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PMI Gujarat Unit Holds State Conference



Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ

The Gujarat State Unit of the Prison Ministry of India (PMI) held a two-day Conference for its members at Nadiad on February 17 & 18, 2018. The State co-ordinator Sr. Fulmony, LD and her team organized the Conference which was held at Diocesan Pastoral centre. The founder of CRI ministry in India Dr. Varghese Karipery with power point presentation shared about the beginning and the growth of PMI's services in India. The National Co-ordinator Fr. Sebastian Vadakumpadan and the Western Regional Co-ordinator Sr. Diana attended the Conference and shared their experiences.

Archbishop Thomas Macwan and Bishop-elect Athanesius Rethna Swamy led the inaugural Holy Mass and gave their message in the first session after honoring special invitees and speakers in the Conference.

Then, the State Co-ordinator Sr. Fulmony, LD shared the activities of PMI volunteers in Gujarat through power point presentation. The sharing gave a comprehensive idea of various voluntary ministries in 14 Central and 23 District Jails.

PMI Volunteers at Central and District Jails who render regular services to the prison inmates shared their experiences of helping the prisoners in teaching them English, basic literary, useful trades like stitching, tailoring etc. they shared many moving stories of regularly visiting prisons and prisoners' families.

The Police Superintendent of Nadiad District Jail S.S. Malek, newly appointed High Court judge Robin Mogera and advocate Samuel A. Macwan appreciated the services of the PMI volunteers and promised them their support for the PMI ministry.

Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ spoke in the Conference sharing his experiences

of PMI ministry in Sabarmati Central Jail at Ahmedabad. Through CISS he had organized several cultural programmes in the 1990s.

CISS Annual Report 1997-98 has reported that CISS actively collaborated with the Prison Ministry of India to organize the First State Level Gathering. The PMI news "THE ECHO" reported saying "The first Gujarat State gathering of volunteers of PMI was held successfully at the Pastoral Center, Ahmedabad from March 20th to 21st 1998. ... The Gathering was presided over by Fr. Varghese Karipery, the National Co-ordinator of PMI."

Presently Fr. Varghese Paul added that through CISS he is doing jail ministry only through correspondence courses for interested prisoners.

World Day of Prayer

By Melvyn Brown

O Most loving and merciful God, we, The Ambassadors For Jesus, have chosen this World Day of Prayer to be in Memory of those men, women and children who were abused, humiliated, tortured and often slaughtered. Many more were driven out of their homeland and struggled to receive pity, peace and shelter.

To this day, across the earth, many survive in fear and shame. Evil has gone viral in the world.

On this World Day of Prayer, The Ambassadors For Jesus turn to you O God of Compassion, to have mercy on these destructive forces; to forgive the heinous crimes committed by them.

We ask this in prayer through the holy name of your Son, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, One God in the Trinity, forever. Amen.

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'Thought for the week'

Have patience and wait for the thing you want the most. Don't chase it. Don't run after it. If God wants you to have it, He will give it to you.

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EMPATHY

By Don Aguiar

A gang of thieves entered a bank. They made the employees face the wall with their hands on the wall. After emptying the bank vaults, they started taking valuables such as cash, watches, phones and other things the employees were carrying with them. One of them handed something to his friend who was standing next to him. His friend asked, "Why are you giving me something when the robbers are emptying our pockets?" The employee answered, "I just returned the Rs 2000/- I owe you." We are full of cunning and with no empathy aren't we?

One day some friends dropped in on a Sindhi couple without warning for a cup of tea. The wife pulled the husband aside and said; "there's no sugar in the house, how can I serve tea?"

The husband winked at her and said, "Make tea without sugar for all, leave the rest to me."

As soon as the tea was served the husband says to the guest, let's play a game of chance. One cup of tea has no sugar; whoever gets it will take us all for dinner tonight." The result, all guest claimed they had never tasted such sweet tea? The husband's empathy for his wife..... to save the situation....

Poor Jayalalitha who was the past chief minister of Tamil Nadu had a convent education, departed. She could not take anything with her. The imperious Jayalalitha who ruled over Tamil Nadu became just a memory. She became a permanent occupant of 6ft of public land, not in any of the thousand acres she owned. She was taken in a gun carriage, though she had a good fleet of luxury cars and vehicles, leaving empty handed and leaving everything earned through fair and foul means for others. Did her convent education teach her to emphasize with her people when she was the Chief Minister?

What is education? An ignorant person may not be an unlearned man. A learned man or woman may be stupid for he/she knows only from books and not from his/her experiences. Education helps in understanding through self-observation. Our present system of education helps us to get employed and

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earn money. True education helps us to understand our conflict, the stupid ways of our mind, to end our hurt, and thus learn to optimize life and not be a victim of life's situation. Was it that she picked up nothing from the education system she went through on empathy but was quick to picked up the art of living wholly and joyously or that of greed?

Education is just not for giving you the art of living wholly and joyously. If you can still bond with the person you disagree with, then you are mature. Then you are bigger than the differences. Such a person will be effective and he is truly an educated person.

Jayalalitha's life is a lesson for all human beings: when the call comes from above, you may not even have time to say goodbye to your near and dear ones. No one can help you, no one can save you, not the followers who were ready to do anything and even to give up their lives, a battery of servants waiting for an instruction, or the battalion of officers ready to take orders, best hospital, best medical brains from India and abroad – repeat no one. It is also a lesson that whatever one amasses arrogantly through unfair means, through deceit giving pain to others, will have to be left behind, along with what was earned fairly.

Sometimes, even the offering of the last drop of water or performance of last rites may not be by blood relatives as in her case.

Two things define a person: Your temperament when you have nothing.... and your attitude when you have everything.... Empathy plays a role here if one is looking at leaving a legacy

Realize that we are only travellers here and have to leave for the next destination. So give up ego or all that are related, realize one's own true self, be a good human being showing empathy to fellow beings.

The funniest thing is people fail to un-

derstand that they are like Servants in their nation. Owing to which a farmer commits suicide cursing God and his misfortunes. The poor in this country fail to recognize the true culprits behind their poverty. The youth is unaware of the people responsible for their employment.

Do you gather Punya or blessings by offering hairs to God? Does prosperity come to you by offering a coconut or candle? Why do such offerings take more importance over showing empathy to our fellow beings?

In reality - Hair and coconuts or candles offered make big business. What does one achieve by offering Gold/Silver? In fact these are just auctioned off. Of what use is such charity if our aim is to help and empathize the poor and needy????

Schools in villages have no shelter but temples have marble flooring. Parents make hundred queries for donating Rs 200/- to a school but donate in thousands to a temple without any question. This shows the parent's blind faith in their religious sentiments making empathy towards the educational institutions an accountable requirement.

In a similar way although we call ourselves an agriculturist nation and our farmers commit suicide almost in every state. Does the government care? They need to show empathy towards our farmers to ensure that they do not commit suicide.

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the prophets” - Mathew 7:12

I was watching an interview last Sunday and the guest was asked, “What is the greatest need in the world today?” Without hesitation. He responded. “Empathy, the world needs more empathy.” I probably would have responded without thinking that the world needs more love. But I liked his answer. It was much more specific to say that the world needs more empathy.

Empathy is putting yourself in someone's else shoes, in giving someone the benefit of the doubt, in realizing that everyone has their story. Empathy helps us to listen more and advise less. It helps us strive for understanding and eschew judgment.

I recently joined an exercise group, I was nervous when I walked in, but knew that I had to try to be friendly with the people I met there. As I took a chair near a middle aged man, I turned to smile at him, but was only met with a grimace which disconcerted me. He stayed on my mind during the class, as I wondered if he didn't want me to sit there or if I had somehow unwittingly done something to bother him

Then I remembered another friend I had gotten to know. When I first saw him in my neighborhood, I tried to be friendly. He barely responded or spoke to me. After months of trying to interact with him, he finally talked with me and explained that he had a severe back problem and walking was so painful he could hardly speak. After his surgery and recovery, we have come to be good friends. He taught me not to make judgments about people. They are often going through things we could not even imagine.

He taught me a good lesson about empathy. In today's world, in which people are quick to comment and judge situations that are flashed across their mobiles and computers, we need more empathy. While it is too common to condemn, bully and badmouth people we do not take time to understand, we need more empathy. When we allow fear to build walls between us, we need more empathy. When we want to allow Jesus to have more control in our lives and in our thoughts, we need more empathy.

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Mid-air matrimony

This is with reference to the 2 letters appearing in the 'Examiner' of Jan 27 and Feb 3, 2018 relating how Pope Francis while on a flight in S. America, solemnised the nuptials of 2 flight-attendants who were married in court 8 years ago, were in a live-in relationship over the years, but were never married in a Catholic church. On board, was also a Vatican official, who hastily drew up an official marriage certificate, with the blessings of the Holy Father. The incident has undoubtedly raised several eyebrows and created a flutter in Church circles, with some activists seeking an explanation for violation of church doctrine and teachings on the sanctity and sacramentality of a church marriage. The undue haste with which the marriage was solemnized without the mandatory marriage preparation course, counselling and publication of marriage banns, goes against the requirements of a 'canonical form' of marriage as decreed by the Council of Trent in its decree 'Tametsi' (1563). While it is almost certain that the matter will soon be downplayed and swept under the carpet, it is regrettable that the institution of marriage which the church has been safeguarding zealously over the centuries, is under threat and un-

dergoing a serious undermining of morals and sanctity. Pastoral practice cannot replace or supersede church doctrine on marriage and family.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim.

