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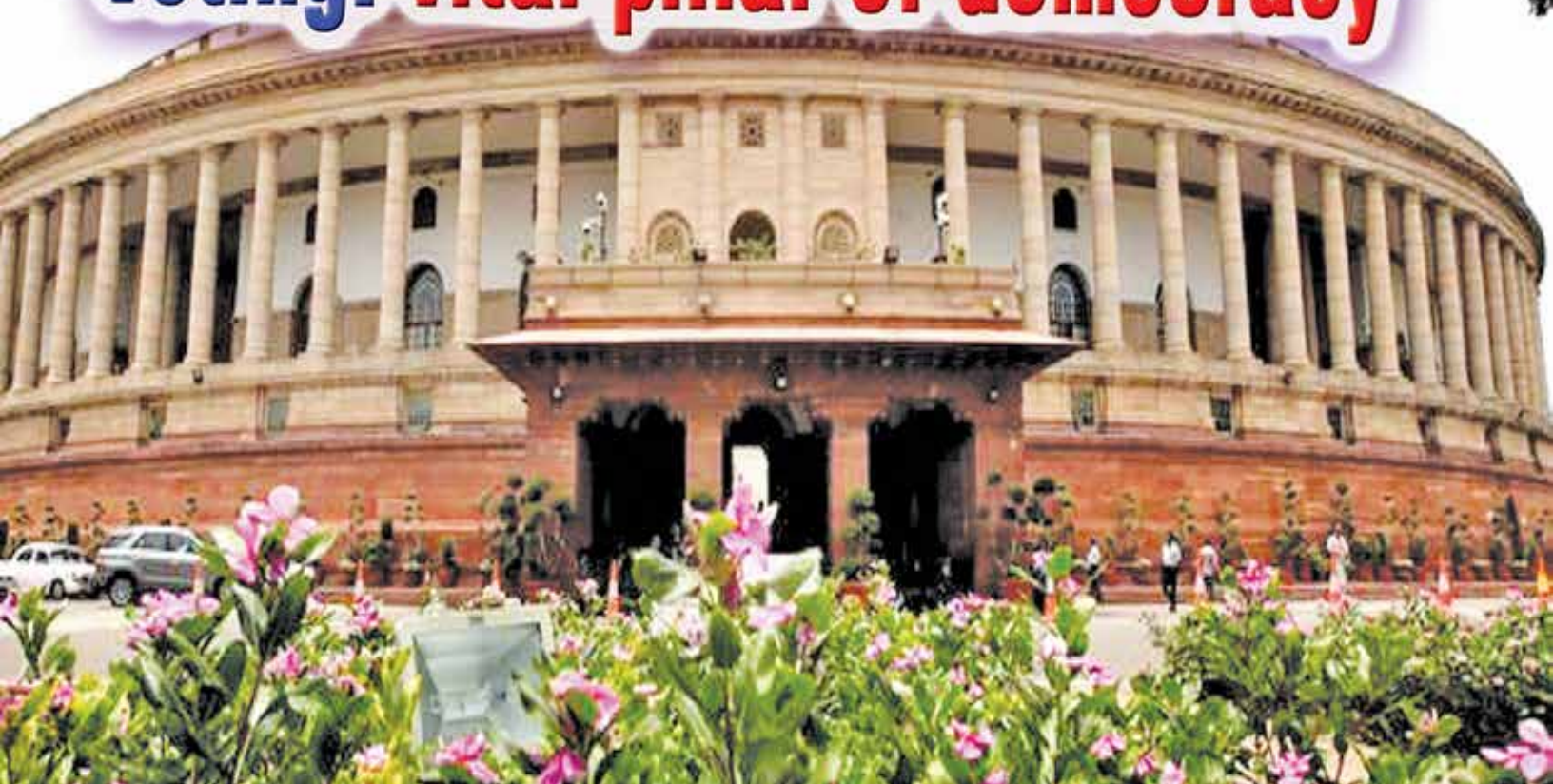
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Archdiocese of Goa and Daman organised a Walking Pilgrimage in Goa

SANCOALE: Catholics across Goa has taken a walking Pilgrimage (*Bhavarthachi Yatra*) to Sancoale Old Church on the First Sunday of the Lent on 10th March 2019. St. Joseph Vaz wrote a letter of bondage at this old Church of Sancoale. Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrão, who presided the Eucharist at the Old Church Sancoale, appealed around 23000 faithful gathered to experi-



ence Jesus and show concern towards the poor, needy and the marginalised. Fr. Alfred Vaz, Convenor of the Committee formed for Walking Pilgrimage, Fr. Louis Alvares, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Health Church, Sancoale, Fr. Manuel Dias, Rector of the St. Joseph Vaz Sanctuary, Sancoale, Fr. Leonardo P. D'souza, Episcopal Vicar for Central Zone, Fr. Lucio Dias, Episcopal Vicar for the South Zone, Fr. Tony D'souza, Episcopal for Religious, Fr. Mathew Fernandes, Provincial of Goa Province of Pilar Fathers, Fr. Simiao Fernandes, Director, Pastoral Institute, Old Goa, Fr. Donato Rodrigues of Patriarchal Seminary of Rachol, Fr. Sertorio Rodrigues, Parish Priest of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Assolna, Fr. Camilo Dias, Assistant to the Parish Priest of St. Andrew's Church, Vasco, Fr. Mark Furtado, OCD, of Carmelite Monastery, Margao (Religious) and 135 priests concelebrated.

A special way of the Cross was held in all the parishes and chapel of the Archdiocese as a preparation for the Walking Pilgrimage. Fasting and Prayers were also offered for the success of the event from Ash Wednesday to Saturday. Faithful also participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a preparation of the Pilgrimage. A Special logo was designed by Abishai Mascarenhas fro Ambora with a Cross on the logo to identify the image of the Cross of St. Joseph Vaz, The feet represent the pilgrimage. Jesus walked to us with the Cross and from the Cross.

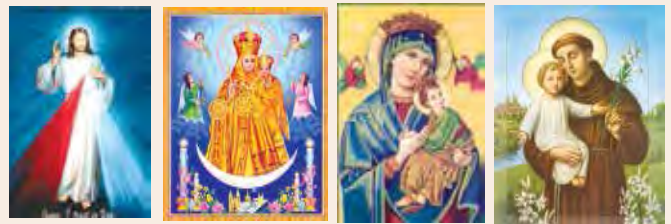
—John Malvino Alfonso OCD, Pics.by Glenn Almeida and Veli Fernandes



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—Gordon D'Souza

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—Philomena Crasto, Mahim

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The next Nobel laureate of Pakistan

By Kamran Chaudhry

Lahore: It is the world's most prestigious award, the highest recognition for intellectual achievement. Yet Pakistan's two Nobel Prize laureates share a controversial history.

Professor Abdus Salam won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1979 to become the very first Pakistani and only the fourth person from the subcontinent to achieve this distinction. But no one received him at the airport when he returned home after receiving his award for his contribution to developing the theory of electroweak unification in particle physics.

"After his resignation Dr. Salam was science adviser to the state of Israel until death, and he stole Pakistan's atomic secrets and passed them on to imperialists," stated an opinion article in The Daily Islam, an Urdu newspaper, in 2017.

The great scientist was forgotten by both state and society due to his religious affiliation with the Ahmadi faith, regarded as pariahs and heretics by mainstream Muslims in the Islamic republic. He was banned from lecturing at public universities under pressure from religious student organizations. He left Pakistan in 1974 in protest after then prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared Ahmadis non-Muslims via a constitutional amendment.

The former chief scientific adviser to the president was buried in 1996 according to his wishes in Rabwah, the sect's headquarters in the country, without a state funeral. Sadly, Salam was not even spared after his death. The word "Muslim" was deleted from his tombstone under court orders in 2014. The 20th anniversary of his death in 2016 passed without any significant mentions. Our education experts didn't feel it necessary to mention him in school textbooks.

Still, I was heartened to see his portraits on the walls of Nusrat Jahan College, an Ahmadi-sponsored college for women in Rabwah.

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Taliban victim seen as 'Western agent'

Malala Yousafzai, the second Pakistani to receive a Nobel Prize, last year attended the screening of a documentary on Abdus Salam at Oxford University's Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association. Her fate was no different from that of the Ahmadi professor.

The girls' education activist was shot in the head by the Taliban in October 2012 but recovered and went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. The now 21-year-old has been hailed around the world for campaigning for education, but the response to her in Pakistan has not been universally positive, with some seeing her as a "Western agent" on a mission to shame her country.

An association of Pakistani schools held an "I am not Malala" day in 2014, condemning what it called her support for controversial novelist Salman Rushdie. Rushdie in 1989 became the target of an Iranian fatwa, or religious edict, calling for his murder for allegedly blaspheming Islam and the Prophet Muhammad in his book *The Satanic Verses*.

