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HUM SAB EK HAI



The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli Unit organised Inter Religious program *Hum Sab Ek Hai* on 6th Nov 2018 in St. Joseph's Church hall had a huge gathering , people from different faith too joined in large numbers and that made the difference.

The program started with BCS Anthem followed by Prayer dance by the children Choreographed by Jessie D'souza .

We thank Chief guest Mr. Dolphy D'souza Former President The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Convener - Police Reforms Watch and Guest of honours Mrs. Aileen Marques Advocate of Bombay High Court , Father Elias D'cunha. Ms. Manisha Rahate NCP Corporater, Prashant Das, Jayant Dandekar, Abdul Ansari, Chetan Ahire, Social Reformer , Dinesh

Shetty Social Activist, Samir Zaveri Railway RTI Activist and founder of 108 Ambulance, Radhe Sharma RTI specialist, Stanley Dsouza , Joseph Jacob Vice Chairperson Infant Jesus Church & many other dignitaries .

Speakers/ Priest from different religion were present along with Brahma Kumari Nilima .

All of them spoke regarding their respective religion and also conveyed the message to all that unity is the need of the hour.

The program ended with the National Anthem .

—Mario Rodrigues
Chairperson

The Bombay Catholic Sabha,
Vikhroli Unit

Ensure clean drinking water for everyone

With reference to Dr Trevor Cola-so's letter titled : ' Clean Drinking Water For All ' in The Secular Citizen dated Nov. 26 - Dec. 2,2018 clean drinking water can be ensured by distilling sea water to provide fresh water ,by making water in the laboratory , by rain water harvesting ,by inter - linking of fresh water rivers through out the length and breadth of the country which can also serve as an internal water transport system , through cloud seeding and by converting polluted water into non polluted water through water purification plants.

Besides this the services of water diviners can be used to locate and find fresh water in different areas .

All laboratories ,hospitals and factories must have water purification plants attached to them to ensure that polluted water is prevented from flowing into water bodies and in homes offices hospitals,restaurants ,hotels, schools ,colleges and universities etc all water taps and drinking water fountains must have environmentally friendly filters attached to them to ensure that clean and drinkable water is available at all times.

Since the ultra violet ray filter is found to cause cancer it must be permanently banned and replaced by environmentally friendly filters.

Mahatma Gandhi said the world has enough for needs but not for our greed so one must ensure clean drinking water for everyone.

—Peter Castellino

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'Thought for the week'

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has a cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lit the flame within us.

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The Power to Innovate

By Don Aguiar

Albert Einstein said - Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better

"Mother Nature is our biggest teacher". When in doubt, we turn to nature to seek answers to the most intriguing challenges faced by us. So what is nature teaching us silently on – Does "Diversity and Inclusion", - lead to better performance and the power to innovate?

Variation, in other words, is key for life. Variation and diversity are not merely coincidental but fundamental to life and what ties nature to us humans. Mother Nature has clear lessons to offer. Yes indeed there is an unparalleled "Strength in Diversity" to the "Power to Innovate"

Most of us believe that the strongest ideas will win the day. That success of one's original ideas is some combination of sheer brilliance, dogged grit, and fervent hustle. After all, no one questions that new ideas matter. Ideas are like engines, they are what pull us into the future. Ideas matter to our careers, our companies, our industries, our economy, our personal life and society. They affect our relationship, society/communities, profits and progress.

Yet there's plenty of evidence that some ideas get thrown out before they even have a chance to be considered. Not because the idea is deemed unworthy but because the person bringing the idea was deemed unworthy of being heard. This is normally the norm between the clergy and the laity as far as the socio - religious matters of the community are concerned.

Often, far too often, one's place defines one's power. Whether its rank or expertise, or role, that place you hold in the organization or community or religious outfit or family can deeply shape whether your ideas get their proverbial shot.

Now, there are people who say it's okay if someone doesn't have the power or the place—or the right gender or the right skin tone—to have their ideas heard. Sure, it's unfortunate for them, but not for us. Surely, that idea will man-

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ifest through someone else, some- place else, at some other time (and, P.S. – they should just try harder).

But that’s simply not true. How can it be?! It’s something that people who ALREADY have power today say— maybe to make themselves feel bet- ter as they etherize and silence and ignore... maybe because they are afraid of losing their status in the world, maybe because they genuinely don’t understand...

The truth is that each of us – each of you– stand in a spot in the world where ONLY you stand. From this spot is how one creates value. On- liness. It’s a function of our distinct history and experience, visions and hopes. Onlyness is the place of power each of us has. We don’t all share the same PLACE – and that’s actually the key strength needed for growth & in- novation.

When ‘power of place’ rules, those who “should” have an idea get heard. When each of our ‘place of power’ is valued, ideas are heard and evaluat- ed for its power. This shift is tectonic, from those who already have a place of power, to which ideas are powerful.

Yes, Onlyness is a newish word. Yet, it is badly needed. Because words shape the way we see the world. And if we’re to access the ideas that fuel innovation, we need a new frame.

And right now EVERY word currently used to describe true originality is a relative and comparative one. Think about it. Difference. Diversity. Left- Field. Weird. Unique. Even when said positively, they are all comparative and relative. These existing words embody a bias because they mea- sure against those who ALREADY have power. Those who ALREADY count. Those who ALREADY have the place of power by virtue of their title, or by virtue of their birth.

But Onlyness isn’t comparative or relative. It says all original ideas need to count.

Onlyness centres correctly on the ideas that EACH of us contributes. Not that everyone will, but that any- one can, contribute. And from that bigger and better pool of ideas, we can fill our innovation capacities.

Which is why Onlyness matters to our life: it unlocks each of us — by stand- ing in our own place — to add our bit to the world. And, it unlocks a level of innovation and creativity we desper- ately need in our society, personal life and organizations.

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Genetically Edited Babies!

A Chinese researcher He Jiankui claims that he has ‘genetically altered embryos’ to give them the ability to resist HIV infection by disabling the CCR5 gene. This has led members of the scientific community and the Church to raise serious ethical concerns.

Even The Times Of India, in its editorial page 14 of 29 November 2018 warned: “Pandora’s Box – Gene editing highlights dangerous potential of 21st century science, which must be strictly regulated!”

EWTN on 27 November spoke to Dr. John DiCamillo, ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center: “Manipulating sperm, ova or early embryos, by removing them from a person’s body through In-Vitro-Fertilization (IVF), is held by the Church to be ethically unacceptable; because it dissociates procreation from the integrally personalized conjugal act. Besides, to create one viable fetus through IVF, many fertilized eggs are sacrificed, resulting in murder! We condemn the destruction of embryonic persons, as well as the U.S. policy that require annihilation of these live human embryos.”

“The above technology is so new, that infertile couples who could conceive, could transmit unintended, perhaps even harmful side effects inherited by these so called ‘Designer Babies’ born from the womb to the tomb!”

And may I add here, the sanctity of human life, right from the moment of conception to natural death: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. I appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Bandra West, Mumbai.



Christ in Quran

Christmas, as we all know, commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ and is a major religious celebration for Christians all around the world. But what many people do not know is that Jesus Christ is an important figure in Islam too, even though most Muslims don't celebrate Christmas.

