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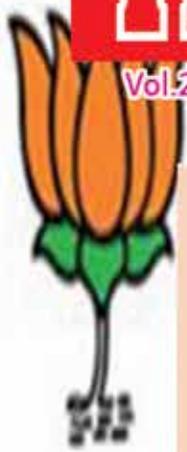
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# In the final analysis



## Model Banks' 25th Branch

With the inauguration of a series of Branches during the month of March 2019 and May 2019 at Vikhroli, Panvel and Goregaon respectively, Model Co-operative Bank Ltd. opened its 25th Branch at Sakinaka on 5th May 2019, with provision for ATM service, which will commence shortly. The Branch was inaugurated by Dr. David T. Alvares, Jt. Commissioner Profession Tax, Mumbai and blessed by Rev. Fr. Samuel Ribeiro, Asst. Parish Priest, St. Anthony Church, Sakinaka.

The Chairman of the Bank, Albert W. D'Souza in his welcome ad-



dress stated that at present our Bank is having 24 Branches and this is the 25th Silver Branch which is inaugurated today. In the month of March 2019 we have inaugurated Branches at Vikhroli and Panvel and on 1st May 2019 inaugurated our Goregaon (W) Branch. Chairman congratulated the Andheri (E) customers for their support and patronage rendered to the Bank right from the days of the Credit Society, due to which we have opened a Branch at Sakinaka today. 'Small is Effective' and so the customers can avail good & personalized service from the staff in comparison with large Commercial Banks.. The Chairman concluded stating that 'Service with a Smile' is our philosophy, and our young, dynamic and enthusiastic staff at Sakinaka led by the Manager Ronald D'Souza are here to serve the customers with a smile.

The Institution has completed 103 years of existence on 26.04.2019 and the Bank has crossed Deposits of Rs.1000 crores as on 01.03.2019. The Chairman stated that with Deposits of Rs.1030 crores and advances of Rs.570 crores the Bank has achieved total business of about Rs.1600 crores and the

Bank is on the threshold of achieving Scheduled Bank Status, after which, 'sky is the limit' for future expansion. The Chairman thanked the customers for their invaluable support and trust.

The Bank is honoured to be recognized as the top 3 Financially Sound & Well Managed Co-operative Banks in Mumbai by 'The Brihan Mumbai Nagari Sahakari Banks Association Ltd., Mumbai in the category of Deposits above Rs.300 crores to Rs.1500 crores for the year 2013-14 and 2014 - 15 and 1st Prize for Best Bank among Co-operative Banks in Mumbai Region in the category of Deposits above Rs.500 crores awarded by the Maharashtra State Co-operative Banks Association Ltd., Mumbai. for the year 2014-15 and the Brihan Mumbai Nagari Sahakari Banks Association Ltd. for the year 2015-16. The Brihan Mumbai Nagari Sahakari Banks Association Ltd., also awarded the Bank 2nd Prize in the category of Deposits above Rs.500 crores for the F.Y.2016-17.

The founder Chairman, John D'Silva stated that opening of the 25th Branch is a great achievement for Model Co-op. Bank Ltd. The Bank aims for Skill Development and help young people to become Entrepreneurs. He further stated that we have opened a Branch at Sakinaka at the request of the people, and urged the citizens of the area to come forward and avail of the various facilities and services provided by the Bank.

Guardian Director, Vincent Mathias stated that 'Sapling which all the citizens of this area had planted, has now grown and giving fruits'. He further stated that "we have inaugurated our 25th Branch at Sakinaka, and we are here at the right time. We need to inspire our youngsters to take up Entrepreneurship, create wealth for themselves and for the Nation".

Rev.Fr. Samuel Ribeiro, Asst. Parish Priest, St. Anthony Church, Sakinaka in his address, stated that we need to encourage our youngsters to take up Entrepreneurship or Studies in IAS and IPS. He encouraged the gathering to patronize the Bank, and wished the Bank success.

The Chief Guest Dr. David T. Alvares, Jt. Commissioner Profession Tax, Mumbai stated that he was honored to be the Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony of the 25th Silver Branch of the Bank. He encouraged the gathering to avail of the services of the Bank and stated that the Bank offers low rate of interest on advances and high rate of interest on deposits

The Bank offers convenient services to its customers with full CBS enabled network and operations and provides services of ATM, SMS Alerts, Personalised Cheque Books, Pan Card, Bharat Bill Payment System, Bancassurance, RTGS / NEFT, E-Tax Payment Facility, Cheque Truncation System, Direct Clearing, Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme (LPG Subsidy), Internet View Facility, Authorised Dealer Category - II - Full Fledged Money Changers (FFMC), NRE Accounts, E-Commerce etc. The Bank offers various Deposit Products. The Bank has been offering spectrum of financial services to different customer segments covering Housing Loans, Vehicle Loans, Educational Loans, Business Loans with the lowest interest rates.

Directors Paul Nazareth, Lawrence D'Souza, Gerald Cardoza, A. C. Lobo and Marita D'Mello graced the occasion. William L D'Souza, GM & CEO, Shashi Shetty, Assistant General Manager and Naresh Thakur, Assistant General Manager were also present.

Branch Manager Ronald D'Souza proposed the vote of thanks.

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## In the final analysis - The choice India will see in a Fortnight

By Don Aguiar

At an engineering college in the middle of India, three first-time voters stretched out on classroom benches and debated whether to re-elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Student A, supported Mr. Modi, arguing that he was fashioning India into a new world superpower. Her friend, Student B, was a bit less sure of how he would vote, describing the election as a "political drama" dominated by two large and flawed parties.

Student C, a budding social activist, grimaced at the idea of giving the prime minister another term. He weighed the rise of Mr. Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party against shrinking space for India's minorities.

"India is a secular country, but for political benefits, they are trying to make it a Hindu country," he said. "I am anti-Modi."

Five years ago, young voters turned out in large numbers for the Bharatiya Janata Party, or B.J.P., seeing in Mr. Modi a soaring orator whose pro-development record suggested he could meet one of the biggest challenges facing India: how to sustain an economy that absorbs hundreds of thousands of new workers every month.

Exit polls found that turnout in that election among Indians ages 18 to 25 surpassed that of the general population for the first time, hovering around 70 percent. India's youngest voters were the most likely of any age group to support the B.J.P.

Over the next few weeks, as Indians head to the polls in the world's largest election, young people may once again mostly back Mr. Modi, according to a pre-election survey. But conversations with them suggest they have some reservations.

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High unemployment, the spread of Hindu nationalism and a spike in hate crimes against Muslims are among the issues on the minds of newly eligible voters, who number about 130 million nationwide, according to census data. Activists and analysts say India is more divided today than when Mr. Modi was elected.

In 2014, Modi undoubtedly represented hope, in 2019, Modi represents a mixture of fear and hope — fear that the state would punitively hurt and repress those who dissent and disagree, and hope for those who still think he can take India higher.

In 2014, Mr. Modi shovelled disdain on Mr. Gandhi's Indian National Congress, which was mired in corruption scandals. The party's reputation for slippery deals persists.

Mr. Modi's young critics agreed that Mr. Gandhi was a tough sell. But mostly they wanted to talk about jobs.

Rajat Sharma, 20, who comes from a family of B.J.P. supporters, said he was torn about whom to support after it emerged earlier this year that Mr. Modi's government had suppressed a report showing a 45-year high in unemployment.

Recent data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, a research company in Mumbai, showed that India lost as many as 11 million jobs in 2018. The competition for employment is often impossible: Last year, 19 million people applied for 63,000 menial jobs with India's railways.

