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## End Violence Against Women Now!



## Month's Mind Mass

*In Ever Loving Memory of*

**Louisa Fernandes**

Died : 15-11-2018

"Our family chain is broken  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our hearts,  
Which never can be filled  
Kind and friendly you always were,  
Your humour and smile to us so dear,  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
Beautiful memories left behind.  
Through hardships you went,  
All pains you bore,  
We did our best to comfort you,  
But he who commanded,  
Knew what was best,  
And took you to eternal rest."



"Do not stand at my grave and weep:  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow;  
I am the diamond glints on snow;  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;  
I am the gentle autumn rain;  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight;  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry:  
I am not there. I did not die."

A tribute of love from:

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Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,  
and let Perpetual light shine upon her,  
May her soul rest in peace, Amen.

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Though you've passed on before us  
You're always in our hearts,  
And though we're not together  
We'll never be apart.

To lose you when you were so young  
Leaves such an empty space,  
Our only consolation  
You're in a better place.

Put your arms around him Lord  
And treasure him with care.  
For you have in your possession  
A brother beyond compare.

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*To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.*

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## End Violence Against Women Now!

By Fr Cedric Prakash SJ

**A**ccording to the United Nations, "Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms, encompassing:

- intimate partner violence (battering, psychological abuse, marital rape, femicide);
- sexual violence and harassment (rape, forced sexual acts, unwanted sexual advances, child sexual abuse, forced marriage, street harassment, stalking, cyber- harassment);
- human trafficking (slavery, sexual exploitation);
- female genital mutilation; and
- child marriage"

As the world observes on 25 November yet another '**International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**', campaigns and movements across the globe are making concerted efforts not merely to bring these crimes against women to the public domain and book/shame the perpetrators, but to actually end the violence once and for all!

In the last couple of years, there is certainly much more visibility to this grim reality, several more women have had the courage to speak out and powerful men everywhere have been found guilty and convicted. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg. The truth continues to be that in several countries and societies throughout the world, women and girls continue to be at the receiving end of an extremely violent patriarchy – in attitudes and action!

According to a recent 2018 survey by Thomson Reuters Foundation India is the most dangerous country for sexual violence against women. This is certainly a shame for a country, which is desperately trying to propel itself to be among the world leaders. The status of women in India fares no better in several other recent studies including the Georgetown Institute's global ranking

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of women's inclusion and well-being, which ranks India a low 131 out of the 152 countries studied. India's National Crime Records Bureau shows that in the past four years there have been a dramatic increase in the recorded crimes against women.

Any violence against any woman anywhere is wrong and should unequivocally be condemned by all. However, in India several of the cases that are reported are mostly in urban areas. Some of the recent cases involving some celebrity men as alleged perpetrators get plenty of media coverage. The stark tragedy is that millions of women in rural India and among the poorer and more vulnerable sections of society continue to be silent victims to the scourge of violence both domestically and in wider society. The current political dispensation of the BJP/RSS combine is steeped in the 'Manu Smriti', which unabashedly defends the male domination of society, and that women have to be treated as second-class citizens. The comments by several men, including BJP politicians, put the 'blame' on these crimes on women –because of the way they address, that they stay out late etc. Young women were attacked in a bar in Mangalore some years ago; this case was conveniently hushed up, by all concerned parties, because some of the girls came from well-known families and they apparently did not want the 'stigma' to remain! There are

several well-known Hindu 'godmen' in India who are in the dock for sexual crimes against women. The Gujarat Carnage of 2002 saw unprecedented violence against women of the minority community.

Women have not even spared in the Catholic Church too. A recent case of a Bishop allegedly raping a nun drew national attention and his suspension as a Bishop. On 23 November in a powerful statement the Union of International Superiors General (UISG) of the Catholic whose memberships consists of 2000 Superior Generals of Congregations of Women Religious throughout the world, representing more than 500,000 sisters, expresses its deep sorrow and indignation over the pattern of abuse that is prevalent within the church and society today. The statement said, "We stand by those courageous women and men who have reported abuse to the authorities. We condemn those who support the culture of silence and secrecy, often under the guise of "protection" of an institution's reputation or naming it "part of one's culture". We advocate for transparent civil and criminal reporting of abuse whether within religious congregations, at the parish or diocesan levels, or in any public arena". Further, "We commit ourselves to work with the church and civil authorities to help those abused to heal the past through a process of accompaniment, of seeking justice, and investing in prevention of abuse through collaborative formation and education programs for children, and for women and men. We wish to weave solidarity in these situations that dehumanize and to contribute to a new creation around the world".

In Joint Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women heads of UN agencies, UNDP, UNICEF, UN WOMEN and UNFPA state, "To commemorate this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls on 25 November, the Secretary-General's UNiTE Campaign

is calling upon us to stand in solidarity with survivors and survivor advocates and women's human rights defenders who are working to prevent and end violence against women and girls. Our duty is not only to stand in solidarity with them but also to intensify our efforts to find solutions and measures to stop this preventable global scourge with a detrimental impact on women's and girls' lives and health.

"The last year has been extraordinary in terms of the awareness that has been raised on the extent and magnitude of the different forms of violence inflicted on women and girls. The #MeToo campaign—one of the most viral and powerful social movements of recent times—has brought this issue into the spotlight. This awareness has been further reinforced by the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 to two remarkable activists, Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege, who work on ending violence against women in conflict situations".

Profound statements, which need to be acted upon. These sadly may remain only platitudes on paper if we do not act urgently and concertedly, to end violence against women now!

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## When will we ever learn...?

Ref The Secular Citizen 19-25 Nov 2018. Congratulations to Fr.Cedric Prakash for a brilliant article reminding us, readers that we have to learn from history what has afflicted us. If not now then never. He takes us back to November 1938 when thousands of Jews were killed in a massive pogrom. We have heard of the atrocities perpetrated on the Jews in concentration camps during World War II. The genocide continued for some years.

The rhetorical question "When will we ever learn" is asked again and again but has not impressed many of us. In India violence continues unabated in several pockets. Either there is community hatred or individuals hell bent on destroying each other. When will many learn that India is the home of several communities differing in cultures and pursuing different faiths. The idea of an India that is a mosaic of diverse groups, each doing his own thing and letting others do theirs is still not understood by many who want to have their way only. Those and their forbears who have inhabited this country for centuries have every right to continue living in India in peace and harmony. Truth and non violence are the hallmarks of a great nation. Mahatma Gandhi tried to teach us these noble traits. But often we have failed miserably.

I am grateful to Fr.Cedric Prakash for reminding us of the questions he has raised by quoting Bob Dylan. How many times must we witness the unnecessary deaths taking place in world before we can reverse these awful events.? The answer, my friend is blowing in the wind."

—Albert C deSouza

## Accused Keralite bishop on church calendar

It was shocking to read a news item of the Times of India, dated November 24, stating that the photograph of accused Keralite Bishop Franco Mulakkal has been printed in the calendar of the forthcoming year of the Archdiocese of Thrissur, and will be made available to subscribers on December 1. It is a normal practice for some churches to print calendars carrying the photographs of saints or holy persons who are due for canonization so that the faithful can draw inspiration from the lives of these holy persons. Can we say the same about Bishop Franco who is an accused in a heinous rape case involving a nun, and is presently being tried in a court of law and yet to be exonerated of the charges and declared innocent? What example is the Catholic church setting by such a publication, I wonder, ----an atrocious act which is blasphemous to say the least.

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### The awards are in the following categories:

- 1) Fr Louis Careno Award for an outstanding Christian journalist/institution in India in English or any other recognised Indian language other than Hindi.
- 2) Swami Devanand Chakkungal Award for a Christian journalist/institution in India for outstanding contribution to journalism and literature in Hindi language.
- 3) Award for Best reportage on SC,ST for a journalist/publication for promoting/campaigning for the cause of the SC, ST.

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# Meditation and Yoga

by Don Aguiar

**W**ith the internet made easily available, the advancement of communication with enticing advertisement campaigns of doctrines and rituals has an excellent reach and people are getting to familiarizing themselves with the religious beliefs and customs of religions other than what they are practicing. These professionally and nicely packaged and promoted advertisement campaigns lead one to believe that they have a remedy or solution to cure ones ills which one is either unaware of or unable to find in the religion they are practicing. And when one is ignorant of the contents of the religion they practice and gets enticed by these advertisement campaigns of other religions for getting a remedy or solution to their ills they experience just the opposite - particular in the world where there is so much of strife, stress and strain –

The Catholic Community is one such community where you find that their members know hardly anything about their Holy Book and doctrines as most call themselves “Sunday Catholics” and hence they are vulnerable and fall for the nicely packaged propaganda or advertisement from the other religions in wanting to experience their doctrines and customs for remedies and solutions to their ills.

