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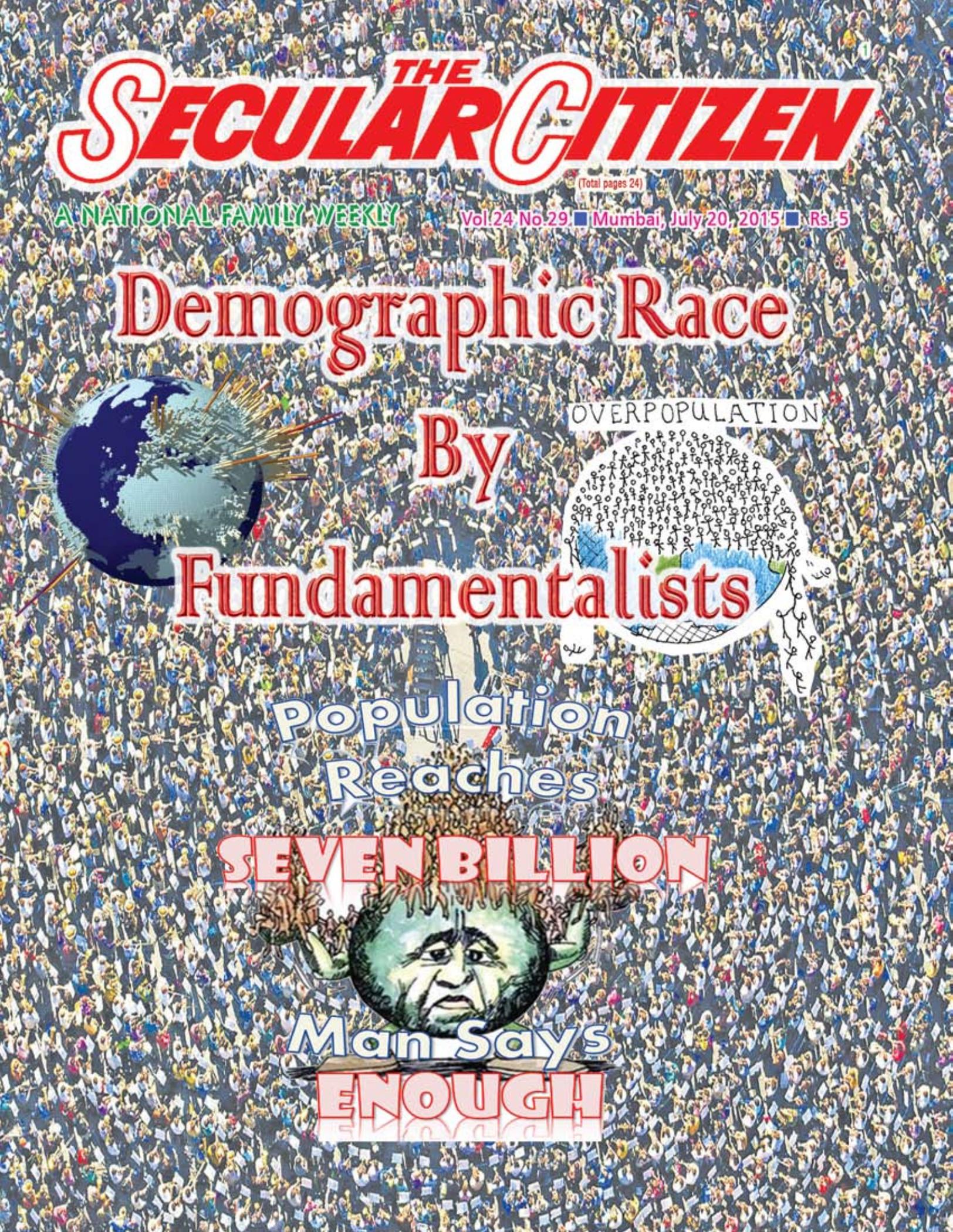
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SEVEN BILLION

Man Says

ENOUGH



Western Region CRI celebrates Day of Consecrated life



The Conference of Religious of India (CRI) western region celebrated the day of consecrated life on the 7th of July, 2015 at St Pius College Goregaon with the theme joining hands to bear joyful witness to the Gospel. The celebration began at 4.30 pm with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by his eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias of the Archdiocese of Mumbai and concelebrated by bishops of western region and priests who were gathered for the celebration. The Eucharist was followed by a cultural event in the College Auditorium.

The Holy Father pope Francis has declared the year 2015 as the year of consecrated life to acknowledge the great contribution made by the religious men and women all over the world. Taking the word of the Holy Father "wherever there is religious there is Joy" the celebration dwelt on the word Joy, so that it is also a reminder to the five hundred representatives gathered for the function from various religious congregations besides the Bishops. The responsibility of the consecrated persons to Wake Up the World through their listening to the master who calls them to live joyfully, to bear prophetic witness, to reach out to the peripheries, to be experts in communion, looking to the past with gratitude, living the present with passion and embracing the future with hope were stressed upon throughout the celebration.



Melroy D'Souza elected President of YCS central council



Mangaluru , July 12: Melroy D'Souza, Siddakatte was elected the president of YCS, Mangaluru diocese during the annual general body meeting, central council election and unit office-bearers' training programme 2015-2016 of YCS held on Sunday July 12 at ShanthiKiran, Bajjodi. The annual general body meeting and unit office-bearers training programme of YCS were also held on the same occasion. Election of the central council was conducted by Mr. Viyon Veigas.

The newly-elected office-bearers of YCS central council Mangaluru Diocese 2015-16 are as follows: President :Melroy Dsouza, Siddakatte; Secretary : Sharon Pinto, Beltangadi; Vice-president : Roshan Lawrence Mendonca, Ferar; Lady Vice-president : Wilma Manisha Dsilva, Taccode; Joint secretary : Joylin Ravina Dsilva, Kelarai Treasurer : Glen Miranda, Shirtady; Reporter :Ashwin Loy Pinto, Madantyar; DTS : Jyothi Pinto, Kuppepadav DTS :Veenal Dsouza, Suratkal; Yuvatara rep : Ramston Monteiro, Vamanjoor; Yuvatara rep :Smita Fernandes, Arva; RTS : Jeswita Princy Quadras, Angelore; NEXCO : Roshan Lobo, Vamanjoor.

For the valedictory programme, Msgr. Denis Moras Prabhu Vicar General Diocese of Mangaluru was the president and Mr. James Mendonca Popular community leader, successful entrepreneur, social worker, and able organizer was the Chief Guest. Fr. Ronald Dsouza, director of YCS/YSM, Mangaluru diocese, and the central council members were present on the dias.

President Joylin D'souza, Shaktinagar welcomed the gathering, secretary Jovita Dsouza put forth the report of the year 2014-15. Fr. Ronald Dsouza thanked his outgoing council for their wonderful job.

