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How Does A 29% Budget Cut Solve The Problem For 8Mn Indian Children Who Never Start School?

by Sanjana Sanghi

We usually say, "Let's save the best for the last." But I'd say, let's not. And with this in mind, let me give you the bright side first, because the dark side is overwhelmingly frightening.

On the bright side

India does have the largest youth or child population in the world, that of 470 million. In other words, one-third of our total population comprises of individuals below 18 years of age. What an invaluable asset that could be to our glorious democracy, no? Especially when enrolment rates of children between 6 and 14 years are something like 96%, with enhanced "basic infrastructure" in schools. Almost 42% of schools in India are meeting the Right to Education (RTE) Act's norms of an ideal teacher-pupil ratio. Over 70% have drinking water facilities, there has been an increase of 20% in "usable toilets" in schools, and the mid-day meal scheme is operating in 87% of the schools in the country.

The dark side

This situation is complex, and its components are many. So let's break this down. As for students, 8 million, that is 4% of the total in number, never start school. 172 million, that is 90%, do not complete secondary school. 30% of our children are illiterate even after attending five-six years of school. Only 46% of class 5 students can read even a Class 2 level text.

This situation is not just alarming; it is a full blown disaster. Out of which, barely 10% emerge survivors. I use the term survivors here to refer to those who manage to scrape through school, but do not manage to fit basic criteria of reading, writing, mathematical skills or socially acceptable behaviour that could fetch them meaningful and economically sustainable employment.

A major cause for such outcomes is the "no detention" rule stipulated

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by the RTE till Class 8. It has led to a complete relaxation in classroom teaching, and loss of incentive for students. Scrapping of exams till the above notified level has contributed to the reduction and eventual removal of any form of performance pressure in the classroom. Teachers' salaries have remained stagnant since years, and contract teachers with little or no professional training are deployed across states.

These factors together, have resulted in a speedy deterioration of education standards. Once we subtract the number of students who fall into various categories of failure of our education system as mentioned above, what we are left is roughly over a 100 million children who are rendered entirely deprived of any form of education, further raising the question of how they will be prepared for life beyond 18 years of age.

Of many other things that these children who are deprived of any form of education are subjected to, I'd like to familiarize you with just one such trend in India. That of underage marriages. As though this in itself is not gruesome enough, almost 4,50,000 of all the teenage girls who are made to enter these marriages either lose or are separated from their spouse and find themselves in an inescapable web of malnutrition, poor health and ignorance. Along with their vulnerability to sexual violence, they are socially ostracized and made a part of a vicious cycle owing to, at the root causal level, a lack of literacy amongst them and their immediate social surroundings. They are then left to fend for themselves, often becoming victims of child labour, human trafficking, or forced into becoming sex workers.

So who is going to be the saviour?

UPA's "knowledge economy" and BJP's "Make in India" electoral planks will remain distant dreams if the situation doesn't improve. Let me explain.

In a democracy, we usually place our bets on the government in power, that is, our elected representatives

entrusted with the responsibility of wholly dedicating themselves to greater public good. I found it necessary to spit out their role because it seems to have been forgotten. The free compulsory education for children between age six and fourteen under RTE was a great endeavour, but would only be of any use in creation of the UPA's "knowledge economy" if implementation had been proper.

The BJP government, that had promised 6% of the GDP to be allocated to the education sector in their election manifesto, has failed to fulfil its promises too. In fact, they seem to have digressed in an entirely counterproductive direction considering the 29% cut in the 2015-2016 budget allocation for schemes pertaining to education, health, child and protection. Arun Jaitley recognizes the need for upgradation in over 80,000 secondary schools but current allocations will fail to cover even primary schools properly.

An increase is seen in allocation to programs addressing child labour. Child labour is the most direct and immediate effect of lack of education amongst children, therefore providing protectionism against this evil while keeping the problem of poor educational facilities entirely unaddressed will result in mere perpetuation of this trap.

The gap between the ambitious Make in India scheme proposed by our new government and the Right to Education act is one of the most pressing issues in India today that needs immediate attention.

Poverty, exclusion, social evils, malnutrition, and lack of opportunity are all problems with a single solution – education. If the 470 million children of our country could receive a basic standard of proper education, not just limited to examination certificates and certain years spent in school, then they will be capable of contributing positively to our economy, transform from liabilities to valuable assets, and make India a force to reckon with.

Follow norms or lose tag: Maharashtra warns minority institutes

Mumbai — Educational institutes that have been granted minority status in Maharashtra but are not fulfilling the laid down norms for the same would lose the tag, the government has warned.

"There are many organisations that don't adhere to the conditions imposed on them to admit at least 50 per cent students from the minority community. Based on complaints and suo motu action, we will penalise such institutions. As and when we find large-scale irregularities, we will scrap the minority status of such institutions," said Eknath Khadse, minister of the state's minority affairs department.

As per figures of the state minority affairs department, Maharashtra has 2,472 minority institutions, of which 1,060 are religious institutes and 1,412 language institutes.

Khadse said his department was encouraging institutions to provide information about them on the state government's web portal mdd.maharashtra.gov.in. So far, 456 institutions had registered themselves on the web portal, he added.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), too, had in its recently-released report named three unaided minority educational institutions that had failed to fill 50 per cent seats from the minority community, Indianexpress reported.

Khadse also said that the department had decided to introduce Urdu as an optional third language in Marathi-medium schools to encourage students from minority communities to join mainstream academics.

"This will boost their inclusion in the government machinery. In Karnataka, a government servant is expected to know Kannada and in Kerala, one is expected to be well-versed in Malayalam. Similarly, to join Maharashtra's administrative structure, Marathi will help.

At present, the state government pays honorarium to 827 teachers, one per school, to take the Marathi foundation course for minority community students from classes VIII to X in non-Marathi and English-medium schools.

Besides, the government has also decided to start engineering colleges and polytechnic institutes, which will admit 70 per cent students from the minority community and 30 per cent from the general category. The first such polytechnic institute will come up in Muktainagar, Khadse's own constituency, while more are planned in Malegaon, Aurangabad, Parbhani, Bhivani and Buldhana.

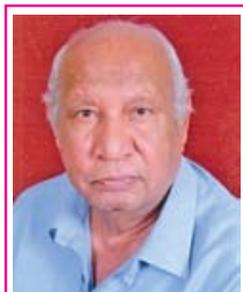
Jews Quit Gujarat

Don't feel safe



The only synagogue of Gujarat. The 80 year old synagogue is closely protected. The front gates are closed...

Once Gujarat sheltered Parsis and Jews. Today Jews prefer to leave Gujarat. "We feel unsafe and threatened", says 81 year old Ruth Hymes. "Once we were nearly 5,000 in all", she says. Today there are 139 Jews... the tiniest minority!



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist, Gujarat



Ruth Habel, Pharmacist

He was an advocate. He was a principal of a school.