The controversy does not end with Nobel laureates. Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, the only Pakistani to have won two Academy Awards (Oscars), is criticized by many for showing the negative side of Pakistan to the rest of the world through her films on honor killings and acid attacks on women.

Given the troubled history of our "he-

roes", it might be possible to predict the next Pakistani candidate who falls into the same category of fighting for freedom. Amid the prevailing intellectual poverty, it is highly unlikely that we can win the highest honor in the fields of chemistry, literature, physics or medicine.

My hopes lie in peace activism, especially after the United States last December added Pakistan to its blacklist of "countries of particular concern" regarding protection for people to worship according to their beliefs.

And the Nobel Prize goes to ...

In the spirit of the ongoing Women's History Month, I vouch for not one but two candidates — iconic activist Asma Jahangir and Asia Bibi, the Catholic woman acquitted of blasphemy after spending eight years on death row.

Jahangir held three different positions as a U.N. special rapporteur and co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. Known for fearlessly supporting women and minority groups for over 50 years, she criticized draconian anti-blasphemy laws and the politicization of state institutions. Religious minorities mourned their "mother" when she died last year. Speaking at her first death anniversary last month, many peace activists suggested lobbying to secure the Nobel Prize for her efforts.

The high-profile case of Bibi carries almost equal weight. Despite immense pressure from religious parties, Pakistan's Supreme Court rejected a final petition challenging her release on charges of blasphemy on Jan. 29. The last I heard of her, she was being flown to Canada to join her family in asylum.

Oslo City Hall, which hosts the annual Nobel Peace Prize ceremony on the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel, now carries Bibi's portrait. "The international community has found a perfect Nobel laureate; a woman belonging to a persecuted minority. Even the cloistered nuns on Norway know her

story. They gave me a book about her as a gift," a senior Pakistani priest told me.

A Catholic Nobel Peace Prize winner from Pakistan would certainly boost the spirits of our small church, which has also been dubbed the church of martyrs. A shared prize for Bibi and Jahangir for their struggle for the rights of all minorities would be fitting.

Many Pakistanis say Prime Minister Imran Khan deserves the Nobel Peace Prize for his statesman-like approach in the face of heightened tensions between Pakistan and India. Khan replies by tweeting that "the person worthy of this would be the one who solves the Kashmir dispute according to the wishes of the Kashmiri people and paves the way for peace and human development on the sub-continent."

Pakistan cannot demand rights for Kashmiris until it guarantees equal citizenship to its own people, especially the community that gave us our first Nobel laureate.

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Solid Waste Management – Flycatcher Technologies!

Where I do honorary service at the *Romila Palliative Care Center*, along with Dr. Armida Fernandez, at the *Holy Family Hospital*, Bandra West, Mumbai, the Board had already entered in 2017, into a contract with Flycatcher Technologies - to design and install the state of the art 'Biogas Plant', as part of its Solid Waste Management! The Hospital had invested 11 lakhs to dispose about 200 kgs of only its kitchen waste it generates every day. This is an important contribution towards the wellbeing of society, as the current practice of transporting, dumping and burning waste in landfills, is an environmental and health hazard!

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Before the modern era of cultivation and storage, our Good Lord had advised regarding the issue of wastage: "And when they had eaten their fill, Jesus told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments and the leftovers, so that nothing may be wasted' ... and

they filled twelve baskets" (*John 6:12-13*).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Bandra West, Mumbai

Time to repent for atrocities in the church

Ash Wednesday has come and gone, but even as the church calls us to repent for our sins, there are enough straws in the wind to suggest that we are inexorably heading to the days of Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed the twin cities for their sinfulness. Much has happened within the church during the past few years which has shaken the faith of the faithful, due to the number of scandalous acts of sexual abuse cases by priests and bishops. Not only have the sheep gone astray as a result, but even their shepherds. Pope Francis in his letter to the people of God has stated that "it is essential for the Catholic church to acknowledge and condemn with sorrow and shame the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and those entrusted with the mission of watching over those most vulnerable, and beg for forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others". We do not have prophets of the Old Testament like prophet Jonah who was called by God to go to the sinful city of Nineveh and announce the destruction of the city in 40 days if they failed to repent. The church also does not expect us to sit in sackcloth and ashes during the 40-day Lenten season. Nevertheless the lesson to be learnt from the book of Jonah is that God is a merciful God who does not wish to punish or destroy, provided we are ready to

repent for sins committed. The Lenten season is the best time to turn to God and make amends for our sinfulness.

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim, Goa.

To Give Up During Lent 2019

To the Holy Father's suggestion to give up 'gossiping' during the ongoing season of Lent, may I add the giving up of 'forwarding' texts/messages that are outright inauthentic or whose origins are difficult to verify, please?

Right now, making the rounds of various chatlines is a forward purportedly put out by a person of eminence named Mr Julio Ribeiro, a former top-cop, in response to the present Prime Minister's public query as to what previous governments have achieved for the country since Independence. Irrespective of whether one agrees with the contents of the forward in question or not, the fact remains that the language used in the forward is unarguably so faulty as to be difficult to even attribute it to Ribeiro's maali or safaiwalla!

It's time the admins of all chatlines took serious note of the consequences of allowing forwards to be circulated freely with their authenticity unchecked. Unless of course we are going to wait until someone takes some matter up with the cyber-crime cell of the police or government and lands the chatline and its admin/s into serious trouble!

Better safe than sorry!

—Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

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Nice is not Easy

by Don Aguiar.

Like we are realising (a bit too late though) the need to tread lightly on the earth, **we need to tread lightly on each other too.**

Protect the environment will soon take on new meaning. It will include the environment we create around us based in how we interact with people. **I believe, treating others with courtesy, respect and kindness, will soon become mainstream movements.** Like there are groups trying to leave a more eco-friendly footprint on the earth, there will be a movement that helps us be nicer to each other. Kindness. Generosity. Giving. These will be what success will be all about.

In our effort to make the planet a better place there are movements that are gathering momentum. Carbon neutral. Minimalism. Veganism. From the fringe, these are becoming mainstream. I read about the Palau pledge and found it fascinating. (The First Nation on earth to only issue visas to tourists who sign an eco-pledge.) These examples and many more are all signs that we are heading in a nice direction.

I am hopeful that we will soon reach the tipping point where bad behaviour in any place, work or home or from politicians will not be tolerated. Our daily engagement with each

other and how to move it from fight to flow will be the new environment that we are collectively trying to protect.

I see a change coming. A realisation is dawning that we each need to do our bit to solve environment problems like global warming and depleting natural resources. **We are soon also going to realise the power and potential of being nice. We are going to realise how much damage we are doing to each other by not being mindful of how we engage. Trolling on twitter. Yelling in the office. Rage on the road. No place for nice if you have to survive? I think the opposite, "no hope of thriving unless you find a nice environment to grow and flourish."**

Many years back I heard a talk by a very senior journalist in Delhi. He told a wonderful story.

Once an elephant died and his body dropped in the holy Ganges and started floating slowly downstream.

Seeing so much food go by, a huge flock of crows descended on the carcass and started feeding on it.

Birds normally take their fill and fly away once they are full but this flock was different. They kept on picking at the carcass and eating till they were over full. Finally they became so heavy that they could not fly. By which time the carcass had become hollowed out and started sinking as water started entering the hollow cavity. The elephant sank taking all the crows with it.

This is the story of Indian politicians who are exploiting nationalism and patriotism and if they continue like this they will sink our nation.

Nationalism and patriotism are potent forces, easily exploited. We should

be very aware that something's not at all right when a government muzzles, rounds up, jails and kills its own internal critics. Authorities have increasingly used the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act to target civil rights activists and human rights defenders.

The authorities continued to use laws on sedition, defamation, and counter-terrorism to crack down on dissent.

The Indian government also continued to use the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) to restrict foreign funding for NGOs critical of government policies or protesting the government's large development projects. Cases filed by NGOs challenging government decisions to suspend or cancel their FCRA were pending in court.

Journalists are facing increasing pressure to self-censor due to threat of legal action, smear campaigns and threats on social media, and even threats of physical attacks. In August, the government withdrew its controversial proposal to monitor social media and online communications and collect data on individuals after the Supreme Court said it would turn India into a "surveillance state."

State governments have resorted to blanket internet shutdowns either to prevent violence and social unrest or to respond to an ongoing law and order problem. By November, they had imposed 121 internet shutdowns, 52 of them in Jammu and Kashmir and 30 in Rajasthan.

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Indian Constitution under threat, says Catholic Editor

(Dr Suresh addresses the National Convention of Christian Journalists)

Jharsuguda, Odisha (05/03/2019): India is witnessing another 'state of emergency', a Catholic editor has warned at a convention of journalists at Jharsuguda in Odisha. Though there is no official 'proclamation of emergency', subtle moves and efforts are made to destroy the sanctity, letter and spirit of the Indian Constitution by Modi-led BJP Government.