The president of the programme in his message encouraged the youth to be Christ's torch bearers in their life. The Chief Guest Mr. James Mendonca motivated youngsters saying that the youngsters should not wait for the opportunities instead they have to grab the opportunities to be the great achievers in their life. The newly-elected president Melroy Dsouza thanked everyone for supporting him.

The valedictory programme was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Ronald Dsouza Director of YCS/YSM Mangaluru Diocese. The entire programme was compered by Joswin Lasrado, Bajal.

'Thought for the week'

We have the power within, but the secret of success is to employ our power and talents and be prepared for opportunity when it comes

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Desired norms vs absolute norms

Japan: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan publishes a monthly missalette, Mainichi no Misa (The Daily Mass), containing Mass prayers and readings for the month.

Each issue's cover features a color photograph of the interior of a different church or chapel in the country.

The contents page asks for photos for future editions. It lists such requirements as orientation (landscape), lighting (bright) and content (shot from the rear of the building to show the entire room).

It also says the photo must contain no people.

It is amazing how often Catholic publications, calendars, videos — not only in Japan but around the world — seem to be either supplements to an architectural journal or collections of Renaissance art.

Buildings, artworks, doctrines, philosophies, structures, clergy, ecclesiastical fashions and God only knows what else (if God bothers to keep track) crowd out the only essential element.

The people responsible for these productions would vehemently deny any suggestion that they do not think the Church is the entire People of God journeying through history, citizens of the Kingdom.

But, they are ideological believers, mouthing some sort of party line about the true nature of the Church. The more eloquent and probably more accurate declaration of their real belief is found in what they publish or focus upon. They are known by their fruits.

People get away with that because so much of what Catholics see and hear fails to present the glory and the challenge of the simple declaration, "You are the Church." Or, as St Paul puts it even more startlingly, "You are the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 12:27).

In other words, regardless of what they say, when many people think "Church" their image is unpeopled. Or, if people are included they are like extras in a movie crowd scene or figures sketched into architects' drawings. The human beings are not the real story, but merely provide some decorative extra color.

The problem is not the publications, videos or other productions themselves. It is a mindset. Unless the first thought that comes to mind when we



by Fr William Grimm

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hear or think "Church" is "people," we are not going to effectively nurture the faith of Christians nor evangelize others.

In the current debate about same-sex marriage, rather than look to real people and their experiences, many who oppose such unions deal with abstractions.

For example, in his response the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States that same-gender couples have a right to marry in that country, Bishop Richard Malone, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, said, "Marriage is the lifelong exclusive union of one man and one woman." He declares that it has been so since the Creation.

Bishop Malone appears to have forgotten that "our father in faith" Abraham and many others in the Bible were in marriages that were the non-exclusive union of one man and several women yet blessed by God.

Others oppose the formation of families by same-sex couples on the grounds that children have a right to be raised by a father and mother. Once again, real people are not part of the picture.

From the very earliest days of human evolution the situation they describe has not been the absolute norm. The high rate of death in child-birth due in part to the narrowing of the human birth canal as we evolved to an upright posture while bearing large-brained offspring has always meant that many children have been

raised without their biological mother's involvement.

Death, desertion, prostitution and rape have meant that many children grow up in homes without a father. And, of course, orphans may end up without any biological, foster or adoptive parents at all to care for them, a situation that some same-gender couples wish to ameliorate. Then, there are the cases where children in fact have multiple fathers or mothers following remarriage.

So, while having two parents of opposite gender has been a biological necessity and the desired norm in most cultures, it is clearly not the absolute norm for children.

This does not mean that we must accept the formation of families based upon same-sex unions.

What is important, however, is that those who argue against condoning or allowing such families must base their arguments upon the evidence of real people, not depersonalized abstractions.

That means looking honestly at people who have been raised by same-gender parents as well as those raised by single parents and those who have grown up without the involvement of any parent at all. And, of course, it means looking at those who have been raised in traditional mother-father families but recognizing that those families may differ greatly from culture to culture.

What would the arguments look like if real people were part of the evidence?

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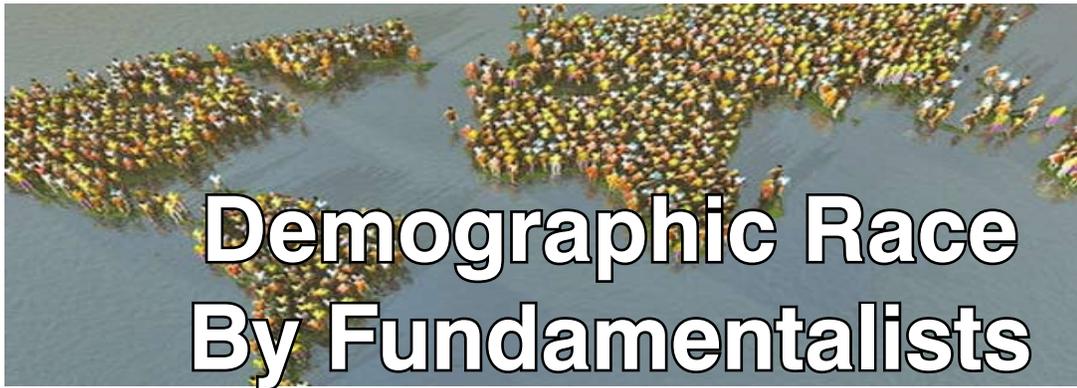
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Demographic Race By Fundamentalists



by **A. D. Mascarenhas**
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The latest person to join the bandwagon of the population race in India is Gyani Gurbachan Singh, chief of Akal Takht, the highest ranking Sikh priest. He advised Sikh women to have at least three or four children. Earlier, Sakshi Maharaj, the saffron clad BJP MP exhorted Hindu women to have minimum four children. Catholic prelates in Kerala, in recent times have been urging the faithful to have more children. The situation appears to be a competitive race by different religious groups promoted by religious fundamentalists, as if, our population estimated to be more than 1240 million, is far less than the required optimum.

It was Reverend Thomas Robert Malthus, a classical economist, through an 'Essay on the Principle of Population' (1798) warned his fellow countrymen, especially the poor, to control their number in order to improve their living standard. He suggested two methods – positive and preventive – to control the population growth. The positive measures included diseases, famine, natural calamities and man-made catastrophes, like war. All these bring down population by increasing death rate. Preventive measures such as abortion, birth control, late marriage, celibacy and abstinence from sex during married life bring down the birth rate and control the population growth. Being a clergyman and the fear of the Church, made him advise people to adopt only moral restraint, that is late marriage, celibacy or abstinence from sex by the married couples. All these would reduce birth rate and check population growth. He however refrained from advocating the use of

The Christian population, irrespective of what the Bible and the Church say, has registered a decline since the 1971 Census.

contraceptives.

