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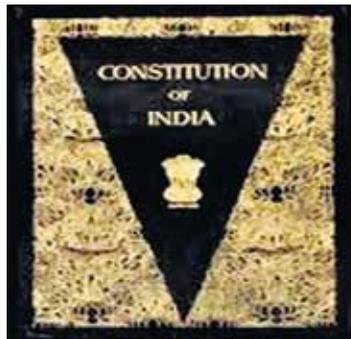
26TH OF NOVEMBER- A HISTORIC MARK

By Khushali Oza.

Constitution Day in India is celebrated every year on 26th of November as the Constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on that day. After thirty years of November 26, 1949, the Supreme Court Bar Association declared this day as National Law Day. Since then, this day is celebrated as Law Day throughout India. Law Day is an important day for the members of legal profession in India and also for the people of India.

It is the day on which our founding fathers subscribed to this document by signing the same and thereby unfolding the philosophy - social, economic and political, for the governance of free India. We have every reason to be proud of and to celebrate that unique occasion. By celebrating this day we take opportunity to thank the founding fathers, for this document, who spent a good deal of their time and energy in giving shape to this suprema lex which was to guide the future destination of the country. We are ever grateful to them.

Dr. Ambedkar was appointed as the Constitution Drafting Committee's Chairman. He was the chief



22 Parts, 8 schedules and now after 121 amendments it consists of 448 articles in 25 parts, 12 schedules, 5 appendices.

In his book Making of India's Constitution, Justice Khanna writes:

"If the Indian constitution is our heritage bequeathed to us by our founding fathers, no less are we, the people of India, the trustees and custodians of the values which pulsate within its provisions! A constitution is not a parchment of paper, it is a way of life and has to be lived up to. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and in the final analysis, its only keepers are the people."

Constitution Day in India is officially celebrating event which is celebrated every year on 26th of November to honor and remember the architect of Constitution, Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. We, the people of India celebrate our history, freedom, independence and peace after launching the own Constitution of India.

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architect of the Indian constitution and profound believer for strong and united India.

When the Constitution of India was adopted, the citizens of India were entered to a new constitutional arena based upon scientific, self-governing and modern India with the peace, poise and progress. The constitution of Indian was adopted to constitute the country as an Independent, democratic, secular, autonomous and republic to secure the Indian citizens by the justice, equality, liberty and union. The constitution of India is very unique all over the world and has taken around 2 years, 11 months and 17 days to pass by the Constituent Assembly.

The Constitution, which has taken into considerations many features from different countries such as the U.S., the

U.K., France, Japan, Germany, the former Soviet Union (USSR) and a few other countries. As it protects the rights of all the citizens and serves as the framework for good governance, it functions as a social contract between the government and the people governed. Today in the world Bharat is known as the largest democracy in the world and is able to avoid dictatorship and also avoid nation rule by army. It is worthwhile mentioning that our neighboring countries face turmoil not only at political level but also for the security of the country. And it is true what Dr Ambedkar said, "The Constitution is workable, it is flexible and it is strong enough to hold the country together both in peacetime and in wartime." The National emblem of India too was adopted on the same day. The Constitution of India initially had 395 Articles,

MUSAFIR HU YAARO...

By Nirja Vasavada

"Not all those who wander are lost"... said J R R Tolkien, but I would go one step further, and say we wander, mainly to lose ourselves! Come a vacation - Diwali or Summer - and one feels the rush to have a break, get out of the city, get rid of the routine that we are all frozen in. Yes, travelling, taking a break actually melts one's soul. So, what else does it do? Here are some reasons why we should pack our bags (or sometimes don't even wait for that), and just leave!

Travelling is the best way to



know ourselves! With all the challenges and opportunity it presents, travelling lets us explore the inner self. It means to meet new people, try new food, know new culture and forces us into a fresh perspective on a number of things. The satisfaction you get while reaching the top of the mountain, or eating a local food item in a

road side dhaba or do without any food at crucial times, these things make you aware that this is what you had been actually missing while you were all engrossed in your routine work, or cooped up in your room working on something or the other even on a Sunday!

The best part here is, this kind of break makes you ready to get set go. It prepares you to start the work with more force and energy, with more focus and concentration. Of course, usually I break into tears thinking about the unpacking and washing dirty clothes and cook/eat at home after coming

back, but the latest experience says, that if you have had a real break, real fun, you don't get affected by the post vacation blues! I am now all set to start the new semester, new phase, with double energy so that once again I can take a break! To quote Terry Pratchett, "Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

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DELHI TRADE FAIR- AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT!

By Dr. Belur Baxi

I am a keen observer of what brands are doing to attract customers and also take an interest in analysing how customers respond to such attraction. Recently, I got an opportunity to exercise this interest of mine on a large scale, when I recently visited the Delhi Trade Fair, held between 21st & 28th November, 2015.

The adventure started even before I reached this mammoth event, because there were no tickets available for travel from Ahmedabad to Delhi. But I was determined to go and hence we broke the journey into two parts, the first being a bus journey to Udaipur and then onwards to 'Dillwalo ki Dilli'. What struck me as the most amazing fact on reaching Delhi was that some industrious Gujarati had already made a Gujarati Samaj Dormitory to cater to the increased footfall from Gujarat for such a trade fair. The fact that someone identified an opportunity and then created a haven for Gujaratis, keeping in mind the increased flow of people from Gujarat stands testament to the ability of enterprising Gujaratis.

From my place of stay to Pragati Maidan was a 45 minute



metro ride, which required me to change metro from the yellow line to the blue line. I also had the opportunity to pass through Kashmiri Gate & Rajiv Chawk which are two of the biggest stations on the metro line. More than 10000 commuters pass through these

lines every day and around 200 policemen deployed to check the traffic. For the convenience of the commuters there are more than 4 ATMS & 4 Customer Care Counters. The most interesting aspect that caught my attention was the wonderful co-operation and



co-branding between the Trade Fair team and the Metro team.

