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## Pope Says Forgiveness Key To Reconciling Divided Korea

Addressing young people from Korea and other Asian countries on their concerns about the future, Pope Francis said the best hope for reunification of the divided Korean peninsula lay in brotherly love and a spirit of forgiveness.

"You are brothers who speak the same language," the Pope said August 15. "When you speak the same language in a family, there is also a human hope."

The Pope's remarks came in response to a question from a young Korean woman, Marina Park, attending an Asian Youth Day gathering in Solmoe, about 60 miles south of Seoul. Park asked the Pope how young South Korean Catholics should view communist North Korea after six decades of "reciprocal hatred" between the two countries.

"Are there two Koreas?" Pope Francis asked in response. "No, there is one, but it is divided, the family is divided."

To promote reunification, the Pope said he had one piece of advice to offer and one reason for hope. "My advice is to pray, pray for our brothers in the North," he said, "that there might not be victors and defeated, only one family."

He then led the audience of some 6,000 people in silent prayer for Korean reunification.

To illustrate his reason for hope, Pope Francis cited the Old Testament story of Joseph, who forgave and fed his brothers even though they had sold him into slavery.

"When Joseph's brothers went into Egypt to buy food because they were hungry, they found a brother," he said. "Joseph noticed that they spoke the same language."

The Pope also cited the Gospel parable of the prodigal son, a familiar reference in his preaching. A group of young performers had enacted the parable onstage a few minutes earlier.

The prodigal son's father embraced his repentant son immediately, "he didn't let him speak, he didn't even let him ask for pardon," the Pope said. "He celebrated."

"We can do very ugly things, but please don't despair," he said. "There is always the Father who waits for us."

Pope Francis' answer was not part of the original program for the afternoon event, which called for him to read a prepared text in English, only the third time as Pope that he has used the language before a live audience.

He also answered the question of a young Cambodian woman, Leap Lakaraksmeay, who said she was trying to choose between entering religious life and continuing her university studies in order to help the poor in her native village.

"When the Lord calls, he always calls us to do good for others," the Pope said. "But you shouldn't choose. The Lord



chooses. You have to ask: 'Lord, what should I do?'"

The Pope also assured the young woman, who lamented the lack of canonized saints from her country, that he would ask the Congregation for Saints' Causes to look into the possibility of recognizing the martyrdom of Catholics killed in Cambodia in the 1970s by the communist regime under Pol Pot.

China requires Catholics to register with a government-controlled Catholic Patriotic Association, which has ordained bishops without approval of the pope, and Chinese authorities have frequently arrested members of the so-called underground or clandestine Catholic communities there. According to unconfirmed reports in Korean media, some Chinese Catholics planning to attend events with Pope Francis had been prevented from traveling to South Korea.

After the event, Pang told reporters that the pope had assured him he would be praying for China.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters Pope Francis had chosen to avoid "political" topics such as China at an event whose character was supposed to be "pastoral."

The Pope appeared at the Solmoe event following a lunch with Asian Youth Day participants from various countries and a visit to the reconstructed birthplace of St Andrew Kim, the first native-born Korean priest, who was martyred in 1846 at the age of 25.

On his way into the tent set up for his meeting with young people, the Pope was greeted with cheers and outstretched hands, many holding tablets and cell phone cameras. Before stepping up to the stage, he stopped and allowed one member of the audience to attach a yellow-ribbon pin to his cassock.

The pin has been adopted by family members of those killed in the April sinking of the Sewol ferry, some of whom the pope met earlier in the day, who are pressing the South Korean government to appoint an independent investigation of the disaster.

## Thought for the week

*When something bad happens, you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you or you can let it strengthen you...*

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# World's aging population set to affect economies

**T**he Moody's Global Credit Research Team, which regularly prepares reports for investors and finance firms, warned investors this month in a special report that 'the unprecedented pace of aging' will slow economic growth over the next 20 years worldwide.

Aging reduces economic growth because it reduces labour supply, and causes saving rates to decline which reduces business investment. It makes sense that over 65's are spending their savings, rather than making further investments.

By next year 68 of the 112 countries assessed by Moody's report will be classified as "aging", 34 "aged" and five, the rather amusingly categorised, "super-aged" – a category you achieve when more than 20% of society is aged 65 and above.

Germany, Italy, and Japan are already "super-aged", and are soon to be joined by Finland and Greece. Eleven more countries, including the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France and Canada will get there by 2025, and there will be a total of 34 'super-aged' economies by 2030. All countries, except a few in Africa, will face either a slower-growing or declining working-age population from 2015 onwards.

The Philippines is one of only 23 economies whose over 65's are expected to constitute below 7% of the population until 2030. The report showed that the percentage of elderly people in the overall Filipino population is estimated to be at 4.1% in 2015, 4.9% by 2020, 5.6% by 2025, and 6.3% by 2030.

Guillermo M. Luz of the Philippines National Competitiveness Council considers that will sustain the Philippines' attractiveness as a "very good investment site well beyond 2030". "Having a young and educated work force, brought about by reforms in education, will make Filipinos very competitive compared to its peers in Southeast Asia," Mr. Luz said yesterday. Something also to do perhaps with the value put on having children and family by the largely



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# PM Modi's I-Day Speech: Will The 'Achi Speech' Translate Into 'Ache Din'?

by Kanika Katyal

Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi delivered a powerful speech at the Red Fort on 15th August 2014. Every year, the Prime Minister addresses the nation in a ritualistic ceremony. The tradition holds enormous spatial, cultural and historic significance and is a part of the rites of passage that each PM undergoes to become the leader of the people.

It is a platform held in high reverence and Modi's speech not only upheld the dignity of the site but added manifold to his own integrity. His speech wasn't a political propaganda but ardent with nationalistic fervour.

- He begins by placing his speech in the context of India's historic past, reminiscing the contributions of dignitaries such as Gandhi and Ambedkar.

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Catholic Filipino population.

Other countries which may be set to enjoy an economic so-called 'demographic dividend' are the Gulf countries. In 2015 the elderly constituted only 0.5% of the total population in the United Arab Emirates, and is expected to reach 1.8% in 2030. In Saudi Arabia the elderly constituted 3% in 2015 and is expected to reach 7% in 2030.

Sharp declines in fertility rates are a big part of the problem. These figures are already upon us, so it is a little late to turn them around. However, Moody's suggests that policy reforms that improve labour participation, spur immigration in a country, and encourage financial inflows can all partially mitigate the impact of aging on economic growth. Innovation and technological progress that improve labour productivity can also dampen the effects of the rapid demographic changes on economic growth over the long term.

He appeals to the people on the basis of a shared past, a sense of identity derived from a collective belonging. But his speech is not sentimentally moulded. He doesn't dwell upon rhetoric. He speaks to the people "in the language of the common man" and manages to touch hearts. He doesn't speak from a position of privilege. The speech is personalised, repeatedly addressing the crowd as "Bhaiyon aur Behnon."

- "Main Pradhan Mantri nahin Pradhan Sewak hun." (I'm not the Prime Minister but your Prime Servant), he begins by saying. From the very start, he establishes a direct contact with the proletariat. He professes to be not a ruler but a worker, proclaiming that if you put in 12 hours of work, I will put in 13. As the great Aristotelean tradition affirms that the ending end of knowledge is not in knowing well, but doing well. Similarly, he aspires to put in all his knowledge, experience and expertise in doing things, not just saying things.