Every year the number of jews goes on decreasing. Jews have been a peace loving, business-minded community.

It is interesting to note that Gujarat had been a suitable place for foreigners. Nearly 3000 years ago Greeks came and we have a community directly descending from Greeks! Parsis came 900 years ago, Nigros came and stayed here.

But minorities feel threatened. Religious fundamentalism frighten minorities.... Christians are hardly two per cent of the total population.

Sad, no?

Jews, historically speaking, first came to Bharuch and Surat in 13th century. They came from Kerala. They were merchants, in search of spice - market. The present-day Jews came after the 1st World War. We were 9 families, said Mr. Samuel. He and his relatives found Ahmedabad 'good ... soon they setup some schools - Little Flower School in Paldi area, Nelson English School in Shahpur and Best school and Hebron in Maninagar. "The biggest set back we experienced in 1994 - communal riots, targetting Christians in this BJP ruled state. In the field of English - language education in Ahmedabad, after Jesuit run school, Jews had made a name for themselves.

The tiniest minority of Jews had only one synagogue in Ahmedabad. Designed and built by some Jewish architect in 1934, the only worship place

is closely protecte3d by the police. The front gate is permanently closed. The back-door entrance is opened. It is visited by foreign tourist. The synagogue is a fine piece of architect - finding a place in "Heritage list of Gujarat.

"Finding a wedding partner is a big problem in Gujarat. Being a jew, I can easily go to Israel ... Where I can chose a life-partnber, says 32 year old Benjamin Nazari. "Gujarat has lost its charm for us.

We feel unsafe and always under some scrutiny," says 40 year Ruth Habel. "My grandpa came from Kolkatta.

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Citizens Join Tobacco Control Campaign

KANPUR (5th May): The “Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act” (COTPA) was enacted twelve years ago in 2003, and amended in 2008, but it was not seriously implemented to date. However, under the National Tobacco Control Programme in U.P., the cities of Lucknow and Kanpur were selected in the pilot phase to make them free of tobacco in public places.

Dr. Roshan Jacob IAS, the courageous and dynamic District Magistrate of Kanpur, took up the tobacco control campaign in right earnest, conducting several workshops, distributing banners, posters and hand bills, highlighting the various provisions of COTPA. Significantly under Section 4 of the Act every public place, which includes markets, office premises, etc, have to ensure that they are tobacco free zones and put up specified notices to that effect. Under section 6 no tobacco products may be sold to those below 18 years of age and within 100 yards of any educational institution. Under other provisions vendors of tobacco products are not supposed to prominently display them in such manner as to attract customers.

While the district administration and medical team have gone all out to make Kanpur tobacco free by 31st May, they soon felt the need of involving social service organizations to spread the message, as this is more of a social phenomenon than a law and order problem. Accordingly Dr Jacob has appointed 8 reputed organizations of the city to take this campaign forward and appointed one person from each of them as a Nodal Authority, with the power to enforce

certain provisions of COTPA and even challan the errant public.

One of these organizations is the Kanpur Nagrik Manch (KNM) that has



been in the vanguard of protecting the interests of the citizens of Kanpur. The KNM organized an awareness cum signature campaign today at the busy Phoolbagh crossing. About 500 citizens signed up in support of this noble cause.

Addressing the gathering Dr Jacob appealed to the citizens for their support, as it was their city and in their own interest to make Kanpur tobacco free. Padmashri Dr Giriraj Kishore said it was high time that citizens came forward with positive action, instead of always expecting the Government to do everything. KNM

Convener, Chhotebhai Noronha, who has now been appointed as a Nodal Authority, said that the role of civic activists was not so much to challan offenders, but rather to challenge and motivate them to give up their diehard habits. Program Convener, Suresh Gupta said that consumption of tobacco products was a sure invitation to an early death. Dr A. K. Srivastava of the Tobacco Control Cell enumerated the various health hazards of tobacco consumption, especially of oral cancer from eating gutka, paan masala.

It is significant to here recount that Kanpur is probably the biggest manufacturing hub of gutka/ paan masala in India. Hence taking on this powerful lobby is in itself an onerous task. Most social activists are of the view that there is more than sufficient evidence of the harmful effects of paan masala/ gutkha, hence it defies logic why this carcinogenic product is not banned. chhotebhai also opined that since they are conveniently available in Re 1/- sachets it does not seem to harm the pocket. The Govt could at least mandate that the minimum retail price should be Rs 10/-. This could also act as a deterrent; just as single stick cigarette sales are banned.

Among those who also addressed the gathering were Manoj Sengar of the Vishwa Gayatri Parish, veteran Gandhian Jagdambabhai, senior Corporator Madanlal Bhatia, women’s activist Neelam Chaturvedi and Athar Naeem. The KNM will continue to organize such campaigns in different parts of the city.

The Kanpur Catholic Association was represented by Rev Apolin Lobo, Rev Thomas Kumar, Raj Samuel, Emmanuel Premchand, Peter Fernandes, Premkumar, and the parish youth by Praveen Ddungdung, Ruksana Nayak, Joseph Lal, Gulshan Nayak, and Francis Mendis.

by chhotebhai

Salman Khan Case – and lessons learnt ?

The 'high-profile' trial of Salman Khan has come to an end, atleast temporarily, after dragging on for around Thirteen long years. There have been twists & turns during the course of the trial. There have been mixed responses, first to the sentence meted out to Salman Khan after having been convicted and then to the two-day bail and then to the suspension of the sentence itself.

While many feel that the sentence is too mild for the crime he has committed and should have been more severe, many others feel that the punishment is unfair. While those in favour of the sentence say that he has the blood of human lives on his hand, there are others who argue that those people had no business to be sleeping on the road in the first place. The most vocal reactions has come from the singer Abhijeet, when he tweeted, "Roads are meant for cars and dogs not for people sleeping on them." However convinced he may be, this certainly seems to be an insensitive remark.

Without going into the merits of the case however, there is one question we should be asking, have any lessons been learnt from such cases ? People continue to drink and drive putting their own lives as well the lives of people on the road, at risk. The Mumbai Traffic police are probably succeeding in their spirited campaign against drunken driving. On the other hand, people continue to sleep on the footpaths and roads running the risk of being run over not just by drunken drivers but also those vehicles climb onto the footpaths due to reasons beyond their control. What steps are being taken to prevent people from sleeping in the open ?

In December 2014, the Bombay High Court directed the state government



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D'SOUZA



to work out a way by January 30 the following year, to allot land and funds to Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to build night shelters which can be occupied by persons who sleep on pavements. Of course, this is not an easy task and so, understandably, there seems to be no progress in this regard. Building night shelters however, may serve the purpose upto a limited extent, but are we

looking towards a long term solution ? Can the authorities find some way to 'prevent' the influx of people coming into the city of Mumbai – like providing them some means of earning their livelihood in their own villages. This again, seems like a huge task. So here we are – the situation in our city will continue to be like this for years to come.