"Employment is one of my biggest concerns," Mr. Sharma said. "The Modi government is hiding data from us."

Others said that the B.J.P.'s effort to improve infrastructure by building millions of toilets and electrifying villages was hardly different from policies supported by the Indian National Congress.

What did differentiate the two main parties, they said, was the B.J.P.'s interest in furthering Hindu nationalism in India.

The fear is that the hate and animosity that has been released with the tinkering of all the bastions supposed to maintain the checks and balances does not augur well for a great nation. Mr. Modi has begun running it like an emperor with no clothes. Changed benchmarks for measuring economic progress, changed rules to break the apolitical nature of the Armed forces, the RBI, CBI possibly the judiciary.

Mr. Modi rose to political power through Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a far-right Hindu nationalist group. Though he played down that history in the 2014 election, more recently he has embraced a Hindu-first agenda, using a military confrontation with Muslim-majority Pakistan to stoke nationalist sentiment with fervent religious rhetoric.

Similar conversations drifted through Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, a public university with several thousand students, where Student A, and Student C, assessed the last five years under Mr. Modi.

We need to give credit where it's due and if this government has done good things, they need to be appreciated. Regarding GST and the biometric system, we all know that the GST was first proposed by the UPA government and the BJP when in opposition, opposed it. So also the biometric system which was introduced by the UPA.

They thought it was a mistake for the B.J.P. to appoint Yogi Adityanath, a Hindu monk with a history of demonizing Muslims, as the leader of Uttar Pradesh, India's biggest state.

They agreed that the party's attempt to rout out black money by invalidating most of India's currency, known as demonetization, had not really worked.

There have been several observations that the country has actually done better when we had coalition governments. Especially as far as the economy is concerned. The economic reforms of 1991 came about when there was a coalition government and UPA1 was a coalition government. After Nehru died, nobody would have thought Shastri would be a good PM. Similarly, no one wanted Sonia Gandhi to be PM. Fortunately, Manmohan Singh took charge and did a good job in the first five years.

But the question of whether Mr. Modi was responsible for his government's more polarizing moments divided them.

Student A, a senior who plans to work for the consulting company Deloitte after graduating, said "bad people" in Mr. Modi's party were taking advantage of his popularity to insert religion into politics. "It is not Modi who is promoting Hinduism," she said. "It is the people behind him."

Student C raised the case of Gauri Lankesh, an Indian journalist and critic of the government, who was murdered in 2017 by members of a militant Hindu group.

After her death, a man who described himself on Twitter as a "Hindu nationalist" wrote: "One bitch dies a dog's death all the puppies cry in the same tune." Student C pointed out that Mr. Modi was following that person. "It means Modi is supporting him," he said.

The third person in the classroom, Student B, said he was still undecided. Choosing between the B.J.P. and the Indian National Congress, he said, was like picking one of two snakes. Regardless of which gets chosen, he said, "they are both going to bite you anyway."

In the final analysis we need to see what more is important, economic progress (which occurs whoever is in power), or a massive polarisation of the country. That's the choice India will see in a fortnight.



## New Courses in Autonomous Colleges

Given the great variety of courses being offered by newly autonomous Colleges of Bombay University and the widely differing methods of evaluation adopted by them (MM, Apr 24), one begins to wonder what the academic quality of all these courses will be. Do they benefit university colleges? Are the standards of teaching-learning and evaluation being monitored by the UGC or NAAC or some other Higher Education assessing body? If this is not done, very soon our Colleges will be reduced to poor quality teaching-shops and the degrees they offer not worth the time and effort spent on obtaining them. In such a situation, autonomy instead of raising the standards of College Education, will only end up lowering them beyond repair."

—Joseph M. Dias, S.J.

## Record-breaking class XII scores

This year's All-India CBSE and CISCE class XII results have thrown up some unprecedented and unbelievable scores. While 2 students of CISCE achieved a record-breaking score of 500/500, 4 others from CBSE fell short of the coveted 500 by just one mark. Not far behind, were 16 students in second place and 36 others, neck-and-neck in third place. Although several eyebrows were raised at the stupendous achievements, a few dissatisfied educationists were quick to apportion blame to the faulty questions, model answers and evalu-

ation. Only last year, we witnessed a different pattern emerging with a hue and cry and a demand for re-exam, after it was found that 2 questions of the CBSE 12th standard maths paper were difficult and did not conform to the stereotypes of previous years. The blame for this was once again put on the paper setters. This is the sad state of our messed-up education system that has succumbed to the pressures of student-unions and political interference. The result is that we have reached a stage that we do not know what we want and are therefore paying the price for faulty decisions and policies. Quality education has been sacrificed at the altar of student-appeasement and vote bank politics. .

—A. F. Nazareth,  
Alto Porvorim, Goa.

## Why drag the armed forces into the political cauldron ?

General election 2019 will go down in history as the year in which the armed forces were made to play a major role, albeit unwittingly. It all began with an Army convoy being attacked in Phulwama resulting in martyrdom of 40 Indian braves, and the Airforce bombing Balakot in retaliation. But it should have ended there with all credit going to the armed forces, and only to the armed forces.

Now the Navy has been dragged in too, probably to give equal representation to the three wings of the armed forces!

What is so surprising about former PM Rajiv Gandhi's official trip, (along with his spouse), to the Lak-

shadweep island on board the INS Viraat? The US President (usually accompanied by his spouse) flies on board Air Force One. Always.

—Prof Robert Castellino  
Mumbai.

## All religions preach love, so why hate?

Terrorism has no religion, yet terrorists kill in the name of religion. Why should people kill others when all religions preach love and peace?

Look at our gods. How happy they are. They live in peace and harmony in the heavens. They have no issues at all. And if at all they have some issues, it's their problem. Not ours. Let them settle their differences. If they can't solve their problems, how can we? But they have no issues, so why should we kill each other on earth for assumed differences of opinion of our gods? Let us therefore live in peace and harmony on this earth, like the gods are doing in heaven.

—Prof Robert Castellino  
Mumbai.

## Mango: King of all fruits

A particular fruit is designated as the national fruit of a country when it fulfills some key fundamental requirements. It must represent a powerful facet of the cultural attributes that a country wants to convey to the world. The fruit must have an enriching part in the country's history. It should also have a considerable presence in the religious and spiritual heritage of the country. Mango, affectionately called King of Fruits is the National fruit of India. Its sweet fragrance and delectable flavours have won the hearts of many around the world. Mangoes remain one of the most cultivated tropical fruits in the world. As the national

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# Right Thinking is the key to success

By: Dr R V Fernaandes

**T**he Ethics of right Thinking is to bring an understanding of the basic universal principles of life down to a practical theory, applicable and of benefit to all people. Thus making positive, progressive changes in your life. The Right thinking, reproduced below, stresses the importance of language and the power and energy behind the word. Its powerful influence creates and moulds, not only your life, but the lives of everyone. Language is a tool for good if we understand its power and far-reaching effects in our lives and in the creation of what we hope and strive for.

The ethics represents guidelines for personal growth and achievement. Appreciate and respect the Power of the Word (speech); never misuse this power by swearing, vulgarity, lying and

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fruit of India it represents prosperity, abundance and richness in favour of the country's image.