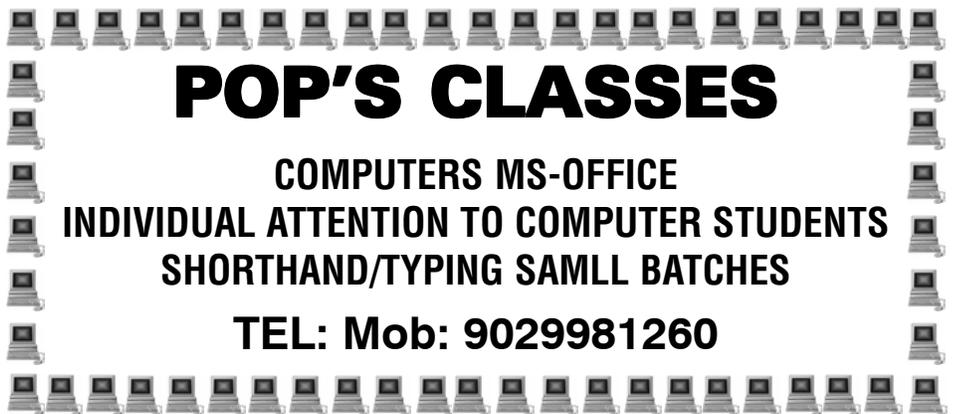
- PM asserted in his speech that a nation is not built by its ministers or governments. But recognised the farmers, workers and teachers as the true makers of the nation. A PM after all operates in the public sphere. His actions cannot be viewed in complete political isolation. But when he explains the distinction between a "private job" and "public service", he does sound informed. I like his point about the need of skilled workers as the need of the

hour. Respect for workmanship, craftsmanship and labour has been long absent from our economic apparatus which still continues on a hierarchy, originated in the "scriptures". This could be a path breaking move if individuals, irrespective of their caste, are trained in public institutes to become proficient workers.

- His Mantra : One Direction. One Vision. One Aim. He clarifies that he does not seek to operate on majoritarianism, but upon the strength of a united front. He welcomed the opposition and their role. Said he wanted to break down walls and end differences. "Main Dilli ke liye outsider hu," he stresses, clearly distancing himself from the elite classes and bureaucrats. He's not an "urban Prime Minister", but a man of the masses.

- As a woman, what I couldn't ignore from the PM's speech was: "Jab ladki ghar se baahar jaati hai, usse sainkdon sawaal kyu kiye jaate hain?" (When a daughter steps outside home, why is she asked a million questions?) It is a very fundamental question that we need to ask ourselves.

He spoke of women safety, drawing attention to the importance of upbringing. Family is a charged microcosm of society. Gender Socialization begins at home. The roles we internalise at home, are the roles we employ as future citizens.



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A boy who's out clubbing at night, while his sister does chores at home, will look at girls at the club as 'easy'. Because, girls belonging to "good families", such as his own, stay at home after dark. The gender divide needs to be completely done away with.

It really is as simple as that. He talks about the alarming sex ratio and appeals to end female foeticide. If the PM of a country is so cultivated in his views about women, it certainly is a sign of hope. While I agree that rapes and sexual assaults are complex issues, that involve a number of factors more complicated than just familial responsibility. But in a nation like India where Netas accuse Chinese food of instigating the boys to rape, this comes across as words of profound wisdom.

- Isn't the dignity of women our responsibility? he asked. On our 68th Independence Day celebrations, at a formal occasion, a voice of our leader rises from the cultural bequest of the Red Fort and directs our attention to the lack of latrines for women. While one could be taken aback, to see the Prime Minister, the highest authority, touching upon scatological subjects. But it reflects his proximity with the grassroot level. This move, for me, is symbolic of bridging the gap between that which is organic and the supreme. He calls upon Corporate Social Responsibility and MPs alike to contribute to the making of toilets in all government schools within one year.

- Modi introduced the 'Jan-Dhan Insurance Scheme' to provide bank account facilities to the poorest of poor. Under this scheme, Insurance worth 1 Lakh rupees would be guaranteed to each family. Is it similar to UPA's Subsidy scheme or a revolutionary new scheme? It does sound like a window for economic security and empowerment. Parties in power make a lot of promises but when it comes to employing the stratagem to supplement the schemes, it falls flat.

- He also announced the 'Adarsh Gram Yojana' whereby each MP is to adopt one deprived village and transform it

into an affluent "adarsh"(ideal) village. Well, what's new about it? Such schemes and programmes are already in progress in states like Maharashtra. Policies are great on paper, but how effective when it comes to management? Adarsh villages are fabricated and rewards are claimed, but then we discover that they were fraud. So, an indication of the parameters for organisation was found missing in his speech.

- Good news came to me in the form of his declaration to get rid of the long-established, ancestral, conservative Planning Commission to make way for a new institute, build upon a stronger, adept system aiming towards optimum utilisation of the natural resources as well as the human resources. I look at

it as a great move towards federalism. His awareness of the arm-chair nature of meetings, and voicing that, was remarkable. Fresh, youthful energy, and creativity were his catch words.

- In his entire speech, Modi did not touch directly upon communal politics. He called religious and caste divisions as poison in the path of progress. "Bohot hua", he says. "Shastr chod ke Shaastra apnao". He advocates unity, brotherhood, solidarity and compassion. Raises questions upon the futility of violent acts. Cites King Asoka as example, who turned a new leaf in his life. Such examples appear abstract in the face of terrorism. It is an entangled mesh of ideologies, which can hardly be resolved by metaphysical reflection. Nevertheless, it made him come across as a sorted, stable and secular leader.

The question arises – does this lay the foundation for the start of something new?

Well, he lays down his Ten Year Plan, making his approach to work very clear. He speaks with a lot of conviction. But development is a combination of policy making and its corresponding infrastructural and socio-economic progress. He has the first step right. Stronger Policy building does provide a strong foundation. But at the same time, bare walls do not make monuments. The strategies have to be implemented in a concrete manner. I believe that if you're able to say it well, it is half the battle won already. So, I'm really hoping that "acchi speech" translates to "acche din" soon .

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## We Need To Shine At National Level

During the last 20-30 years or so a declining trend in education has started in our community. Boys headed to the gulf region after dropping out from SSLC and girls found some employment opportunities either as a nurse or a telephone operator thus stagnating their growth at that level. But the trend still continue with the exception of some computer professionals who could spend a considerable money either sent by their parents or brethren from the gulf.

Earning back home is very minimal, those could not go to gulf remained either pre-matric or got themselves engaged in doing manual jobs or at the maximum landed in Hotel management so they found it little lucrative because of some left over change by customers in addition to their pay. So, we have fully succeeded in producing a generation of ignorant people, forget of producing any intellectuals and missed the bus totally.

Many of you may remember that some years back there used to be a lot of bankers (but also drunkards), doctors, advocates & , IPS/IAS officers in every sphere of national activity. Now we can hardly name anyone except one or two, who are also retired. Why so much neglect of educational standard in the community in spite of running the BEST educational institutions by the community?. Who can be held responsible for this mess, parents or the institutions?

