी बच्ची
गरीब से
गरीब ही रह जाती है ।
यहाँ बैठ हम महलों में
परिभाषित करते हैं ।
एक रात तो सड़क पे बिताइये
उस दिन को आप अभिशापित कहते हैं ।
हम क्या जानेंगे,
आप क्या समझेंगे
है तो वो गुब्बारा, एक बच्चे के हाथ में ।
और है क्या अन्तर दोनों में ।
क्या कभी आप सोच के शर्म करेंगे,
जो खुद को गरीब कहते हैं ।
उस बच्ची को खाने को नसीब नहीं,
आप खाते
वो केवल टुकुर टुकुर निहारती ।
कुत्तों की तरह तो भगा देते हैं ।
और खुद को मानवता का पुजारी मानते हैं ।
वाह रे दुनिया,
जरा परिभाषित करदे इसे ।
इस गरीब पे ना ही सही,
बच्ची पे तो खा जा ।
उम्र है ही क्या उसकी ?
उसे भी तो इस रात के वक्त सुला जा ।
क्यों यूँ राह दर राह भटका रही,
गैरों के मुँह से फटकार खा रही ।
नींद अब तू उसे भी आ जा,
माना की वो गरीब है ।
पर है तो एक छोटी सी बच्ची ।

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जो धरती माता कहलाए, जिसका हिम है मुकुट सजाए
केश जिसके गंगे हो धोती, गजरे में दिखते चाँद से मोती
जिस नाक में रेशम सी नथनी, चाल जैसे हवा संग हिरनी
ललाट जिसके चंदन है भारी, कर्णों में केसर की क्यारी
कश्मीर साँसों में बसता, हिमालय जिस सीमा को कसता
जम्मू भाल पे जँचता टीका, आगे जिसके चन्द्रा भी फीका
हिमाचल भौंहों की चमचम, उत्तराखंड है आँखों का संगम
शिमला से तो सुंदरता शर्माए, देहरादून पावनता दिखलाए
पुतली आँख की पंजाब बनाती, पलके हरियाणा बतलाती
चंडीगढ़ काजल सा चमके, मिट्टी का कण कण है महके
दाँतो में दिल्ली सी जकड़न, कहलाती है देश की धड़कन
सियासत की लगती है धूरी, देश संचालन को है जरूरी
एक गाल में राजस्थान सँवरता, दूजे गाल में यूपी है हँसता
जयपुर गालों की है लाली, लखनऊ की तो है बात निराली
लब करे गुजरात को पावन, तिल सा है एमपी मनभावन
है गांधीनगर शान्ति की भूमि, भोपाल में तो राधा है झूमी
बिहार इसका लगता है दिल, झारखण्ड होता पेट में शामिल
पटना की वो होशियारी, संसाधन में रांची पड़ती है भारी
सिक्किम है कंधे सा मजबूत, मेघालय में कोहनी का रूप
गंगटोक में पर्वत लीला, शिलांग होता है बारिश में रंगीला
अरुणाचल है हाथ बांया, कलाई ने भी नागालैंड दिखाया
ईटानगर में चीन की सीमा, म्यांमार से जुड़ता है कोहिमा
असम है भारत की चुनरी, मणिपुर जैसे अंगूठी में अंजुरी
दिसपुर में चाय की खेती, जनजाति है इम्फाल में रहती