Mango is one of the most widely grown fruits of the tropical countries. In India, mango is cultivated almost in all parts, with the exception of hilly areas. Mango is a rich source of Vitamins A, C and D. In India, we have hundreds of varieties of mangoes. They are of different sizes, shapes and colours. Mangoes have been cultivated in India since time immemorial. Even in our mythology and history there are stories of mangoes --- the famous Indian poet Kalidasa sang its praise. Alexander the great, along with Hieun Tsang savored the taste of mangoes. The great Mughal king, Akbar is said to have planted over 100,000 mango trees in Darbhanga (modern Bihar). The mango is eaten ripe and is also used for making pickles."

—Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai.



deceit, falsifying another's statement, or destroying the reputation of others. Strive to govern moods and habits so as to create peace and happiness within your own mind and to share that peace and happiness with others through happy, constructive Thoughts, through little acts of generosity and service, and through seeing good and God in others. Acts of giving never go unrewarded.

Always endeavor to develop an open mind, giving credit to others for mental effort even though they may not as yet have discovered the true light of wisdom. Stand in awe at the threshold of wisdom in humbleness and in deep respect.

Remember that wisdom expressed through you is not of your creation but always was. Your endeavor to fit and balance your mind to your higher consciousness of wisdom is your sacred duty and not optional. Only through constant striving to eliminate bad or negative thoughts and habits can your Minds feel justly proud to be a sacred part of Divine Consciousness.

Mistakes sometimes occur – a mistake is not evil – it may occur through wrong evaluation or sometimes through over-anxiousness, or comparison, or undue optimism. A first mistake may be classified as an error in judgment if a lesson is learned from the experience; if not, then it is a

conscious mistake upon a negative plane of mind, and serious and punishable through the law of reaction and your conscious realization that you deliberately created your own test and must now find the solution.

Kill out ego and false pride. Never take the know-it-all attitude, for to do so is to kill out natural incentive and progress.

Remember that your mind is the greatest instrument in the universe. As you think, so are you, because the nature of your thoughts indicates the plane of mind to which you are tuned; thus, your thinking and you are one. If you did but realize the power of your own mind for good or for destructiveness, you would check every thought and utterance. Do not say wrong or hurtful things for fun or to build up your own importance.

Remember false pride comes before a fall. Never negate your thoughts and ideas; never say "can't" or depreciate your ability to equal or better the performances of others. What others have done, you can do, and do better, but do not say so; prove it in greater application than others, for only by effort and application shall your works be known. Never make idle and boastful statements; say only that which is logical and truthful. Learn to know when to speak, and always express your thoughts in a refined and dignified way so as to leave the best impression.

Be systematic, proceed step by step, and learn to finish the things you start. Never make a promise that you cannot, or do not, intend to carry out; thus will you always speak truth. Align yourself always upon the side of justice, truth, and honesty. Do not meet others upon the plane of anger, wrongdoing, or thoughtlessness. Al-

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ways use the power of analysis, particularly when in doubt. Never attempt to alibi that which you know is wrong. Keep your mind always upon a constructive plane of thinking. Remember, your sins will always find you out. Always seek an ideal, an objective, and the proper method of application. Create a refined and individual personality, a happy and generous one.

Develop clean and tidy habits, body cleanliness, and a clean mind. Be conservative, yet creative, in your dress. Avoid showiness in dress and loudness in speech. Make others want to pattern themselves after you: that is a well deserved compliment, and indicates adherence to Ethics of Right Thinking.

Right ethical thinking can build a bridge of understanding and direct exchange of ideas views and opinions. The ethically right thinking can help every human being to built a strong bonding among the family members and the society at large. The right thinking can work many miracles in peoples life.

So tame your brains, towards right thinking, which will help to solve many problems in life, on all fronts, rather than ending up in legal battles. So the best way to be happy, is to think right, as it will bring positivity into your life , with all the happiness.

It is the fact, that, all the relations come to an end, because of wrong thinking, and that is the main cause of , divorce and family break ups.

So , from now on, think right, and you will see, miraculous changes will occur in your relations, with happier and healthy life.

So, think right , and experience the change into your life with all the happiness and positivity.

Give a try ! and the universe will be there to assist you.

So, think right and be happy, and spread, the good word of "Right Thinking"

## Parishioners Must Cooperate With Ushers

People of other faiths go to their temples, mosques, gurudwaras or holy places, only to pray. Dressed in simple attire, devoid of hand baggage, they go with the sole purpose of praying. After praying and making their offerings , they return to their homes. They do not mix prayers with purchases.

We, however, are in the habit of carrying large bags with us, usually with the intention of 'going to the bazaar' , which is conveniently located in close proximity to the church . No harm with that.

Now, however, due to security concerns parishioners are requested to make necessary adjustments. Parishioners are now urged to come to church empty-handed and in return, leave with bag-loads of blessings. Small hand-bags and folded cloth bags are fine but all bags may be subject to security checks. Parishioners must cooperate with ushers/volunteers and not complain or grumble because of security checks. It's easy to be cynical at these precautions , but do we ever object to security checks at malls?

—Prof Robert Castellino  
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## Reporting Of Clerical Sex Abuse Cases

Catholics across the world should welcome Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "Vos estis lux mundi" (You are the light of the world). However, it is not yet clear if the letter has the same force as Canon Law. For it to be strictly implemented, Canon Law (both Latin and Oriental Codes) must be suitably amended to incorporate the provisions of this Apostolic Letter. If not, it will remain a pious exhortation, and will remain open to interpretation and possible non-implementation.

It is also unfortunate that the Letter does not make specific provisions for lay persons (especially women) to be part of the investigating team in each diocese. There should be specific provisions for this, just as there are Canonical provisions for Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees.

The Letter provides for complaints to be sent to the Papal Nuncio, who will now have no excuse to not act upon such complaints in a time bound manner. This writer has circumstantial evidence of a priest having impregnated a poor tribal (adivasi) girl living on the parish premises. Even though the matter is about 20 years old and common knowledge in clerical circles, the priest concerned is roaming around scot free, as an honorable man. So it is time for me to resurrect the case and ensure that the criminal priest is brought to justice.

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**Doctor :** Pay me. I will send it

# WHY THE GST HAS BECOME SUCH A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE DURING THE PRESENT LOKSABHA ELECTIONS?

by Eric D'Sa

We the people had been advised that GST tax regime would not only bring in one tax regime all over the country, but it would also bring in transparency and simplicity. These have been causalities of GOI bringing in the new system without detailed study and may be in too much of a hurry. Though it may have been done with the best of intentions, since the launch of GST system, the GST Council has systematically eroded the strongest features of the new tax regime. This has been in a way repetition of the hastily brought out, poorly executed and rules amended almost daily, the Indian high currency demonetisation - an economic disaster.

At present we have landed up from a simple planed three to a eight rate system. Before the GST was introduced, the government set up a panel under the then Chief Economic Adviser, Arvind Subramanian, to come up with a suitable rate at which most items should be taxed under the GST. Mr. Subramanian came up with a standard rate of 15% for most items, a "low rate" for essentials, and a "high rate" for demerit goods. Presumably dissatisfied with just three rates, the government chose to introduce GST with five different tax slabs: 0%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. Still not satisfied, the GST Council then introduced two more highly specific rates: a nominal 0.25% for rough diamonds and 3% for gold. Those of a critical bent of mind immediately pointed out that the major beneficiaries of this would be Gujaratis, not to forget the now famous Nirav Modi.

The latest GST Council meeting a few weeks ago took this a step further and introduced yet another rate of 1% for the sale of under-construction affordable houses. So, from what should have at most been three rates, we now

have eight!

To be clear, the number of tax slabs does not affect the concept of 'One Nation One Tax', as a single product is still taxed at the same rate across the country. But specifying eight different GST rates is a blow to tax simplicity, which the GST was to provide us.