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Is Modi's GIFT All Set To Recreate India In Gujarat's Image?

by Varun Ramesh

Supporters of Narendra Modi in the run-up to the 2014 General Election would often ask his detractors to "look to Gujarat," as a validation for the claims of a man who would develop India as he developed his home state. Gujarat was sold as a model for the rest of India, and as one, which Modi would scale

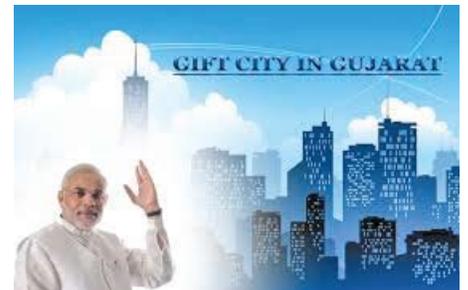


up for the rest of the nation. Almost a year in, after his swearing in as India's Prime Minister, Gujarat announces that the first of India's planned 100 Smart Cities, the Gujarat International

Finance Tec-City (GIFT), is under construction.

However, what constitutes a smart city? At this point, there seems to be more buzzwords than definitions for the same – though the consensus is that, it will utilize digital technology to collect and connect information across the city. Good infrastructure will lay the foundation for the same, through constant power supply, internet access and security systems. One can expect sensors everywhere so that the cities are able to track their environmental, logistical and security data in order to act proficiently on the challenges of a growing city.

stricted to new constructions out of thin air, and many of India's existing towns and metros are expected to re-vamp themselves in order to survive the future. He said the first phase of the city's development is expected to conclude in 2016.



GIFT has been making headlines across the world after its inauguration on April 10, though much of the city remains under construction. Touted as India's next big financial district, photos of its construction efforts have been doing the rounds, displaying the promise for a country accustomed to stalled mega-infrastructure projects.

Finance Minister of India, Arun Jaitley, has suggested the state governments to send representatives to study the city and its model, to better emulate them in their own respective smart city projects. Smart cities are not re-

A common takeaway from the Prime Minister's foreign trips is the promise of multinational investment in building India's new infrastructure. Few major nations seem excluded from this club, with even China planning \$100 billion worth of investments in ports and bullet trains, among other major infrastructure projects. China's interest seemed to rise from a need to counter Japan – which has been planning \$35 billion of investments spread across 3-5 years in similar sectors as India.

The race to invest in India's smart

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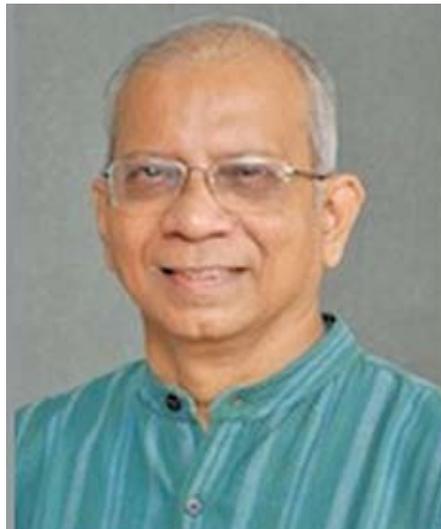
Fr. Cedric Prakash To Address Caritas Internationalis General Assembly In Rome

Caritas Internationalis will hold its 20th General Assembly in Rome from May 12th to 17th 2015 bringing together over 400 leaders of Catholic Agencies from 164 countries across the world.

The theme of the Assembly is “One Human Family, Caring for Creation” and it will focus on growing inequalities as well as the impact of climate change in the run-up to a landmark papal encyclical on ecology and a critical UN meeting in Paris.

This important Assembly which meets every four years will begin on May 12th with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Basilica.

Jesuit Human Rights activist Fr. Cedric Prakash from Ahmedabad has been invited to address the Assembly



Fr. Cedric Prakash s.j.

as one of the key-note speakers on “Growing inequalities: a challenge to the One Human Family’. Fr. Prakash is the Founder-Director of PRASHANT, the Ahmedabad-based Jesuit Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace.

He will address the assembly on Wednesday, May 13th together with the renowned economist Prof. Jeffrey Sachs. The other speakers at the assembly include Rev. Beverley Haddad of the Anglican Church of South Africa, well known for her work in the field of church and development and Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez Merino, the famed liberation theologian from Peru who has spent much of his life working for the poor and oppressed.

In a letter to Fr. Prakash on behalf of

the President of Caritas Cardinal Oscar Maradiaga, the Secretary General of Caritas Mr. Michel Roy writes, “we would be very pleased and honoured to have you as a key-note speaker, together with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, to bring a different voice in this session. You could give us some inputs for reflection on how to reduce inequalities and achieve a really sustainable development.”

Fr. Prakash hopes to bring an Asian perspective to this august gathering.

—Simon Parmar

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development has even extended to the Rafale deal, with the fighter jet manufacturer’s major partner, Thale, expressing its intent to tap a market it estimates at worth 3,300 crores in the coming years.

Not everyone agrees that technology alone can solve the problems of India’s cities. A huge influx of migrants from rural areas is expected in India’s cities – in a scale of which only China has dealt with in the past. Sensors that tell us that our cities are overcrowded will not help the coming situation. We need good infrastructure, and above all else, a plan to use it and let it grow in a sustainable manner.

With 2015 commonly named the year of the “Internet of Things”, smart cities will be places filled with technological devices. Much as how the Indian voter looked to Gujarat and validated their support for Modi, will the time come when we can look to GIFT and validate the increasing role of technology in our lives?

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GST Highlights

Highlights of New Proposed Goods & Service Tax (GST)

1. The basic principal governing behind GST is to have single Taxation System for Goods and Services across the country. Currently Indian economy has various taxes on Goods and services such as VAT, Service Tax, Excise, Entertainment Tax, Luxury Tax Etc. now in the new Proposal of GST; we will be having only two taxes on all goods and Services as follows:
 - a. State Level GST(SGST)
 - b. Central Level GST (CGST)
2. In case of Central GST, following Taxes will be subsumed with CGST which are at presently levied separately on goods and services by Central government:
 - a. Central Excise Duty
 - b. Additional Excise Duty
 - c. The Excise Duty levied under Medicinal and toiletries preparation Act
 - d. Service Tax
 - e. Additional Custom Duty (CVD)
 - f. Special Additional Duty
 - g. Surcharge
 - h. Education Cess and Secondary and Higher Secondary education Cess
3. In case of State GST, following taxes will be subsumed with SGST; which are presently levied on goods and services by State Governments :
 - a. VAT/ Sales Tax
 - b. Entertainment Tax (unless it is levied by local bodies)
 - c. Luxury Tax
 - d. Tax on lottery
 - e. State Cess and Surcharge to the extend related to supply of goods and services.
4. The basic principal for subsuming of taxes in GST is provided as follows:
 - a. Those taxes which commences



- with import / manufacture / production of goods or provision of services at one end and the consumption of goods and services at other end.
- b. The taxes, levies and fees which are not related to supply of goods & services should not be subsumed under GST.
5. Taxes on items containing alcohol and petroleum product are kept out of GST. They will continue to be taxed as per existing practices.
6. Tax on Tobacco products will be subject to GST. But government can levy the extra Excise duty over and above GST.
7. The Small Taxpayer: The small taxpayers whose gross annual turnover is less than 1.5 Crore are exempted from CGST and SGST.
8. Input Tax Credit (ITC): Taxes Paid against CGST allowed as ITC against CGST. Taxes paid against SGST allowed as ITC against SGST.

