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Any country's AI therefore largely exists within its huge, domestically owned commercial digital/data systems. In the U.S. it is with Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft — and in China with Baidu, Alibaba and Tencent. India has no such large domestically owned commercial data systems.

# With Freedom comes responsibility...



**Dr. A. F. Pinto**

**“The secret of happiness is freedom, and the secret of freedom, courage.”** This quote of Thucydides, a Greek Historian is so fitting, as we are on the threshold of 72nd Independence Day celebration of our country. On this day, we remember the heroic stories of courage and struggle for freedom; selfless and unrelenting efforts of our freedom fighters in attaining the freedom that we enjoy today. They sacrificed their lives that we may have freedom and happiness. The struggle for freedom was painfully long, tedious and required sacrifices on the part of many freedom fighters, who even gave up their luxurious life for the cause of freedom. During this Independence Day, let us proudly salute them and pay our tribute and homage to these legends of our country. It is their sacrifice that has brought us a long way on the path of progress and development. India's rich history urges us to continue to march ahead with head held high towards advancement and progress.

While on one hand it gives us a patriotic feeling when we fondly remember our revolutionaries and their tremendous courage, on the other hand it is equally important to understand that patriotism is also being a responsible citizen with courage, commitment and a sense of belonging to the

nation. In this context, Ronald Reagan the 40th US President has aptly said, **“With Freedom comes responsibility, a responsibility that can only be met by the individual.”** True freedom demands complete responsibility. In other words, freedom without responsibility will only lead to anarchism; it is no freedom at all. A truly free person will robe himself/herself in patriotism that seeks the well being and prosperity of his/her fellow citizens and of the country at large.

Looking back on the years since our first independence day, India has certainly come a long way witnessing drastic changes and progress such as improvement in the economy, an increase in the rate of literacy, a tremendous growth in the fields of business, construction, agriculture, energy, medicine, transportation, communication, information technology, education and so forth. India is a fertile land today where we can reap a rich harvest of peace and prosperity. Our country is poised to become a leading nation of the world. This is possible only if we understand that freedom is not a privilege but a responsibility to make our society a better place for ourselves and for others around us.

The spirit of patriotism that is rooted in freedom and responsibility needs to be revitalized and rekindled among the citizens. The fire of 'Patriotism' and love for our Nation has to be kept alive amongst the present generation just as the lives of our freedom fighters reflected these very sentiments. It is high time that we come forward boldly and say, “I want to do something for the country in my own little way.”

India has been blessed with more than 50% of its population below the age of 25. We are the youngest country in the world. Statistics show that 300 million children are enrolled in the school and colleges. In this

light, educational institutions are the ready hubs where young minds are moulded and groomed. It is here that the seed of true patriotism needs to be sown among our youngsters as they are the ones who will hold the future of our country secure. They are full of energy and are willingly learners to contribute to nation building. Let our youngsters know that along with respect and honour for our freedom heroes, patriotism also means ensuring cleanliness, promotion of hygiene and sanitation, garbage management (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle), conservation of water, fuel and electricity; also taking care of public properties, pollution control, giving back to society through acts of service, skill management and undertaking eco-friendly activities are all a part of being a patriotic person. India is indeed a precious gift to us and it is only we as individuals who can make it a land of peace, harmony and a superpower in the years to come. To let this happen, Mahatma Gandhi urges us, **“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”**

On this Independence Day, as patriotic and responsible citizens, let us pledge for Green India, **Clean India, Beautiful and Prosperous India!** Wish you a very happy Independence Day! Jai Hind!

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## 'Thought for the week'

*It just requires us to make our mind bold and we can sail through every storm.*

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# Lynching – What Kind of Rule of Law Is This?

*By Don Aguiar*

**Congress leader** Shashi Tharoor has said that it is safer 'to be a cow than a Muslim' at many places in India. The remark came days after 32 years Akbar Khan was lynched by a mob in Rajasthan's Alwar district on suspicion of cow smuggling.

Akbar was a milkman, not a smuggler. He reared two cows with much love and even stayed hungry at times to buy fodder. He would never have thought of dying with such shame.

Akbar sold milk to earn a living and was off to Alwar to buy cattle. He managed to buy two cows with all the money he had but could not afford a tempo so chose to walk back. He had called his family before starting back and happily told them that they would have four cows and soon their fate will change. He would have new earnings with the profit of selling more milk but when he was just 10 km away from his house, he was attacked by a group of cow vigilantes. They killed Akbar thinking that they have saved two cows but orphaned seven children.

BJP MLA from Telengana, T Raja Singh Lodh on Sunday, 22 July, posted a video on Facebook stating that the "war for gau raksha" (cow protection) and incident of lynchings will not stop till the time cow receives the status of "Rashtra Mata" (Mother of the Nation). Singh further added, "This war of protecting cows will not stop even if the gau rakshaks are put in jails or are fired at."

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Indresh Kumar on Monday 23 July, courted controversy when he claimed that lynching across India would cease if people stopped eating beef. He said cow slaughter was banned across religions like Islam and Christianity.

*Jesus was born in a cowshed. That is why they call it "holy cow". Cow slaughter is banned in Mecca and Medina. We should make it a resolution to rid humanity of this sin. If humanity gets rid of this sin, the society will get rid of this problem (lynching) and added "Mob lynchings are condemnable, but cow slaughter is a sin across religions,"*

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People took to Twitter to slam these comments, with a few pointing out that lynchings should have been rampant in the northeast and states like Kerala where beef is not banned, but they're not.

People getting killed by lynch mobs is a complete failure of the principle of rule of law and the independent judiciary is essential to protect the Constitution and the rule of law.

When we see day in and day out, mobs lynching people, it's a complete failure of rule of law. If a mob can take the law into its hands and administer summary justice, what kind of rule of law is this?

If somebody has committed an offence, law requires that he should be prosecuted. Even the first of our enemies, even Kasab (Ajmal Kasab) the murderer who came to kill innocent people got a fair trial right up to the SuSupreme Court. His mercy petition was considered and we all know the Supreme Court assembled at midnight to see if any injustice or infirmity has been committed. Why? Because we believe in the rule of law.

We could have left him on the streets of Mumbai to be killed by a mob but it would have been a negation of the rule of law. And if that were to have happened our heads would have hung in shame before the civilized world.

The lynchings have continued in India even as the issue is being widely debated in courts and in the ongoing monsoon session of the Parliament.

Is it such open season on anyone today that the BJP MLA and RSS leader, without the courtesy of seeking clarification from anyone, feels free to hold a press conference brandishing falsehoods, and creating fear in the minority community in this cavalier manner?

If they would had done even a bit of fact checking, they would have found that the cows were brought for milking and not for slaughter but unfortunately with the government promotion of their own right wing ideology as well as for their vote bank purpose the inclusive vision of India, with a shared goal of justice and development for all, an India of equality and equal citizenship, an India in which murderers and lynchers are not garlanded by Harvard-educated ministers is all BUT forgotton in order to meet their means.

Many of us know of how increasingly fearful some of India's weakest citizens feel today. Of the enormous damage the government has done to freedom and democracy in India. It has silenced speech, attacked academic institutions, slapped sedition charges on free-thinking students, failed to stop violence against women, curbed the movement of humble cattle traders, and promoted and encouraged the most unspeakable kind of violence against its own citizens – mostly Muslims, Christians and Dalits, and now people from nomadic and denotified tribes (recently in Dhule, Maharashtra). This regime has unleashed the drug-filled high of mobocracy on all Indians. And I for one look forward to any politician or policy maker, to talk about these concerns and make the government of the day realize that their silence has only encouraged and strengthen mobocracy.

## Rani Hong: Slave to Activist!

The tentacles of 'human trafficking' has stretched across the globe: 21 million are victims of forced labor and sexual exploitation, of which 60% are women and children. It generates \$32 billion annually.

Rani Hong is a survivor of child trafficking. She was seven years when forcibly taken from her home in Kerala. Now she is devoting her life, from 'slave to activist'! She was awarded India's Woman of the Year 2018! She was interviewed on 30 July 2018, by the National Catholic Register; marking the fifth annual World Day against Human Trafficking!