Today, look at the mess at the National level. A north Indian from the Hindi speaking belt can become a Police commissioner an Income Tax commissioner or a jnanapeeth award winner but not a Christian, why? Because we failed in producing intellectuals, we have stopped growing mentally and we have become sheep. Some communities have started grooming their youth for IAS, IPS and IFS but we have not opened an account in this direction. CAN WE ALL WAKE UP TO THE DIRE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY?

—Alex D'Mello



## Bharat—Beti—Bonanza!

Narendra Modi has dedicated his Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 Independence Day Speech from the Red Fort to Bharat and Beti! We hope this resounding rhetoric converts to a 'walk-the-talk'—a boost and bonanza for the girl child.

- 1) NaMo expressed concern about the dipping sex ratio of 940 females to 1000 males. He requested doctors not to kill the girl in the womb to line their pockets. He revealed how well-

to-do sons leave parents in old age homes while single child daughters shun marriage to take care of ageing parents. I have seen families where one daughter serves parents more than five sons. Female foeticide is a blot on 21<sup>st</sup> century India. Mothers and sisters should not sacrifice daughter in the hope of a son. This is greed, he insisted.

- 2) He urged parents to try putting as many fetters on sons as they do on their daughters to control rape incidents. Daughters are our saviours he disclosed.
- 3) Make arrangements for in-house toilets for the dignity of our mothers and sisters. There should be separate toilets in every school for girls. This is what he meant by *Swach Bharat* or Hygienic India

The above 3 observations are exactly what our first pope wrote: "Pay honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since they are also heirs to the precious gift of life" (1Peter 3:7).

—Dr Trevor Colaso

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# Sangma Moots Grand Federation Of Northeastern Tribes

**F**ormer Lok Sabha Speaker Purno Agitok Sangma has advocated a grand federation of tribes of north-east to help all indigenous people in the region get their due recognition.

“My idea is to have a Grand Federation of the NE Tribes (GFNET) where each tribe will have autonomy as being proposed in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution,” said Sangma, who is representing Tura constituency of Meghalaya state in the Indian parliament.

Sangma further said he has been discussing his big plan for NE with the leaders of the region.

“There is a need to convert the North Eastern Council (NEC) into North East Commission on the line of European Commission and on the line of European Parliament,” the leader said, adding “That’s the only way you can give due recognition to all the tribes in the North East.”

According to him, these autonomies will have a North East grand assembly or it can even be called a parliament, where each tribe should have representatives.

On the burning issue of bifurcation of Meghalaya, Sangma said he had clarified during the election campaign that any bifurcation of Meghalaya

has to be mutually agreed by major communities – the Khasi, the Jaintia on one hand and the Garos on the other.

Asked whether the creation of a separate Garoland would solve most of the problems in Garo Hills hit by militancy, the MP said here, “We don’t know. No solution is a complete solution in any issue...But there are some among Khasis and Jaintias who are articulating for a separate Khasi-Jaintia State.

“Similar sentiments have been ar-

ticulated by a section of the Garos... We cannot ignore those sentiments but it has to be mutual.”

Earlier, before the last Lok Sabha elections, Sangma had expressed his disfavor of a separate state. Stating that in the North East, there is no concept of statehood, he said, “We are forcing people to live together.” He added, “We have to realize the reality and by experience we have to think of something else.”

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India has 90% living donors; the West has 90% deceased donors.

This is possible because in the West, funerals are professionally managed, and the Funeral Parlor managers actively assist organ donations.

In India, the grief stricken family, being emotionally overwhelmed, might sometimes forget or decline to donate the organs of the deceased.

The feasibility of approaching undertakers in India to boost organ donations should be explored, as undertakers usually have an overall control over Funeral procedures, from obtaining Death certificates, inserting ads, arranging funeral rites, etc.

This will boost Organ Donations.

—Denis Khan

# How Can India Progress!

- 1 To reflect and ... act. The difference between the poor and rich nations is not the age of the Nation.
- 2 This can be demonstrated by countries like India and Egypt, which are more than 2000 years old and are still poor countries.
- 3 On the other hand, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, which 150 years back were insignificant, today are developed and rich countries.
4. The difference between the poor and rich nation does not also depend on the available natural resources.
5. Japan has limited territory, 80% mountainous, unsuitable for agriculture or farming, but is the second in worlds economy. The country is like an immense floating factory, importing raw material from the whole world and exporting manufactured products.
6. Second example is Switzerland , it does not grow cocoa but produces the best chocolates in the world. In her small territory she rears animals and cultivates the land only for four month in a year, nevertheless manufactures the best milk products. A small country which is an image of security which has made it the strongest world bank.
7. Executives from rich countries who interact with their counterparts from poor countries show no significant intellectual differences.
8. The racial or colour factors also do

not evince importance: migrants heavy in laziness in their country of origin are forcefully productive in rich European countries.

9. What then is the difference?
10. The difference is the attitude of the people, moulded for many years by education and culture.
11. When we analyse the conduct of the people from the rich and developed countries, it is observed that a majority abide by the following principles of life:
  12. 1. Ethics, as basic principles. 2. Integrity. 3. Responsibility. 4. The respect for Laws and Regulations. 5. The respect from majority of citizens by right. 6. The love for work. 7. The effort to save and invest. 8. The will to be productive. 9. Punctuality.
13. In the poor countries a small minority follow these basic principles in their daily life.
14. We are not poor because we lack natural resources or because nature was cruel towards us.
15. We are poor because we lack attitude. We lack the will to follow and teach these principles of working of rich and developed societies.
16. WE ARE IN THIS STATE BECAUSE WE WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OVER EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE. WE ARE IN THIS STATE BECAUSE WE SEE SOMETHING DONE WRONG AND SAY - "LET IT BE" WE SHOULD HAVE A SPIRITED MEMORY AND ATTITUDE... ONLY THEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO CHANGE OUR PRESENT STATE.
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19. Think about it...

## India's Progress

by Bill Gates

India's progress over the past 20 years has been quite phenomenal. It deserves recognition especially now, as rich countries consider whether to continue investing in global development assistance despite all the economic problems they face at home.

India still faces many challenges. More than 400 million Indians live in extreme poverty. The country is home to half of all the world's malnourished and underweight children and one fourth of the world's tuberculosis.

But over the past 20 years, India has really emerged as a dynamic, influential country. It's been one of the world's fastest growing major economies, and it's playing an increasingly important role in world affairs, including as a member of the G20 and the BRICS group of newly industrialized nations.

The current situation in India is quite hopeful. The country has a lot of talented people. The universities are improving. Government spending is going up because of the nation's economic strength. Some reforms are needed, and that's progressing, gradually. India represents all the challenges you face when you have lots of people living in poverty. And so India can contribute to how we solve problems globally.

During my recent visit, I had a chance to see the latest progress on things that matter a lot to us: on eradicating polio and curtailing the spread of infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, for example. And I saw how India is emerging as a model and increasingly a catalyst for improvement in other developing countries. For example, India has become a world leader in the development of high-quality, low-cost vaccines and other bio-pharmaceuticals, which are playing a huge role in improving health not only in south Asia but also in Africa and elsewhere.