In honour of the holiday, here are some things you may not know about the role of Jesus and his mother in Islam. Jesus, Mary, and the angel Gabriel are all in the Quran too (as are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Ishmael, David, Aaron, Isaac, Abel, Joseph, Jonah and a bunch of other Biblical characters). Muslims believe that Jesus (called 'Isa' in Arabic) was a prophet of God, was born to a virgin and will return to the earth before the Day of Judgment to restore justice and to defeat al-Masih ad-Dajjal (the false messiah), also known as Antichrist, all of which may sound pretty familiar to many Christians.

Mary (called "Maryam" in Arabic) has an entire chapter in the Quran named for her, the only chapter in the Quran named for a female figure. In fact, Mary is the only woman to be mentioned by name in the entire Quran. Muslims too believe that Jesus Christ performed miracles. The Quran discusses several of Jesus's miracles, including giving sight to the blind, healing lepers, raising the dead to life, and breathing life into clay birds. The story of Jesus's birth as told in the Quran is also the story of his first miracle, when He spoke as an infant in the cradle and declared himself to be a prophet of God.

—Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai.

Being an IAS Officer...

IAS officer who takes on politicians shunted again - this was a disturbing report in the newspapers (Mumbai Mirror) on 22nd November 2018. The officer concerned, is Tukaram Mundhe, known for his honesty and uprightness. He has been transferred from his post of Nashik municipal commissioner after severe opposition reportedly from politicians. The report further says that this is his **12th transfer in 13 years, and fourth since May 2016.**

What does this tell us? It is said that IAS is the most prestigious government job in India and that with greater power comes greatest responsibilities and once you choose this field, it comes with some unspoken, hard, painful and ugly truth. In recent times, Christians are being urged to join the Indian Administrative Services (IAS) but maybe perhaps, the IAS does not seem to appeal to our senses. The question remains, **"Can such clean, honest, sincere, upright officers like Tukaram Mundhe survive in such hostile conditions ?**

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

Reservations will squeeze out Merit

The Maratha community has reason to be happy as the govt of Maharashtra has granted them 16% reservation in jobs and education in the state. This is in addition to the already existing 52% reservation, taking the total to 68%. Next in queue is the Dhargar

community. Now Muslims too have demanded reservations. It won't be long before every caste and community demands and succeeds in getting reservation. "Merit", however, has no caste or community and may be squeezed out or completely abolished !

— Robert Castellino
Calangute/Mumbai

Tips for a Healthy Living

1. Do you wake up in the mornings and find yourself experiencing body pain? Does your neck feel sore and painful? What should you do if you experience these symptoms? Just lift your feet up! Pull your big toes outwards and slowly massage and rotate them in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction.
2. When you have cramps in your left foot, raise your right arm as high as possible. When you have cramps in your right foot, raise your left arm. This will soothe immediately.
3. If your left foot becomes numb, swing your right hand out forcefully. If your right foot is numb, then swing your left hand.

— Jubel D'Cruz,
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Made In India Global Model

by A. Moonnupeedikail, S. J.

I have been travelling frequently all over India. For days we can travel, and no officer stops us to check our passport or visa. Having to travel through many countries abroad, I had to obtain passport and visas. As I stood for hours, and sometimes for days, to obtain my passport and visas, I felt very humiliated at the awareness of the slavery in which we humans live. People, who do not know me at all, nor are interested in me, issue these documents, just for the salary they get.

In New Orleans airport the FBI made me remove my shoes and frisked me thoroughly as I had not carried with me these symbols of man's slavery. In New York, I was sent back from the air plane, as there were technical errors in the travel plan. I spent a day in the unfamiliar metropolis, visiting various offices to set the documents right. Lourdes was just outside the Basque area where I was staying. Yet it took two days to get a permit to cross the border for a one hour drive into France. How marvelous that in India we can travel from Kanyakumary to Kashmir, without anyone checking our identity.

Yet, it could have been very different. When Great Britain left India in 1947, the many, so called, native States had the freedom to stay outside the Indian

Union as sovereign nations. Many States, like my native state Travancore, initially hesitated to join the Indian Union. People of Travancore had their own king, whom they loved. They had their own official stamp, money, postal system, flag and anthem. The beautiful anthem was sung every day in the schools. We were told that the independent nation of Travancore could have alliance with the United States, and have a U. S. military base near Kanyakumary.

However, one evening there was an attempt on the life of the Divan C. P. Rama Swami Iyer, the power behind the throne. The very next day, the king joined the Indian Union. In a short time, almost all the native States surrendered their right to be sovereign nations to the Indian Union. The result is the beautiful sight of this vast humanity of the Indian sub continent, living in harmony as children of Mother India, in spite of innumerable ethnic, linguistic and cultural diversities.

When Pakistan was created in 1947, we rejoiced. The prevalent thinking of common man was that we got rid of a problem. In an optimistic tone the elders explained to us, the juniors, that it was like two adult brothers starting separate homes for their growing families. Hindus and Moslems were going to live peacefully. But in reality the partition of India was inflicting a deep wound on Mother India. She is still bleeding. Her children on both sides of the line of control are engaged constantly in deepening the wound. Even after seven decades, people of Pakistan and India have not discovered the deadly selfishness of their dead leaders who cut Indian populace into two nations.

Clever and efficient people become leaders. Cleverness in man is an animal quality to get ahead of others in achievement. Only wise men are enlightened to see truth. As long as both countries do not have men of wisdom to lead them, the Kashmir problem

will continue and Mother India will continue to bleed. Kashmir is a convenient ground to play the war game in the name of the primitive tribal mentality called patriotism. The clever leaders or their children do not die in the war. It is the common man's sons who leave behind widows and orphans dying for a problem created long ago by foolish elders.

Creation of the two sovereign countries of India and Pakistan by dividing the sub continent is the eternal shame of its inhabitants. It simply says that we were, and are still, loveless people guided by selfishness. Every sovereign country, whether it be a might nation or a tiny one, is created by loveless humans out of selfishness and fear. Every national boundary is imposed upon humankind, by clever men playing on common man's fear and greed. Out of fear we build boundary walls. Out of greed we go for war. From childhood common man is taught to love the land within the boundaries and be ready to die and kill for it joyfully. That is called patriotism. When Indians called their land "mother" other people called it "father" from which we got the word Patriotism. Patriotism is the penalty man has imposed on himself, for "not loving his neighbor as himself".

The partition of the subcontinent did not bring about the pious hope of peace between Muslims and Hindus. Since then, hundreds of thousands were killed on both sides. As an ongoing punishment for dividing the subcontinent, the Kashmir problem is kept up by the leaders of both countries. Legally, Kashmir belongs to India, as the Hindu king surrendered it to India. But the majority of the populace, just on the boundary of Pakistan, is Muslim. Neither country has had a wise leadership to bring about a solution in favour of the suffering populace. Every Indian and Pakistani killed in this ongoing conflict is adding God's curse on both countries.

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'Swacchata Abhiyan' in Kanara, final phase - 2019.

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"Swacch Bharath Abhiyan" - the national cleanliness effort, in and around Mangaluru in response to special appeal made by the Prime Minister of India, has successfully finished four phases, in the last 4 years. The church leaders too have lauded efforts and taken steps to follow. For it is also in keeping with the letter and spirit of the global church "Laudato Si", saving our environment and surroundings keeping it clean and green. People from all faiths participate. Other cities too will consider such efforts.

