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The Tyranny of Narrative Building

by Don Aguiar.

This new phase of the current era of Indian politics is easily summarised: the dominant Bharatiya Janta Party has emerged as a system-defining party, in response to which all others position themselves.

Powered by the charisma and popular appeal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a sharp focus on welfare delivery and the party's success in selling its Hindutva ideology to a large, pan-Hindu social coalition primarily by demonising Muslims and Christians, the BJP has achieved tremendous success at the national level, while also expanding its base well beyond the Hindi belt it was once confined to.

The BJP has struggled to turn this into enduring success at the state level, arguably because it has invested so much in a centralised welfare model. But, on the national stage, in part because of the many current weaknesses of the Opposition, it appears not just dominant but almost unassailable. Despite the economic downturn and the government's disastrous handling of the Covid-19 crisis, the refrain remains "aayega to Modi hi" (ultimately, Modi alone will win).

The political aspects of the party's success, including the relentless focus on narrative building, have not got everyone in agreement about how much of this can be attributed to anti-Muslim Hindu majoritarian impulses and how much to voters rewarding Modi for welfare schemes and low inflation.

But there are other important pieces to this puzzle, many of which involve the BJP-led government's efforts to entrench its position as the dominant pole of Indian politics pointing out the lack of a level playing field for the BJP compared to other parties. **This is thanks to things like the opaque system of political funding called electoral bonds, which was designed to heavily favour the party in power.**

BJP is India's richest party. If so much funds are available besides billionaire donors, any state government can be toppled and anyone can be purchased. BJP's closing balance as on March 31, 2020 (cash in hand + bank balance) is Rs 35,10,41,32,927/- **The only VIKAS that happened in India in past 7 years is the increment in the BJP's wealth.**

Also playing a part are changes to rules regarding online speech and digital news, which emerged after ministers discussed ways to neutralise independent media organisations that dared to question the government.

Modi's relentless centralising has extended to the business world, where his government prefers a few national champions – naturally with cosy relationships to his party – over the messy "Andhrapreneur" set-up.

There is also the wielding of state institutions (such as investigation agencies) to ensure political outcomes. Many have questioned how independent some constitutional authorities, like the Supreme Court and the Election Commission actually are.

Which brings us to Pegasus spyware that offer scale and unprecedented access into people's lives make it evident that the BJP is happy to go further than the worst state excesses of the past. And that is without even mentioning the alleged use of hackers to actually plant fake incriminating evidence on activists that the government has sought to portray as anti-national.

This is not just a case of traditional surveillance or phone tracking. We're talking about malware and spyware that can look at all the contents of your phone and take control of it, through "zero click" attacks (i.e. without any action by the user). This is not

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Human Pyramids? Or Pyramidal Disasters?

"Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."

– Samuel Coleridge

Everyone loves watching the human pyramids that rise to the heavens on the occasion of Gokulashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna! Worshipped as the eighth avatar of Vishnu in Hinduism, and considered the god of protection, compassion, tenderness, and love, he is widely celebrated as "Makhan Chor", i.e. butter thief for the pranks he played as a kid by way of stealthily walloping curds or butter from homes! It is this prank that is gaily recalled in the breaking of the 'dahi handi' (curd pot) accessed at a great height by forming human pyramids that extend anywhere from 30 to 40 feet and more, a feat onlookers delight in seeing a mandal achieve! And so it is that messages like "Break Dahi Handi, not your head or limbs!" "Let not that top-of-the-world feeling be shattered by undue carelessness!" "#AwareGovindaAalaRe", "#WearSafetyGear" are regularly put out by the police well in advance as preparations for the big event gain momentum. But come D-day and the numbers of casualties and fatalities are clearly seen to rise.

Milan Choghale* was one such mandali who, as an eight year-old had experienced firsthand a fall from a height of some 30 feet. What actually happened was nothing short of disastrous. As he managed to break the handi with the hard object attached atop



his helmet, the pyramid suddenly collapsed. He thereby lost balance even as the curds splashed in his face and he found himself fall with a chunk of the broken pot in his hand. As luck would have it, while the pot-piece fell from his hand, injuriously striking the head of one of those forming the safety net, his own back got pierced by the sharp edge of the spectacles of the person on whose head he directly fell. The first emergency surgery that was performed dangerously close to his lower spine nearly paralyzed him. Two further surgeries, 25 days in the ICU,



by Ladislaus
Louis D'Souza

and 90 more days in the recovery ward later, it was another six months of convalescence at home with physiotherapy before he was able to walk about comfortably, in time to witness from his home balcony another govinda fall to his death on Gokulashtami. That was when he decided he'd no more participate in the pyramidal aspect of Gokulashtami.

Now 18, Milan has his own little circle of friends who've formed a group named SAFETY FIRST, SAFETY BEST! This group, comprising of youth of various Faith persuasions and of no Faith too, advocates the strict adoption of the norms laid out by the High Court and the Police in relation

to govinda pyramids. Other projects on the agenda of this cohesive group is advocating environment-friendly Ganeshas to minimize the effect of the annual dumping of deadly chemicals into the sea resulting from Ganesh immersion, sound pollution. Milan, however, hopes that youth across the city—and even across the country, wherever relevant—will, taking a cue from his example, initiate similar groups in their respective localities.

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surveillance in the traditional sense, this is hacking.

And that's why we should be worried for three reasons:

The undemocratic use.

The unprecedented magnitude.

The unreasonable invasion into privacy.

The undemocratic use is because this is done without any transparency, without any accountability, without any or legal backing.

The unprecedented magnitude is just the sheer number of people reportedly on these lists, whether you're talking to journalists to activists to a sitting judge.

The unreasonable invasion is because this is hacking, not just surveillance.

There is an important caveat here.

The NSO Group claims that it only sells to "vetted" governments after getting a clearance from the Israel defence ministry. From the Pega-

sus leaks themselves, we cannot tell whether the government that was using the spyware was India's. Yet, the evidence seems to point in that direction.

Moreover, India's government in the recent parliament session refused to respond to the opposition demand for their queries on Pegasus and now for their queries to be answered had to take the Supreme Court route as several pleas have been filed asking for judicial probes into the allegations, and disclosures by the government of its use of such spyware, both in writ petitions by alleged Pegasus victims as well as PILs by journalists, activists and MPs, but still the government has not denied buying Pegasus or using it against its own citizens. Sure, there have been the usual angry shouts of "anti-national" and "conspiracy to target India" thrown at what is clearly a global story. But, a careful reading of all the government statements so far make it very clear that the authorities have no intention of saying the phrase, "India did not use Pegasus spyware".