Pope: "Priesthood isn't an Assignment, Its a 'Mission'!"

On Friday 16 February 2018, Pope Francis met with the community of the Pontifical Maronite College. The *Maronite Catholic Church* traces its roots to the early Christians of Antioch, whose liturgy uses the Syriac language, a dialect of Aramaic, the mother tongue of Jesus! (Some highlights of the Pope's address):

"You will be called to exercise more than well your assignment; in fact to live a 'Mission'! – a mission without savings, without many calculations, and without limits of availability!"

"As pastors later, you will need to listen to people a lot; such that God will confirm you through their lives, encounters, and their unpredictable surprises. You will also savor their most genuine joys and their hidden sufferings; so that at the end of the day, you can tell the Lord, the love

you have received and given."

"It is by drawing on these pure sources, that your ministry will be good water for the thirsty! As pastors, also nourish yourselves everyday from the 'Eucharistic Bread'; which is the sweet power of 'love' that satisfies. But take care, for our hearts are like a compass. It orients and directs itself towards what it loves. Jesus warned: 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be' (*Matthew 6:21!*)"

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

Women Theologians affirm for Equal opportunities

Lahore: The participants of the national consultation on 'Women Doing Theology' held in Lahore, Pakistan affirmed that "equal opportunities for men and women to participate in mission and witness are occasions to rejoice and celebrate the gift of togetherness and the life in its fullness."

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) organized the consultation February 21 – 23.

This Consultation was attended by 33 women theologians from various churches, theological institutions and Christian organizations in Pakistan; Salvation Army, Church of Pakistan, Presbyterian Church in Pakistan, the Roman Catholic Church, Gujranwala Theological Seminary, St. Thomas Theological Seminary, Christian Study Center, Open Theological Seminary, Maktaba-e Anaveem Pakistan (MAP) – People's Forum for Contextual Theology.

While addressing the question on "what it means by 'doing theology in Asian Context, especially in Pakistan', the participants echoed their concern that "men and women are equals before God, both bearing the image of God. God calls both to fulfill the roles and responsibilities specially designed for them. However, in all spheres of Asian society, women are being dominated and de-womanized. In the Church and society, women are being treated with bias."

The participants challenged the gender-based discriminations in the church and society, and opined that "Biblical and theological exegeses often grant men fuller participation than women in the life of the church, and restrict the role of women to an inferior level."

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This works on all phones worldwide and is free, too!!

2. Locked your keys in the car:

If you lock your remote keyless car keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button on the spare key, holding it near the mobile phone on his/ her end. Your car will unlock, even if you are thousands of miles away!!

3. In case of mobile phone battery flat:

All cell phones have Hidden Battery Power.

To activate, press the keys *3370# (remember the asterisk). Do this when the phone is almost dead. Your mobile will restart in a special way with this new reserve and it will show a 50% increase in battery life. This reserve will be recharged when you charge your handphone next time. This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals, which we often skip without realizing!

4. Disabling a STOLEN mobile:

To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in following digits on your phone:

*#06#. A 15 digits code will appear on the screen that is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your handphone is ever stolen, phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the SIM is changed, your handphone will be totally useless. Maybe you don't get your phone back but it can't be used/resold either.

This secret is in the fine print of most mobile phone manuals. It was created for the very purpose of trying to prevent phones from being stolen.

5. ATM PIN Number Reversal:

If you ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse order. For example, if your PIN Number is 1234 but you should instead put 4321. The ATM system recognizes that your PIN # is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested for but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location. Beware all ATM's carry this emergency sequencer by law. It is, however, seldomly used as people just don't know about it!!

People on Bible can be Creative

I went to *Genesis* hotel through *Exodus* road. On the way, I saw *Leviticus* recording the *Numbers* of people at *Deuteronomy*, while *Joshua* was waiting at the Beautiful gate for *Judges* to see *Ruth* calling loudly *"Samuel", *Samuel*. At a stage, the *first and second Kings* of *Chronicles 1 & 2,* were coming to visit *Ezra*, *Nehemiah* and *Esther* for the misfortune of *Job* their brother. They started singing *Psalms* and teaching children *Proverbs* concerning *Ecclesiastes* and *Songs of Solomon*. This coincided with the period that *Isaiah* was engaged in *Jeremiah's* *Lamentations* together with *Ezekiel and Daniel* their friends. By that time, *Amos* and *Obadiah* were not around. Three days later, *Hosea*, *Joel* and *Jonah* travelled in the same ship with *Micah* and *Nahum* to Jerusalem. *Habakkuk* then visited *Zephaniah*

who introduced him to *Haggai* a friend of *Zechariah* whose cousin is *Malachi*.

Immediately after the tradition, *Mathew, Mark, Luke and John* got involved in *Acts* of the *Romans* who were behaving like the *1st Corinthians* group because the *2nd Corinthians* group were always at loggerheads with the *Galatians*. At that time too, they realized that the *Ephesians* and *Philippians* were close to the *Colossians*, and a suggestion for the *first Thessalonians* visit was made, and that on their *second Thessalonians* visit, they should first of all see the *first and second of the Timothy* brothers who had gone to the house of *Titus* to teach *Philemon* his younger brother how to read and write in *Hebrew*. On hearing this, *James* asked *Peter* twice to explain to him how the *three Johns* have disclosed to *Jude* the *Revelations* of this journey.

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Will Democracy Die Down?

Political pundits, time and again, debate this question : Will the democratic system as we practise it today, survive for long? The U.K. based international body, Democracy Index, in its recent report has classified all the countries where 'democracy' is being practiced. In nine south Asian countries elections are being held, parliaments are formed, people's elected representatives assemble, debates are held and all vote for majority decisions etc... In fact, experts say, with all its outer appearances 'democracy' seems to be in practice. In fact, with crude and thumping majority, a click of leaders rule the entire show. Practically in all south African and south Asian countries it is not the democracy, but a mobocracy is being imposed by powerful group of men.

Gautam Adhikari of the Times Of India, in his 'Is Democracy Dying?' (TOI Feb 17, 2018) on the Editorial Page states : Evidence is rising it can be subverted by populist authoritarians who sap democracy from inside. Is fear and anxiety are all not ill-founded. Democracy in India seems to undergo a drastic change. A thumping and an overall majority of the party victory creates a silent dictatorship within the apparent democracy. Democracy only fulfills the expectations and aspirations of the silent voters when the media is free, journalists are under no pressure, daily newspapers and TV channels are bought or sold, where people are educated and well informed..... Is it so in India ? Are our people educated enough to understand ? Do our people in India ever realise whether the given promises during the hectic poll campaigns are real or mere poll rhetorics ? Does our election commission or some controlling body have any legal pressure over poll promises and Netaji's poll rhetorics ? What if poll promises are not being kept ?



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist

What if elected leaders fail to attend Parliament where they are answerable ? Our legal and governmental systems do not have any legal bindings over elected voters. Do we have that mechanism whereby a 'dream seller' populist leader is called back ? Our prayerful national message 'Satyameva Jayate' seems to be an empty, Wildercry ! Is it an empty, meaningless consolation to the hungry, jobless, homeless and helpless millions ? This seems to be so in today's India.

We have evidence that the truth does not prevail and the fruits of democracy are not satisfactory in today's India. Thousands of farmers, helpless and totally disturbed commit suicide. Dalits still remain helpless and totally disturbed commit suicide. Dalits still remain unprotected and highly vulnerable. For centuries they have been totally ignored and exploited and sexploited. Their voiceless and highly vulnerable lives are a black spot of Indian history. Just today, February 17, 2018, a Dalit immolated his life in front of a district collector's office because his long-standing appeal against land-injustice remained unheard. Nearly seven Dalit outfits have called for 'bandh' in various parts of Gujarat. Violence and brutal atrocities against Dalits have become common in Great Gandhi's Gujarat..... Muslims and Christians are not found fit in BJP-run Gujarat state.

The biggest threat against Indian democracy is its cast systems, poverty, ignorance, lack of education and un-

equal distribution of wealth. Education, power, wealth, administration, and leadership can not be in hands of a Dalit, Muslim or a Christian. There can be a second class citizenship in our democracy. Tall claims of governments are either false or half-truths. Sometimes we hear that a good, God fearing dictator could have been a better choice than the present day democracy in India. The gap between the poor and the rich is ever widening. The rich are becoming richer and the poor, poorer! The present regime leaves no stone unturned to blame the previous regime for its present & failure! Corruption and grand mismanagement seem to be our national heritage. We live amidst uncertainties, constant inflation, scams, scandals and foolery. Here one can do anything under the name of religion..... And all our religion begins with 'me' and end in 'me' - there is no 'other' here. Self-centred religion!