"There was no choice. As a child I did not understand what was going on. ... I was beaten, starved and tortured, to get me to submit to the antics of my owner. ... Now, it is my responsibility to stand up and represent the voiceless and the powerless."

Rani initiated Rani's Voice, to provide economic means for helpless victims. She has also co-founded the Tronie Foundation, a U.N. accredited organization to end human trafficking and slavery; as well as Freedom Seal, a global social compliance program that verifies companies operating ethically.

The Vatican's DicasteryFor Integral Human Development, also combats these predators, through the Community of Sant'Egidio, which facilitates the legal entry of migrants and refugees. Besides, Pope Francis has instituted the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking on February 08 (feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita). He exhorted:

"Hear the cry of our many sisters and brothers who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise; but with a dignity, made in God's image" (Genesis 1:27).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,  
Ashburn, Virginia, USA.

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## Mother Teresa's Birthday

There's a 'forward' going around, purportedly put out by Sister M Prema, the present Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity, requesting Clergy, Religious and Lay people to join the MCs "in a Novena Prayer to God through the intercession of St Teresa of Calcutta" ostensibly in preparation for the Saint's birthday, 26 August.

If the contents of the forward in question are true, the said Superior General is making a huge mistake. **She seems to forget two very important facts concerning the commemoration of saints. Firstly, 26 August is merely the earthly birthday of Mother Teresa. The day of her death on earth, 5 September, is the day allotted by the Church for her Feast, that day being her rebirth into Heaven. Secondly, the only other person to have been given the privilege of the celebration of his birthday on earth—apart from the Lord Jesus Christ—is Saint John the Baptist, the Precursor of the Lord.** How can Sister Prema overlook this?"

—Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

## Church presence in public life?

I read the List of leaders who paid homage to Kalaignar Karunanidhi at Rajaji Hall on Wednesday 8th August.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Congress President Rahul Gandhi, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi

Vijayan and Governor Justice (Retd) Sadhasivam, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, Chief Minister of Telangana Chandrashekhar Rao, Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy, former Karnataka CM Veerappa Moily, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu.

I wonder, why not a Cardinal or atleast the Archbishop of Chennai figure in the list? None visited or they were not considered as dignitaries? It raises the question: whither Church presence in public life?

—Fr. Michael G.,  
Vasai (N) Dist. Palghar

## Saving the girl child.....

**Women being raped 'left, right and centre': SC expresses concern after Bihar shelter home rapes,** screamed the headlines of newspapers. A desperate cry, coming from the highest court in the land in Isn't this enough for alarm bells to ring ?

The reports say, that a bench comprising Justices M B Lokur, Deepak Gupta and K M Joseph pulled up the Bihar government for funding an NGO which ran the shelter home in Muzaffarpur where girls were allegedly raped and sexually abused. This is the situation across the country. Rapes continue to happen all across the country, whether it in a shelter home or in the streets.

Recently, when the alleged scam of selling children of unwed mothers, involving the Homes run by the Missionaries of Charity (MC) came to

light, the central government ordered all child care homes run by the Missionaries of Charity to be inspected. The MC sisters have offered their full cooperation to the authorities. **On the other hand however, it has been reported that when the Supreme Court having taken note of the seriousness of the sexual abuses in the shelter home in Bihar, called for audit for all children's homes across the country, the agency appointed for carrying out this task has been denied access in nine states, which includes the very state of Bihar where the recent crimes have been exposed in the media.**

India can now well earn the reputation of being called the rape capital of the world. We talk about saving the girl child but that largely remains only on paper. The "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" campaign of the Government of India that aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services seems to have failed. In view of the grim situation the country is facing today, serious action is called for. Whoever is involved in sexual abuses of women and children should be brought to book, in fact, harsh punishment is called for, in order to stem the rot.

—Melville X. D'Souza  
- Orlem, Malad West

## St. John Vianney--a model for priests.

The feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests is celebrated every year in the Catholic church on August 4. Also known as Cure d'Arns, John Vianney was famous for sitting in the confessional for 16-18 hours a day, endearing himself to the people and winning the hearts of the thousands who queued up for confession and left the confessional transformed to a new life of holiness. Unfortunately what is witnessed today is a turn-

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around from the past, with priests unwilling to hear confessions even to the extent of dissuading penitents from frequenting the sacrament of reconciliation. This is why Pope Francis often castigated the priests during his homilies for turning the confessional into “a torture chamber of threats and condemnation, instead of an encounter with the Lord’s mercy”. The recent scandals in Kerala testify to the rot that has set into the divinely-ordained sacrament of reconciliation. While the church is quick to cover up such atrocities by the clergy, it is often the laity that takes upon the responsibility of reminding the priests that in the role of ‘persona Christi’ he is obliged to look upon penitents with the eyes of Christ’s mercy and compassion. It is hoped that our priests emulate the example of St John Vianney to live for others and restore the lost dignity of the priesthood. .

— A. F. Nazareth,  
Alto Porvorim, Goa

## Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony



O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may 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 Piadad de souza

# Medicines For All

I suffer from gastro-intestinal problems for which the doctor has prescribed some tablets. Each capsule contains 2 generic drugs viz. Rabeprazole 20 mg and Domperidone 30 mg. A strip of 10 capsules costs Rs 120. The price varies slightly across different brands.

Recently a Jan Aushadi Store (JAS) selling generic medicines, was started in my neighbourhood at Liberty Gardens, Malad. I visited the store and found people giving strips of medicines to the pharmacist who gave them the equivalent in generic medicines. I too gave my strip of capsules to the pharmacist. He looked at it and then gave me a strip of 10 capsules having the same potency viz Rabesprazole 20mg and Domperidone 30mg. And the cost, just Rs 14 for a strip of 10 capsules! These medicines are packaged and labelled just like other medicines and sell under the Jan Aushidi brand.

Generic medicines contain the 'active ingredients' in tablets and other medicines that we normally consume. They are very cheap. However pharmaceutical firms 'garnished' them with additives which have little or no therapeutic value and then sell the medicines under their brand name, hiking the price several times over. Thus a strip of tablets which we purchase for say Rs 100 may actually cost just Rs 10-12.

The pharmaceutical industry has grown by leaps and bounds. From a mere Rs.1500 crores in 1980 to more than Rs.1,19,000 crores by 2012, it's growth has been phenomenal. Medical stores keep popping up in every nook and corner. In my street stretching 200 metres, over ten medical stores are doing brisk business. The fact that online medical stores offer huge discounts up to 30% gives one an idea of the profits being made by the stores and the pharmaceutical industry. Hence the govt has now decided to step in to give relief to the masses.

The first Jan Aushidi Store was opened in 2008 but didn't take off for several reasons, including very low



profit margins for the stores and non availability of standardized and reliable generic medicines corresponding to branded medicines, people generally need. The Govt of India has now taken care of these issues and is making a big push to popularise generic medicines which are very affordable and a boon for the masses. To ensure quality, medicines are procured from Good Manufacturing Practice suppliers. Each batch of drugs procured is tested by accredited laboratories thereby ensuring quality, safety and efficacy of medicines and conformance with required standards.

The govt offers several concessions and incentives for those who wish to open such JAS stores. These concessions are available to charitable organizations, NGOs and even individuals. The only requirement being that it must be staffed by a qualified pharmacist. Although presently there are only a few such stores operating, many such stores are set to open all over the country. In Goa while only one such store is operational in Margao, over 30 such Jan Aushidi stores are set to open.

Catholic charitable hospitals can render great service to the masses and humanity, by setting up such stores on their premises.

—Prof Robert Castellino  
Mumbai

# Progression Of Processions

**T**he kanwaris are in the news, for all the wrong reasons – for smashing vehicles, including a police van, stopping traffic and causing mayhem on the roads. The police in U.P., where the vast majority of kanwaris are to be found, are helpless spectators, with senior officials showering rose petals from helicopters on the “pilgrims”.

Soon after assuming office last year U.P. Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath, had directed police stations along the various kanwaris routes to extend all hospitality to them. The previous Govt of Akhilesh Yadav, to the contrary, had banned the use of DJs used by the kanwaris, because of the threat to law and order.