9. Cross utilization of ITC between the Central GST and State GST would not be allowed. Exception: Inter State Supply of goods and services.
10. PAN based identification number will be allowed to each taxpayer to have integration of GST with Direct Tax.
11. IGST Model and ITC:
 - a. Center would levy IGST levy (CGST + SGST)
 - b. The ITC will be allowed in this transaction will be SGST, IGST, CGST as applicable.
 - c. Appropriate provision will be provided for consignment or Stock transfer.
12. GST Rate Structure:
 - a. Two Rate Structure
 - b. A lower rate for necessary items and goods of basic importance
 - c. Standard rate for goods in General
 - d. Special Rate
13. Exports are fully exempted with Zero rates.

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"I dreamed of a wedding of elaborate elegance; a church filled with flowers and friends. I asked him what kind of wedding he wished for; he said one that would make me his wife" ... Anonymous

This quote encapsulates my thoughts on the wedding. Vows are the most important aspect of weddings. Vows or *vachan* are integral part of most wedding customs, rituals and ceremonies. In India, we have different marriage laws formulated as per the religion and known as personal laws like the **Hindu Marriage Act**, **Muslim Marriage Act**, **Parsi Marriage Act**, **Christian Marriage Act** and we have a secular law which is the **Special Marriage Act**, the marriage under which is commonly known as court marriage. My first part on wedding ceremonies will highlight the Christian marriage, others will follow suit.

Christian Marriage:

Church Marriages are also Civil or Court marriages in so far as the couple signs the Civil Register and the Church Register in the Church. The marriage is performed under section 5(1) and registered under section 30 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872. There is therefore no need to have a separate "Court Marriage" for legal purposes.

As per the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and as per the Indian Christian Marriage act, consent of the parties is indispensable and in the absence of a valid consent there is no marriage. The consent must be an act of the will of the man and the woman, free of coercion or fear.

The nuptial rite is practically where the wedding happens. There is an expression of consent where the man and the woman say they have come freely to give themselves to each other in marriage. Then the act of taking each other as husband and wife where they say "I take you to be my wife" - "I take you to be my husband." And then the exchange of rings takes place. At the end of this rite, the couple is declared to be married.



It's strange how such a meaningful and integral part of the wedding is often forgotten during the year long preparations that couples undertake as soon as the wedding date is decided.

I know of couples who planned the most elaborate and expensive wedding receptions but forgot to remember the wedding vows. These vows are most often whispered by the priest and repeated by the bride and the groom. I am amazed how the answer-to-the-toast is learned by heart or by rote but the words for the exchange of vows have to be prompted to the couple.

When you as a bride or a groom prepare for your marriage take time to read and understand the vows. They are simple and meaningful. On your wedding day, hold your partner's hand and look into his/her eyes and smile and say your vows. This experience is divine and delightful. Rather than looking at the priest to repeat what he is saying, look at your bride/groom and say in the presence of the church, those amazing words that will make you man and wife.

It is your nuptial that is important. The reception is just a celebration of all that took place at the nuptial. Sadly we give all the importance to the reception and material preparations, spiritual preparations take a back seat.



by Adv. Aileen Marques

In conclusion, some aspects of Christian Marriage are:

1. The parties to the marriage must be Christian or at least one of them must be a Christian.
2. The age of the man intending to be married shall not be under twenty-one years, and the age of the woman intending to be married shall not be under eighteen years;
3. Neither of the persons intending to be married shall have a wife or husband still living;
4. Every marriage under this Act shall be solemnized between the hours of six in the morning and seven in the evening.
5. Notice of intended marriage under the law must be given.
6. The marriage is solemnized by a Minister of Religion licensed to solemnize marriages under this Act.
7. The presence of at least two credible witnesses during the ceremonies is essential. These witnesses should be adults of sound mind. They should not be immediate family members of the bride or the groom.
8. The Certificate issued by the Church is equivalent to the Certificate of civil marriage with a stamp from the Bishop's house and the attestation at Mantralaya.
9. If you are married in the Church, there is no need to get your marriage registered. Your marriage is already registered from the moment you signed the registers.
10. Marriage preparation is an important aspect, whereby the instructions for marriage are given, the consent aspect is looked into, the process of notice of marriage is initiated and the understanding of the legal, moral and ethical aspects of marriage is given.

(To be continued...)

Salman Khan's Case



An Analysis by Dr. Leo Rebello



In 2002, the Bombay High Court, acting on a PIL, had directed Salman Khan to deposit interim compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to the kin of the deceased, Rs.3 lakhs to those injured seriously and Rs.1.5 lakhs to others. Was that amount disbursed? Has prosecution presented the Sessions Court the plight of families injured or those who died? What relief has been given to them? If not, why this was not done?

Definition of Culpable Homicide: When an inebriated person drives the vehicle with the knowledge that it is likely to cause death, but without any intention to cause death, it technically amounts to culpable homicide not amounting to murder. According to the judicial trend Salman has been awarded five years in jail. This is NOT proper, for the following reasons:-

The Traffic Police allowing homeless people to sleep on footpaths, after taking haftas, should also be held guilty of negligence u/s 304A of the IPC if Salman Khan can be held guilty of Culpable homicide. For if these poor were NOT sleeping there, they would NOT have died. And the car that skidded would have been driven home without any incident reported.

13 years of legal expenses, other losses, mental torture was pain enough to Salman Khan and to his family. So, the Judgment given is not a Solomon's Judgment. It is a techni-

cal judgment, not based on Substantive Laws, which have to consider so many other factors.

Comparisons are odious. But let us take BJP President Amit Shah's case as an example. After indulging in gruesome killings in planned manner, in Gujarat Riots, he walked free on technical grounds by manipulation, violation of Supreme Court guidelines. This happened because his cousin Mohit Shah is the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. However, the reformed "accused" Salman Khan has been given 5 years RI. As is known, he is suffering from Trigeminal Neuralgia, in which sometimes the pain is so excruciating that the person feels like ending the life and hence it is known as "suicide disease". In case Salman Khan were to die in Jail due to aggravation of disease and depression, this itself may be considered as culpable homicide due to Judicial indiscretion.