Then, naturally lays in stark relief what exactly is going on:

To understand the scale of what

has happened here, it might be useful to benchmark this with another snooping scandal. In 1974, US President Richard Nixon was forced to resign from office after it emerged that his administration had tried to cover up its role in spying on the main opposition party. With the Supreme Court and Election Commission in the mix along with the Opposition, the allegations around India's current Pegasus-gate far outstrip Nixon's Watergate scandal...

Yet, the news has barely made a mark amid the regular partisan din. This despite the remarkable nature of these revelations, some combination of government brazenness and the complete silence or even muted encouragement from pro-BJP supporters who would otherwise have complained about surveillance. The relatively ineffective Opposition and ordinary Indians appear to be cynically resigned to state intrusion. To quote Dostoevski - Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as not to offend the imbeciles.

There isn't even the pretence from the government of seeking to inves-

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Miracles in retreat centres

The letters to Editor on the subject of miracles in retreat centres by Jubel D’cruz and A F Nazareth prompted me to write this. It seems some Catholics go to retreat not to examine oneself spiritually or to learn how to be a better Christian in life, but to seek miracles. And I do not know how, some preachers announce names of illnesses healed or the names of some who were getting healed. Most of the practising Catholics struggle to understand this and some say “jus a magic show” and some say “some divine interference”. As Catholics we believe that there is nothing impossible for God. It is not clear why the innocent minds of the faithful be troubled, confused and stirred !

After every blessing with healing our Lord Jesus was telling not to publicise , but here we love to publicise the so called “ small and big miracles”.

Actually who will decide whether a healing is a miracle ? Is it the preacher or the crowd or any agents ? The veracity of a miracle can be announced and confirmed ONLY by the one who is healed. It is very personal. Others can listen and learn and should not interfere. In everybody’s life miracles happen, but we do not realise them— at the most we may say “ Oh thank God ,nothing happened “ and resume our journey of life.

The in Christian propaganda about “ miraculous shrine”, miraculous and powerful prayer” “ prayer to the most powerful saint” etc etc etc are sheer Nonsense, sheer IGNORANCE. Prayer is a conversation between a believer and his God and the language and literature of the prayer does not matter; prayer can

be in complete silence. God listens to that silence of his people. Our Bishops and our priests who are highly qualified in theology and psychology seem to be indifferent in teaching the faithful parishioners, the ways of prayer, meaning of prayer, the value of personal relationship with Jesus Christ and so on. They are satisfied by recommending “ pray rosary” make a novena “ or some penances. The present state of the Catholic Church with its hundreds of rebellious Cardinals, bishops,priests and lay persons is the outcome of the indifference to deal with the rebels ,in time in humble and Christian ways -as mentioned by Don Aguilar .

The Church is founded by Jesus Christ and it will not be affected by the grave sins of rape or financial fraud by those who are supposed to be our teachers and guides in spirituality. The published “Powerful prayers” or pilgrimages or beautiful sermons” may not help us; only simple and humble life, relationship with Christ and strong faith in God may help us.

—K. C. Thomas,
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Sorry State Of House Debates

The Chief Justice, N.V. Ramana recently made a very scathing comment with regard to the way our parliament has been functioning in recent times. He couldn't have put it better when he referred to the debates in Parliament, a sorry state of House debates. There is no doubt that things have deteriorated over the past few years. Parliament has been reduced to a market place. Bills are being bulldozed in parliament by the ruling

party on the basis of its brute majority. The opposition on its part of course, is a disintegrated lot, that makes it so much more easier for the ruling party to have it's way. The Chief Justice rightly states, earlier there used to be debates in Parliament, not any more. He has made a strong point when he says, the lack of constructive debates in the Houses burdens the courts with a lot of litigation and it is also difficult to fathom the intent behind the law. At the end of the day, our democracy is turned into a sham.

Are we always going to have bills passed in Parliament with only the ruling party in attendance? Judging by recent laws this seems to be the trend. That does not seem good a Parliamentary Democracy. Sadly, today our Democracy is no more what it was meant to be, OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR PEOPLE. Is the Judiciary going to be our last Succour?

— Melville X. D'Souza,
Mumbai

LTTE - Letters To The Editor

One must thank Ivan Saldanha-Shet for highlighting the subject issue [Vol 30/Issue 34, 23-29 August 2021, p 4]!

Essentially, writing a Letter to the Editor of any publication is an art that not many take the trouble to master. One of the most prominent and finest practitioners of this art was the late Mr Anthony Parakal. Hailing from Kerala, he was so conscious of the importance of correctness in the expression of his views that he wrote his first LTTE to the Times of India no less only after spending nearly quality time trying to master English (Ref RECALLING THE LTTE FAME OF ANTHONY PARAKAL, TSC Vol 30/Issue 29,19-25 July 2021) since his arrival from God's Own Country! Not for him the “workable knowledge of English” (whatever

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that means!).

The purpose of the LTTE is manifold – to draw the attention of the Editor of a given publication to discrepancies in the contents of a given article; to apprise readers of certain developments one may have missed out in the rush of things; to alert civic/government authorities to important issues of dire urgency facing the common and so on. Salubriously, THE SECULAR CITIZEN [not published/funded by the Church or any NGO as such but singlehandedly by a private individual committed to the cause of journalism] is perhaps the only publication that gives the LTTE the prominence it deserves, freely publishing any and every point of view on various matters.

The sad part is that Editors of certain publications shy away from doing justice to the LTTE for whatever reason. A religious once wrote an LTTE to a leading Catholic publication, correcting an apparent flaw in my article on priestly and religious life, pointing out that priests and religious are never lonely in the quiet of their respective rooms/cells but alone with the One who has called them into His service. I promptly wrote back clarifying that it was some smart Alec in the editorial team of the publication in question that had had the temerity to change the word 'aloneness' in my article to 'loneliness'! To cut a long story short, the clarification did not see the light of day!

An LTTE on any given article also indicates that the article concerned has been read. After all, the LTTE column of a publication is meant to be an open forum for the healthy sharing and exchange of views as well. Of course, the editor/publisher does retain the right to edit a given LTTE from the point of view of space.

Would that all publishers of whatever hue reinstated the LTTE Column in their respective publications, giving their editors adequate leeway in publishing a cross-section of views in the interest of the reading public.