That said, the GST Council has not spared the concept of 'One Nation One Tax' either. However necessary the government felt it was to provide Kerala additional funds for rehabilitation after the devastating floods of 2018, it had sever-

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al options available apart from the one it chose, which was to allow the State to impose a 1% disaster relief cess. As a result, for two years, the Indian market will be divided into two: Kerala, where goods and services are 1% more expensive, and the rest of India. While it can be argued that the cess in Kerala is a one-off, the fact remains that this is a bad precedent to set. It's not too hard to imagine a situation where States start clamouring for a cyclone relief cess, drought relief cess, flood relief cess, etc.

Recovery from natural disasters is an expensive process, and additional funds must be made available. But mechanisms for this have already been put in place. There is a National Disaster Response Fund at the Central level and each State has a State Disaster Response Fund. Increasing budgetary allocations in these areas instead of spending on giant statues and state advertising campaigns is an option.

Transparency is the other casualty of the GST Council's need to provide temporary fixes to problems. Their latest

decision to remove the input tax credit provision from the real estate sector will likely go a long way in increasing opacity in an already murky sector. Who was the GOI helping just before elections?

The input tax credit system was designed to create a seamless chain in the entire supply process. Normally, a company can claim credits for the tax it has paid on its inputs. Under a fully functioning GST system, the government can verify the amount of credits to be paid to the company by matching its invoices with those provided by the vendor. Such a system encourages honesty and transparency. This is the third time the Council has removed this vital provision, and its reason for doing so is weak. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that the Council had noticed that real estate developers were not dropping their prices in line with what they should be doing, considering they were getting the benefit of input tax credits. This happened before in the case of restaurants. In both situations, the government took the easy way out and simply removed the input tax credit provision altogether.

So, rather than relying on the body it had created to handle such issues, the National Anti-Profitteering Authority, the Council instead chose to weaken the entire tax system. This wouldn't have been too much of a problem if the real estate sector was as small as the restaurant industry or the sanitary pads industry (the third industry where there is no input tax credits). But the real estate industry is estimated to be at least ₹40,000 crore in size. Not to forget the fact that cement, a huge input in real estate, is taxed at the highest rate of 28%, and will now not be offset by credits. In both cases — disaster relief and anti-profitteering — the GST Council has chosen to ignore established institutions designed for those very purposes

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# Mumbai Police Training Of Volunteers To Protect Churches In Mumbai City

At a meeting held at Archbishop's House, on Saturday, April 27, 2019, between representatives of various Churches in the Christian Community and the Mumbai Police, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sanjay Barve, highlighted the need for enhanced security measures, particularly in the wake of recent terrorist attacks on Churches in Sri Lanka.

Subsequent to the above referred meeting Mumbai Police, in its Action Plan, organised Training the volunteers of churches, on Sat 11th May'19 at a hall in complex of Azad Maidan Police Station

DCP Pradeep Sawant, chaired the meeting In his opening address, welcomed the volunteers of churches. He said that today's meeting has been organised for Safety & Security of our Citizens against terrorism . Terrorist's agenda is to to destroy the targets on his hit list, cause panic & fear, with loss of life & property in large scales. Mumbai has been such soft target, it has been attacked three times over period of last few years.

He cautioned us, on "strange person " in our community in neighbourhood or in the gatherings of churches. This person can be a potential threat, who may be a terrorist.

We must be alert, in such instances. Our ears & eyes must be able to take

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in favour of a patchwork approach that is likely to cause more problems than it solves.

When the new government is formed at the Center and the new governments in the few states that went for elections at the same time, the new GST council will be constituted and hopefully will bring some sanity, simplicity and transparency into the GST system.

notice, of such eventuality, to avoid; major tragedy.

His security team gave demonstration of various tools, gadgets, arms & ammunition. Security essential are CCTV which helps to monitor required areas. They gave demo on currently used detectors, few to mention are Detector HHMD, DFMD, BAGGAGE SCANNER, CCTV SCANNER SURVILENCE

IED ( Indegenios Explosive Devise ) are roadside bombs, that can come in forms of radio, tiffin carriers, cycles, books, timers & of late Human suicide bombers

We were told that we can contact thier official security services. Details are as follows:

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**In Power Point presentation we were told to follow certain Dos & Don'ts**

- 1 Primarily most essential is our UNITY. We must be united.
- 2 Do Not give active support to Terrorist
- 3 Do Not give active support to your ideological ambition force against the support of the nation
- 4 Don't fall for your personal gains.
- 5 Inform Police immediately
- 6 Evacuate
- 7 Assist, Police & bomb squad
- 8 Incase you suspect that it is a bomb,  
Do Not switch on the radio  
Do Not direct flash light  
Do not put it in water  
Place sand bags

Incase of unclaimed objects, please inform Police immediately. Various authorised State government appointed authorities who are responsible for ac-

tion against terrorist & terrorism, for administration & immediate control of eventuality of bomb blast are Police / NSG /QRT.

The ways and means of ensuring the best possible safety measures were enumerated and explained, which also involved the use of latest technology Mumbai Police are confident that they are equipped with the latest forms of guns, & ammunition , to encounter terrorist. But most importantly is the trust & support & Coperation of Citizens in success of eliminating the Anti National terrorist.

House was opened to to interactive questions answer session Many of our volunteers were given the opportunity to ask their questions.

All of our community volunteers were thankful to Police for organizing this training programme.

On behalf of Bombay Archdiocese Willie Shirsat ( Church in the City ) in person thanked, DCP Pradeep Sawant, in appreciation of organising this training event for volunteers of our Church The hall was packed to the capacity Almost all Parishes were represented.

Before concluding DCP, assured us that depending on potential of intensity of threat, his security team will visit every Parish in short time.

Meeting ended with National Anthem.

—Willie Shirsat  
President  
Church in the City

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# HISTORY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH – SEEPZ, MIDC, ANDHERI (EAST)

**T**he origins of the parish of St. John the Evangelist can be traced back to two mass conversions at Marol. Some of the inhabitants of Marol were among the 500 people who were converted when the neighbouring church at Condita was opened for public worship on the feast of St. John the Baptist in the year 1579. The second mass conversion took place on the eve of the feast of the Assumption in 1588, when the whole village of Marol became Catholic. Soon 13 other villages around Marol followed its example. Marol and surrounding villages received the Catholic faith through the pioneering efforts of Jesuit Brother Manuel Gomes, the Apostle of Salsette.”

After Powai, Marol was a stronghold of Christianity in this region of the island. The Jesuit Report of 1669 tells us that the parish comprised 1380 Catholics in Marol, 302 in Condita, 246 in Gundowli and 219 in Chakala.

The original church of this parish was built in 1579 at Condita at a point north of the present village of Kondivita and northwest of the present church. The major portion of this church is still standing. We do not know when the name of this Condita church was changed from St. John the Baptist to “St. John the Evangelist.” According to the information provided by Fr. Humbert (I: 53) the name had already changed by 1716.

The church at Condita escaped the ravage of the Maratha war, for it continued to have Vicars, now secular priests, appointed to it from 1739 onwards (Humbert, I:141), who also looked after the remnant Christian community at Powai. Due to the outbreak of a devastating epidemic, Fr. Jose Lourenco Paes, the Vicar of Condita at the time, having built a new church in the village of Marol in 1840, “ transferred the parish from Condita to Marol and the old church and par-

ish house was abandoned” (Humbert II:63). Before the old church fell into disrepair, the statues, the baptismal font, the altars and a few pillars were transferred to the new church at Marol.