If there was a Jury system in India, the proper judgment would have been:-

- Two years Jail sentence as per the IPC/CrPC.
- Sentence suspended because the Accused has Reformed and is suffering from "suicide disease".
- More compensation to the family members of the accident victims.
- All income for next two years earned by Salman Khan, going into crores, should be donated to

Accident Tribunal corpus, to take care of the accident victims whom no one helps.

As Harold Laski said in Grammar of Politics: "Judges to do not give judgments, they only decide which of the two sides argued better". In Salman Khan's case his Advocates after fleecing him to the tune of crores have messed up his case and wasted so much precious time of the over-burdened courts. Also, communal angle, his celebrity status and various demonstrations pro and con, have vitiated the decision.

Since we are dealing with the No.1 Bollywood Actor's case here, Judges at the Bombay High Court, when it goes in Appeal before them, must see a film THODA PYAR, THODA MAGIC (stars Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukherjee) in which it is shown that in an accident case Loving Parents die leaving behind 4 children. The Learned Judge gives an excellent judgment putting the onus on the hero to take care of the children till they are 18 and settled in life. Abroad also the Accused in similar cases are given suspended sentences and enjoined to do community service, which he is doing through his NGO Being Human, which has helped thousands.



Be A Leader At Work

What happens when the star employee steps up the ladder to a leadership role? These career development tips will help make that leap

Vince Lombardi once said "Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile." While this quote is certainly inspiring, it also inspires a pretty heavy sense of responsibility. According to experts, regardless of whether you're a top executive or you manage a couple of interns, if you want to effectively hold a leadership position, there are certain steps you should take and skills you should develop in order to get there.

Great leaders lead by example with an overriding guiding vision or purpose. They possess an unquenchable passion for successfully implementing the vision of the company regardless of the disapproval of those individuals who fail to see the bigger picture. They don't waste time worrying about day to day responsibilities or problems. Instead, they focus on where the organization needs to go.

Great leaders know how to be themselves and are proud of who they are. Because they are comfortable with who they are, they are able to do what they need to do and say what they need to say with conviction — and without caring about what anyone else thinks.

Great leaders have the ability to inspire confidence in others. They can clearly and concisely communicate their message to motivate those around them to greater heights of achievement. People will do more for leaders they respect than they would do



for anyone else.

Great leaders are never self-serving. Unlike the star employee, they aren't focused on proving themselves but are focused unconditionally (and not selfishly) on what is best for the organization. They put their vision for the company above their own interests.

Great leaders rarely question themselves. Instead, they listen to their inner voice and trust it completely, allowing it to be their guide with each step they take, even as they move in directions that no one has gone before. To be a great leader, you must believe in this voice and trust that it will always be there to guide you.

Great leaders know when to take advice. They value support from others and bring others into their circle who can provide the counsel they need. They realize how large their tasks are and find the resources and people they need to generate support, which is vital for success. Coaches, mentors, and other respected leaders are a part of their support team.

Great leaders possess the foresight to move ahead, even in the most questionable times. They take risks and realize the importance of moving forward—daring themselves and others to venture out in

new directions. They realize this is part of their responsibility and not something they can turn their backs on. Once they realize the vision, they rise up to the occasion and take the necessary risks required for implementation.

Great leaders love what they do and communicate their passion to others. They exude a passionate energy that rubs off on others around them. They have a light, effortless, and clear persona that is projected to everyone they meet because they are so in tune with their work. Others feel this and want to be a part of the vision that the leader is bringing forward.

Great leaders learn to lead by following. They trust those who are in authority above them and are loyal to them. They are inspired by the vision that is being passed on to them and may even notice themselves liking and wanting to be more like their leaders and managers.

Great leaders never quit. They embrace and overcome any obstacles, personal or otherwise, that stand in their way. Thus, they need to do the necessary work on themselves to prevent anything from holding them and eliminate habits that are keeping from being the best leader possible.

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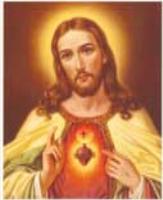
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require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

—Mrs Maria Fernandes, Santa Cruz (W)

Beyond The Reasoning Mind

Those who live as Christian believers, are, accordingly, a step closer to Christ in the realization that, "The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field..." (Mt.13:44), often beyond the reasoning mind. But, the Kingdom is there all the same.

In the Gospel of John we discover that the disciple Thomas did not believe the news of the risen Christ, unless he placed his hands upon the wounds of the Lord. A few days later Jesus came to Thomas in the presence of the other apostles and told him to feel his side. Thomas cried out, "My Lord and My God". Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (Jn.20:29).

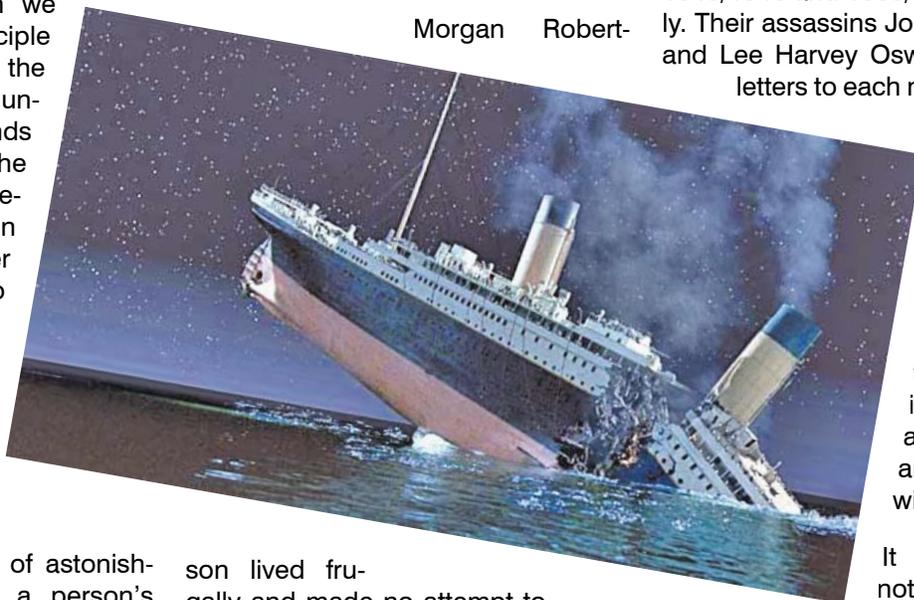
There is a unique form of astonishment which surrounds a person's face when startling disclosures are revealed. It is undoubtedly linked to disbelief and the assumption that almost everything has a logical explanation. When things do not conform, some call it a fluke, or a mere coincidence. The one-in-one million endorsement is just another way of capping the lid and playing down the actual happening.

Were you aware of the fact that Morgan Robertson wrote a novel, 'The Wreck of the Titan' (New York, McClure's 1898), exactly 14 years before the luxury liner Titanic sank on the night of 14 April 1912?

The novel gave an eerie depiction of the actual sinking of the 'unsinkable' dream ship in the North Atlantic. The book foretold the Titanic's destruction so accurately it was beyond the power of human understanding.