Knowing the futility of measures advocated by Malthus and concerned with the growing number of labourers and their poverty, another political economist, James Stewart Mill, supported the use of contraceptives but was arrested (1823), for defying the Church. In India Mahatma Gandhi was concerned with our expanding population, but was of the opinion that population must be controlled by human restraint, that is, self-control, what he called 'Brahmacharya'.

The Catholic Church supported population control through 'responsible parenthood', that is through natural family planning. Pope Francis, through his statements, made the position of the church very clear on this issue. He derided the idea "in order to be Catholics we have to be like rabbits". A ban on contraception according to him, "does not mean that Christians must make children in series". He rebuked a woman who was pregnant again after having seven children, all by caesarean section. He asked the woman "do you want to leave seven orphans". Everyone except the religious fundamentalists are in agreement about restricting births but not unanimous regarding the methods to be adopted for the purpose.

Pope Francis also said no outside institutions should impose its views on regulating the family size in

the developing world. 'Every people' the Pope insisted, should be able to maintain its identity without being 'ideologically colonized'. In his latest encyclical 'Laudato Si' (Praise be to you), he slams attacks against human life through population control. Demographic growth according to the Pope is fully compatible with an integral and shared development. By this, the church expects the developed countries with their small population and rapidly declining birth rates to share the benefits of economic development with poor countries facing large and expanding populations. The reality, however, differs. The rich countries through Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), have not kept up their pledge of contributing 0.7% of their gross domestic income (GNI), to promote development of poor countries. The World Trade Organisation (WTO), promotes liberal movement of capital, resources, goods and services but highly protectionist when it comes to the movement of labour (people), between the countries. So the integral and shared development would remain only a theoretical model.

Raul Prebisch, an Argentinian economist, also the General Secretary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (1965-1969), and a recipient of Nehru Award in 1974, was a supporter for the use of contraceptives. As reported by the press, he was questioned by the Church authorities about his stand on the use of contraceptives, reminding him the Biblical dictum 'increase and multiply and fill the earth'. He agreed

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with the Biblical statement, but clarified to the questioner that though the Bible tells people to increase and multiply, it neither tells them at what rate they should increase and multiply nor does it lay down the number of children they should have.

The poor countries of the world, specially South Asian countries and China are facing the problem of over population. India is having 16.9 % of the world's estimated total population of 7 billion, but only 2.4% of geographical area. India ranks 134 among 188 countries in the Human Development Index. Its 67% people are under food security act in order to have the minimum food. The majority of its population spends less than \$ 2 per day. We have the world's largest number of illiterates and the poor.

Notwithstanding this situation, the religious fundamentalists want their followers to increase and multiply, possibly with the false hope of gaining political advantage. The Hindu right wings got worried as their number, as per the 2011 Census, had gone below 80% of the total population, as against the Muslim population, which has increased by about 2% and crossed 14% of the total population. The Christian population, irrespective of what the Bible and the Church say, has registered a decline since the 1971 Census. What all the religions require to be concerned is the quality and not the quantity of the population. The quantity should be contained by all the religions by keeping in mind the overall interest of the country.

The problem with the Catholic Church is not about restricting population but the methods through which birth is controlled. Its advocacy of natural family planning is unreliable. One should be naïve to believe the declining birth rate among Christians in India and the Western world is the result of natural family planning. The Catholic Church's advice to abstain from sex during the unsafe period, has the same result that of the use of contraceptives, that is, prevention of birth. The church by denying the use of contraceptives, only deprives the

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CHURCH SECRETARY: This week's meetings will be held on the various WhatsApp groups so please don't miss out!

Wednesday Bible teachings will be held live on Skype @1900hrs GMT.

By the way, you may follow the Pastor on Twitter for counseling and don't forget our weekly prayers on YouTube.

God Bless You All.

CONGREGATION: Amen!

conjugal right and happiness of the married couple. Marriage as a social institution is not only for procreation but also to confine sexual relationship within the marriage and prohibit extra marital relationship and avoid its far reaching consequences.

A rational analysis should convince the church that killing a life is immoral and against the law but preventing birth is not. Therefore its opposition for the use of contraceptives does not pass the moral test. Withdrawal of opposition for contraceptives will free those faithful who use them, from the guilt they suffer, if at all!

Prof. Peter Singer, Prof. of Bioethics, Princeton University, in an article, 'Why the Pope is wrong', argued in favour of the use of contraceptives as it helps people to 'plan their lives as they wish, weaken demand for abortion, reduce maternal deaths, give children a better start in life, and contribute slowing population growth and greenhouse gas-emission, thus benefiting us all'.

Under responsible parenthood, let parents use the God given freedom to decide the methods of preventing births and the size of their families without violating the moral commandments. The Church should stop doctrinal colonization of faithful in the family planning issue.

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Fake and Fraud Education

Junior and Professional colleges have opened. But students note the following. This year's QS World University Tables rank the World's Top 50 Universities subject-by-subject across 36 disciplines. Only one Indian Institution makes it to the list – Delhi University – which is ranked 17th in the World in Development Studies. There is no mention of the supposedly World class Indian Institutes of Management or Technology! By comparison, Chinese Institutes are listed 50 times – Among them, Peking University, is listed in the top 50 in 22 subjects. How exactly is India going to compete with China?

Now the latest three shockers reported in The Times of India, 1st, 2nd and 3rd July, 2015. 1. UGC lists 21 fake Universities. 2. 1,400 teachers in Bihar over fake degrees to go by 09 July to escape punishment. 3. Resume Discrepancies related to education are highest at 52%. Mumbai Mirror, July 07, 2015 has revealed: More than 50% of Mumbai Varsity colleges don't have principals.

On May 20, 2015, Pope Francis in his General Audience focused on the role of parents in the education of their children, which he called “an essential characteristic” of the family. Christian communities are called to offer support for the educational mission of families – and they do so above all with the ‘Light of the Word of God’! It is time for fathers and mothers to return from their exile. The Book of Proverbs advises: “Keep hold of ‘instruction’; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life” (4:13).

—Dr Trevor Colaso

Do Not Discontinue

Sunday Mass

I refer to, ‘Protest at the Church’ [Sakaal Times- 13th July] where a group of parishioners of St. Francis Xavi-

er's Church in Chinchwad protested against the discontinuation of Sunday mass at St. Ursula School Hall at Nigdi. I support their protest as I believe that for many the Sunday mass is a source to connecting man and with the Almighty God and that through prayer they can reach out to the society at large, in good times and in bad. Many people do not attend daily mass, but Sunday mass is important for them as they fulfill; their Sunday obligation and also gives them an op-
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portunity to get the grace and blessing through prayer and helps them also to get involved in other pastoral activities and associations. Those concerned must be happy that their parishioners would like to attend the mass and restart the Sunday Mass at St. Ursula School Hall at Nigdi and also urge their parishioners to involve themselves in the various church associations and activities of the parish.