Tickets for the trade fair, without which entry is prohibited, were being sold from the Metro Stations and tickets for metro rides were being sold from the exit points at the Trade Fair. The trade fair was a real eye opener for me to see so many brands and people all at one place. The sheer scale of the trade fair was nothing I have seen before. There were more than 500 brands, from over 10 countries and these were visited by more than 1 lakh visitors every day! Something more astonishing was the fact that there are more than 3000 people waiting before the gates even open for the day. From the operational point

of view it was a delight to see so many counters at the same place. The trade fair had more than 25 stalls, each stall consisting 100 smaller counters, 25 hangers, 20 build in permanent food courts, 30 open outlets and more than 20 internal buses to transport visitors. There was also a special zone for all SMEs, wherein they were given complimentary space, food and promotional schemes in order to encourage the role of SMEs in Indian Economy. From marketers perspective this one of the best opportunities for the launch of a product in the market.

Lastly, it seems that Delhi was already aware of the environmental disaster that it was going to face in the near future and hence they also had a classic juggad in which they fitted a rickshaw with second hand battery (to reduce emission). The working model which could carry 4 people with ease, is a step closer to reduce mechanical waste and adding to possible pollution. The clincher is that this model is available to be bought against bank finance.

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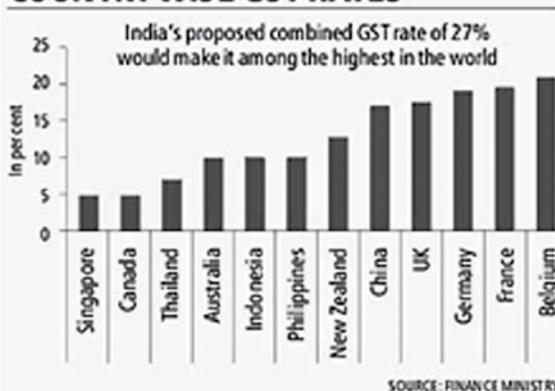
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX: A FISCAL REVOLUTION EAGERLY WAITED

By Hastimal G. Sagara

Widespread tax evasion, narrow tax base, corrupt tax officials, tax inflexibility, etc. have transformed Indian tax system into a highly cumbersome tax regime compared to that in the developed world. The cascading effects of multiple taxes on goods and services are extremely burdensome for the industry on one hand and people of the country on the other. Occasionally, there have been efforts for bringing tax reforms in India but due to varied reasons several reforms have never seen the light of a day. Goods and Services Tax (GST) is one of such highly revolutionary tax reform that is long pending as a bill in front of the parliament since long.

GST would be a single simple but comprehensive tax replacing several state and central indirect taxes such as

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central excise duty, turnover tax, Value Added Tax (VAT), service tax, octroi, entertainment, etc. under a Single Tax System. GST would be a common tax under both state and central governments and hence, tax revenue would be shared between governments at both levels.

There are certain issues related to determination of GST rate, tax proceeds sharing

formula between centre and state governments, states' worry of loss of revenue, special provision for certain states, etc. that need to be addressed promptly. All political parties should come together for the sake of development of nation and pass the crucial GST Bill in the parliament and make the GST a reality.

The benefits of GST would be numerous for both federal

and provincial governments. It would widen our tax umbrella and help broaden the revenue base of the governments. It is expected to bring greater transparency and less tax evasion. The GST would revive India's sluggish industrial sector and would help turn India into a manufacturing hub. Inflation would get milder in the long run with increased supply from the secondary sector. The stock market would get a shot in the shoulder. And most importantly, with GST becoming a reality, it is likely to double our GDP in a short span and reduce our fiscal deficit to bearable levels. It would become a milestone in the tax reforms in India.

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GUEST LECTURE ON FINANCIAL PLANNING

By Mumal Soni

On Thursday, 3 December, a guest lecture on the Financial Planning was given by Mr. Sameer Somal, the Chief Financial Officer of Blue Ocean Global Wealth, New York to the first year students of N R Institute of Business Administration. The lecture was organized in collaboration with TiE, Ahmedabad. It included the meaning, process, importance and omnipresence of financial planning in our lives, the global revolutions, communication skills, etc. The students were explained the importance of adaptation of



financial planning in business. Mr. Somal also put light on the concepts of the CPA and CPF programmes of chartered

accountancy. Going further, he explained the global revolution and how they changed the lifestyles around the world, talking in detail about the Industrial Revolution, the Technological Revolution and the Digital Revolution. While explaining the technological financial planning, he defined the innovation as, "The intellectual freedom that allows one to work according to his will." The students were thoroughly explained with the concepts of better and the best communication skills, and a way to successful career. When questioned about the importance

of diversity in global environment, he said "Diversity is all about the mindset of people of different ages, countries, cultures, thoughts, etc. and a knowledge about the same leads to an augmentation of the opportunities and that of better understanding." It was a great initiative made through the combined efforts of the college and Mr. Somal, which surely lead to a great impartation of the knowledge and the professional skills in the students.

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ALIGNING CORPORATE NEEDS TO EDUCATIONAL VISION

Dr. Rupali Singh delivered an introductory seminar as part of the Research & Publication Cell under the aegis of GLS University. The topic of seminar was 'Determinants of Graduate Employability: Total & Indirect Effects' which was delivered on 5th December, 2015 at NR Institute of Business Administration.

The longitudinal study which spans over a year's time deliberates over the most relevant question that haunts most educational institutes-what do recruiters look for in a candidate? The seminar saw educationists from varied subjects of commerce and management faculty as participants. Through the discussion that ensued GLS University faculty members attempted to find out key determinants which recruiters look for in prospective candidates.