The doctrines and customs of - Yoga and Meditation which are cleverly packaged and promoted – are a preferential choice of many after being influenced, attracted and brainwashed by their literature and advertisements, even though the practice may be against their religion they are following or even be a negative influence on them if they do not take all the pros and cons into consideration.

One woman came to an old monk - she belongs to one of the richest families in India - and she said she would like to meditate, but she wants to know, if she meditates, is it going to create some trouble in her life?

The old monk asked, "What type of trouble do you mean?"

She said she had a husband and children and a big family. If she meditated, would it create a rift? - Because the husband was not interested in meditation at all. Not only not interested, he was against it: "And I have come to you without his knowledge. I can secretly meditate, but I want to be certain that it will not disturb my family life in any way."

Another woman was with her who had followed her. She said, "What are you saying? Because meditation will make you better! You will be more silent, more happy - how is that going to disturb your life? Your life will become better!"

The old monk listened. Then the woman said, "Yes, if this is going to be so, I am ready."

The old monk told her, "This is not going to be so, because whether you become good or bad it makes no difference: you change, and the relationship will be in disturbance."

"Sometimes I have watched: if you become bad it doesn't affect your relationship so much as when you become good, because when you become better the other ego is hurt more."

If a husband starts meditating the wife's ego is hurt more - her husband is going beyond her, and he is moving away from her. He may become more silent, so that when his wife is angry he may not react - but that will create more anger. The wife will think, "What does he think about himself? Has he become a saint?"

She will try to bring him down, back where you were before. His anger is known to her but his silence is unfamiliar, he looks strange. He doesn't look like her husband. He is a totally different man, and if you go on rising higher in meditation, you become more and more independent - the wife feels she is being left

behind. That cannot be tolerated.

If a husband becomes a drunkard it is okay, nothing much is wrong. On the contrary, deep down the wife may feel good because she appears better than the husband, and she can teach and preach and moralize, and whenever the husband comes she can create guilt in him, that he is a drunkard - "and you are killing me and the children and the whole family! What are you doing?" She feels good if he is bad, because it is always a comparative feeling. A drunkard can be tolerated. If a husband starts going to prostitutes, that can be tolerated. But if the husband starts meditating, becomes religious that is intolerable, that is impossible to tolerate. It hurts, it hurts deeply.

The old monk told the woman, "As far as I know, if you meditate it is going to create trouble. You will become silent, you will become happy, more blissful, more contented, but your husband will feel left behind.

A gap will arise between you. The planes will become different. You will move farther away."

Then the wife said, "Then waits. Then I don't want any meditation, any silence, any prayer, no. I am happy in my life; I don't want to disturb it."

This is a wish. You would like to have something without disturbing your life in any way. You cannot have anything valuable without disturbing your life in any way that is impossible. In fact, the greater the phenomenon, the more is going to be the disturbance, the more is the risk. If you want God you will be ready to lose all. If you want to become a disciple you will have to surrender all that you have. In that surrender is the only possibility, the possibility of a transfer of being.

To be without thoughts is meditation... when there are no thoughts, it is then we come to know the one hidden by our thoughts. When there are no clouds, the blue sky is revealed. The individual is the unit of the whole through which both—evolution and revolution—can take place. You are that unit.

# THE DALIT CHRISTIAN CONNUNDRUM

**T**he Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) and the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) jointly organized a Dalit Christian (DC) solidarity Sunday on 11th November. I'm not sure if the event was limited to Delhi, because it was certainly not held in my parish on that day. Nevertheless the occasion has spawned some comments in various fora.

Disparate writers have claimed that 60% - 80% of Christians in India are DCs. One writer has spewed venom at the Catholic Church in particular. He alleges that the CBCI/NCCI policies are dictated by the Vatican and Geneva respectively. He claims that only 9 out of 175 bishops, 12/822 Major Superiors and 1130/25000 priests in India are DCs! I don't know on what this data is based because I have never come across any specific caste profiling of data collection within the Church.

That writer further alleges that there is no reservation of seats for DCs in our own institutions, no policy for their upliftment, and there is no benefit to them from Christian institutions. He questions seeking reservations for DCs, as a form of abdication of one's own responsibilities for the same.

Let us try and address these issues as objectively as possible. To begin with, Christians of Scheduled Caste Origin are commonly referred to as DCs. How many Indian Christians are actually DCs? The first wave of Thomas (not Syrian) Christians were reportedly from the upper castes. The second wave through the Portuguese saw all castes being converted in Goa, and caste identities being strongly retained, till very recently. Even now it is not uncommon to see matrimonials seeking Brahmin Catholic spouses in Goa.

In Kerala the Portuguese brought in the fisherfolk, now known as Latin Catholics, again a distinction based on caste. In the colonial British era we saw both Protestant and Catholic missionaries fanning out in the rest of India. The Belgian Jesuits in Chhotanagpur and the Salesians (mostly Italians) in the North East evangelized the tribals, who are not DCs. Protestant missionaries did convert a good number in Punjab. They are still treated as untouchables in West Punjab, now part of Pakistan. Being from the lowest strata of society they are exploited



by **chhotebhai \***

and treated with contempt by the powerful Muslim community, and are often the victims of so-called blasphemy cases. Both Catholic and Protestant missionaries had a major impact in Tamilnadu and Andhra. In Orissa it is probably a mix of tribals and dalits. In the rest of the country, barring pockets in Karnataka, there are no major Christian communities.

The major demand for reservations for DCs comes from Tamilnadu and Andhra, and to a lesser extent from Punjab. The 2011 Census of India is very sketchy on religion wise data, so I shall have recourse to the 2001 Census data. At the time there were 24,080,016 Christians in India. The Christian population of the afore-said three States was – Tamilnadu – 3,785,060, Andhra – 1,181,917 and Punjab – 292,800, totalling 21.8% of the Christian population. Assuming, without admitting, that all these are DCs, and allowing for them in other parts as well, at most one may claim that DCs constitute 25% of the Christians of India. This is a far cry from the 60% - 80% claim loosely bandied about.

I may here iterate that the Latin Catholics of Kerala are classified as Other Backward Classes (OBCs), according

to the Mandal Report. In 13 States of India DCs are classified as OBCs. Recently in Maharashtra the original inhabitants of Vasai and Salsette areas that now constitute Greater Mumbai, who are euphemistically referred to as East Indians, have been accorded OBC status. If I recall correctly, in Kerala and Tamilnadu, Anglo Indians have also been accorded OBC status. The tribal Christians of the North East and central India are not DCs. So I would reaffirm that the claim of 60% - 80% Christians being DCs is way off the mark.

As for reservations for DCs, I feel that the desire of the affected persons should prevail. If they feel the need of it then the rest of the Christian community should support them. Let us not see an Indraesque "foreign hand" from the Vatican or Geneva.

There are claims in some quarters that the BJP is against religion based reservations, and we Christians support the Congress because it is in favour of religion based reservations. These claims are absurd. Firstly, Christians do not blindly support the Congress party. Recent events in the North East and Goa prove that Christian politicians are not averse to having truck with the BJP, albeit for their own convenience. Two regional satraps that oppose the Congress – Ajit Jogi in Chhatisgarh and Jagan Reddy in Andhra are Christian. The most high profile Christian parliamentarian, Derek O'Brien belongs to the Trinamool Congress.

I am not aware of any major political party supporting or opposing religious based reservations, though the BJP Chief Minister of Jharkhand has been demanding that Christian tribals be excluded from the reservation list. What is the ground reality? The Presidential Order of 1950 recognized Hindus only as eligible for SC status. In 1956, when Master Tara Singh

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# WHETHER THE LATEST EFFORT BY GOI TO CONTROL RESEARCH AND PREVENT ACADEMICS FROM PROTESTING WILL KILL THE SPIRIT OF CRITICAL INQUIRY?

by Eric D'Sa

If there is one thing we in this country have to learn from the highly developed western countries, it is the academic excellence of their public universities. Open societies encourage its citizens to accept and welcome different ideas and practices. They liberate and expand their imaginations and their commitments. When societies turn inwards, they construct barricades between themselves and the outside world. At some point members transfer the notion of the outsider to parts of the collective self. Political subjugation of its own citizens, on the long run carries heavy economic costs.