At the entrance of the present church of Marol stands a historic 4-foot statue of Our Lady with the child Jesus, known as the statue of OL of Amparo (Help). This statue was once venerated in the church of the same name that now lies submerged under the waters of the Vihar Lake. This statue was brought to Marol between 1842-1853 (Humbert, II: 65, 85), when the Bombay Municipality acquired the Vihar Valley with the church in it from the Vicar of Marol for a compensation of Rs.1944.10 as. One of the Baptismal Registers of the church of OL of Amparo (1804-1832) is still preserved at Marol.

The parish of Marol has given birth to two new parishes: Holy Family at Chakala in 1943 at its western end, and St. Vincent Pallotti in 1981 at its northern end. However, in spite of these “detachments” the parish of St. John the Evangelist continues to grow due to the influx of Catholics into the numerous Housing Societies in the neighbourhood.

Till about the year 1973, Mass was celebrated annually at the ruined church of Condita. This practice was discontinued when the property comprising a picturesque lake and the ruined church was acquired by the Government for SEEPZ (Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone.) The SEEPZ Authorities intend to preserve the ruined church as a historical monument. Till about the year 1973, there was a huge graveyard in front of the said Church, where our forefathers have been buried. However, without having any regard to the sentiments of the Catholics, the SEEPZ and MIDC au-

thorities have allowed a huge building to come in its place. The Government Authorities have also failed in their duties to upkeep the said Church. After the community raised the issue of access to the said Church, on 16th July 2004, then Hon’ble Minister for the Sports Mr. Sunil Dutt along with Hon’ble Minister for the Commerce Mr. Kamal Nath visited the Church and directed the SEEPZ Authorities to erect a separate compound wall around the precincts of the said Church with an independent access, which since has been done. However, the SEEPZ Authorities for the reasons best known to them are still restricting the entry of the faithful, as they do not wish to allow the faithful to enter the SEEPZ premises. Access to the Church premises is only allowed once a year i.e. Second Sunday of month of May every year.

In the year 2014, the Congress led State Government was about to sanction a proposal to repair and maintain this heritage Church with permanent separate entrance, but the present Central and State NDA Governments have objected to our efforts.

Be United - Victory will be ours. Please visit this Church and spread this message.

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# Portrait Of A Hero

*“There are three miracles of our Brother Jesus not yet recorded in the Book: the first that He was a man like you and me; the second that He had a sense of humour; and the third that He knew He was a conqueror though conquered.”*

—Kahlil Gibran

In the Lenten season of 2019, I decided to take the 3 pillars advocated; more seriously than I had done before, especially that of PRAYER. I spent more time seeking the God of Love and trying to understand His Word. As I read the Gospel text of the day and pondered over the reflections I received, from different sources based on individual perspectives, I gained deeper insights & began to put together a ‘Portrait’ of Jesus, to try & understand the kind of person He might have been. He came across as a laughing, joking, physically strong & active, charming person, one who was fond of good company. Like all good Teachers, He used paradox & exaggeration as the most effective Teaching Aid. He was good with nicknames & held all—from His unlettered companions to the learned Sadducees & Pharisees, spell bound with His talk & entranced them with His company, although the latter group would refuse to admit to the fact.

Nowhere in Scripture are we told how the Resurrection of Jesus actually took place. There were no witnesses to the event; to date it remains a mystery. The Easter experience for the disciples began with an empty tomb. Even an assurance from the angel that, ‘He has been raised’, could not stop them from walking away in disbelief & despair. Their faith seemed to be dead! Only after they had seen the risen Lord was their faith resurrected. Their fears turned into joy, doubts into beliefs, disappointment into hope & the confusion & fright that followed the crucifixion gave into the conviction that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. All His teachings now began to fall into place. The resurrection of Jesus is not just an event of the past. It is a reality of the present & the future. The risen Lord is alive today in the Spirit, everywhere. He teaches, heals & inspires. He exerts a powerful influence on our hearts, if we but let Him. We are an ‘Easter People’ and the experience of the Paschal mystery

needs to not only permeate our beings, but needs to be lived out daily.

Like the Apostles my faith too was severely tested & almost died, 3 years ago, during Holy Week & the succeeding months as I went through the traumatic experience of knowing that my 25-year-old son had a heart attack that warranted an Angioplasty & which has compelled him to live a second tier life style if he wants to live out his 3 score & 10 years. My saving grace was having Prayer Warriors drowning me in supplication, many of whom are Priests & Religious. It was a Healing & Deliverance Retreat 6 months later that helped me make a 180° turn & take baby steps back to the Lord. Today with Praise & Thanksgiving I break into the strains of ‘Footsteps Walking With Me’ whenever & wherever possible.

As we peruse through the Gospels it should dawn on us that all the appearances of the risen Lord end with Him giving those present a Mission: to proclaim the ‘Good News’ of God’s kingdom & to love & serve others so that we create a new Earth where peace, freedom & justice prevail everywhere, at all levels. After my epiphany I’m constantly asking myself: Is the Lord calling me to greater commitment & service? What more can I do as the fulcrum of my home in my capacity as wife & mother? How can I minister to my extended family? Of what relevance is my presence in my BCC & in my Parish? What is my value as an Educator & more importantly as a Catechist? Above how can I, an exquisite creation of God provide empirical evidence of His Love, Mercy & miraculous intervention continually pouring into the messy reality of my life?

Mildred Normana, a US citizen, is called “The Peace Pilgrim”. Way back in 1953 she decided that she would devote her entire life to teaching peace. She did this by walking- back & forth across the American continent for 24 years! With no sponsors, & armed only with a comb, a pen & a tooth brush, to anyone who would listen she talked about the vital need for peace & the practical things that anyone could do to work for peace-peace in the world & peace within. A quick read through Wikipedia will highlight what she called, “The Symptoms of Inner Peace”. I ask for the grace to be

constantly united with the risen Christ, to be filled with His Peace & to share it with others. I hear Him asking me to be a ‘Peace lover’, & a ‘Peace maker’ without ceasing. Hence with a sense of purpose I cheerfully head the USM-United Solidarity Movement, in School, doing my little bit to create awareness & acceptance for the need for peace in all the stake holders of the School.

My daily life seems to consist of 1 epiphany after another followed by periods of self-doubt & isolation. Then I’m reminded through persons, situations, quotes, videos & messages that .... the story of Easter is the story of God’s wonderful window of divine surprise. Hence I have taken this opportunity to share my thoughts because, “Evangelization does not need an organized forum, a pulpit or a stage; it needs a willing heart that is never afraid to preach Christ and preach the truth,” This is an extract from the reflections in [www.pot-typadre.com](http://www.pot-typadre.com)

I’d like to conclude with this snippet received from 1 of my Priest friends (1 of many that he sends) The brief conversation with the Lord helps to put the perspective right back on being an ‘Easter Person’

<Messages GOD Contact  
Have a good Easter?  
Had a GREAT Easter!  
Ready for Easter’s Work?  
Easter’s Work?  
That’s right! Know anyone who needs to be lifted up?  
Matter of fact, I do. Know someone who needs help carrying a Cross?  
Yes, again!  
Anyone who needs to be served as I served my friends, washing their feet?  
Three for three!  
Then it’s time to get busy about the work of Easter.....  
Got it – doing for others what you did for us & what we celebrated in Holy Week!  
And that’s what makes for a really GREAT Easter!  
Alleluia!  
Amen!