Dr. Singh's research, which aims to align corporate needs to educational vision, combines quantitative data gathered from 114 recruiters from different sectors and compounds the requirements in the form of 7 determinants which are knowledge, skills, abilities, personality traits, self efficacy beliefs, emotional intelligence and career building traits. The research will be further extended by aligning these determinants with the training and placement drive at NR Institute of Business



Administration. The study would then access whether the steps taken towards aligning industry needs to placement and

training have benefited students and recruiters.

The seminar also saw educationists deliberating on the acute need of such a study, as its implications are long standing and continual. The implications of such a study would help develop better courses in the future, which would be industry relevant. The seminar was well received as it dealt with contemporary issues related to management education and carved a space for discussion on these issues.

SEA, SUN AND SAND GO GOA!



By Nirja Vasavada

It was in October 2013 that I went for the first time to Goa. This visit was not a 'vacation' visit, it was for a conference, with an extremely tight schedule. But during this short visit to Goa I so much fell in love with the place that I had to go again, and I did.

Yes, it's a very popular travel destination so many people would have seen/heard about the place. But the place offers so many choices of activities and places to visit it's amazing. There are churches, temples, river cruises, wild life, spice plantations, water fall, clubs and of course, beaches. We had done our research, made an itinerary for seven days, but the fun part was, we could never follow the itinerary! We stepped out of the airport, took a cab and the coastal road surrounded by the lush green trees just stole my heart. The sea was calling me, and the next three days were spent in the sea, literally. Of course, the after sea



and sun effect refuses to leave my skin, but that's totally worth the fun that the sea offers! It was like the sea was having a dialogue with me, a chat that one would have on meeting an old friend! Other

than the sea, the journey from one village to another on a two wheeler is one more thing I enjoyed the most. The roads, the coconut trees, the fields, the local churches, the weird colored houses (i.e. purple, yellow, pink!), made me feel I was in another world altogether! The last two days were meant for the places we had decided to visit - the famous tourist places like the Old Goa church etc. By the time we reached the end of the holidays (sigh!) I was completely overwhelmed with the place. There is an urge to go back again and again, and again.

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C U SHAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AAVO NE PADHARO MAHARE DESH!!

By Vanshika Shah

After the completion of our SA-1 exams, there was an adrenaline rush of excitement as students of VI to VIII were going on a three day tour to Chittorgadh and Kumbalghadh. Thinking about Rajasthan is a vast arid desert and miles of miles without much vegetation. Well, this uninspiring geographical feature has been soured by pompous forts and grand palaces built by the Rajputana Kings.

Our first halt was at Chittorgadh where we relaxed and headed towards the Fort. The view of the town from the top of the fort was magnificent. The fort truly evokes valour, bravery, sacrifice and honour of the Rajputs. A spring that feeds the tank from a carved cow's mouth in the cliff i.e. Gaumukh kund is one of the attractions of the fort. The main attraction is the Vijay Stambh – the Tower of Victory built by Maharana Kumbha to commemorate his victory over the Muslim rulers of Malwa and Gujarat in 1440 A. D.

Our journey then continued towards Haldighati, Maharana Pratap's Museum and Chetak Samadhi. The beautiful roses adorning Padmini Palace stand as a testimony to the bewitching beauty of Rani Padmavati. The Mira temple built by Rana Kumbha has a divine aura and pays a tribute to Girdhar Gopal.

On the next day we



headed towards Kumbhalghadh. The kumbhalghadh fort and its great wall is the second largest wall after the wall of China. It was almost dusk by the time our visit to the Fort had ended. The day was concluded with a light and sound show which summed up the story of Kumbhalghadh.

On the next day we headed to Ranakpur to see the Jain temples. The temple is designed as Chaumukha

i.e. four faced. The intricate carvings of the temple add to its beauty. After this visit we started our return journey to Ahmedabad taking along with us memoirs of the best moments of our life.

Undoubtedly India is incredible and harbours immense treasure of its rich glory and heritage.

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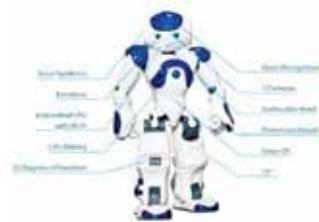
ROBOTICS

By Devyash Shah

As quoted by the famous Greek Philosopher Aristotle that if every tool when ordered could do the work in its accord, then there would be no need for apprentices, masters, workers, slaves or lords.

This holds true with the invention of robots made by man. Robotics is the branch of technology which deals with the design, construction, operation and application of robots as well as control systems for their control.

A robotic system often incorporates principles of mechanical engineering and computer science. Although this science came into



existence in the 20th century, its history dates back to ancient Greece.

With the passage of time i.e. 20th & 21st century, the robots have been better improvised and better equipped to suit human needs.

Unimate was the first digitally operated robot designed to lift hot pieces of metal. Today robots are designed to do innumerable jobs which are considered

dirty, dangerous & dull for humans. They are even widely used in earth & space explorations, surgery, weaponry, laboratory research, safety as well as mass production of goods. Man's innovative mind is always in the pursuit of exploring the impossible and making his life easy and comfortable. Of course man has been successfully able to attain things to a great extent, the only thing he is not been able to conquer is 'REST' which is believed that God kept with him, while bestowing other blessings on man.

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A WINNER FOR LIFE-TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING

By Dr. Parth Vaishnav

It just seems to me at times that I belong to the stone or the medieval ages. The times when all that communication meant was to go and meet my friends, play outdoor games or be a part of school educational or extracurricular activity. It pains a lot to make this statement because communication for the generation today means only Facebook and Waths app. A normal child aged 10-18 spends more time online in the virtual world through computers and cell phones under the pretext of "Social Networking" instead of reading a good book, participating in outdoor sports activities or extracurricular activities in school. As a psychiatrist, it's appalling for me to see young boys and girls consulting for "technology addiction" - like over use of computers, mobile phones, tablets and playstations. Invention and evolution of technology and modern gizmos were to make our lives efficient but alas we all are heading towards a life that may be deficient- in emotions, culture and imagination.