The imaginary liner Titan very closely resembled the ill-fated Titanic. The Ti-

tan had a passenger list of 3,000 with 24 lifeboats. The Titanic had 2,207 people on board and 20 lifeboats. Would you call it "strange"? Read on. The Titan had a displacement of 75,000 tons, being 800 feet in length. The Titanic, in reality displaced 66,000 tons and was 882.5 feet long.



Morgan Robert-

son lived frugally and made no attempt to capitalize on the coincidence even 14 years later when the vision became a fact.

For that matter, author H. G. Wells had foreseen the LIFT. Jules Verne wrote of an underwater ship, having predicted the birth of the SUBMARINE.

Robertson, creator of the Titan was unaware that the impact with the iceberg for both ships was almost of the same speed of 24 knots. The Titan had three propellers, so did the Titanic.

Believe it or not, both ships, the fictional and the real, sank in the North Atlantic, at night, and in the month of April. Let's move a step further into the realm of mystery and disbelief. There are endless cases of the weird, the incomprehensible. Stories which give a person sleepless nights, and much to think about.

Recently, I came across new links of very strange events in the already well-known coincidences between

Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. Both men, Lincoln and Kennedy were elected to Congress and the Presidency a hundred years apart. 1846/1946 and 1860/1960 respectively. Their assassins John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald, had fifteen letters to each name. Both leaders



BY MELVYN BROWN

were born a hundred years apart and were both shot before coming to trial. A single bullet had killed them. After being shot both assassins, Booth and Oswald died within two hours.

It is amazing to note that President Lincoln and President Kennedy were both succeeded by Southerners named Johnson (Andrew and Lyndon), both were born exactly a hundred years apart. Furthermore, Lincoln and Kennedy were both Civil Rights campaigners, shot from behind in the head, on a Friday, while their wives sat beside them. The rest is history.

Torch-bearers of the mysterious and the unexplained will go down the ages with greater and uncanny scenarios yet to be disclosed, or discovered. There is much hidden in the science of numbers, and the psychic fields of research. The challenge for future generations will go beyond the probes in space, and always, the impossible mission will be to explain why things happen which baffle us.

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'Interesting facts about Matheran'

With reference to Don Aguiar's very interesting article titled Matheran and the Holy Cross Feast in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 at Neral -East is a dark green rapid /river which goes up to Pune but is not navigable because any boat which tries to navigate it will sink.

One also finds stork birds nesting in trees here. There are partially light green stones found here too.

A few miles along the sides of the toy train tracks one can see mounds of quartz stones and sometimes very rarely pink quartz embedded in rocks-ie as soon as the train leaves Neral-West station.

The name Matheran means Jungle Topped or Wooded Head is apt because it is an undulating hilltop cloaked in shady trees-the shade and 700 to 800 metre altitude make Matheran a slightly cooler place than

Bombay.

Matheran became a popular hill station during the days of the Raj and Hugh



Malet discovered it in 1850.

A book titled Mrs Oliver says that the palanquin was first used in Matheran.

A railway bus ie a bus that runs both on the rails and the road was used to transport passengers from Neral to Matheran and Matheran to Neral was used in the past but today unfortunately remains hidden from the public.

At the south of Matheran near One Tree Hill is a trail down to the valley below called Shivaji's Ladder because the Maratha leader Shivaji used it.

Matheran is famous for its herbs and medicinal plants.

Different types of butterflies are found in Matheran besides fire flies which emit a light at night. Many types of birds are found in Matheran but the crow is rarely seen in Matheran.

Among the wild animals found in Matheran are the leopard, panther, the rarely seen black panther, leopard cat and mouse deer etc.

Tigers used to be found in Matheran but are not found any more in Matheran.

Jambuls and Karwandas are found in Matheran and they are used to make Jambul wine and Karwanda wine. Honey is found in Matheran and Matheran is famous for its chikki.

The Katkaris are the tribes who reside in Matheran who drink tea with sugar but without milk carry luggage for tourists visiting Matheran and pull rickshaws besides doing other types of jobs.

There is a Matheran Local and Natural History Society-MLNHS which exists but no information exists about it on the net or at the tourist offices in Bombay and Matheran.

The tourist office a kiosk diagonally opposite the Matheran railway station on M G Marg open every day of the week hands out maps only but should also hand out information through pamphlets to promote tourism in a more interesting, lively and zealous way.

Thus we see the importance of Matheran which can be visited even after the monsoons when one can get to see its lush greenery at its very best.

—Peter Castellino



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Singapore is the best country in Asia to become a mother

Singapore - Singapore is the best country in Asia, and the 14th in the world, to become a mother in. This is according to the Mother's Index 2015, a special list compiled annually by the association Save the Children, which evaluates the quality of life of mothers in 179 countries worldwide. In Asia, Singapore stands out dramatically above South Korea and Japan (30 and 31 in the world ranking).

The ranking of the Mother's Index takes into account five indicators: the rate of maternal mortality during childbirth, the infant mortality rate, the average per capita income, level of education and political status of women.

In relation to the first three indicators, Singapore is in the top 10 countries in the world. Only one woman in 14 thousand risk dying during childbirth, the infant mortality rate is 2.8 per 1,000 and the average income amounts to 54 thousand dollars.

Since 2000, Singapore has made great strides, especially in reducing the risk of death for mothers. At the turn of the millennium a woman died in childbirth every 3500, 75% more than today.

The ranking, however, does not consider the education and political status of women. Young Singaporeans attend school on average 15.4 years (in Norway, state that leads the world rankings, is 17.5) and only a quarter of

the government is made up of women (40% in Norway).

These numbers, though positive, are not considered by analysts as a com-



plete success. Regarding the level of education and political representation of women, the figures are considered too low. According to Jolene Tan, the Association of Women for Action and Research (Aware), "to improve political participation the government should 'set the tone' for the entire country by appointing more women as ministers with a portfolio".

Moreover, according to Tan, the ranking of Save the Children "also doesn't consider security of employment. A mother who returns from maternity leave to find her position terminated has little recourse in Singapore, but she can invoke legal protection such as unfair dismissal claims in jurisdictions such as Canada, the UK and Ireland - all ranked less highly in this report".

Another problem of the city-state is no certainty for mothers to regain their jobs upon their return from maternity

leave. "In Singapore the fertility rate remains low because some women want to avoid having to choose between a career and children," says Yeo Miu Ean, president of Women Empowered for Work of Mothering.

Singapore has long been attentive to policies on birth control, though intermittently. In the 50s and 60s, the government carried out an anti-birth propaganda, as a result of the baby boom after World War II. Since 1987 the government of Lee

Kuan Yew was forced to stimulate the birth rate, since it had fallen below the "replacement level". In both phases, the position of the parent-owner of Singapore has had eugenicist undertones, encouraging members of the educated classes to marry each other to avoid "end up with a stupid society."