Let us enjoy the Presence of the Risen Lord. Let us feel genuinely thrilled. Let us go out with courage to the whole world & radiate our joy through our loving service.

—Mrs. Ninette Dsouza,  
Canossa, Mahim.

# Discouraged? Ask yourself these questions

This life certainly likes to push us to our limits but sometimes, it all seems like too much and we fall into a deep hole of despair and hopelessness. When you feel that you're not good enough, you often find yourself in isolation, sitting in the dark room abandoned and longing for love from the people you need it from most. However, here are a few things you must ponder upon while you feel broken

**F**eeling broken, discouraged or worthless doesn't mean that you should just give up entirely, however; it just means you need to take a step back and let those feelings come to the surface. We all feel broken from time to time, because life can seem heart-breaking and terrifying when we go through certain experience. These life lessons only make us stronger and more capable of dealing with life, though, so use your brokenness as a gift and ask yourself these questions that will surely help you grow as a person.

## Is it really about me or something else?

When you experience pain as a result of interaction with other people, you tend to personalise everything they say or don't say and take it to heart. But you don't have to think negative like this all the time. Remember, it's not always about you.

## When will I actually start practicing self-love?

Loving yourself unconditionally will take care of the fear of not being good enough. Do your best in all of your endeavour. Even when you think you haven't done your best, you still do your best as long as you're enjoying yourself along the journey of reaching your purpose.

## Is my resistance - the cause of my suffering?

Remember, happiness is allowing yourself to be perfectly okay with 'what is', rather than wishing for and worry-

ing about 'what is not'. 'What is' is what's supposed to be or it would not be. The rest is just you, arguing with life. Think about that for a minute. This means your suffering only ever occurs when you resist how things are in the pres-

ent. Although you can't control everything that happens to you; you can only control the way you respond to what happens.

## Do I focus on what I have or what I'm missing?

The reason certain people don't give you the love you want might just be that they never got the love they always longed for as well. They might be doing their best. Sometimes their way of controlling you or not giving you words of encouragement might be their way of showing love. Actions speak louder than words. The actions they chose to show you love is according to their dictionary of how love is expressed, not yours. So, don't expect them to live life according to your terms.

## What lights me up?:

If you rely on someone's validation of your success, you will never be free. You will never be able to create art and fulfil your passion. It will be so easy for anyone to derail you off your path. Next time, when you are uncertain about your success - reflect back on why you are in this business, this relationship and this career in the first place.

## Am I making a living or designing my own life?:

We all have our own reality and each reality is valid. Accept that you can't control people or even change their behaviour by telling them not to do something. When you find yourself



rejected by the people whose love you never got, don't allow it to feed your soul. It might have been their fault that they never loved you the way you wanted them but it's your fault to allow of define who you are in the present.

Can I just let it go?: Maybe it's time to forgive and move

on. You might think that not forgiving them for not loving you that way you wanted them serves you as a protection. But it doesn't it fact, it poisons you, your soul and your passion for life. Because you're not only thinking that they robbed you of that moment in the past but also that they robbed you of the future as well. No one can take away your future from you.

## Is now a good time to forgive?:

Not forgiving is a self-fulfilling prophecy because it has everything to do with you and nothing to do with the other person. You trap yourself in isolation and loneliness and try to prove that you're worthy of love. It feeds this imprisonment. Problems need energy to live. Find people in your life who support you and empower you to become a better version of yourself.

## Things to remember when you feel broken

- Remember that cracks allow light to come in.
- Remember to accept and honour your feelings; don't fight with them.
- Remember everything that exists beyond your brokenness.
- Remember the friends and family that are there for support,
- Remember to focus on the things that bring you joy.
- Don't identify so much with your feelings.
- Remember that life is a series of ups and downs and this is only temporary.



# Untold facts about being successful

The world has no shortage of diverse cultures, individuals and indeed, benchmarks for success. Everyone seems to be constantly chasing one goal or the other regardless of what part of the world they live in. No matter what your goals are or where you are in the world, these truths about being successful are sometimes so easily forgotten or never even thought of but should be at the forefront of your mind.

**T**he road to success is never easy, there are obstacles you must pass; lessons you must learn and times you must fail on the way to achieving your goals. No matter what is going on in your career, chances are someone else before you had a similar situation. Sometimes it takes tough thoughts to snap people out of their laid back existence. If you want to lead a successful life, you need to confront these truths today:

**Success is relative:** Your benchmark for success is different from someone else and will probably change quite a few times. Try to make a note of what your benchmark is (write it down if you must) so you can give yourself the kudos you deserve when you achieve it.

**It's gets hard to recognise success:** Even though your motivation for success seems very apparent, when you achieve it and are ultimately "successful", it's so easy to get lost in the journey to success that you forget to stop and take stock of what you've actually achieve. Try to pause from time to time and give yourself a pat on the back for what you've achieved.

**You should celebrate yourself:** No one will if you don't. Even though society values modesty and most people who celebrate their success might seem like show offs, it's important to be able to celebrate yourself (the way you probably would your friends or family) for achieving the goals you set out to.

**There's just no substitute for hard work:** Yes, sometimes luck can contribute to success but regardless of what anyone tells you, no successful person is 'just lucky'. Luck can provide you with a good start or put you in the right place to start your journey to success but hard work is what will see you to success. Luck is like a matchstick, yes it can start a fire but you'll need so much more to keep that fire going.

**Lot of the times, people won't see the hard work you put into achieving your goals :** Not because people are being unkind but because they just don't know how much time and effort it's taken you to get to where you are. They will most likely focus on the nicer side of things and not give you the credit you deserve for your hardwork. Never let that get to you. If you feel like, you can share your backstory with them to give them an insight but you should never feel like you have to. If people just think you're lucky, it's probably because you've worked.

**You need to immerse yourself in your field :** You can't be a successful Formula 1 racer by never having stepped foot into a car. Even 'outsiders' have some involvement in the fields they are looking to be successful in, they just have a different approach/viewpoint from everyone else. You really need to surround yourself with something relevant to your field (which should be fairly easy to do if you have a genuine interest in the field).

**Your passion is a priority:** A lot of people go through the motions in life, not doing what the love. They end-up constantly looking back, asking themselves, "What if"? Whether people support you or not, do you really want to look back and regret one day down the line? To not know what could have happened if you tried to do what you really wanted to do? This love of yours

is one of the most important things in your life. Follow your heart and not the words of others just to live-up to their expectations.

**Expect the unexpected:** Be proactive and always think ahead. Like in any good game of chess, you want to anticipate any variation or move that may occur. With life, prepare for the unexpected. If you are waiting to hear whether or not you got the job, don't set yourself up for failure and place it in an out-of-reach box. Also, don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Life is all about curveballs, twists and turns. Let's be honest: if everything was expected, we'd be bored. Stay ahead of the curve and be prepared for any outcome.

**Never let others define you:** Why would we ever want to live in a world where we are like everyone else? Could you imagine never getting the choice of the clothes you wear, the music you listen to or the hobbies you love? We are all unique. Yes, we all have our quirks, but at the end of the day, you can't let others define you. Never let anyone tell you who to be or what to do. They can dictate their own life, not yours. If they try to, they are not worth your time. Surround yourself with people who love you for who you are.

**Unfold the truths, no one will ever tell you:**

- It may be a little disheartening to have people around you discourage you, but remember, life is short. It will be easier to stick to your own convictions when other people disagree with your choices or put you down.
- Money doesn't buy everything. There are people who have money and people who are rich.
- the secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine. Instead of feeling stressed, find confort in knowing you can control some things in your life.

