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## One Year Of NDA Rule



# ONE YEAR OF NDA RULE -

## what would be your rating ?



It's one year since the Narendra Modi led government took charge at the centre, winning the General Elections on the plank of development and its promise to bring in 'Acche Din' for the common man. The Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi while assuming office, had said it was based on the guiding principle of "minimum government and maximum governance". Very well said Mr. Narendra Modi !

The Report Card is out, and how has the Narendra Modi government fared ? The Times of India (26.5.2015) may have given them a rating of 77.5% - Distinction in its First year. But, what is that to the common man and the middle class which whole heartedly voted for the BJP ? They are still awaiting the 'Acche Din' promised by Mr. Narendra Modi. Today, they are a disillusioned lot, wondering when those 'Acche Din' will remain a dream. We are still grappling with rising prices.

What is that 77.5% to the Minorities, especially the Christians, a large number of whom probably voted for them ? Several Churches have been attacked in the past few months with impunity. A feeling of insecurity has crept into the hearts of minorities, with the Prime Minister's assurances of action and protection sounding hollow !

What is that 77.5% rating to the farmers who had pitched their hopes on

the BJP ? They continue to commit suicide with little or no aid coming from the government. The government is at a loss as to how to tackle the situation.



by Melville X. D'Souza

And whatever happened to the guiding principle of "Minimum government, Maximum Governance" ? If the previous UPA Government was labelled as a government of scams, the present NDA Government could very well be labelled as a Govern-

ment of Controversies, with several ministers and party functionaries making controversial remarks on religious, social and other issues.

And oh, where is our dear Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi ? Is he in town or on some other continent ? One is tempted to ask, do we have an "NRI Prime Minister" ? - visiting his home country once in a while. Foreign policy is important yes, but should

the country be ignored ? The Prime Minister needs to be present here in the country to feel the pulse of the people. In the past Twelve months, the Prime Minister has visited around Eighteen countries. It's time to take stock of the situation now, Mr. Prime Minister !

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**Missionaries weave back together shattered lives in Mindanao**

*by Inday Espina-Varona*

Manila: As Catholics around the world celebrates the beatification of El Salvador Archbishop Oscar Romero as a "martyr of the faith," embattled missionaries in the southern Philippines island of Basilan see the outpouring of support for Romero as a vindication of their mission to live amid communities in conflict.

The Claretian Missionaries, a community of Catholic priests and brothers founded by Saint Anthony Mary Claret in Spain in 1849, arrived in the Philippines some 50 years ago. It established strong roots in Basilan, an island-province that has seen some of the worst episodes of carnage in the half-century war for secession in the southern part of the country.

The Claretians' mission varies depending on the needs of their area, but the missionaries mostly focus on "seeing life through the eyes of the poor" and respond to the biggest need at the time.

In the Philippines, the Claretians specialize in weaving back together the shattered lives of residents, immersing themselves in communities, and focusing on service rather than just evangelizing.

The beatification of Romero, a cleric killed by right-wing thugs for his support of the poor and oppressed of El Salvador, comes at a time when the Philippines is polarized by a proposed law that seeks to cement the peace agreement signed between the government and the country's largest Muslim rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

It has been a highly emotional debate, with some of the most vitriolic statements coming from people who have never lived in Mindanao's conflict zones.

But the Claretian missionaries and the other survivors of kidnappings by the terror group Abu Sayyaf in Basilan say Filipinos cannot afford to give up on peace.

At the launch of the book Witness: Mission Stories of Basilan on Saturday, a teacher who survived more than a month of captivity in the mountains in 2000 explained why she returned home after 15 years.

[Witness: Mission Stories of Basilan is a collection of stories of missionaries who worked with the people of Basilan in the past 40 years. It is edited by Joe Torres, ucanews.com reporter and two-time Philippine National Book Award winner.]

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Marizza Rante was a new teacher 15 years ago when the Abu Sayyaf attacked the Claret School of Tumahubong, taking hostage dozens of teachers and students, torturing and then killing Claretian priest Rhoel Gallardo. Three other teachers and five students died in the 2000 mass kidnapping.

The hostages emerged traumatized from the mountains of Sumisip town in Basilan. Many, fearing reprisals as they testified in criminal cases against the rebels and spoke of witnessing collusion by the armed forces, were brought to the national capital.

For years, the survivors, including Rante, tried to rebuild their lives, undertaking counseling to overcome the psychological cost of their ordeal.

But in 2013, Rante returned to Basilan to show her commitment to peace and set an example that young people, Muslims and Christians, and their parents can follow. She also said it was her way of honoring Fr Gallardo.

"I'm still here," Rante said. "We have to move on," she added. "I want to continue my work. I want to erase the bias against Muslims," the teacher said, adding that there are only a few "bad" Muslims, some of whom are radicalized due to past trauma in their lives.

"The most tragic effect of war has been the suffering, the hatred and the division it has engendered in the hearts of so many families," said Spanish Claretian missionary Angel Calvo, himself a witness to more than

four decades of atrocities suffered by Muslim and Christian communities in Mindanao.

"Hundreds and hundreds of refugees pouring in from all corners of the island; schools and public places crammed with refugees not knowing what to do, where to go, or what to eat, day after day burying children who had died of hunger and neglect; and everywhere fear, panic, uncertainty," Calvo writes in one of the stories that appeared in the book.

Calvo, a direct witness, sounds like what any priest who ministers to internal refugees would say today about the social and human cost of conflict.

"All those bodies bloodied, broken, decapitated. How many of them were there? No one will ever know. But there they will lie forever, their bodies germinating in silence and in suffering in the heart of this land," the priest wrote.

Year in and year out, these scenes play out in the provinces of Basilan, Maguindanao, and other areas in Mindanao. Calvo said decades of war has wounded an entire people.

Greed and the vulnerability of communities to divide-and-rule tactics are the root causes of the Mindanao conflict, the priest said. But many of them choose to stay away from direct involvement in, for instance, debates over the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law that would establish a new autonomous government for Muslims in Mindanao.

Calvo said laws are only part of the solution to a long-running conflict. There is no substitute to living with the

people in troubled communities and showing them, in incremental ways, how they can together walk in peace.

That Rante and other victims of trauma are returning home, and Calvo and his colleagues are still living, amid the threats to their lives, is a testament of faith not so different from the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero of the Americas who was an inspiration to many Filipino activists, Christians and non-Christians, at the height of the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines in the 1980s.

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# 10 Things That I Think The Modi Govt. Is Doing Right

by Karthik Shankar

**M**odi's first year in office has attracted a lot of mixed reactions in the media to counter the government's glowing review of itself. Even as someone who has been critical of Modi, I can recognise several of his achievements.