—Ladislaus Louis D'Souza ,
Malad.

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tigate and defend the rights of Indian citizens whose rights may have been violated by the use of Pegasus. It has instead decided to falsely claim that the entire story is fake news – even though governments in France, Hungary and elsewhere are actively investigating it.

Whether it leads to domestic political fallout or not, the Pegasus project is deeply important. For one, the revelations also colour in a larger part of the picture when it comes to understanding the nature of BJP dominance in our current era.

Till now, there seems to be little realisation in the BJP that it needs to change either its far-reaching goals or its working style. Even successes from its first term like the Goods and Services Tax now stand damaged due to this, with Opposition parties on a warpath with the government – a sharp change from the consensus the BJP itself had brought about when introducing the tax.

Just as one cannot describe the Modi era without referencing the massive financial advantage that the BJP has, in part thanks to electoral bonds, it would also be wrong to discuss the ineffectiveness of the Opposition or the bending of constitutional bodies without mentioning the tactics and tools of the ruling party.

If nothing else, then, the Pegasus revelations offer another glimpse inside the messy workings of the BJP's electoral and governance machine.

In a world of powerful spying tools, Indian democracy urgently needs checks on intelligence gathering. India has far too often catapulted from one surveillance scandal to another, without fixing the larger problem. Rather than a watered down, government-friendly data protection bill as currently before Parliament, what we deserve is a strong privacy code that includes meaningful reform and controls over surveillance.

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The Ad World Beckons

Advertisements are sometimes an eye opener. They inform us about new products which simplify our lives. We come across new technology and better products for the same price. However, advertising is big business for the advertising agencies and companies manufacturing the goods or providing the service.

The advertisers ensure that the ads are attractive, contemporary and sometimes amusing to catch the eye of the target market segment (children, youth, old folks, villagers, city population). The visual images are carefully worked out, after studying the psychology of the target group. Good qualities of a product may be exaggerated and negative features are omitted. They also tempt us to upgrade our devices. If we discard our old devices, we are increasing electronic pollution - something the earth does not need.

We are inundated with advertisements from the TV, radio, bill boards and direct selling. Repeated exposure to the same ads enslaves us. The pied piper of consumerism beckons and we unwittingly follow.

The use of psychology is evident from the following example. Years ago there were a series of expensive ads in top US magazines, showing a rugged

man smoking a cigarette in an outdoor setting. The message implied was that tough guys smoke. When cigarettes for women were introduced, the ads displayed sophisticated women in gowns elegantly puffing a slender cigarette. Here the message was that liberated women smoke. The reader was tempted to join the ranks of the macho man or high society woman by aping them, despite the statutory warning.



by Monica Fernandes

Ads must catch the eye. That's why a skimpily dressed model is shown with an air conditioner. Logically if the air conditioner is efficient, she will feel too cold in her skimpy attire. So the air conditioner is perhaps not so great after all! There was an ad for a car tyre where the good looking model drew my attention from the object being advertised. I thought to myself, "This girl does not have a single spare tyre. They should have chosen me instead. I have plenty of spare tyres."

Have you ever noticed how television commercials zero in on children? They tempt them with visuals of happy children guzzling colas, or visiting fancy department stores for clothes with the 'Frozen' theme and expensive 'Star War' toys. This is because parents want the best for their children, even if it means that they have to de-

prive themselves. Also children have an amazing pester quotient. Parents eventually give in to their constant badgering.

Soft drink manufacturing companies, clothing companies and fast food outlets focus on attracting the youth. Liquor manufacturers also target young people with their surrogate advertising, showing happy youth chilling with a soda. A young person hooked is a customer booked for life.

I was watching a noodle ad on TV where the beautiful movie queen ate just four noodles to go into ecstasy. I said to my daughter Minal, "Boy! These noodles are a super energy booster. Should I boil four noodles?" Pat came her reply, "Better boil twenty five. After all, the actress must have had many takes of the same ad to get her to this level of pure joy."

No matter what the ads imply, we cannot live on a daily diet of junk food or pizzas. A balanced diet is what the doctor recommends which reminds

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me, I must look out for a doctor who thinks that junk food is the best invention on the planet.

Ads sometimes make tall claims. If you believe them, you would think that handsome men are only attracted to girls who become fairer by the day after using a fairness cream. How come black is beautiful when it comes to that Little Black Dress (LBD) but not when it comes to a dark skinned person? Do we have two different standards?

Ads would have you believe that a girl's beauty relies almost solely on the particular cream she uses. Or again the eligible bachelor may be drawn by her lustrous locks which, in turn, are dependent to a particular brand of shampoo. I guess girls who do not have access to these cosmetics will be left high and dry, as also those jobless unfortunates who cannot afford the expensive jewelry flashing on the TV screen.

Soap A, which is heavily advertised and shows a film star using it, may not necessarily be better than Soap B,

which is not touted as the best soap around. Besides, Soap A may be more expensive because of the hidden cost of advertising. The proof of the pudding is in the eating and of a soap, in bathing .

Some ads give us a warped message. There is this ad on TV for a group of schools for young children. They show a boy playing the fool with his sleeping grandfather. The message the ad is trying to convey is that children who go to these schools are bright, smart and precocious. Educate me, please. Since when did disrespect for one's elders qualify for precocity?

Commercials for credit cards show young couples and their happy, smiling children, spending as if there is no tomorrow. They supposedly splurge on high value items such as expensive holidays. Unfortunately, however people are going bonkers today, what with the loss of jobs, and find it difficult to fork out the EMIs on their fancy car or music system. Do we really need to spend on things we do not need? Janice Joplin summed it up when she sang, "Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz? My friends all have Porches, I must make amends."

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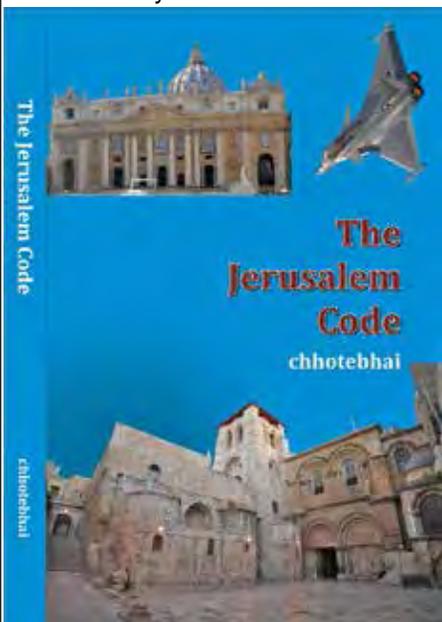
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--Taliban Chief Mullah Baradar is holding meetings to prepare a new model for governing Afghanistan in the next few weeks, with separate teams tackling internal security and financial issues.