There seems to have been a “Pilgrim’s Progress” very different from John Bunyan’s novel of 1678, about an allegorical journey of Christians to attain salvation. All major religions have some form of pilgrimage, be it a kanwaris yatra, a Kumbh Mela, a Haj to Mecca, or for Christians a trip to the Holy Land in Palestine/ Israel. But there seems to have been a regression, rather than progress in the manner that these “pilgrimages” are organised.

Our ancestral house in Kanpur was situated at the junction of the Mall Road and the Canal Road, Noronha Crossing, named after my family. The Canal Road was alongside the Lower Ganges Canal that originated in Haridwar, and rejoined the Ganga at Kanpur. As children, 60 years ago, we heard the chants of “Bam Bole”, the holy cry of the kanwaris. They were usually bare footed. The kanwar was a split bamboo pole that bobbed with their strides. There were containers at both ends, one for personal effects, and the other for carrying the holy water. The kanwars were decorated with radiant peacock feathers. With pilgrim’s progress they started wearing

white keds, and some took to cycling.

From images of today’s kanwaris we find that they seem to be rushing or racing, hurtling on motorcycles, without helmets and often three at a time. The DJ music blaring from truck mounted loudspeakers is anything but devotional. Ironically, these pilgrims are devotees of Lord Shiva, who is also addressed as “Bhole”, the simple one! But these modern day pilgrims are anything but simple.

Earlier, in Kanpur, the Durga Pujas were limited to the Bengali communi-



by **chhotebhai** \*

ty, the biggest one being organised right in front of our house. Today there may be hundreds, if not thousands of Durga pandals, with idols made of plaster of paris and painted with lead and chrome heavy metals that pollute the sacred river. It is ditto for the Ganpathy festival that was earlier a Maharashtran devotion. Now every mohalla competes with the other to be more raucous, with coloured powder strewn across the roads, and causing traffic jams.

Some popular devotions have little or no scriptural basis. Santoshi Mata was popularised after the 1975 movie “Jai Santoshi Maa”. A Shankaracharya recently objected to the Sai Baba devotions, as they are not Hindu.

Come Moharram, we have over one lakh paikis racing on the roads. They are armed with chains, bells and swords, a terrifying sight. The police cordon off the roads, to ensure that the paikis stick to the beaten path.

Among Catholics there is the Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) procession. Though the feast is in June the procession is taken out at the end of November. Most Catholics don’t know its origin or significance. In 2016 there was a horrific rail accident about 50 kms from Kanpur. There were 100 corpses (bodies) and several more injured admitted to the city hospitals. I appealed for blood donors. Among others, one Catholic priest came forward. However, my appeal to the priests to call off the procession in the circumstances fell on deaf ears.

I find such pilgrim’s progress abominable, whichever religion it be. Swami Agnivesh (the same one beaten up recently in Jharkhand by saffron brigade goons) had once said, “We need more of spirituality and less of religiosity”, the type exhibited on our roads today. This is a ticking time bomb, leaving all of us on a short fuse. It is time then for all forms of religious processions to be banned on public thoroughfares.

*\* The writer is the President of the Kanpur Catholic Association.*

## Thanksgiving



I was suffering from back pain. I prayed to St. Mother Teresa. Now I am Completely healed. Thanks to St. Mother Teresa.

**From: Felix  
St. Mother Teresa Church.  
Virar (W)**

# WHETHER INDIA WILL BE A AI SUPER POWER OR JUST A CLIENT NATION RULED BY CORRUPT POLITICIANS?

by Eric D'Sa

I am like many Indians both fascinated by AI and at the same time worried about the adverse effect it will have on already precarious job situation in India. However it is time to realise that AI is changing the world and our human civilisation like fire, printing, electricity and internet did in the past. Stephan Hawking who I greatly respect feared that AI could end humanity. Hence we humans are facing something we have been never exposed to until now. Yet we in India seem to be somehow unconcerned about what is happening in this sector and hoping it will not effect us. The time seems to be running out for India to get its policy frame work right. Intelligent systems typically tend to centralise and monopolise control. Sensing that an AI economy will radically concentrate income and wealth, many global digital industry leaders have called for assured basic income for all. Globally, just one or two concentrations of AI power may rule the world. Currently, these are in the U.S. and China.

So far we have been worried about Robots taking over simple routine re-

petitive monotonous jobs, which are drags for humans to do and hence may be done more efficiently by the robots. Though they would eliminate a lot of routine and may be dangerous factory jobs and increase unemployment among the semiliterate, as the robots would bring in economics of scale, the change is not considered threatening. Even these robots are generally being imported into the country. However, with the combining of AI with the robots, machines are becoming more human like. Inside Open AI, the San Francisco artificial

exists within its huge, domestically owned commercial digital/data systems. In the U.S. it is with Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft — and in China with Baidu, Alibaba and Tencent.

India has no such large domestically owned commercial data systems. And any chance that these could develop is being nipped by GOI allowing takeovers like of Flipkart by Walmart. Soon, Walmart and Amazon will own between them perhaps the most significant set of India's consumer-behavioural and other economic data, over which they will develop various kinds of AI. In time, such AI will allow them to control practically everything, and every actor, along various economic value chains linked to consumer goods. As a matter of fact most probably Google and Facebook ( What's App ), may be having a lot of data about their Indian clients.

Beyond economic dominance, AI is as much about cultural, political and military power. Russian President Vladimir Putin claims that whoever rules AI will rule the world. A non-AI military against an AI-powered one will be like a hapless infantry unit facing an armoured division. And where does a military get its AI from? Google and Microsoft are partnering with U.S. military on AI applications, and the China's companies even more closely with its military. Who will help India build its AI for military and other security/strategic purposes? No one seems to have a clue. Confusion is caused by many Indian IT industry leaders conveying the erroneous message that India is doing well with AI. The problem is that they are jostling for crumbs of IT/digital business, when Indian policy makers should be aiming at the highest levels of new value chains that AI will create in every

## YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

intelligent lab founded by Elton Musk and several other Silicon Valley investors, you will find a robotic hand called Dactyl with four autonomous fingers and thumb, that can almost do anything your own flesh blood and bone hand can do. Soon they are expected to have the sense of touch. Robots are being built that learn from repeated trial and errors. Once it learns what works in a simulation, it can apply this knowledge to the real world. This will be a remarkable success story.

Where does India stand in the AI race? Nowhere. And it is fast squandering its great advantages of high IT capabilities and a big domestic market required for data harvesting. Unlike most industrial technologies, AI does not develop in laboratories and then get applied by businesses. AI develops within business processes, as data are mined from digital platforms, and turned into intelligence, which is ploughed back to produce more data and intelligence, in infinite loops. Any country's AI therefore largely

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sector. It is mastery over the systemic cores of AI where the real national advantage lies.

The digital/AI industry works in huge ecosystems with global digital corporations at the centre, and various start-ups and specific digital/AI applications at the peripheries. Amazon and Google both push their cloud services to try to become the default machine learning platforms, which they open source to fence in the largest number of clients and followers possible. They further network selectively to aggrandise digital and AI power. For instance, Google with Walmart and China's JD.com to counter Amazon and Alibaba's e-commerce might, and Baidu with Microsoft is trying to develop an autonomous driving platform. Start-ups everywhere, including in India, are mostly vying to find a place in such huge global ecosystems, anchored either in the U.S. or China. These are generally being bought out by the above ecosystems.

All the wonderful AI applications that we read about, which the Niti Aayog's new AI strategy is also replete with — whether of increased agriculture output, precision medicine or tailored learning — are basically shop-windows of global digital/AI corporations. It is just like they allured us with all the unbelievable Internet and mobile applications, provided for 'free'. These AI applications may give us spectacular one-off benefits here and there, but gathering further data from each new instance, it is the AI engine owned by a Google or Microsoft that becomes ever more intelligent about India's problems and solutions. They stand to build an epochal fortune around these quickly-scaling AI engines. A big nation like India cannot derive satisfaction from rapidly becoming a client country for AI, whether as ready users of AI applications in different areas, or by offering out-sourced R&D for global digital/AI corporations, through start-ups existentially eager to be bought out. What really counts is whether India owns the centres of systemic AI that comes from control-

ling huge commercial data ecosystems. In this regard, India's ambition to be an AI superpower is, frankly, sinking fast.