Dr Suresh Mathew, the chief editor of Delhi-based Indian Currents weekly, was delivering the Key Note address at the 24th National Convention of Christian Journalists organised by the Indian Catholic Press Association (ICPA) this past week.

Going into the history of Hindutva, he said the Rashtria Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its around 100 affiliated organizations, under the aegis of Sangh Parivar, have been working relentlessly to establish a Hindu Rashtra in India for the last eight decades. The BJP, which is an offshoot of the RSS, is a political formation whose aim is apparently to ensure that secular India is made into a theocratic Hindu Rashtra where people of all other religions would be treated as second-class citizens.

A BJP government with an absolute majority in both Houses of Parliament would result in the establishment of a Hindu Rashtra, Dr. Suresh warned the members of the convention.

The very first visionary words of the Preamble of Indian Constitution, "We, the People of India," basically imply that the Constitution belongs to every single citizen and that no Government has the right to tamper with its basics. Unfortunately, there is a systematic denigration of the rights and

ICPA gets new President and Secretary



Ignatius Gonsalves
President



Fr Suresh Mathew
Secretary

Jharsuguda, Odisha (05/03/2019): Veteran journalist Ignatius Gonsalves has been elected to head the Indian Catholic Press Association (ICPA), country's premier organization of Catholic Journalists. Ignatius is the first lay person from Kerala to head the ICPA in its six-decade-long history. He was unanimously elected as the president at the Association's annual general body meeting held at Jharsuguda in Odisha.

Mr Gonsalves was the Assistant Editor of Malayala Manorama, a widely circulated Malayalam daily. He is currently the chief News Editor of 'Shekinah', a Christian News channel based in Kerala.

Fr Suresh Mathew, editor of New Delhi-based Indian Currents weekly, is the new general secretary of ICPA. Indian Currents under Fr. Suresh is on the forefront in publishing unbiased views and analysis on current social and political issues.

The other office bearers are: Fr Sunil Damos SVD – Odisha (vice-president); Fr Joby Mathew, former edi-

tor of Mumbai-based The Teenager Today magazine (treasurer); and Sr Tessa Jacob SsPs– Odisha (joint secretary).

Fr Valerian Fernandes, editor of Mangaluru-based Konkani publication Raknno; Roman Bhatia – Surat; and Sebastian Kallarackal of Deepika are regional representatives.

ICPA, which enjoys Catholic Bishops' Conference of India's (CBCI) patronage, has representation in international media organizations. It is an association of Catholic newspapers, periodicals, news agencies, publishing houses, journalists and journalism teachers. It is one of the oldest and most active Catholic press organizations in Asia.

Founded in 1963 by the editors of three dailies (Deepika, Kerala Times, and Thozhilali) and of five weeklies (The Examiner, The New Leader, The Herald, Sanjivan and Raknno), ICPA has over 100 members, including some of the leading Catholic periodicals, publishing houses and journalists.

freedom guaranteed and enshrined in the Constitution, said the editor to a gathering of around hundred journalists and administrators of various Institutions.

The convention was inaugurated by Alfonso Elenjikal, the editor of Mumbai-based monthly, The Teenager Today.

Luvis Ronald Pereira, the Provincial of INE Province of SVD Congregation, in his Presidential address lauded the ICPA for dwelling on a relevant issue at a time when the media is gagged by government agencies and others to toe the official line to curry favour with the powers-that-be.

WHETHER THE MONEY THE COUNTRY IS PORING INTO J & K TO FIGHT TERRORISM OVER LAST FEW DECADES IS DAMAGING OUR ECONOMY?

by Eric D'Sa

When we seriously contemplate this question, we need to look at what transpired during last 2 centuries, in dealing with two regions, Afghanistan and Kashmir and see what lessons we can learn from it.

We need to begin with the British who in a short period of 3 centuries had concurred the whole of South Asian Sub continent south of the Himalayas. Their rule extended from Himalayas in the north to Ceylon in the south and from Burma on the East to Baluchistan in the west. They with all their military might and being by then a global empire where he sun never set, had only problems in conquering two regions, one Afghanistan and the other Kashmir. They were suffering considerable human and financial losses over fighting in these two regions for years. They wisely decided to withdraw from Afghanistan.

They had similar problems with Kashmir which earlier had come under Mogul rule, but was resisting the British. They used a different tactic in this case. They handed over the administration of Kashmir to a ruthless Maharaja of Jammu who had helped them to concur another difficult region of Punjab under the Sikhs. This is how the present J & K came into being. British Empire in the middle of the 20th century collapsed due the economic burden of fighting the 1st and the 2nd world wars and in the bargain lost its empire round the world.

Next came the Soviet Union which after the 2nd world war became the second most powerful nation in the world and spread from East Europe in the west to Japan in the east. The world entered the Cold War age between USA and the Soviet Union due to differing ideologies, capitalism vs socialism. As Soviet

Union expanded to the south and developed close ties with India which by then though a democracy, had opted for socialism to overcome poverty. The Soviet Union helped in the formation of a socialist government in Afghanistan which replaced the tribal lords.

USA getting concerned with this development in Afghanistan, helped the formation of Taliban in Pakistan, which started fighting the socialist government in Afghanistan. Soviet Union poured in their mighty army into Afghanistan to shore up the socialist government. The

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distant war over a decade against the Taliban had a severe human and economical burden. The Soviet Union had to withdraw from Afghanistan and their puppet socialist government in Afghanistan collapsed. Many historians have come to the conclusion that the effect of this war economically weakened Soviet Union to the extent that it caused the break up. The remaining Russia has struggled over a decade to regain its clout.

Next comes the USA which after the fall of the Soviet Union was the unchallenged world economic and military super power. At the end of the 20 th century it started to assert its muscle and be the mediator in local conflicts. Meanwhile the religious monster it had created as Taliban, became more radical and started spreading its ideology into Africa where they met with American resistance. Soon Al Quida was born and it started hitting back at the American interests. This culminated in 9/11 terrorist attack on the twin towers. America was hurt badly and hit back not only in Afghanistan but also Saddam Hussain's Iraq, where it claimed the Arms of Mass

destruction existed.

In the bargain over a decade and a half USA has bankrupted itself trying to continuously fight Jihad terror. Some realistic estimates suggest Uncle Sam will have spent overall close to \$6 trillion between 2001 and today. In 2001, the US economy had a gross domestic product of around \$10 trillion, which means its commitment to eliminate terror involved spending 60% of its then GDP to do so. This has been the true cost of trying to hit back at terror at distant places. Bill-Laden was eliminated which in any case they could have done without sending their own troops to Afghanistan and Iraq. Now Trump is desperate to withdraw his troops from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan where they are still losing precious American lives. Just as they are doing so, Bill Ladens son has taken over Al Quida and is threatening to take revenge of his fathers killing. So in a way they are back to where they belonged. Meanwhile, China which for decades has invested heavily on education and research is growing fast and catching up with USA.

In Kashmir, we have been pouring over 3 decades crores of rupees to contain terrorism and separatism. War on terror can not be fought on basis of emotional response and security assessments alone. They have to fought on economics too. We need to ask ourselves whether we are being sucked into ever expanding commitments even as we obtain lower bang for every buck we pour into the J&K in the name of security. There is no doubt that in the minds of our rulers that the security operation in Kashmir have cost us big in terms of resources though they openly don't speak about it. . Some reliable estimates state that with just 1% of the national population, Kashmir gets grants equivalent to 10% of the total given to all states. In 2000-16 period Kashmir got ₹1.14 trillion in grants and much

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of it went for security.

Unfortunately terrorism bleeds us primarily because it is cost effective. Just one suicidal jihadi in Kashmir cost us 40 CRPF men. Irrespective of what people say when some one is ready to sacrifices his life for a cause which he perceives to be sacred, it becomes very difficult stop these human bombs. The logistic costs of trying to prevent such attacks is very high. unfortunately, those whose duty it is to fight terrorism forget the cost element when planning defence or retribution against mindless violence. If we continue doing this, we are on the long run loose this war on terror.

A full scale war or extended and repeated operations inside Pakistan can prove to be costly and ultimately result in stalemate. Though we are being told that the recent special operation caused the death of 300 Pakistani terrorists, proof is illusive. Independent news channels such as BBC have doubted the veracity of this claim. Only thing the GOI should have done is to show to our own public, what were the targets selected to hit and their condition after the attack. These days these pictures are easily available from satellites. As I end this article Hindu newspaper has published independent American analysts, who claim that the Madrassas claimed to be hit as per statements from GOI have remained intact, with all indications they were not hit by any bomb.

So the net effect of these surgical strike by Indian planes and counter strike next day by Pakistani planes is that each country lost a plane each. It's time our politicians look at political solution to this festering Kashmir problem. Someone in our finance department shortly, will have to tabulate carefully the money the country has spent on Kashmir since independence for public knowledge. As you have read above, war on terror over a period extracts from countries a heavy price. Outright Wars are worse, even for a victor as seen with the United Kingdom. Time may be has come, for the nation to think of a new means to settle the dispute of Kashmir. To do so we need a different mind set. This will take a separate article.