He declared that the Taliban wishes to have friendly relations with all nations even with America!

Understanding The Afghan Game

Pope Francis has asked believers to pray for Afghanistan following the swift Taliban takeover of Kabul on 15 August. The same day, the pontiff called for dialogue to end the conflict in the central Asian country. But I call it 'the Afghan game' precisely because the Taliban captured the nation in just 10 days after it began its advance across the country! The American army left, the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani escaped and the Afghan army easily surrendered! Was it all planned to spread red carpet for Taliban? The extremist group is now in control of Afghanistan again after almost 20 years. Fearing the extremist regime, The pontiff told pilgrims and tourists in St Peter's Square: "I join in the unanimous worry about the situation in Afghanistan. ... I ask you to pray along with me to the God of peace so that the din of weapons ends and that solutions can be found around a table of dialogue," he said. Fr Giancarlo La Vella, a missionary with the Barnabites, responsible for the independent mission of Afghanistan told Vatican Radio: "We are living days of great apprehension as we await what happens. My appeal to the listeners of Vatican Radio is to pray...pray, pray, pray for Afghanistan. Thank you."

A several thousand Christians live in Afghanistan - a very small section of the 38 million majority Muslim population. A 2015 study estimated around 3,300 Christians lived in the country - many of whom are foreigners who work in embassies or are employed by aid organisations. However, any figure can only be an estimation because Christians in Afghanistan must keep their faith secret. The Taliban advance has already led to a humanitarian disaster. More than 250,000 people, 80 percent of them women and children, have fled their homes since

May. A large number of refugees have crossed the border into Uzbekistan while others have travelled to Pakistan. There are fears that the Taliban takeover could wipe out two decades of advances in women's rights. The group aims to again enforce its own austere version of Sharia law. Women face no longer being allowed to work, to leave their homes unaccompanied and without a burqa, or have no access to more than the most basic education.

According to the latest reports even that fear seems to be alleviated!



Fr. Michael G. Vasai

Who are Tlibanis?

Looking at its origin, Taliban is a local group formed fighting in civil wars with other groups like ISIS for years. It was formed as an armed group in the early 1990s. Those were the days of the cold war between communist Russia and the democratic America. Both are trying for supremacy in the world. The Soviets came to Afghanistan, backing the communist leaders who had staged a bloody coup against the nation's first president, Mohammad Daoud Khan, in 1978 and occupied Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The Americans wanted to get the Soviets out of Afghanistan without involving themselves. So they helped Talibans and Mujahedins. Laden was a Saudi Billionaire who had the same purpose, involved himself together with Al Qaeda, Taliban/ and Mujahideen. They were Pathans from Kandahar trained with American money by the Pakistani Army to fight Soviets along with Laden's Al Qaeda. All of them joined hands to fight the Soviets together. America came in more to oust Russia than help Afghanistan. Taliban fought alongside another Afghan group Mujahideen against the Communists.

America helped The Mujahideen and Taliban with weapons and money as part of its policy against its Cold War foe Russia. The Soviets pulled out in 1989 and chaos reigned. By 1992, there was a full-blown civil war with Mujahideen commanders fighting for power. The capital city of Kabul was showered daily with hundreds of rockets from all directions! Thus ironically the Taliban armed group emerged as a substantial player in the early 1990s with the help of America! By 1996, the Taliban seized the capital and hanged the nation's last communist president, Najibullah Ahmadzai, in a public square. It declared Afghanistan an Islamic emirate and started imposing its ultra-strict interpretation of Islamic law. Restrictions included banning women from education and employment, except for female doctors. Anyone who did not obey could be jailed or beaten publicly. Its six-year rule was marked by abuse of ethnic and religious minorities and curbs on seemingly innocuous activities and pastimes such as music and television. The Taliban destroyed the historic Buddha statue in Bamiyan province, an act that drew global condemnation! Even sports were highly regulated, as male athletes were told what to wear and matches were paused during the five daily prayers. In 1999, the United Nations imposed sanctions on the Taliban over its links to al-Qaeda, which was responsible for the 9/11 attacks in the US. Bin Laden was considered the mastermind behind the deadliest attacks on US soil starting of invasion of the US! In March 2001,

The 2001 invasion by America

The US invaded Afghanistan on October 7, 2001. The US President George W Bush was in command then. The Taliban was toppled within a couple of months of the start of a bombing campaign by the US and its allies, a new

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interim government headed by Hamid Karzai was formed in December 2001. Three years later, a new constitution was declared in which women and ethnic minorities were formally granted their rights. But by 2006, the toppled Taliban had regrouped and was able to mobilise fighters in its battle against foreign occupiers and its allies. The last 20 years of conflict devastated Afghanistan! More than 40,000 civilians were killed in attacks by both the Taliban and the US-led forces. At least 64,000 Afghan military and police and more than 3,500 international soldiers were also killed. The US has spent almost \$3 trillion on the war and reconstruction projects but the country still remains poor and its infrastructure in tatters.

In 2011, the Obama administration allowed a group of Taliban officials to move to Qatar, where they would be charged with laying the groundwork for face-to-face negotiations with the government of then-President Karzai. In 2013, the Taliban's Doha office was formally opened. In 2018, the Trump administration began formal, direct talks with the group. The Afghan government was not invited. The head of the Taliban political office in Doha, Abdul Ghani Baradar, signed an agreement with the US on February 29, 2020. That paved the way for the withdrawal of the US and other foreign forces. The Taliban promised not to attack US-led foreign forces. The agreement also launched peace talks between the Taliban and the Afghan leadership in the Qatari capital. But the Taliban continued its military offensive on the ground while participating in the talks. Last Sunday, they entered the presidential palace, retaking Afghanistan 20 years after they were driven out of power.

Watching the distressing scenes of Afghanistan, we feel angry with the Muslims; but in fact America too has played a very dirty game in the Muslim world all along since 1989. Today American President Biden may well say that they are withdrawing their army from Afghanistan because for the last 20



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years they have spent 3 trillion dollars and lost thousands of young soldiers. Now let the Afghan defend itself! Afghanistan has a larger army than the Taliban. But history shows how the Americans intervened to display their supremacy and when their purpose was achieved they left the nation in a mess! Is America a Christian country? Then I say that we too are responsible for humanitarian tragedy there!