Technologies should flow freely across the globe, and we must welcome global technology companies to help India's digital development. But while technology is global, data are essentially local. Even with all the overlaps, there are some basic differences between core technology businesses and data-driven businesses. Data-based sectoral platforms, like in e-commerce, urban transport, agriculture, health, education, etc., should largely be domestic. India has a right to provide such domestic protection through policy, especially if India begins to treat its collective social/economic data as a strategic national asset, as our mineral resources are. Such policy protection alone will ensure that we have large-scale data-driven Indian companies able to develop the highest AI in every sector, by employing huge Indian data to solve equally huge Indian problems. Once enough AI proficiency and strength has been developed domestically, it should then be used to go global.

There is no other route to becoming an AI superpower. With its highest IT as well as entrepreneurial/managerial competence, and a huge domestic market, India is among extremely few countries that can make it. But the time is running out fast. Will our Indian politicians for a change, stop looking at the past and look at the future.

A poll of British consumers conducted by software firm OpenText found that one in four Brits think robots would do a better job than humans as politicians. Years ago, 'The Muppet Show' ran a segment mocking politicians for their stereotypical robotic behaviour. Last April a robot was nominated to run to be Tokyo's mayor, promising fair and balanced representation. In a world where reality is sometimes more bizarre than an episode in our Bollywood films, what if we replaced our current politicians with algorithms based robotic politicians. At least they could get the opinions of their constituents through their smart phones and

## Union of Altar Servers!

On 31 July 2018, Pope Francis met with more than 60,000 youth, ages 13-23, during the 12th international pilgrimage of altar boys and girls, conducted by the International Union of Alter Servers. The theme: "Seek peace and pursue it" (Romans 14:19). Some excerpts:

"Everybody is called to pursue sainthood, through living the 'Works of Mercy'; although it is not for the weak of heart – This way of holiness, I repeat, is not for the lazy! To learn the 'Works of Mercy', it is not necessary to go to University or to obtain a degree. It is rather, to encounter Jesus in prayer, at Mass, through Scripture, in Eucharistic Adoration, in the poor, and meeting the needs of our neighbor, by living the love of Christ!"

"In this way, you will also help others to see how beautiful the community of believers is, because the Lord dwells in its midst. So, I encourage you to be friends with everybody, with 'no strings attached'; in order to be a 'ray of Jesus', Who gave without expecting anything in return."

"As your theme aims – Peace is a gift from the Lord. We are sent forth with the words, 'Go in Peace'! Concrete commitment to peace is proof that we are truly Christ's disciples. But peace begins with small things; and if we really put peace into practice, we will bring Christ's peace into our everyday lives. Let us imitate the saints, especially St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose feast day is today; and do everything 'For the Greater Glory of God'!" (cf. John 17:5;24).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,  
Ashburn, Virginia, USA.

take decisions. In a period where trust in Indian politicians is low and government efficiency is questionable, you the Citizens will have to decide, whether we the people might we be better off with robotic politicians?

# Jazz Singer Loretta Holloway to perform in Mumbai

The Jazz scene is jazzing up in India and yet another exciting concert is lined up for all Jazz lovers to witness pure jazz at its very best. **Jus Jazz 2018** presents "**An Evening with Loretta Holloway**".

The show is scheduled on Tuesday 21st August at the Royal Opera House, Charni Road, at 7.30 pm. Jus Jazz 2018 is presented by Vh1 and Jazz Addicts LLP comprising of Pradip Bhatia and Apurva Agarwal.

The name Loretta Holloway has become synonymous with warm elegance and sophisticated charm. From the moment she enters the stage, you know that Loretta Holloway means business. Critics around the world have described her as "mesmerizing and captivating. Bill Willard of Variety Magazine" writes "Holloway is a spellbinder. A singing actress," Jerry Fink, of the Las Vegas Sun, says she is "a consummate performer". Michael Paskevich also of the Las Vegas Review Journal dubbed Holloway "quintessential cabaret chanteuse", and the Chicago Sun Times voted her "Best Jazz Singer City in Chicago".



Holloway, officially proclaimed in 2011 as "South Carolina's First Lady of Song" has been a familiar face in the showrooms of Las Vegas and Atlantic City, where she opened for headliners Bill Cosby, Jay Leno, Whoopi Goldberg, Don Rickles, Rich Little, Gary Shandling and Jerry Lewis. Loretta made two national appearances on the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

## Music Concert

Her travels abroad have taken Holloway to Australia where she was presented to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in a Royal Command Performance. Her tours in to Shanghai, China (2010) and Bangkok, Thailand (2011), Egypt, Japan and Russia were successful. Boxing fans have seen Loretta in major arenas singing the National Anthem for champions Larry Holmes, Mike Tyson and Oscar De La Hoya.

Holloway is no stranger to the theatrical stage, having starred in the New York off-Broadway production of 'Mama I Want to Sing II'. Loretta's movie credits include, 'Pure Country', with George Strait, and 'Elvis and Me'. She also sang the sound track for the

United Artist movie release of 'Black Jack'. Watch for Holloway's cameo appearance in the upcoming movie 'Clipped Wing's, They Do Fly' written and produced by William Michael Barbee. The movie deals with understanding and dispelling the stigmas of multiple personalities and schizophrenia.

Holloway was voted "**Jazz Artist of the Year**" for 2015 by the South Carolina Music Awards and other honors include Holloway as One of "25 Notable African Americans from South Carolina, 2013," and the Anderson County Council proclaimed Holloway in 2011 "As an Anderson County Treasure."

She was "Honored in 2007 as one of "South Carolina's Women of Substance." Mayor Sharpe James presented her with the Keys to the City of Newark, New Jersey. Holloway lends her talents to various charitable organizations, including the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Upstate, South Carolina's Hospice of the Upstate, Compass of the Carolinas, World AIDs Day, and Las Vegas AIDs awareness programs, AFAN and Golden Rainbow.

Holloway's recordings include her debut CD 'Loretta Holloway...Quietly, Ordinary People' and 'Kisses in the Dark'.

Here's to another fantastic evening of Jazz, do make it a point to be there for a most memorable evening.

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— David Vaz

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# Independence viewed 71 years later

- Ivan Saldanha-Shet.M'luru.

**K**onkani Mangaloreans of old Bombay, and now Mumbai are a national force to reckon with, they have never been found backward by any account in the struggle for freedom and continued Indian development. India from August 15, 1947, now marks 71 years of Independence from alien rule. Indeed the oppression faced as virtual slaves and bonded men of a white race is hardly remembered. But, do we presently find our selves cornered in to another type of oppression,slavery and dependence - you know better? Rulers, chosen by us, as we are forced to believe, through electronic machines how is rule of our Nation of 120 crores with colossal multi dimensional resources and assets? How does it feel to be enslaved and deprived by the corrupt who are looting the Country and what revolution will correct matters? When and how is everybody's question?

We have been 'Independent' for 7 decades now, a general election to parliament is looming ahead in 2019.... many are seeing democracy in serious jeopardy. The perceptions stem from phenomena of general apathy and weakness, fuelled by fear and individuality, indifference and self



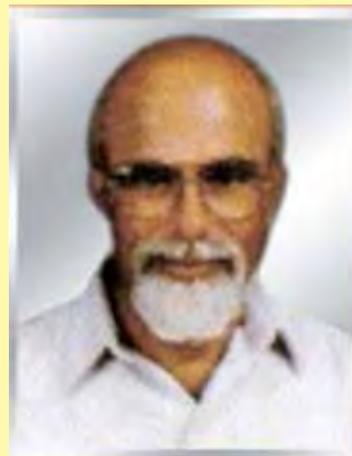
pendence of India now 70 plus years old be rescued and saved or is it going to be allowed to be doomed for good.