Misuse of Social Media

Social media is a great communication tool to help businessmen connect with their customers all over the world. However, if you misuse social media, your business could be at risk of losing followers or customers, gaining a bad reputation, losing sales, getting your account banned or even taking legal action against you.

Social media is beneficial when you use it in the right way. It's not for stalking people; it is for knowing where people are, what they do, what they think, and what's happening now and then to their life. It's not for showing to other people that you're with some people (especially someone you meet a lot of time) right now. It's for knowing your far distance friends, hard to meet friends and your long-time friends, what they're doing currently, and how things are going on with them.

Many people, especially from the new 21st century generation make the social media as a place to show off their richness, their ability to do something, and to become famous instantly.

Every social media has its own purpose. For example, YouTube is a social media that embraces the use of video as a communications media. On the other hand, Instagram offers the use of photos or short videos as a communication media.

When it comes to the professional world, then LinkedIn and Facebook can be at the top of the chart. People who wizard at their career or job can get benefit from the right social media. People who do arts and design on Instagram with routine post and consistent posting materials can get to 500k followers. But people, who do photography on Instagram where photos speak for themselves, can get to 1 million followers. YouTube can embrace people who are good at public speaking and filmology. And people who do advance in those matters can get more viewers and follow-

ers on YouTube rather than on Instagram.

When social media is used wrongly, then the benefit fades out and the disadvantage will come. We've heard about several crimes committed from social media, whether it's from Facebook, Twitter, online dating site, and so on. The crimes are just not a physical crime, like thieving, or some kind of murdering. But actually from sharing illegal site for underage, showing pornography to the society and other cyber-crimes can threaten the law and humanity and also give an opportunity for crimes to happen furthermore.

A cyber bully is someone who abuses another person through the internet or other technology. Cyber bullying is an act of abusing other people on the internet or on social media. Social networking sites are often breeding grounds for such abuse. This is because it's so quick and easy to post a mean comment, send an intimidating message, start a nasty rumour, or upload embarrassing photos like posting someone's nude pictures on social media in order to embarrass them. Students don't think twice about their actions because the time between planning a prank and actually going through with it is greatly decreased on a social networking site. It's possible to be completely anonymous as well, so there are less chances of getting caught.



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War Games People Play

Part II

In my previous piece I wrote about double agents, piecing together jigsaw puzzles and how pawns are sacrificed in a game of chess.

During the height of the Cold War between the USA and the USSR it had been suggested that the Presidents of the two countries sat down to a chess tourney, and points would be awarded to the winner. In that eventuality the egos of nations and their leaders would be assuaged, minus the high price of war or war games.

In like manner I would now suggest a game of chess between the Prime Ministers (PMs) of India and Pakistan – Narendra Modi and Imran Khan. They could be coached by Ajit Kumar Doval and Mazood Azhar respectively. Live coverage in India could be by Arnab Goswami of Republic TV who keeps telling us what he thinks the nation wants to know, and Ravish Kumar of NDTV Hindi who tells us what the nation doesn't want to know! An in depth analysis may be done on CNN 18's "The Week That Wasn't" by Cyrus Broacha!

This was light hearted banter on a very serious issue, whose import is lost on most citizens, be they rash-travadis (ultra nationalists) or desh bhakts (Patriots). But we need to seriously address the issue of war, especially if it is used to exploit public sentiments shortly before the Lok Sabha elections.

India Today's lead story on 7th January 2019 was "The Fading Power of Two", about the BJP duo of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. Its cover story was on the newsmaker of the year 2018 "The Evolution of Rahul Gandhi". The import of these two headlines would not have been lost on the

concerned persons. Projections for the elections in 2019 have shown a big drop in the number of seats that the BJP is expected to win, less than 200. Even with its known allies it would still be short of a majority. There has also been talk of Nitin Gadkari being a replacement for Modi if the party did not have a majority of its own.

On the other hand the Congress is projected to more than double its figure to about 100 seats. Its as yet untested and shaky alliance would also be well short of a majority, with a bunch of regional parties also harvesting a fair share of seats.



by chhotebhai *

Till not so long ago the BJP believed that Modi would rule for at least 15 years, with nobody to stop him. However, a resurgent Congress shook him out of his complacency. He found the ground slipping from under his feet. Was he now pressing the panic button? He had hoped to polarise votes along com-

munal lines through the Triple Talaq Bill and the Ram Temple at Ayodhya. Both got bogged down, either in the courts or parliament. The BJP was now running out of options.

What better strategy than to whip up war hysteria that required a strong leader (read Modi)? In my previous article I had shown how two Congress PMs used this time tested ploy to increase their popularity and garner votes. Whenever Indira Gandhi felt threatened or vulnerable she would invariably have recourse to the "foreign hand" trying to suppress the nation.

With the benefit of hindsight (though

many political analysts had anticipated it) we can now see that the BJP is trying to milk the Pulwama-Balakot strikes to their advantage, with a pliant media playing ball. Several commentators have been asking uncomfortable questions about the sequence of events.

Firstly, Pulwama, on the 14th February. Several questions have been raised about the "security lapse". Others have raised deeper questions. Was this part of the Govt's dirty tricks department to create war hysteria and an atmosphere of ultra nationalism? Was Pulwama allowed to happen? Did the plan go awry, with many more casualties than anticipated? How did a "strong" Govt and a 56" chest Prime Minister allow such an attack to take place? Had it not learnt any lessons from previous attacks, including on security forces, something unheard of earlier? The Hindustan Times dated 19th January 2019 gave some telling statistics on Kashmir for the 4 years of Modi rule. The figures below speak for themselves.

Particulars	2014	2018	Percentage
Increase			
Terror Incidents	222	614	276
Militants killed	110	257	234
Security personnel killed (almost 10 times)	3	29	967
Civilians killed	14	30	214
Cease-fire violations along the Line of Control	583	2140	367

These statistics could mean one of two things. Either the Govt was incompetent, or it allowed the Kashmir pot to boil, in order to foster communal passions and ultra-nationalism. History will be the judge.

Much of what was happening in Kashmir has been attributed to the Doval Doctrine, named after Ajit Kumar Doval (74), the National Security Advisor. He was recently elevated to the

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The 1984 genocide – painful memory

A couple of misguided Sikh body guards of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were responsible for her heinous assassination which shook the nation which had perhaps never witnessed such a tragedy since the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. The sudden death of Lal Bahadur Shastri in the then Soviet Union did raise some questions though. The nation was plunged in grief on hearing about the news of the death of Indira Gandhi and the Congress party felt orphaned considering that no other leader in the party could even remotely match her stature or leadership. Understandably, they were shattered but a few leaders did react irresponsibly and either advocated retaliation or led mobs to target the Sikhs.

The mindless and brutal killing of thousands of innocent Sikhs was a blot on the entire nation. Thousands were left homeless, kids were orphaned and even pregnant women were not spared. This was a shameful phase in the history of this nation of Mahatma Gandhi. Wonder how he would have reacted if he was alive? It was only after a few days that the situation was brought under control. The damage was done and the entire Sikh community was understandably upset and angry demanding justice by punishing those who instigated and remained in the forefront in the carnage. The government led by the then young Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi did not do enough to assure the aggrieved community, since some of the top party leaders were involved. While some FIRs were filed the action was not seen. Investigations dragged on and on and some small time party workers were arrested and even convicted.

The likes of HKL Bhagat [since dead], Lalit Kumar, Rajesh Pilot etc though had some role to play were protected and never touched despite Commissions of inquiry. This angered the Sikh community even more constantly nudged by the Opposition parties. Those leaders were even given party tickets to fight the Lok Sabha elections and the aggrieved community saw this as a show of defiance. This alienated the community even further. The young PM was helpless amongst party stalwarts and he could not assert himself. This continued and even

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dragged things further. It was only at the end of 2018 that saw closure to one of the cases when Sajjan Kumar was sentenced to life imprisonment. Others like Rajesh Pilot are still roaming free and perhaps their freedom may not last long but the party is behind him and is no mood to hide the likes of Rajesh Pilot.

The verdict of the High Court gave hope to the families of the victims though belated. They still nurture hopes that the other big leaders will also be punished for a real closure to their grief. The bench came down heavily on the Delhi Police force not only for their indifference but also their perceived involvement. A witness is reported to have confirmed that a Police constable berated the crowd for not being capable of killing a single Sikh and offered a match box to burn one Sikh alive. There cannot be any worse case of breakdown of law and order. While the Police force all over the country generally serves the party in power, it is more pronounced in Delhi where it is directly under the Home Ministry. We are seeing it regularly.