## 1) Desi-Videshi Connection:

People like Rahul Gandhi have criticised Modi for what they claim amounts to gallivanting around foreign countries at the state's expense. However what Modi is pulling off is akin to a diplomatic coup. Foreign investments depend as much on lack of bureaucratic hurdles as on good PR, and Modi has kick-started international relations by visiting the U.S, Japan, China and France among others. These warmer ties have come with billions of dollars in foreign investment commitments like \$41 billion from the U.S and \$2 billion from France.

## 2) Bye-Bye Subsidy:

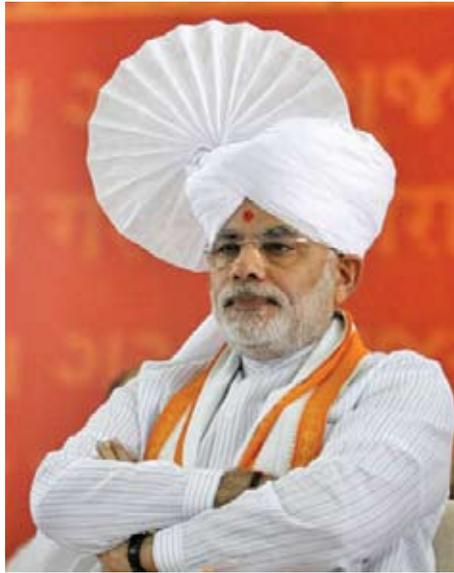
When the government deregulated diesel and natural gas prices, it took one of the boldest steps for our economy since the 1991 reforms. As of last March, India's fuel subsidy bill was \$11 billion. Easing the burden on the government reduced our fiscal deficit and brought down inflation.

## 3) Mere Paas Bank Account Hai:

In a country where the poor don't have much access to finances, Modi's Jan Dhan Yojana was a rousing success. Although 58% of the accounts are still inactive, giving 115 million people, mostly from the country's poorest, access to the regulated financial system will no doubt pay rich dividends over the long run.

## 4) FDI Padhaaro Mare Desh:

Signalling a shift from the previous government's allergy to FDI, the Modi-led government has allowed 100% FDI in 17 key sectors in railways. In addition, the limits have been increased to 49% in defence and insurance. Unfor-



tunately retail continues to remain a sector whose potential is constrained due to fears of a public backlash.

## 5) Corruption Se Swachh Bharat:

After being subjected to an administration that was involved in scam after scam, the NDA government has put the focus on clean administration. Could we have imagined this website under the previous regime? Admittedly, the initial vigour with which the crusade against black money was started hasn't been sustained, but there have been no big ticket scams either, and that's a huge relief for the treasury.

## 6) Swachh Bharat On The Streets:

In a country where cleanliness and hygiene is either ignored by the masses or relegated to the domestic help by the classes, the image of Modi wielding a broom while kicking off the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was striking. By many accounts the drive is a success. Over seven lakh toilets were constructed in January alone, carrying forward the state's success in reducing open defecation. Additionally, World Bank has approved \$1 billion for the campaign.

## 7) States Be The Boss:

The states have always been instrumental in India's growth which is why the growth rates vary so much in vari-

ous corners of our country. Recognising this, Modi increased the share of states in tax from 32% to 42%. This will not only create a more decentralised structure but it will allow states to pursue the economic models that work for them.

## 8) Sunny Side Up:

Modi's commitment to solar energy is welcome in a country where unclean sources of power like coal are usually the norm. Modi, who has been instrumental in getting projects like the Canal Solar Power Project in Gujarat off the ground is pushing for more than \$200 billion in India's burgeoning renewable energy industry.

## 9) Ek Dil Chahiye Bas 'Make In India':

There has been a lot of mixed response over the government's 'Make in India' campaign. However there's no denying that it has given NRIs, like my cousin, who saw a huge advertisement plastered across a German metro, a huge boost in pride. It may be showing results too like Airbus' \$2 billion outlay for manufacturing in India.

## 10) Atithi Devo Bhava. Promise:

Offering Visa on arrival for 143 countries was a huge boost for our beleaguered tourism industry. December 2014 saw five times the number of tourists of the previous year, and it only promises to get better with tourism's 33% hike in the budget and a forecast 7.5% growth in 2015.

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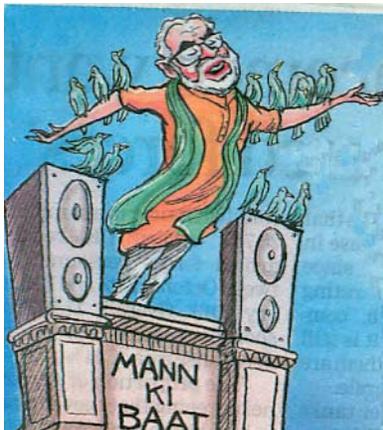
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# Media's Role to Build Modi's Image

**A**dolf Hitler knew very well the importance of media's role in building his image. No prime Minister of India was so conscious of his image as is Narendra Damodadas Modi, This writer has known Narendra Modi since he was a very ordinary spokesperson since 1992 of the Gujarat BJP. Modi learned the role media can play in either making or marring the image of a 'netaji'. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill was also very media conscious. Jawahar Nehru had John Mathai who daily briefed him about the 'Nehru image' in two big dailies of New Delhi. Morarji Desai has Mr. Has-mukh Shah (ex chairman of Indian Petro-chemical Limited). Indira Gandhi kept R.K. Dhavan who briefed her about the Press.

Narendra Modi is an old, seasoned



here and abroad. A New York Times' press reporter called and said : "During Prime Minister's New York visit, we in the US, found scores of BJP men posing as either media men or New Yorkers! Anchors were well paid by the party. In short, the Modi fans "managed" well to flash "Modi, Modi"



player with the media. According to an unconfirmed report, the BJP spent crores of rupees to keep the Indian print and electronic media to play and dance to the party's tune during the last General Election, result outcome and then after. On the other hand, the India National Congress, Sonia and Rahul and the top party brass miserably failed to think of the media. It is indeed shameful to know that many top electronic mediemen took a big cash reward to build Modi's image

every well.

Many TNC and CPI Members of Parliament raised the cases of "paid news" by the BJP.. As media persons we know that full page ads appear, practically everyday, in local newspapers, glorifying the BJP role in building Gujarat. Unhappily, the fractions in Congress do not allow to 'expose' the BJP blunders in Gujarat.