Authoritarian attitude of the populist leaders and their gang seem to guard our democracy. Or, are we mistaken ?

God save our democracy!

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WHETHER THE COMMUNITY SHOULD STRIVE TO BECOME WHAT IS NOW BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS INDO -ANGLICANS?

by Eric D'Sa

Some years ago I read a very interesting book written by the well known business executive author Gurcharan Das. In it he came up with a theory that the new India has now a new caste system into which the populations are being categorised. This was based on how well the person new the language of English.

On the highest level are the new Brahmins. They are the ones who not only speak and write extremely well in English, but they even think in English. Most of them have almost forgotten their mother tongue or could just manage to speak in it. They could also manage to speak in their regional or state language and just about read in it. They have studied in English medium schools and colleges, many of them in Christian institutions. Their families speak to each other in English and they interact with their friends also in English. They read English newspapers, hear English Channel news, and read English novels. They even hear BBC news to know what was happening around the world. The youngsters aspire to study in foreign English speaking countries. Many of them look forward to settle in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. From these we have Indians who are highly successful in the Silicon Valley of USA. As Indians we are very proud of them.

Second come the new Kashtrias. These have done schooling in their mother tongue or the State language. They have studied English as their second language but have switched to English in college. They speak both languages fairly well. While official business is conducted by them

in English, they speak at home in their mother tongue and with their friends in the state vernacular language. They are comfortable talking in English. They read news papers in the local language and hear the news also in the local language. Many of them go abroad for higher studies and to acquire foreign qualifications. However most of them return to India. They aspire to work at senior levels in Indian companies, the armed forces and top class government jobs. Many of them from business families enter their fam-

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ily business. Some of them start new businesses and that are successful. A few enter politics as they can speak in more than two languages and are generally forward looking and liberal politicians.

The third come the new banias. They are the ones who have studied till tenth and 12 th standards, generally in their local languages. Some of them have even gone to colleges and got a degree. They have learnt to speak a little of English. They generally join their family businesses or take lower rung jobs in companies and government service. They are large agriculturists. They are mainly from the lower middle class section of the society. They are aspirational Indians but not having good education they find it difficult to go up the ladder. They are very nationalistic, narrow minded and casteist. Due to their numbers they wield considerable political clout.

The last come the new Dalits. They are the ones who are illiterate, have very little formal schooling. Most have

dropped out of schools. They speak in their own mother tongue and or the State language. Have very little knowledge of English. They are the ones who are at the bottom of the economic pyramid. They carry out all the menial jobs. They are the largest group in the new caste system. They are easily manipulated by the politicians. They are generally poor and find it extremely difficult to live a comfortable life. The average life expectancy is years lower than the other groups. They depend a lot on government doles to make a living.

When I was a teenager in mid 1950s, I lived in a part of Bangalore called Langford Town. It and the next door Richmond Town, had a lot of Anglo Indians. They were all Christians. My siblings and I had great times with them. We went almost every Sunday late morning to an Anglo Indian club, for what was termed as Jam Sessions, where we danced and jived to songs of Elvis Presley. Though they attended very good boys and girls Christian schools, they had not much ambition to go to colleges. Their main aim was to immigrate to U.K., Australia, Canada and New Zealand, which they did gradually. Only few Anglo Indians live these days in India, most of them old.

I would like to rename the above new Brahmins as the Indo Anglicans. Unlike the Anglo Indians, these comprise of all religions, though Hindus dominate. It started with Christian families like my own which had no Anglo blood. A large number of these Indo Anglican house holds have emerged over the past two decades and they are likely to see a big spike. This is because of growing westernisation and demand for good English education. It is estimated that the number of Indo Anglican house holds in India at about

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400,000. This will add up to 1.4 million people. Within next decade this number is expected to at least double. One of the reasons for this growth is the growing inter caste and inter religion marriages taking place these days. When parents have different mother tongues, the child usually ends up speaking English. Once accepted into the Indo Anglican fold, members fold their traditional caste identity into Indo Anglian culture. Caste is rarely discussed by these converts and only a few religious conventions are followed.

These Indo Anglicans however are an influential demographic that is emerging in India. They are affluent, Urban and highly educated. They are concentrated in the top seven large cities of India, - Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad and Kolkata. You can add smaller towns such as Goa, Mangalore, Cochin etc. Even in these cities they live in more affluent sections and in gated communities. They fall well within the top 2% of Indian economically rich and have consumption basket that is comparable to their middle class counterparts abroad. They go to international schools and top notch colleges which are geared to the needs of these students. Even their food habits are westernised. Very few are vegetarians. Many even eat beef. Drinking in public is not a taboo. Even the women mingle easily with men and have a few drinks.

Our communities have lead this switch to westernised Indo Anglican culture. You the citizens decide whether our children who aspire to emigrate to foreign countries or even try succeed in this country, need to work hard to be in the above top two categories of the new caste system emerging in India? We at Chems encourage students we mentor, to become highly proficient in written and spoken English. This we tell them is the best means by which they can succeed in this country or help to migrate to western countries.

Keeping Our Environment Clean

The environment is a place where humans as well as animals and plants live. Keeping it clean and neat is our responsibility. It is necessary to keep our environment clean because we get fresh air. An



unclean environment leads to a bad condition of a society, arrival of diseases and many more.

“The history of life on Earth has been a history of interaction between living things and their surroundings. To a large extent, the physical form and the habits of the earth’s vegetation and its animal life have been moulded by the environment. Considering the whole span of earthly time, the opposite effect, in which life actually modifies its surroundings, has been relatively slight. Only within the moment



by Jubel D'Cruz

of time represented by the present century has one species – man -- acquired significant power to alter the nature of his world.” – By Rachel Carson (author of Silent Spring)

With the ever increasing use of technology and industries flourishing, the amount of pollution in our environment is increasing at a rapid pace day to day. Keeping our environment clean is a very important part of our lives. It is important to focus on this as we have to make sure that the environment is preserved for future generations. Water pollution and litter are considered to be two of the main causes of the environment being dirty.

Most of the time, people litter the footpaths and roads instead of throwing their waste into dustbins. This is how the litter accumulates

and transforms into huge garbage. If this garbage is not cleaned, it stinks and welcomes the diseases and then people are affected by it. Thus, if we don't keep our environment clean,

there would be many consequences or problems which will be faced by the society and the people that live in that environment.

Here are some ways in which we can keep our environment clean:

Don't litter: Please don't litter in your society and roads. Set a good example. Use dustbins. It will help you keep the society clean. If the society is plagued by litter, then talk about it with your society members and other authorities in order to organise an awareness camp.

Plant trees: Plant trees in your society compound. Trees help in controlling the pollution at least a little bit. Having lots of trees planted in your society compound will help you breathe fresh air.

Be eco-friendly: Restore water, use eco-friendly things, do not dump electronic gadgets, etc. Be eco-friendly by using a bicycle instead of cars that makes a lot of noise and increases pollution.

Recycle plastic materials: Don't just throw away the plastic bottles or plates that you have used, but instead use them and recycle them for the betterment of the environment. Plastic takes years to decompose and is hazardous to the environment.

Rome's Colosseum turned red to protest Pakistan blasphemy law

Rome's ancient Colosseum was lit in red on Saturday 24th February 2018 in solidarity with persecuted Christians, particularly Asia Bibi, a woman condemned to death under Pakistan's blasphemy laws.

Hundreds gathered on a rainy night outside the Roman amphitheatre that is a symbol of the martyrdom of early Christians to hear the husband and daughter of Asia Bibi.

The Catholic woman has been living on death row in Pakistan since 2010, when she was condemned for allegedly making derogatory remarks about Islam after neighbors objected to her drinking water from their glass because she was not Muslim.

Human rights groups such as Amnesty International say the blasphemy law is increasingly exploited by religious extremists as well as ordinary Pakistanis to settle personal scores.

"The aim of the blasphemy laws is crush people who believe differently," Archbishop Nunzio Galantino, secretary-general of the Italian bishops conference, told the gathering.

The law does not define blasphemy and evidence might not be reproduced in court for fear of committing a fresh offense. There are no penalties for false accusations.

Asia Bibi's case drew international attention after the murder of two politicians who tried to intervene on her behalf.

At the Rome gathering, her husband Ashiq Masih said his wife was innocent of blasphemy. "This is just hate against Christians, who are considered impure," he said.

The husband and daughter, who broke down in tears as she addressed the group, were earlier received by Pope Francis, who told her: "I think often of your mother and I pray for her".

European Parliament President Antonio Tajani, who has been tipped as a possible Italian prime minister after next week's election, said that persecution of Christians was "a genocide".

"A message must be sent from this place. It is the duty of Europe to defend these values (of religious liberty) wherever on earth they are trampled on," Tajani said.