In a country like India where more children are deprived of even primary education, I consider the readers of this article as a privileged class who have the access to good education in a good institution. But what would you do if you do not make complete use of the resources provided to you and fall prey to technologies or

other distractions and addictions? Don't be a victim of wishes and desires in your life but be a victor over them. Success is a habit and not a matter of achievement. Our lives need a paradigm shift towards achieving our goals and ambitions.

History has taught us about many revolutions across the centuries in various countries for freedom from slavery to attain our authority and rights. Today it is our responsibility to be a part of a new revolution, a revolution to achieve and earn our goal and stay away from distractions, demands and undue pressures from peers. Your mind at this age is like wet cements it will bear the impression of whatever shape is given to it. Inculcate principles of time management, goal achievement and over and above all stress management to achieve desired dreams. Be assertive and dream big but work even harder because to dream is a right but to achieve is an art. Be the master of your life and not a slave to technology or addictions. Find solutions to the problems in your life, shape your future, have positive self-esteem, aim towards excellence and success will be an obvious outcome of your efforts.

"A quitter never wins-and-a winner never quits"

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SAVE TIGER

By Ritoli Shah

Since olden days killing tigers has always been seen as symbol of heroism and bravery. Thousands of years ago, primitive man scurried around the underbrush of the Asian forests. The fascination for tigers deeply rooted in them. The global traveller Marco Polo, who visited control Asia in 1300 propounded the proves of Mongol warriors who hunted 'striped lions' from horse neck.

Illegal trade in tiger parts became highly organized. In the past tigers were preached for furs but now a days tigers are also poached primary for their bones and other body parts. They preached by the Chinese in a

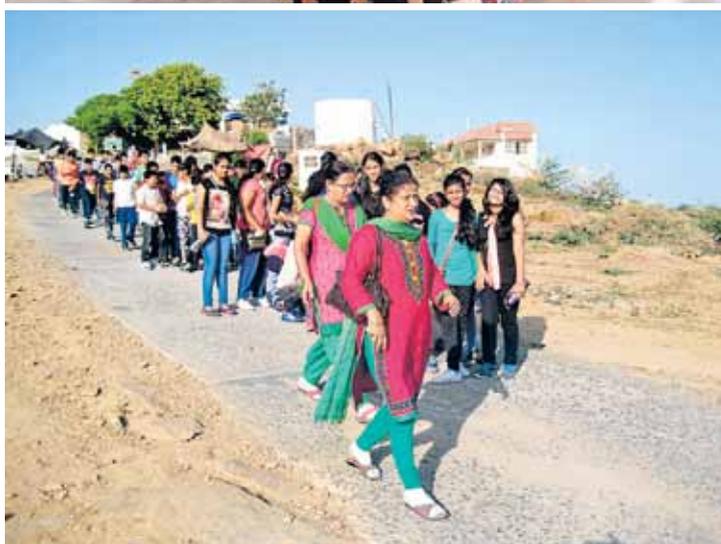
Variety of medicinal products. China is the biggest retail market from where the tiger skins and parts are supposed to Vietnam, Taiwan, West Asia, South Korea and Japan. It is believed in past 10 years 1,500 tigers have been killed and Rs900 crore earned by poachers. A tiger skin is worth's Rs10 to 12 lakhs and value of each poached tiger is 60 lakhs. The project tiger scheme has been under implementation since 1973 as a centrally sponsored scheme by the government of India. It was started with 1 dollar contribution by the kids. The aim of the project tiger is to ensure a viable population of tigers in India for economic, esthetic and

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KUTCH NAHI DEKHA TO KUCH NAHI DEKHA

N.R.Primary School arranged a tour to Bhuj-Mandvi from 26th Oct 2015, Monday to 28th Oct 2015, Wednesday. It was of 3 days and 2 nights. There were 66 students and 2 teachers. Children were accommodated in a four star hotel named Re-genta. We started for Bhuj at 6:00am. from Ahmedabad. On the first day, We went to PragMahal. It is the very same place where shooting of 'Khushboo Gujarat ki' by Amitabh Bachhan and Aamir Khan's 'Lagaan' was done. PragMahal is worth visiting as there are crore years old tree fossils, Shahi Savari of king, Palkhi of queen, Aayna Mahal etc... At night, we went to 'Bhujodi' It's a town near Bhuj where artisans directly sell their goods. Next day, we started for Black mountain. There is a temple of Lord Dattatraya. It is at a height. We halted at a place and did trekking to reach the temple. It was an adventure cum fun. Then we started for White Desert. It was awesome. Luckily it was Sharad Purnima. The beauty of it cannot be penned down. Girls did garba over there. On the third day, we went to Mandvi beach, 72 Jinalaya and Ashapura temple. In the campus of Ashapura temple, they have made a



replica of Vaishnav Devi. It is delicious. Students enjoyed it and were very happy. The food was healthy and Do visit it.

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K. N. Primary School Is Proud to announce that Naitik R. Mehta a student of VI-B has acquired the State Championship for chess for the Fourth unreceptive year.

Naitik is not only excellent in chess but is also very good in academics.

He started playing chess when he was only 4 1/2 years old. His international rating inches are 1666.

He aspires to become a Grand Master in the near future.

Last year 2014-2015 he won the Khel Mahakumbh



Championship. This year he also won a silver medal in National School Games.