Ramakrishna Mission/Ashram, Mangaluru, has wholeheartedly been supported by thousands of our volunteers and hundreds of NGOs, to gather steam as a mass movement for the last few years. It has greatly awakened deep sense of responsibility among the citizens. The change



all around is tangible. Now the 5th and final phase will be launched on December 2 and will continue for 10 months till October 2, 2019 coinciding with the conclusion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji as a token of gratitude.

In the final 5th phase, the Abhiyan is spearheaded in 5 different dimensions :

1. Swacchata Sampark Abhiyan: Cleanliness for more effectiveness, about 500 groups and NGOs are to be roped in to carry out 300 Swacchata Awareness Campaigns in different parts of Mangaluru City every evening for 90 minutes. Awareness



on cleanliness, hygiene; Duties and responsibilities of citizens in keeping their surroundings clean, demonstration of pot compost in the backdrop of "our waste is our responsibility", distribution of awareness handbills and pots for pot compost are the main features of this daily Abhiyan.

2. Swacch Mangaluru for Swacch Bharath Shramadan: At least 3 hours of Shramadan will be again carried out for the next 44 weeks in different parts of Mangaluru city. About 200 volunteers will clean the streets, drains and public toilets, Fixing and renewing direction boards, fixing and

renewal of bus / auto shelters, transforming dumping yards into small parks or gardens, beautification of fly-overs, removal of illegal flex banners and hoardings.... etc. benefiting the common public.

3. Swacch Manas: To create awareness among the students, future citizens. Swacch Manas programmes will be carried out in 100 selected schools for five consecutive months starting from June 2019. 100 students each from 100 schools will be selected and given special training as 'Swacch Ambassador' and they will be motivated through several workshops and activities towards Swacch Bharath.

4. Swacch Soch : Seminars / workshops in selected 50 colleges of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts from 2018 December to 2019 February. Trained resource persons will motivate and interact with the youth through practical demonstrations, lectures, Question and answer sessions. This will be followed by University level and District Level Seminars/Paper Presentations.

5. Swacch Gram Abhiyan – Swacch Dakshina Kannada/ Udupi: In the previous phase Swacch Gram Abhiyan were carried out in about 100 villages of Dakshina Kannada Dist. This will be expanded to 100 more villages of Udupi Districts too in this phase. 2000 Abhiyans will be carried out in 200 villages of D.K., Udupi Districts with the support and cooperation of Zilla Panchayats, district administrations. About 100 people from each village will be selected and one of them will be made convener to coordinate the cleanliness drives once in a month for the next 10 months starting from December 2018. Ramakrishna Mission will support them with motivations and cleaning implements and aids.

Pot compost unit distribution : Five thousand pot compost units in the city during the 10-month weekly five-day Swacchata Abhiyan. The units will be given to interested persons on special terms; demonstrations and training will be systematic during the year 2019. Pot compost method is now the best available method to reduce waste at source. If adopted widely here, Mangaluru City Corporation will be left with the task of collecting only dry waste, making the city clean for people.

Indeed these are laudable efforts for the fifth year in succession.

WHETHER OUR POLITICIANS ARE DOING THE COUNTRY GOOD BY ACCEDING TO SUPPOSEDLY THE MAJORITARIAN DEMAND?

by Eric D'Sa

The Congress party in Kerala siding with the Sabarimala protesters or now in its manifestos brought out in the latest Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan assembly elections, wherein they state they will be spending increasing amounts of money on putting up large number of gaushalayas is pandering to majoritarian demand. Initially only the Indian cows were supposedly considered mothers and holy. Then all cows were included. Then the bulls got included though their use for tilling land reduced drastically due to mechanisation of farms. The ban on slaughter of these hit the small farmers as they could not sell these animals when their utilisation reduced. They are forced to abandoned the animals, who are grazing on their own crops in their remote villages. The gaushalayas cost the government a lot of money and no one dares to ask how much the government's are spending on these. GOI spends just Rs.6/- per noon meal for village school going kids and one wonders if this money spent on looking after old cows and bulls, could have been spent on these kids.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been in making many leading Indian politicians who describe themselves as secular and liberal believe that the average Hindu is concerned only about his faith and they must, therefore, pander to his beliefs if they are to make any headway politically. Making generalizations about the 'average' Hindu is perilous, given that there are close to 950 million people described as Hindus in India alone. Yet, after the 2014 elections, otherwise sensible politicians appear to accept the view that to secure the support of Hindus, they must accede to the demands of

the shrillest, loudest, the most stubborn, and the least tolerant among them.

There is the spectacle of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress president, bowing at every temple he runs into and his fans declaring that he wears the so-called sacred thread, undermining his syncretic identity—Catholic, Hindu, and Zoroastrian. Instead of embracing that wonderful commingling of diversities, Gandhi seems to be in a race to worship at more temples than his BJP rivals can. If Gandhi's belief is

so long as they do no harm to others; and four, Indian democracy and the rule of law that sustains it.

As an unfailingly engaging writer, Tharoor's views are often as crystal clear as water. However, his third principle muddies the water. He writes, "abstract notions of constitutional principle also have to pass the test of societal acceptance — all the more so when they are applied to matters of faith." That's fine as an interpretation, but can be disastrous if it is applied as a matter of policy. That's where the ground gets slippery and the path ahead then is no longer straight and clear, but becomes a slope, taking us downward, forcing us to retreat into our narrower identities.

YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

sincere, good for him; but why make a public spectacle of it (as his grandmother did later in her life), and why not keep faith and reason distinct and apart, as his great-grandfather did—a great-grandfather who saw temples in dams, colleges and laboratories, and didn't seek divinity in idols and icons?

Cut to Shashi Tharoor, a politician whose liberal instincts are genuine—witness his genuine attempts to overturn the infamous section 377 of the Indian Penal Code and other regressive colonial-era laws. However, he will soon face a tough re-election campaign in Kerala, where manipulative and cynical politicians have begun a bizarre campaign to seek to overturn the Supreme Court's verdict in the Sabarimala case, which allowed women entry into the temple. In an article on the website the print in, Tharoor mentioned four principles he respects: the equality of women and men; two, the Constitution and the institutions it has created, notably the decisions of the Supreme Court; three, the rights of religious adherents to follow their beliefs and practices,

The rationale to prevent women entry is that Ayyappa, the lord worshipped at the shrine, didn't want to see women during their reproductive age, and hid in the jungle to avoid encountering them. Hindu men preventing women from entering the temple are essentially saying that menstruation makes women impure. Such thinking and outlook are dirty, not the women. Misogyny, not theology, is driving the orthodoxy. All this business of impurity came into practice from ancient days, where how a human embryo was formed in sacred confines of a fertile woman was not known. No one knew a woman produced an egg which was then fertilised by a male sperm and if that did not happen, the womb had to be cleaned up and made fresh for the new egg. How this process can be considered impure shows so much scientific ignorance.