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# How India Can Progress Now?

**W**e have heard too many times that India is a land of huge potential. If the statement seemed routine in the past, there is a definite shift towards realization of that potential in the days ahead to come. I believe that Goldman Sachs BRIC report was the first tangible recognition of the fact that India is moving from potential to possibility. The underlying catalyst for this is obviously the changing economy and demography. One also needs to understand the buying capacity that a considerable number of Indians enjoy today. So how to convert this huge potential into huge possibility? How can India progress now? It should be something like the Road ahead for India in the coming days? Share your views like what do you think that needs to be done to tap that potential we are talking here.

It is said that for any country to prosper in terms of its potential which matches on the world stage there has to be a strong synergy amongst the government, academia and industry. The education system has to create the next generation ready to address the market demands. The government must put priority on electronics design and manufacturing as a national agenda. Finally, Manufacturing has to be a key component of this exercise.

Why manufacturing I will give my supporting argument for that. If one looks at the history, it will be evident that in the US and other developed countries,

## Opinion by Experts

government played a huge role in the development of the high tech sector through its national laboratories and defense investments. Lets take a closer look near home, in countries like, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China, government has taken major steps to promote electronics as a national program be it in telecommunications, SoC design, chip start-ups, incubation or local manufacturing. Even in a small country like Singapore, their government arm, EDB, plays a significant role in promoting the high tech industry.

*by An Expert Engineer*

I think there is very less activity in this regard where entrepreneurship is not getting the right attention and focus from the concerned people. I must admit that it does seem a bit muted at this point of time. Not because we lack intelligent risk taking people but for entrepreneurship to succeed one needs seed capital at an early stage. There is definite dearth of such funding and hence we are limited. More over no one wants to invest in traditional business formats. But then these days people are interested in areas such as green and clean tech, renewable energy, low cost medical electronics, there are still interesting opportunities which are finding investment.

*—An Expert Consultant*

I agree with sudeep. To be true Indian parents want their childrens to study well and get a good job. In the school their screwed up with lot of studies. Most of us fail when we enter the real life, because we don't have right guidance. two years ago APJ

Abdul kalam insisted Entrepership development program to be part of the study. It hasbeen encorporated in syllabus. this gives fair idea how to start an industry, what are all the qualities necessary to become an entreperner. This will in many ways help students about the subject.

*— A Mechanical Engineer*

I think people in our country are not holding attitude that will let our coun try grow, we already lack the feeling of patriotism (exceptions are everywhere) we are deeply influenced by ethical, communal, religious beliefs and values and we are not able to evolve from this. Moreover, our people are sort of greedy person they run after money not whether there act is a part of nation building act or not. We should try to invest our energy and time to make a smarter India by implementing our skills and knowledge, if we are able to do something better and that too must be sustainable then we should think our contribution worthwhile. An act done by a public figure plays a very important role in building an attitude of a young person so education system must promote public figures more rather than statistics. And electronic media should hold some responsibility to try and motivate people to make atleast the minimum one can give to the nation.

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## Cardinal Cleemis Meets Narendra Modi

**C**ardinal Cleemis Thottunkal, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), visited Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday.

The Office of the Prime Minister in its Tweets said the cardinal "called on the PM" and published a picture of the prelate presenting a gift to Modi. "It was a courtesy call," according to a government press release.

The meeting comes soon after the bishops expressed concern over increasing attempts against religious freedom in the country, while they extended support for Modi.

The bishops' Aug. 6-8 standing committee meeting in a statement reiterated the support of the Catholic Church to the democratically elected NDA Government and extended their greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The statement also extended support his efforts to lead the nation to new heights of peace and prosperity for all.

However, the statement also expressed over certain sporadic events of violence against Christians in certain parts of India. One of them was an unprecedented move in Chhattisgarh where 50 villages passed a resolution in Gram Sabha, denying entry to Christian Priests in the villages, a move fortunately foiled by the timely intervention of the District Administration.

The bishops also urged the Central Government and the State Governments to keep constant vigil over such sinister moves designed to weaken the very character and nature of our secular and democratic Constitution.

The Bishops' Committee also expressed deep concern and anxiety over certain statements made by responsible and highly placed persons in the Judiciary favoring particular religion and its sacred books to be included in the school curriculum.

They also had expressed apprehension on certain moves on the part of the Government and the Judiciary to bring about the uniform civil code and to legalize euthanasia.

# Vatican Challenges Muslims To Condemn Persecution

**Vatican City:** The degeneration of the turmoil afflicting Iraq has led Pope Francis and his staff to an unprecedented move that marks a new qualitative leap in relations between the Holy See and representatives of Islam.

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the Vatican department responsible for maintaining relations with Islam and other non-Christian faiths, just published a statement demanding "a clear and courageous stand by religious leaders, including Muslims."

That Pontifical Council, led by the former "minister" of Foreign Affairs under Pope St. John Paul II, the French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, has been extremely careful in recent years to avoid offending the sensibilities of Islamic religious leaders.

Cardinal Tauran, who was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI for that office in 2007 after the huge crisis created by interpretations of his speech at the German University of Regensburg, now uses a language that is totally unusual in the Vatican (Cf. Statement of Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, August 12, 2014).

The document is part of the campaign that Pope Francis is leading to confront the atrocities committed against Christians, Yazidi communities and other minorities by the self-styled Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, or ISIS).

In addition, the Vatican has just published the Pope's letter to Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations to demand an immediate reaction from the international community and UN agencies to prevent the humanitarian catastrophe taking place in the north of Iraq.

As this article was published, Cardinal Fernando Filoni was packing to travel

to Iraq to bring Pope Francis' personal closeness to the people, along with all the knowledge of the country that he accumulated as a nuncio for John Paul II, since he was one of the few diplomats who did not leave the country during the Second War Gulf in 2003.

The Vatican letter sent by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue calls on Muslim religious leaders to condemn "the execrable practice of beheading, crucifixion and hanging corpses in public places."

It also requires that they oppose the choice that the Islamic State is placing before Christians and Yazidis: "Conversion to Islam, payment of a tax (jizya), or exodus."

It calls for a reaction from Islamic religious leaders against "the abduction of girls and women from the Yazidis and Christian communities as war booty," "the imposition of the barbaric practice of infibulation," and "the destruction of Christian and Muslim places of worship and mausoleums."

"No cause can justify such barbarism, much less a religious one," explains the Vatican. This is an extremely serious offense against humanity and God, who is the Creator," the Pontifical Council says, explicitly quoting Pope Francis.

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## Twist In The 'Tale' With A Yale

In a recent interview to one of the channels, our learned HRD Minister, Smriti Irani gave a whole new meaning to education, diplomas and degrees. Her qualifications have always been suspect ever since she was sworn in as Human Resource Minister of the NDA government. I am sure she is aware what her role is in the formation of the academic future of the millions of the country's youth. Their future is in her hands because she is going to preside over the deliberations on the road map to chalk out the programme.