हथेली जैसा लिपुरा उपवन, मिजोरम है जैसे हाथ का कंगन
अगरतला घेरे है बांग्ला, आइजोल है शिक्षा में पहला
छत्तीसी ग्रीवा के ढालों पर, मराठी क्रिया से लगते हैं कर
रायपुर खदानों की धरती और मुम्बई पे दुनिया है मरती
तेलंगाना है नाभी से सटी, आंध्रा जैसे बलखाए कटि
वह हैदराबाद की चार मीनार, हिला जाती है मन के तार
केरल है पाँवों की पायल, तमिलनाडु पैरों की हलचल
तिरुवनंत की मंदिर में शोभा, चेन्नई का है पट्टन निरोगा
उड़ीसा तन में खुशबू सा लगता, बंगाल से सूरज है जगता
भुवनेश्वर कला को खलता, कलकत्ता का जादू है चलता
कर्नाटक है श्वसन का तंत्र, गोवा सिखाता पाचन का मंत्र
बेंगलुरु तकनीक की नगरी, पणजी जैसे जन्नत से उतरी
जो पग धोने को सागर आए, द्वीप जिसके मेंहदी रचाए
प्रदेश पैरों की बिछुरी लगे, जिसके ज्ञान से सारे देश जगे
रब से पहले नाम जो आता, इस भारत से गहरा है नाता
इस पावन ज्योत का मैं पतंगा, भाता है मुझको रंग तिरंगा
अमर रहे ताउम्र तेरी गर्विता, लौट आए वैभव जो बीता
विश्व गुरु नाम फिर से पाए, सोने की चिड़िया कहलाए
यश जिस संस्कृति का रहा चमकता, साहिष्णुता माला को जपता
जो सरहदें है पावन बन जाती वो चुनर है भारत लहराती
ऐसी पावन रज को है प्रणाम, जो देश पूरा दिखता है धाम
जमाने को जो शून्य सिखाता, शून्य से है अनन्त दिखाता
ऐसा वतन है पूरे जहाँ की शान, जो कहलाता है हिंदुस्तान
जय जय जय हो माँ भारती, मैं हर पहर उतारू तेरी आरती
जय जय जय हो माँ भारती, हर पहर उतारू तेरी मैं आरती
जय जय जय हो माँ भारती, मैं हर पहर उतारू तेरी आरती ॥

वो भयानक रात

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कितनी भयानक वो रात थी
उसकी इज़्ज़त की, जब निकली बारात थी
एक हैवान, उसके शरीर को खा रहा था
उसकी बेबस चीखों से, अपनी भूख बुझा रहा था
किसी दीमक की तरह, वो, उसे जकड़े हुए था
स्वाभिमान को उसके, पैरों तले पकड़े हुए था
अपनी पूरी जान लगाकर, वो मदद को चिल्लाई थी
पर तमाशबीन लोगों को, कोई आवाज़ तक ना आई थी
उसकी चीखों को, वो, अपनी हँसी से नोंच रहे थे
वहाँ खड़े-खड़े, बस, अपनी बारी की सोच रहे थे

इन सब के बाद, जब वो बैठी रो रही थी
पूरी दुनिया, चैन की नींद सो रही थी
फिर से किसी पर विश्वास, वो कर नहीं पा रही थी
धीरे - धीरे लोगों से, बस, कटती चली जा रही थी
अपनी व्यथा, वो किसी को सुना नहीं पाई थी
अरसा हो गया, उसके चहरे पर, कोई हँसी तक ना आई थी
लोगों को उसका, बदला रंग नज़र आ रहा था
पर इन सबका कारण, कोई समझ ना पा रहा था
मुस्कराहट पर उसकी, मिट्टी सी ज़म गई थी
उसकी ज़िंदगी तो बस, उसी दिन थम गई थी

समय लगा उसे , पर , अब वो सँभलने लगी थी
धीरे ही सही, उस अंधेरे से , अब उभरने लगी थी

उस रात की यादें, उसे फिर भी सताती थी
पर उसकी हिम्मत को, अब हिला ना पाती थी
अपने अंदर के डर को, उसने अपनों को बतलाया था
उन शैतानों को पकड़वाकर, खुद को इंसाफ़ दिलाया था
हाँ , समय लगा उसे, पर वो समझ गई थी
कि लड़की होना, कोई गलती नहीं थी
बिखरे हुए सपनों को, वो फिर से, बुन लेना चाहती थी
एक नन्हा सा परिंदा बनकर, आज, आसमान में उड़ना चाहती थी
आसमान में उड़ना चाहती थी ।

दहलीज़

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कल ही उसने कदम रखा था ,
इस पराये घर कि दहलीज़ पर ,
सब कुछ छोड़कर चल आयी थी अपने पिया के घर
उसकी पूरी दुनिया नई थी ,
लोग सब अनजाने थे ,
कुछ घूर कर देख रहे, तो कुछ दिख रहे सयाने थे |
भूलकर अपनी खुशियाँ, और भुलाकर
अपने सपने आयी थी पिया का घर बसाने |