Rebecca Bitrus, a Nigerian Christian woman who was held for two years after she was abducted by Boko Haram Islamist militants, told of how she was repeatedly beaten and raped.

During the event, organised by the Catholic group "Aid to the Church in Need," there were live link-ups with Aleppo, Syria and Mosul, Iraq, both of whose minority Christian populations have been hit hard by wars.

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Buying a property? Know the GST rates

Let's take a detailed look at the GST rates on real estate and under construction properties

It is important to understand various Good and Services Tax (GST) rates if you are planning to buy a property. Read on to know how it affects you. There are various stages for under-construction properties and GST will be dependent on it.

- When you have bought a property after the completion certificate was issued to the builder, GST will not be applicable as it is considered a ready-to-move-in property supply of goods and services.
- Payment made to the builder in part or in full before the roll out of GST regime will not invite tax. However, keep in mind that you will be charged applicable service tax rate of 4.5 percent.
- The actual GST rate is 18 percent on under-construction flats, properties or commercial properties. But one-third of this 18 percent is deemed as the value of land or undivided share of land supplied to the buyer of the property. Hence, GST rate lowers down to 12 percent on under-construction flats, properties or commercial properties with full input tax credit.
- As resale properties or flats or any other properties are considered ready-to-move in properties, they will not invite GST taxation.
- The Credit-Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) is meant to provide affordable houses to the lower and weaker sections of the society. The maximum annual income for eligibility is up to Rs. 18 lakh. GST on such houses will be eight percent and not 12 percent as one-third will be deduction towards the cost of the land.

Dost, Dost Na Raha

This popular vintage song of the yesteryears puts the current dilemma in political circles in proper perspective. Both the main political parties with close relations with the fugitive billionaire Nirav Modi [NIMO] are suddenly distancing themselves as if he has suddenly landed from an alien land. The top brass in BJP and the Congress had close association with the man but when things become hot it is only natural that they wash their hands and like St Peter are prepared to disown him and his ilk, many times over. Another defaulter Mehul Choksi, his uncle, is also wanted. This gentleman also was close to those in power then and even now. Then we have Vikram Kothari in customers. Others like the Seths, Singhs, Baidas and many others are in line - 'katar me hein'. It is a matter of time.

I remember an old friend of mine – a small entrepreneur by NIMO standards, saying you cannot become really big in a short time by walking the righteous path. There is always something fishy in the business of such people. He was talking about Harshad Mehta and Telgi then when both of them shocked the nation. They did not flee under UPA. But today we have multiple Harshad Mehtas but nobody really raises any eyebrows anymore. Like corruption, we have accepted this malady as part of life. These crooks knowing well they will be caught some day always have Plan B ready so they can disappear/flee.

A small farmer is harassed if he defaults on loan repayment of a few thousand which is directly linked to the farm yield – not his fault. He has not transferred the money to tax havens. Every farmer is a scared man because if the banks go after him he will not be able to fight his case legally – he has no money. Farmers who have possibly not even travelled outside their villages cannot take flights to countries like the UK which give sanctuary to such people. They have no millions so they won't be welcome there anyway. Will a farmer be allowed to remain in UK for so long? So it is not about justice but how wealthy you are. The sensitive farmers commit suicide. Have we ever heard of those arrogant big fish committing suicide? No - That privilege is reserved for the likes of farmers and

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Kingfisher employees.

A small borrower is treated as a criminal but when you swindle billions of rupees you call it business failure due to extraneous factors. With all that, the big fish continues to be socially active and well respected that even the Prime Minister calls him "bhai" – an honourable term. But once the bubble bursts everybody abandons him. Someone somewhere is always there to alert him to escape and then we lock the stable once the horse has bolted. The same thing happened in the case of Lalit Modi and then Vijay Mallya – he escapes with 11 suitcases a day or two before the court could act. Now Nirav Modi escapes with his entire family - one by one in January much after the PNB began looking into the scam. It is all about suit, boot and scooter with the loot. Who alerted him? We are made to believe that they all escaped in the normal course. This is really a tip of the iceberg - starters. The government/regulatory authorities /auditors must share the blame equally.

The big fish goes deep into the high seas and there is no way you can catch them. They mock at the government. First it was Lalit Modi, then Vijay Mallya and now Nimo. Each one seems to say "Catch me if you can" and the government agencies know they can't. All the CBI raids and massive searches are for public consumption to show that they are acting fast. They spend millions to try and get these fugitives back, albeit unsuccessfully, but refuse to reply to a RTI query on how much has been spent so far. That, they say cannot be made public. How long will we be fooled. After all it is public money so who cares? 3.60 lac crores [30 lac crores per year] have been written off in the last decade. Dost or no dost, the NDA has to factor this malaise in the next general elections - just a year away.

'Grey' clouds over Pak

Time is running out for Pakistan but its belligerent approach hastened its downfall. The world has been watching silently this wayward nation openly abetting and encouraging UN designated terrorists. These elements have been emboldened by the patronage of the armed forces and now they want to



by Marshall Sequeira

enter politics. Who knows, by making Kashmir the central theme of their politics they could one day win elections with active support from the army and ISI. That could be a disaster for Pakistan and the entire region. Imagine such elements getting the control of the nuclear arsenal. The world in general and the United States in particular view such a development with alarm. Of course, the persistent pressure from India [whose stature in the world has gone up many notches with Modi at the helm] guided the forum's ultimate decision to give Pak a last warning and time till June to put its house in order. Donald Trump had said 'enough is enough' for Pak's lies and deceit. He is really serious. Pak needs to watch out.

To what extent the armed forces will allow the civilian government to act against their strategic assets. The Financial Action Task Force [FATF] has really put Pak in the dock – even by the traditional all weather friends like China and to some extent Saudi Arabia. This is a big development and Pak will have to put on its thinking cap on how to face this challenge in the next three months. It is like the country is on parole watched by the hawkish American eyes and Pakistan knows it.

For India, this is a big win. Its diplomacy has succeeded and Modi can rightly claim credit for the consistent pressure on Pak at every single forum. Pak is desperate and the only way it can retaliate is keeping the tension going in Kashmir and the LOC. It will be interesting to see what course Pakistan adopts in the next three months. Chances are that it will continue with some cosmetic steps but with China literally abandoning it when support was most needed, things could be different. A determined FATF may make it nigh impossible to escape greater sanctions. This could be a defining moment for Pakistan which could possibly be declared a terrorist State to keep company with the likes of N Korea.

Our Traffic – What does it say about us?

Bangalore, now Bengaluru, is known to be India's IT capital and rapidly going famous for its numerous pubs, its mouth-watering restaurants, its parks and its nightlife. But on the flip side there are also its sky rocketing real estate prices, lakes which froth at the mouth and of course the icing on the cake - the traffic snarls. There are a number of reasons why the traffic is bad. The chief reason being, like in most of the other big cities in India - unplanned rapigrowth.



by Brendon Faife. B'lore

The huge number of IT companies and pleasant weather that the city attracted a lot of talented people, who moved in and called it their home. And then, just like how the universe began, with a big bang, 'Bang'alore was on the world map and 'Bang'alore has made it to the dictionary! Mumbai earlier Bombay is definitely a very cosmopolitan and super city in several ways, yet in the midst of all the chaos there has been an underlying uncharted pattern of order...but, that seems to be getting diluted gradually, as it becomes more complicated. Let's take a closer look at present Bangalore situations, which apply to Mumbai too.

The ailing infrastructure of Bangalore, cannot keep up with the sheer influx of people coming in. And yes, the infrastructure is a serious issue, which must be fixed. But what is appalling is the attitude of the road users!! Which got me thinking..... Can we make some deductions about our society just looking at the traffic? What vibes are spread out?

Why the traffic you may ask? Well because:

- It is one of the places where you are surrounded by total strangers. You don't know anything about the other person. You don't know which religion they belong to or which political ideology they subscribe to. Also, you may not meet the other person again, so do you really don't care about what they think of you? So there is no need for a mask!

- There is nothing you can actually gain from the other person by being polite and nice. So why give a damn!

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So standing at a busy traffic junction during rush hour giving youth some lessons:



Lesson 1: Patience and humility is for the weak. You must be strong. This simple fact, is in black and white, on the tarmac. Take a traffic junction for example. For it to work efficiently, sometimes you give way and allow the others to proceed. And sometimes others must give way and allow you to proceed. Well, this happens in many countries, but not here! Not in

this part of the world. Here you must demand your right of way. The other person also does the same! So we have the unenviable situation that everyone who reaches a traffic junction wants to go first. No one gives two honks about giving way to the other person. Result a gridlock.

Lesson 2: You are in a rat race. So you must be an eagle! Ever tried finding a parking spot when you go to a restaurant for a meal? You have to search for the parking spot like an eagle searches for its prey. And when you sight it, you zero in on the target. And then, no one, I mean no one must beat you to it. The predator in you takes over. Because only the strongest survive on the street! If not you must continue circling for prey (parking spots!)and then go home hungry if you don't get one!