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Has Christianity really failed in India?

by Philip Jenkins

In the Indian magazine Outlook and in a number of other publications, Tony Joseph recently sought to find out 'Why Christianity Failed In India'. That is a deeply troubling question for Christians anywhere, and all the more so given India's vast importance in the world. By the 2040s, that country will have the world's largest population, perhaps 1.5 billion.

But is Joseph right?

Before reading his argument, it is important to know where he is coming from. In no sense is Joseph writing an anti-Christian rant, denouncing that faith as some kind of sinister foreign importation into India. To the contrary, he is arguing against that kind of bigotry, which has become so widespread in recent years, as Hindu extremists try to condemn and root out all other creeds. He rejects any suggestion that Christianity is a surging menace threatening pure Hindu India, so that therefore, extremist claims should be treated with a major pinch of salt, and should not supply the basis for official anti-Christian measures. He favors a secular nation that gives preference to no single faith.

To support his argument, though, he must make the Christian presence seem as small and non-threatening as possible. Christians have been in India a very long time, probably since the first century, he says, and what have they achieved? After all that time, Christians make up a tiny fragment of

the population. "The fact is, the story of Christianity in India is a story of dismal failure, demographically speaking.... What

does Indian Christianity have to show for its humongous effort in terms of men, money and material, over two millennia? Almost zilch — or somewhere between two and three per cent of the population. And that number is on the way down, not up — from 2.6 per cent in 1971 to 2.3 per cent in 2001. The census figures for 2011 have not been officially released yet, but leaked figures suggest that there may have been another small decline."

In India, he suggests, Christianity is doing far worse than in most parts of the world, while Hinduism is booming. Presently, he declares, around 78 per cent of Indians are Hindus.

Well, yes and no.

Nobody can claim that Christianity has claimed major shares of the Indian population, or that it is likely to do so in the near future. But some counter-arguments do need to be stressed, especially about the overall numbers. No sane person believes the religious content of the Indian national census, which is one of the world's great works of creative fiction. At all levels, there is enormous pressure of all kinds — cultural, political and bureaucratic — to minimize the presence of all non-Hindu religions, including Christians, Muslims and Buddhists. That pressure becomes overwhelming when dealing with people of low and no caste — those who are most tempted to defect to one of the alternative faiths. Bureaucrats are especially hard to convince in matters of religious conversion from Hinduism.

That matters because such low or no caste people are so very numerous. India presently has over two hundred million Dalits, the so-called untouchables. If the census is failing to



pick up just a few per cent of those groups who have converted to other faiths, that is potentially a huge number.

In consequence, the estimate of India as 78 per cent Hindu represents an extreme

higher-end estimate, achieved only by accepting the default stance adopted and enforced by census takers and bureaucrats. I would confidently expect future estimates of Christian numbers to decline still further as the government attitudes become chillier — which has nothing whatever to do with actual numbers on the ground.

It is puzzling, then, to see Joseph quoting the census figures. His suggestion of numerical decline runs flat contrary to the opinions of virtually all local observers. A more realistic estimate of India's Christian population today would put it closer to four per cent, say 45 million people. Is that still a tiny minority? Certainly. But it still means that India has a larger Christian population than virtually any European nation.

Also, Joseph is wrong to suggest any deep-laid cultural reasons why Christianity is incompatible with Indian culture. As recently as the 1940s, Chinese Christian numbers were just as tiny as those in India, and they have ballooned. The reason the same thing has not happened in India is because of systematic and widespread persecution by Hindu extremists, often operating in alliance with local governments and police authorities — violence that receives virtually no publicity in the West. If and when conversion became easier and less dangerous, we would presumably see a Christian boom in India comparable to that in China or South Korea.

Then, and only then, we can talk about long-term success and failure.

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How to Be Happy at Work?

If you're unhappy at work-or anywhere else, for that matter--it's because you've made yourself unhappy. There's an easy way to change that.

A saleswoman once said: When you're unhappy, it's because you've decided to be unhappy.

What Are Your Rules?

Happiness and unhappiness (in work and in life) result entirely from the rules in your head that you use to evaluate events. Those rules determine what's worth focusing on, and how you react to what you focus on.

Many people have rules that make it very difficult for them to be happy and very easy for them to be miserable.

I once worked with a sales guy who was always angry at the people he worked with. The moment anything didn't go the way he thought it should go, he'd be screaming in somebody's face. He was making everyone around him miserable—but just as importantly, he was making himself miserable, because just about anything set him off.

For this guy, the everyday nonsense that goes on in every workplace was not just important, but crazy-making important.

I once asked him what made him happy. His answer: "The only thing that makes this stupid job worthwhile is when I win a Rs. 1 million account." I asked him how often that happened. His response: "About once a year."

In other words, this guy had internal rules that guaranteed he'd be miserable on a day-to-day basis, but only happy once a year.



One of the other sales guys at that firm had the exact opposite set of rules. His philosophy was "every day above ground is a good day." When he encountered setbacks, he shrugged them off—because, according to his internal rules, they just weren't that important. When I asked him what made him miserable, his answer was: "Not much." When I pressed him for a real answer, he said: "When somebody I love dies."

In other words, the second sales guy had rules that made it easy for him to be happy but difficult to be miserable.

I'd like to be able to write that Mr. Positivity regularly outsold Mr. Negativity, but in fact their sales results were similar. Even so, I think Mr. Negativity was a loser, because he lived each day in a state of misery. His colleague was always happy. He was winning at life. He was happy at work.

Make Yourself Happier: 3 Steps

The saleswoman who had breast cancer was happy, too, and this is the method she used to make herself happy:

1. Document Your Current Rules:

Set aside a half-hour of alone time and, being as honest as you can, write down the answers to these two questions:

What has to happen for me to be happy?

What has to happen for me to be unhappy?

Now examine those rules. Have you made it easier to miserable than to be happy? If so, your plan is probably working.

2. Create a Better Set of Rules:

Using your imagination, create and record a new set of rules that would make it easy for you to be happy and difficult to be miserable. Examples:

"I enjoy seeing the people I work with each day."

"I really hate it when natural disasters destroy my home."

Don't worry whether or not these new rules seem "realistic"—that's not the point. All internal rules are arbitrary, anyway. Just write rules that would make you happier if you really believed them.

3. Post the New Rules Where You'll See Them:

When you've completed your set of "new" rules, print them out and post copies in three places: your bathroom mirror, the dashboard of your car, and the side of your computer screen. Leave them up, even after you've memorized them.

Having those new rules visible when you're doing other things gradually re-programs your mind to believe the new rules. You will be happy at work. It's really that simple.