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## Thanksgiving

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—George Pereira, Vasai

## Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—Philip Vaz, Goa

### Prayer to St. Expedite for solving a financial crisis



I call forth the Power and the presence of **St. Expedite** in my time of financial trouble. I offer my body, heart, mind and soul upon your altar of light. I have faith and trust and complete confidence that you will be my strength in this time of need. Quickly come to my assistance.

(State Your Petition) \_\_\_\_\_  
My financial need is urgent. Be my

Light and Guide in this situation so that I may live with peace, love, prosperity and abundance and in the Praise of God.

Amen. (Promise Publication)

—Mrs. Rita & Andrew, Andheri

## Bond with your partner's family

**INSTEAD OF FEELING** overwhelmed and burdened by the family obligations that your partner may bestow on you, we encourage you to think of the introduction to a new family as an exciting opportunity to meet new people and add to their support system

Families can be tough and come in all shapes and sizes, but it's a chance to get to know them and become closer to your partner. The process can be challenging and often our family dynamics widely differ from those of our parents. Still, if you plan to create a future with your partner, the family will definitely be in it and of a high priority, nonetheless. So, it's best to get good terms and assimilate. Plus, chances are you, you might really enjoy activities together and mesh well with their personalities. Here are a few ways to bond with your partner's family and develop connections that will enhance your commitment to each other.

### Don't put pressure on yourself :

Especially upon the first few encounters, it's important to limit tension and get along nicely with everyone. Don't put too many expectations on yourself; you don't need to instantly hit it off with common interests or have the wittiest remarks. Recognise that you don't have to be off but to kind and mindful, if for no other reason, because he is your 'partner' whom you love. By being cordial and thoughtful, you'll become closer with time.

### Realise it matters to your partner :

Whether or not you get along with his or her family can be incredibly important for determining whether the relationship has future potential. A lot of families are very close and will be heavily involved in their children's relationships. While some families might only come together for holidays and major events, others see one another each week for dinner or brunch. Determine how close your partner is with his or her family and put in your best effort to show up as much as possible.

### Ask them questions :

It's known that people enjoy talking about themselves. There's no better way to express to someone that you are interested in getting to know them than to ask questions about what they do and what they like. Listening to their desires and asking them to express themselves will encourage them to like you and want to do the same.

### Avoid highly-debated topics :

Though still being natural, keep the conversation topics light and fun. Don't dive into heavy and controversial talking points, such as politics, liberal issues, religion and relationships. You never know what your partner's family's stance is and just how passionate they are and by engaging in conversation on these issues, it allows for opportunities for confrontation. Also, it's best to not say anything bad about your partner, unless it's in a playful way, as their family will probably feel protective.

# 'Ramadan' month..... the significance.

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

**C**atholics in India have traditionally been accommodating, respectful and tolerant of the faiths that surround them and no untowards disharmony is attributed to this disciplined religious group. In the wake of the Easter Sunday Sri Lanka church bombings there has been a profound expression of understanding and reassurance with local Muslim fraternity. In Mumbai too this has been a comfortable matter and has been revisited in exemplary ways. The Ramadan month and fast that has just begun has given a focus on maintaining and developing mutual good relations and communications. Prominent body of Islamic scholars, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India in a joint statement denounced ongoing attacks all over. It is reiterated, associating terrorism with any faith was sacrilegious in itself. The statement was issued on May 4 and signed by bishops' conference president Cardinal Oswald Gracias as well as Maulana Mahmood A. Madani, general secretary of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind.

"Ramadan" : With the sighting of the crescent moon the fasting for the month of Ramadan has begun from May 6, Monday onward. May the month of fasting strengthen the harmony in society. Ramadan is a month that helps one to understand the real meaning of hunger and control one's emotions. This month emphasizes harmony and tolerance. Muslims who fast during the month strive to better understand their own religion as well as strengthen their harmony with people of other religions. It is the month to purify oneself. Muslims welcome this month as a way to purify themselves morally and mentally. Let us

take a brief look at the fine points of the religious obligation of the Muslims in our midst, and gain a broader and meaningful out look.

Ramadan is the ninth and most sacred month in the Islamic calendar, during the month Muslims around the world fast from daybreak to dusk every day. They start their day by eating 'Sehri' which is an Islamic term referring to the meal consumed early in the morning before fasting. They later break their fast at 'Iftar', the evening meal consumed at sunset. The fasting or 'Roza' during Ramadan is not just about abstaining from food and drink,



the real purpose is to attain purity and piousness in order to be closer to Allah. Special night prayers called 'Tara-veeh' are offered in mosques during the holy month. Ramadan culminates with the celebration of the festival Id-ul-Fitr.

History and Obligations : Ramadan, also known as Ramzan, Ramadhan, or Ramathan, observed by Muslims worldwide, is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. The word itself comes from the Arabic root "ramida" which roughly translates as "Scorching Heat". Fast-



ing was made obligatory on all adult Muslims in the Second Year of Hijri (Migration from Makkah to Madinah of Muslims). The only people exempted from keeping a fast are the ones who are travelling, aged, pregnant, diabetic, chronically ill, menstruating or breast feeding. Many children endeavour to complete as many fasts as possible as practice for later life.

The Muslims fast the whole month as it teaches them the true meaning of perseverance and tolerance. During this month, Muslims are not only supposed to refrain from eating and drinking during the stipulated timing but they are also required to curb all negative emotions like anger and prove themselves to be the perfect Muslim. Moreover, the Quran was also completed in this month.

A Fast is kept by Muslims from dawn to sunset, timings of which varies in every region. During this time, they refrain from eating food, drinking, smoking and engaging in sexual relations. In Ramadan, Muslims also strive hard to refrain from lying, cursing, untruth speech. During these times, Muslims spend generously to make the food available to the whole community, specially the poor and have nots. The rewards of all Good Deeds are increased during the Month of Ramzan, whether it is praying or giving charity. Thus Ramadan is a time of grace and blessings just as Catholics may observe the annual 'Lenten' season before Easter.

# Indian Church needs to rethink its relevance:

## Capuchin priest

**Pondicherry, May 10, 2019:** Indian Church needs a synod to search together in order to revitalize her service to God and for poor, says Capuchin Father Nithya Sagayam, a theologian and social activist.



updated prophetic response through a thorough discernment process, he said.

Prophetic response to the daily socio-pastoral, economic, political and cultural chal-

lenges of the country by rootedness is needed through the tradition of the suffering servant of God, he explained. Through this, Church in India would recommit her efforts towards the people, especially the poorest of the poor.

Presently he is the coordinator of the Association of Franciscan Families in India (AFFI) and also the director of Bl. Solanus Casey Animation Centre in Villupuram near Pondicherry in South India.

According to him, “the corporate sectors seem to have developed their response to the signs of the times in the secular society very well for their ultimate gains while the Church at large, with good intentions seem to be stagnant or going backward. She needs to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who vibrates the members to relive the charismatic and prophetic model of Jesus model. This will be far removed from the present methods of running economy based institutions, competing with each other and following just the corporate business models.”

He served as executive secretary of CBCI – Justice, Peace and Development office and Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences – Office for Human Development for some years.

“Today most Religious Congregations have become ‘baby sitters’ of the moneyed and elite classes while forgetting their prophetic option for the poorest and the marginalized. This is why, most Religious Congregations in India, even though have different charisms, seems to have ended up in these years, with just one activity running institutions – English medium schools that mostly

caters to middle class and above,” he said.