Christian Response

How shall we respond to the present condition? The Taliban's co-founder, Mullah Baradar, has arrived in the Afghan capital for talks with other leaders. Baradar will hold meetings to prepare a new model for governing Afghanistan in the next few weeks, with separate teams tackling internal secu-

rity and financial issues. He declared that the Taliban wishes to have friendly relations with all nations, even with America. Experts from their former government are brought in to manage the crisis. The Taliban followed an ultra-hardline version of Islam earlier but now they have sought to present a more moderate face since returning to power. They say they want peace and will respect the rights of women within the framework of Islamic law. Let the international world believe and give them a chance!

Let us hope that resettlement is reached with all concerned and Afghanistan the birth country of Seeta becomes a normal nation, a disciplined member of the U.N., giving the people of Afghan peace and stability soon!

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Parting with nature - So near but so far

They are regular flowers. But humans have no time to observe it's beauty. Now in lock down when we have time we are looking at our friend nature and we can enjoy it's beauty in the natural surroundings. It may be a positive side of today's terrible scenario that again we are going towards nature. Our ancestors were very close to it so they lived healthy life but generations over generation we are going away from nature so all these consequences of nature we are facing. Bring color and texture to your garden with plants that bloom year after year. Some flowers bloom during the month of April. With vivid blooms in colors like pink, red, burgundy and purple, anemones usher in spring loud and proud if you are keenly interested in photography.

Bougainvillea which is available almost everywhere. With all the different beautiful shades it is a treat to watch through. Their petals are like leaves. They come out in bunches. Aboli also clicked which orange in color and grew, multiplied and spread with its beauty. In April you will find thousands of daffodils, tulips, cherry blossoms, magnolias, peonies, azaleas and spring ephemeral like Virginia bluebells. Our Bright Spots list of what is currently blooming will help you to get a picturesque atmosphere and colourful snaps all round your building compound.

Freesia blooms are vibrant in color and citrusy in scent and a surefire way to brighten your home or garden this spring. Tulips elegant bulbous shape and vibrant color options make tulips a popular choice for spring wedding bouquets and table centerpieces and for welcoming your guests for Sunday lunch. You can direct sow many annual flowers this month. Try your hand at growing. Lock down provides you time and ideas to develop your

garden on the balcony. Sunflowers, Nasturtiums, Snapdragon, Alyssum, Cosmos, Calendula, Cleome, Marigolds and Bachelor's Buttons. They are easy if you haven't grown flowers from seed before.

Peonies and tulips are hands down my favorite spring flowers. My grandmother used to have the prettiest peony bush in her front yard. They remind me of her. And tulips are just so simple, delicate and purely a pleasure to watch at this time of the year.

Phlox

Garden Phlox has fragrant, showy blooms in pink, purple, white or red. It's great for cutting or tall borders. Plant in sun to part shade. Phlox attracts butterflies.

Hardy Hibiscus

Hardy hibiscus loves full sun and attracts both hummingbirds and butterflies. It starts blooming late in the summer producing huge flowers in shades of red, pink or white. The plant dies back in the winter and is very late to break dormancy. It's usually mistaken for dead, but give it time and you'll be rewarded with spectacular color!

Shasta Daisy

Shasta Daisies will always brighten up your day! This classic perennial has large white blooms that last until early fall. Shasta daisy thrives in well-drained, not overly rich soil. Choose from different varieties for different heights – short ones are perfect for borders and tall ones create a dramatic backdrop. A perfect low maintenance plant and makes great cut flowers.

Coneflower

Coneflower is a mid-summer bloomer

that's a great cut flower. There are many different varieties of plants, you're sure to find one that's right for your garden. Coneflower is deer resistant and attracts butterflies. Plant in full sun.

Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia or Black-eyed Susan is a must for the summer garden. It blooms from July to September, is deer and rabbit resistant and attracts butterflies. Plant in full sun, and be sure to remove spent blooms for more flowering.

Perennial Geranium

Perennial Geranium is a great border plant. Tiny brilliantly colored flowers bloom for months starting in late spring. Plant in part shade to shade. It's resistant to rabbits and attracts butterflies.

Lavender

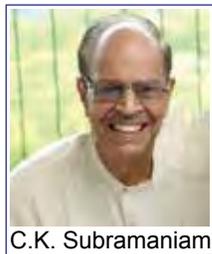
Lavender is a favorite flower for its wonderful fragrance. It's a great border plant and likes well-drained soil. Plant in full sun. It's deer and rabbit resistant and attracts butterflies. Great plant to dry and use in sachets or potpourri.

Coreopsis

Coreopsis has sunny daisy-like flowers that bloom in a variety of colors, such as yellow, pink, red or bi-color. The flowers blossom early summer to midsummer. Deadheading spent blooms will increase bloom time. They attract birds and butterflies. Grows about 1 to 3 feet tall.

Bee Balm

Bee Balm has showy flowers that bloom July through August. Its fra-



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Murder Most Foul

Short Story

Marian thanked God for the mellow light swinging like a pendulum over her head. Somewhere out in the marshes hidden in darkness rose a scream – a pig probably, she thought, and with guarded ambiguity opened to page 53 of her novel- The Body.

Besides Marian, there were three other strangers sitting like mummified figures in a museum of horror.

The railway station platform was almost deserted. The front door of the waiting room was kept open, or else Marian might have been completely alone in the room. The train was due to arrive at 12.37.

Reading was quite impossible for Marian; there hung in the air an invisible, somewhat unaccountable force of doom – or, was it dread?

It was her imagination, she rebuked herself. But the darkness was there all the same, and everywhere its terror heightened each time a cold breeze passed, or when that dreaded pig screamed. She tried to walk out of the room, thought otherwise, and sat down motionless.

She compelled herself to read. The words followed each other in their orderly fashion as the author had in mind – only they didn't mean a thing to Marian at the moment. It felt like someone was hammering home a nail without being aware of the act. For no known reason her eyes flew open with fear, ready at a moment's notice to leap out of its sockets, to dissolve, go blind, or so it seemed.

Then all at once she heard a low moan – a painful cry – silence.

How many were there – light bulbs – about three; no, she corrected her thoughts, four. The novel now lay on her lap like a piece of dead wood. Her body kept getting cold suddenly and she shivered – it must be fright, Marian scolded herself, fright of what, the darkness, or it could be the three men? The low moaning or, was it that strange

figure of a man emerging from the dark.