Lesson 3: If you snooze, you must be loose!! Have you ever tried starting from a traffic signal a couple of seconds after the red light has turned green? All hell breaks lose. People behind you will lose their mind if you don't reach 0 to 60 km in 5 seconds! They will curse you and cut in front of you and ask you, "Are you mental. Loose huh?". No one wants to be on the street a second longer than necessary. A second is more valuable on the street jthan anywhere else.

Lesson 4: Red means stop, but only when there is a cop! As long as there is no cop watching, we don't mind jumping the traffic signal. Rules are meant to be broken. Well sometimes they need to be bent. Well sometimes they need to be twisted out of shape. Everyone else breaks the rules. Why should I be the

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Materialism is a marriage killer



Do you often end up having heated discussions with your spouse over money matters? Beware, your fondness for material possessions may affect your love life and push your marriage towards an unhappy ending, says a new study. The study found that when materialism - the pursuit of money and possessions - gets prioritized over other dimensions of life, it harms conjugal bonding. Materialism crowds out other life priorities and creates a scarcity of time for other priorities such as communication, conflict resolution and intimacy.

Materialism may also be associated with a possession-oriented rather than a relationship-oriented approach to happiness. In other words, materialistic spouses may be seeking happiness in possessions, rather than people, which means they end up putting less time and energy into making their marriage a success, the researchers from Ohio noted. The researchers believe that changes can be made by couples to solve this issue.

School boys make a unique wheelchair that can climb stairs and costs Rs. 1500



Class eight students from Gujarat have designed a prototype wheelchair using the rocker-bogie mechanism. It also helps on uneven terrains. It's the same principle used in the Mars Rover Sojourner by NASA

Necessity is the mother of all inventions, they say. In the case of Rohan Patel and Devdutt Patel, grade eight students from Anand Niketan School, Mehsana campus, the reason they entered the CBSE ' National Science Competition 2017-18 was sheer necessity of helping a fellow mate in school.

Speaking about how the boys decided on what to make for the competition, Dr. Thresia Paul their jubilant principle says, One of our grade 10 students had a fractured foot which disabled him from taking the stairs to his classroom. To make it easy for the child, we shifted the entire classroom to the ground floor level. Rohan and Devdutt got thinking about what we would do if more than one student suffered such an injury. From this stemmed their idea of making

a wheelchair that would also climb stairs." The duo started working on this in April last year. Explaining the mechanics behind the wheelchairs, the duo says, " We designed the prototype using the rocker-bogie mechanism.

It also helps on uneven terrains. It's the same principle used in the Mars Rover Sojourner by NASA." Rohan and Devdutt had to clear four rounds of scrutiny before being declared the winners at the National Level competition .

Having cost a total of Rs.1540, this prototype has brought much cheer and joy to the boys and their school.

" We had tough competition at all levels. The first was held in school where students from various grades displayed their innovations. This was followed by a district-level competition, then a regional-level competition and finally the national level." says Devdutt. Rohan wishes to pursue a degree in aeronautical engineering and Devdutt in electrical engineering. Meanwhile, the excitement of success that these boys are feeling is palpable and infectious.

Challenge To The Indian Catholic Press



A few days ago a twenty-seven year old poor Adivasi youth was lynched by a mob in the Palakkad District of Kerala for apparently robbing some Rs 200/- worth of foodstuffs; sadistically some others were busy taking selfies at the site, even as the youth was being thrashed to death. India is still trying to come to grips with the Rs.12000 crore PNB scam in collusion with Nirav Modi. *Transparency International* has just released its 'Corruption Perception Index 2017'; India has fallen two notches below from 79th to 81st position out of the 180 countries ranked. India was also singled out as one of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region as one of the "worst offenders" for graft, the denial of freedom of the press and for the murder of some journalists. Corruption, we are aware is today totally mainstreamed in the country today besides the Nirav Modi, there are among many others those of Jay Shah (the son of Amit Shah) and the Rafale deal scam.



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

According to another recent report, just one percent of the country owns 73% of the wealth. Crony capitalism helps the few rich to become richer, at the expense of the poor. Vast sections of the people especially the farmers, and the casual labourers continue to live on the fringes of society. The dalits, the tribals, women, children, the minorities and other vulnerable groups are not only marginalized but are consistently attacked for their beliefs, for they eat, see, read and wear. The ruling political dispensation is doing all they can, to change fundamental values like 'secular' and 'socialism' which are enshrined in our Constitution and to replace these with their 'Hindutva' ideology. The Judiciary at different levels toe

the line of their political bosses. Justice and equality have taken a back-seat in an environment where political patronage provides immunity and impunity to powerful vested interests. Millions are denied their human rights. India has never had it so bad on so many different fronts.

The media is unquestionably regarded as the fourth pillar of democracy, provided it freely and fearlessly exercises the responsibility entrusted to it. Unfortunately, most of the mainstream media in India seem to have abdicated their role and responsibility. By and large, the media is either muzzled or throttled. Those who take a visible stand like Gauri Lankesh, are killed. Some media, blatantly promote the communal 'Hindutva' agenda. That a major section of the so-called 'mainstream media' in India today is **corporatized, co-opted, compromised, corrupted and communalized** is without a shade of doubt.

But thanks to the advent of social media (particularly some excellent online portals) many of them stand exposed.

In the wake of what is happening in the country today and the fact that there is much to be desired from secular mainstream media, what are the challenges faced by the Indian Catholic Press today? Can one expect it to play a prophetic role today? A good question to be reflected upon in this month of February which is traditionally been observed as the '**Catholic Press Month**'. The origins of this month can be traced back to the 1950's in the United States. The objectives for this observance include highlighting the role of the Catholic Press in communicating the teachings and stand of the Catholic Church on crucial matters which affect society today; to uphold and communicate non-negotiable Catholic values like truth, justice, liberty, peace; to provide a forum to express views/ opinions on important issues.

Few in the Catholic Church in India would be aware of this special month. There could be a wide range of reasons for this; the Indian Catholic Press is a 'limited' edition with a rather low circulation and confined mainly to Catholic circles; the Catholic Press (both in the vernacular and in English) has hardly played an impacting role both within Church and in wider society. True there are some outstanding Church/Catholic-owned weeklies, monthlies and other periodicals which have certainly made their mark regionally or nationally. Some of them have been consistent in taking a stand for truth and justice and have even risked putting their heads on the chopping block. We have some Catholic lay journalists who are doing an excellent job through online portals; there are some others, who have found their niche in mainstream media. These however are extremely few and can easily be counted.

On 4 December 1963 Pope Paul VI promulgated *Inter Mirifica* (Decree on the Media of Social Communications) which states, "*First, a good press should be fostered. To instill a*

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—Jeanette Gonsalves
Goa

Speaking in our Mother Tongue at Home

One of the most common notion in the mediocre minds of India is “He/She speaks English so well, he/she is highly educated and intellectual”. Sadly enough, this stigma is widespread throughout the country. We live in a country where the criteria of judging an individual’s intellect depends upon the fluency, speed and accuracy of his/her English speaking. We were slaves of the British years ago. Although the British are long gone from our country, nonetheless we are till date their slaves. Their linguistic slaves.

Ever wondered why countries like China, Japan and Korea are so prosperous? The reason lies in their love and regard for their language. The strength, sovereignty and unity of a nation itself lies in the language of the nation. After years of struggles and conflicts we were gifted a national language. What did we do with it?

By Ancy D'Souza, Paladka

Our people do not speak Konkani but speak buttler English at home because they do not know the importance of speaking Konkani, learning Konkani, and teaching it to our kids

Here are TEN advantages of speaking Konkani at home. _Just putting them randomly as they come to my mind. _ There may be many other advantages also.

1. Pure Konkani: By speaking only Konkani at home our children will learn to speak pure Konkani. Not the Bombay Konkani. In fact children living abroad speak pure Konkani with perfect pronunciation. But it is not the case with us Mumbaikars.

2. Analytical Skills: Children will not only learn to speak Konkani. They will also learn to speak pure English in Schools. This will help them to develop analytical skills and comparing skills at the very tender age. This skill will help them to take up high end jobs like IAS/IPS/IRS officers, Scientist, Analyst, Managers etc

3. Memory Management: Help them to learn memory management at the very young age. Todays children are good in doing by heart. Most of them

don't learn the skill of analytically storing in the mind.

4. Find our Folk: Just like the feathers of the same birds come together, it will help us to find people of our culture. If we don't speak Konkani our children won't be speaking Konkani and they will be lost in the ocean. It may not be possible for them to find the people of their culture.

5. Learn to Pronounce more sounds: Pronunciations in English language are very few. The person who knows Konkani can do perfect pronunciation of all the English words. But the vice versa is not to.

This is true when you compare this to Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi or other languages.

This is one of the major reason for our priests and religious are doing excellent in other dioceses. They easily pick up native languages to do their jobs. This is the reason we have large number of Bishops in our community.