JAGRUT JAN



When India was celebrating 69th Independence Day. On this occasion an event was organised by Jagrut jan which was a dance competition on the patriotic songs. Padma Shri Kumarpal Desai and Retd Chief Justice R.R.Tripathi were the chief guest. This event was organised by Damani Group. In this dance competition M.K.

Secondary and Higher Secondary students participated, they stood first in the event. All the students were awarded Individual Trophy and Rotating Trophy for the M.K. Secondary and Higher Secondary school. Besides these they got a cash price of Rs. 5000/- Students were overwhelmed receiving the prize.

DIWALI : A FAVOURABLE OCCASION TO WELCOME ILLUMINATIVE LIFE



GLS and NR secondary and higher secondary school had welcomed festivity of Diwali through cultural programme in a different way with the motivation of our honourable Prin. Sunanda Shah. The programme began with the 'AARTI' as an invocation to the goddess Jagdamba which spread the spiritual waves in the

whole surroundings. The whole scenario was the reflection of the fusion of music, dance and rythm. When the students of NR and GLS school started playing garba, the environment was zealous. Moreover the logo of GLS and NRHS WELCOME DIWALI made by the students through the lamps was quite enthralling. The whole programme was the

manifestation of artistic quality as well as symbolic presentation of the enlightenment of the soul through awakening of the virtues and driving away the vices to lighten the human life.

To Travel is to live...

*“To move, to breathe, to fly, to float, To gain all while you give, To roam the roads of lands remote, To travel is to live.”
GLS Voice readers roamed the roads of lands remote, and captured some fascinating pictures. Have a glimpse...*



THE PRISTINE WHITE SANDS AND CLEAR BLUE WATERS, PHILIPPINES



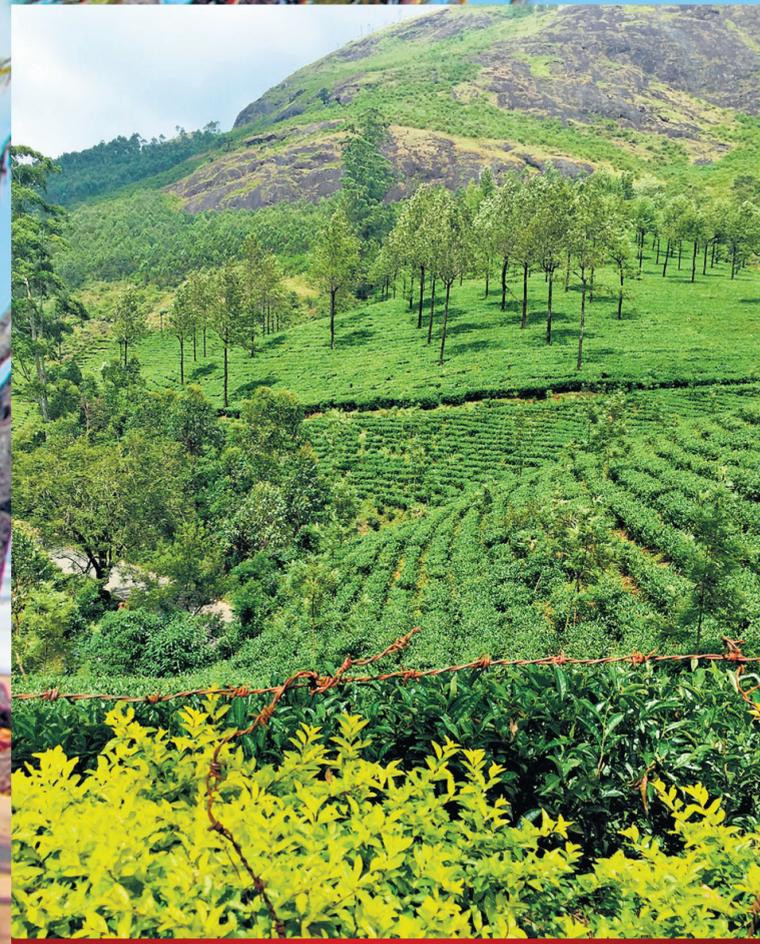
HANGING BRIDGE MADE OF BAMBOO AND CANE OVER THE RIVER LOBOC, PHILIPPINES



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CHIDIYA TAPU, PORT BLAIR, ANDAMAN



FAMOUS TEA GARDENS AT MUNNAR



HERD OF ELEPHANTS AT THEKKADY



A LOCAL CHURCH IN SALIGAO, GOA



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લોહપુરુષનું સુકોમળ હૃદય

મીણ જેવા મનના માનવીનો આ જગમાં તોટો નથી. પ્રવાહી જેવા તરલ મનના લોકો જે ઢાળમાં ઢળે તેવા બની જાય છે. જેમ પાણીનો કોઈ પોતીકો રંગ હોતો નથી, પરંતુ એમાં જે રંગ નાંખો તે રંગે પાણી રંગાઈ જાય છે એમ મોટાભાગના લોકોનો પોતાનો કોઈ રંગ હોતો નથી. સિધ્ધાંતવિહોણો માનવી કોઈ પણ તરંગના વહેણમાં વહી જાય છે. એમના મનની શેત યુદ્ધકી કોઈ પણ વાત, વિચાર કે વાદના રંગે રંગાઈ જાય છે. એટલે જ તો કોઈ પણ ફેશન, ફિલ્મ, ટીવી સીરીયલ, વ્યસન કે સોબત માણસને ધરમૂળથી બદલી નાખે છે. માણસ જાણે કે બદલાઈ જવા માટે જ સર્જાયો ન હોય એવું લાગે છે ! માણસ તો જાણે ધૂળનું ઢેકું. એ ગંગાજળથીય વધે અને પેશાબથીય ! આવા લોકોના જીવનનું કોઈ મૂલ્ય નથી.