—Cajetan Peter D'Souza

YOGA

Don Aguiar - it is an Excellent article. (The Secular Citizen of June 29 2015) Yoga indeed is a science and not a religion.

—Randolph

II

Thanks Don, doing yoga for the last 20 years. Do hope with your article many more will take up yoga as you have explained so very beautifully

—Vivian Pereira

III

Don Aguiar, You seem to have hit the nail on the head in the last para of your long winded article -- the Emperor's touting of yoga is nothing but obeying the diktats of his mentors / commanders -- the absolute and complete Hinduisation of INDIA.

It is indeed sad because all that is contained in our Constitution is being flouted and tweaked towards achieving this ultimate aim.-- as also absolute dictatorship

After all we must not forget that it was the manpower of the bigots as well as big money that was " DONATED " for the blitzkrieg that enabled the landslide and historic win for the saffron folks --

If we look around we will see that all

the vicious speeches / actions by the bigots is being brushed under the carpet and are not being considered lethal for the secular fibre of India.

—Fergus Misquitta

IV

Yoga, by Don Aguiar is very impressive article. He has brought in the scholastics of science and the essence of religion. Both are man-made. Religion and science.

Jesus, the master teacher who invented the chalice of faith in his moments of sincerity with people of all tribes. At that time when the world inside the universe was bereft of logic and simultaneous use of mind powers... gifted to us by His Father who we call the source of all energies and the seat of infinite intelligence ... the alpha and omega of the world nebulae is at ease just now as it was in the beginning.

Yoga teaches in order to benefit rather than to destroy. Yoga is not a religion. It is like pilates... Try it and feel the difference.

Pope Francis , the CEO of the Catholics followed Jesus, the Yogi

—Calwyn D'Abreo

Parent's Day

Everyone of us dream of birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other special occasions. The birthday parties, graduation dinners and anniversa-

ries are one of the special moments that we cherish and eagerly wait for. Among youngsters and children, parents also have a right to hold special occasions to cherish their children up. Just like Mother's Day, which is celebrated on the second Sunday in May and Father's Day, which is celebrated on the second Sunday in June, Parent's Day, which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July is celebrated to honour both the parents --- i.e. the mother and the father. This year, Parent's Day is being celebrated on July 26.

Parent's Day is dedicated to parents all over the world and is an occasion to show appreciation for the commitment to strengthen the family bond and to create an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding. It is the parents' who mould their child's/ children's personality according to their inherit strengths and talents and bequeath to them moral values and the spirit of living life wholly.

Parent's Day acknowledges the overpowering presence of parents in the life of children. It is a gesture of gratitude for the sacrifices, nurturing and care, emotional strength of parents, as they see their children grow up through a series of phases and beyond. Not just a provider of material needs, parents also take on more important roles of a guide and mentor which has a salutary effect on their child's/children's attitude and behaviour. This constant flow of positive energy from the parent to the child nourishes and strengthens the family bond and sustains for a lifetime.

— Jubel D'Cruz, Dombivili

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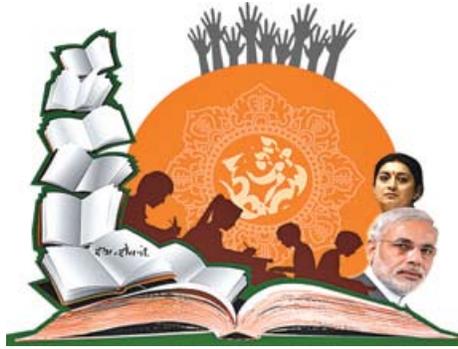
"Will They Saffronise Education?"

"I am affraid, very soon the Rashtriya Sevak Sangh (RSS) will try to infuse Hindu thought in the entire education system", said Dr. Karim Lakdawala, a retired Principal and educationalist of Vadodra in Gujarat. Dr. Karim holds his doctorate from Columbia University and has been a Visiting Expert Faculty to many national and international colleges. "When L. K. Advani was made dy. PM in Vajpayee's Cabinet Advani's priority had been to saffronise the entire administration and

Gujarat was his experimental ground. "The Home Department and Education Department top nautches started to attend the office with public 'puja'... "Infusing Hindu thought had been their top agenda..." recalls 74 year old, retired officer.

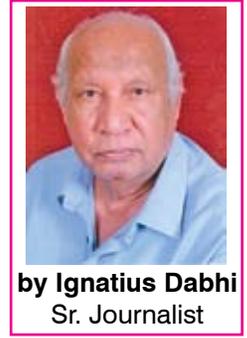
The HRD minister Smriti Irani Currently facing a court case for giving 'dubious' information on her own educational qualifications said, "Any move for 'New Policy is branded saffronation. There is a need for new education policy which will help India leap forward. But any effort made in this direction is seen as saffronisation attempt..."

Modi's new thought on 'Yoga Day' on June 21 has already created a controversy. All India Muslim Personal Law strongly opposed the Central government's move to make yoga compulsory in all schools. The Modi government, seeing a strong storm against yoga, has ultimately declared: Participation on Yoga day is not compulsory." The Centre has already sent a circular to all schools saying that school curricula will include studying of the Gita... The Muslim body has prepared a pe-



titution for the Supreme Court against such a move. The spokesman of the Muslim Personal Law, Abdul Rahim Qureshi said: "Islam worships only Allah and so the government more is objected by the entire Muslim population." Speaking about saffronisation of education in India, Mr. Qureshi said, "We are worried and disturbed, Muslims will challenge the government move in the Supreme Court."

According to a highly placed source in New Delhi, a team of Hindu experts



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist

has been preparing a draft to introduce the Hindu thought in the entire education system - from the pre-primary level to the doctorate level. The RSS general secretary Krishna Gopal on June 8, in presence of Smriti Irani said, "Only assimilation of Hindu thoughts into country's education can provide perfection of means and finish confusion of ends..." Smriti Irani was very much present during Krishna Gopal's 'policy speech'. It is important to know that the RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat has been the "final word" for the BJP-run Modi bandwagon. Who matters more for Modi? - Smriti or Mohan Bhagwat??

Are We Earning?

- Are we earning to pay builders, interior designers, caterers, decorators and doctors?
- Whom we want to impress with our highly inflated house properties and lavish weddings?
- Do you remember for more than two days what you ate in somebody's marriage?
- Why are we working like dogs in our prime years of life?
- How many generations do we want to feed?
- Won't our next generation be able to earn? Can't we spare one and a half days a week for friends, family and self?
- Do you spend 5% of your monthly income for rejuvenating yourself?
- Usually , no !
- Why can't we enjoy simultaneously while we earn? Spare time to enjoy before you have slipped discs and large prostates.
- We don't own properties , we just have temporary name on documents.
- God laughs sarcastically , when someone says , "I am the owner of this land."
- Do not judge a person , only by the length of his car. Many of our science and mathematics teachers were great personalities riding on scooters!