Marian strained her eyes to study the peculiar walk, like that of an old man. On coming closer she observed that the man had a long red beard: imagine a man with a blood red beard, and his head rolling on his wet shoulders. Suddenly, the dim lights went out!

Marian opened her pale lips to scream but no sound escaped through those quivering lips. She stared at the blank face of the darkness frozen in space.

Her heavy breathing came from every corner of the room it seemed. Something told her to hold her breath – she did.

Someone else was breathing.

The heavy breath came in wheezes with quick gasps for air and a long and difficult hiss. Her knees knocked against each other. Someone had come and sat down beside her...Marian was positive there was...someone.

"Curse....a hundred curses...the lights must have fused..." muttered a soft voice grumbling beside her in the dark. "Why are you scared, child?"

For once, Marian discovered she could speak, knowing that she had been directly addressed. "I'm not afraid," she blurted.

"Good, you'll get used to the darkness. You might be able to see in it after a time – that's a good novel you have there..." The voice went on rambling and wheezing.

Marian sat amazed. How could anyone see through the blanket of total darkness?

She put out her hand to feel the touch of her book and instead felt a wet a wet and sticky substance trickle over her fingers. Then, another something pat-

ted her hand and the voice said assuringly: "It's all right – don't be disturbed." She snatched her cold and trembling hand away.

"They must be in a state of shock... Imagine a murder...does this book make any impact on you...it sickens me, now that I think about it. So unreal; so plastic are these stories, not like the real thing. There's more to it than a bullet or a slit throat..." The muffled voice went on. "By the way, my name is Lalith, oil merchant...sticky...just like you, I enjoyed reading crime stories... till now, that is..."

The loud whistle of a train in the distance startled Marian. She wanted to run out of the room, only she forgot where the door had been, and everything looked like one hollow black space with no beginning and no end.

At that moment the lights began to flicker and for a split moment she saw the man who had been talking to her. It was the same old man with the red beard – only now she saw him more clearly as he staggered out of the waiting room mumbling to himself, "night, after night, after night..."

Marian sat still. It was not the train she had been waiting for.

She had a glimpse of the man as he vanished into the train. It must have been a bad dream she told herself, a weird nightmare. The train chugged away into the dark. The lights came on brighter in the waiting room.

Marian looked at down at her hands, her dress and...she screamed...they were full of blood. The old man! She ran for the phone booth and called for the police.

At the police station she told them everything. "Lady, please sit down. Calm yourself. Have a glass of water." Marian did as she was told.



BY MELVYN BROWN

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7 Simple Ways To Start Eating Healthy

By Carlyne Remedios*

We all want to be healthy, get fit, prevent illness and be a better version of ourselves. But where do we even begin? It can get overwhelming; just the thought of getting on a diet plan can put us off even before we begin!

Here are some questions I get asked often:

**Will I have to stop eating foods that I like? *What happens when I stop the diet? *Will I remain healthy?*

And my answer is: Do make small changes - you do not have to make a 180-degree change all at once! Making small but sustainable changes is the way to go. They may seem insignificant at first but trust me they will make a big difference in the long run.

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grance attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Plant in sun to part shade. Grows about 1 to 4 feet tall.

Allium

Alliums bloom in a wide range of colors, including shades of yellow, white, pink, and purple. Offering a whimsical structure in the garden, Alluviums have tall thick stems that hold up a globe-like cluster of florets. Plant in full sun. Grows about 1 to 3 feet tall. They're deer resistant, attract birds and make great cut flowers.

Early-blooming plants that put on colorful displays send a welcome signal that spring is starting. Many types of plants bloom by the end of April, including bulbs, annuals, perennials and shrubs. A few wildflowers also start to flower by April's end, bringing bright spots of color to wooded or naturalized areas. Enjoy the real beauty of flowers and make hay when the sun shines.

These changes will eventually become a habit that will come to you as naturally as waking up in the morning and brushing your teeth - you don't even think about it, you just do it.

Eating healthy is not only about salads and soups. Food does not have to be bland, boring, tasteless or uninteresting to be healthy. But it does involve planning and preparation.

Below are a few pointers to help you get started -

1. *It all begins with your grocery shopping* – Whether you do it weekly or fortnightly it doesn't matter. Make sure that you are buying plenty of fresh produce. Focus on buying what's in season and, as much as possible, choose local produce. Make sure you buy fruits and vegetables of various colours – get the greens, the reds and the oranges. Each different colour gives you specific nutrients.
2. *Stock your pantry right* – Make sure you have plenty of whole grains at hand - whole wheat flour, unpolished rice, oats, millets and a variety of pulses and beans.
3. *Snacks* – This one is always tricky because we are so dependent on packaged foods for snack time. But fresh, whole foods are much more nutritious and economical too! Corn, peanuts, makhana, sweet potatoes, fruits, dry fruits, nuts, seeds, yoghurt, cheese and eggs are great snack options and they keep you fuller for longer periods of time, too.
4. *Stock your freezer sensibly* – Choose fresh lean meats over processed meats and ready-to-eat foods. Skip the sausages, salami, ham and instead focus on chicken, lean meats and fish. Your freezer should also have some frozen vegetables for that rainy day. Peas, corn, spinach are a few examples.
5. *Menu planning* – Chalk out a weekly menu so there is no last-minute

rush. This will ensure that you have a majority of your meals home-cooked.

6. *Add an extra veggie* – Aim to include at least one extra vegetable in each dish. It could be as simple as adding some okra or pumpkin to a meat dish or spinach or tomatoes to your omelette. Instead of having just a plain cucumber salad throw in a few beetroot slices; instead of plain curds have vegetable *raita*. Take every opportunity to add in some vegetables.

7. *Prep in advance* – Sometimes it's just too much to get it all done in a day. So it helps to batch cook or prep over the weekend when you have a little extra time on hand. Masalas, base sauces, stocks, salad dressings can be prepped and frozen to cook with through the week. Soak and sprout some beans. A little prep over the weekend can go a long way.

Most importantly take it slow and don't get overwhelmed by trying to make all these changes immediately. Ensure that the change, initiated in phases, becomes a habit. Ask for help and advice when needed and always seek expert professional advice when in doubt.

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***Disclaimer: The information contained herein is not intended to diagnose or treat any medical condition per se.*

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"Now, come with me to the next room," said the officer.