પરંતુ બહુ થોડા લોકો આ જગતમાં એવા જોવા મળે છે કે જે જીવનભર કોઈ એક સિધ્ધાંતને વફાદાર રહી શકે છે. પુરુષાર્થ, ત્યાગ, સમર્પણ અને બલિદાનરૂપી આકરી કિંમત ચૂકવીને પણ તેઓ અફર રહે છે. તેઓ સત્ય-અસત્યનો વિવેક કેળવે છે. તેઓ આશીર્વાદથી અને અનુભવથી પામેલા સત્યનો નિશ્ચય કરીને પછી જીવનભર એનું પાલન કરતા હોય છે. એમની સિધ્ધાંતનિષ્ઠા કે સત્ય માટેની ખેવના અવ્યવહારું કે આત્યંતિક લાગે એ હદની હોય છે. જોકે એવું આચરણ જ અન્યો માટે અસરકારક ઉપદેશ બની શકે છે.

કહે છે કે અડગ મનના મુસાફરને હિમાલય પણ નથી નડતો. ભારતના પનાક્તા પુત્ર સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પટેલ એવા અડગ મનના માનવી હતા. સત્ય અને સ્વદેશ માટેની એમની પ્રતિબદ્ધતા અનન્ય હતી. ભગવાન સિવાય તેઓ કોઈને નમ્યા નહીં. અવરોધો, પ્રતિકુળતાઓ, પીડા, આઘાત, યાતના કે ઉપાલંભ એમને ડગાવી શક્યા નહોતા. કરમસદથી ૬ માઈલ દૂર પેટલાદ ભણવા પગપાળા જતા સરદારે રસ્તામાં બરાબર વચ્ચેવચ આવેલો અને બધાને ચાલવામાં નડતરરૂપ થતો પથ્થર ઉખાડીને કેંકી દીધો હતો. નડિયાદ નગરપાલિકાની ચૂંટણીમાં ‘હારી જઈ તો મારી મુછ મુંડાવીશ’ એમ શેખી મારનાર વગદાર અને પ્રતિષ્ઠિત ઉમેદવાર વિરુદ્ધ પ્રચાર કરી સરદારે પોતાના શિક્ષક મહાનંદને જતાડ્યા હતા અને તે આગેવાનને મૂછ મંડાવવા મજબૂર કર્યા હતા. બાકરોલમાં હતા ત્યારે બગલમાં થયેલા ગુમડાને નસ્તર મુકાવવા બાળવયે જાતે જ ધગધગતા સળિયાનો ડામ દીધો હતો. વળી વિલાપત ભણવા ગયા ત્યારે વાળાના રોગનું ઓપરેશન એનેસ્થેશિયા લીધા વિના કરાવ્યું હતું. અંગ્રેજોના સિતમ અને પત્નીના દુઃખદ અવસાનના સંજોગોમાં પણ સરદારે જરાય સ્વસ્થતા ગુમાવી નહોતી. વર્ગવિગ્રહ અને અછતના ભરોસે ત્યજ દેવાયેલ ભારત દેશના અસંખ્ય રજવાડાઓ જ્યારે સ્વતંત્ર થવાની પેરવીમાં હતા ત્યારે વિશ્વના નકશામાંથી ભારત ભૂંસાઈ જવાની અણી પર હતું. આવા સંજોગોમાં અત્યંત કુનેહ તથા ધૈર્ય દાખવીને જામનગર, જૂનાગઢ, મોરબી, ભોપાલ તથા હૈદરાબાદ જેવાં કેટલાય રાજ્યના રાજવીઓને પોતાનો સ્વાર્થ તજ અખંડ ભારતના નિર્માણમાં સહયોગ આપવા જેમણે તૈયાર કર્યા એ સરદારનું મનોબળ કેવું અતુલ્ય હશે !

નહેરુ પરિવાર સાથે ઘરોબો ધરાવતાં પીઠ અને અનુભવી પત્રકાર એમ.એન.



થોલાલ સરદારની કાર્યશૈલીના ચાહક હતા. વળી જવાહરલાલ નહેરુ સાથે નિખાલસ ચર્ચા કરી શકે તેવા તેમના સંબંધો હતા. વાતવાતમાં નહેરુએ એકવાર તેમને કહ્યું, “ભારતમાં અત્યારે હું સર્વસત્તાધીશ છું.” જવાહરલાલ વડાપ્રધાન હોવા છતાં કોંગ્રેસ પર સરદારનું વર્ચસ્વ હોવાનું સારી પેઠે જાણતા થોલાલ આ સાંભળી એકદમ હસી પડ્યા. જવાહરલાલે આમ એકાએક ખડખડાટ હસવાનું કારણ પૂછતાં થોલાલ બોલી ઊઠ્યા, “તમે દેશના સર્વસત્તાધીશ બરા, પણ સરદારની પરવાનગીથી!” અને જવાહરલાલ સામી દલીલ કરવાના બદલે મૂંગા જ બેસી રહ્યા. થોલાલ આ બાબતમાં નોંધે છે કે, “સામાન્ય રીતે કોઈ વડાપ્રધાન નાયબ વડાપ્રધાનથી ડરે નહીં, પણ જવાહરલાલ સરદારથી ડરતા હતા. સરદારના અવસાન પછી જ નહેરુ નિર્ભયપણે વર્તતા થયા હતા. આમ નહેરુ જ સરદારથી ડરતા એવું નથી દેશમાં બધા નેતાઓને સરદારનો ડર રહેતો હતો.”