The former editor-in-chief of The Times of India, Mr. Dilip Padgamkar says : "One of the most bewildering



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Sr. Journalist

paradoxes of Prime Minister Modi's first year in office concerns his attitude in the media. No prime minister since Independence has been as image-conscious as him..... His media strategies forged in the wake of the 2002 communal riots, worked wonders for him in Gujarat. During his tenure as Gujarat's Chief Minister he ensured that journalists — especially those who worked for English language media — were for all practical purposes kept out of bounds of the Secretariat in Gandhi-nagar. His ministerial colleagues were not allowed to talk to them .... "Modi cancelled press meets and discontinued the age-old custom of meeting the Press... Gujarati language press Exporters had absolutely no weight left... Modi directly brief the owners of these dailies..." Pen-purshers were pooh pooed royally," says a veteran Gujarati journalist.

Modi has turned to social media. "Modi has kept media as his pet," says a veteran journalist.

Mr. Padgamkar ends his Times' article with these words : "Medias's claim to be the Fourth Estate of Democracy lies in tatters ....."

Media is redundant by Modi.... the same media was used to raise him high?



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## On One Year of BJP Rule

What are the main trends that have emerged during this one year of BJP-majority rule at the Centre? It is becoming quite clear that the main thrust of the policies being adopted is to dismantle the secular, democratic, inclusive and multicultural Gandhi-Nehru Model of India, adopted by different governments for the past 65 years (based on the Constitution of India), and to replace it with a radically different model – one which was aggressively advocated by the leading ideologues of the majority right-wing forces in the country long before Independence. This model seeks to establish a strong nation, proud of its single dominant culture, led by one Supreme Leader -- like Germany and Italy of the 1930s and 1940s. This has actually been the flip-side of the Gujarat Model of development that was cleverly hyped up and presented to the nation as the main goal before the elections in 2014.

It is in keeping with this target that appointments to key government posts, and vital offices in the bureaucracy (both at the Centre and in the states) have been made, showing preference only to those closely associated with the ruling 'parivar' and its ideology. Also, icons of the freedom struggle, revered for decades after independence till now, are being replaced or presented in a new light (often contrary to what they express-

ly stood for) in the public domain. Similarly, only those who embody the above mono-cultural model and subscribe to the ruling 'parivar's' narrow way of thinking are being given the nation's highest awards and presented as heroes and heroines to the people of India. It is for the same reason that increasing control is being exerted on all centres of learning: universities, colleges, schools, research institutes, and all-India Institutes, with a view to promoting the Sanskrit language, Vedic Science and Mathematics, mythical accounts of fantastic achievements in aviation, medical science and plastic surgery thousands of years ago as modern science, and changing the entire history of the country in books at all levels – with a view to portraying the one majoritarian culture as superior to all others. National celebrations, like 'Teachers' Day', Independence Day, Children's Day, and Christmas Day were all subtly harnessed for the same purpose. The highly-publicized trips of the PM to numerous countries, as a world statesman, also exhibit the same purpose, since he clearly projects himself as the leader and chief representative of the unique superior culture of ancient India, which has taught the world the way to knowledge and progress.

Under the new dispensation, only the members of the majority community qualify as 'ramzada', who are the true patriots; while all the rest are 'haramzada', who are traitors and foreigners responsible for keeping the country in slavery for the last 1200 years. A lot has already been

achieved in the pre-determined direction (hidden during the election campaign) in just one year. What then can we expect after 5 long years? Slowly, but surely, we are heading towards becoming like theocratic Pakistan, with a different dominant religion and culture. This will only give greater credibility to the 'two-nation theory' promoted by those who were bent on dividing the country, along religious lines, before independence. That theory was being effectively discredited, thus far, by the success of secularism in India. But what about the future? It is for the Indian electorate to decide, in the forthcoming assembly and local elections, whether they approve of this new direction towards a mono-cultural India, and whether to give to the BJP the majority it is seeking in the Rajya Sabha, so as to implement further its real, but hidden vision and ideology, which is not primarily development, 'achhe din' or 'sabke sath, sabka vikas'.

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# TURNING WATER INTO WINE

by FRANCIS LOBO

## THE AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION --- PART III

**M**ahatma Gandhi got it right when he resisted the tax on salt and led the Dandi March. Salt is given to us free by Nature. Why should the government tax it when it is harvested? The same can be said about the Spectrum Auctions. The air waves are a free gift of nature. Why should they be taxed? The government claims it made lakhs of crores on the auctions. But who ultimately pays for this? --- The Common Man. Those who won the auctions will recover their investment by passing this cost on to the consumer. So isn't this another form of taxation? The money collected through the auctions should be passed back to the people because the air waves belong to them. This can and must be done through social welfare programs.

The rich nations have forced India to cut subsidies on education, health and other welfare measures and agriculture. Yet these same nations give huge subsidies to the farm sector and have free education and medical for their citizens. The commercialization of medical treatment and education, under the garb of cutting subsidies, are the greatest crimes against the Poor of India. We can learn from Saudi Arabia and other countries rich in oil. The wealth obtained from the oil extracted from the earth is given back to the people in the form of free education, free medical treatment, etc. India should do the same with the money earned by auctioning the air waves.

The same approach should be used from auctioning the mines. The money earned should be used for re-forestation, agricultural development and research, flood control, etc. instead of smart cities and bullet trains.



We are in the 21st Century, the Age of Enlightenment, The Knowledge Era. We should shake off the mechanistic approach with mega projects of the 19th and 20th Centuries. See what Nature has to offer and how we can use it to benefit All Mankind, not just a few Here are some examples.

Dignity Dialogue, May 2015 issue, has given a Cover Story of how Dr. Rajeev Prakash Mehra has cured 700 cases of cancer and over three dozen cases of HIV using Biofeedback and Radionics. Radionics is an emerging field with a view that a living body has subtle energy fields which sustains and vitalizes it. Precisely defined healing energy is sent to people, animals or plants --- like radio waves --- there is no distance barrier between us. It is in line with spiritual and mystical teachings, that at some level we are all one. It is a technique of using extra sensory perception [e.s.p.] and an instrument. It is not directed at the human body so much as the subtle energy fields undetected by the normal senses but which support life and are essential for its functioning. By cooperative effort and franchising the benefits can be spread across the country and the costs dramatically reduced. Agriculture is concerned with living things --- human, animal and plants. We can discover the subtle energy in these and their power, potential and appli-

cations.

The power of electronics has been doubling every few years. If we open a TV we can see hundreds of components --- transistors, resistors, capacitors, etc. Today all these are available on a single chip, one square centimeter in area, which can fit in a watch or smart phone or any other electronic device. Japanese scientists have determined that one billion components can fit on a single chip. Size is no longer a limitation on what is possible. This applies to agriculture also

.70 % of the earth's surface is covered with water but only 1 % is potable. Water Wars are predicted in the times ahead. The crime against the rural population is making water a commodity to be marketed and sold. One liter of bottled water requires 1.6 liters of water plus wastage of plastic. Knowing the importance of water, China has tried to capture water sources in the water rich Tibetan plateau and through a massive dam building program making it the largest dam builder in the world. However, technology breakthroughs have provided humanity with answers to use the immense water resources in the oceans through the fascinating invention of Graphen. It is a thin sheet of carbon and is the first two dimension substance ever made --- an atom thick. A porous sheet of Graphene can remove 100 % of salt from salt water. This can bring an end to water scarcity.