कभी डर सी जाती थी,
याद घर की आती थी ,
बाबुल सपने में बुलाते थे ,
रूठने पर मनाते थे |

अब यहाँ कौन मनाएगा ?
किसको मेरी फ़िक्र होगी ?
ऐसे ही सवाल आ रहे थे मन में उसके ,
जिसने कल ही कदम रखा था,
इस घर की दहलीज़ पर, और
आज चूल्हा चौका में लग गयी एक नौकरानी की तरह
किसी को उसकी परवाह नहीं ,
अब उसको बस बाबुल की याद आती है ,
बस बाबुल की याद आती है ||

लाज़िम था

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खुशबुओं की चाह थी
बिखरना तो लाज़िम था
इरादों में रोशनी थी
सुलगना तो लाज़िम था
पथराई ज़मीन थी
गिरना तो लाज़िम था
फिर भी वही गलती की
सुधरना तो लाज़िम था

इश्क़ था ख्वाब से
करवटों के मिज़ाज से
बिना स्याही इन आँखों की
लिखावट के अंदाज़ से
और अंधेरा खफ़ा था
बंद कमरों में इन
खिड़कियों के ऐतराज़ से
सहर की आंच में इसका
पिघलना तो लाज़िम था
धुएं का राख में यूँ
बदलना तो लाज़िम था

इक जुनून था आँखों में
कदम यूँ ही नहीं चले
इक सुकून था राहों में

बदन कैसे भला थके
फ़क्त ये सांस ही नहीं
ज़रूरत खुद की खुद से
भला ये रूह क्या कहे
कहीं इक मोड़ पर ये सच
समझना तो लाज़िम था
सांस होते हुए भी आखिर
तड़पना तो लाज़िम था

ये नया मोड़ है
इस मोड़ तक
पहुँचना लाज़िम था
वो बुरा वक़्त था
उस वक़्त का
गुज़रना लाज़िम था
दरअसल इक राह ने
ख्वाबों में कई रोज़ डराया
झटक कर आधी रात को
गहरी नींद से जगाया
मैं आज उस राह को
बहुत करीब से देख आया
हाँ ये मालूम है
घर बड़ी देर से आया
क्या करें
इतने रास्ते हैं यहाँ
भटकना तो लाज़िम था
घर भले देर से पहुँचे
पहुँचना तो लाज़िम था ।

आगे जहाँ और भी है

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सोचा था कुछ कर गुज़रने का जज़्बा हम दिखाएँगे
अपनी इस छोटी सी ज़िंदगी का हर पल जशन मनाएँगे
चले थे एक नन्ही सी आशा लेके अपने इस दिल में
की अपने हर एक सपने को साकार करके आगे बढ़ जाएँगे
क्या हुआ जो अड्वान्स नहीं सिर्फ़ मेंस ही निकाल पाए
क्या हुआ जो आई आई टी नहीं केवल ट्रिपल आई टी के ही काबिल बन पाए
क्या हुआ जो हम अपनी उम्मीदों को पूरा ना कर पाए
पर क्या हम उनसे बेहतर नहीं जो अब भी दुनिया का सामना ना कर पाए
क्या हुआ जो हम अभी पूरे तैयार नहीं हो पाए हैं
क्या हुआ जो हम अभी तक मंज़िल तक ना पहुँच पाए हैं
क्या हुआ अगर हम में थोड़ा अभाव है
पर क्या हम उनसे बेहतर नहीं जो पहले ही हार मान आए हैं
हर डर से लड़कर अपने, बुलंदियों को छू लेंगे हम
हर काली रात को सुनहरी प्रातः में बदल देंगे हम
चाहे कितनी भी मुश्किल आए डट कर सामना कर लेंगे हम
कठिनाइयों से डरकर यूँ चुप नहीं बैठेंगे हम।