Ruled by a government that verges on authoritarianism, Indians have turned savagely on their own fellow citizens, sometimes in the name of cow-protection, and often because someone has identified A or B as a kidnapper. Increasingly individuals are attacked because they are migrant workers and therefore 'outsiders', and often because they are represented as 'infiltrators'. Disorder is the order of the day, and violence is the currency of social transactions. Sane voices have to speak up loud and clear. But where will these sane voices come from? The party in power has identified and cracked down on three sites of debate and dissent, the media, the civil society and the public university. Incalculable damage has already been done.

Public universities in India are accessible and affordable. They provide training in skills, but more importantly, they expose young minds to nuanced debates in the social sciences and the humanities. The objective is to fine-tune sensibilities and push back horizons, familiarise young people with the best in literature, philosophy, political science, history, sociology, aesthetics and psychology, and keep alive the spirit

of critical inquiry. Many of our freedom fighters came from such universities. It is also a fact that the country has remained as a functional democracy due to the core higher administrators of this country after independence, have mainly come from such universities.

That is why imaginatively designed courses in the humanities and social sciences lie at the heart of any university worth its name. They encourage students to challenge and interrogate, even as they explore the past and the present. Teachers inspire students to

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understand the complexities of the human condition, to know what should be done for human beings, and what should not be done to them. Above all students are introduced to categories that allow them to think, reflect, and critically engage with people, places and things. While the country requires top class institutions like the IITs and IIMs, law and medical colleges, it requires colleges that are excellent in humanities and social sciences. As a matter of fact in many western societies, the professional colleges have a few courses in humanities included in their curriculums.

When academics acquaint students with Indian politics through the prism of different scenes, they do not just transmit information — they contribute to the making of knowledge. In the process, university teachers promote the notion of citizenship as solidarity with the less advantaged and warn students of the horrors of authoritarian rule that seeks to control and dominate their minds. The idea is to produce aware and enlightened citizens, conscious of their own power and the responsibili-

ties of an elected government. This is precisely why the latest avatar of capitalism in the 1990s, neoliberalism, devalued social sciences and humanities. Capitalism demands docile bodies and submissive minds. Even these are being replaced by robots.

Many celebrated literary critics in India, speak of the death of universities. Academia, they rue has become a servant of the status quo. Can we have a university without the humanities? It would be like a bar without alcohol! If history social science and philosophy vanish from academic life, they may be replaced by technical training facilities or corporate research institutes. But this will not be universities in the classic sense of the term. Without critical disciplines, universities are no more than teaching shops, producing so much unthinking labour for the market. This is the problem we are facing increasingly in India.

The second attack on the university has come from the current government. Shortly after they came to power in 2014, leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party began to demonise one of the finest centres of academic excellence and enlightened debate, the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Ignoble attempts to subjugate the faculty and students followed. This was replicated in other Central universities by the appointment of Vice-Chancellors of questionable merit, and the elevation of storm troopers of the ruling party to faculty positions.

Now the government has decided that teaching and research have to be controlled. University administrations have ruled that faculties of Central universities will be subject to Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules. This, it is said, is the diktat of the University Grants Commission, which is at best a funding and

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administrative organisation. In JNU, the decision has been adopted without regard for procedures of rule-making: the passage of a proposed policy through the Academic Council, the Executive Council and the University Court.

Starkly put, these regulations stipulate that academics cannot protest, howsoever grave be the provocation. In the academic world, invitations to join editorial boards of prestigious journals are rightly seen as a justifiable reward for academic excellence. This is now banned. Faculty members cannot criticise the policies of the government in their research work. Nor can they dare to critique a flawed foreign policy. And they cannot join political parties. The policy strikes at the very idea of a public university that embodies the spirit of critical inquiry. Now no academic can ask her students to reflect on the shortcomings of economic policies that reproduce inequality, on social practices that foster gender and caste discrimination, on the politics of intolerance, on historical inquiry, or on cultural practices that disable rights in the name of tradition. Academic research has been reduced to court history.

It is clear that holders of power and their academic courtiers have extracted retribution and punished those who have dared to openly protest. But in the process, the ruling party and compliant Vice-Chancellors have shot themselves in the foot. A society is known ultimately by the knowledge its universities and research centres produce, by the excellence of the faculty and by the curiosity of the students. Today, knowledge has been replaced with trite information. Mediocrity rules, and eminent academics are crudely harassed. Now the censor board will gag analytical and insightful scholarship. Instead of strengthening the public university, which was meant to be a training ground for citizenship, the government has deliberately weakened an academic structure that has great potential to chart a route to opportunity and social justice. Time for You the Citizens to act to unshackle the freedom of thought, speech and writing.

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went on a hunger strike, Sikhs were also included. In 1990 the V.P. Singh led Janta Dal Govt included neo-Buddhists, later amended to read all Buddhists. The DCs came closest to getting reservations when Singh was the Prime Minister.

On 17th August 1990, Prof Saral Chatterji, because of his physical frailty, requested me, as National President (NP) of the All India Catholic Union (AICU), to lead the 130,000 march for DCs to the Boat Club lawns. Our delegation then went to meet the Prime Minister in his office in Parliament House during the lunch recess. When I spoke to him in chaste Hindi that we had waited 40 years he smiled and said that he supported our cause, but the BJP would withdraw support to his Govt if he pushed for it.

Thereafter George Fernandes of the Janata Dal and V. Narayanswamy of the Congress (now Chief Minister of Puducherry) did place Private Members' bills in Parliament, but to no avail.

This stalemate led to a public interest litigation in the Supreme Court, which in turn asked the petitioners to prove that untouchability, not just discrimination, existed in the Christian community. This is a Catch 22 situation, being damned either way. I would rather that we worked to remove all forms of discrimination within the community, than try to establish its existence to satisfy the Supreme Court. That too would be no guarantee of success.

As NP of the AICU in the 1990's I had commissioned a survey in Tamilnadu, that seemed the worst affected. It was reported that not only were there separate seats for the DCs in the churches, but even different ciberia for distributing Holy Communion! This was both shocking and disgusting.

I had also visited the infamous cem-

etry in Trichy (TN) that has a wall separating the graves of the DCs from the others. I was told that the sitting Congress Lok Sabha member had declared that he would have his left hand cut off by Christmas if the wall was not demolished before that. Last heard the wall still stands, and the venerable member celebrated Christmas that year with both hands intact. Before me another NP of the AICU had gallantly stated that he wished to be buried along with the DCs in Trichy. He died and hopefully ascended into heaven, but his mortal remains did not descend to Trichy!

So the hypocrisy is not limited to the hierarchical church. Nevertheless, glancing at the Catholic Directory of India 2013 (the last so published) I find that the holy Catholic Church has 10,715 parishes and stations, 22,451 priests, 96,617 religious, 14,148 educational institutions, 6,603 social welfare institutions and 2,692 healthcare institutions. If despite this array of human and other resources we cannot uplift our DCs, then even if the Son of Man were to come again, we would not be able to do so.

We would also have no right to call ourselves followers of the carpenter of Nazareth who, according to the Mandal Report, would have been classified as an OBC. So the Dalit Christian conundrum remains unresolved.

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# We Must Defend Our Constitution!

**O**n 26 November, the country observes yet another 'Constitution Day', the day on which in 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted and gave to the people of India a landmark Constitution. The Constitution of India besides being sacrosanct to every citizen of the country is the bulwark of fundamental rights and directive principles, which are a prerequisite for any healthy democracy. The Preamble, with its emphasis on justice, liberty, equality and fraternity; and its commitment to India being and remaining a "sovereign socialist secular democratic republic" spells out the vision and the intrinsic character of the Constitution. The Constitution of India with its minute details is undoubtedly a unique one. Thanks to the women and men of the Constituent Assembly, most of the people of India, take genuine pride in our forward-looking and all-embracing Constitution.