From day one, she has been elusive and guarded as far as her credentials are concerned. She has not been able to come out with a clear and unambiguous statement on what exactly are her qualifications. It is better to come out clean rather than beat around the bush. Which stream did she qualify in [if any]? Sometimes it is Arts and at other times it is Commerce. Surely, you must know if others don't. You cannot question those who question you. If the PM had to give you another ministry - say Women and Child Development, nobody would have bothered about your academic background. We cannot have a 12<sup>th</sup> standard to sit over the destiny of the millions.

Now our HRD Minister says [without any degree of conviction] she is holding a 'degree' from the Yale University. Great! Why was she hiding all this important information from the public for the past 10-12 weeks? Was she checking with the university concerned and we are sure she must have a copy of the degree certificate. Why did she not produce a copy before the TV anchor? We have a Minister and a HRD Minister at that who thinks that a 'refresher course' spanning over a week or so entitles one to a full fledged University degree. What are those who spend some 4 or 5 years in these universities doing if they could get a degree in a week or so? Can we have a HRD Minister who is an ignoramus about the difference between a refresher course certificate [even if it is for excellence in leadership qualities] and a University Degree? A degree is earned and not conferred. It is a fruit of hard work.

**Actually, it is easier to get an**

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**Honorary Doctorate even without attending a refresher course. Who knows, she may have been conferred the Doctorate by the Yale University after her appointment as HRD Minister which she is mistaking for a degree. By the way, if education is all about saffronization of the youth and education, you need not be qualified - there are enough people in Nagpur for that and a beginning has been made in Gujarat already.**

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### Sleep Walking ?

Every body is pouncing on baba Rahul for whatever he did the other day in Parliament. Heartless people, I must say. Poor little fellow is in the habit of short naps and sleep walking - something that he developed in his younger days. By that force of habit, he rushed to his mama, who was sitting close to the well of the House. Nobody heard what the mother told the little fellow. May be she told him that he could have been disturbed following the din around and thought that they are playing the game of 'student-teacher'. Seeing his friends playing in the well [cozy little place, unlike the cramped seat in which he was dozing] he also joined that drama. He did not even know what the talk / argument was all about. Half sleepy, he may have heard that the teacher is not allowing his friends to talk and were being scolded. This could have upset a generally cool guy who kept continuously murmuring till all the MPs left that hallowed place, called Parliament. So why bother? His own party men do not take him seriously, post general elections.

All small boys have enemies and so does Rahul. They are upset that he has his mama around to guard and guide him. They are actually jealous. They berated him for insulting the 'high office of the speaker' and felt that he has committed a grave offence of belittling that high office. Perhaps she was right in getting upset. Her party colleagues, however, were not. They alleged that the miniscule opposition party [read Congress] is trying to disturb the proceedings. The right to create a ruckus in Parliament was the sole prerogative of the then opposition party [BJP]. They



by Marshall Sequeira

now feel that the opposition is behaving atrociously and lowering the dignity of the House. This, they felt, is a very serious situation in which the 300 plus NDA MPs, elected by the people to give 'acchhe din' are not being allowed to do their duty.

One may recall that the BJP virtually lived and grew up in the well of the House during the entire 2009-2014 which did not allow any real business to be carried out by the then government. The BJP leaders are now lecturing on the cardinal sin committed by a Vice President of a party by entering the well. These very leaders of the respective Houses then [Sushmaji and Jaitleyji] blatantly allowed their cadres to raid the well every day, every session. This is worse than actually rushing into the well. The same leaders feel that the Congress is irresponsible but again the same leaders insisted on TV debates that it was their democratic right to rush to the well of the House. How is it that the same right has now become a sacrilege now that they are on the other side of the fence?

**The people are watching the same drama which the BJP unfolded on the nation. They are today blaming the Congress for opposing the same legislations which the latter wanted to introduce? Very intelligent question! But how come the same BJP is now introducing the same legislations 'verbatim' which they opposed tooth and nail when they were in the opposition? The NDA will have to suffer the same discomfiture which the last government did. The Congress too will have to remember that it cannot oppose everything for the sake of opposing but consider each case on its merits and then take a call. They did well to go with the tide on the Judiciary Bill. They must not forget that they themselves hope to make a comeback in the foreseeable future; unless of course, they feel otherwise.**

## High Status Family Proposals

## GROOMS



**MUMBAI** based **East Indian Roman Catholic** bachelor 35 years, 5'6" tall, Fair, Handsome, Edn. B.Com., PGDBM. Sap Consultant. Only child. (status family) Seeks a good looking bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, -Ref.:SF42)**

**MUMBAI** based **Mangalorean Catholic** bachelor 31 years, 5'7" tall, Wheatish Complexion Edn. B.Com. Position: An Asst. Manager (status family) Seeks a good looking bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, -Ref.:SF43)**

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**MUMBAI** based **Goan Roman Catholic** bachelor 38 years, 5'8" tall, Weatish, Handsome, Edn. B.Com., B.A. Position: Asst. Manager. (status family) Seeks a simple educated bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, -Ref.:SF46)**



## High Status Family Proposals

## BRIDES

**DUBAI BASED :** **Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster**, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Edn. MBA-Mana-gerial, Position parents invite proposals from well settled boys. **(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF35)**



**BOMBAY :** **East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster**, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' , Wt. 50 kgs, smart, Edn. Post Graduate, HR, Position HR Executive. parents invite proposals from educated boys. **(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF36)**

**MUMBAI :** **Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster**, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 62 kgs, smart, Edn. PG DHM. Position Asst. Manager Operations. parents invite proposals from well settled boys. **(Approach the**

**bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF37)**

**NOMBAY BASED :** **Goan Roman Catholic Spinster**, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, smart, wheatish Complexion, Edn. BDS. Dentist by profession. parents invite proposals from well settled boys. **(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF38)**

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Wt. 60 kgs, smart, wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com, (Accounting) Position: Accounts Executive. (Business family) Parents invite proposals from well settled, boys. **(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF40)**

**MUMBAI :** **Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster**, aged 33 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, smart, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Computers. Position Software Engineer. parents invite proposals from well settled, good family boys. **(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF41)**



## Escalator Inauguration At Vikhroli

The escalator on platform no 1. at Vikhroli Station was inaugurated in the presence of Fr. Simon Lopes, Principal St. Joseph School, Vikhroli & Spiritual Director of The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit, Robert D'souza, Chairman, The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit & Mangesh Sanghle, MLA; Mukesh Nigam, DRM. The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit has played a very vital role for getting the escalator in place.

The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit had filed a PIL in the High court & later Supreme court to empty the railway land encroached by Vinyak



Arcade.

On this occasion, Robert D'souza, Chairman, The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit informed Kirit Somiya, MP about the need of toilet & ticket counter on the east side of Vikhroli Railway station.

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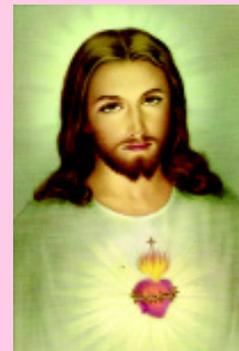
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# 26 Crucial Points PM Modi Made At Red Fort Speech

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday addressed the nation on the 68th Independence Day from the ramparts of the historic Red Fort for the first time.