The Court also observed that there is no specific law against genocide or crime against humanity. While lamenting the repeated crimes against minorities engineered by political actors, the Court hoped that the lacuna will be addressed soon. Parties with aversion for the Congress were delighted with the verdict but they have not realized that all parties are indicted by the Court when it cited similarity in Muzaffarnagar riots in UP, the 2002 Gujarat riots, Mumbai riots of 1993 and even Kandhamal riots in Odisha in 2008. All these atrocities against minorities engineered by politicians and abetted by the Police which is a shame for this country. All minorities are easy targets.

Vote portability please

We are heading towards one of the biggest voting exercise in the history of India barely a couple of months from now when the whole country will be electing a new Parliament while some States will also hold elections simultaneously. This massive exercise is the envy of the whole world and the Election Commission of India [CEC] has received universal acclaim for their expertise at conducting free and fair elections of the



by Marshall Sequeira

magnitude. In fact many countries seek advice and guidance from the CEC on how to conduct hassle free elections in their countries. To that extent, it is a matter of pride for India, some noises by opposition political parties notwithstanding. The tough stand against all political parties which changed the face of elections in India must go to former CEC T.N. Seshan who brought significant changes in election campaigns. He was a game changer for the better.

There is a lot of opposition for the EVMs by political parties who are not in power. They feel the ruling party manages to manipulate the machines to their advantage – a claim that has been repeatedly rejected by the Commission and it went to the extent of giving an opportunity to the opponents of EVMs to show how they can be hacked or manipulated. None of the political parties came forward to accept the open challenge including those who spearheaded the charge. They simply shied away.

Speaking about the voting rights and in the context of a demand to make voting compulsory, it may be noted that people are eager to vote but circumstances do not allow them to. In 2014 general elections, as per the survey conducted by a leading newspaper, 90% did not vote because they 'could not' vote and not because they did 'not want' to exercise their right. A miniscule percentage of 2% was averse to voting. Can those who want to vote be accommodated? If Aadhaar can be linked to the electoral rolls, should it be not possible to vote from anywhere in India? With India's expertise in technology, this should be possible though it may not be easy. There is a need to explore this option to make voting really a universal franchise. If India succeeds in this alternative, the results of every election will be more representative than what it is today with just about 50% or even less voting.

Voting: vital pillar of democracy



Another reason why voting is important is that it creates a sense of responsibility in the leaders and makes them realize that they have been chosen over some other candidate by the people for performing in a professional and dedicated manner. This itself will compel them to use the administrative power in a positive way for the benefit of the masses. Voting is perhaps the only way that allows people participation in the government processes.

Voting has led to the fast progress and development of many nations. Countries where the right to vote does not exist, have found it hard to set themselves on the path of progress. Such countries may have to face widespread discontent among the people as a total lack of transparency and public faith in the policies and activities of the government. Lack of the fundamental right to vote is a big loss for any individual.

You do believe in having the right to vote but are unsure as to whether it really will make the difference. So should you vote or not?

Democracy is believed to be the best form of government in the world. There are many factors due to which we consider democracy effective for the progress of a nation. Apart from equal opportunities, irrespective of caste or religion and the basic rights, the fundamental right of voting is an advantage for people living in a democratic country. The reasons for the importance of voting are many.

Why is Voting Important in a Democracy:

One should vote because one gets to participate in the functioning of the government. Voting can help us choose able leaders who have qualities in them which can be beneficial for the growth of the country. It is also a means of keeping anti social elements away from power and thus, protect the interests of the common people. The power of voting, which consists of individual opinion, can be very useful in getting things related to public welfare done perfectly.

Do you think it is important to cast your vote?

Voting is a basic process that keeps a nation's governmental system works. It enables the citizens to choose their own government. It also allows the people to choose their representatives in the government. ... Also, in some cases, voters cast their voting sheets on social issues.

How is voting both a right and a responsibility?

Despite not being able to vote on Election Day, they can still make sure that their voice is heard and that they make use of their voting privilege. ... Voters play a central role in shaping the government and their very futures. They can satisfy their duty as voters by observing these four important responsibilities.

The right to vote is present in many countries. However, the statistics of voting in many countries is quite poor, with people losing their faith over the entire election process. Will making the process of voting compulsory, help? Many people believe that this will certainly help in increasing the number of people who vote. However, voting should not be a burden for people. It is needed that they understand its importance and use their right with their own will. Fair and just voting practices are a must for the success of a democratic set up. It becomes the responsibility of the governments to make available the details and eligibility criteria for voting to the common people.

What is the purpose of voting?

The purpose of every government is to develop and implement various policies for the benefit of its citizens. It also enables the person with the right to question the government about issues and clarifications. Voting is the way to express the opinion of a citizen in a democratic nation.

As a voter, Youth can play a major role in the elections because a large amount of our voters belong to the young generation. We must remember that we are not voting for someone else. In fact, our vote will help us build a better future for ourselves. So, we must Vote and must also inspire others to cast their vote.

As per the rules of the Election commission of India, Every voter must have his name registered in the Electoral Rolls



Vote For Change!

Machines(EVMs) and 2,594 Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail(VVPAT) machines defective and had rejected them. It is an accepted fact that EVMs can not only be manipulated but also hacked. Several major democracies have done away with electronic machines and use only paper ballots. It will be impossible at this stage for the ECI to return to paper ballots; besides there has been no consistent outcry from the major political parties for a change.

There are several objective analysis done on the performance of the current Government. The ratings given on every parameter are from dismal to very bad. Economically, the country is at its lowest: demonetization has taken its toll on those living from hand to mouth; corrupt crony capitalism is on the upsurge; an OXFAM report of January 2019 highlighted the growing gap between the rich and the poor; of how

just nine individuals in India own 52% of the nation's wealth. Communalism (which has made lynching, the 'new normal') continues to rear its ugly head, with the minorities on the receiving end. A UN Report of September 2018 puts India in the category of the worst offenders against human rights defenders. Several have been killed or put in jail! A recent Reuters report highlighted that India is the most dangerous place for women. Millions of tribals/adivasis/other forest dwellers are on the verge of being evicted from the forests. There is massive agrarian distress with several farmers committing suicide.

There is an upsurge in unemployment. A leaked version of a report 'Annual Survey on Employment and Unemployment for the year 2017-18' from the National Statistical Commission(NSC) showed unemployment rate in India at a 45-year

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General Elections 2019 are round the corner! The dates of the elections have not yet been announced by the Election Commission of India (ECI). In all probability they will do so by 15 March. The ECI has within its powers to announce the dates 28 days before the actual elections, though by precedence they do so between 30-45 days earlier. Elections are expected to be held between 20 April and 15 May in various phases (unfortunately, there is plenty of 'fake' news doing the rounds on social media!)

There are some 'pros and cons' for a delayed Election Dates announcement. It gives more time to those who are not on the Electoral Rolls – to register themselves; secondly, it provides lesser time for the 'actual campaigns' by political parties/candidates (so perhaps lesser time for extravagant spending and also for the viciousness in the campaign speeches). However, a delayed announcement also means that the ruling party makes hay when the sun shines. A clear indicator is the full/half page advertisements which the Government has sponsored in several friendly dailies (at huge expense to the exchequer) and the slew of 'inaugurations' and other 'melas' being organized everywhere. In Gujarat itself, the PM has spent the last few days hopping from one event to another, with plenty of publicity. Once the elections are announced and the model conduct is in place, none of these 'tamashas' can officially take place!

One positive fallout of the 'delayed' announcement is that those who are NOT on the electoral rolls can still register themselves- provided they do so IMMEDIATELY! One has to visit the National Voters' Services Portal

<http://www.nvsp.in> of the ECI and/or download the VOTER HELPLINE app from the Playstore; one can also visit the website of the Election Commission of India (<https://eci.gov.in/>). Clear instructions are provided; one has to upload some necessary documents like proof of birth, address etc. So do so NOW- before it is too late! Kindly also help the poor, the marginalized to ensure that their names are on the electoral rolls!

Plenty of news/rumours are doing the rounds! Apparently from some areas, (particularly those dominated by the minorities) several names are already missing from the Electoral Rolls. Just having an Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) is NOT sufficient for exercising one's franchise; one needs to make sure that one's name is also on the electoral rolls (check online)

There is an online campaign (www.lostvotes.com) #LostVotes to allow 'Indians on the Move to Vote from their Current Location' in the 2019 Elections, initiated by the 'Times of India'. On 24 February in a panel discussion 'Can our Democracy Afford Crores of Lost Votes', at the 2019 Times Litfest in Bengaluru, it was said that "in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, there were 28 crores enrolled voters who did not cast their ballot." A move worth joining in and popularizing – but whether at this late stage the ECI will have the wherewithal to comply, is very doubtful.

Then there is the issue of faulty voting machines! A news item in the Indian Express of 7 March (Pg. 5,ed. Ahmedabad), said that ECI had found in Gujarat 3,565 Electronic Voting



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

Habits which destroy productivity

“ The key is not to prioritise what’s on your schedule but to schedule your priorities.”