Tharoor knows where acquiescing with majoritarian thinking can lead: he has eloquently argued that the BJP threatens to make India a Hindu Pakistan. Tens of thousands of Pakistanis

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have erupted on roads, demanding the head of Aasia Bibi, the Christian woman accused of committing blasphemy (after the Supreme Court acquitted her). Is that the path forward for India? To be fair, Tharoor wants the Centre to convene a dialogue with relevant stakeholders, to explore how the Supreme Court verdict can be implemented. He then blames Kerala's ruling Left Front for mishandling the situation. However, expecting the BJP to be unbiased is naïve. Its president Amit Shah has clearly said what he thinks of the court verdict.

Some liberals argue that women who are made unwelcome should not go to Sabarimala and discover other divinities to worship—Hinduism's divine supermarket offers choices for almost all tastes, styles, and occasions, and that's great. However, that's not the point. If women want to enter the temple, they have the right.

Many Indians, including Hindus, rightly supported Muslim women who sought access to the Haji Ali shrine, Shah Bano who sought alimony from her husband who had divorced her, and Trupti Desai and her campaign to gain entry into the sanctum sanctorum of the Shani Shingnapur Temple in 2016. (Later, local women said they

wanted to respect the tradition by not entering the temple and that is their choice).

That's the point Tharoor does not address. In suggesting a stakeholder dialogue, he risks acceding to a demand assumed to be majoritarian and moral, when the assumption isn't justified. This is how politicians conceded the liberal ground to the Shahabuddins of the world and banned the import of Salman Rushdie's novel, *The Satanic Verses*. The categorical imperative then is to uphold the Constitution and its instruments by all means, support equality, let the women do what they want, and finally, don't concede ground to those claiming their sentiments are offended. Gods are strong. They aren't easily offended by mere creatures they have created.

The liberal response, then, is not to insist that women must enter temples, nor that they must shun temples or mosques, but that their right should be respected and if they wish to exercise the right, the state should remove hindrances and obstacles in their path. You the citizens especially the women who vote for these politicians should decide, whether you should vote or not for ones who want to defy the law of the country?

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For God all are His children. If our leaders could love the real people of India and Pakistan, instead of clinging to the unenlightened tribal concept called Motherland, whole subcontinent could be just one nation.

"My Country First", will not come from the mouth of enlightened leaders. Such people are like Hitler and Mussolini of the Second World War. Such leaders keep the world divided. India, through Lord Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa, has given the world the beautiful message that "all men are brothers and sisters". For the enlightened people, the whole earth is their Motherland and the whole humankind is their Nation.

Through its glorious history of seventy years, the present Indian Union has shown the world that wise people, with extremely different physical features, tongues, customs and costumes, can come out of the narrow ideology of sovereignty and live together joyfully in prosperity, without having to install deadly military bases to protect a little piece of land, calling it motherland. How beautiful is a world without bombs! That is possible only if we have wise leaders with a vision of a happy global community.

'Let Indians move freely in India'

With reference to Rev. Fr. P X Francis Charuvila's article titled : **Indians outsiders in their own country** in *The Secular Citizen* dated Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2018 Indians must be permitted to travel safely, freely and fearlessly through out the length and breadth of their country and undemocratic and out-dated laws like the Inner Line Permit must be immediately scrapped and prevented from being passed again under any new name and anybody promoting regionalism must be severely punished

Subjects like inter-communal relationships taught at all levels of the education system and inter religious dialogue must be promoted along with an internal student exchange

scheme where students of one religion and one community stay with family members of a different religion and community in different parts of the country and also the promotion of inter-religious marriages can help foster national integration and unity.

Hindustani and Hindi must be promoted and together with all Indian languages must be written in the Roman Script to help simplify them to make them more accessible and more popular.

Besides this closed circuit cameras must be used to track down trouble makers and law breakers of all kinds to help nab them and punish them immediately by filing cases against them in fast track courts that hand out impartial justice to them.

However in some areas where travelling is impossible because travellers can get killed by unfriendly Indians who wish to be isolated contact must be made with them with the help of psychiatrists ,psychologists and anthropologists before letting travellers venture into their states and when this is achieved closed circuit cameras must be installed to prevent any trouble that may arise and punish the wrong doers .

So it is important and necessary to let Indians move freely in India and even stay where they wish to stay by removing outdated laws that prevent them from doing so and ensuring that these laws are not passed again under any new name.

—Peter Castellino

National Seminar on Writing Literary Criticism



filfil their dream.

Wilfy Rebimbus memorial Poinnari Veez National Dual Script Konkani Literary Contest 2018 winners received prizes and certificates. Amongst those who were present; Mr. R.S.Bhaskaran (Kochin), Mrs. Urjita Bhohe (Goa), Dr.Aravind Shanbhag (Mangalore), Benny Teacher (Dubai), Hillary DSilva (Mumbai). Best organised team 2018 prize was given to 'Assump-

(Mumbai, Nov 25): Mangalore University Konkani Adhyayana Peetha and Ashawadi Prakashan jointly conducted 'National Seminar on Writing Literary Criticism' on Sunday the 25th November 2018 at Atma Darshan, Andheri (E). Convenor of Konkani Adhyayana Peetha Dr.Jayavanta Nayak presided over, Mr. R.P. Naik (President of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy), Mr.Albert W DSouza (Industrialist), Mr.Melwyn Rodrigues (Sahitya Akademi Awardee) were the guests of honour.



In the first part of the Seminar, symposium on 'Writing Literary Criticism' - Mr.Valley Quadras (Editor - Poinnari.com) presented his paper, Dr.Aravind Shanbhag from Mangalore presented his paper. Guest Mr.Lawrence DSou-

za Kamani highlighted the need of 'Literary Criticism in Konkani', this Symposium was chaired by Melwyn Rodrigues who gave overview on both the papers and a debate was conducted.

tion Konkani Association - Kandivali', Best organised team 2017 prize was given to 'Konkan Taram - Jerimeri', Mrs.Hilda Pereira and Mrs. Flora Kalmady received the prizes respectively.

Thanksgiving

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Praised Adored, Glorified and Loved today and everyday throughout the world, now and forever.Amen!!



Ask St. Clare for three favours two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's and the above prayer for 9 days with a lighted candle and publish on the 9th day your request will be granted no matter how impossible it is

—Felix Pereira,
Navi Mumbai

Four new Konkani books; 'Kallza Uddi' (Poetry: Roshubaba, Barkur), 'Chabuk ani her Kotha (Short Stories: Rony Monteiro Katapady), 'Porno Rook ani Torn Vaal' (Short Stories: Avry Panglla), 'Shimtti Ani her Kotha (Short Stories: Stanro Ajekar) and a musical CD of Benny Teacher were being released during this occasion. Hillary DSilva introduced the books/ CD and the authors, and Melwyn Rodrigues, Jayavanta Nayak, Albert W DSouza and John DSilva released the books respectively. Fr.Charles Vas SVD released the CD. Post release, Rony Monteiro and Benny Teacher spoke few words and thanked all the supporters who encouraged them to

In the multi-lingual poetry session, chaired by Philomena Samfransisco, Melwyn Rodrigues, R.S.Bhaskaran, Urjita Bhohe recited Konkani poems, Dr. Girija Shasthri, V.S.Shanbhag recited Kannada poems, Rita Albuquerque recited Tulu poem and Philomena Samfransisco recited Hindi poem,

Chief guests; Albert W DSouza, R.P.Naik spoke few words, Dr.Jayavantha Nayak highlighted the need for us to come together to work for Konkani.