Here are highlights of his speech:

- \* Politicians haven't made this nation, parties haven't made this nation, governments haven't made this nation. Instead it is the farmers, scientists and common people who have built this nation.
- \* 'We don't want to go ahead with the strength of numbers; we want to go ahead with unanimity. This could be seen in the just concluded Parliament session. We have taken the Opposition in agreement at every step.'
- \* 'I am an outsider in New Delhi. I have been away from the elite in this city. In the 2 months I have been here I now have an insider view. I was astonished. I saw many governments functioning within a government. One department fighting the other. So we are trying to break this wall; we want to have one mission and target: Take the nation forward.'
- \* Can someone tell me, whatever we are doing, have we asked ourselves if our work has helped the poor or come to benefit the nation in any way? We should come out of the

'Why should I care' attitude and dedicate ourselves to the nation's progress

- \* It is easy to give expert opinions. I want to ask parents, when daughters turn 11 or 14, they keep a tab on their movements. Have these parents ever asked their sons where they have been, who they have been meeting? Rapists are somebody's sons as well! Parents must take the responsibility to ensure that their sons don't go the wrong direction
- \* Message to Naxals: Let's abhor violence and walk the path of peace
- \* We have had enough of divisiveness and communal wounds inflicted on Mother India. Peace and brotherhood will give strength to take the country forwards. I am sure it can be done.
- \* India's sex ratio is 1000 boys for 940 girls. Who creates this disparity? Don't fill your coffers at the altar of the mother's womb. People feel that sons will take care of them when they are old. But I have seen aged parents in old-age homes or single daughter taking care of old parents.
- \* Indian athletes made us proud in the Commonwealth Games. 29 of the medals were won by girls. Let's honour them.

- \* The world has changed. India is not alone, cannot operate alone. Economic powers have changed. We have to think differently. The government has taken some measures. We have to improve our manufacturing sector. We invite world nations and the Diaspora, 'Come Make in India'.
- \* From automobile to pharmaceutical to satellite to plastic, I am telling the world, 'Come, Make in India'.
- \* The mantra of our country's youth should be to at least make 1 product that we import. Don't compromise in manufacturing; Stress on Zero defect, Zero effect (impact of environment).
- \* India used to be known as land of snake charmers. Today, our IT professionals have left the world spellbound. Technology must be adopted increasingly.
- \* We have to head towards a digital India. We today import a huge proportion of electronic items. If we dream of a digital India, we have to aim for good governance via e-governance.
- \* Do we want to live in unhygienic conditions? Can't our nation be clean? If billions of Indians pledge to keep the surroundings clean, can't this nation be cleaner? What do we give Mahatma Gandhi on his October 2? People's participation is necessary to ensure that our schools, hospitals, roads and infrastructure are clean.
- \* Can't we arrange public toilets? Why do our womenfolk need to wait till dark to use the toilets?'
- \* You may wonder what kind of PM talks of toilets and cleanliness from the ramparts of the Red Fort. But I

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# Iraqi Prelate's Chilling Warning To Western Christians

**T**he Italian journal, *Corriere della Sera*, published August 9 the statement of the exiled Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul, Amel Nona. The statement is brief and exceedingly powerful. Christians have been in Mosul for 1700 years. They are driven out or killed by the new Islamic State following the principles of its own founding.

We think that these tragic events do not affect us. Archbishop Nona does not agree. "Our sufferings are the prelude of those you, Europeans and Western Christians, will also suffer in the near future. I lost my diocese. The physical setting of my apostolate has been occupied by Islamic radicals who want us converted or dead. But my community is still alive." This blunt passage is not unlike that of the Archbishop of Chicago who has stated that he expects his successors either to be jailed or killed.

Such events make us realize how difficult it is for us to understand something like the killings of Christians in Mosul and other Muslim places. We like to think we can get along with everyone, that these are deeds of "fanatics." It cannot happen here. But we can no longer be so sure of this. It turns out that our constitutional and sentimental views almost make us blind not to the event but to its causes.

"Try to understand us," Archbishop Nona pleads. "Your liberal and democratic principles are worth nothing here." Indeed, we can even argue that these principles paralyze us and make us blind to the reality of persecution by and in Islamic spheres. "You must reconsider our reality in the Middle East because you are welcoming in your countries an ever growing number of Muslims." We think these immigrants are coming to find jobs or to escape violence. But in fact many are coming with missionary purposes, to convert in one way or another everyone to Islam. The Christians of Mosul were given the standard Muslim choice—conversion or

death. Some managed to flee. The Islamic State means business.

"Also you are in danger. You must take strong and courageous decisions even at the cost of contradicting your principles." We wonder: What is the man saying? "Contradict our principles?" Are these principles not what make us free? The Archbishop sees them as the avenues by which the Islam that is now destroying his diocese and city will destroy European and American cities. We find this preposterous. Hence, we will not consider that the Archbishop may well be right. This is just some religious aberration in some far-off place.

We are largely utopians who think that things are as we want them to be. We are not realists like a man becomes who sees his people killed and the physical buildings of his people either destroyed or taken over. Is the archbishop wrong to universalize his experience? Is this not just a passing local affair? "You think all men are equal, but that is not true. Islam does not say that all men are equal. Your values are not their values. If you do not understand this soon enough, you will become the victims of the enemy you have welcomed in your homes."

The Muslims who immigrate into Europe or America often do not assimilate. They soon form their own enclaves wherein they can practice their own religion under their own law. This phenomenon is what the Archbishop was pointing to. The clash of values is a momentous one, but it is a clash of values, a completely different understanding of what man, God, and the world are about.

The Archbishop's message to us is a warning. But it will not be believed. He seems to be aware of this. His witness is disturbing enough because it brings to our attention the plight of his people. But it is even more disturbing as an understanding of our culture and values from the outside. It is not that Islam is unintel-

ligible. Rather, it is unintelligible if we persist on seeing it through our principles that are not universally accepted when we assume they are. "Try to understand" this fact. Such is the last message from Mosul's Christian martyrs.

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have come from a poor background; I know how the situation is on the ground.'

- \* So I want to, starting from Oct 2, set a 4 year target to bring about a change. MPs must use their MPLAD funds to set up toilets in schools; so should corporates.
- \* Many programmes are running in the names of PMs and other leaders. Today, I announce a Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. Let each MP adopt a village and take care of its sanitation, education and other needs. Make model villages.'
- \* I will place the blueprint for this programme before MPs and state government on October 11 of Jai Prakash Narayan's birth anniversary.
- \* The need to the hour is to eliminate poverty. Can't we overcome poverty? Come, let a billion countrymen promise to eradicate poverty.
- \* To SAARC neighbours: Let's give up fighting each other and instead work to ensure that we are a force to reckon with.
- \* I can assure you. If you work 12 hours, I will work 13. Why? Because I am not a Pradhan Mantri, but a Pradhan Sevak.
- \* Want to salute the nation's security forces for its valour and sacrifices.

# Thoughts for Teachers

 **Ninette D'Souza**

“**T**he best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”. – Mahatma Gandhi. As a teacher of High School Maths and Science, I am beginning to wonder what exactly we are teaching in our schools today. Do we teach our children collaboration? Do we teach them to create a thriving ecosystem? Do we instill in them the thought of working to build a better community, a better world?