END POINT

***It requires the co-operative efforts of all to bring about these changes. that will draw on the infinite resources in the universe to create opportunities for all living beings to have standards of living that befit them.***

# Catholics Join Anti-Tobacco Campaign

The Catholic community of Kanpur has wholeheartedly supported the campaign to make Kanpur tobacco free by 31st May, the international No Tobacco day. An awareness campaign was held in St Patrick's Church, Cantonment, immediately after the Sunday morning service this 24th May. While addressing the congregation the parish priest, Rev Thomas Kumar, said that the Lord Jesus had said that if any part of you is a cause of sin it is better to cut it off and discard it. So too, tobacco products are a cause of ill-health and death and should be thrown out of our lives.

Sri K.V. Vincent, Principal, Huddard School, shared his own experience of how he has kept the school free of tobacco for several years. He said that self-discipline is crucial to kick the habit. Small steps can make a big difference in life. It is no use blaming others for one's own lack of self-control.

Ms Nidhi Bajpai, a trained psychologist, and Nodal Authority of the District Tobacco Control Cell gave details of the tobacco control movement spearheaded by Dr Roshan Jacob IAS, the District Magistrate. She said it is incumbent on every citizen to create awareness of the health hazards of tobacco consumption. We need to tell people that such consumption in public places is both an offence and also socially unacceptable.

Dr Arindam Bhattacharya IFS, Special Secretary, Health, Government of Uttar Pradesh, said that the pleasure that one derived from tobacco consumption was short lived, but the ill effects were long term. To help tobacco addicts kick the habit we need to give them a moral boost, and divert their attention to other pleasurable pastimes like sports or music. He said that though man is supposed to be an intelligent being he is the most foolish; when it comes to self-destruction!

Nowhere in the animal kingdom do we find any species self-destructing the way humans do, as with tobacco.

Chhotebhai, President, Kanpur Catholic Association, said that there should be a total ban on chewing tobacco (gutka). About 250 members of the congregation signed the no tobacco



pledge.

Two days earlier a similar programme was held in St Aloysius' School on the same premises.

300 students from classes 9 – 12 participated. The main speaker was Dr K.C. Samuel, the nonagenarian former Director of the J.K. Cancer Institute. He had been practicing histopathology for the last 65 years and shared his wealth of experience with the students. He said the word cancer came from the word for crab, which keeps burrowing in unnoticed. Cancer is usually fatal and its treatment very expensive. One tablet costs Rs 8000/- and one needs treatment for a minimum of 6 months. He stated that tobacco contained a poisonous and carcinogenic resin. Chewing tobacco (gutka) causes oral cancer. This is particularly prevalent in India where gutka consumption is high. Smoking is equally dangerous as it causes lung cancer.

Dr Samuel said that lower income

group people were more prone to these diseases because of a poor diet and lower resistance.

Noted Gandhian, Jagdambabhai said that saliva is nature's way of helping mastication and aiding digestion. But gutka users keep spitting this out, thereby endangering their own health.

Besides, by spitting in public, we make the environment filthy and unhygienic. At the end of the awareness programme Rev Thomas Kumar, the school Principal, administered the "Say No To Tobacco" pledge to the students and staff present. Joseph Lal, Peter Fernandes, Cornelius Kujur, Prem Kumar and Emmanuel Premchand actively participated in the programmes.

—*chhotebhai*

*President, Kanpur Catholic Association  
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## 'Achhe din' still a distant dream

The Narendra Modi- led BJP govt at the centre will be completing one year of governance on May 26 and hectic preparations are afoot in Goa to celebrate the event to mark the completion of its first anniversary in power. However, if we take stock of the BJP govt's overall performance in the country, the situation is far from rosy, as several promises in its election manifesto are yet to be fulfilled. The severe drubbing the party received at the Delhi Assembly elections half way through, was a clear reflection of the people's dissatisfaction with the BJP's poor performance. The cost of living and essentials is as high, or even more than what it was before the party was voted to power. The country's economy has also not improved with foreign investors pulling out of the Indian markets. The farmers are left high and dry even as

billions of dollars have been given as aid to foreign countries. Religious intolerance has increased over the year and minorities and their places of worship targeted and even set on fire. So 'achhe din' still remains a pipe dream for the common man, except as one cynic observed that 'achhe din' has at last arrived for the hapless cows and bullocks who now feel safe and protected.

—A. F. Nazareth  
Alto Porvorim

## An Example For Religious Trusts

NGOs, religious and charitable bodies are increasingly coming under scrutiny by govt because of supposedly questionable practices adopted by them. Yet most of them render yeoman service to the society. There are a few black sheep among them who are tarnishing the image of all. It is time to sift the grain from the chaff.

The renowned Siddhivinayak temple trust deserves to be commended for receiving ISO 9001-2008 certification for 'best quality practices'. The Siddhivinayak temple in Mumbai is very popular among devotees and is the richest religious trust in Mumbai. Other religious trusts would do well to emulate their example. When people are convinced that these bodies are doing good work they will willingly donate more money.

Govt must introduce a 'star' grading system, for best practices

and transparency adopted by these bodies. However, this must be purely voluntary. Obviously only those bodies which are above board will lend themselves to such certification. People have a right to know how their money is being used. If they are convinced they will donate even more.

—Prof Robert Castellino,  
Calangute

## Glowing Example Of Love And Care

The death of Aruna Shanbaug who lay in coma and in a vegetative state for 42 years in Mumbai's KEM hospital has not only set a world record for being the longest in world history, but has also set a glowing example of love and care by the nurses of KEM Hospital who looked after Aruna with meticulous care and resisted all attempts to euthanize her. Although the supreme court has legalized passive euthanasia the question that arises is when to remove the life support system, taking other factors into account like the family's financial position, and the hopelessness of the case. Aruna's case is one of the rarest of the rare cases, but has nevertheless set the world an example of how people even in the comatose and vegetative state can still be looked after with love and care without denying them their right to live. This is possible only when we realize that life is sacred and belongs to God, and that we are only the custodians. It is a travesty of justice that the ward-boy who committed the heinous crime of rape and choking Aruna with a dog's leash is now living a normal life after serving a small sentence of 7 years imprisonment. Finally, the Mumbai Municipal Corporation has to be complimented for safeguarding the life of Aruna and ensuring her proper care during the 42 years in hospital.