**Change, law of life :** Many youngsters of the 50s and 60s had Gandhiji, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel and so on their ideals inspired by their commitment and integrity.

centered occupation, ignited by pre-occupations imposed by technology, manipulated and precipitated by multi factors, and all active population of India. Also, there is the role of the inactive lamenting behind the scenes. The contribution and support to corruption, existing at all levels and every where is beyond imagination; and consciously dumped integrity and immorality . So, where in hell is all this talk of development, crores of rupees crushing the reality and sense of millions of Indians hurtling down a

In more recent times, when tales of corruption and gross untruth are public knowledge, India seeks to find new heroes. Many have worship the coloured celluloid images of film celebrities and so on. India is going the

way of the West where 'me' has displaced 'us'. We are out and out only involved in personal pursuits rather than looking at the betterment of the society. Hoarding, materialism, black money and misuse of power is the mantra of all, as the yantra! So only such qualities are looked up to and nurtured every where. Any one who fills this criteria is a hero! Our celebrities who flaunt pseudo power, ill gotten

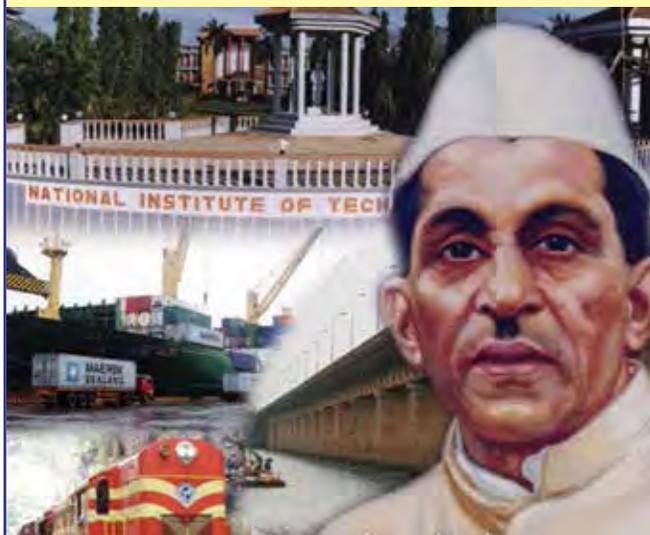


Fr. Jerome D'Souza sj

wealth, material fame, false status, are today the icons that one admires, emulates and elects. The struggle for Independence had created a respect for integrity and courage; they had faced tough times together, they had a collective goal reaching out to others in the process. The absence of collective goal or agenda - selfishness rules.

**Kanara before 1947 :** In 1906 the father of Indian independence strug-

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precipice of doom in a calculated and uncontrolled manner a death sentence if not arrested without delay. The struggle of good and people of integrity of the 1930s and 40s is just being made a waste product and wasted effort, to also kill the present and future generations - Will the Inde-

# The 10 types of friends you need in life

**FRIENDS COME IN** all kinds of types, some friends you've known for years, while others are new buddies. Whoever they are and however often you spend time with them, they all bring something different to your life. Each one knows something you don't and can teach you something new. Being open to establishing the many types of friendships will benefit your emotional and psychological health! Therefore as you will be celebrating 'Friendship Day' in a traditional manner today, meeting your friends and exchanging friendship bands, do notice if your friend list comprises of the types of friends we are writing about today as these folks help you carve a better life



**F**riends make you happy, healthy, and they'll be there for you when the rain starts to pour. But do you know that to up your chances of living a long, happy life, having a bunch of fair weather buddies won't do the trick. You need a diverse, well-rounded entourage that will stick with you through thick and thin. The following 10 types of friends are just what you need to keep the doctor away!

## **A polar opposite:**

If you only develop friendships with others who follow the same beliefs, customs and values as you do, chances are you're somewhat detached from the rest of the world and you're more likely to perpetuate stereotypes on anyone who holds a different world view from you. Instead of constantly surrounding yourself with like-minded people, try to break out of your comfort zone and befriend people who hold opposing views. They will help open your eyes to different world views and you'll learn to accept people who don't see the world exactly the way you see it.

## **The fierce defender:**

Here's the one who will stick up for

you no matter what. Often times, this is the friend who used to defend you in school when you were getting incessantly teased by the mean kids. But even if they're a new friend, this particular individual will stand up for you - no matter what.

## **Work buddy:**

Did you know that with a full-time job, you spend at least 50 percent of your waking hours at work? Not only that but you spend some more time commuting to work, thinking about work, working overtime and furthering your career on your personal time. Statistics show that the more isolated you are at work, the more depressed you get. That's why it makes sense to get a work pal to chat with at the water cooler and to help you get through the week. Your work pal doesn't have to be your best friend outside of work. They just need to be someone you click with on some level and if you two hit it off exceptionally well, you can always start hanging out with them outside of the office.

## **The honest one:**

There's certain situations in life where we need to hear the harsh truth. That's what the brutally honest confidant is for. Friends are supposed to be honest with each other. If you find someone who is brutally honest with you (in a constructive way), then hold on to this person! People like that are hard to come by these days.

## **A fearless adventurer:**

We live in a big world where there are so many places to see, people to meet and experiences to be had, yet so many of us are stuck in our own routines and forget to well, live. We all need an adventurous friend who will pull us out of our shells and introduce us to new ideas, cultures, philosophies and activities.

## **The one from a different culture:**

If everyone had a friend from a different culture, the world would be a much better place. Being in a cross-cultural friendship allows you to explore customs, values and traditions outside of your own culture. Sometimes you might even adopt new ways to do things. Be careful; don't befriend someone just because they're from a different culture. No one likes to be a token friend. Instead, keep your mind open, and if you come across someone you click with who just so happens to be from a different culture, make the effort to learn about their customs, values, and traditions while getting to know the person on a personal level.

## **Wise mentor:**

If you have someone smart, inspiring, and admirable in your life who practices this philosophy, you're extremely lucky. We all need a friend who inspires us to be better people without making us feel inadequate. Plus, being around such a person will challenge us to better ourselves every day. The wise mentor in your life doesn't have to be someone who shares the same occupation or hobbies with you. It's simply someone who's a few steps ahead of you on the right direction. It can be anyone - a colleague, a friend who's beyond their years as long as you look up to this person and want to be more like them.

## **Childhood bestie:**

No matter how much you change -

and you're bound to in some ways - it's comforting to know there's someone who accepts you for who you are and who you've always been. Although it's not uncommon for childhood friends to grow apart, do your best to keep at least one friend around who's been there for years, as they're likely to be your most loyal friend.

#### A friendly neighbour :

These days, a lot of people don't know their own neighbours. It's a shame because some neighbours can be the nicest and most helpful people ever. If you're on a vacation and you suddenly realise that you forget to lock the front door, you can call up your trusty neighbour and ask them to head over to your house and lock it for you. Nice dependable neighbours who have each other's backs are a dying breed but that doesn't mean you shouldn't introduce yourself to the new neighbours across the street!

#### A loyal best friend:

Last but definitely not the least to mention, sometimes a loyal best friend is the only thing you need to stay sane. Everyone needs a non-judgmental friend who will support them no matter what. This is the kind of friend who lets you be a hot mess and knows all of your deepest and darkest secrets but still loves you all the same.

#### SECRETS TO CHOOSING THE RIGHT FRIENDS

- Choose friends with bigger goals.
- Choose friends who can bring balance in areas where you are weaker.
- Choose friends that stretch, motivate and encourage you.
- Choose friends that have a thirst for knowledge.
- Choose friends who you can be purpose partners with.
- Choose friends who will celebrate your success.
- Give what you expect to get. Every friendship is a give and take.

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gle resisted the colonial oppressors without any force whatsoever in Johannesburg South Africa. The young Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who evolved into the 'Mahatma' Several Canara Konkani Catholics adopted 'Satyagraha' as their policy and ideal, upholding what Christ preached in the scripture, "If one slaps you on one cheek show the other too". One of the well known fighters was a couple from Mangalore; Thomas and Helen Alvares. Motivated by Gandhiji him self were so impressed and fervent that they gave all their children Indian names (which was not usual for Christians then), Helen her self became known as 'Alva Devi'. In 1932 she served a jail term for her role in the freedom struggle. Today non-violence is absent from satyagraha, and has even become blackmail currency with bargaining power. Canara became a hot bed of the freedom movement and satayagraha, with cultures and education. Many of our ancestors were in the fore front as can be seen from the frequent visits of leaders like Gandhiji, Nehru, Patel, Sarojini Naidu and so on. Though some accuse Christians of indifference, facts prove that they were in fact the momentum of the freedom effort in Kanara. .