Valley Quadras proposed vote of thanks, Jerald DSouza and Sharal DSouza compered the event.

- Our correspondent

DRESSING FOR THE office can feel like putting on a uniform and if you don't feel great in your clothes it definitely affects your performance

We all know workplaces are defined by an employees dress code to ooze the right professionalism and courteous vibe! To make the task easy for you, here are some awesome tips on what to wear to office. Check it out!

Top off your outfits with a blazer :

One of the handiest and necessary items for your varied business outfit ideas is the blazer. Very few realise the difference it can make to your overall look! A casual outfit can easily be upgraded to a work outfit by simply adding a blazer. You can stick to single neutral colours like black, grey, brown and so on for the formal days but bright prints and shades which are not loud can make your business casual outfit ideas, a cakewalk! In case it is missing, add a couple of blazers on a priority to your wardrobe.

Skirt suits make a terrific impact

Do you know that trouser suits are seen as a symbol of ruthless ambition and success? This inevitably cannot lead to a highly positive impression. Instead use skirt suits for

your various work outfits. They not only let you feel all feminine and bold but also make a strong impact on others! They are perfect to impress anybody yet pass the message emphatically that you mean business. Not only do they lend you unmatched confidence but they are also super easy to pull off!

Add a pop of colour to your office outfit :

While loud colours and bright colours are not exactly workplace friendly, their smart and clever infusion in your casual work outfit



ideas can break the monochromatic and boring look! Add that pop of colour in subtle ways to your everyday work outfit with maybe a pair of coloured shoes or purse or even a nice scarf around your neck! Today, we have plenty of trouser and skirt in feminine colours like pink, yellow, pastels and even red which are getting accepted with aplomb! However, they should be best worn in the monochromatic ensemble! Their cut should always be conservative so as to not draw too much attention to itself but simply an extension of your personality.

Heels add that extra oomph :
Heels give you that extra length and a

slimmer vibe which not only enhances your confidence but also adds that extra 'oomph' to lend you the fierce look required for a workplace! If you are in a senior level position, the extra height works to your advantage in intimidating any man and letting your power be known! Regarding health concerns, one can simply slip them off when at the desk and slip back into them when required to move.

Accessories are important :

Always opt for some timeless elegant pieces like pearl and diamond earrings and necklaces, diamond studs or any other elegant pieces would work. Do not wear loud jewellery or those that make noises like the bangles. Again jewellery must be minimalistic so that they complement your outfit and not overpower it. Similarly, your bags should be stylish and fashionable. Whether you are opting for

coloured or classic bags, they can be your perfect companion to add that extra style statement to any of your business casual ideas as well as the formal ones!

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Goan Catholic Wedding Customs and Ceremonials



The Goan Catholic wedding involves many customs and traditions that captures the happiest times of the Goan community in India.

In the earlier days, a middle person known as a 'Mali' or a 'Raibari' used to arrange the marriage by taking a proposal to the boy's or the girl's family. These days, very few marriages are arranged this way and the family directly goes with a proposal if they like the boy or the girl. Next, after they agree, a decision called the 'Utor' (promise) is taken by the families whereby, they discuss the details of the wedding that include the dowry to be given to the bridegroom.

As per tradition, the engagement is then held at the to-be-groom's place and takes place with the exchange of rings in the presence of family members, a priest, relatives and friends. The bridegroom's ring is taken in a special box that has the Infant Jesus statuette on it. The bride's parents also put some money which represents the amount of dowry to be given at the bottom of the box. This is counted by an elderly family member who is known as a 'yezman'.

After this, the wedding preparation begins. Relatives of both the bride and the groom, go shopping to

purchase fabrics for the bridal gown, the 'saddo' and the dress material that the bride has to wear on the next day of the wedding.

According to the existing Portuguese Civil Code in Goa, the next step for the couple is Civil Registration which is done at the Civil Registrar's office, in the presence of parents, close relatives and two witnesses. Within a period of three weeks thereafter, the public can raise and submit objections if any, as the Registrar affixes a notice on the board inviting them to do so.



by Jubel D'Cruz

Next, the wedding banns are read in the church on three consecutive Sundays just some weeks before the marriage. If there is no time to read all the three banns, in case it is an urgent marriage, then one or two may be read. This informs the public of the impending marriage and they can bring out the objections if any.

After the first bann is read, on the very same day, the bride is supposed to wear the 'chuddo' in her maternal uncle's house who is supposed to invite her for lunch. The 'chuddo' ceremony takes place here where the bangle seller, i.e. the cankonkar comes to the house and fits bangles on the bride's hands in the accompaniment of 'zoti' which are special

commemorative songs. The bangles worn are green in colour with yellow lines on them and they symbolise the married life of the bride. Thus, they should not be broken and the bride is not expected to do any housework due to this. The bangle seller is paid some money for his services along with a measure of rice, one coconut and some bananas.

After this, another ceremony known as the 'roce' is held on a day before the wedding (East Indians call it 'Umbracha Pani'). Here, the bride and the groom, each at their respective residences are required to bathe in coconut water. For this, the first coconut juice called the 'apros' is used. According to Goan tradition, coconut milk is poured even on the bridesmaids, flower girls, page boy and the best man. Relatives and friends attending the function, apply the 'roce' to the bridal couple which symbolises purification and signals the end of spinsterhood and bachelorhood. After this, it is said that the couple should not go out of the house till the day of the wedding. A sweet dish made of rice, coconut and jaggery known as 'atol' ('Atola' in East Indian Marathi) is served to the guests at the end of the roce ceremony along with food and hot drinks.

In honour of the departed souls of the house, a lunch known as 'Bicaranchem Jevonn' is also held. Before the cooking of this meal begins, a senior member of the family breaks a coconut in front of the house. The speciality in this lunch is a spicy aromatic dry prawn curry known as 'samarachi koddli' that is cooked with dry unripe salted mango (mango sol). 'Voddes' made of rice and urid dal is also served. A sweet made of wheat and sugar cooked in coconut juice known as 'soji' and another made of gram dal, coconut juice and jaggery known as 'vonn' is also served. For this meal, special paddy is boiled and all this is accompanied by 'zotis'.

On the wedding day, a close relative of the groom who is supposed to help the bride dress up comes to her house with the wedding gown and other items. Before going to the

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ACIDS CAN WEAR down your teeth, increasing the chances of stains setting in. In general, if something could stain your clothes or your tongue, the chances are it's also going to stain your teeth

Foods and drinks containing a substance called tannin can also make

absorb the liquid that you put into your body. The darkness of the coffee can easily stain your teeth, even if you only have one or two cups a day. You can prevent some staining by adding a little bit of milk to your coffee, which will lighten its colour and provide you with some much needed calcium.

Sports drinks :
Acidic foods and drinks can also af-

potential for one of the foods that stain your teeth but soy sauce especially has the possibility of leaving behind a stain (because it is so concentrated). Use soy sauce sparingly because it is high in sodium, as well as being a dark liquid, going easy on the soy sauce could actually help those with high blood pressure, too.