Moral of the story

- ***It is not bad to be rich, but it is very unfair to be only rich.***

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BE - ING A GOOD PASTOR

It's that time of year again when parishes welcome new pastors with, hopefully, less grey in their hair and more focus in their vision. (No offence to present incumbents). When most parishioners have great expectations and most pastors, grave doubts. Will this assignment be very successful or very brief? How will I be able to fulfill everyone's hopes and still preserve my sanity? Here are some tips that might help.

Being a good pastor is all about setting the pulpit amidst the pews, as Pope Francis does; about looking down as well as up while pastoring and preaching because God is present here among His people. Today, religion is a believers' market. People have a plethora of choices – pastors no option but to reach out - and not only to the rich.

The Church of the 21st century is in dire need of pastors, and good ones, who are not prima donnas. They should not worry too much about how they are perceived but, instead, labour to see that they are received as one of the people – the first among equals. To achieve this:

Be visible – Far too many pastors are invisible. Sometimes you see them, sometimes you don't. Most times you don't. About 5 parishioners see them approximately 5 times in their 5 year tenure – the really fortunate ones. Can you really fault the other 9,995 for deciding to be invisible, too?

Be accessible – We have to walk down enough corridors in government and municipal offices without getting to meet the boss, in order to redress a genuine grievance. Let's not have to do it in our parish offices, as well. Even customer-unfriendly organizations like Municipal Corporations and Piped Gas, have days/ timings when anyone can walk in to meet the Big Boss. The church would do well to adopt this practice.

Be available - it's not the same as the above. The one who is available may not be accessible owing



by **Bernie Tellis**

to communication problems; and the one who is accessible may not be available due to a very busy schedule. Make time for people. Schedules can be re-arranged, people can't.

Be accountable – the buck really does stop with you. Accountability does not only refer to church funds but, more importantly, to the deposit of Faith. Are you doing enough to deepen and enrich the faith of your flock? The higher the post, the greater the accountability – especially to the One above. When things go right, share the credit; when they don't, the blame is yours alone. Delegate work, not blame.

Be responsible – It ill behoves some one in authority, to be irresponsible – to put his interests/welfare before those of the people he is commissioned to serve, as our Public Servants are wont to do. Who wouldst be first, must needs be last, putting the service of others before self, stooping to conquer and not merely with symbolic gestures on Maundy Thursday.

Be responsive - keep the suggestion-box beside the collection-box because those who pay, have the right to a decisive say in the running of the parish. This is not democracy in action but collaboration at work in the church and collaboration makes for unity. Be

responsive – go out to meet your flock, as Jesus did; don't wait for its members to come to you. A short house-call on a troubled household is worth more than a 100 state-of-the-art sermons. True, words have their place but it's actions that inherit the space.

Be compassionate - and to be that, one should have eyes that see and ears that hear. Out of the corner of his eye, one suspects, Jesus saw the little man who had shimmied up the sycamore tree, the better to see the truth and hear the word, and Je-

sus told him to hurry down as he was going to sup at his house that day. What a comfort to feast on! Similarly, in the press of the crowd around him, he was able to discern the different touch of the woman with the issue of blood, who was desperate to be healed. Jesus felt her pain, responded to her need and made her whole again, by the power of his infinite compassion. Passion and compassion are two sides of a single coin.

Be humble – one cannot over-emphasise this virtue. The higher one rises in life, the smaller should one's ego get. This is far from the reality. Pastors need to remind themselves that whatever they are entrusted with is not their own but to be used for the benefit of others; that, respect is a two-way street; that true humility is being able to accept one's fallibility and learn from one's mistakes and others' criticism. No false modesty here – God loves publicans, not Pharisees.

Be prayerful – most of the problems priests are beset with, are due to the lack of an adequate life of prayer. It's the engine that moves the locomotive. Prayer can move mountains and, if you pray real hard, even pesky parishioners!

Be God's good man – because, that's what you are; because that's what we pray, you'll always be.

Very Inferior People

We, the lesser mortals of this great nation which is proud of its rich heritage, culture and even spirituality, are being literally kicked around. Thanks to the special type of culture that our netas have mastered over the period. The moment they get elected, even if at a Municipal level, they develop a halo over their heads as if the grains [netas] have been separated from the shaft [public]. The degree of superiority grows in stature as the neta dons new hats like MLA, MP, State Minister or Union minister. They immediately climb into the privileged class which is forbidden to the ordinary citizens.

Incident after incident shows that the leaders keep on reminding us that we must learn to live like second class citizens – something that was prevalent during the South African apartheid and American suppression of rights of the Blacks. What is amazing is that when it comes to their own interests [privileges] all politicians rally together in a show of solidarity. It is here that the high qualities of diplomacy come into play. They are at their best – united they stand. Each one recites a litany of reasons why they should get what they are getting and build up a case for something more.

Take the case of pay hike for the MPs. Not too long ago they gave themselves a 300% hike and now they want more. "Give me more!" they sing in chorus. That they got the hefty raise a few years back is not an issue at all. That the retired service men are deprived of the One Rank One Pension [OROP] does not really matter. That they have to go on fast does not affect anybody. I remember one SP neta said that the soldiers when they join the army go there to die. This was when nobody represented the State for a jawan's funeral. How much do the netas really want will always remain a mystery?

A neta wants to enter the airport from the exit gate [rightfully sent back by a dedicated woman officer] but had to retreat. Every neta wants to be exempted from security checks, queue etc. He needs a protocol officer to be there in advance with the neta's luggage and keep the boarding pass for His Highness when he breezes in at the last moment. Never mind if the air-

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craft door is locked [it is not sealed so it can always be reopened] and never mind if there is no seat available [some bonafide passengers can be thrown out]. Never mind if the flight is made to wait after the departure time [forget the cattle class]. If something goes wrong and there is public outcry, everybody else is responsible – the airline staff for waiting for the neta, for reopening the aircraft door and for throwing the genuine passengers out. "I did not tell them to do all that" the neta says. The aviation minister defends his own [MOS] and lets down the airline which is under his control. You can forget your valid visa and delay the flight even if it is 10 minutes [never mind the collateral delay which may extend to 57 minutes] but the neta and his entourage must be on board. They go to hospitals instead of prisons. You can't come close to a neta. You may be slapped and humiliated in a train. Can we complain?

A recent incident in which actor-MP was involved in an accident, a little girl lost her life. It is reported that the father of the child has complained that the little girl did not get the same attention and was not shifted to the hospital along with the neta. Now the father of the girl is blamed for the accident. There are cases when the driver of the neta and his goons manhandle other road users if they fail to let the neta's vehicle proceed unhindered. They do not even hesitate to kill those who come in the way.