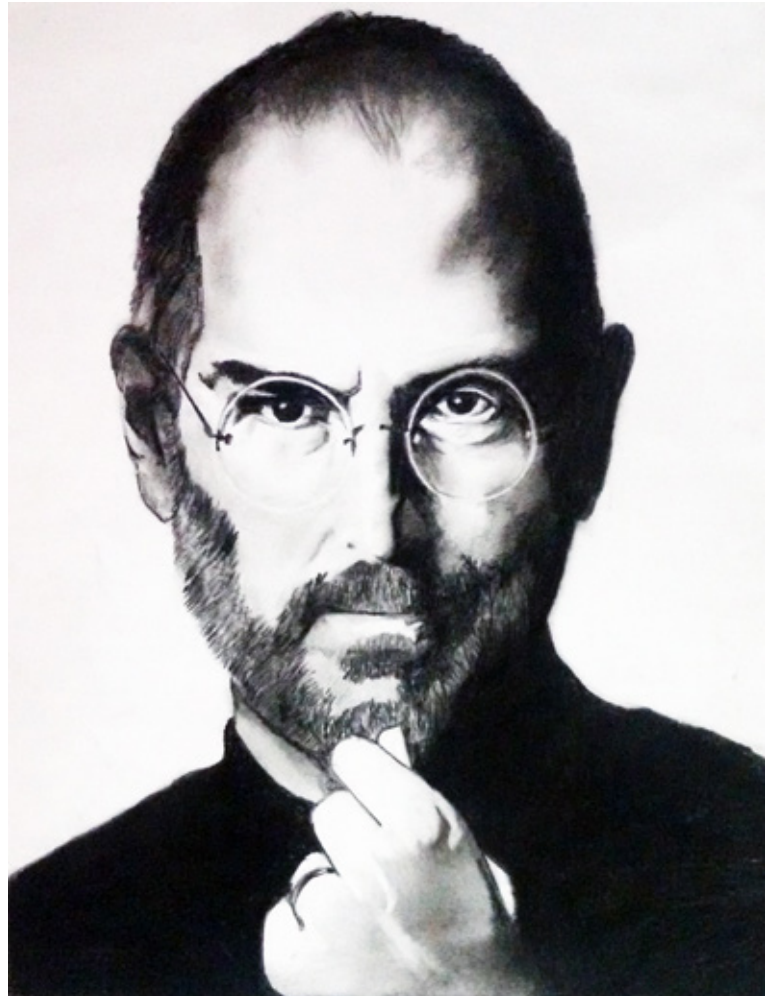


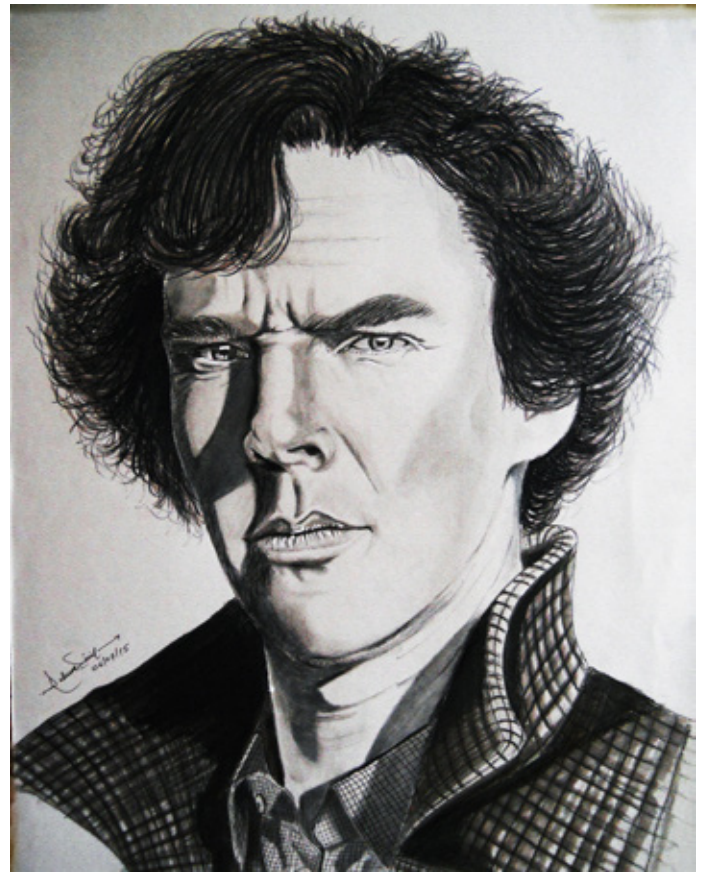
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