Most educators today are found lamenting about the indiscipline in children. When a child gets good grades, parents are so happy and will gift the child whatever s/he wants, that in the bargain they forget to teach the child how to live life. In the rat race of trying to outdo one another, we have got so engrossed with **grades** that we **degrade** the life skills of children. It is scary to see how millions of students are approaching their school life. A decade or so later, these very children will be out on the streets. What will be their attitude? What will be their thoughts which will translate into talk and action?

If we do not start addressing the simple issues of life, we are surely headed for disaster. We need to begin to teach our children to keep a watch on themselves so that we make our societies and cities places worth living in. Our life always expresses the result of our dominant thoughts – wrote Sores Kiekegaard – a Danish philosopher and author. “There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others” succinctly said Mandy Hale – a hit author and motivational speaker. We all yearn for a safer world; a peaceful planet but most of us choose to work within our comfort zones and extend as much help as will flow within the framework of our social obligation. We tend to sympathize with the unfortunate because we have been conditioned to, but we fail to empathize with them. To quote Mandy Hale again – “All progress takes place outside the comfort zone”.



I am sure my fellow teachers will agree with me when I say that the onus of making the present and the future better lies on us, through the children we mould. I see a sad future with victims of materialistic and digital lives living in a bubble exclusively their own, with no understanding of the less fortunate or the suffering. The more our children get to interact with the reality of what is truly happening around them, the richer dividends it will pay in their lives. Education is not just literacy. It is a process of stimulating and awakening persons from the core of their being, enabling them to unlock and develop the power within them to create their own happiness. Education does not entail just qualifying in a discipline, and obtaining academic degrees in order to land oneself plum designations. It calls for a positive engagement with life and its activities. “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all”. – Helen Keller. Your life is your message to the world so make sure it is inspiring, should be the thought that every educator instills in the children. No matter how much external factors change, the world will never get better as long as people remain selfish and apathetic. As John F. Kennedy said way back in 1963, “Our problems are man-made, therefore they can be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants”.

An inner change for the better in the heart of a single person is the essential first turn of the wheel in the process of making the human race stronger and wiser. This would necessitate an introspection of our thoughts, words and resulting actions every moment of the day – at school, home and workplace. Let’s face it – School is the place to cause this inner transformation leading to our universal goal of a change in mindset producing peace within oneself, in the family and in society.

Communal aggression and everyday happenings of belligerence should sound an alarm and awaken us to understand the emergency of the situation we have got so accustomed to, casually accepting and continuing to live with. Until and unless we as educators endorse thoughts of change, we will only be producing literate and not awakened students willing to take on the responsibility of bringing a change in society. We need to work on the behavior patterns of our students to respond to situations rather than to react to them. Schools are essentially a place for building enlightened individuals. Today most parents are highly qualified and also have the means to opt for home schooling. Still they choose to send the child to school, simply because they understand what is achieved within its hallowed precincts. They know that “The difference between ordinary and extra-ordinary is that little extra”. – Jimmy Johnson – American football broadcaster and former player and coach, a life changing thought which their child will hear, understand, appreciate and learn the utility of only in a school.

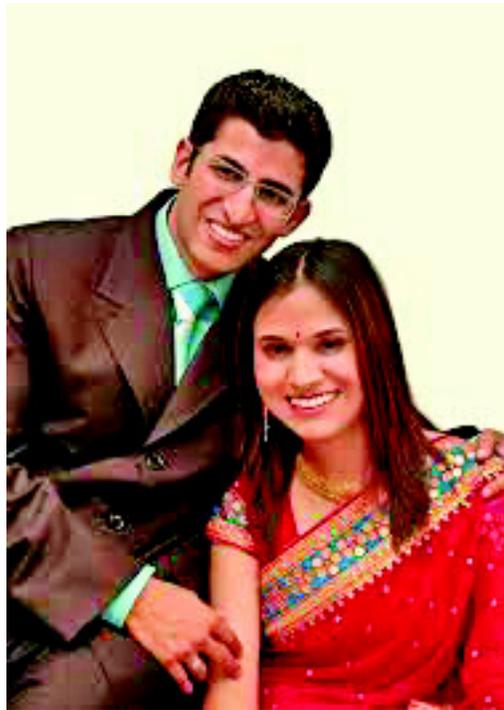
This ‘Teacher’s Day’ let’s join hands, no matter which standard or subject we teach, whether in an aided or unaided institution, across the different boards operating in India, to guard against creating illiterates in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, who know to read and write but who cannot learn, unlearn and re-learn.

# Truths About Marriage Revealed!

**T**here are ways to know if your marriage is going smoothly. Here are some of the most telling features of good and bad marriages.

## A good marriage is....

1. You don't take it personally when she/he is in a bad mood.
2. You don't take for granted the things your partner does.
3. When you fight, neither one blames the other and each takes responsibility.
4. The division of household responsibilities is divided fairly.
5. You don't feel like you're being compared to other people.
6. You still have big, open-ended conversations about the future.



## A bad marriage is...

1. You're so hyperaware of your partner's short-comings.
2. You feel like you're constantly being compared to other people
3. You disagree in unconstructive ways; with defensive contempt or superiority.
4. You find yourself feeling jealous of the attention your spouse pays to his/her iPhone.
5. When something big happens in your life, good or bad, the person you want to tell first isn't your spouse.

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# Inspiration!

## Ways To Inspire And Motivate Top Performance

**D**espite all research about the nature of leaders, practitioners and scholars still acknowledge that many aspects of leadership remain a mystery.

Often, leaders are identified as possessing a remarkable quality that sets them apart from others. It causes others to be attracted to them and enables them to achieve remarkable outcomes. That quality has most frequently been labeled "charisma," a term that comes from the Greek word meaning "gift."

There are different approaches to inspiring leadership that go beyond having "charisma" The ability to Inspire and Motivate Others is a behavioral skill that anyone can develop.

There are countless leaders who are identified by their colleagues as highly inspiring who are definitely not charismatic.

Warren Buffett is a highly inspirational leader that people trust because of his expertise. If he buys railroads, railroad stocks go up; if he sells, they go down. He definitely inspires others. So does Oprah Winfrey. However, Oprah's style is much different. She is warm and inviting, and is probably most known as the best interviewer in the world. Two people, both inspiring, but in entirely different ways.

There are six consistent approaches individuals use. Most leaders tend to use one or two of the six the last two are used far less frequently. Here they are:

**Visionary**—providing a clear picture of the future and being able to communicate that to the team.

**Enhancing**—creating positive one-

on-one relationships along with team relationships by being a great listener and connecting emotionally with people.

**Driver**—displaying a focused pursuit to make the numbers and complete things on time and generally being accountable for personal and group performance.

**Principled**—providing a powerful role model of doing the right things in the right way.

**Enthusiast**—exuding passion and energy about the organization, its goals and the work itself.

**Expert**—providing a strong technical direction that comes from deep expertise.

### Can leaders learn to become more inspiring?

Some believe inspiration is just something leaders need to provide on big occasions. They see it as the yearly speech where leaders get up in front of the employees to get them revved up and encouraged. However, inspiration is much more than this. Everything a leader does, every day, impacts their employees. If a leader would take even a few minutes to ask people how they're doing, thank them and encourage them to do more; that effort counts. In fact, everything counts. Likewise, everything employees do, on every level, counts within the organization's results as a whole.