**“The energy of the Catholic Church in the country seems to have shifted from apostate to institutions. Every third person in India is living below poverty line. And more than half of the Catholics are poor and discriminated background. More than 70% of the Catholics are from rural areas. Almost all the priests and nuns from India are from these villages. But unfortunately their shift these years is towards towns and cities and most of the priests and nuns are so much occupied with institutions that they are unavailable for regular family visits, motivating them to face life’s challenges. Knowing these discrepancies the evangelical groups continually visit the Catholics and the sheep stealing is in full swing,”** he added.

According to the priest, “The seminars and conferences leading to concrete action plans need to have monitoring mechanism for effective outcome. The powerful body of committed priests and Religious of India are very well trained for several years. They are very capable of waking up themselves and the Catholics of this country and the society at large towards total effectiveness.

“It is high time that the CBCI, Conference of Diocesan Priests of India (the association of diocesan priests established by the Conference of CBCI and and the Conference of Religious India (CRI) propose a nationwide synod or council to update our relevance today to our Catholic people, most of who are still below poverty line in the country, and of course to the society at large” he said.

The CRI has more than 334 congregations and over 822 major superiors representing more than 125,000 Catholic Religious brothers, priests and nuns in India.

*Courtesy : Matters India*

**“A new collective discernment process focusing on the roots and wings of missionary work for the poor in India is urgent. It is needed to the entire Catholic church in the country today,”** Father Sagayam told Matters India, May 10.

Amid the growing challenges of daily life and the velocity of changes taking place in the minds of persons and society at large, all the Conference of Religious Congregations of India (CRI) and the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI), need to discern their

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## The power of admitting a mistake

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**WE ALL KNOW the uncomfortable feeling of suddenly realising that mistakes have been made and they were our own. That feeling is followed by the realisation that there's a choice to make. You can admit the mistake or you can try to hide it. However, admitting you are wrong can change the way others relate to you and can make you a stranger person than you've ever been before.**

It's hard to admit you're wrong. So many of us either let something hang than admit it. Others will argue to insist they are right even though they know they are wrong. And some will try and admit they're wrong but qualify their error with 'but'.....' trying to cancel out the mistake by deflecting the issue. It's sign of confidence and class when you can admit you're wrong and do it with grace and humility. Here's how

### **Learn from your mistake :**

Nobody likes to be on the losing side of an argument, whether it's between friends, family or strangers. Not only must you learn how to admit you're wrong but you need to learn from your mistakes to try and make sure you don't have to be in that position again. It's awkward to think about how you contributed to the argument and resolve not to do it again.

### **Show some humility :**

There is nothing worse than being a loser. If you have made a mistake and the time has finally come to admit it and take it on the chin, try to do so with as great a degree of class and

humility as you can. By showing that you know how to be graceful in defeat, you will be able to come away with some dignity intact and will have saved yourself further arguments down the line.

### **Do not make excuses :**

By the time an argument has run its natural course, it is often pretty clear who is at fault. If this ever happens to be you, the absolute worst thing can do is try to make excuses for your poor behaviour. By being an adult, owning up to your part in the conflict, apologising with meaning and ending on honest terms, you will leave the argument with a much higher opinion of yourself than if you had tried to come up with a handful of lame excuses.

### **Don't sulk :**

Sulking is one of the most unhelpful and unhealthy things you can do after an argument. The act of sulking does nothing to affect who you have disagreed with but rather just leaves you dwelling on the past and not able to move on with your day. The best thing to do is just let it go. This probably wasn't the first argument you have lost and it most certainly won't be your last. Pick your battles and do not dwell on hurt feelings.

### **Let bygones be bygones :**

Do not fall in to the trap of being one of those people who holds a grudge. Even though you have lost the argument, the chances are that who won it will want to forget the episode just as quickly as you. Let bygones be bygones, the past is in the past and we can all learn from our mistakes.

### **Remove yourself from the situation :**

Once an argument has finished, no matter how hard people try, there is

excuses and remove yourself from the situation. As long as this parting is done in a civil manner, it will be good for all people involved.

### **Be the bigger person :**

Sometimes you will suffer the misfortune of losing an argument to a person who simply will not let you defeat die. These kind of people love to rub their rightness in your face until you snap and the row begins all over again. If this is case, be the bigger person and try not to let this goading get to you. You have been wrong originally but in remaining passive to their carrying on, you will be showing a great deal of grace and humility.

- Don't assume that your boss or teacher will think the worst of you if you make a mistake. Owning up to mistakes early will earn you respect from them, it won't make them think less of you.
- Humans make mistakes. It's better to accept it than ignore because of your ego. Mistakes help us to grow and learn. If we do not make mistakes then there is no growing, learning or healing.
- You don't have to make a big deal out of some things. Small mistakes are easily handled by saying, "Oh. That was may bad. I'm sorry."

### **RIGHT YOUR WRONG: HOW TO APOLOGISE GRACEFULLY**

#### **Coming clean to a friend :-**

- Realise you have nothing lose.
- Acknowledge that you have not been and never will be - perfect.

#### **Coming clean to your boss :-**

- Remember your strengths.
- Be positives, then get to the negative stuff, then be positive again.
- Graciously accept their reaction - whatever it is.

#### **Coming clean to your child :-**

- See your slip as an opportunity

#### **Spell out what you wish you had done :-**

- Empathise but be sure to stay firm..

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## Devil under the bed

Ever since Robert was a child, he had a fear of someone under his bed at night all the time. So he went to a psychiatrist and told him "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy." "Just put yourself in my hands for one year", said the psychiatrist. "Come, talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears." "How much do you charge?" "\$200 per visit," replied the doctor. 'I'll think of it and if needed I will come back to you,' Robert said. Six months later he met the psychiatrist on the street. 'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked. 'Well, \$200 a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A Indian friend of mine cured me for the price of one plate biryani and a bottle of coke. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a new SUV' 'Is that so!' with a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did the friend cure you?' He told me to "Sell the bed and sleep on a mattress on the floor."

## The landlord

Tenali called on the minister and told him a distressing story of poverty and misery in the neighbourhood. "This poor widow," said Tenali, "With four starving children to feed, is sick in bed with no money for the doctor and besides that she owes Rs 15,000 rent for three months and is about to be evicted. I'm out trying to help raise the rent money. I wondered if you can help?" "I certainly can," said the minister. "If you can give your time to this cause, so can I. By the way, who are you?" "I am the landlord," said Tenali.

**Boss to employee :** Young man, you have risen very fast in this company. Two years ago, you began as an office boy. In a couple of months, you were a clerk. Then, you became a salesman, after that assistant manager, then manager. Now you are the vice president of the company. What have you to say about all this?

**Employee :** Thanks, Dad!

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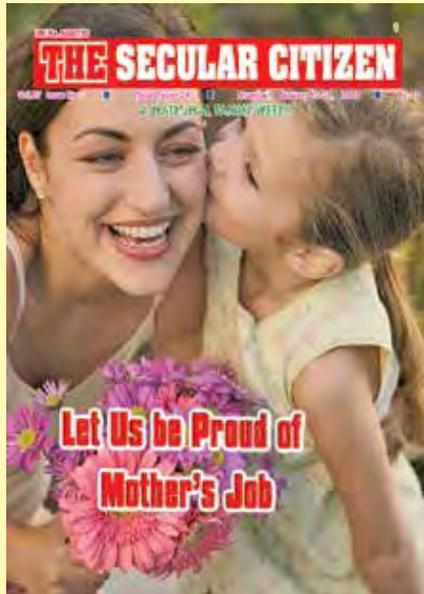
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