#### Home grown heroes :

Historians have always credited Konkani Christians with deep patriotism. The philosophy of Gandhiji was readily absorbed by the Mangalorean Christians, since he had the knowledge of making points supported by the Bible. In 1929 Jerome Saldanha, a Konkani Catholic of Mangalore was President of the district Congress and and was key player to co-ordinate the visit of Gandhiji to Mangalore that year. Maurice Pinto Sreshta was another who motivated the younger generation to join the struggle for Independence. Both, Saldanha and Sreshta were members of the Madras Legislative Council where

they were bold enough to advocate the theory of self rule. Felix Pai of the Tile Albuquerque clan of Bolar who was encouraged by leaders like Gandhi and Nehru, manufactured salt in defiance of the British rule along with local freedom fighters in Mangalore in 1933. Other Konkani Catholics Like Thomas and Helen Alvares...Cyprian and Alice Alvares, Joachim & Violet



Cyprian and Alice Freedom Fighters

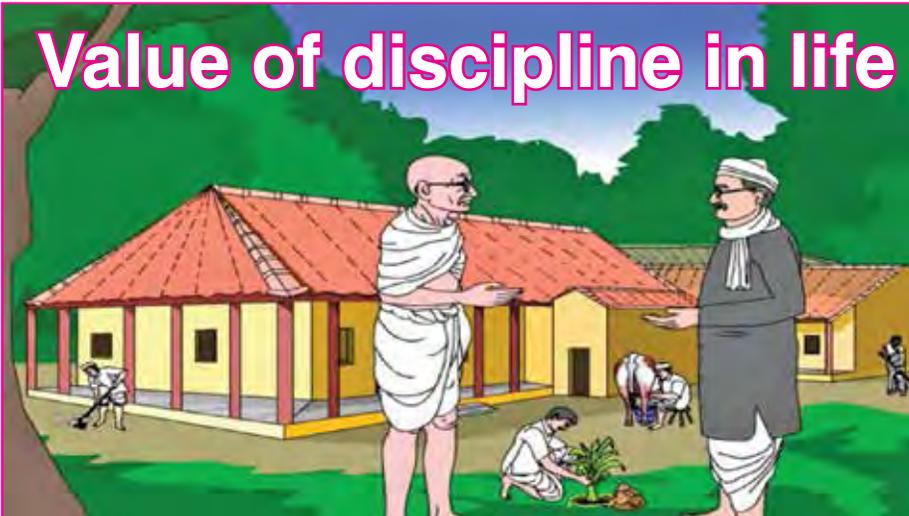
Alva, M D'Souza, C P Paisley, C Mascarenhas, A P Serrao and others went to prison many a time and worked selflessly towards freedom. The exclusive role of Jesuit priest Fr. Jerome D'souza will not be forgotten in this land of Kanara.



Frederick M. Pinto Freedom Fighter

The Konkani Saraswats are an illustrious and intelligent asset of Kanara and a facet of this community are the Konkani Catholics. The saraswats are noted for spear heading participation in the 'Swadeshi Satyagraha' and other freedom movements that served to send unmistakable messages to the British Raj. The great influence and attitude of the Hindu saraswats gave weight to the demands for self rule. U S Mallya, Gulwadi S Shankar Rao, Desh Bhakta Karnad Sadashiva Rao, Kundmul Ranga Rao, Kundapur Uma Bai, Molahally Shiva Rao, Panje Mangesh Rao, KamalaDevi are some that can be named. We need to very soon, shape up better in the image of our freedom fighters and before GOD.

# Value of discipline in life



**DISCIPLINE IN LIFE** has many virtues like being focused, staying healthy and also avoiding problems. As per the current life style and social trends, discipline techniques seem to be one of the essential life skills. Mentioned below are few reasons why it is Important for you

**S**elf-discipline is one of the most important and useful skills everyone should possess. This skill is essential in every area of life and though most people acknowledge its importance, very few do something to strengthen it. Here we are giving you few of the best reasons to value it.

## **It helps you to get focused:**

Being disciplined helps one stay focused towards his work, activities or goals. A person with strong goals is more focused and keeps up to work in time in everyday life. Vice-versa any one with discipline has to keep his mind focused on his work or goals avoiding mental disturbances. If not he cannot complete his work in time and also be undisciplined.

## **To learn the value of time:**

Time waits for none. All of us have grown up listening to this proverb coming from our elders, be it at home or school. But did we really adhere to it? There ought to be a time table for everything that we do. Putting your

self into the manner of sticking to a timetable or in many cases deadlines will make you value the importance of time in your life. It will be a better and channelised life then.

## **You become a more result oriented person:**

Having self-discipline will transform your character into someone who is hardworking and motivated. You become hungry and want to achieve more of your goals. This will shape you into a person who enjoys getting things done. Not only will you get more work done, you will begin to feel proud of yourself as you check off each goal off your list. Once this mind-set is developed, you will seek results, rather than excuses.

## **You get respected by others:**

Discipline helps command respect from others. Many struggle to gain respect from others in the workplace. But the easiest way to get respect is to be disciplined. People around and also the sub-ordinates respect a person who is disciplined as it is tough to be disciplined for any one. And if you are one, then you have respect from others for that ability.

## **Knowledge of good versus bad:**

Making choices is one of the most empowering as well as debilitating power that humans have been bestowed with. You can either make a good choice and opt for a better today and tomorrow or make a bad one and go down the pit-hole. Grasping a disciplined self would assist you in

differentiating between what is righteous and what against the codes of nature, law and civil society.

## **No more procrastination:**

All of us have the desire to do better things. Every new year, many of us make a promise to change a certain aspect of our lives. While we commit to these changes for a couple of days or even a week, we ultimately lose motivation to continue them. The reason many of us lack this commitment is because of the lack of discipline. Becoming more disciplined will provide you with the necessary commitment needed to complete your goals.

## **It leads to self motivation:**

Discipline leads to motivation, motivation leads to action and action leads improvement. By having discipline, you will be focused and get rid of any distractions in your life. It starts to work in your favour and leads to the success you deserve.

## **OTHER POINTS TO CONSIDER**

- You stay active.
- Get things done and be happy.
- Have more time in a day.
- To master your emotions.
- To be a multi - tasker.
- Makes you self - aware.
- Stay stress or tension free.
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# You are what you do

by Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

I am a boastful representation of a humanoid who thinks he is Donald Trump and Jeff Bezos is a childhood buddy of mine. I am arrogant, conceited, egotistical and shamelessly haughty. Give me an appropriate nomenclature to hang on to before I change my biological data from a verb to a noun. My holistic partners call me big-headed and proud. Over confident and supercilious. I believe I am the Don Quixote on your Tv set and the audience is responsible for my television rating points.

Am I always perambulating besides sauntering as if always rambling on about how great an achiever I am. On how much capable of life and living I am. On how great a winner I am. Of how much capable I am. Am I the only charismatic and iconic figure of good speech this side of the Suez?

Speaking big about myself and acting 'as if' is a wonderful proportion of self-assessment to manifest that which you are in vibrational thought with. Speaking confidently about yourself and your activities is a good thing but not if you are blowing in the wind and the wind is hot air.

Instead of boasting about your achievements as if there is nobody as brilliant as you are and nobody with that dynamic vertical to keep you well placed in the clouds think of the sober effect that affects those who you are in constant touch with.

Some people showcase themselves to build up their nerve and pluck and derive courage to further their intentions and seek automatic approval from others.

You would have noticed that these are those who lack a strong sense of inner security and search for a sanctuary that will give them refuge in times of dire need. They search for an identity that keeps on eluding them within

the periphery of their environment and those who they connect with on a continuous basis.