Tomato sauce :
Tomato sauce is a staple in many households. No matter what version you prefer, anything that is tomato-based can stain your teeth. The dark, rich color of the tomatoes indicates that it is high in antioxidants and vitamins that your body needs. You don't have to skip the sauce, you just need to eat a salad beforehand.

Beets :
If you have ever handled a beet, you know how easily they stain everything they touch. If it stains your hands and your cutting board, it is going to stain your teeth, too. They are packed with nutrients that your body needs but their staining power is more potent. Rinsing your mouth after eating usually will not be enough. Brushing your teeth within an hour after eating is usually the best way to prevent stains.



your teeth much more susceptible to staining. It is compounds called chromogens which give certain foods and drinks their strong colour and which can stain our teeth.

Tea :
Tea is a healthy drink but it may not be the best choice for keeping your teeth white. Dentists say the brew especially the basic black variety can cause more stains than coffee. Herbal and white teas can wear away the outer covering of your teeth, called enamel and cause stains, too.

Coffee :
Coffee, especially black coffee, will stain your teeth. Your teeth are porous, which means that they naturally

fect your teeth. Sports or energy drinks can erode enamel, setting the stage for stains. Drinking water during workouts is a better choice.

Fruits and berries :
Blueberries, blackberries, cherries, pomegranates and other vibrant fruits can stain teeth. So can juices and pies made from them. Paler fruits, like white grapes and white cranberries, are less likely to cause stains. But they do have acid that can soften or weaken your enamel.

Soy sauce :
Fans of Japanese and Chinese cuisine might not be thrilled to learn that too much soy sauce could leave their teeth stained. Any dark liquid has the

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—Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'luru.

It is a matter of pride and blessing to note that a well known Catholic of Mangalore, respected in the fields of education, Prof John Edward D Silva, Director Xavier block of Science and Research, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru has been awarded Ph.D degree in Management by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, for his Thesis titled "THE IMPACT OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND THE PRIME MINISTER JAN-DHAN YOJANA ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FISHER HOUSEHOLDS", under the supervision of Dr K G Raja ,Principal, Malik Deenar Institute of Management Studies, Kasaragod, Kerala.

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A member of the Governing Board of Fr Muller's Charitable institutions ,Catholic Board of Education M'lore Diocese, Rosario Group of Institutions; a member of Academic Council of St Ann's College of Education. Formerly a member of the parish council at Holy Cross Church , Kulshekar and leader of ICYM. Was also a member of parish pastoral committee at the Rosario Cathedral and an active member of the parish now.

He says he is a home loving person and creating a green environment wherever possible is his special interest; Wife: Halen Mark D Silva working At St Agnes College as Associate Professor Of Chemistry. Daughter Janice ,working for CGI Bangalore. Son: Jason pursuing his Master's in Chemical Engineering at Copenhagen, Denmark. Amidst his

disarming laugh he said that learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark, but professionals built the Titanic.

Pope Francis: Shrines are Places of God's Mercy!

On 29 November 2018, Pope Francis spoke to 586 participants, of an international gathering of Shrine rectors and pastoral workers held at the Vatican, Nov. 27-29, the theme – "The Shrine: An Open Door to the New Evangelization"! (Some highlights of the Pope's address):

"Shrines and sanctuaries should be places of hospitality! Pilgrims should be made to feel 'at home', just like welcoming a long-awaited family member who has finally arrived. It creates a climate of long-lasting friendships through the sowing of fertile seeds in the souls of pilgrims."

"Shrines are also privileged places to experience God's mercy and forgiveness through the Sacraments. Divine Mercy knows no boundaries. In fact, when mercy is lived, it becomes a form of real evangelization; because it transforms those who receive mercy into witnesses of mercy!"

"I hope each Shrine has the presence of one or more 'Missionaries of Mercy'! They now number approximately 1,000 priests, and help spread the message of God's mercy and forgiveness, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! – allowing pilgrims to rediscover the trust and mercy in God and the Church!"

"Shrines are irreplaceable, because through catechesis and the 'testimony of charity' they help sustain popular piety and devotion. Many of the world's Shrines are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary! She opens the arms of her maternal love to listen to pilgrim's prayers, and to fulfill them." (cf. Luke 1:54-55). ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendents forever" (Luke 1:54-55).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Bandra West, Mumbai.

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy, St. Jude, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—Mrs. Olinda D'Souza, Borivali.



Indian Women Of The Early Raj

There are not many histories of Indian women of the 18th and 19th century, but most of the sources I feel, have not done justice to the different ranks of the women and their relations with English sahib's.

As a researcher on the raj, I stared at the scattered white note- sheets of paper on my table with mounts of facts collected over time. I decided to synthesize a single truth in the close relationships enmeshed with emotional and social orders of the day: the truth of love, companionship and cultural bonds between the native woman and her protectors.

The incredible knowledge I discovered was a rare insight into the misconception which writers often padded in their tomes on Indian ladies of the raj, mainly to suit political ends.

Towards the end of the 18th century, in Calcutta, there were almost 5,000 Englishmen and only 200 European women. Both civilians and soldiers were compelled and often incited to have native women as wives and mistresses.

In Hindustan, traders, adventurers and soldiers found an outlet to stem their suppressed emotions and X-Spam-Subject: YES their inhibited ideas of sex as original sin. European women were discouraged to attempt the dangers of a sea voyage, which forced the East India Company to subsidise the scheme to marry native women.

Indian women were the epitome of

beauty and grace. They were polite, helpful and never hesitated to come forward in times of ill fortune. Women were never stupid, ignorant or unenlightened. As a matter of truth the Indian woman of the 18 and 19th century protected and preserved her culture, family values and made certain to keep the family together. They were proud to be called the sahib's women, and were always treated with respect and devotion by their men.

Englishmen of all ranks, including officers, scholars and soldiers who married native women were always grateful for their union and companionship, ever prepared to learn their language, culture and behavior of the ladies in their society.



BY MELVYN BROWN

There is no record of domestic violence, rape, ill treatment or abuse in any form with native women in the 18th century. In my personal research I give the men a clean slate. A grateful-tiara to the ladies' who, braved their community's ire to further the Company's cause.

Social evils were often blown out of proportion by contemporary writers. The practice of 'Sati' was eventually curbed and banned.

Job Charnock, founder of Calcutta, married an attractive Brahmin girl he saved from the funeral pyre. Leela, proved to be a loyal and true companion to Job on all his efforts. It is said she managed to convince her husband to live as a Hindu. Like Job, many Englishmen took Indian women for their wives. There was no shame or embarrassment for these liaisons.

By the 19th century Indian women were put in different social groups; there were the women of aristocracy,

always wearing sets of jewellery, embroidered dress of typical costumes designed by special tailors. They wore their attire with elegance and pride.

Village women had their own traditional styles in simple saris with less colorful prints.

The public entertainers were always loud in colors, make-up and perfumes. Their outfits were especially created to be exotic and to please the eye of the onlooker. They dressed as they pleased.

'Bibis' and mistresses', companions and wives of officers, were polite, soft-spoken women and radiated a sense of dignity in social circles. It would be a grave mistake to undervalue the importance of their grace and charm as they took on the mantle of their men.