6. Perfection: The mistakes that learnt at our tender age will continue for ever. Even if we are aware of it we can not correct ourselves at later stages. (Consider some of our behav-

iour, even if we know it is wrong we still continue it. Main reason is we acquired it at our tender age).

That's the reason if we speak English at home (which is grammatically incorrect and phonetically not perfect, we spoil the English of our children. Instead if speak Konkani at home and put them in good English schools they will learn both languages in right manner.

7. Prayer advantages: For the people who reside in non Konkani areas, teaching prayers in English is only a one time job. They won't forget them as they go for English masses and English doctrines. But if we make

it a practice of having prayers at home only in Konkani then the children will also be able to pray with Konkani people and also enjoy Konkani prayer services, retreats etc.

8. Script: If we go one step further and teach them also to read and write Konkani (speaking about Mangaloreans) they will get lot of advantages. They will be in a position to read and write Languages like Kannada; Tulu; Kodava; Badaga; Beary; Sanketi; Konkani; Sanskrit etc. Also easy to learn scripts like Telugu; Sinhala.

9. Identity: Konkani is our identity. If we loose it, we loose our identity.

10. Mother: After all Konkani is our 'mother tongue.' It is an asset given by our ancestors. It is our duty to love our mother tongue. We just can not betray our biological mother, heavenly mother, mother land and our mother tongue.

This article is originally written for the community whose mother tongue is Konkani, but the same is applicable even to others whose mother tongue may be a different one.



Canada - India Bilateral Trade

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manual relating to imports and exports. For additional information on the Canadian part of the laws, the author's earlier book on Canada's Import and Export Laws, published in 2014 by Irwin Law Inc of Toronto, would provide further guidance. There need be a clear acceptance of the fact that this one book can be a composite guide on the subject. More than 600 pages, 7 Chpaters - ISBN 978-0-7798-8099-7. Online orders : store.thomsonreuters.ca.

About the author - Dr Mohan Prabhu :

A native of Mangaluru, he received basic education at St Aloysius College. After graduating, he moved to Mumbai on the eve of India's Independence. During the 13 years he lived in that city he worked full time in various organizations and firms (army, commercial firms, longest being with Lever Brothers), and resumed studies in 1953 when evening colleges began functioning, earning two first degrees (BA and LL.B) and a post-graduate degree (MA) from the University of Bombay.

England interlude: In 1960 Mohan Prabhu sailed to England, crossing the English Channel after an overland train journey, and lived in London for 4 ½ years, working at Unilever and continuing post-graduate studies both at the University of London and at Lincoln's Inn. He earned a Master's Degree in Law (LL.M) with Distinction, attending full-time classes; and completed requirements for the English Bar (examinations and 3-year dining terms). Legal profession: Mohan Prabhu was qualified to practice in three countries, India, England and Canada. He was admitted to the Maharashtra Bar as an advocate in 1964 and to the English Bar as a Barrister by Lincoln's Inn in 1966. In 1972 he was called to the Saskatchewan Bar

and in 1978 to the Ontario Bar. The Canadian Government recognized his contribution in the field of law by awarding him the rank of Queen's Counsel in 1990.

Civil service: Mohan Prabhu joined the Canadian Department of Justice in Ottawa and retired from service after 24 years in 1997.

He was responsible for initiating a new draft Bankruptcy Bill and Bankruptcy Rules, drafting a new Customs Act, directing the Department of the Environment legal services branch, including prosecution of pollution control laws, and pioneering legislation on administrative enforcement of environment. Coining the catchy term "amps" – a penalty system that has been adopted by the customs, environment, financial institutions, health and several other departments of the Government. The "amps" also influenced the UK's Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act, 2008. At the international level, as an official member of the Canadian delegation, Mohan Prabhu also assisted in the development of the Canada-US Acid

Rain Accord and in amending the implementing amendments to Canadian laws, the Convention on the enforcement of environmental law through Criminal law adopted by the Council of Europe, the Stockholm Convention on Climate Change, and the OECD decisions on trans-boundary control of hazardous waste movement. As an executive of the Canadian chapter of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (an NGO), Mohan Prabhu participated in workshops associated with several Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings in Edinburgh, Auckland, Johannesburg, and Malta, for example.

In furtherance of his work Mohan Prabhu was also seconded from time to time to the United Nations Crime Branch to serve as rapporteur to workshops on environmental crimes in Austria, Gozo, and Portland, preparatory to the Crime Congress in 1995 where he also served as a co-rapporteur of the workshop; to develop capacity building program for enforce-

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Inspiration!

Secrets of ultra successful people

experts recommend to check email twice a day or often you've completed at least one critical item in your to-do list and once more before the end of your workday. This will help to reduce

They are future-focused people

• For future-focused people, long-range goals fuel today's decisions and actions. This keeps them ambitiously working, saving and planning for a better life. Self-discipline and the ability to delay gratification are key. Future - focused people are more successful professionally and academically. They also eat well, exercise regularly, and schedule preventative health exams.

Ultra-successful people delight themselves by achieving their personal goals. They succeed in different dimensions of life, their friendships, their physical and mental health, their families and their jobs. Here are few habits of ultra-successful people which set them apart from others.

Success is not limited to your race, IQ level or the size of your bank account. So while there's no proven formula, there's no denying that there are certain traits of people that can help them get ahead and here are few.

There're composed: Ultra-successful people are composed because they constantly monitor them. and they use knowledge in the moment to react to challenging situations with self-control. When things go downhill, they are persistently calm and frustratingly content (frustratingly to those who aren't at least). They know that no



matter how good or bad things get, everything changes with time. All they can do is adapt and adjust to stay happy and in control.

They read a lot : Experts insists on reading three hours a day, while bill Gates reads for one hour as part of his bedtime routine.

JK Rowling, the first ever billionaire author, read ' absolutely anything' as a child. President Obama, Sheryl Sandberg and Albert Einstein are book lovers too. Reading helps you learn from others mistakes and successes.

They're Knowledgeable: Super-successful people Know more than others do because they're constantly working to increase their self- awareness. They vow constant growth. Whenever they have a spare moment, they fill it with self-education. They don't do this because it's the right thing to do but because it's always looking for opportunities to improve and new things to learn about themselves and the world around them.

They minimise distractions: All of your working week reading and answering emails doesn't make you productive. If anything, you're just being responsive. To minimise distractions,

your distraction from important tasks.

They're deliberate: Ultra-successful people reach decisions by thinking things out, seeking advice from others and sleeping on it. They know that impulsively relying too much on gut instinct can be ineffective and misleading. Being able to slow down and logically think things through makes all the difference in you life and around you.

They leave a strong first impression : Research shows that most people decide whether they like you within the first seven seconds of meeting you. Then they spend the rest of the conversation internally justifying their initial reaction. This might sound terrifying but by knowing this, you can take advantage of it to make huge gains in hoe people respond to you.

They seek out small victories: Successful people like challenge themselves and compete, even when their efforts yield only small victories. Small victories build new receptors in the areas of the brain responsible for reward and motivation which further increases the confidence and eagerness to tackle future challenges.

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ment of environmental criminal law, following the Congress resolutions; as a rapporteur on regional workshop in Ottawa of the AIDP (International Penal Law Association) on environmental crimes and at the AIDP Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1994); as consultant to the WHO's regional office in Kuala Lumpur, to develop a draft law for enforcement of environmental health law (toxic chemicals control and hazardous waste disposal) in south-east Asia; as a consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat to develop a draft environmental law for the Kingdom of Brunei Darussalam, and as a consultant to SPREP (South Pacific Regional Environment Programme) as advisor for implementation and enforcement of international environmental conventions by SPREP member countries.

Publications: Over the period 1982-2017, Mohan Prabhu wrote several articles and chapters in books published by the WHO in its official magazines on environmental toxic chemicals, especially pesticides, by the UNEP in its book, the "Way Forward", and by the Max-Planck Institute, Freiburg in its book on environmental criminal laws in selected countries, including Canada and Germany, which he co-edited with Drs. Günther Heine and Anna Alvazzi del Frate. Over the same period, Mohan Prabhu authored 11 editions of the Canadian Customs Act (down to 2012), three editions of Canadian Customs and Excise Laws (down to 2004), all published by Carswell, Toronto, and two books on international trade law: the first in 2014 on Canada's Import and Export Laws (published by Irwin Law Inc, Toronto), the second in 2017 on Import and Export Law in India-Canada Bilateral Trade (published 20 December 2017 by Thomson Reuters Canada of Toronto) Doctorate: In 2011 the University of Ottawa conferred the degree of Doctorate of Laws (LL.D) on Mohan Prabhu for his thesis on Efficacy of Administrative Monetary Penalties in Compelling Compliance with Federal Agri-Food Statutes. After a long

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fully Christian spirit into readers, a truly Catholic press should be set up and encouraged. Such a press-whether immediately fostered and directed by ecclesiastical authorities or by Catholic laymen-should be edited with the clear purpose of forming, supporting and advancing public opinion in accord with natural law and Catholic teaching and precepts. It should disseminate and properly explain news concerning the life of the Church. Moreover, the faithful ought to be advised of the necessity both to spread and read the Catholic press to formulate Christian judgments for themselves on all events (#4)

Though written almost fifty-five years ago, 'Inter Mirifica' still serves as the key directional document for Catholic Communications today. Already at that time, the scope of the document included all forms of existing media besides the press, like the TV and the radio; today with the advent of social media, Church social communications necessarily includes that, as is evident in the recent messages for the World Day of Social Communications issued

MATRIMONIAL

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellwether77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617

career spanning over half a century, Dr. Prabhu has now hung up his writing tools ending on a high note with his latest work, described here which could prove of great use to students and those in the field.