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## Modiversary

Narendra Modi completed one year in office. I wonder if he too was 'ashamed' of being born in free India under the Congress Raj. It is the same Raj, with all the democratic institutions, that gave him an opportunity to first become CM for 15 years and then PM of this nation. Could he have asked for more? Therefore, his comment on a foreign soil about some Indians being ashamed of being born in India is a grave insult to ALL Indians. He should thank the Congress for messing up which actually afforded opportunity to him to become the Prime Minister.

The media conducted surveys to assess the performance after one year. The results are not exactly flattering so the best thing to do is to highlight the achievements in a big way. But where are the allies – Shiv Sena and the SAD. Why are they mum on the 'great achievements'? Normally, it should have been a joint exercise since whatever is achieved is the result of joint efforts. The Sena berates the Government of which it is a part, on a regular basis. The Akalis have gone silent. Do they feel side-lined? Has the government lost its way? Was the 'Marga Darshak Mandal' with L.K.Advani and M.M.Joshi set up to ensure that these two veterans are kept out? Finally, Modi had to depend on Manmohan Singh the same man who presided over the mess. This is interesting!

All said and done, we have a government which is at least visible – at times too visible but the PM, master of gimmicks, is heading for NRI status. Paying for one girl's operation, shows discrimination towards all others who also cannot afford to pay for the expensive medical treatment. People are disappointed with the steps taken on corruption and black money stacked abroad. 'Na khaunga na khane doonga' Modi had said. No scams thus far – or it is too early to say that. There is no seriousness. No Lok Pal, CIC, CVC all important functionaries to address issues of corruption. One year is too long a period unless you accord a low priority to it. Even now a feeble attempt is being made to fill up those vacancies. The constitution of SIT is no big deal. You just complied with the apex court's directive. You cannot show it as an 'achievement'.

## VIEWS on NEWS

When the BJP came to power, there was arrogance in the way they spoke during television debates as if they have conquered the world for keeps. They repeatedly ridiculed the Congress reminding them all the time that they just got 44 seats and have forfeited the right to question the government. However, the moment the BJP got just three [3] out of 70 in Delhi, they changed their tone. After that the Congress was never reminded about its tally. This survey may have given some grace marks to the government. The real picture will emerge at the end of the second year. There will be no room for excuses for the government. It will have to deliver including Rs 15 lacs to each citizen as promised. We will wait for it.

**People are unhappy with the Kashmir mess, Pakistan Policy, interference with eating habits as also free reign to the fringe elements though leaders like Naqvi, Giriraj, Jyoti etc are part of the government. The BJP blamed Manmohan Singh because he 'tolerated' corruption and other indiscretions of his Ministers. Is not PM Modi doing the same thing now? Is he not allowing the Ministers to vitiate the atmosphere in the country? When you look the other way, it implies, rather confirms, that you actually agree with their views. Modi, must sack one or two of them if he is serious about harmony to ensure development which is still a mirage.**

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## Desi Apartheid

Two cases, in quick succession, came to the fore in Mumbai in the recent past. More than what the victims of this desi apartheid went through mentally, it is the mindset of those who were responsible in both the cases. We thought apartheid was a thing of the past with South Africa abandoning it and giving full rights to the black community. This was the most hated era in the world which saw total isolation of that country.

In the first case, a Muslim youth who had completed his business degree had applied for a job and he was told that as a matter of policy of the company it does not hire people of that particular community. This was conveyed to him in writing and that too

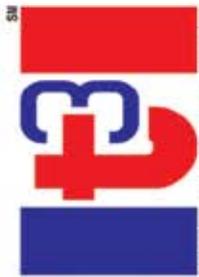


by Marshall Sequeira

by email which the company cannot deny. Can a company which openly practices such discrimination blatantly be allowed to function at all? Should it not be prosecuted suo moto by the authorities without waiting for a formal complaint by the victim? It would be a fit case for the judiciary to step in if the government fails to do so. This will send a very strong message to the Corporate world that this is simply not acceptable in free India.

In another case, a well educated Muslim girl was denied accommodation in a building just because of her religion and a very Muslim name. It appears the builders have been following this policy and the estate broker was simply following that directive. The manner in which the girl was pestered to opt out of the arrangement shows that the broker was being hauled up by the builder. The girl was bold enough to challenge this attitude of the builder-broker combine and soon the matter became a hot subject across the country. It is now reported that the other girls in the same building who stood by the victim were also thrown out and the deposits that they paid are also being forfeited.

**The girl is reported to be planning to take up the matter with the Police Commissioner who is normally very pro-active in such cases. Surely this issue is not over yet and with the matter going viral the authorities will have to take a firm stand in both the cases. There is growing divide between the two communities which cannot go hand in hand with 'Sab ka Vikas'. The fringe elements are abetting in these frightening developments which are only likely to increase. Segregation is being practiced in the country. Some minority groups prefer it that way for security reasons. At least they know that in case of trouble their own people with help.**



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And, with marriage, there comes a huge change in the lives of those two people. After all, now they have to stay together forever! And, since a woman has to leave her house to stay with her husband and his family, the change that she sees after marriage is comparatively bigger than what a man experiences.

## **Become Responsible:**

Before marriage, you were hardly accountable for anything in life. While the house was taken care of by your mother, the finances were handled by your mother and finances were handled by your father. But after marriage, you start taking care of everyone's needs, be it your husband's or your family members'. Interestingly, it does not even look like a burden to you. In fact, you love doing all this!

## **Change from 'I' to 'we':**

Your life was earlier all about just 'you', and you had the liberty to take your decisions on your own. And, now that you have to share your entire life with someone else, all your decisions are

going to affect his life as well. Hence, whatever you do in life, it becomes about the two of you, and not just you alone.

## **Become More Patient:**

After all, you will not have the option of breaking up over a petty issue once you get married. And, patience is the key to a successful marriage, right? That is what brings more maturity in your approach of dealing with the problems in life. You will be patient in dealing with issues.

## **Priorities Change:**

In fact, your friends, your career, and everything related to 'you' was your priority. Needless to say, your husband and your family gets added to your priority list now. You might prefer dining out with your husband and in-laws, rather than hanging out with your besties. It is your family, household chores, family expenses, etc., that are continuously in your mind now.

## **Think Before Speaking:**

Yes, it used to be perfectly fine even if you said something out of anger to your siblings or parents, as they always knew that you never meant it. But, after marriage, you become cautious of what you say. Obviously, you

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## **Better Communicator:**

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# Holy Spirit The Paraclete

by Capt. Mervin John Lobo

Genesis 1:1-2, the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void; there was darkness over the deep, and God's Spirit hovered over water. The Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) hovered upon the face of the waters. The English word hovered was translated from the Hebrew word "rachaph." It literally means "to brood." Then the Lord said "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3), and there was light.