- Stephen Covey
(American educator)

DO YOU FEEL your productivity levels are low? Do you find it more and more difficult to complete work in an efficient fashion? You might be damaging your productivity without even realising it. Are you struggling to stay productive at work? If so, you might be struggling with one of these bad habits and not realise it. If you can recognise these habits in your routine, then you can begin to change them. Avoid some bad habits and you’ll give your productivity a much - needed boost.

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Sometimes we can be our own worst enemy. We do things intentionally or subconsciously that hinders rather than advances our productivity and affects our success. The first step in eliminating these destructive behaviours is acknowledging them. Here are some of the most common errors we always do.

Understand multitasking doesn’t work :

Multitasking is something everyone does these days. It’s hard not to multi task, given all the things we have to do and all the streams of information coming at us non-stop. When you’re dissimilar tasks, each one requiring some level of consideration and attention, multitasking falls apart. Your brain just can’t take in and process two simultaneous, separate streams of information and encode them fully into short-term memory. Try to focus

on one task at a time.

You take too much time to complete a simple task :

Taking six hours to write a simple, one-page e-mail really isn’t the best use of your time. Putting in more hours into your work doesn’t always mean you’ll get better results. Sometimes you just have to stop what you’re doing and move onto something else, no it may be. Chances are, your work is probably good enough, anyway.

You’re too hard on yourself when you don’t finish your work :

There will be times when you just can’t complete your work in a timely fashion. It could be because of a work, family or other emergency. If this is the case, don’t harp on the situation. Sometimes that’s just how things go. So, what can you do? Get yourself re-focused. Pick up where you last left off and continue on with your work. Complaining won’t get things done.

You spend your entire day planning :

Do you stare at your schedule, thinking about how best to use every last minute of your day? Do you spend hours upon hours adjusting project spreadsheets and charts? While planning is an important part of work, it’s not the only part. You also have to take action and actually do those things you’ve so carefully planned! Lay the plans aside and get to work.

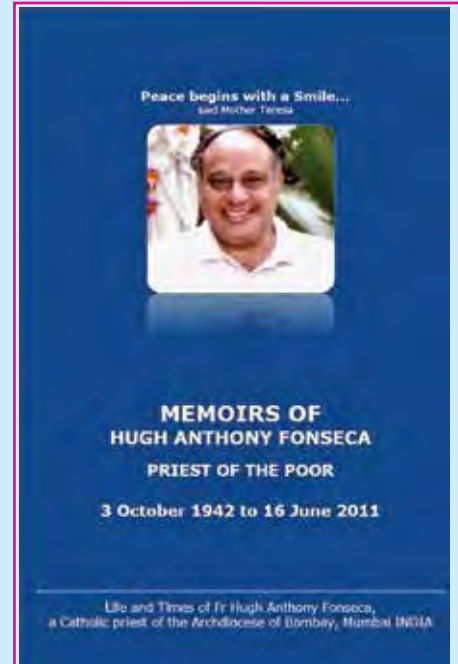
You sit at your desk for hours on end :

You need to take regular, non-work breaks. Give your eyes a break from staring at the computer screen or slaving over your workstation. Get up, do some light stretches and go outside for a quick walk. The change of scenery and fresh air will help to refresh your mind and body.

You regularly skip meals: You need food - and water - to survive. If you’re

not eating meals on a regular basis, you’re probably not being as productive as you could be. Don’t skip meals in lieu of working and be sure to take

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Saint Lucy: Patroness Of Eye Diseases

Sixty years ago today the first eye bank opened at New York's Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital. As you enter the clean and spacious clinic a painting of St. Lucy, Patron saint of those who suffer eye diseases draws the attention of visiting patients.

The painting of the incredible Saint Lucy in tempera is a work by the Ferrarese artist Francesco del Cossa painted between 1470 and 1473. The painting became a part of the altar piece commissioned by one Floriano Griffoni for his family chapel in the church of San Petronio in Bologna.

St. Lucy was born in Syracuse, Sicily, in the third century. A daughter of noble parents, she was brought up as a Christian. Lucy made a secret vow of virginity but was put under family pressure to marry a non-Christian.

By an act of providence Lucy's mother had a sudden haemorrhage. Lucy persuaded her to pray at the tomb of St. Agatha, an act of devotion which affected her mother's cure. Lucy went further and encouraged her mother to begin giving away her considerable wealth to the poor. Understandably, this disturbed and annoyed the man who considered himself Lucy's fiancé. His reaction was unexpected when he denounced her to Paschasius, the governor of Sicily, in the year 303.

These were difficult and cruel times for Christians as Emperor Dolcietian's fierce persecution of the followers of Christ was blazing across Sicily. According to the Golden Legend, a precious and rare compendium of saints' lives, Paschasius asked Lucy if she believed the Holy Spirit was within her. Lucy replied, "He who lives chastely is the temple of the Holy Ghost".

In a state of rage, Paschasius blurted:

"Then, I shall send thee to a house of ill fame! There thy body will be violated, and thou wilt lose thy Holy Ghost." But Lucy answered, "The body is not soiled unless the soul consents; and if in my despair my body is ravished, my chastity will thereby be doubled. And as for my body, here it is ready for every torture. Why do you delay? Son of the devil, begin! Carry out thy heinous design!"

Paschasius, filled with hate ordered her to be used as a prostitute, but when they tried to take her away they found God had made her immovable.

Not even a hundred men, and yokes of oxen, could shift Lucy from where she stood. Enraged, the governor built a circle of fire around her, and once again God preserved her from the fury of the flames. With anger beyond his station in life, he had her eyes gouged out, but they were miraculously restored, which explains why del Cossa's tempera painting has eyes in her head as well as on the stalk she holds, like a posy of wild flowers in her hand.

Finally she was killed by a sword thrust through her throat.

Francesco del Cossa is a fascinating artist whose work is delicately poised between the rich, gilded but slightly stiff elegance of the international Gothic style and the new spatial and psychological realism introduced to Italy



by the painters of the Florentine Renaissance. Little is known about his life, other than that he was the son of a stonemason, that he was born in Ferrara in 1435 or 1436 and that he died in the same city possibly of the plague just 40 years later.

The painting of Saint Lucy shows a field of gold leaf stippled and incised in the area of Lucy's halo.

This slightly archaic treatment of the saint fits her legend.

Lucy, means light or radiance, aptly reflecting in the gold that shines about her. Being deprived of a naturalistic setting makes her seem all the more statuesque, remembering the miracle of her immovability.

Across the world, the name of Saint Lucy has spread and many turn to the saint in their hour of need.



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post of Chairman, Strategic Policy Group. We need to take a long hard look at Doval, before we answer the question “Was Pulwama a mere security lapse, or was it a desperate gamble to help Modi win the elections, albeit at the cost of some pawns in the game like the 44 CRPF soldiers?”

Doval is a retired police officer of the Kerala cadre. He was the youngest ever to receive the Police Medal, followed by the President’s Police Medal and the Kirti Chakra, the second highest bravery award in peace time, usually reserved for the army. He was not just a gallant police officer. He is known as the Indian James Bond, the master spy.

His accomplishments speak for themselves. He is credited with having destroyed the Mizo National Front by infiltrating it, and winning over 6 of its 7 commanders. He facilitated the merger of Sikkim with India. In 1988 he rescued a foreign diplomat from the Golden Temple, Amritsar, during Operation Black Thunder, by posing as an ISI agent. In 1999 he was one of the three negotiators at Kandahar, Afghanistan, where Indian Airlines Flight No IC 814 was hijacked; and Jaish-e-Mohammed head Masood Azhar was released. He reportedly had a hand in the negotiations of all 15 hijackings of Indian Airlines aircraft. He is credited with getting 46 Indian nurses released from Tikrit, Iraq. He had a hand in resolving the recent Doklam standoff with China. He is considered the mastermind behind the strikes in Myanmar and Uri. Why then could he not find a negotiated settlement in Kashmir?

This very competent super spy and strategist spent seven years in Pakistan, but little is known of his role there. It is again reported that he “changed his religion” to penetrate the other side. So I wonder if he had to get himself circumcised, or ate Pakistani beef, in order to prove his genuineness? The Economic Times called him the most powerful man in India, after the Prime Minister. As for the Bal-

akot strike, the newspapers reported that only 6 persons other than the PM knew about it in advance – the three Service Chiefs, the heads of Raw and the IB, and Doval.

So he could verily be the mastermind behind the Balakot strike as well. After his retirement in 2004 he had written a paper “Indian Black Money Abroad in Secret Banks & Tax Havens”. So was he the mastermind of the demonetisation strike also? It was again reported that the then CBI Director Alok Verma was investigating the Doval angle in a sensitive case. So was the latter behind the midnight strike on the CBI offices as well? As a Garhwali did he prevail upon the PM to leapfrog over two other senior generals to appoint his fellow Garhwali, Bipin Rawat, as the Chief of Army Staff? Can we put the jigsaw puzzle pieces together to see the “Face” of the master spy and strategist?