In the room was a steel bed with a white sheet. The police officer lifted the sheet. "Do you know this man?"

She gazed with horror.

"Lady, this is a murdered man – stabbed nine times. We are looking for the killer and waiting for anyone to claim the body."

The same red beard now looked dull and almost ridiculous on the dead man's face, thought Marian in a state of shock."

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Ingredients:

2 cups rice flour
1/2 tsp salt
3 cups grated coconut
2 cups powdered jaggery
2 tsp powdered green cardamom
5 tsp ghee

Method:

Step 1:

To prepare this recipe, take a pan and add grated coconut in it. Now, take another pan and add 1 cup water in it. Bring it to a boil. Then, add jaggery and allow it to dissolve. When the jaggery mixture starts to thicken, add the roasted coconut.

Step 2:

Mix well and bring the flame to medium-high. Then, add cardamom powder and stir well. After a few seconds, turn off the flame, remove and keep the mixture aside. Now to prepare the dough, add rice flour in a bowl and add some hot water in it. Add sesame oil and salt.

Step 3:

Stir the mixture till it is free of lumps. The dough should not be too tight. Now, take a portion of the dough and with the help of a rolling pin, shape them into small cups. Add a spoonful of the coconut-jaggery filling and close the edges of the dough by using your hands. Cover and then steam cook the modaks until done. Once done, transfer these little delights on a serving plate. Serve!



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A very poor woman called a radio station asking for help from God. An atheist who was also listening to this radio programme, decided to make fun of the woman. He got the woman's address from the radio station and told his secretary to carry a large amount of foodstuff to the woman. However, he gave the following instruction, "When the woman asks who sent the food, tell her that it's from the devil."

When the secretary arrived at the woman's house, the woman was happy and grateful for the help she received. She started putting the food packets inside her small house. The secretary then asked her, "Don't you want to know who sent the food?"

The woman replied, "No, I don't care because when God orders, even the devil obeys!"

— Jubel D'Cruz

A man goes down on his knees and proposes to her.

Marry Me... and Make me the Happiest Man in the World
Looking bewildered she replied

You want Both !!!??

Wife: I have changed my mind
Husband: Is it working now?

Difference between "Facebook" and "Whatsapp" conversation :

On "Whatsapp" -

Wife : Kab se wait kar rahi hoon.
Ghar kab aa rahe ho, Loafer?

Husband : Abhi kuchh pataa nahi.
Dimaag mat chaato. Jab dekho pareshaan karti rehti ho.

On "FaceBook" -

Wife : Dear when will you be back?
You are the best husband in the world. Miss you. Come back soon.
(Status liked by 50 of her friends)
Husband : Thanks for being there always. So lucky to have a wonderful wife like you. Will be back soon honey. (Status liked by 75 friends, including sister-in-law & mother-in-law) Dow din se mera Kya hoga?

Husband & Wife dono market gaye



to Ek Ladki ne HELLO kiya..

Wife:"kaun thi wo ??

Husband:"Tum plz dimag kharab mat karo,... abhi usko bhi batana hai ki tum kaun ho..!!

Husband: Have you heard of King Akbar?

Wife: Yes, what about him?

Husband: He had three wives.

Wife: So??

Husband: That means I can marry two more times?

Wife: Have you heard of Draupadi !!!???

Husband: I was just kidding dear!!!!

You take things too seriously!!!!

Wife joins english speaking class.
After few days.

Wife : Welcome home darling.

Husband : I m so tired today.

Wife : Ok. Rest in Peace.

A woman sued a reputed Hospital, saying that after her husband had surgery there, he lost all interest in her.

A hospital spokesman replied: "He was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was just correct his eyesight."

Some parents got letters from the principal of the school that their children were behaving like animals..
One parent wrote back...

Sir,

You expect our children to...

Wake up like roosters

Carry bags like donkeys

Run to the school like deers

Work hard like ants

Copy from the blackboard like monkeys

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In the class teacher said

Teacher: "The first person to answer my question will go home early"

Santa threw the bag outside

Teacher asked: Whose bag is that???

Santa answered:It's mine... i am going home bye..bye...

Teacher:!!!!

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

Husband: I found Aladin's lamp today.

Wife: wow, what did u ask for darling??

Husband: I asked him to increase your brain ten times..

Wife: oh..jaan..love you so much.. Did he do that??

Husband: He laughed and said multiplication doesn't apply on zero.

Shocking Introduction at a party...

One man to another: Meet my wife tanya ..

2nd one : ya, I know her.

1st one : how..?

2nd one : we were caught many a times sleeping together.

1st one : Wat??? Angrily.. What the hell you are talking..??

2nd one : during lectures in science & history classes. We were classmates.

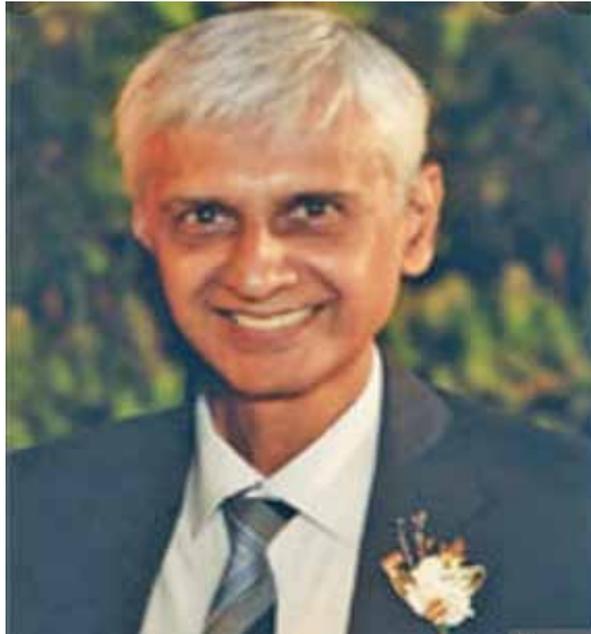
Mangalore builder philanthropist Felix Albuquerque passes away

-Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

The builders and real estate promoters and a wide cross section of citizens of Mangalore, were stunned at the passing away of Felix Albuquerque on the morning of August 14, 2021, His last rights on August 16, 2021, at Rosario Cathedral was attended by hundreds of people and the city's who's who, three bishops participated with heavy hearts amid strict Covid protocols. He has been fighting for life in the hospital with a head injury sustained in a fall at his residence a few months ago on May 21 and sadly did not win the race - he was 67 years, born in 1954. He leaves behind his wife Louella, daughter Anisha/Nikil, mother Greta and Granddaughter Talia, brother Edward and many of the family and a host of friends. His 95-year-old mother, Greta, is inconsolable.