Sadly, in the recent past, several efforts are being made to tamper with the Constitution, to negate its essence and even to delete core dimensions like the words 'secular' and 'socialism' which are deeply interwoven into the pluralistic fabric of Indian society. The current BJP/RSS combine, including some of their ministers and leading functionaries have gone on record saying that once they have the prerequisite numbers in Parliament, they will have no qualms of conscience to change fundamentals of the Constitution like that of 'secularism' and equal rights for all. There have been lofty proclamations for the establishment of a 'Hindu State' by 2020; the annihilation of the minorities particularly the Muslims and Christians. There is talk of a 'Common Civil Code' and that the rights of the minorities have to be abolished.

The waters are constantly being tested. As part of a well-planned strategy, they blow hot and blow cold with their

patently anti-national words and deeds, thus defocusing from the serious and pressing problems that grip the ordinary citizen of the country. On 23 November, the 'Ahmedabad Mirror' in a front-page exclusive exposed how the BJP Government of Gujarat, was



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demanding that through an online form minority students appearing for the Stds. X and XII had first to identify themselves if they were Muslim or not. The hackles of several have been raised in the State, but

it is left to be seen if the Government will actually withdraw this anti-Constitutional form.

This is not the first that that they have indulged in such anti-Constitutional and discriminatory acts. Already in 1999, when the then BJP Government in Gujarat, tried to survey the minority communities there, Justice M.R. Calla of the Gujarat High Court, in a Common Oral Order dated 16/02/99 of Special Civil Application 1000 of 1999 stated, "*In the opinion of this Court gone are the days of laissez-faire when there used to be criminal tribes or the days of regimentation when there used to be law relating to criminal tribes. Once this country has adopted the Constitution, we have to abide by the same, which is the fountain source of law. No part of the Constitution permits any sort of classification of criminals on any communal basis. A criminal is a criminal, whether he is a Muslim, a Hindu, a Sikh, or a Christian. A criminal has no caste or community and, therefore, if any survey or census is to be made or any information is sought to be gathered with regard to the survey or census or the move to seek information may be, as a part of routine exercise, cannot be based on a communal foot-*



ing. Here the messages clearly show that they have been issued with reference to the communities such as Christians or Muslims. In any case, such exercise cannot proceed with orientation based on a creed or community. May it be a routine exercise for any purpose including the purpose of

collecting information on the items mentioned in the fax messages in question, there cannot be a religion or community wise classification to identify the criminals, from amongst the members of the Indian society." The survey was immediately withdrawn.

Last October, in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling to allow young women entry into the Sabrimala Temple, the BJP national president Amit Shah not merely questioned the judgement but in fact defended the practice of keeping women out. The UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has gone on a city name-changing spree with clear prejudicial overtones against the Muslims of the country. The recent comments by the Prime Minister, the CM of UP and those some others on Ayodha, and on the Supreme Court's position on the Babri Masjid, should warrant a 'suo moto'

The Judiciary has the fundamental responsibility to safeguard the Constitution. There have certainly been some landmark judgements. However, last January, four senior most judges of the Supreme Court (including Justice Ranjan Gogoi, currently the Chief Justice of India) held an unprecedented Press Conference asserting that unless things are set in order and that the Government stops interfering in the judiciary, "*democracy will not survive in the country!*" The way the Government procrastinated on the appointment of Justice K. M. Joseph

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## Mandi v/s Mandi[r]

Why has the Mandir issue come up with so much of frenzy that people are talking of irrelevance of the Courts and insisting on ordinance or a law in Parliament when the matter is sub-judice? The BJP is a well organized party with a calibrated structure to handle all sorts of issues. Why it was not sorted out in the four plus years of governance? Is the product more marketable just before elections? The only reasonable conclusion that can be drawn is that the party, confident of its perceived sterling performance on the economic and political governance, felt that the complicated and emotive Mandir issue be best left to the courts. How things change!

With the opposition and people getting more and more restive on issues which affect the day to day lives of the people, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the government to convince the people that it has actually delivered on their slew of promises made in 2014 to bring meaningful gain to the people. There is economic gloom with highly volatile fuel prices with cascading effect, Rupee weakening, agrarian distress, farmer suicides, unemployment etc. The revenues are falling; GST collections not picking up, ghost of demonetization refusing to go away, issues of fiscal deficit, Sensex heading south all the time, are all signs of a 'mandi' as is known in the desi business parlance. With RBI not toeing its line the government was desperate and even tried to interfere in its functioning.

Yet, the government has been vociferous in its claims that all is well and that the economy is on track. But there are learned men [and women as well] in this country who know a thing or two about economic affairs other than those sitting on the side of the government. When the opinions on both sides differ, it is only fair that economic parameters [indexes] be looked at. We have a few and what they indicate is not flattering at all for India – Global Hunger Index 103 with only 16 countries worse than ours, GDP 140/180, Human Development Index 130/189, Freedom of Press 138/189, Education 145/191 a very important indicator, Economic Freedom 130/180, Gender Inequality 125/188; Life expectancy 164/224 with only Pakistan in this region worse than us. In 2016, with Nigeria, India accounted for

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40% of below 5 [years] diarrhea related deaths and 60% of new global leprosy cases came from India. In 2017 India recorded the highest malnutrition deaths and gave the world highest number of stunted children. On women safety, we rank among the worst in the world. On pollution, the less said the better. India has the distinction of having 14 of the 15 most polluted cities in the world – not a very proud situation to be in. It is said that in 2018 two million premature deaths [25% of world deaths] were attributed to pollution. To add to this the under 5 deaths related to pollution were the highest in the world. To understand the gravity of the environmental disaster it is pertinent to know that on Environmental Performance Index, India ranked 177 out of 180.

*They are realizing the seriousness of the problem and the likely impact of its failures on the State and general elections. With no quick fix formula, government can only talk about the statues – a non-issue with the starving millions. With no achievements to show, the emphasis is on the failures of the Mahagatbandhan. Mandir fever started with RSS Chief setting the tone and everybody down the line jumped on the bandwagon. This has shifted the entire focus from governmental failures to the only issue of Mandir before 2019 elections. The government is not saying we will abide by the court verdict any longer. The Mandir is diverting the attention from the mandi that has enveloped the economy. Yogi with the tallest Ram stature is trying to dwarf the BJP failures and steal the march from the Shiv Sena which is all set to embarrass the BJP and more particularly Narendra Modi.*

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## Gubernatorial blunder

Satya Pal Malik, Governor of J & K, in his press conference to justify the dissolution of the assembly in the troubled state, admitted that Mehbooba of PDP had complained to him about her MLAs being poached. There was no need for the NC or Congress to do that so the only outfit that could have indulged in it was the National Progressive Party led by Sajid Lone with 2 MLAs and BJP support. What action did the Governor initiate when PDP Chief complained? Noth-



by Marshall Sequeira

ing! Why? Knowing who was behind it, this mission was allowed to go on. Surprisingly, he did not see any danger to democracy then.

The Centre with all the intelligence agencies under its control could have sensed that the three parties [PDP, NC and Congress] are ganging up that could torpedo the 'Lone' mission. The BJP was taken aback with the speed with which these parties with disparate ideologies managed to actually clobber a coalition with a majority to form a stable government at least for the time being. A panicked BJP had the support of the fax machine in Raj Bhavan. The Governor himself goes incommunicado for Mehbooba to stake her claim. Was it a coincidence? In all fairness, the Governor should have entertained the claim of the newly formed group, met them, assessed their strength and asked for letters of support. He could have given the go ahead for the formation of a popular government with say 7 days to prove majority on the floor of the House as is repeatedly emphasized by the Courts while passing strictures on the actions of Governors. He should have been guided by the Sarkaria Commission report.

*In doing what he did, the Governor has lowered the dignity of the office he holds by being subservient to the Centre. The BJP was rattled with the prospect of a popular government led by PDP. Ram Madhav of the BJP went overboard by claiming that the new found love among the three disparate parties was a handiwork of Pakistan. How absurd and ridiculous could he have been! Faced with a backlash he had to withdraw his charge which showed that it was a concocted story. That shows the design of the Central Government to ensure that no popular government is formed which could remain in power to hold the next elections. They want a pliant Governor to be in charge till the next elections for reasons not hard to guess.*

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## MEMORARE



Remember, O most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To Thee do I come, before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in Thy Mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

*In an emergency, say the Memorare prayer 9 times in a row (and a tenth time in thanks). Your prayer will answered.*

—Ronald D'Souza & Family, Borivali

## Mac Hotels Limited On Expansion Spree



### Listing Ceremony Of Mac Hotels Ltd

Goa based Mac Hotels Ltd., a public listed company plans ambitious expansion. It presently owns 52 rooms and has added another 26 rooms from 1st October 2018 and will add another 160 rooms effective from 1st January 2019, taking the total number of rooms to 238. The full impact of revenues and profits will be partly reflected in FY 19 and fully in FY 20. The company has planned to increase its inventory of rooms to 500 going forward.