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, aged 34 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. B.Com., working as a Manager. Only Child. Contact email : loyvaz@gmail.com OR 8806930925

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MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, aged 37 years, Ht. 6' 4", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 8th Std., Working as an Asst. AC Technician in Dubai. Seeks a understanding and homely girl. Contact : 9022935415 / 9819257399 (Regd. No. 5992)

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MUMBAI : Karnataka Methodist Protestant Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 4' 8", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Tech, working as a Deputy Manager in HDFC - IT Industries. Contact email : gmshilesh@gmail.com OR 9765361362. (Regd. No. 6312)

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U.K. : Holding a British Citizenship Maharashtrian Protestant Spinster, aged 35 years, fair and beautiful, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 64 kgs, working for Bank in London. Seeks a well settled and educated bachelor from U.K. or Bombay. Contact email : shrupm@gmail.com OR 9819813730 (Regd. No. 6309)

U.S.A. : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.

Engineering, working as a Software Engineer in California. Preferred someone working in U.S.A. Contact email : sd012588@gmail.com OR 9833574859 (Regd. No. 6308)

BARODA : Gujarati Protestant Spinster, aged 32 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters in Finance & Investment Banking from London. Smart, intelligent, from decent and well settled family. Seeks a suitable match from decent family background and well settled. Contact email : namratawaller82@yahoo.co.uk OR 9879110677 (Regd. No. 6307)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Chartered Accountant, working as a Manager in Bank. Contact email : multipurpose2909@gmail.com OR 9004351178 (Regd. No. 6306)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 84 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Electronics), working as a Sr. Consultants. Contact email : carmina_fernandes@hotmail.com OR 9867725912 (Regd. No. 6305)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 31 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a HR & Admin Exe. Seeks a educated well settled goan bachelor. Contact : Email: sweetcapri1982@yahoo.in OR 9833951282 / 9920932427 (Regd. No. 5747)

MUMBAI : Goan R.C. Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking, coming from a decent family. Edn. MBA, working as a Asst. Manager. Contact : email: dsilva_edwin@hotmail.com OR 9821800924 (Regd. No. 5781)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster aged 32 years, Ht. 5' 5", Fair Complex, Edn. Doctor, working as an Asst. Manager in Pharmaceutical company. Only Child. Contact: email: shrlydsz@yahoo.com OR 9930550318 (Regd. No. 5786)

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Educated working for MNC. Seeks a well settled educated Mangalorean boy. Contact : 28261504 (Regd. No. 5832)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 49 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BHMS., Doctor by profession. Contact : rochelled-silva@gmail.com OR 9869000687 (Regd. No. 5733)

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MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 31 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS., Working as Insurance Associate. Contact email : ladsouza2013@gmail.com OR 8655220756 (Regd. No. 6149)

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MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC + ECCED Course, Teacher by profession Only Child. Contact email : graciaas@rediffmail.com OR 9869088728 / 9869088736 (Regd. No. 6137)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., employed as an Administrator. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : dsouzareena10@gmail.com OR 9920623791 / 7738745831 (Regd. No. 6127)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 43 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 59 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. 9th Std., good looking and smart, working as a Hair Dresser. Seeks a suitable match. Contact 9619957198 (Regd. No. 6124)

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MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com, working as a Client Associate. Contact email : a_fernandes@ateindia.com OR 9769399841 (Regd. No. 6077)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 45 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Computer, working as a

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MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 7", Average built, Tan Complexion, Edn. Dip. in Hotel Management, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : salexander172@gmail.com OR 9158622614 (Regd. No. 6013)

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MUMBAI : Anglo Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, wheatish Complexion, Edn. T.Y.B.A., working for CSR, Seeks a well settled, sober habits, presentable, understanding nature, Contact email : foreverbeck@yahoo.com OR 9049766964 (Regd. No. 6142)

Kolkata firm executes largest scene of Jesus at prayer

Tiruchi: The newly constructed cathedral of Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu, has made history with the execution of a huge relief depicting Jesus at prayer.

The mural, approximately 75 feet in width and 23 feet in height, is fixed on the wall above the choir-loft in the balcony inside the church, over the main entrance of the cathedral.

"It is one of the biggest reliefs in church art executed anywhere in India," says Kolkata-based Director of Church Art Subrata Ganguly who supervised the giant piece of art.

The scene is of Jesus at prayer – "Very early in the morning, while it

Mother of Good Health – popularly called Arockia Annai by the local people.

Ganguly runs Church Art, a firm that designs new churches and renovates existing ones to give them a strong local flavor.

"We have worked in all states and almost 170 dioceses in the country," Ganguly says proudly.

"In the case of new churches, we formalize a concept after intensive discussions with the local diocese or religious congregation, and then work



explains Ganguly citing examples of his work.

"At a seminary near Shillong, Meghalaya, for instance, Jesus is shown in a mural standing under a pine tree with people in Khasi and Garo headgear around him."

At Ambapara, Jesus is portrayed as a Bhil tribal after our team studied and researched extensively on the Bhils. We always do this before every such project, to get an accurate idea of local customs, traditions and culture," Ganguly adds.

Other remarkable specimens of Ganguly's studio creations installed around the country include Jesus sitting cross-legged on a lotus (installed in a church in Hyderabad), or Jesus emerging after a purifying bath in the Ganges with temples on the riverbanks (in a mural in a Haridwar church), or rendered as a typical Bastar tribal priest surrounded by tribal women at a church at Bhopal.

At a church in Jhansi, scenes from Christ's life are presented in a set of 40 paintings which has human and animal characters that leap straight out of Amar Chitra Katha and Panchatantra comics.

"We've installed similar panels in many churches and the feedback has been very good. We're getting requests to make more such panels and murals, which show biblical characters in Indian forms, from various churches, seminaries and Christian institutions all across the country," says Ganguly.

Church Art is a unit of Lokenath Engineering, Kolkata, engaged in designing, manufacturing various items required in churches and place of worship under patronage, guidance, love and support of different archbishops, bishops, priests and nuns from all over India and abroad.



was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35).

"The time depicted is of dawn, so lot of light and shadow effect is shown in the work with minute details of Jesus figure and of the landscape. The rocks are projected very clearly. The overall finish style is realistic with high relief work of 18 to 20 inches projecting out of the base finished in multicolor shows the tonal color effect of the time of the day," Ganguly explains.

Built at a cost of 130 million rupees since August 2011, the new cathedral was consecrated on May 3 at a massive ceremony presided over by Archbishop George Antonysamy of Chennai along with Bishop Antony Devotta of Tiruchi and a huge gathering of dignitaries and faithful.

The cathedral is dedicated to Our

with a local architect to give the concept a concrete shape on the drawing board. Next, we work with the contractor to ensure proper construction. After that, we start working on the interiors and various other objects like the pulpit, the altar, murals, windows and various other objects," Ganguly says detailing the procedure he follows.

"With old or existing churches, too, we follow a similar routine. All the moveable 'inculturated' objects, including murals and statues, are made at my workshop in Kolkata and transported to the respective sites. Big objects like giant or large size statues are transported in knocked-down form and then reassembled at the site," Ganguly adds.

"The requirements for an inculturated church or seminary in Northeast India are very different from those at Ambapara in Rajasthan's Udaipur,"

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