In the Indian museum, Calcutta, are paintings of 18th and 19th century native women, portraits done by English artists of the time. Charles D'oyly, c. 1810 is known for his work, 'The Nautch girl'. William Carpenter, c. 1851, for his painting, 'Madras girl'. John Griffiths, c. 1870 for, 'The Fisherman'.

The unions of the Sahibs with bibis was an acceptable feature to all in that era. It was never considered disrespectful. To set an example, the case of Henry Littleton, an official of the Company states that the virtues of his bibi was extraordinary. She was a Brahim woman, to whom he gave away his entire property and possessions for the love and kindness she had brought into his life.

Next, General John Pater was so much in love with his bibi, he built a church over her grave, as the local priest refused to bury her in the cemetery.

All English officers and soldiers had faithful bibis. Most of the women followed their husbands back to England with their children.

The stories of Indian women and their Sahibs is a chapter in British-India history waiting to be more carefully recorded and preserved for future generations.

Human Rights Violations Abound in India!



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

That the 'human rights' situation in India is in the doldrums, is perhaps an understatement. Though there was the usual round of back-patting and self-congratulatory messages, on 12 October, when India was once again elected to the forty-seven member UN Human Rights Council (for a three-year period beginning, 1 January 2019), the country today has precious little to flaunt when it comes to human rights! India today has perhaps the worst record on human rights violations among the current democracies in the world. Whether being on this august Council will force the country to re-look its human rights record, is anyone's guess. One does not have to be rocket scientist to be aware of the gross human rights violations that are taking place everywhere in the country today. If it is not the ruling political dispensation, then it is either their henchmen or their crony capitalist friends, who look with disdain on the rights of others. They continue with impunity and with an air of immunity, knowing fully well, that the wheels of justice often move very slowly in India!

'Human Rights Watch', in its Annual Report 2018 on the human rights situation in India, bluntly stated, "Vigilante violence aimed at religious minorities, marginalized communities, and critics of the government—often carried out by groups claiming to support the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)—became an increasing threat in India in 2017. The government failed to promptly or credibly investigate the attacks, while many senior BJP leaders publicly promoted Hindu supremacy and ultra-nationalism, which encour-

aged further violence. Dissent was labeled anti-national, and activists, journalists, and academics were targeted for their views, chilling free expression. Foreign funding regulations were used to target nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) critical of government actions or policies. Lack of accountability for past abuses committed by security forces persisted even as there were new allegations of torture and extrajudicial killings, including in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, and Jammu and Kashmir".



Another human rights organization 'Amnesty International' in its Report of 2017/18, said in a similar vein, "Religious minority groups, particularly Muslims, faced increasing demonization by hardline Hindu groups, pro-government media and some state officials. Adivasi communities continued to be displaced by industrial projects, and hate crimes against Dalits remained widespread. Authorities were openly critical of human rights defenders and organizations, contributing to a climate of hostility against them. Mob violence intensified, including by vigilante cow protection groups. Press freedom and free speech in universities came under attack. India failed to respect its

human rights commitments made before the UN Human Rights Council. The Supreme Court and High Courts delivered several progressive judgments, but some rulings undermined human rights. Impunity for human rights abuses persisted."

As if on cue, 'Amnesty India' became the latest target of the Narendra Modi government's assault on civil society. On 25 October, the Enforcement Directorate, an agency that looks into financial crimes, raided the organization's office and froze its bank accounts, effectively stopping its vital human rights work. Swift on the heels of its assault on 'Greenpeace India' earlier this month, when the environmental group's bank accounts were frozen, the Indian government is claiming violations of foreign funding

regulations to shut down another prominent NGO. In a statement, Aakar Patel, Amnesty International India's Executive Director said, "The Enforcement Directorate's raid on our office today shows how the authorities are now treating human rights organizations like criminal enterprises, using heavy-handed methods that are commonly found in repressive states. Our staff have been harassed and intimidated"

'Amnesty International' and 'Greenpeace' are not the only human rights organization that is targeted; any one (individual or group) who dares take on the Government or their foot soldiers are dealt with an iron hand. Minorities and their organizations

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are just not spared. On 28 August, the Pune police raided the homes of several frontline activists like Vernon Gonsalves, Arun Ferreira, Gautam Navlakha, Sudha Bharadwaj, Jesuit Fr. Stan Swamy, Varavara Rao and his family members, Kranti Tekula and Naseem, Anand Teltumbde. Five of them Gonsalves, Ferreira, Navlakha, Rao and Bharadwaj were later arrested. The final verdict on all of them is still not out! Several other human rights defenders, like Teesta Setalvad, continue to be harassed and have false cases foisted on them. The 'powers' really feel threatened by those who uphold the rights enshrined in the Constitutions.

On 29- 30 November, hundreds of thousands of farmers from all over India marched into Delhi and to Parliament, on a two-day protest. Their demands included loan waivers and better prices for their produce. In the last few years the Government has consistently denied, these who are the backbone of the Indian economy, their legitimate rights. The farmers, with red caps and flags, were shouting slogans like "Ayodhya nahi, karzi maaf chahiye" ("We don't need Ayodhya but a debt waiver"). Thousands of farmers have been forced to commit suicide in different parts of the country. In the three month period (March to May 2018), 639 farmers have committed suicide in Maharashtra. These are official statistics of just one State. On 2 October, thousands of protesting farmers entering Delhi from Uttar Pradesh were brutally attacked and tear-gassed by the police.

The 'farmers protest' in Delhi should have hogged the headlines and been prime-time news all over, resulting in national outrage! However, most media channels hardly gave it the coverage it deserved. The media in India as the fourth pillar of democracy should have taken up cudgels and highlighted the human rights violations in the country. A sizeable section of the media in India has been throttled and muzzled, becoming pawns in the hands of murderous groups and

corrupt corporations. So practically, no one dares speak about the death of CBI Judge BH Loya and why one Judge after the other (one as recently as 28 November) rescues themselves from hearing the petition. It is common knowledge as to who was responsible for the killing of Soharabuddin Shaikh on 26 November 2005 in a 'fake' encounter. Justice Loya who was hearing the case died a very 'unnatural' death because he refused to succumb to the terrorist deeds of the mighty in the country.

A few days ago, the renowned Carnatic musician, S. M. Krishna was invited to perform in Delhi by the Airports Authority of India and SPIC MACAY. Krishna, transcends the confines of religion and his music is all about communal harmony and peace and respect for all faiths. The organizers of the programme started receiving threatening messages from the 'sangh parivar' calling Krishna an 'urban naxal' and lambasting that he sang songs about Jesus and Allah. The organisers got cold feet and abruptly called off the performance. However, Delhi's AAP Government stepped in and on 18 November, Krishna actually performed to a huge and appreciative audience in Delhi. The 'right to freedom of opinion and expression' (#19) has been systematically destroyed in the country. Several media persons and other intellectuals, who have stood up for justice and truth, like Gauri Lankesh, Kalaburgi, Dabholkar, Pansare, Bhaumik and others have been killed many more are intimidated and harassed and even have false cases foisted on them. Films are either banned or not allowed to be screened. Social media activists are closely monitored controlled and some have even been arrested. Those who stand up for truth and speak out on critical issues and human rights violations are immediately dubbed as 'anti-nationals' or as 'urban naxals'. On the other hand, those in power continue foisting myths, lies and fake news on the nation. India is placed at 139 out of 176 countries in the World Press Freedom Index 2018.