Mac Hotels will now enter a new orbit and will focus on scale with speed and will adopt the managed and franchised hotel model which is an asset light model and which ensures a high return on shareholders' funds.

Mac Hotels Limited located in Goa, a business operated by the Cotta Family for the last 25 years with properties at Miramar and Calangute operating under the well established brand names –'Resort Village Royale' " Hotel Miramar" " Hotel Park Avenue" and also runs a franchised store under the brand name "The Chocolate Room"

Recently the company created history in the state of Goa as the first company to get listed on the SME platform. The company issued 8, 10,000 shares of Rs 10 each at a price of Rs 24 per share on 19th September 2018 and despite negative sentiments the issue was oversubscribed 1.52 times. The stock was listed on 4th October 2018 the day the markets witnessed a steep fall but the stock closed the day at the upper end of the circuit. Over the last several days the stock has been hitting the upper end of the circuit and currently trades at Rs 57 a return of around 140% in less than a month's time.

The company plans to leverage this immense potential for growth to increase scale, strengthen business, deepening guest appearance, adding power to its brands in order to gain pricing power, Initiating marketing initiatives aimed at driving demand growth, a continuous efforts to drive cost efficiencies, ensuring a strong balance sheet and maximizing shareholder value.

### Bright outlook of Hospitality & Tourism Industry

The global hotel industry comprises of 16.4 million rooms. The largest hotel chain in the world is Marriot with 30 brands, 5700 properties, and 1.1 million rooms in 122 countries. 1 out of every 15 rooms around the globe belong to Marriot

Marriot like other hotel chains own very few individual hotels. Instead they manage or franchise their brands to hundreds of individual owners often real estate development companies. Marriot has thrived as an asset light company,

owning only a handful of hotels. The market cap of Marriot International Inc is around \$ 42 billion. – Rs 3, 00,000 crore.

India is growing at a tremendous pace and is expected to emerge as an Rs 6 trillion economy over the next ten years. The travel and tourism industry in India is one of the biggest contributors to India and GDP and hence is critical in supporting India growth story. . In 2017 the industry's share was 3.7% and is expected to increase by 7.6% in 2018-19. The India tourism and hospitality industry is one of the key drivers of growth among the service sector in India. Tourism in India has significant potential considering the rich cultural and historical heritage.

The tourism & hospitality sector are among the top 10 sectors in India to attract the highest Foreign Direct Investment. During the period April 2000 – December 2017. the total tourism sector attracted around US \$ 10.90 billion of FDI according to the data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). India's travel and tourism industry has huge growth potential. The tourism industry is also looking forward to the introduction of E - Visa scheme which is expected to double the tourist flow into India. India travel & tourism industry has the potential to expand by 2.5% on the back of higher budgetary allocations. Also the global travel and tourism industry posted a strong showing in the financial year FY 17 growing at 4.6% with particularly good performance in Asia. This has had a positive ripple effect on the hospitality sector in India where earlier it had been struggling with declining room occupancy and pricing. However the fiscal saw a demand growth of 5% continuously to outpace supply growth at 3.2% primarily due to rising purchasing power of domestic travelers, an increase in commercial development and foreign tourist arrivals, a growing airline industry and government led initiatives aimed at stimulating the sector. These include branding and marketing outreach and allowing 100% FDI in the hotel and tourism sector through the automatic route.

## Altina Awards Function- 2018



Altina Securities as a part of its corporate social Responsibility (CSR) has been playing a very active role in focusing on its twin objectives of promoting financial literacy and entrepreneurship both at the start up level and scale up level. The primary objective is to educate aspiring entrepreneurs about entrepreneurship and motivate them to establish their own ventures.

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fields.

To recognize and celebrate entrepreneurship especially from entrepreneurs in the SME Sector for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields, the Altina Excellence awards

were announced in Mumbai recently. The winners of the Altina Essay Contest 2018 titled "The Power of Entrepreneurship" were also felicitated on the occasion.

The Altina Entrepreneurs excellence award is a sincere attempt to identify those brilliant business ideas and ventures and recognize the efforts of chosen entrepreneurs who deserved the honor to be showcased as role models to aspiring entrepreneurs

The Altina Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2018 was awarded to Mr. Pandurang Dandawate- Chairman Dhruv Consultancy Ltd, Mr. Sushil Aggarwal – Chairman Avon Mold Plast. Dr. Vishal Warke- Director HI-Media Laboratories. Mr. Suresh Dol- Managing Director – Dol Motors Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Ashish Shah- Managing Director- Ambtronics Engineers Pvt. Ltd. Bhuvanesh Shah- Jai Bhuvan Builders Pvt. Ltd

The Jury consisted of eminent personalities comprising of Mr. Tahir Mohmood- Head Business Development – Nasdaq Dubai, Mr. Rajesh Mascrenhas- Senior Assistant Editor- The Economic Times, Kewal Handa- Chairman Union Bank of India and former Managing Director – Pfizer Ltd. Clifford Dsouza- Managing Director- Morgan Stanley (I) Ltd. Mahesh Bhupati- Professional Tennis Player, Mr. Clifton Desilva- Director Altina Securities Pvt. Ltd.

The winners of the essay contest were Niyoti Chawla- 1st Prize – Rs 30,000, Nishita Rodrigues- 2nd Prize- Rs 20,000 – Robert Clements- 3rd Prize- Rs 15,000.

The chief Guest for the function was A. Vaideesh , Vice President South East Asia and Managing Director Glaxo Smithkline Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

# Switch to electric cars, today!

**WITH THE ADVENT of climate change and dwindling volumes of fossil fuel, governments around the world have been compelled to look alternatives**

**E**gged on by the Government of India, vehicle manufacturers are looking at both CNG and electric-driven automobiles as alternatives, particularly the latter. As a leading proponent of the Paris Climate Accord, India has set a lofty target of having 30 percent of vehicles in India powered by electricity.

Consumers, however, are expected to pay a higher premium for these vehicles. But what if they had someone who could retrofit the electric component into their seven or eight-year-old car and as a result have the option of completely going off fossil fuels?

Well, Hyderabad based startup e-Trio has the answers. After receiving approval from the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), a cooperative industrial research association by the automotive industry with the Ministry of Industries, in June this year, E-Trio is ready to test its retrofitted electric kit on Maruti Suzuki Alto and Wagon R.

It's the first company in India to have received official sanction from the ARAI for such

a product.

"We buy old cars, refurbish them, remove all the petrol or diesel related components and install electric kits. That's at the essence of it. The process itself is quite complex, especially integrating the electric components. Nonetheless, over a period of more than two years, we have mastered the process," says Sathya



Yalamanchalli, the 32 year-old Founder of E-Trio.

The core components of this retrofitted electric kit (REK) are a motor, controller and lithium ion battery. After charging it for a full five hours, your car can run for 150 km. Moreover, the electric motor does not require any gears, making it easier for beginner drivers to move around.

Incorporated in 2015, the startup today also has 40 employees and its own manufacturing unit in Hyderabad. Besides REKs, the startup is also working on electric bicycles, which are in their testing phase. These e-bicycles will be rolled within the next two months.

EVs aren't new and they have been around for more

than a decade but the Government of India has only started promoting them recently because of the serious pollution problem that has engulfed our cities. However, EVs have other advantages besides not emitting fumes generated by fossil fuel-run engines. Apart from pollution, maintenance is almost zero; it's light on the driver's pocket with fuel prices almost 10 percent of what petrol and diesel cost. Drivers can enjoy all these savings and enhance livelihood. For the time being, e-Trio is looking at business-to-business (B2B) sales, particularly those with

a large fleet of cars like cab companies whose drives travel long distances during the day and not individual customers just yet.

The key to the success of this start-up will depend on how well India develops its charging infrastructure, which is critical to any EV ecosystem. Cities like Bengaluru are already witnessing the participation of local municipal bodies and state-owned power distribution companies in this regard. Norway has often been cited as a model example of how governments can did the process of developing an EV ecosystem with more than 100,000 such vehicles in a country of just 50 lakh people.