This then begs the question, how could such a strong man allow Pulwama to happen? Worse still, did he allow it to happen? As with the Purulia Arms Drop, and several other unresolved murder mysteries, we may never know the answer. But circumstantial evidence points in one direction.

I have another observation. Conspirators always keep an alibi ready. The best way to disprove their involvement is to prove that they were far from the scene of the crime. They also use this ploy to avoid answering embarrassing questions. For example, if there is a municipal demolition drive, it is first ensured that the elected representative is far away. So when he gets calls for help from his constituents he expresses his helplessness, being far away. Modi had the perfect alibi. He was shooting for a documentary in Corbett National Park. His political adversaries have alleged that even after being “informed” about Pulwama he continued with the shoot. The next morning he was flagging off the overhyped Vande Bharat Express, followed by a spate of political rallies. It makes one think. Is such nonchalance true to human nature?

Would not a PM, no matter how big a chest or war chest he had, not flinch at the massacre of his soldiers? Would he not cancel all other arrangements to take stock of the situation and make contingency plans? Sometimes when we are much too clever we give the game away.

Had Pulwama been a security lapse heads would have rolled. There would have been a clamour for the resignation of the Defence Minister and Home Minister (the CRPF comes under him). After the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai several ministers resigned. Honourable men like Lal Bahadur Shastri and V.P. Singh resigned as ministers when things went wrong. Ironically, both went on to become PMs of the country. So why did no minister resign? Why was the entire Pulwama-Balakot episode treated as business as usual?

All the evidence points to foreknowledge of the same. The subsequent surge in the popularity of the BJP just before the elections is proof enough. Yeddurappa in Karnataka let the cat out of the bag when he boasted that the BJP would now sweep the elections in that State. The writing is on the wall. Can the people of India read it?

I am aware that my observations could land me in trouble. For me it is immaterial who wins the coming elections, as long as it is fair play, not fought over the dead bodies of our brave soldiers. May peace reign in our country, our neighbourhood, and the entire global village. May truth prevail. Satyamev Jayate.

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Inspiration!

If you're someone who wants a lot of adventure in your life, you might be an enthusiast. Their tendency to live their lives to the fullest can sometimes

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We bring you a list of personality types. These are a great way to get a stronger sense of what kind understanding yourself better, try choosing one sentence that best describes you in the format of "I (your statement.)" This can provide a quick reference of your personality. Ask yourself which description most closely matches how you describe yourself

Reformer: "I take right path":

Reformers are the people who think that there's a right and wrong way to do things and they are absolutely determined to learn the right way. A common goal of reformers is to eat healthy, because they struggle to understand how having a sugary treat is anything but a black mark on their meal plans. That limited awareness can be a problem but their sense of commitment is certainly advantageous.

Helper : "I must help others" :

Helpers are the segment of personality who desperately need to convince themselves that they're making a positive differences in the world. Their goals include the need to build quality relationships, usually by proving themselves worthy of others' friendship and companionship. Helpers

can be too needy at times but their generosity should be appreciated and valued.

Motivator: "I need to succeed" :

Motivator are the members of types of personalities who are perhaps most likely to be reading articles on various magazines and online sites. For motivators, increasing productivity and efficiency is a primary concern. They might be a little too focused on work but that drive can lead them to big success in both their professional and personal lives.

Romantic: "I am unique" :

Romantics are the ones who believe the most in their power to change the world. They know in their hearts that they have something to offer that no one else does and are desperate to find their passion so they can do what they consider their life's work. While maybe a little too idealistic at time, romantics' ability to believe in something bigger than themselves is certainly worth admiring.

Thinker : "I need to understand the world" :

A thinker is eager to figure out how things work. They want to understand the mechanics everything they come across, up to and including their relationships. While they over analyse things at times, their analysis skills can certainly come in handy.

Skeptic : "I am affectionate and skeptical" :

Skeptics are as far removed from romantics as any two groups in the types of personalities can be. They want to worry less but should also remember that skepticism often leads to great discoveries.

Enthusiast: "I am happy and open to new things" :

mean they're not concerned enough about their futures but they also don't waste time second-guessing themselves.

Leader: "I must be strong" :

Like the motivators, leaders are another group in personality who are likely to read motivational and self-improvement article and others on magazines and various websites. Often businessmen and businesswomen, a goal of many leaders is to build a successful start-up. Sometimes leaders have trouble following orders but they also tend to influence big changes.

Peacemaker: "I am at peace" :

Peacemakers are people who feel very happy with their lives. The downside is they may be too complacent and won't strive to achieve more but who wouldn't like to have that kind of self-assurance.

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT PERSONALITY

- Birth order can influence your personality.
- Your personality is relatively stable throughout life.
- Personality traits are also linked to certain illnesses.
- Animals too have distinctive personalities.
- Personality influences personal preferences.
- People can accurately judge your personality based on your facebook profile.
- Numerous factors can contribute to personality disorders.
- Your pet may reveal information about your personality.

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high during 2017-2018. Recently, two government officials, including the acting chairperson of the NSC resigned, protesting the withholding of the report. There has been great interference in the functioning of independent/autonomous bodies of the country-the Judiciary, the RBI, the CBI, the Information Commission and quite obviously the ECI too: a clear undermining of democratic institutions processes and even a threat to the Constitution of India! The less said about the so-called 'mainstream' media the better: most are owned by a couple of pro-government corporates. They kowtow to the powers and they dish out blatant lies and false propaganda.

Attempts are made to put the controversial Rafale deal, under the carpet, despite incontrovertible evidence! India as a nation has never been so corrupt! Sitting members from other parties are being bought up with mind boggling amounts. Indian politics has been criminalized as never before! The Ram Mandir is in the spotlight once again. The Pulwama attack and the subsequent surgical strikes on Pakistan- 'seem' to have given the Government a fresh impetus. The unfortunate thing is that everything seems so dicey and that any question, asked impartially for transparency and truth, is bound to be regarded as 'anti-national' or 'unpatriotic'!

There is already talk that "this may be the last elections the country will have". Such doomsday pundits must be proved wrong! The people of India have demonstrated in the past, a wisdom -that is able to see through betrayals, false promises, lies and empty rhetoric. The coming elections will hopefully see that: a vote for change!

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your full meal breaks. While you're at it, get away from your desk or workspace and eat somewhere else, like a cafeteria, outdoors or in a public park for a break from the office.

You sit around waiting for the perfect moment to begin something :

When's the perfect moment to start planning your dream vacation, clean out your closet or look for that new job? You could spend years upon years waiting for that so-called 'perfect moment'. The truth is, the perfect moment is right now. Stop waiting and start working towards your goals, big and small, professional and personal.

You check your email every two minutes :

E-mail is a tool that should be used to help you do your work, not distract you from your work. Turn off e-mail alerts and updates or log out of e-mail programs entirely. Limit checking your e-mail to only a few times each day, so you so you can focus on getting things done.

Your work on the first thing that comes across your desk:

Do you start working on the first item you receive in your e-mail inbox? How about tackling that non-urgent memo sitting on your desk? Make a point to begin your day or work sessions by identifying your own specific goals and tasks. You'll get a lot more done than if you just reacted and started working on the first task that came across your path.

You walk into meetings unprepared :

Do you just walk into meetings without knowing what they are about?

Sure, it takes time to review meeting materials and become acquainted with the goals of any meeting. But if you don't, you'll just be wasting your time and other people's time when you're sitting in the conference room. It's worth taking a few moments to get yourself prepared so you can have a fruitful meeting.

You don't review your calendar :

From meetings and appointments to events and interviews, your calendar can tell you exactly where you should be and what you should be doing at any given point in time. However, if you don't review your calendar, you won't know what to prepare, where to travel or what to do. Just taking a couple of minutes to review your schedule at the beginning of every day can be a great help to your productivity.

You wait until the very last minute to start something :

Stop deferring work until a later date and start working on a project the very same day you receive it. You'll have started work on your project in the simplest and easiest way possible. You don't have to make a big deal out of it, just write down a couple of ideas or do a bit of quick research.

OTHER COMMON HABITS THAT DESTROY YOUR PRODUCTIVITY

- Confusing busy with being productive.
- Seeking perfection in everything.
- Avoiding risk at work front.
- Letting fear impede progress.
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Historic British Cathedral - Old Bombay



Compiled : Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

Three hundred years ago, Bombay, we know today as Mumbai, took root on the Arabian Sea coast. Mumbai today, is a sprawling premier metro. Later on, land was added on to the southern side as hundreds of acres were reclaimed from the Arabian Sea. The milestone 'Point Zero' is still here, and over the years, other milestones have been installed on the northern side, on the road up to the present suburbs like Bandra, Andheri, Juhu and so on.

St. Thomas' Cathedral, initially called 'Bombay Church', was the heart of the Fort, the walled settlement within which the city's early inhabitants lived. Church Gate, one of the three gates of the Fort, was named after this church, consecrated into a cathedral in 1837. The Fort walls were demolished in 1864.