- Compiled by Ivan Saldanha-Shet, with inputs from Dr.Mohan Prabhu.

annually by the Holy Father, including the recent one which focuses on 'truth versus fake news'. Then in January 2004, the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) published their path-breaking statement "Called to be a Communicating Church" – as the outcome of the CBCI General Body Meeting held in Trichur. There is much in theory, but in practice the Indian Catholic Press, has still a long way to go.

The recent CBCI meeting held in Bengaluru (2-9, February) issued a significant statement on the understanding of authentic nationalism and Constitutional secularism; this has been reproduced 'in verbatim', by some of our Catholic Press. But that is not enough. Will successive issues of their publications invite diverse opinions on the statement, very especially in the light of what is happening in the country today? This would imply taking an unequivocal stand on sensitive issues. Similarly, the Forum of Religious for Justice and Peace held their National Convention in Ranchi (17-19 February) on the theme, 'Challenges to Secular Democracy in India Today'; what emerged was the "Ranchi Declaration for Justice and Peace" which surely provides a way forward for all. Can our Catholic Press highlight in the coming months some of the key issues addressed by the FORUM?

A prophet is one who announces the 'good news' but is also **courageous** in denouncing all that is wrong both in society and in Church (Jesus denounced the Pharisees, the scribes of his time; Pope Francis does not fight shy of doing so too!) A prophet is never removed from the context and the concerns of the people; s/he does all s/he can to **conscientise** those who heap heavy burdens on others; above all s/he is resolute in her/his **commitment** whatever the consequences. The Indian Catholic Press is called today to play this prophetic role! Will they wake up to this challenge?

**(Fr Cedric Prakash sj is a human rights activist. He is currently based in Lebanon, engaged with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the Middle East on advocacy and communications. Contact: cedricprakash@gmail.com)*



6401. MUMBAI : RC Goan Bachelor, fair, (Born in January 1975), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 74 kgs, B.Sc., Post Graduation in Chemistry from St. Xavier's Mumbai, having own accommodation, working for a reputed company in Mumbai as a section Head, seeks alliance from RC Goan graduate spinsters upto 36 years with good family background and christian values. Pls. reply with details and latest photo to monty_017@rediffmail.com

6411. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, Australian Citizen, (Born in September 1968), Ht 5'11, Wheatish, BCom, Govt. job, seeks suitable march. Reply with photo to chrisnorbert@outlook.com / sharlet1968@gmail.com

6404. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1981), Ht. 5' 5", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC / Diploma in Optometry, working as a Sales Professional. Contact email : picardosimon@gmail.com OR 9819403252

6419. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Only Child. Seeks preferably Goan teacher with B.Ed., qualification. Contact email : agnesmenezes107@gmail.com

6589. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, 30 years, (Born in March 1987), height 5' 8", Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.Com, working as a Manager in a reputed MNC. Seeks alliance from RC spinters upto 28 years. Contact Mobile No. 9769840021

6418. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., (Chemistry), working as a Deputy Manager. Contact email : pradeep.bashyal@gmail.com

6746 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1987), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 78 kgs, Fair

Complexion, Edn. MBA / BE, Working as a Asst. Manager. Contact email : nestortauro@rediffmail.com.

6745 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1978), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Material Controller in **DOHA QATAR**. Contact email : cyrus_0679@yahoo.co.in OR 9819938837

6744 MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, Service. Contact email : fernandes.ed2@gmail.com

6743 DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1976), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BBA., working as a Key Accounts Manager / Sales & Marketing. Contact email : wilsonalmeida87@yahoo.com

6740 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. / B. Tech. Worked abroad present having own business. Contact email : noelmenezes02@gmail.com

6735 MUMBAI : Born and brought-up in Mumbai, Tamilian RC Bachelor, (Born in August 1977), Ht. 6', Wt. 89 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn.FYJC. having own Transportation Business. Contact email : michaelenterprises07@gmail.com OR 9222008111

6415. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC + Profession in Hotel Management. Professional in Food & Beverages. Only Child. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : agnesd85@yahoo.co.in

6412. MUMBAI : RC Mangalorean, (Born in September 1984), 5' 8", MBA working in a financial firm, Mumbai Resident seeks alliance from RC girls, with pleasant personality, decent education and from a respected family. Contact with recent snaps and

profile on alliancesjason@gmail.com

6564. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 179 cms, Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Mechanical Engineer, working as an Engineer. Contact email : godfreyjoelfernandes@gmail.com

6562. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC + Computer diploma, having own business in **ABROAD**. Contact email : melvin6680@gmail.com

6585. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. EXTC Engineering, working as a Networking Engineer. Contact email : 18.elaine@gmail.com

6567. MUMBAI : RC, Mangalorean Bachelor, Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, (Born in April 1977), Fair Complexion, Consultant Surgeon by Profession in Top Hospital in Mumbai, seeks suitable match. Contact Email : kalinaproperties@gmail.com.

6784 MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in April 1982), Ht. 6', Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA working as a Accountant. Contact email : getaustin@gmail.com

6783 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1983), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Edn. H.S.C. working as a Dept. Manager. Contact email: faugustine992@gmail.com

6781 MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA (Finance) working as a Corporate Officer. Contact email : sudeshmascarenhas@gmail.com



6840. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1980), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., I.T., working as a I.T. Administrator. Contact email : johneylopes@gmail.com

6805 ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std., + correspond B.Com., studied in Mumbai, working in Bank as Recovery Officer. Contact email : pawan.sana@gmail.com

6838. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. VII std, working as a Electrician in BEST. Having House. Seeks a simple, understanding and good natured girl. Contact email : belindacardoza777@gmail.com

6778 USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 65 kgs, Very fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Electronics / Telecom Engineering, M.S. in USA, working as an Engineer. Contact email : jenniferdello@gmail.com

6777 MUMBAI : Wanted Bride (Spinster, widow or Divorcee) Mangalorean or Keralite christian for a Bachelor Mangalorean R.C., Ht. 5' 9", Age 49 years (Born in April 1968), Own Business, own house in Mumbai & Mangalore. Girl should be min. HSC, Ht. above 5' 5". Contact email : patberin@yahoo.com OR Mob: 09322156322

6773 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1989), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. (I.T.), working as a Information Security Analyst, Contact email : conyderic.andrade@gmail.com

6040 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 6', Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com + IATA working as a Manager for Emirates in Dubai

Seeks a humble, godfearing, educated Mangalorean girl. Ht. above 5' 5", age below 28 years. Contact email : philomenanoronha60@gmail.com

6045 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1980), Ht. 6' 2", Fair Complexion, Handsome, Edn. B.Com., & HTL Management, Working on Cruise Line as Supervisor, Seeks an educated, simple, Mangalorean girl above 5' 5" Contact Email : marprop111@gmail.com

6198 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic (Born in October 1969), Ht. 5' 10", Edn. B.Com., good personality, hailing from God fearing, cultured family, issueless, divorcee by mutual consent, working for Cruise Liner in U.S.A., as Security Supervisor, well settled in Mumbai, Seeks suitable match. Contact email : dsouzamalcolmneil@gmail.com. Phone/ SMS 09480157258.

6213 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PGDRM, working as a Manager. Contact email : larson316@gmail.com

6358 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Admin. Controller in **DUBAI**. Contact email : dsouzarobin25@gmail.com

6393 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1977), Ht. 5' 6", good looking XII Pass, presently working as Share Broker having own bungalow accommodation at Bandra Mumbai also getting good regular monthly rent seeks a goodlooking RC Spinster. Contact email : pintolazarus2012@gmail.com

6407. KOLAPUR : Goan Roman Catholic

Bachelor, (Born in January 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn., M.B.B.S., M.D. Medicine and now studying for Super Speciality Cardiology at Manipal Hospital Old Airport Bangalore. Contact No. - 9273337666 , 9422628636 OR email : boom_anup_41@yahoo.com

6666 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor (Born in February 1988) Ht. 6', Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BMS/ PGDM, working as a Customer Executive. Contact email: lilydsouza50@gmail.com OR 9869158197

6664 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor (Born in December 1982) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., A.C.A., LLB., C.A. by Profession. Contact email: saldanha_ryan@yahoo.com OR 9820670158.