# Historic St. Paul's CSI church Mangaluru is 175 years old

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'luru.

**S**t Paul's CSI Church (1843-2018), is one of the oldest standing churches of the city of Mangaluru; now 175 years old. November 18, 2018, was celebrated as a day of Prayer, Thanks giving, nostalgia and fellowship at this historical church. Many people who have visited it are sure to be found all over the world today and in Mumbai too. It is resplendent with 18 decades of service unseen to reminiscence and thank. The Church Committee and congregation's committed efforts made the celebrations fitting to this special day of the this holy tranquil historic spot in the city.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Ratnakara Sadananda, General Secretary of Church of South India Synod, Chennai, and one who served as Presbyter in the 1980s was the Chief Guest and along with other dignitaries was felicitated. The goodness of God and the holy service rendered by this unique church in the last 175 years, is impressive and admired. A time of joy and thanksgiving, experience of many acts of God in the all the past decades and specially among the families. Many graces have embraced one and all, inspired consistently, all the concern has brought new life, new hope and so much more renewal through this sanctuary. The development and reconciliation that is received in so many ways is incalculable. This is an apt time for reflection, self discoveries at various levels of faith. A time for renewal and making new creation around here.

Key persons who made up the success of the celebrations and more:

Presbyter in-charge : Rev.Noel P.Karkada, Presbyter incharge, Dr. Jacob Chacko –Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Prakash N.Tharient –Honorary Secretary, Dr.Praveen John-Member, Pastorate Committee, Mrs. Aruna Gojer – Senior member, Pastorate committee.



Many more behind the scenes are not mentioned here.

## Brief History :

In 1763, Mangalore was captured by Hyder Ali. In 1768, it was then captured by the British India Army in the First Anglo-Mysore War, before being transferred back to Tippu Sultan in 1784 as per the Treaty of Mangalore. In 1799, after the fall of Tippu Sultan in the fourth Anglo –Mysore War, Mangalore, once again came under British Control and got annexed into Madras Presidency. Mangalore went on to become a strategically important port for the East India Company, a small garrison unit arrived to keep the peace and law in this region of Canara and to secure the border passage into Mysore Princely State. After the Coorg rebellion of 1837, when Mangalore was attacked, the fortification of Mangalore resulted in a need for the Church to

meet the spiritual and moral needs of the British soldiers and officers of the crown. In 1841, Rev. R W Whitford, garrison Chaplain appealed to the Government of Madras to construct a Church in Mangalore, which was accepted. The church building was completed in 1842, and consecrated by George Spencer, Church of England, Bishop of Madras, on January 5, 1843.

In time after the establishment of the Basel Mission in the area, it was also used by the German missionaries until 1862. In 1947, St.Paul's Church became part of the South Indian Diocese, under CSI North Kerala Diocese. In 1971 it was transferred to the Karnataka Southern Diocese and thus continues its forward march and blessing to its people.



First Indian Pastorate Committee of St. Pauls church and stalwarts of the time: A.C. Mathai Professor of Botany, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore; Titus Joseph Assistant Manager, Aspin Wall, Mangalore; D.S. Herbert Assistant Manager, Peirce Leslie, Mangalore; Fredrick Soans Registrar, Mysore State; Dr. Giridhar Rao Medical Practitioner, Mangalore; Dr. Jacob Medical Practitioner, Mangalore. All these were prominent people in the civil society of the times. It is note worthy

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# Stop violence against women



**IN 1999 THE UN General Assembly designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, inviting governments, international organisations and NGOs to organise activities designed to raise public awareness of the issue on that day**

In recent years, the voices of survivors and activists, through campaigns such as **#MeToo**, **#TimesUp**, **#Niunamemos**, **#NotOneMore**, **#BalanceTonPorc** and others, have reached a crescendo that cannot be silenced any more. Advocates understand that while the names and contexts may differ across geographic locations, women and girls everywhere are experiencing extensive abuse and their stories need to be brought to light. Let's have a look at some heinous crimes that women fold have to go through

## **Acid throwing :**

In some Asian countries such as Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, the disfiguring of women by throwing acid or burning them are forms

of violence rooted in gender inequality but the immediate reason for this is often disputes concerning marriage and dowry. While this is not one of the most prevalent forms of violence against women, its consequences are dire for those women subjected to it.

## **'Honour' killings :**

This is the murder of a woman, usually by a brother, father or other male family member because she has allegedly brought shame to her family. This phenomenon is rooted in the notion of male honour and female chastity that prevails in many countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region. It means a man's honour is linked to the perceived purity of the women in his family. If a woman engages in physical relationship outside marriage or even if she is raped, she is thought to disgrace the family honour. In some societies, the only way to cleanse the family honour is by killing of violence against women and girls is exercised also in western European countries within immigrant families. It is generally referred to as 'honour' killings - a rather misleading term as the connection with honour is difficult to understand in most cultures. The term 'murder in the name of honour' has been

suggested.

## **Elder abuse :**

Mistreatment of older people, taking place in the home or at care institutions, is being referred to as elder abuse and has been defined as a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. Elder abuse was first identified in developed countries, where most of the existing research has been conducted but reports from developing countries have shown that it is a universal phenomenon. This kind of mistreatment takes the form of physical, psychological or abuse as well as financial or material abuse or as pure neglect - that is, the failure to fulfill a care giving obligation.

Violence against women and girls is a grave violation of human rights. Its impact ranges from immediate to long-term multiple physical and mental consequences for women and girls, including death. It negatively affects women's general well-being and prevents women from fully participating in society. Violence not only has negative consequences for women but also their families, the community and the country at large.

# Inspiration!



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each day towards the attainment of your dreams.

#### **Get specific about your goals :**

The first step of goal setting is to get highly specific about what you intend to achieve.

You have to ensure that it's measurable so that it can be tracked but you also have to put a great deal of detail into what it is you intended to achieve. You can't just say you want to be rich. It doesn't work that way. When you get specific about a goal it materialises. It moves from the abstract into reality. To do that it must be written down. It must move from your mind to a piece of paper or a screen.

#### **Ensure that your goals are meaningful:**

Goals can't just be specific. The second step for achieving your goals is to ensure that they're meaningful. We will always do more to achieve a goal that has a deep-rooted meaning to us than we will to achieve something that's superficial. So if you want to have a million dollar net worth because of the status it affords, you can forget about your chances for suc-

#### **APPROACH YOUR GOAL**

We have deep-seated hopes and dreams for the future and a burning desire to accomplish some great feats. It's stitched into the very fabric of our society, woven into the core of who we are, deep down inside. Our species has more than just survived you've quite literally thrived, achieving outlandish results thanks to the wild-eyed innovations that have sparked the possibility to make the seemingly impossible a reality in our lives.

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#### **Pick goals that are achievable :**

When you pick goals that are achievable, not only are you more likely to achieve them but you can also develop some momentum in the process. It's exciting to accomplish a goal that is currently out of reach, no matter what that goal is. Once you get there, you're fuelled by the zeal and enthusiasm of reaching your goal.

#### **Always re-adjust your approach :**

If you evaluate your progress and you realise that you're getting further away from your goals rather than closer to them, you can re-adjust your approach. This gives you a moment to correct things.

Our goals are very much like an airplane's journey. We're trying to reach our final destination and in order to do that we need to be clear about what that destination is and when we'll reach it. Take action to modify our approach along the way in order to get there in long term.

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to the Supreme Court, (because he did not give a favourable judgement to the BJP as the Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court), is a textbook example.

The Government has not only tried to interfere in the Judiciary, but has spared no effort to destroy the independence and the autonomous functioning of other Constitutional and statutory bodies. The Election Commission of India is today very different from what it once was. Hate speeches by the BJP candidates and fraudulent voting practices are just ignored. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has become a 'caged parrot' apparently because of the inclination of the CBI Director to open investigations into the dubious Rafale fighter jet deal and the alleged corruption by the Ambanis. The Reserve Banking of India (RBI) is browbeaten to bend backwards to cater to the whims and fancies of a Government that has sent the country into an economic spiral downwards! Media, the fourth pillar of a vibrant democracy, has been made impotent. Only a handful of those in the electronic and print media will dare take on the Government today. Other important bodies, like the Information Commission, have been made toothless and filled only with their pliable henchmen!