One must say we have come a long way in almost 70 years of independence. The gap between the VVIPs and the 'aam' class is widening like the rich and the poor. That is progress by itself. By the way, did anyone say the netas get elected to serve and not to be served? Or do they fear that if they serve the people they may be accused of being followers of Jesus Christ and offend the fringe and other radicals?

Sharrif out-smarts Modi?

The recent joint statement read out by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan in Russia was a cleverly worded document by the Pakistani side. It contained like phrases as Pakistan will discuss and try to provide voice sam-



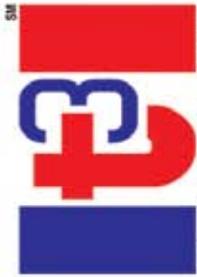
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ple of Nakhvi implicated in the 26/11 carnage. Every time India extends the olive branch, we get a stick in return. Are we not able to read between the lines when it comes to Pakistan?

It was Sharman Sheik first when Manmohan Singh almost implicitly accepted that India was interfering in the internal affairs of Pakistan – something that India had vociferously denied over the years. This admission gave the other side the upper hand and substantially weakened our bargaining power. There was turmoil back home which was led by the BJP when it was sitting on the Opposition benches. The Congress had a tough time trying to assuage the feelings of the Indian public. Now the NDA has gone and committed a blunder which is worse. When you conduct the negotiations based on the assumption that the other side is sincere, then you tend to lose focus.

The Indian side believed that the Pakistani counterpart had the mandate to negotiate with the Indian PM. It was always believed that unless the Pakistani military is on board, nothing would move. Now that they have gone back on the promised voice sample, it is not at all surprising. If we remember they had said that the Pak Court had rejected the request so where was the question of getting them now? The lawyer of the accused says there was no such request in the court. The whole drama has been well choreographed.

India once again messed it up saying that it will provide more evidence which means that we have not provided enough evidence and Pak will harp on this issue. All this while, we are talking about the number of dossiers given to Pak. The chest thumping of the BJP appears to be misplaced. The anxiety of Modi to divert the attention from Lalitgate and other issues plaguing the BJP has backfired.



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Win Over Your Boss



You don't need to be flattering to make yourself noticeable at work. Here are a few simple tips on how you can improve your chances of a promotion.

For any employee to succeed and get promotion, winning over boss using appropriate methods is very important. Here are a few ways to do so:



Do your job well:

If you make a diligent effort and do a good job, your boss will be impressed. Employees who do good work, consistently, efficiently, and professionally, are a joy to manage and ultimately allow their manager to focus on critical issues within the organization.

Know your boss:

When you first start working with your boss, you should sit down and have a conversation about how he or she likes to communicate. Ask your boss if he or she likes to correspond by phone, e-mail or in person, find out how often he wants status updates from you, and figure out how much detail he wants in those updates.

Support boss's goals:

A primary job of any employee is to make the boss's life easier. And just like you, your boss has professional goals that he or she is trying to accomplish, Coleman says. Find out what's on your boss's plate, and see how you can help to lighten the load.

Be loyal:

Always be a dedicated and honest employee. "Never talk about your boss to colleagues in the office, and never go around him or her when you have an issue and keep those conversations between the two of you.

Priorities:

Your job is essentially all about meeting the boss' priorities the way he or she wants them to be met. If something isn't at the top of your list but your boss expresses that it's a priority – then it immediately becomes your priority.

Take initiative:

Volunteer to take on new projects—but don't overload yourself. You want to have enough time and energy to do a great job on everything. Try to think of valuable projects or assignments that you can start and complete without much supervision or guidance from your boss.

Seek solutions:

Don't rely on your boss to fix everything. Instead, offer suggestions. And, if appropriate, roll up your sleeves and try to address the problem." When a problem surfaces, never whine about it. When adversity comes, and it will, try to avoid complaining and instead seek ways to solve the problem.

Show interest:

Find out what the boss likes to do outside of work and take an interest in the activity. "Consider reading the same book she's started and discuss key points or chapters with your boss, or join her in a round of golf if she loves the links.

Long term interest:

Learn about your key customers and products and figure out how you can support increased growth." He also suggests asking questions to get a better idea of where the company is heading and to figure how you can align your career development and professional goals with the company's goals.

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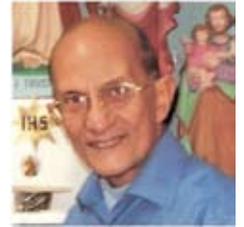
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If Change Is A Challenge, Conversion Is A Condition



BY MELVYN BROWN

For the organisers of the All-Faith Seminar and “open dialogue” the gathering was far beyond their expectations. I looked around at those on the dais and in the audience – the faiths had been well represented and well-attended by its faithful. Everyone was there. That was one aspect of Calcutta-life where you could take tolerance for granted and you would not be let down. Seeds were to be sown.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole programme. What impressed me was the friendly, sincere and educated approach to the subject : Is Conversion A Change or a Challenge ?

When a man is born a Christian, he had no choice. If a Hindu converts to Islam it is because he made the decision to do so. I am not interested in the reasons. He did it with free will.

To convert is a challenge. It makes a demanding task for both parties : one to convince, and the other to change. When there is no threat, no terms and hard bargains – the act of conversion becomes a wonderful gift to receive.

When evil forces create a feud in society to crush the voices of those who desire conversion – they hamper the spiritual growth of the individual in quest of his soul’s desire to know the truth. Everyone, Hindu, Parsi, Christian, Jew or Muslim have a human right to choose their human experience to immigrate wherever, to work in any field of endeavor, to marry whoever, to grow old gracefully, and to decide on a faith of their choice.

When Christian children in missionary

schools are taught about their Christian faith from very young it is part of the inculcation to keep them as believers in the religion they were born in.

Life is meaningless without change and challenge. Life is the script to read and proof-correct; to understand its essence in the mast-head, to break up ones obligations and commitments into columns, to highlight in bold letters ones success, and finally, to put in double-space the freedom one achieves when the mind is open and receptive to change.

There are many Hindu sects in Europe and America who are still converting thousands of Christians to their faith. As Christians we have never objected. It is the choice of the individual which we respect.

To change is a life style. To upgrade a standard of ideals is necessary. To unlock pent up emotions. To have the courage to start anew. These and many more are only challenges. Change in itself is a challenge. There are two aspects to change: I am ready to change ‘attitude’, and I will not change ‘syndrome’. Both have a right to do as they desire. We cannot sit in judgement on their viewpoints. We cannot force our wills on them. We can only try to convince them. Pe-

riod.

A fanatic has a human right to remain a fanatic as long as he keeps his fanaticism to himself. A conservative may live and die a conservative. A free-thinker cannot be condemned if he keeps his views to himself, or preaches his wisdom without violence or other means of force.