It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that Mary conceived (Yeshua / Jesus) . "Jesus is in the Father, and the Father is in Jesus, in their interchanging love which is the Holy Spirit, Who keeps them united in this bond of love so as to make them ONE". This perfectly illustrates the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This fact can't be argued by anyone who truly believes the Bible is God's Word. The Scriptures are replete with proof that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says LORD of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament:- The Spirit was involved in creating and sustaining all life (Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4; 34:14). The Spirit of God filled Bezalel with skill to build the tabernacle (Exodus 31:3-5). He filled Moses and came upon the 70 elders (Numbers 11:25). He filled Joshua with wisdom and filled leaders such as Samson with strength or ability to fight (Deuteronomy 34:9; Judges 6:34; 14:6). The Holy Spirit inspired the Prophets and Apostles to write the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Spirit was given only to individuals of one race, the Israelites. Even among the Israelites, only a few selected people were given the Holy Spirit, usually for some special ministry, such as leadership or prophecy. Not that every Israelite received the Holy Spirit. In no way can these men have had the experience of

being the temple of the Holy Spirit as is stated in John 7:39, "For as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified."

The First Pentecost in the Old Testament:-The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word Penta means fiftieth. That is seven weeks and one day or 50 days following the Passover. After the First Passover meal in Egypt, and the Exodus from Egypt in the month of Nissan (April) on 1st (Thursday) and crossing the Red Sea, it took them 50 days and on the fiftieth day was Sunday, Moses went on top of Mount Sinai and the Lord Spoke to him and the Holy Spirit wrote the Ten Commandments with His finger on two tablets of stone which He gave to him the law. Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival. It was one of the three most important festivals in the Jewish year. It was instituted by God

in the time of Moses as described in Leviticus 23:15-21, without the Passover there would be no way of determining the date of Pentecost. It was a Jewish harvest thanksgiving and linked to the Passover, which is particularly appropriate.

The Holy Spirit and Jesus:-The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person because of His works in the Blessed Trinity, He is GOD, there is ONE HOLY Spirit without Him we are dead. The Holy Spirit is Jesus unlimited, and He is the power of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit was

involved throughout Jesus' life. The Spirit caused His conception (Matthew 1:20), descended on him at his baptism on the river Jordan (Bethany) (Matthew 3:16), led him into the desert (Luke 4:1) and anointed him to preach the gospel (Luke 4:18). Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit of God (Matthew 12:28). It was through the Spirit that he offered himself as a sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 9:14) and by that same Spirit was raised from the dead (Romans 8:11). And He was carried up to heaven (Lk.24:51). Jesus taught that the Spirit would speak through his disciples in times of persecution (Matthew 10:19-20). He told them to baptize followers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). He said that God was certain to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask (Luke 11:13). Some of Jesus' most important

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teachings about the Holy Spirit come in the Gospel of John. First, people must be “born of water and the Spirit” (John 3:5). People need a spiritual renewal, and this does not come from inside themselves: it is a gift of God. Although spirit can't be seen, the Holy Spirit does make a difference in our lives (verse 8). Jesus also taught, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him” (John 7:37-38). John adds this explanation: “By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive” (verse 39). The Holy Spirit satisfies an internal thirst. He gives us the relationship with God that we were created for. We receive the Spirit by coming to Jesus, and the Spirit can fill our lives. The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God, and it is impossible without the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (! Cor.2:10). St. Paul who wrote more on the gifts and the works of the Holy Spirit in his Epistles.

The Spirit testifies about Jesus (John 15:26; 16:14). He does not promote himself, but leads people to Jesus Christ and the Father. He does not speak on his own, but only as the Father wants (John 16:13). Since the Spirit can live in millions of people, it is for our good that Jesus left and sent the Spirit to us (John 16:7).

The Spirit works in evangelism, convicting the world of their sin, their guilt, their need for righteousness, and the certainty of judgment (verses 8-10).

Pentecost in the New Testament The first Pentecost in the New Testament took place on Mount Zion in Jerusalem in the Upper Room. Below the upper room is the Tomb of the Patriarch David. It coincides with his birth and death dates which fell on Sunday the Feast of Pentecost. It was Sunday May 24th 33 A.D and it was nine o'clock in the morning, the city was coming to life. The figure 120 shows that it must have a minimum 10 Jewish people to pray and 12 represents the

12 tribes of Israel.(10 X12 = 120 persons). They waited in Jerusalem and spent time in prayer. Mary the mother of Jesus was there (Acts1:14). At Pentecost the sound from heaven as of a rushing wind that filled the room and tongues like fire was seen on each one of them. Pentecost is the day the Church was born and individuals were born again. The book of Acts shows that the Holy Spirit empowered the church's growth with His Gifts. After Pentecost they were the men who turned the world upside down.

The Name, Titles, And Symbols of the Holy Spirit : The Name: “Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new Children. The term “Spirit” translates the Hebrew word “ruah” which in its primary sense, means breath,air, wind. Titles of the Holy Spirit: When Jesus proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls Him the “Paraclete” literally, “He who is called to one's side,” ad-vocatus. “Paraclete” is commonly translated by “consoler” and Jesus is the first consoler. He is called the “the Spirit of truth”. Besides the proper name of “Holy Spirit” which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God- and, in St. Peter, the Spirit of Glory. Symbols

of the Holy Spirit : Water, Anointing, Fire, Cloud and Light, The Seal, The Hand, The finger, The Dove (Christian iconography traditionally uses a dove to suggest the Spirit).

Sins Against the Holy Spirit:-The sin of “blasphemy” because the hardness of one heart, is the act of one who deliberately rejects or refuses to accept that he has sinned at all. It is the rejection of all the works of the Holy Spirit and also rejects the redemptive power of Christ's Precious Blood, which purifies the conscience from all dead works. This sin is unforgivable because in such a frame of mind repentance is not possible. The recognition of sin is lost and God's offer of mercy is in effect, peremptorily refused. To be in this perilous condition is to cut oneself off from the source of forgiveness. There are 6 Sins against the Holy Spirit:- 1) Presuming to gain salvation without Christ. 2) Despairing of Salvation. 3) Resisting the Gospel Truths which have been made known to us. 4) Envy of another's spiritual good. 5) Stubbornness in sin. 6) Final obstinacy in one's sins.

The First Pentecost in the Old Testament the Law was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the Second Pentecost which took place in the Upper Room on Mount Zion, the Church was born. They received the Holy Spirit who believed in Jesus Christ.

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# Government notifies amendments to Companies Act

**T**he Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014 has got assent from the Hon'ble President of India on 25th Day of May, 2015 and now the same has become THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015.