The visionary Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the father of our Constituent Assembly was perhaps prophetic when he said, *"Will history repeat itself? It is this thought, which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realisation of the fact that in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds, we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed or above their country? I do not know, but this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventuality we all must resolutely guard against. We must be determined to defend our independence with the last drop of our blood!"* We must heed his words!

Every citizen of India has a moral obligation to defend all that is sacred in the Constitution. We cannot sit in our comfort zones and allow the values enshrined in our Constitution to be destroyed by these anti-Constitutional elements! *"We, the People of India"*, must rise as one people and realise that it is our Constitution. On 'Constitution Day', we all need to pledge that a sure way, by which we can protect our Constitution, is by showing these elements the door in the National Elections 2019!

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

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Mr. Titus Joseph who was a member of the first Indian Pastorate Committee and who later served as its Treasurer till his demise. He was one of those who was instrumental in St.Paul's remaining as a place of worship today, for he kept the doors of the Church open to pray every day, saving St. Paul's from being converted into a Museum as has happened to a Church in Mercara.

An interesting facet of St. Paul's Church, at the South west corner of the Nehru Maidan, is its clock tower – which contains a clock with two dials. The clock was made in the Mangalore workshop of the Basil Mission by German Missionaries, is perhaps the oldest such curio visible.

St Paul's CSI Church Cemetery : It is not very known that the cemetery that is replete with historic tombs, located in the heart of the city of Mangalore on Telecom House Road ( off Old Kent Road);



St Paul's Church has the privilege of maintaining the 218-year old Heritage Cemetery. The cemetery has more than 70 tombs of British nationals. Prominent among them is the 20-foot-tall tomb of Brigadier-General John Carnac, (whose name is famous in Mumbai), the first person to have been laid to rest in the cemetery on November 29, 1800. Brigadier-General Carnac was second in command to Robert Clive at the Battle of Plassey.

In 1947 a Govt officer handed over the records and keys of the cemetery, to J.N.A. Hobbs, the then Secretary of the Pastorate Committee of St.Pauls' Church, Mangalore (who was later knighted). The titular responsibility for the cemetery still rests with the British High Commission under BASCA-the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia. But the responsibility for the care and maintenance is in the hands of the CSI Church Pastorate Committee, Congregation and clergy of St. Paul's Church, Mangalore. Dr T.A. Koshy, the then Honorary Secretary, wrote to the UK High Commission through the then Bishop Rt. Rev. T. B. Benjamin, to change the cemetery category to 'open' for burial of members of St. Paul's Church Mangalore and subsequently also for Mar Thoma Church of Mangalore. The Cemetery since then is being used for burial even to this day. The St.Paul's Church Cemetery is not just a historic Cemetery, but a Heritage site.

St. Paul's Church has served the faithful and people city of Mangaluru for 175 long years, since 1843. Architecturally and historically, it is a heritage site that carries forward the rich history of its founding members and British officers. Spiritually, it continues to serve the society and nation.

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**6983. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1990), Ht. 160 cms, Wt. 66 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working for MNC. Contact email : alwyn90lewis@yahoo.com

**6982. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1989), Ht. 172 cms, Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. C.A., working as a C.A., Contact email : jpereiranirrh@gmail.com

**6981. MANGALORE** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 187 cms, Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., in nautical Science, working as a 3rd Officer in Cruise Lines. Contact email : rodriguessamuel6@gmail.com

**6906. ABUDHABI** : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor in Business Admin., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : dvdleena@yahoo.co.in

**6864. DUBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in December 1963), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Non SSC. working as a Driver in Well known Company. Well settled. Contact 971-50-3564608

**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

**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

**6660 NASHIK** : Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in November 1984) Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduation in perfusion technology, working as a Clinical perfusionist. Contact email : dan2mills@gmail.com

**6659 MUMBAI** : Widower seeks educated lady partner spinster/widow preferably without any encumbrance healthy in age group of 60-65 yrs. Contact email : envision 277@yahoo.com OR 9819839842.

**6654 MUMBAI** : Mangalorean R.C. Divorcee (Born in October 1980) Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 95 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Hotel Management, working as a Asst. Manager in **CANADA**, seeks an educated, homely, UK bases girl. Contact Email : gladways207@gmail.com OR Mob.: 9930721252

**6652 MUMBAI** : Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor, (Born in November 1988) Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.A. Marketing, working as an Executive in well known Private Company. Contact email : menezesajit@yahoo.com

**6650 MUMBAI** : Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor, (Born in August 1971) Ht. 5' 11", Edn. Undergraduate, Working as a Asst. Manager in a reputed company in Mumbai seeks alliance from RC Spinster simple & understanding with good family values, Kindly reply with details and photograph. Email : deric.nazareth@rediffmail.com OR Tel.: 9869844097

**6648. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Bachelor (Born in June 1970) Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th Std., working as a AC Mechanic in Abroad. Contact email : vivinacardoza18@gmail.com OR 9987433677

**6647. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Bachelor (Born in January 1982) Ht. 164 cms, Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Engineering, working as a Sr. Executive. Contact email : pereirapraveen@gmail.com OR

9833379899

**6641. MUMBAI** : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1982), Ht. 6' 1", Wt. 100 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working as an Engineer, Contact email : melvinsaldanha20@gmail.com or 9820477618

**6637. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. T.Y. B.Com., Hardware & Networking Diploma, working as a Technical Team Leader & Coordinator. Contact email : bipinsw52@gmail.com

**6636. MUMBAI** : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1983), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., working as a Technical Lead. Contact email : joy.dominic@gmail.com

**6634. MUMBAI** : Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in November 1982), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Diploma Holder, working as a Mechanical Engineer. Contact email : santoshrodrigues7@gmail.com

**6581. MUMBAI** : Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in July 1981), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y.B.A., Diploma in Food Production working as a F & B Service, working on International Ship. Contact email : anse\_g@1cloud.com

**6579. MUMBAI** : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., & Diploma, Working as a S. Bartender. Contact email : rahulf28@yahoo.com

**6576. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in October 1966), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 69 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., having own business. Contact email : pauld'souza@ccicindia.com

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**6625 MUMBAI :** Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in November 1979), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 61 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., B.ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : martin.007.2010@gmail.com OR Mob.: 9892657905

**6624 MUMBAI :** Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 6', Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor in Hotel Management, working on Ship. Contact email : roland\_dsouza007@yahoo.com

**6622 MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1984), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 85 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Bank. Contact email : calva\_86@yahoo.co.in

**6621 MUMBAI :** Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1970), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as an Event Manager. Seeks good looking fair girl. Contact email : rosario.thefernandoco@gmail.com

**6619 MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 82 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, working in MNC. Contact email : josh99.joshva@gmail.com

**6618 MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., working as a Resource Manager. Contact email : fernandesclyde176@gmail.com

**6616 MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1980), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 80 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. SSC, working as a Graphic Designer, hardworking, smart. Contact email : velgomes3@gmail.com

**6613 MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MCA, working in Leading IT firm. Contact email : bardeskar.agnel11@gmail.com

**6612 MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in October 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 66 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Service. Contact 9167419437

**6610. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1981), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. IT Engineering, working for Leading Engineering Company as a Solutions Architect. Contact email : krod1681@gmail.com

**6605. MUMBAI :** Gujarati RC Divorcee, (Born in June 1963), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Sr. Accountant. Contact email : parmar777@gmail.com

**6598. MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Grad. Diploma, working as a GM-Marketing. Contact email : gomes.gavin@gmail.com

**6597. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1978), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : augustinelobo\_78@yahoo.com

**6596. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, SSC. ITI, NCVT, working for offshore industry as marine technician, having own house. Contact email : lezzrocks@gmail.com

**6590. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working as a Cruise Reception Manager. Contact email : fernajoy@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

**6587. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1984), Ht. 6', Wt. 95 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. working as a Civil Engineer. Contact email : matrimonial.2312@gmail.com

**6586. BANGALORE :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., LL.B., M.S.W., Working as HR Executive. Contact email : advocatecastelino@yahoo.in

**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

**6583. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, Working as an Asst. Manager in reputed private bank. Contact email : alliancesralph@gmail.com

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**6959. MUMBAI** : Alliance invited from well settled RC Goan bachelors upto 30 years. for RC Goan Spinster (Born in November 1990), a B.A. graduate, done IATA, presently working in **DUBAI** in a travel company as a corporate travel officer, Ht. 5' 3", (preferable working overseas) Contact email : sabjf1963@gmail.com OR Cell No.: 8828998414