To be or not to be. No purpose is served in splitting hairs. We must believe in the unwritten code of life: all men and women are equal in the eyes of God, and think what you may, if all roads lead to salvation, there can only be one Maker; an almighty architect who believes that change is a challenge.

A seed had been planted. I moved away from the podium hoping this challenge given to all present would bring a change.

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Child Sexual Abuse

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Legal provisions and safeguards: India is a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), The Convention on Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and hence has an obligation to protect the children in the country from sexual abuse and violence.

The Constitution of India recognizes the vulnerable position of children and their right to protection. Article 15 (3) of the Indian Constitution calls for special provisions and laws and policies to safeguard the rights of children. Children as citizens of India have the Right to Equality, the Right against Exploitation, Protection of Life and Personal liberty as enshrined in Articles 14, 15, 16, 21, 23 and 24 of the Constitution of India.

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012: The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 came into force from 14th November, 2012 along with the Rules framed there under. The Act is a comprehensive law that provides for the protection of children from the offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interests of the child at every stage of the judicial process by incorporating child-friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offences through designated Special Courts. POCSO defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age, and defines different forms of sexual abuse, including penetrative and non-penetrative assault. It defines sexual harassment and pornography, and deems a sexual assault to be "aggravated" under certain circumstances, such as when the abused child is mentally ill or when the abuse is committed by a person in a posi-

tion of trust or authority vis-à-vis the child, like a family member, police officer, teacher, or doctor. POCSO prescribes stringent punishment as per the gravity of the offence, with a maximum term of rigorous imprisonment for life, and fine. POCSO casts a legal duty upon a person who has knowledge that a child has been sexually abused to report the offence if he fails to do so, he may be punished with six



months imprisonment and/ or a fine. It also provides for the Special Courts to determine the amount of compensation to be paid to a child who has been sexually abused, so that this money can then be used for the child's medical treatment and rehabilitation. The said Act makes the different agencies of the State, such as the police, judiciary and child protection machinery, collaborators in securing justice for a sexually abused child. The Act recognizes that the intent to commit an offence, even when unsuccessful for whatever reason, needs to be penalized. The attempt to commit an offence under the Act has been made liable for punishment for upto half the punishment prescribed for the commission of the offence. Punishment for abetment of the offence, which is the same as for the commission of the offence. To prevent misuse of the law, punishment has been provided for making false complaint or proving false information with malicious intent. Such punishment has been kept relatively light (six months) to en-

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by Adv. Aileen Marques

courage reporting. If false complaint is made against a child, punishment is higher (one year) (Section 22). The media has been barred from disclosing the identity of the child without the permission of the Special Court. The punishment for breaching this provision by media may be from six months to one year (Section 23). For speedy trial, the Act provides for the evidence of the child to be recorded within a period of 30 days. Also, the Special Court is to complete the trial within a period of one year, as far as possible (Section 35).

Child friendly procedures:

The Act incorporates child friendly procedures for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and trial of offences.

- * Recording the statement of the child at the residence of the child or at the place of his choice, preferably by a woman police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector.
- * No child to be detained in the police station in the night for any reason.
- * Police officer to not be in uniform while recording the statement of the child
- * The statement of the child to be recorded as spoken by the child
- * Assistance of an interpreter or translator or an expert as per the need of the child
- * Assistance of special educator or any person familiar with the manner of communication of the child in case child is disabled
- * Medical examination of the child to be conducted in the presence of the parent of the child or any other person in whom the child has trust or confidence.
- * In case the victim is a girl child, the medical examination shall be con-

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- ducted by a woman doctor.
- * Frequent breaks for the child during trial
- * Child not to be called repeatedly to testify
- * No aggressive questioning or character assassination of the child
- * In-camera trial of cases.

Recent advancement and interventions: The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has formulated child protection guidelines to cover different physical, emotional and sexual abuse, to address child abuse within schools and other institutions. The state of Chhattisgarh has announced the setting up of special children's courts or Bal Nyayalays to deal with cases of crime against children. The recent Criminal Amendment Ordinance also spells special provisions to uphold the interests of the child and gives utmost importance to Child protection. Maharashtra cabinet has approved Manodhairya, a scheme for providing financial assistance and support services to victims of sexual violence and acid attacks. The scheme provides an amount of Two Lakhs which can be extended to Three Lakhs in cases of aggravated assault. The amount will be disbursed in instalments. A survivor can access 50% of the amount as soon as she files an FIR and the balance amount on filing of the charge sheet. The outcome of the criminal trial is not a criteria for eligibility. The Haryana Government has decided to designate all courts of Sessions Judges and Additional Sessions Judges at each district, excluding Additional Sessions Judges (ad hoc) and Fast Track Courts, as Children's Courts. This move is aimed at expediting the trial of offences against children and violations of child rights under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.

Increasing cases of boys being abused: Child sex abuse is at least 10 per cent more among boys than girls. The cases are just not reported, according to activists. The incident of a Class 4 student from a popular CBSE school in the city forced Bangaloreans to take note of the fact that male chil-

dren are just as much in danger of being sexually assaulted as girls. In August 2014, a boy was sodomised by his seniors at a four-day Scouts and Guides camp in Vasco, Goa. A member of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Bangalore stated that cases of boys undergoing abuse is much higher than girls, but not reported at all and attributes it to ignorance among parents. Boys aged 8 to 12 years were the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and parents should watch out for unwanted attachment towards certain elders. "The psychosocial setup completely sidelines the protection of boys and 'virginity' is always associated with girls only," he said. Contrary to general perception, the overall percentage of boy victims was much higher than girls. Of the 13 states that were surveyed, nine states reported higher percentage of sexual abuse among boys compared to girls. Children aged between 5 and 18 years were part of the survey.

Filing a complaint:

- * The Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act 2012, has made the process of filing a complaint easier for parents and children. Any act amounting to abuse of a child can be made to the Police Helpline Number – 100.
- * In case the police fail to register a FIR or do not investigate the case, then the aggrieved party can write an application to the Superintendent of Police under Section 154(3) of CrPC.
- * The parents can write to the Magistrate under Section 156(3) of CrPC, when neither the Superintendent nor Police take any action or file a complaint/FIR. In this case the Magistrate can also monitor the investigation.
- * An online complaint can be made on the website of the National Commission for Protection of Children's Rights by clicking on the following link: <http://ncpcronline.info/Online-Form/onlineform.aspx>
- * A complaint can also be addressed to: Chairperson National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, 5th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi – 110 001

(E-Mail: complaints.ncpcr@gmail.com)

- * Online complaint can also be made on the website of the National Commission of Human Rights by clicking on the following link: <http://nhrc.nic.in/>
- * A call can be made to Childline a 24 hours free telephone helpline service at the number 1098.