You don't have to have "charisma" to inspire the people around you. Find your preferred methodology, and start making it count.

## Using the ATM ? Careful. New Rules Apply

**F**requent with drawal of



cash from ATMs or automated teller machines will become expensive from November, with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposing a limit of three free transactions per month from ATMs of other banks and five from the same bank in metropolitan cities.

A customer will be required to pay a fee of up to Rs. 20 for using ATMs beyond the permitted numbers of transactions in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata and Hyderabad.

"The number of mandatory free ATM transactions for savings bank account customers at other banks' ATMs is reduced from the present 5 to 3 transactions per month (inclusive of both financial and non-financial transactions) for transactions done at the ATMs located in 6 metro centres," RBI said in a notification.

With regard to own bank ATMs, RBI said that banks will have to permit at least five free transactions per month (both financial and non-financial).

The new guidelines, which were issued in pursuance of a representation made to the central bank by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), will come into effect from November 1, 2014.

Banks have been allowed to charge a maximum fee of Rs. 20 per transaction beyond the stipulated ceilings.

The RBI also made it clear that the said reduction will not apply to small/no frills/basic savings bank deposit account holders.

Also, it will not be applicable for account holders other than in the six metro cities. India has a total of 1.6 lakh ATMs across the country as of March 2014. PTI

# Grooms



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September 19, 2010 turned out to be a colorful, warm and sunny afternoon when Pope Benedict XVI stood on the podium to give his homily for the new blessed, Cardinal John Henry Newman. Thousands of the faithful crowded the Square to witness the grand beatification ceremony.

The Pontiff said, "Cardinal Newman's motto, 'Cor ad corloquitur' or Heart speaks unto heart, gives us an insight into his understanding of the Christian life as a call to holiness, experienced as the profound desire of the human heart to enter into intimate communion with the Heart of God. He reminds us that faithfulness to prayer gradually transforms us into the divine likeness."

Note the simplicity of the Holy Father's words, which remind us of the Victorian Cardinal who is lined up to become the first English saint in over a generation.

John Henry Cardinal Newman was a renowned Christian intellectual born in London in 1801. He grew up in the Church of England family and was ordained in the Anglican Church. Newman was 23 at that time. But, as we all know God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Twenty-one years later, John Newman was converted to Catholicism and was brought into the Church in 1845.

Newman was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome on 1 June 1847.

Newman was directly responsible for founding the first English Oratory in Birmingham. With a sincere dedication he worked for the less fortunate. In the earlier years he had been a fellow of the Oriel College and a leader of the Oxford Movement. It was a time when he delved into the roots of the Catholic faith in England. By the year 1842 he wrote an essay on "The Development of Christian Doctrine".

John Newman's theology of Conscience had always appealed to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Newman made 56 trips to Ireland and back in the passage of seven years. He did this to establish the University (as we know it today) the University College, Dublin.

This was accomplished on the invitation from the Bishops of Ireland to form a separate university for Roman Catholics.

In the conclusion of Newman's beatification homily, the pontiff added, "The definite service to which blessed John Henry was called involved applying his keen intellect and his prolific pen to many of the most pressing 'subjects of the day'. His insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world.

The extraordinary devotion of John Newman to his apostolate moved Pope Leo XIII to an unprecedented gesture when he made Newman a Cardinal in 1879. John was 78 years old. Eleven years later the Prince of the Church passed away from pneumonia, and was laid to rest in a cemetery in Rednal,



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John Newman's beatification process started in 1958 when a miraculous cure was made to dean Jack Sullivan's spinal column through intercession to the Cardinal. Pope Benedict XVI officially recognized and approved the miraculous cure in July 2009.

We are informed, today, that the remains of Newman after exhumation was given at the request of the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saint-hood. Newman's remains, placed in a new coffin is put in a marble sarcophagus at the Oratory in Birmingham. Major relics removed from the body—such as fingers—first sent to the Vatican so that pilgrims can pray before them.

It was well put when Peter Jennings, the man who made the negotiation for the Archdiocese of Birmingham wrapped up the glowing tribute to Cardinal Newman as a national figure and as a figure of great importance to the country, the Church and to dialogue between faiths.

A prayer composed by Cardinal Newman is a golden nugget of Christian faith and belief:

"God created me to do Him some definite service;

He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, But I shall be told it in the next...

Therefore, I will trust Him... if I am in sickness, my Sickness may serve Him, if I am in sorrow, my sorrow

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**G**oing away to college can be fun. It is also an important rite of passage for every girl as it teaches you a lot about life. On top of giving you a degree and help you get a job, a college also teaches you a lot of life skills that you can use.

It makes you more mature and responsible. You also have to understand that once you are off to college you are going to have a lot more work to do and that you will be responsible for your actions. As much as fun it can be, you should also know a few things when you are in college. Here are a few things every college girl should know.

## Have fun

The first impressions that you make in the campus and with your professors last and it is very important that you have a good name. Impressions can easily affect your grades, so make sure that you are good in the campus.

## Try not to bunk classes

You will learn a lot more from your lectures than your books at times. Stay in class as much as you can and take notes.

## Make friends

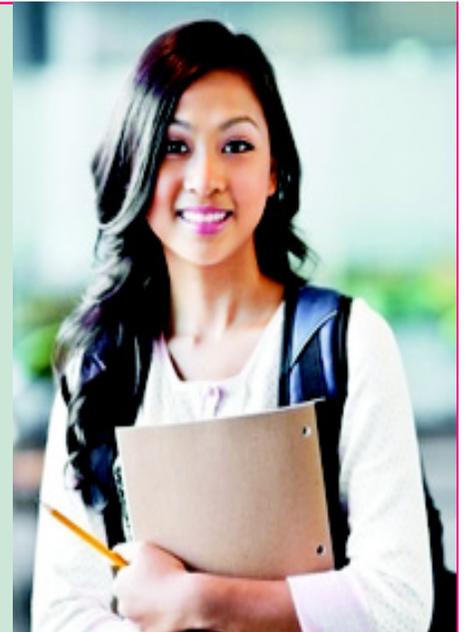
You may have some very good childhood friends but the friends you make in college are a breed apart. When in college you are making friends who are mature and share many common things with you. These friendships can also last for a lifetime irrespective of distances so be open to making friends.

## Take pictures

Pictures bring back some very fond memories, so take as many as you can. It does not matter if you are dowdily dressed or if your hair is a mess. You will regret not taking a lot of pictures when you are out of college.

## Do not venture out alone

Campuses are usually safe and pa-



trolled but it is always better to be safe than be sorry. Do not venture out alone in the dark and always have a friend with you if you have to stay out alone in the night.

*So have fun and enjoy your college life, as it won't ever come again.*

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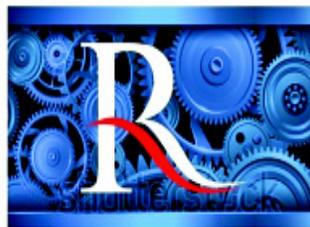
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