એક સામાન્ય ખેડૂતપુત્ર સમગ્ર દેશના નિર્વિવાદ નેતાપદે આરૂઢ થઈ જાય એ નાનીસુની વાત નથી. ધાર્યું કામ પાર પાડવાની ક્ષમતા ધરાવતા નિરંકુશ સત્તાના સ્વામી પોતેય નિરંકુશ બની જતા હોય છે. પરંતુ અસાધારણ વ્યક્તિત્વ ધરાવતા હોવા છતાં સરદાર સદા ધરતીના છોરું બની રહ્યા. જેમની અમીનજર માટે રાજા-મહારાજાઓ તરસતા એ સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પટેલ સાવ સાધારણ દેશવાસીથી ક્યારેય વિમુખ થયા ન હતા. હિમાલય સમા અવિચળ એમના વ્યક્તિત્વમાંથી કરુણા અને સ્નેહની ગંગાધારા સતત વહા કરતી હતી. ભારતના લોહપુરુષના ઋજુ હૃદયના પ્રમાણો એમના જીવનમાં પળેપળે પરખાય છે.

હજુ તો અભ્યાસ પૂરો કરીને ૨૫ વર્ષની વયે ગોધરામાં પ્લીડર તરીકે એમણે વકીલાત શરૂ કરેલી. એ અરસામાં પ્લેગનો જીવલેણ રોગ ફાટી નીકળ્યો. વલ્લભભાઈના મિત્ર રામજીભાઈને પ્લેગનો રોગ લાગુ પડ્યો. પરિવારના સભ્યો પણ એમનાથી દૂર રહેવા લાગ્યા. પરંતુ જીવલેણ રોગની બીક રાખ્યા વિના સરદારે રામજીભાઈની સેવા અને સારવાર કરી. રામજીભાઈ તો બચી ન શક્યા પણ સરદારને પ્લેગનો રોગ લાગુ પડી ગયો. આમ જરૂરિયાતમંદની સેવા સરદારને જીવથીય વહાલી હતી.

અનેક રાષ્ટ્રીય જવાબદારીઓનું વહન કરતા રહેતા સરદાર હંમેશા સમય કાઢીને નાનામાં નાના કાર્યકરોની કાળજી લેતા. દેશની સેવામાં સમર્પિત થયેલા દરેક કાર્યકર માટે તેમને ખૂબ આદર હતો. એકવાર ધોળકાથી આવેલ પત્રમાં એક

કાર્યકરે લખ્યું હતું “હું ધોળકામાં રહું છું અને કોંગ્રેસના કાર્યકર તરીકે સેવા આપું છું. મારી માથે સંકટ આવી પડ્યું છે. મને ટીબીનો રોગ થયો છે. મારા ઘરમાં કમાનારું બીજું કોઈ નથી. મને ચિંતા થયા કરે છે કે મને કંઈ થઈ જશે તો મારા પરિવારનું શું થશે ?” પત્ર વાંચતાં જ સરદારનું હૈયું ટ્રવી ઊઠ્યું. તરત જ એમણે લાલાભાઈ નામના સ્થાનિક કાર્યકર પર પત્ર લખાવીને ટીબીના દર્દી કાર્યકરને મુંબઈ મોકલાવી તેમની સારવારની સંપૂર્ણ વ્યવસ્થા કરાવી. એટલું જ નહીં, એ કાર્યકરની સારવાર મુંબઈમાં ચાલે એ દિવસો દરમ્યાન એના પરિવારના નિર્વાહની વ્યવસ્થા પણ સરદારે ગોઠવી દીધી! દેશની સેવામાં જોડાયેલા સેવકોને અને તેમના પરિવારને કોઈ તકલીફ ન પડે અને દેશસેવાનું ગૌરવ વધે અને સૌને દેશસેવાની પ્રેરણા મળે એવી સરદારની ભાવના હતી.

સરદારની મુખાકૃતિ જોતાંવેંત જ તેઓ કૃતનિશ્ચયી અને ધાર્યું કામ પાર પાડનાર લાગે. તેઓની સ્પષ્ટ, અસરકારક અને ધારદાર વાણી જીવવધી સહેલી નહોતી. પરંતુ શ્રીફળની જેમ બહારથી કઠોર જણાતા સરદાર હૃદયથી ખૂબ પ્રેમાળ હતા. પોતાના સંતાનોને એમણે ક્યારેય માતાની ખોટ સાલવા દીધી ન હતી. વળી સાવ અજાણ્યા યુવાનોને પણ એમણે પિતાતુલ્ય સ્નેહથી ભીંજવી દીધા હતા. એકવાર પંજાબ યુનિવર્સિટીના પદવીદાન સમારંભમાં મુખ્ય અતિથિ તરીકે બિરાજમાન સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પાસે આવીને એક યુવાન એમને પગે લાગ્યો. સરદારે એ યુવાનને આશીર્વાદ આપતા ખૂબ વ્હાલથી પૂછ્યું “કેમ છો બેટા ? મજામાં ને ?” પેલા વિદ્યાર્થીએ પણ લાગણીવશ થઈ જવાબ આપ્યો “હા, એકદમ મજામાં છું. અને આપને કેમ છે?” સરદારે તેના માથા પર હાથ રાખીને ખૂબ મમતાથી પ્રત્યુત્તર આપ્યો, “બેટા, મને પણ સાચું છે.” આટલું કહીને સરદાર આગળ વધી ગયા.

એ યુવાન સાથેની આ વાત્સલ્યસભર મુલાકાતના સાક્ષી બનેલા એક કાર્યકરે કુતુહલવશ થઈ સરદારને પૂછ્યું, “પેલો યુવાન તમારો કોઈ સગો થતો હતો ?” સરદારે કહ્યું, “ના, હું તો એને ઓળખતો પણ નથી.” આ સાંભળી નવાઈ પામેલા તે કાર્યકરે કહ્યું, “આપ એને ઓળખતા જ નહોતા તો પછી શા માટે એના ખબર-અંતર આત્મીયતાથી પૂછતા હતા ?” સરદારે જવાબ આપ્યો, “હું ભલે એને ન ઓળખતો હોઉં પણ એ તો મને ઓળખતો હતો ને ! એટલે એ મારો ઓળખીતો ન હોવા છતાં પણ મેં એની સાથે પ્રેમથી વાતો

કરી. આપણા માટે જે સાવ સામાન્ય માણસ હોય એના માટે આપણે અસામાન્ય હોઈએ છીએ.”