These humanoids need tea and sympathy and some hemp if they are allowed to indulge in. You must increase your quota of sympathizing with such people. If you cannot arrange to hold your vertebrae be careful as you may fall into their clutches and become trapped till some authoritative force sets you free.

Let your big mouth be available to a stopper switch. Rather than letting your mouth tell others who you are and what you can do, let your simple actions do the walking and the talking. Assure your audience less than what they believe you can offer but surprise them by giving them more. Appreciation begins, now. Let everything you do shout the real you and your intrinsic value must also become entwined with what you are offering to the world. Let it be seen as actions not of medieval stalwarts but of the Jeff Bezos and the Jack Ma of today. In fact, you'd be surprised how much of communication is actually non-verbal. Jeff actually says something very rarely. Jack is often non communicative and private. Their action speak louder than the transitive's in their lives.

Words are powerful antidotes that come as strong as the bark of the oak tree. But they are like frosting and some decoration on the cake. It is your stand up and the one act stage play you are now available to in your daily life schedule that will count. How you get up from a seating position tells a story to the observer. How you do a stride instead of a tango step tells the energy quotient in you. It's your expression, your countenance, your demeanor and your attitude that convey the most to those who are watching you. If you blow a lot of hot air, all you do is steam up the room and create a misty fog that makes it difficult for

people to see the genuine you.

The arrangement of your body that come covered with the style of your dress tells of a preface. The use of that which you carry with you assembles itself into a body copy like in an advert for a 'new you'. It must have a signature to this, your presentation and your presence over the seconds, minutes and hours in front of a genre of a captive audience or the fancy of passerby's and onlookers. This is when the whole story unfold about you. What you do is who you are. You are now sanctioned to impress or depress the inner psyche of your conscious mind. You are telling the world who you are and they are evaluating your achievements, your vigor, your dynamism, your vitality, your drive.... your ooomph. You are in full regale and with momentum. You are now a force to reckon with and the public has taken a decision without you even blowing your own trumpet. The max factor in this equation between others and the symbol you are now is energy driven and you own a new character of yourself with an epsilon. Sustainability of these finer points will grab the attention of those you wish to align with and those who feel you are the right fit for their consortium of activities.

Surprise everyone by the results that come to the fore because of you being the real you without the Clarion call. The results you get will shock and astonish everyone you are with and most of all the change will surprise you, yourself.

Great minds commit to great deeds. They never say a word about their success. As they walk the talk you can see the realization of success tattooed all over them. They are now born for greater things. They are what you and I should emulate, today for a better, more versatile and livelier life spend.

By Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

## Part II:

### Splendour of the Liturgy

Vatican II variously describes the 'Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist' as a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed whereby one is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given us. Significantly, the Mass is where every dimension of the Faith on the one hand and the total human person on the other come together. Now, if so splendid is the significance of the Liturgy it follows that our participation in its entirety must do justice to the magnificence of this single most beautiful act of worship taking place on the Church's altars throughout the world at any given point of time. And so, we'd do well to give a thought to the kind of involvement our participation in the various aspects of the Mass calls for so as to enable us to touch the mysterious presence of God and avail of His grace.

### Implications of Involvement

First of all, our involvement [as seen in MS 15] implies the interior participation of all the powers of the soul in the mystery of Christ's sacrificial love. This means that the mind and heart are awake, alert and engaged. Secondly, participation involves exterior action: saying things and doing things, the bodily gestures and sacred signs we use during Mass signifying the relationship between soul and body in liturgical prayer.

These two factors are extremely important in that modern man, having seemingly lost his sense of the unity of his very being with the Creator, needs to become conscious of the vitality of the unity of body and soul, of the interior man and the exterior man in order to recover a sense of the Divine in the sacredness of the Liturgy.

### Spirit of Participation

In the INTRODUCTORY RITES, the Presidential Procession, which is a reminder of the ultimate procession we shall all make to the new Jerusalem on the day of our Redemption, sets the tone for the celebration which commences with the Sign of the Cross and the Presidential Greeting, an act which the late Jesuit Father J B Fernandes (of International Eucharistic Congress Choir fame) interpreted in his 10-session Deeper Insights into the Mass [DITM] seminar as the welcome extended to the believer by the Reception Committee comprising of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! The Penitential Rite, a time of reflection on one's sins and a plea for God's mercy, which is on certain occasions replaced with the incensing of the Altar, or with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, or with the sprinkling of water on Easter Sunday, readies us for experiencing the link between the Upper room and Calvary unfolding in the Mass.

**The Breaking of the Word in the LITURGY OF THE WORD** offers the congregation an insight into the heart of God! And what does one see in that heart through the Reading taken from the Old Testament, another from the Letters and then a passage from one of the gospels, followed by the Homily but the depth of the love of the Holy Trinity that literally moved the Father to seek the redemption of His suffering human creation by means of sending to Earth His only begotten Son as man through the power of the Holy Spirit! Know of a greater love than this? It is when one understands that the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation, the Profession of Faith and the Prayer of the Faithful [POF] imply the congregation's response to the invitation flowing from this sacred love made real at the Table of the Word to become open in every respect that one begins to perceive the Mass as the ultimate celebration of God and His Creation via the five human senses i.e., sight, hearing,

taste, touch and smell.

In the LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST which includes the Presentation, Preparation, Offering and Consecration of the Gifts we finally experience the culmination of our efforts at oneness with each other in the Trinity at Holy Communion. At this point it'd be nice to recall one of Father JB's profoundly deep insights into the Mass whereby participants consider the hosts being offered at the Offertory as representing each one of us, in the process of being transformed into Jesus' body and blood for the common good.

The CONCLUDING RITE, in which we look forward with joy to the Solemn Blessing and with anticipation to the Dismissal, challenges us to go out and live the Mass in the world around us, even as the Celebrant seals our response to that challenge with the kissing of the Altar.

All said and done, it is when one begins to see deeper meaning in the Mass as a whole that one understands it as a sacrifice truly complete in redeeming grace. One further feels the need to observe diligence in the way one participates, ensuring that one mindfully partakes of every liturgical gesture and posture as we shall see below:

Singing in the Liturgy – Father Aniceto lucidly explains how all singing in the Mass (from the Entrance Hymn to the Recessional Hymn), barring the Gloria, the Responsorial Psalm, the Sanctus and the Agnus dei, is essentially 'processional' –

- a. the Presidential Procession to the Altar (whether from the Sacristy or from the rear of the church)
- b. the Celebrant proceeding from the Presidential Chair to the Lectern for the Proclamation of the Gospel and the Homily
- c. the Offertory Procession for the

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# Inspiration!

## Change leads to opportunity:

Each change in your career is an invitation to try a new experience or take advantage of a new opportunity. Of

## Embrace Change in Life

**THE CONCEPT OF change can be unsettling. Many of us would prefer to shy away from changes. However, it is an integral part of your personal development journey. Change touches all aspects of life and here are few of the benefits to embrace it**

**P**eople usually avoid changes and prefer to stay in their comfort zones but it is believed that once you get the courage and take the first step to change, your life becomes much better. Below are just few benefits of change.

### Internal change helps you focus:

Change enables you to become the person you want to be. Practicing and enacting change yourself is one of the most rewarding processes you will ever experience. It also displays a very valuable life skill. If you are able to pinpoint areas in your career that you are unhappy with or need further development, being able to change your approach shows a commitment to progression and a confidence in your own ability.

### You become more flexible and versatile:

The frequent changes of personal growth build an adaptability in you. This ability to adapt will serve you well in new situations, jobs or tasks. It makes you easily adapt to new situations, new environments and new

people. As a result you do not freak out when something unexpectedly shifts.

### Change improves your life:

Some people have trouble with personal growth when they are over focused on the end game, instead of seeing their forward positive progress. Any positive change in your life is an improvement. No matter how big or small the improvement, the sense of accomplishment deserves celebration.

### Change ensures life stays exciting:

No matter whether change is internal or external, it is undeniable that it keeps your career interesting. Change means that your experiences as a project manager will differ from day to day, vary month to month and transform from one year to the next. The world is in continuous motion technologies, trends and politics will all evolve around you. A career without change is likely to be one that lacks personal development as well as excitement, adventure and growth.