Conclusion Children have to be empowered to protect themselves. Personal safety techniques need to be taught to them. They should be taught to distinguish between good touch and bad touch. The importance of a child telling a responsible adult about bad touches should be revealed to the child. The myths relating to Child sexual abuse must be busted and parents and caregivers should recognize their responsibility towards child safety and protection. They should be informed about the support system and redressal mechanisms only then will they encourage children to speak up and assert their rights

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Three World Champs

There are two reasons why I enjoy watching tennis matches at Wimbledon on TV. The first is pretty obvious; they are played at a convenient time. The second is that it is a grass court that is conducive to the fast serve and volley game; so different from the baseline slugfests on the slow red clay courts of the French Open. The third reason that I used to earlier watch Wimbledon, was to see Steffi Graf play! Alas, no more!

This year's Wimbledon should go down in history for us Indians, because we had three World Champions – Leander Paes in the Mixed Doubles, Sania Mirza in the Women's Doubles, and Sumit Nagal in the Boys' Doubles. Was it a coincidence that all these victories were in Doubles, and not a single one in the Singles? I don't believe in coincidences. I prefer to analyse the circumstances and arrive at a logical conclusion.

Let me give you my ringside views. I watched both Paes' and Sania's matches, eventhough the latter ended at 2 a.m. First Paes. The pace of his serves was clocked at 90 mph. In contrast, top Men's Singles players serve at between 130 – 140 mph. So what chances would Paes have stood in the Singles? None. He therefore wisely chose to play Doubles, as did Sania. Her serve too would be no match for the much taller and stronger built women's singles players like Serena Williams or Maria Sharapova.

The key to the Indians' success is



BY CHHOTE BHAI

to be found in what a commentator said when Paes, partnering Martina Hingis, was running away with the championship in less than 40 minutes, with a score line of 6-1, 6-1. While appreciating the pair's exquisite tennis, the commentator said that they used technique, not physique, to win. Thereby hangs a tale! At 42, Paes' technique outclassed the physique of his much younger opponents.

This now leads me to our national game – hockey. It was my favourite sport during the 8 years that I spent in a boarding school. In both hockey and football I always played what we now call "left winger"; even for my school's junior and colts' teams (I was too small to be in the senior's team). In retrospect I wonder if my left position in sports was a precursor to my leftist leanings in matters religious, social or political? But now I don't like watching hockey. On today's astro turf it is worlds apart from the hockey we played on bajri (fine gravel) or grass. No place for the artistic dribbling wizardry of our Major Dhyhan Chand. He would probably not find a place in today's team, where it is all about smooth long passes, penalty corners and goalkeepers who look like the armoured knights of King Arthur! In Dhyhan Chand's time it was more of technique. Today's hockey depends on your physique. Small wonder then that beefy teams from Australia or Holland can beat our vegetarian players! The diet effect.

The same would go for tennis. Both Leander and Sania would be carnivores, as were the other legendary tennis players, the Amritraj brothers, Vijay and Anand. Our world boxing champion, Mary Kom is also on record for her proclivity for pork.

Now let's move to our national obsession – cricket. We can't produce genuine pace bowlers (physique), but we have enough of wily spinners (technique). Cricket, I believe, is a mind game, with permutations and combinations of bowlers, fielders and batsmen. The game often depends on good captaincy (the mind). In contrast, the "beautiful" game of football is controlled by the off-field coach; who may even substitute the captain from the playing eleven. That is why India succeeds in a mind game like cricket, but is at the bottom of the heap in football.

The same goes for chess, that requires mental stamina, giving us champions like Vishwanathan Anand. We have also succeeded in other sports that require maximum concentration – like billiards, shooting and archery. It is technique, not physique, that matters.

Of late we have had a level of success in body contact sports like boxing and wrestling, though they do require strength. But there is a rider – weight categories, so our athletes get a level playing field. There should be a lesson for us in this. Sports authorities should identify those disciplines that require more of technique, and establish centres for them. We will then have more than three world champions to boast of.

Before concluding, I must be fair to an exception, Saina Nehwal, in badminton. Few of us would be aware that a shuttlecock in badminton is the fastest projectile in any sport. It beats a tennis serve, a penalty corner shot or a pace bowler! Kudos to Saina. But then, exceptions prove the rule, even for champions.

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Go ahead, say 'sorry'

The power of forgiveness can completely change your life. When you decide to forgive everybody their past wrongdoings against you, you empower yourself. You no longer have negative thoughts lingering in the back of your mind. The toxicity of holding grudges adds pounds upon pounds of mental baggage that can make us become fatigued. By harboring negative feelings toward people, you think you are “getting back” at them. However, by not practicing forgiveness, you are hurting yourself more than them.

The art of forgiveness is not challenging. But once you master it, you gain better control over your relationships and yourself.

The Power of Two Simple Words:

How difficult is it for you to apologize to someone? It depends on the situation, most would say. But keep this in mind: there are three important phrases to say that are effective in any culture. In order to fit in with a society, these three phrases are crucial to remember. “Thank you”, “Please”, and “I’m sorry”.

The last, “I’m sorry”, can be the most difficult to say out of the three. However, apologizing has the power to fix even the most broken of relationships. To become a complete person, we must learn how to forgive and forget.

Be the First to Apologize:

By protecting your ego and refusing to say two simple words, you are building pressure. When you take the high road and decide to be the first to apologize, the pressure is off. Try apologizing to someone when you feel tension in the relationship, even when you can’t think of anything that



you did wrong. Just say, “Listen, I’m sorry for anything I did to you”. It’s an empowering feeling to apologize and forgive.

Learn from Your Mistakes:

The point of apologizing is making a promise that you will avoid the same mistake in the future. So when you apologize, make a genuine apology instead of an apology mixed with excuses. When someone apologizes to you, always accept it.

Restore Relationships:

Do you have an ex-boyfriend that you still think about occasionally? Failed relationships can make us bitter. Unless you two have agreed to be friends, it would suit you best to forget about him. Time heals all wounds. Give it a month or two. If he hasn’t contacted you, he has moved on. It’s time you do the same. If you’ve messed something up, and you’ve apologized for it, you have nothing left to think about. But you should be the first to apologize. Never wait for an apology. State your true feelings, and then leave it

upon him to return the favor when he feel most comfortable.

Ignorance is Bliss:

In relationships, the less you think, the better. Instead of waiting to apologize on the phone, do it as soon as you make the mistake.

Forgiveness makes the process of enjoying yourself in the moment go a lot more smoothly. Apologize for your wrongdoings, and quickly forgive his.

The Art of Forgiveness

If someone does apologize, acknowledge that forgiveness is a rare and beautiful thing. Appreciate it every time. Smile and act like they’ve never even done anything wrong.

Put yourself in their shoes. If you were to apologize, how would you feel if they kept talking about your mistake? The only acceptable decision in any situation is heeding my advice on how to forgive and forget, or else you are just rubbing salt in their wounds.

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