6630. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 100 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., PGDBA in HR, working as Associate Manager. Seeks any Roman Catholic good family background. Contact email : dereck@live.in OR 9619402403

6487 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.M.M., L.L.M., M. Phil., Law, Postition : Professor + Legal Advisor., Contact email : kevintau-ro85@gmail.com

6486 GERMANY: Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1982), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Phil/ Ph.D., Occupation : Research & Development/Scientist. Seeks fair, goodlooking, educated Goan RC Girl below 28 years. Contact email : mira.spf@gmx.de

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6839. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Issueless Divorcee, goodlooking, (Born in may 1980), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., MBA., working as a HR in TCS., Contact email : serraorovena@gmail.com

6837. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1992), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 85 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, Profession : Baker. Contact email : ludvinalobo@yahoo.com

6836. CANADA : Parents of RC 26 years spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 4", B.A., B.Ed., (Honours) teaching in Canada (Govt. Job) seeks alliance from well-educated Bachelor (Preferably settled in Canada) within 28 to 32 years with good values, height between 5' 5" to 6' 2". Please email to musicfan0323@gmail.com with recent photo and phone no.

6835. USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Phil/Ph.D., doing Doctoral Studies/Working. Contact email : sathi.monteiro@gmail.com

6759. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in April 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 45 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A. (Economics), M. Communication, working as a Account Manager. Contact email : anlobo21@gmail.com / avi03lobo@gmail.com.

6774. U.S.A. : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in June 1979), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Civil), M.S., working as a I.T. Engineer (Team Leadaer) . Contact email : alicedsouza722@gmail.com

6492. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Born Again Spinster, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion,

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Edn. MBA in Finance, PGDM., working for a co-op. Bank in Mumbai. Contact email : brinliafernandes@yahoo.com

6032-R DUBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1976), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 41 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Secretary. Contact email : track_1976@yahoo.com OR 9730454857

6758. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, working for Bank in Bangalore. Contact email : cyrilv27@gmail.com

6757. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in May 1990), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 51 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA (IS), working as a HR in **Dubai**. Contact email : proposalmlore25@gmail.com

6665. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 4' 9", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th (HSC), Hair Dresser by profession. Seeks Mangalorean / Goan / East Indian Bacheor. Contact email: alcheckmate@gmail.com OR 9867292764

6638. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Bank Officer. Contact email : noronha2305@gmail.com

6635. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1990) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : judithds1901@gmail.com

6633. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.

B.E., Computer Science, working for Foreign Bank. Contact email : mendonca17edward@gmail.com

6632. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Travel Counsellor in MNC. Contact email : denverr89@gmail.com

6631. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1983) Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Ph.D., from American University, working as a Senior Healthcare Consultant in a MNC Mumbai. Kindly reply with details and full length photograph to mendoncaedwina@gmail.com

6627. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1988) Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate with Diploma in Interiors. working as a Interior Designer. Contact email : virlib2209@gmail.com

6620. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate, working for Foreign Bank. Contact email : beann_lam@rediffmail.com

6615. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1981), Ht. 154 cms, Wheatish Complexion, Educated, working, Contact email : valarie.estibeiro@gmail.com

6614. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1983), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 69 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., working as a Lab Technologist in Doha Qatar. Contact email : nishlasrado@gmail.com

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6611. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS, studing EMBA, working as a Sr. Analyst., Contact email : alliancecaldeira.nc@yahoo.com

6609. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster (Born in October 1988) / 5 feet / 58 kgs, B.E. and MBA, working for reputed IT MNC as Sr. Analyst seeks alliance from professionally qualified RC Bachelors upto 33 years, well settled with sober habits and good family background. Pl reply with details and recent full size photo to ashil2628@gmail.com OR 9819950120

6428. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1988), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A. (Lit) Teacher by profession. Contact email : shalantam@gmail.com

6608. MUMBAI : East Indian RC Spinster, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as an Executive. Contact email: rebecca23_2@hotmail.com

6607. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1990), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 63 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Tech., PGDM., working for Marketing Manager. Contact email : sphylomena@gmail.com

6574. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Fair Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. B.Com., MBA, PGDM, working for Multinational Company. Contact email : roshanmehra@hotmail.com

6566. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.S. in HR, working as a Admin. Exec. (HR) seeks a Mangalorean bachelor preferably Postgrad./

MBA/BE,. Contact wedd_prop@hotmail.com

6565. MUMBAI : Mumbai broughtup Keralite Anglo Indian Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Computer Operator. Contact email : elenarosedcosta@gmail.com

6563. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholi Spinster, (Born in August 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Marketing, working as an Analyst, Contact email : noreen13nov@gmail.com

6560. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 79 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA in HR, working in a Reputed MNC in Mumbai. Contact email : jfran1302@gmail.com

6548. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 66 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PGDBM NMIMS, working as a Manager. Contact email : prabha.nadar@hotmail.com

6543. MUMBAI : Maharashtra Protestant Spinster, (Born in August 1977), looks much younger to her age, Ht. 5', Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. T.Y. B.Com., working as an Account Assistant. Contact email : sonali_waghchoure@yahoo.com

6542. AUSTRALIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 159 cms, Wt. 57 kgs, Fair, good looking, Edn. Masters in Biotechnology from University of Queensland, Australia, working as Scientist (Research) in Australia, Seeks qualified and godfearing boy settled in Australia, US and Canada. Contact email : patsynazareth123@gmail.com

6538. MUMBAI : God fearing Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in January 1980), 5' 6", from good family working for a MNC seeks groom. Reply with recent photo to innlo@hotmail.com

6535. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Beautiful, Very Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT, Masters in Media Art & Animation & Editin. Working

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Christians urged to take care of the “last, least and lost”

Bengaluru: Some 1,500 Catholic religious men and women gathered in the southern Indian city of on February 25 to discuss the current situation of India.

The Bengaluru unit of Conference of Religious India (CRI) organized what they termed as Sanyasa Sangama (religious gathering). Its theme was “Response of the consecrated to the .changing scenario of India.”

Speaking on the occasion, Salesian Father Edward Thomas, president of CRI Bengaluru, reminded the gathering that “Christianity is not a cult or a religion, but a spiritual movement.”

He regretted the increase in intolerance and violence in the name of re-



ligion, caste, creed and region. “We need new ideologies and new theologies to counter. We need new wine in new wineskins,” he said.

The priest also noted that the Chris-

ing to their lanes, vehicles criss-cross each other and create a rangoli on the road. When all the tiniest gaps imaginable are filled, they fill up the air with sound of horns. Chaos reigns supreme. Everyone is delayed. Everyone is frustrated. This attitude of cutting corners to get ahead is present in other aspects of life. But this is just so

tians must be in the forefront to take care of the “last, least and lost.”

Christians should not indulge in religious conversion, but become converters of the heart, he told the gathering.

Dinesh Gundu Rao, a leading politician in Karnataka, said that in spite of the allegations that Christians indulged in conversion, their population in India has not increased. So, such are baseless allegations by vested interests, said Rao, a leader of the Indian National Congress Party.

The CRI is a conference of major superiors Catholic religious congregations. It is also a body of 1,15,000 religious men and women spread all over the country.

Among the goals of CRI is to “promote fellowship at all levels of the Christian community in a spirit of humble service and in collaboration with all sections of the people of God and all people of good will.”

Felicitating social and political leaders and cultural presentations were among the highlights of the event.

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only one who must follow rules? What will I get if I play by the rules, nothing. These are some of the common excuses we make to justify breaking the rules. No wonder we have so many scams. Everyone is bending and breaking and twisting the rules to suit them. Even if you are a lone crusader who follows rules, the others will force you to break the rules. Sooner or later, you will break and succumb to temptation. Then you become one of them. Well isn't this already visible on the street?

Lesson 5: Lane discipline is for sheep. You are a smart ass!

It is in the interests of everyone to stick to their lanes. But sadly I have never ever seen people follow lane discipline! In a clear display of being selfish and self-centred, everyone wants to get ahead, even at the cost of the others! Whenever there is a traffic jam, instead of stick-



clearly visible on the streets.

“Why are they like this..?” “That “, “is tomorrow's lesson”. So what do you think? Will you also teach these pearls of wisdom?

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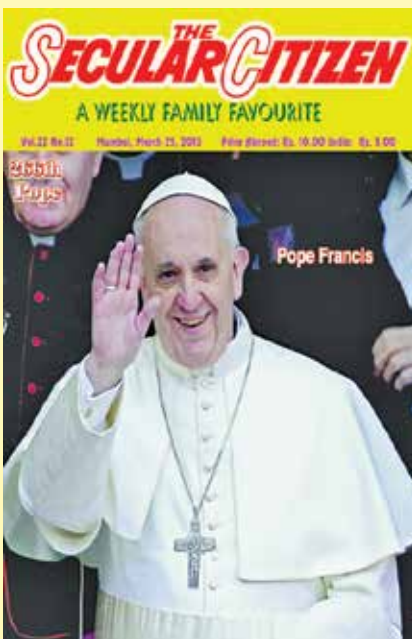
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