The government has notified amendments to the Companies Act, which makes it easier to do business and provides for stricter penalties for fraud cases.

The amendments, which were passed by Parliament earlier this month, have been made to the Companies Act, 2013, mainly to deal with board resolutions, utilisation of unclaimed dividends and setting-up of a firm among others as well as to bring the law in tune with the global standards.

The Act has removed threshold limit for minimum capital required for formation of private or public sector firm.

For setting-up a private company, new Act has done away with the norms of Rs 1 lakh minimum capital requirement and Rs 5 lakh in case of a public sector unit.

Besides, the concept of company seal has also been done away with.

"Provided that in case a company does not have a common seal, the authorisation...shall be made by two directors or by a director and the company Secretary, wherever the company has appointed a company Secretary," the notification said.

With regard to acceptance of deposits by the companies, in contravention with regulations, the new law said that if a firm fails to repay the deposit or any interest due thereon within the time specified, it will be "punishable with fine which shall not be less than Rs 1 crore but which may extend to Rs 10 crore" in addition to payment of deposits.

"...every officer of the company who is in default shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to seven years or with fine which shall not be less than Rs 25 lakh but which may extend to Rs 2 crore, or with both," said the notification.

In case of dividend, the amended Act said that no company will declare dividend unless "carried over previous losses and depreciation not provided in previous year or years are set off against profit of the company for the current year."

The unclaimed dividend will not be transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund.

With regard to trying fraud cases, the new norms said that all cases under the Companies Act cannot be tried by a special court and that only serious offences will go to such courts, while the others would be tried by normal magisterial court.



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## The Serra Club Of Bangalore Holds Its 8th AGM

The Serra Club of Bangalore that works for the fostering and promoting of vocations in the Catholic Church, held its 8th Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 21 May 2015, at Mount St. Alphonsus, Richards Town, Bangalore 560 084.

At the AGM the President presented the Annual Report which covered their work in the following areas:

**VOCATIONS :** A reaching out to the Youth through a large number of presentations done at schools and colleges, Altar Servers programmes and also the Annual Scripture Quiz that was held on 2nd August 2014 in collaboration with the Catholic Club.

**COMMUNICATIONS :** Spreading the good news. Newsletters covering the 17th Serra Asian Convention with reports on the Panel Discussion and Take-away messages were sent out to Bishops, Provincials, delegates, friends and Serrans in India and abroad. This year Serrans have begun work on the setting up of their Online Vocation Guide (OVG) and hope to launch it this year.

**NEW MEMBERS :** 5 new enthusiastic members joined during the year and are actively involved.

**PROGRAMMES FOR SERRANS' OWN SPIRITUALITY** such as Adoration Services, and Eucharistic celebrations for special Serran intentions are conducted regularly.

Col. Fredrick D'Sa was appointed the Election Officer, and the following were elected :

Jeanette D'Souza : President; John Rosario : Vice President; Anisha Lingham : Secretary; Brian D'Lima : Treasurer; Carol Beck, Evelyn Coutto, Priscilla D'Gama, Elfreda Lobo, Eric A. Rodrigues C.Ss.R., Members

The AGM concluded with the Vice President thanking all who attended and with a concluding prayer by our Chaplain.

—Evelyn Coutto  
Vice President, Communications  
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## Modi govt following UPA's worst policies: Activists

New Delhi, May 31, 2015: Activists and academics on Sunday came out strongly against the Narendra Modi government, accusing it of following the worst policies of the erstwhile Congress-led UPA government.

"The media has been giving a view that everything is fine and the economy is looking up which is not true," Jayati Ghosh, academic and professor of economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, said at an event here.

"There has been significant improvement in inflation, but it is the decline in prices of global crude prices which has done it and not the government," Ghosh said.

"This government is following the worst policies of the previous government."

Ghosh accused the government of functioning without a human face.

"They have reduced spending in all social sector schemes and there is going to be massive chaos in this sector soon," she said.

Noted lawyer and human rights activist Vrinda Grover said terms of citizenship were being altered very fast.

"In the last government, there was a rights-based approach which has now been done away with and something else is occupying centre-stage," she said.

"People who have served in Gujarat and owe individual loyalty are being brought in the central government," she claimed.

Activist and former journalist John Dayal said that though communalism had existed in India since long, in this regime, there was "arrogance" which was dangerous for the country.

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## Thanksgiving



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—Mrs Bernadine M. Castelino, Pune

# Inspiration!

## Help A Friend In Need

Sometimes there are people we know who are going through tough times. Letting them know that someone is there for them can make all the difference and help them get through

**W**e've all heard of it. Most of us will come into contact with it at some point in our lives. Depression is a very difficult serious disorder and miserable experience for someone to go through, and it's something that either you or someone you care about will have to deal with. However, it isn't just the victims who are impacted.

What about their friends? Victims of depression need steady, supportive friends to rely on in their times of need. If you're the friend of a depression victim and are confused and don't know what to do or how to help them best, then worry no longer:

### Acknowledge:

Tell the person suffering from depression that you've noticed that they seem down or depressed lately. (Unless they have already told you that they are suffering from depression.) If so, tell them that since you now know that they're sad that you want to help. This will be very re-assuring to them. Sometimes the depressed don't even feel like telling anyone because of the stigma associated with depression. Also, make them feel like they are needed. Talk to them when you are upset about something

### Find out why:

Did they have a bad break-up or did their parents get divorced? Or are they just simply mad or disappointed with life and the entire world? Ask them what you can do to help. Ask carefully and gently, and don't get upset if they're slow to tell you. Some people



take longer than others to talk. If they do tell you a list things you can do, then do them.

### Listen:

Although you may think that the last thing your friend wants to do is talk to you about depression, you could be wrong. Sometimes they just needs someone to talk to. Actively listen to them without judging or giving advice. Depression is an issue that people sometimes feel they must hide, in order to maintain their usual life. Because people see it as a weakness or a cry for attention they feel like not telling anyone.

### Try to understand:

Every person's story is different, and so it is impossible to completely understand. Depression is a very complex and complicated disease. So it

### Tips:

Every day, ask them about how their day has been. Do not forget about them. Always talk to them about normal day-to-day life, and it will give them a chance to open up to you.

Keep them talking: talking helps but give them ways to work out their problems privately too, don't force them to be dependent on you.

is ok for you not to understand where they are coming from. However, keeping an open mind and putting yourself in your friend's shoes can help you come closer to them.

### Be there:

Most importantly is to just be there for your friend. Be very genuine and don't lie to them. Don't tell them things and not truly mean it. Sometimes they can tell and this will hurt them greatly. This a time when they are their lowest point in life. Especially if they are a teen battling with depression.