This cathedral, located in front of the famous Tata House or Bombay House, close to the exquisitely sculpted Flora Fountain in the vicinity of the Bombay Stock Exchange or the money centre of India, has tales galore. In fact, the history of Mumbai can be traced using the cathedral, and many landmarks, especially in the posh South Mumbai like Churchgate station and Dalal Street.

A member of the clergy of this church explains that birth, death, marriage and baptism of the Anglican people in the whole of Bombay Presidency region, which included the entire Maharashtra, Goa, parts of Karnataka, Gujarat and some parts of Sindh, are found in the records of this cathedral. If any known member of old wants to trace his or her early family history, they can do it from the records here. While walking around on a tour of the cathedral, hearing what is repeated over the years, from people associated with this cathedral, and about the plaques and tombstones present, and also the information carved on them, from a number of maps, documents and official letters pertaining to historical events, all stored in the archives, very interesting details result.

According to the records, this was the first Anglican church set up in Bombay of old, now Mumbai, named after St Thomas, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ, who had come to India to spread the teachings of Jesus. In 1674, the then governor of Bombay Presidency, Gerald Aungier, sought assistance from Court of Directors to erect a small church in the centre of the town. Before this, many catholic churches like St Michael's Church in Mahim (1534), St Andrews in Bandra (1575), Portuguese Church in Dadar

and a few in Vasai already existed. However, this was the first Anglican church to be opened on Christmas Day in 1718.

To understand the importance of this cathedral with respect to Mumbai, one has to remember that the city was a cluster of seven closely lying islands till the last century. The East India Company owned this island and to protect it, it fortified the area around the church. So, till 1860, the church was the centre of the area. A moat protected the island and its deep waters from pirates. There was an arch and a gateway for people to enter the land from the sea. The first sight from the sea through the gate was the church, and this is the reason for the name Church Gate. After covering the moat, Flora Fountain was built on it.

A tour of the cathedral built in the neo-gothic style of architecture, believed to be inspired by the St Thomas Cathedral in Ireland, it can be found that this is perhaps the only church which has the entire history of the region on its walls. At the entrance, to the right is a marble memorial dedicated to Jonathan Duncan, the longest serving Governor of Bombay, 1795 to 1811, who is believed to have introduced a law against infanticide — a tribute to his love for India.

The church has the wall plaques in memory of the soldiers killed during the war with Tipu Sultan; then there is the plaque dedicated to Rear Admiral Sir Frederick Lewis Maitland, to whom Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered on his ship HMS Bellerophon. Sir Lewis was also appointed as Commander-in-Chief of the East India Company and died off the shores of Bombay in 1839. He was buried in the city and a monument was erected in his memory. Near the main altar is a life-size resting statue of the inaugural bishop of Bombay, Thomas Carr.

The main altar has five stained-glass panels done by the famous Victorian designer of stain glass Charles Eamer Kempe. They were installed

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The sting operation titled "Operation Karaoke" exposed as many as three dozen big names from the film industry (Bollywood celebrities, TV stars and comedians) who have agreed to make social post media in favour of a political party in exchange of money resulting in getting involved in this unethical practice in the wake of 2019 general elections. This shocking expose left netizens fuming with hashtag #Bikaoobollywood trending on Twitter.

That's no democracy. That's how MBS of Saudi Arabia and Kim from N Korea and Putin of Russia and the Chinese gerontocrats operate. The US has done so in the past and now tries to do so by inflaming ultra-right crazies to do their dirty work.

The reason the ruling right wing is able to enforce a coarse version of policed Nationalism is because the Liberal left has so much esoteric contempt for any sentimentalism or affiliation with the Indian State. The dogma of the Left has given birth to the rise of Right.

Anyone noticed that the more nationalist a channel claims to be, the more likely it is to give a platform to the most coarse voices. This is called reducing news to theatrics while practicing faux patriotism. Why are these gentlemen called at all?

About these gentlemen. We have no statesmen left. As a country we have reduced ourselves to rabid hate mongering. Just listen to the language used. Street side, raised voices, hitting below the belt. All that comes to mind is Teddy Roosevelt's adage which I feel we should follow, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

From our TV we want news. But channels are busy doing loose talk with egoistic persons shouting at each other relaying harmful contents spreading conflict, obsessed mind set and lopsided views. It creates harmful stuff affecting young

people, old people and spreading obscene culture and conflict resulting in psychological influence in society. We want news. We are capable of forming our own opinion and views.

It's the propaganda that is offensive and not the position. One is ok if hit with a divergent viewpoint articulated respectably. It is also understood that we can differ in our societal make-up but still be cohesive friends. On a personal note, one applauds the anti PSU stance the Modi government is taking as much as one is endeared by his socio-economic re-engineering efforts. Likewise, one is appalled by his (or rather his party) non-secular intolerance and divisiveness.

Let the discussion and debate be without crass political fervour or a preference of one socio-economic system or other, remains (for centuries) a valid debate. Let it be done without propaganda or ridicule but with substance.

The debate strategy of the government is a masterpiece, to put the opposition on the defensive having to support and explain their achievements instead of them attacking the government for their past actions – simply brilliant ploy. **I realised then the power of political lies in forcing opponents to substantiate rather than attack. As we the people let's be the prism we filter through and vote sensibly in this coming Lok Sabha elections.**

#FitInStandOut in the garden of life is an outstanding idea. It encourages angularity but the corners don't have to hurt anybody. A touch pad needs to be sensitive. But a case needs to be hardy. Developing different capacities and finding a way to package them together, into something elegant and user friendly is what our journey in life should be about. **Nice and easy, does it.**

somewhere in the 1860s. Two new panels keeping the aesthetics of Kempe, were added later with the figures having slightly darker Indian skin tones, and the trees greener. Also included were iconic landmarks of present-day Mumbai in the background.

Every statue and plaque is made of white marble. With a history of 300 years, there has been wear and tear of the structure., explains a conservation architect who recalls every gravestone, marble plaque and colour of paint of the cathedral. She says bringing the cathedral back to its glory is a source of joy as it is packed with the history of Mumbai.

Many British Anglican churches were built all over India in the British era, one similar feature or another seen in this church can be found in most of them. St Thomas Cathedral in now what called Mumbai, is a treasure trove of history for us people to admire and preserve.

I am bending my knee

*In the eye of the Father who created me,
In the eye of the Son who purchased me,
In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,
In friendship and affection.
Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,
Bestow upon us fullness in our need,
Love towards God,
The affection of God,
The smile of God,
The wisdom of God,
The grace of God,
The fear of God,
And the will of God
To do on the world of the Three,
As angels and saints
Do in heaven;
Each shade and light,
Each day and night,
Each time in kindness,
Give Thou us Thy Spirit.*

—John Andrew Lobo - Dadar

Tips to display your passion at workplace

Sometimes it takes more than just university degrees and certificates to outshine your colleagues in the office. You need to literally stand out from the crowd if you want to be noticed by your superiors. Here is how you can display your passion at work.

Try to do things outside your work profile :

Every employee has a work profile. This is the set of tasks and jobs you are supposed to do on daily basis. If you want to show your passion, do things that are outside your work profile. This will be a signal to your boss that you are really passionate about learning new things in the office whether those tasks are



in your designated set of duties or not.

Overlook minor issues for the end goal :

It is very easy to spot passionate employees in a workplace, do you know

why? Because they will let go of minor issues and hurdles to seek out and achieve bigger goals. You can also adopt this attitude and stop getting frustrated over minor issues at office.



Don't let time disagreements or small roadblocks dishearten you. Rather, focus on the bigger picture, which is the end goal of a task or a job.

Never shirk responsibility :

People who are really passionate about their work never shirk responsibility. They never stay away from doing a task because it seems too boring or it seems too difficult to do. Show your manager that you are passionate about your work by taking up every responsibility with a can-do attitude. Not only will your boss be highly impressed but he will also see the inner passion and enthusiasm that you have for your work.

Methods to sharpen your leadership skills

While some successful entrepreneurs are natural leaders, many founders simply take leadership skills for granted or never completely develop them. Here are some leadership skills you would need to enhance your entrepreneurial journey.

Develop a strategic vision :

Entrepreneurs are known for their innovative business ideas but that cannot only take their company so far. They also need to develop a strategic vision for their organisation. A strategic vision is simply where you want your business to be in the future. It's about adopting a broader view of the organisa-



tion, having a unique mission and constantly creating value to propel the business forward.

Learn something new daily :

While both successful entrepreneurs and leaders have a thirst for knowledge there's one key difference entrepreneurs often let their egos get in the way of learning. This can lead in the occasional know-it-all mentality. Leader's on the other hand, are more receptive to learning new information to make them more effective.

Empower others :

Good leaders

always speak to others with respect. They help their team align their personal goals with those of the organisation. They encourage ownership. This requires trusting your team enough to let them choose how they prefer to work while holding themselves accountable.

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