Freedom of Religion or Belief, guaranteed in the Constitution of India is once again on the backfoot. According to a recent report, there more than 200 attacks on Christians and their houses of worship in the recent months, ending October 2018. On 25 November the Chief Minister of Gujarat Dileep Sanghani ridiculously stated that the late Dr. Verghese Kurien, the founder of 'Amul' and regarded as the "milkman of India", diverted Amul's profits to fund conversions to Christianity from among the tribals. This was immediately rubbished by Kurien's daughter who maintained that her father was also an atheist. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath has gone on a name-changing spree, renaming important cities, which have some Muslim significance like Allahabad, with a Hindu-sounding one. 'Hate Speech' is what these fundamentalists thrive on. At the end of November, a prayer hall which was being constructed in a village in the Dangs District of Gujarat was stopped by the police on flimsy grounds. Article 18 of the UDHR unequivocally states that "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance." The Government of the day seems determined that this right should not be exercised by the minorities and those who belong to sub-altern groups.

In the 2018 Human Development Index, India stands at a measly 130 out of 189 countries. India has reached abysmal depths on all social parameters. The rights of children and women are violated. Millions of children still labour in hazardous occupations in several parts of the country, besides being denied their right to education, they are deprived of their childhood. Women despite the platitudes that are dished out, continue to be treated as second-class citizens. The Government of India's stand on

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church, all close relatives and friends bless the bride and the groom in their respective residences. The wedding car comes to pick up the bride after reaching the groom to the church. Here, at the nuptials, the couple declare the wedding vows and the priest then pronounces them man and wife.

After this, on their return from the church, the newly wedded couple comes to the groom's house and the groom's mother puts a gold chain on the bride's neck and places the 'saddo' on her shoulder.

They then proceed to the venue for the reception where the wedding cake is cut and all dancing and merrymaking takes place with food and drinks being served. A toast is also raised for the happiness and prosperity of the married couple.

At the end of the reception, all relatives and friends of the bridal couple who have remained till the end, draw an imaginary line known as 'xim'. The bride's family assembles at one side and the groom and his family on the other. Prayers are offered and later few of the bride's relatives cross the 'xim' and formally invite the couple to the bride's house the next day for lunch, which is called 'apovnemn' in Konkani.

Thus, all the festivities and celebration of the wedding comes to an end after the reception.

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the Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution from Myanmar – besides violating the rights of refugees, goes totally against the basic spirit of compassion and hospitality. The LGBT community is still looked down upon and treated very unjustly in India.

The economy is on a downward spiral; demonetisation has had an extremely negative impact particularly on the common person (in a new book the former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramaniam refers to it as “a massive, draconian monetary shock”). The poor and the vulnerable find it impossible to make both ends meet due to the escalation of prices on essential commodities. Those who dissent and take on the Government are harassed no end and even killed. Powerful vested interests continue to destroy the environment and displace thousands of poor people everywhere. There is a growing gap between the rich and poor!

It is pathetic to witness the way the country is being dragged into unmitigated disaster by the Government and its unholy nexus with small group of anti-national forces consisting of fundamentalists, fascists, fanatics and other fringe elements! The rights and freedoms which are guaranteed in the Indian Constitution are totally disregarded by these autocrats and despots, They have abdicated their role and responsibility to defend the rights of every citizen: the right to life and to livelihood; to freedom of speech and expression; to freedom to preach, practise and propagate one's religion; the right to eat, dress and see what one chooses and all the other fundamental rights guaranteed to the citizens. The Government no longer cares about the right to information, the right to food, the right to a clean environment and to safe drinking water.

Exactly a year ago (30 November 2018), as a preparation for the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Office

of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) launched a website www.standup4humanrights.org. This highly interactive website has on one of its key pages this quote “No democracy! No Human Rights! Male police beating up women in a peaceful protest in Lucknow UP 23 October 2017.” Certainly not a laudatory comment on the reality of the largest democracy in the world; indeed a big shame and a terrible blot on the country that this incident should figure in the world's premier human rights body. The plain truth however is that this is indicative of the ground reality in India today: human rights of the ordinary citizens are trampled upon as never before! One needs to see how India as a member of the Human Rights Council deals with this reality!

As Human Rights Day, 10 December, draws near, we need to remind ourselves once again, that the sacred document of 1948 the ‘Universal Declaration of Universal Rights’, to which India is also a signatory, is systematically being torn to shreds in our country. Citizens from all walks of life need to awake now and rally together, to prevent the human rights situation in the country, from deteriorating any longer. Those responsible for governing this country must be held accountable and be made to realise that ‘*human rights are universal and inalienable; indivisible; interdependent and interrelated. They are universal because everyone is born with and possesses the same rights, regardless of where they live, their gender or race, or their religious, cultural or ethnic background*’.

The words of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar are more than relevant today, “*We must stand on our own feet and fight as best as we can for our rights. So carry on your agitation and organize your forces. Power and prestige will come to you through struggle*”. In the same vein, *Rabindranath Tagore challenges us, “into that heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake!”*

**(Fr. Cedric Prakash sj is a human rights activist. Contact: cedricprakash@gmail.com)*

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6861. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., PG Banking & Finance, working as a Clerk in Bank. Contact email : michaelfernandes59@gmail.com

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Seminar on Greening of Archdiocese of Bombay



The Mumbai Archdiocese Environment Office and Christian Business Forum, Mumbai jointly organised a seminar on **Greening of the Archdiocese** at Sarvodaya, St. Pius complex,, Goregaon East on December 1. 2018.

Environmentalist Fr Joseph Goncalves and Greenline NGO Director Fr Samo Silva conducted the seminar as resource persons. Both emphasized on the need to protect the earth from global warming and save the nature from various kinds of pollution.

Rt. Rev.Allwyn D'silva Mumbai's Auxiliary Bishop also addressed the gathering and gave his valuable advise.

Christian Business Forum head, Christian chamber of commerce and industries vice president Albert W D'Souza presented the keynote address at the seminar. Christian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Antony Sequeira, Henry Lobo, Advocate Pius Vas, Walter Buthello, William Sequeira, Lawrence D'Souza - Mulund, Abraham Clement Lobo, Freddy Mendonca, Bombay Catholic Sabha President Rita D'Sa, Elaine Buthello, Elvina D'Souza, Lawrence D'Souza Kamani, Walter D'Souza Jerimeri, Reuben Buthello, Leo Fernandes Jerimeri, Reji Carvalho and several other businessmen were present at the seminar.

Maria Antao compered the programme and proposed vote of thanks.

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The Archdiocese of Bombay has taken very much to heart the concern of the Catholic Church regarding the ecological crisis threatening the world, and has launched an initiative to make the Archdiocese a "Green Diocese". His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the Archbishop of Bombay issued a message announcing that the archdiocese's "Green Diocese" initiative and flagged off the same on September 1, 2018 - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The ecological crisis becomes a moral issue for Catholics today. In the Encyclical "Laudato Si", Pope Francis invites the Church to plunge into this mission of caring for our common home and earth."

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