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# Daughters of KHUDA

**C**ourage is often the steepest price one has to pay in life. It does not need credentials, nor a loud resume. Someone once said, in local dialect, it needs guts. The Kurdish teenager Zilan was 18 and she had guts. She was the colorful type of rural girl who dared to be different. She had read somewhere, it takes one to make a change.

Zilan's self-appointed assignment to let the world know that slaughter in the name of religion could only lead to sorrow and that could spill into anger. The Islamic State militants across the Middle East, North Africa region and elsewhere killed people with impunity. Zilan wanted to take the war to the enemy.

She had not told her friends about her personal vow not having felt the need to get them involved. They would have to fight as soldiers, not as individuals. But Zilan's four friends had come along with her up to the border on the Turkish-Syria line of control.

"Do whatever you must," said Torin, "Only come back alive."

"It's suicide going out there; we know you had done it a few times in the past," put in Nasiba, who seldom spoke. "What is out there?" she stammered.

The Kurdish girls fell silent, as dusk went down around them. The tall grass in patches swayed with the sudden sharp gusts of wind. On the other side of the darkening sky a patch of grey showed itself.

There were no proper dirt roads to be seen as the dark-ness wrapped itself across the rough shell-shattered skyline. The thick air was stale with the acrid odour of gun-powder. The besieged city of Kobani, Syria, sprawled out and faded into the wasteland ahead.

A changing mood of fear took a strangled-hold on the countryside and touched upon many areas of conflict with the fearsome growing power of the ISIS forces in the vicinity.

Zilan, having just completed eighteen, was tall, attractive, with a firm

body and pouting lips. She had displayed leadership traits, hidden in a velvet-smooth voice which most of the other teenaged Kurdish female soldiers admired. Among all the girls, Zilan had four close friends she could depend on, girls from the same rural village she had grown up in.

Gender-equality and the right to fight the ISIS on their own turf was every Kurdish female soldier's dream. The aim of the mission was not easy, they understood that an authoritarian system cannot change overnight.

Two years earlier the girls had come to this very spot. It was on this battered earth they had decided to meet the leader of the PKK (a Kurdish movement that had fought for independence from Turkey). Now, they fought to destroy the ISIS, an evil renegade army sweeping across the Arab domains, defacing and destroying the honor of Europeans and Americans who had long upheld "human rights" across the civilized world.

Scores of young Kurdish women were taking up arms, wanting change in the society they suffered under. Change from the demands of the male ego and male domination.

Zilan could remember the bitterness in her earlier impassioned voice when she had spoken to her friends two years ago.

"Come, my sisters, let us join the YPJ (Women's Protection Unit) and bring back the role of our culture and traditions in our society."

She turned to the four girls from her home village, adding, "Let us break away from male domination. Are you with me?"

'Yes. Yes.' They had cheered together.

For those girls the battle against ISIS had been justified.

In North Iraq the PKK's main base camp was fortified by nature's hills and wind-swept plains on Mount Qandil. It became the training camp for the all-female Kurdish soldiers who kept growing in numbers; young girls with the dream of freedom from the men who stormed their homes, raped



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and kidnaped their mothers, sisters, and friends to be their servants and sex-slaves.

On the other side of the camp were rows of white-stone graves of young women who fought and braved the odds. Those graves spoke a million silent words of courage and determination. Those women were a new generation of martyrs who had risked and lost their lives in the line of fire.

Dusk had suddenly vanished into the unwelcome open arms of the night. The girls were back to the present battered earth, the same spot they recalled so well encased in the vault of their memory.

The bold Zilan stood tall above her friends, not in her normal battle-dress of green, but in a salwar-suit, torn, dirty and discolored. This was the dress the enemy liked subservient women to wear. It would help her to mingle in their midst, among local 'comfort' girls and foreign women.

Tonight the full moon broke free of its encircling dark storm clouds. It was a symbolic sign for Zilan, she, too would find a free passage out of the swamp of sin, lust and barbarism. Her YPJ soldiers would rejoice, and this battle would wash away the ISIS forever.

Zilan turned to embrace her friends; the girls had risked their lives in coming to reach her to the demarcation area. It would be the last time they saw her, thought Zilan.

"Go back to the camp, say nothing to the others."

"When will you return?" put in Rojin, as she held back her tears. The others knew that Zilan might be too over-confident in whatever she had planned. She was, after all like an elder sister to them. Often, at other times, the girls had wanted to put their lives at stake. But Zilan was always there to discourage them.

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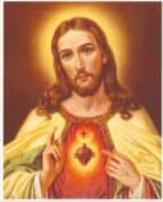
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## Church Urged To Adopt References To God As Female

London — Support is growing within the Church of England to rewrite its official liturgies to refer to God as female following the selection of the first women bishops.



Rev Libby Lane is formally installed as the Church of England's first female bishop

Growing numbers of priests already insert words such as “she” and “mother” informally into traditional service texts to try to make the language of worship more inclusive, it has been claimed.

But calls for a full overhaul of liturgy have already been discussed informally at a senior level.

It comes after the Transformations Steering Group, a body that meets in Lambeth Palace to examine the impact of women in ministry on the Church of England, issued a public call to the bishops to encourage more “expansive language and imagery about God”.

Hilary Cotton, chairman of Women and the Church, the group that led the campaign for female bishops, said a shift away from the traditional patriarchal language of the Book of Common Prayer is at an advanced stage in some quarters, The New Indian Express reported.

“The reality is in many churches up and down the country something more than the almost default male language about God is already used,” she said.

“The response you often get at one end is, ‘Why does it matter, because God is beyond all this?’ At the other end the reaction is: ‘You mustn’t, because Jesus calls God father.’”

Mrs Cotton said that while congregations were experimenting with terminology, it was time for the issue to be considered by the Liturgical Commission, the body which drafts official service books.

“Until we shift considerably towards a more gender-ful expression in our worship about God then we are failing God and missing something,” she said.

Her comments came after a discussion at the Westminster Faith Debates on whether consecration of women as bishops will change the Church of England.

The Church of England’s worship already includes some references to God as female, many of them centuries old.

Canticle 82, the song of Anselm, the 11th century Archbishop of Canterbury, likens Jesus to a mother, and number 86, attributed to Julian of Norwich, speaks of God as “our mother in all things”.

“That gives an indication that the Church of England hasn’t set its face against this in any way, and there is recognition from

the Church of England that men and women are made in the image of God and therefore it is entirely appropriate to express our worship toward God as a female presence,” said Mrs Cotton.

“There is a thin thread of this throughout history but having women bishops makes it particularly obvious that to continue to refer to God purely as male is just unhelpful to many people now.”

A Lambeth Palace spokesman emphasised that the steering group is independent of the Archbishop of Canterbury and any change in liturgy would have to be approved by the General Synod.

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