### You get healthier relationships:

Relationships with others and relationship with yourself both benefit from personal growth. As you learn your value, you learn the value of others. You take note of what relationships are beneficial and you invest in them. You build others up. You exercise proper self-care by confronting or separating from relationships that are negative or harmful.

course, these invitations can be declined but it is important to consider the benefits a new experience or opportunity will bring you. It can be all



too easy to dismiss these chances as risky. This is potentially detrimental to your personal development as taking risks and managing failure is all part of life.

### It improves confidence:

Even a small change in your appearance can boost your confidence. Sometimes knowing who you are and what you can do gives you sureness. You recognise your personal power and can employ all your inner resources with intention. It empowers you with courage to face the fears that come knocking on your door.

### OTHER POINTS TO KNOW

- You get to experience more.
- You get to find out who you really are.
- Change ensures that bad situations end.
- Change gives you happiness and peace.
- Know that change will happen anyway.

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- Presentation of gifts in the Offertory
- d. the congregation moving in a procession to receive Holy Communion
  - e. the Presidential Procession Receding into the sacristy

*Role of the Choir in the singing - It is to be noted that the role of the choir is to:*

- a. ensure meaningful congregational participation in the Liturgy
- b. facilitate prayerful and reverent congregational reception of Holy Communion until the conclusion of its distribution before the choristers themselves receive the sacred host

This is possible without hassle when the choir and those concerned realize that the choir is but the handmaiden of the Liturgy, not its queen! As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM] points out: "While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the "communitarian" character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful" (86). Strangely, this very stipulation was blatantly flouted by a newly appointed Vicar who was aghast on noting that the choir received communion last! Considering it a liturgical aberration, he hastily reversed the trend, with the result that by the time the 15-20-odd choristers finish receiving Communion and then start the Communion hymn, the distribution of Holy Communion is half over, not to mention that the singers' reception of Communion is itself unduly hurried! Worse, he started drawing so much of attention to the singing itself with his public comments that today at all major liturgical events held open-air, the choir 'in attendance' sings as though at a public concert, with the congregation turning into an audience that claps lustily at the end of what has come to be seen no more as the 'Recessional

Hymn' but as the **Grand finale – with gleeful boost from the Vicar!**

Further, the above stipulation also implies that the distribution of Holy Communion is not to be rushed with by way of pressing into service more priests of EMHCs at impromptu distribution spots created for the purpose.

Importance of probity - A Catholic youth from a neighbouring parish is allowed to sing in one of the parish choirs but is not allowed to conduct the same choir just because he/she is a non-parishioner. But we don't mind bending backwards, forwards and sideways to get an ex-chorister who has left the Catholic Church to ppullleeease come and conduct the choir for 'Handel's Hallelujah' at the Easter Vigil! Isn't that crass, constituting as it does skewered logic!

It is to be noted that -

- a. The Book of the Gospels is carried aloft in the PP by the Deacon [or the Lector doing the First Reading] and then placed on the Altar
- b. The Lectionary is not carried in the Presidential Procession but is placed on the Lectern before the commencement of the PP
- c. The Cross-bearer and the bearer of the Book of the Gospels bowing before the Altar would imply that they have not understood their respective roles
- d. So too, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion [EMHC] bearing the ciborium/bowl in his/her hands – why bow when the one to whom you are bowing is in your very hands!
- e. Bowing before the Tabernacle with one's back sticking out towards the Altar, or before a statue as is annually done before an effigy of Our Lady of the Mount on the Basilica's grounds, is improper!
- f. Once the Celebrant, being the President of the Assembly, has ascended the altar steps and taken

his place at the Presidential Chair [PC] after kissing the Altar, it is he who calls the shots and no one but no one has the right to step up to the mic and make an announcement asking the congregation to sit for some 'introduction' or talk!

- g. All introductions, comments and commentaries ought to be made by those concerned before the commencement of the Entrance Hymn
- h. The Confiteor is not recited if the incensing of the altar has taken place
- i. Spending half an hour on the homily and then rushing through the Nicene Creed and the rest of the Mass proves counter-productive. In the given context, one also cannot help but question the validity of petitions or intentions being proposed by the Celebrant during the silent slot reserved during the POF for the congregation, or additional prayers being made after the concluding prayer of the Mass, be it for rain or for priests or parents or whatever.
- j. What exactly is the rationale behind the daily practice in certain religious houses of having the celebrant, along with an assembly of able-bodied men, women and youth, both religious and lay, ensconced in the comfort of armchairs right from the Entrance hymn to the Recessional hymn?
- k. The Great Amen that concludes the Doxology, the "Alleluia" preceding the Gospel, and the "Hosanna" in the Sanctus, are increasingly being given short shrift, other words and phrases replacing them ['Sing Alleluia to the Lord' = sing praise the Lord to the Lord!].

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## Christians who fought for India's Freedom Struggle

Christians of India played an important role in the early phase of the Indian National Congress, especially at the third session of the Congress in 1887 where, out of 607 participants, there were fifteen Indian Christian delegates who actively participated in the deliberation. Some of the outstanding Indian Christian delegates were Madhu Sunder Das of Orissa who addressed the Congress on the question of expansion of legislative councils and N. Subramanian who proposed and pleaded for complete separation of judicial and executive functions by government officials. The Indian Christian delegates continued their contributions in the four subsequent sessions of the Congress. Special mention should be made of Pandita Ramabai Saraswati and Kali Chandran Banerjee too.

Pandita Ramabai Saraswati (1858-1922) was an outstanding Indian Christian woman. In the 1889 Congress session there were ten Christian delegates of which Pandita Ramabai Saraswati was one. She was one of the first Indians who championed the right of women to participate in national politics, eloquently articulating the pitiable history of Indian womanhood. Ramabai also played an important role in the third session of the National Social Conference in 1889 at which she supported a resolution condemning the practice of disfiguring the Hindu widows.

Kali Charan Banerjee is considered one of the great leaders and founders of 'The Movement for Emancipation'. A writer of the third session of the Congress in 1887 had this to say: "Perhaps, the finest orator in the whole assembly was Babu Kali Charan Banerjee, who is a Bengali Christian."

In the 1889 session, Babu Kali Charan Banerjee was responsible for a resolution demanding improvement in the educational systems particularly university education. He was also instrumental in 1889 in protesting against the prohibition imposed by the government on teachers participating in political movements. In 1896, he again presented a resolution demanding improvement in the educational system, especially the university education in the country.

Brahmabandhab Upadhyay (George Thomas), the 'Hindu Catholic' sadhu and theologian was a leading player in the Swadeshi movement, and he was prosecuted on a charge of sedition in 1907.

J. C. Kumarappa (original name John Jesudason Cornelius, 1892-1960) was a veteran Congress leader. On May 9, 1929, he met Mahatma Gandhi at the Sabarmati Ashram and that resulted in their becoming close associates. He was a strong supporter of Satyagraha, and encouraged Christian participation in the national movement.

Paul Ramasamy (born in 1906) was another important Christian who took part in the Indian freedom movement. In the year 1930, he joined the freedom movement during the Salt Satyagraha days. He picketed the Bishop Herber College, Thiruchirappalli. He was arrested and sentenced to six months of imprisonment and was kept at Thiruchirappalli and Alipuram jails in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka respectively.

In the freedom and pro-democracy movement in Travancore in the 1930s and 1940s, prominent Christian leaders like T. M. Varghese, A. J. John, Anne Mascarenhas and Akkamma Cherian were pioneering forces. Philopose Elanjikkal John (1903-1955) was another prominent member of the Travancore State Congress. Joachim Alva (1907-1979) was another outstanding personality in the history of the freedom struggle.

Then then was Joseph 'Kaka' Baptista of Mumbai (1864-1930) too who was a close associate of Lokmanya Tilak. He belonged to the East-Indian Catholic community of Mumbai. He was also elected as the Mayor of Bombay in the year, 1925. It was Joseph 'Kaka' Baptista who coined the slogan 'Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it' and not Lokmanya Tilak as we have learnt in school.



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