**6985. MUMBAI** : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in November 1984), Ht. 157 cms, Wt.68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : jokina10@rediffmail.com

**6984. GOA** : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1986), Ht. 165 cms, Wt.70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. working. Contact email : jane.matthews14@gmail.com

**6983. MUMBAI** : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 160 cms, Wt.52 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Educated, working. Contact email : joaquimbalina17@gmail.com

**6921. MUMBAI** : Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in August 1991), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Ed., working. Contact email : pota150259@gmail.com

**6920. NEW DELHI** : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in August 1992), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Secretary. Contact email : jolenecrasto@gmail.com

**6919. MANGALORE** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., BCA., Working as a Bank Manager. Contact email : joemaxrebel@gmail.com

**6911. MUSCAT** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in September 1993), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working in **OMAN**. Contact email :

fjmasc@gmail.com

**6910. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in April 1987), Ht. 5', Wt. 57 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as a Business and Client management. Contact email : reena.alva@gmail.com

**6908. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1992), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 53 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Pharm + PGPBA., working as Sr. Executive in Pharma Packaging. Contact email : anaita.lopez@gmail.com

**6907. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for American Bank as a Bank Teller. Contact email : carolp\_1987@yahoo.co.in

**6905. ABUDHABI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 1", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Master in Commerce (Finance), working as a Secretary cum Accountant. Contact email : steffifernandez798@gmail.com

**6902. DUBAI** : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in April 1975), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Secretary. Contact email : pepem25@rediffmail.com

**6901. DUBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in October 1993), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 63 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com + IATA, Working as a Asst. Office Administor, Contact email : rishalalbuquerque@yahoo.com

**6900. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 4' 10", Wt. 51 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS., Marketing specialization, working as a Customer Support. Contact email : pereira1189@yahoo.com

**6635. MUMBAI** : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in Janu-

ary 1990) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : judithds1901@gmail.com

**6987. MUMBAI** : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1991), Ht. 4' 10", Wt.48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working for 5 Star Hotel. Contact email : inasinapereira@yahoo.co.in

**6978. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in June 1989), Ht. 162 cms, Wt.50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Undergraduate, Tailoring. Contact email : sd450199@gmail.com

**6972. M.P.** : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1986), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A., working as a Manager. Contact email : anitabilung@gmail.com

**6970. MUMBAI** : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1987), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. CS & LLB., working as a Company Secretary. Contact email : mendonsajacinta@gmail.com

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**6903. MUMBAI** : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., M.S. Marketing, working as a Client Consulting Manager. Contact email : mendonca\_luke@yahoo.co.in

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**6814. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 5' 3 1/2", Wt. 47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., NET, SET doing Phd., Lecturer by profession. Contact email : albanpereira1991@yahoo.com

**6775 AUSTRALIA:** Australian citizens of Indian Christian origin residing in Sydney seek matrimonial alliance for their daughter: Age: 43yrs Ht.: 5'4", Wheatish complexion, Beautiful with black hair Understanding, trust worthy, physically active, having a pleasant & affable disposition with strong family values and social networking skills. Marital Status: Divorcee/Female living in New South Wales Australia (has no children) Annulment in progress. Well educated employed in the Australian Financial Sector in a responsible position. Expressions of interest are solicited from eligible male suitors meeting the following criteria: Must be Christian settled either in Australia, UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, North America, Canada Age: under 47yrs Marital Status: Bachelor or Divorce (with no children) Personality traits: Suitor must be healthy with a pleasing personality & strong family values. Height :minimum5'8" Suitors with strong financial resources pursuing

either a Professional/Corporate/ Business career will be highly favoured. Interested suitors are requested to send profiles to the following email: sme94427@bigpond.net.au

**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 Leader) . Contact email : alicedsouza722@gmail.com

**6761. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in April 1990), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Teacher by profession. Contact Mob: 9892316638

**6658. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. in E&T. with Master, working for Corporate firm. Contact email : jovi\_tangerine@yahoo.co.in

**6657. VADODARA :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster,(Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., working for MNC. Contact email : cheryl24052001@yahoo.com

**6656. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Tech (Biotechnology), working as a Scientific Assistant, Contact email : rachealm28@gmail.com

**6653 MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., Doctor & pursuing M.D. Seeks M.D. / M.S., Doctors. Contact email : selwynhenriques13@gmail.com

**6651. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish

Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support in DUBAI. Contact email : dsilva.seema@gmail.com

**6645. ABU DHABI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster from Mumbai (Born October 1992), Ht. 5' 5" (166 cms), 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, B. Com, MBA (Finance) U.K. working for a Bank in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Family U.A.E. based for past 25 years. Seeks a Professionally qualified bachelor, below 30 years working or settled overseas / On Board with sober habits, good family values, from a respectful family. Contact email : leteciaprisca@gmail.com

**6644. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate (Travel/Tours), working as Sr. Operation Exe., Contact email : bernie0164@gmail.com OR 9930466725

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**By Ladislaus Louis D'Souza**

“This is your own magazine, teenagers, for it hopes to cater to your mental enlightenment and moral elevation. In a world so bewildered as to have seemingly lost its grip on all sense of values, you have here a beacon of light to guide you on your glorious march through life,” wrote Aloysius G Rego, the Editor of *THE TEENAGER* (now *The Teenager Today*) in its inaugural issue of November 1963. That the magazine has not only continued to enjoy popularity but has grown in so many ways is evident from the uninterrupted run it has had for the last 55 years! Standing the test of time, it has metamorphosed from a booklet size 30-page magazine in black & white to a swanky multi-coloured 50-page format that we see today!

Times have changed! So have the needs and tastes of our children and youth. Fifty-five years ago, the internet was not even dreamed of, the ‘digital age’ was not even an idea way back then. *THE TEENAGER TODAY [TTT]* is representative of all the changes that have continued sweeping the human race, and that includes in no mean measure the way human beings of varying ages relate to one another on various levels at various stages of growth.

There have been other magazines for youngsters in the country that did the *aayaa-Ram-gayaa-Ram* rounds and slid into hibernation, while others remained in limbo before fizzling

out. Published from Mumbai by *Better Yourself Books*, a publishing house of the Society of Saint Paul, a media-oriented religious congregation of priests and brothers, TTT has moved with the times, walking closely with its readers and has thus maintained momentum.

**The heart of any given publication is its content and TTT has steadily ensured that neither the quality of write-ups nor the stature of the writers has been sacrificed at the altar of mediocrity.** Careful selection of topics has been at the heart of every issue. If the ‘Contents’ page of the very first issue makes the magazine read like a dainty romantic novel, the contents of the “55th Birthday Issue” makes the plot appear thicker, richer, juicier and O! So mature!! Science, fiction, family, celebrity, music, statesmen, medicine, art, craft, festivals... — you name the topic and this lively magazine has done and continues to do more than adequate justice to the subject, bringing the focus of the dissertation alive and how! Amazingly, for a magazine that has had a multi-fold increase in the number of article and features apart from the number of pages and size, the annual subscription, Rs 3 at its inception and Rs 300 at present, has had a mere 100-fold increase!

In *TEEN FORUM* of the July 1964 issue we have Saurabh Srivastava of Kanpur writing: “I read the February issue of *The Teenager* and, believe

me, I read it a second time! The articles are of a very high standard, and *The Teenager* can bear favourable comparison with any leading magazine today. A variety of topics have been discussed, and I don’t think there is any aspect of life that has not been touched. The choice of themes is very judicious and the language flawless and most appealing.... For all I know, *The Teenager* may develop into a magazine like *The Reader’s Digest* or *Imprint*.” T-MAIL in the November 2018 issue has Revathi Iyer of Dombivli, Mumbai writing thus: “*The Teenager Today* is a magazine with all topics under one roof — a multipurpose book of knowledge. I’ve been a teacher [Holy Angels School, Dombivli] for the past two decades and also a freelance journalist and I feel TTT is the ultimate magazine for not only teenagers but also for a parent, a teacher or those belonging to any other professions.” Need one say more!?!

**As TTT grows from strength to strength, keeping pace with the constantly changing and challenging ethos, with several of its readers now its promoters and contributing writers, here’s wishing it a future that is scintillating to say the least, its pages offering the reader ever greater wisdom, its contents goading the reader to scale heights that keep him/her grounded in reality, to the edification of our young people and for the greater good of society as a whole!**



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