Well known Felix, (John Joseph), unassuming, smiling, kind and helpful pleasant person of the city, an erudite and knowledgeable personality, bears the name of his illustrious grandfather who is credited with developing the largest tile factory of the time at Bolar. The son of late Noel Albuquerque who was for long the key person in the running of his elder brother Cyril's tile factory at Bolar, the centre of patriotic activity prior to independence which was visited by Nehru among other prominent leaders then. On Independence day August 15, 1947, the factory grounds was a hub of celebration for the people of Mangalore, Hoige Bazar being the heart of the port town of the 1940s

Felix endeared himself to the city developers/builders and public, was a member of CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) is an all India body



incorporated mainly to frame rules & regulations, safe guards and look after the interests of the building industry, is responsible for communicating with Government Agencies, Trade Bodies and other authorities on issues directly affecting the sector) he later was its President too. He was a consultant on several matters for development of the city. He has dedicated his services to the Christian community and people oriented services. He was particularly close to the Emeritus Bishop of Mangalore. He was inducted to the advisory body of the Diocese of Man-

galore and several prestigious institutions like Fr. Muller's Charitable Hospital, St Joseph's Engineering College and many more. His services to the Diocese of Mangalore, Udupi and Shimoga were praised. In his mid 20s he was incorporated into the Rosario Cathedral Council, was Vice President for four terms. The extended Albuquerque family is well known for their contributions to the city, region and church, many of its members are active in good works even now.

To borrow good words of an eminent person of the city, Gerard Colaco, Felix's friend of younger days who delivered a moving Eulogy, " What can you say about a 67-year-old man who died? That he was boyish and handsome. And good at what he did. That he loved life and work. And fun, laughter, friendship. And trees and plants and monsoon showers. And homemade wine. And family. And community. And humanity." Felix was someone who never lost faith, never abandoned hope, rarely lost composure, and, above all, never forgot how to smile. His ready, radiant smile was his most distinguishing feature, a permanent signature to a warm welcoming and large heart

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7150. POONA : East Indian RC Divorcee, (Born in November 1960) Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 69 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate Engineer from CWIT University of Pune, working as an Engineer. Contact email : joeskf@gmail.com

5996.MUMBAI : RC Bachelor (Born in November 1974) / 5'8", B.E., working in Senior position reputed IT firm. Seeks alliance from R.C. spinster educated good family background Pl. reply with photograph and details to keithcardozo@hotmail.com OR **9820338755**

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

6424. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., well employed, working as Sr. Customer Care Executive. Con-

tact email : gerardd754@gmail.com, Mob:9594766322 / 9930620943

6485. MUMBAI: North Indian R.C. Bachelor, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for an MNC in Mumbai as Back Office Executive. Contact email : awr88@rediffmail.com

6228. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in December 1972). Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 65 kgs., Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.S.C. A/C Tech. Course, working as a A/C Technician in Voltas. Contact email : lawrencedias321@gmail.com / Mob: 8291056939

6172. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1978), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 86 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Position : Financial Consultant. Seeks a alliance from RC graduate/pst graduate spinster. Contact email: raceangelreb@yahoo.in

6508. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.. working as a Asst. Manager in German Company. Seeks a tall, well educated homely Mangalorean girl. Contact email : colind.3010@gmail.com

6434. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1978), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.MD, MS., Doctor by profession. Contact email : rayanvincent@rediffmail.com

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pmcandy1957@gmail.com

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samaddy2013@gmail.com

7244. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Chartered Accountant, working in one of the Top Five reputed companies in Mumbai. Contact email :

fionadesouza18@gmail.com

7199. BANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 53 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Master's in Mass Communications (NTU, Singapore) working as a Senior Manager of Corporate Communications in **SINGAPORE**. Contact email :

mafern.2121@gmail.com

7243. NEW ZEALAND : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1996), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nursing, Profession : Staff Nurse. Ready to settle in New Zealand. Contact email :

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7182. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., C.A., working as Asst. Manager in TATA Company. Contact : email :

matrimonialp27@gmail.com

7214. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. CA CFA Ms Finance M.Com., working as a Senior Manager. Contact email :

frfernandes020@gmail.com

7160. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Fair Complexion, Edn. BMS, working as a Senior Merchandiser in a Global Retail Company in Dubai. Contact email :

prislobo10@gmail.com

7128. MUMBAI : Affluent business family R.C. East Indian Spinster, (Born in 12-04-1988), Ht. 5' 2", very beautiful and pretty. Edn. MS General Surgeon, Doctor by profession. Contact email :

drvd2019@gmail.com

7126. U.S.A. : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1992) from Mumbai, Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Computers) from Mumbai, M.S. (Information Systems) from US. Possesses H1B visa and is working as a Technical Analyst with an MNC in USA. Contact email :

wilfyjoy1315@gmail.com or call +91 98603 02527 / + 91 9970172527

7208. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BE, IT, working as Product Marketing for an e-commerce beauty Company. Contact email :

temp123fab@gmail.com

7219. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Born Again Spinster, (Born in October 1993), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 61 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resources, working as a HR in MNC. Seeks only Born Again Bachelor. Contact email :

gladfer_9@yahoo.com

7060. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1983), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Diploma in Finance from NMIMS, Diploma in B, Self employed. Contact email :

vianneyde2k@yahoo.com

7201. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1992), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. in Electronics & Com. working as a Business Analyst. Contact email :

ggd_oman@yahoo.com

7058. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish

Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working back office. Contact email :

venita_fernandes@rediffmail.com

7198. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1994), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, smart and good looking, Edn. MBA, PGDM, working as a Financial Analyst, Amazon. Contact email :

nicmacjac@gmail.com

6871 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. Teacher by profession. Contact email :

andreaandrade310@gmail.com

7166 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Christian Parents seek alliance for their daughter, (Born in May 1992), Ht. 5' 4", having completed her BCAF, presently working with MNC in Mumbai. Contact email :

ste004ffy@yahoo.in

7064. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, working for Private Company as an Accounts Executive. Contact email :

cecr19@gmail.com

7162 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1993), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Secretary. Contact email :

t.banze@rediffmail.com

7158 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1986), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Patient Care Manager. Contact email :

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