જેના હૈયામાં કોઈ પણ જાતનો સ્વાર્થ નથી હોતો તે વ્યક્તિ જ સૌને સાચો પ્રેમ કરી શકે છે. નાનામાં નાના માણસથી માંડીને પોતાના તમામ સહયોગીઓની સંભાળ લેવામાં સરદાર હંમેશાં અગ્રેસર રહેતા. બધાના રસ અને રુચિ જાળવીને તેઓ સૌને સાચવતા. સરદાર બધાનો ખ્યાલ રાખે. તેઓને ખબર હતી કે-સરોજિની નાયડું ને ધીમાં તળેલા મરચાં બહુ ભાવે. જવાહરલાલ અને ખાન અબ્દુલ ગફારખાનને કોફી સારી જોઈએ. મોલાના આઝાદને ચા વિના ન ચાલે. રાજેન્દ્રભાભુને માખણવાળા ગરમ ફુલકા ભાવે, ગોવિંદ વલ્લભ પંતને ઈસબગુલની જરૂર પડે. સરદારને બધાના રસ-રુચિ પ્રમાણે બધાને જમાડવાનો ઉમંગ રહેતો. તેઓ પોતે પાણીમાં ટોટલો ચોળીને જમતા પણ બીજા સાથીદારોના સ્વાદની બરાબર સંભાળ લેતા!

સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ દેશમાં અંગ્રેજી માધ્યમની શાળામાં ભણ્યા, ઈંગ્લેંડ જઈ બેરિસ્ટર થયા. તેમ છતાં એમણે ભારતીય પરંપરા અને સંસ્કારો પૂરેપૂરા જાળવ્યા હતા. કોર્ટમાં સાવજની જેમ ડાહ્યા સરદાર કહેતા, “મારા કુટુંબના સંસ્કારો જ એવા હતા, કે હું ૩૦ વર્ષનો થયો ત્યાં સુધી ક્યારેય મારા વડીલોની સામે તો ઠીક એમની હાજરીમાં પણ ઊંચા અવાજે હું બોલ્યો નથી. માત્ર જેટલી જરૂર હોય બસ એટલી જ વાત થતી. વધારાનો એક શબ્દ પણ હું બોલતો નહીં.” ભલભલાને સાચી વાત નિહડકપણે કહી દેનાર સરદાર વડીલોની આમન્યા કદી ચૂક્યા નહોતા.

જે બ્રિટીશ સામ્રાજ્યનો સૂર્ય કદી આથમતો નહોતો એને સરદારે નમાવ્યું. સેંકડો રાજ-રજવાડાઓને અખંડ ભારતના નિર્માણ માટે પોતાના અસ્તિત્વને વિલીન કરવા સંમત કર્યા. આઝાદ ભારતની સરકાર અને પ્રજા એમ બેઉના માનીતા સરદારે પોતાની કૌટુંબિક પરંપરા અને આધ્યાત્મિક વારસો બરાબર જાળવી રાખ્યો હતો. તેઓની મહાન સફળતાનું રહસ્ય ‘ભગવાનનાં શ્રદ્ધા’ હતી. સ્વારાજ્ય મેળવવા માટેનું બળ એમણે અધ્યાત્મમાંથી જ મેળવ્યું હતું. ભારતીય પ્રજામાં જાગૃતિ અને ચેતના આણવા માટે તેઓએ ધર્મનો કેવો આધાર રાખ્યો હતો એની વાત બારડોલી સત્યાગ્રહના સંદર્ભે કરતાં ગાંધીજીએ કહેલું “વલ્લભભાઈએ તેમને (બારડોલીના લોકોને) સમજાવ્યું કે ઈશ્વરને નામે લીધેલી પ્રતિજ્ઞા તોડનાર પર ઈશ્વર

રૂઠશે તો રાજા પણ એની રક્ષા નહિ કરી શકે. એ ધર્મ માટે એમણે સ્ત્રીઓમાં પણ જાગૃતિ આણી. એઓ (વલ્લભભાઈ) લોકોને એક કરી શક્યા તો તે રામનામથી. એમના સ્વયંસેવકો ‘રઘુપતિ રાઘવ રાજા રામ’ ની ધૂનમાં લોકોને તલ્લીન કરી દેતા. વલ્લભભાઈ લોકોને સમજાવી શક્યા કે જે ઈશ્વરને નામે આપણે પ્રતિજ્ઞા લીધી તેને દગો ન દઈએ. જો આપણે અભણ પ્રજામાં કામ કરવું હોય, તેમની સેવા કરવી હોય, તેમને સ્વારાજ્યવાદી એટલે કે રામરાજ્યવાદી બનાવવા હોય તો તે ધર્મજાગૃતિની મારફતે જ થઈ શકશે એમ એમણે (વલ્લભભાઈએ) જોયું. જો કોઈ વલ્લભભાઈએ બારડોલીમાં આપેલા વ્યાખ્યાનોનો સંગ્રહ કરીને છપાવે તો તે ધર્મના વ્યાખ્યાનોનો સંગ્રહ થઈ જશે. લોકોને પોતાની શક્તિનું ભાન કરાવતાં કરાવતાં વલ્લભભાઈને ધર્મજાગૃતિ વિશેષ થઈ. એમનામાં ધર્મજાગૃતિ નહોતી એમ નહિ પણ ધર્મ કેવી ચમત્કારી વસ્તુ છે તે એઓ બારડોલીમાં શીખ્યા.”

સરદાર સત્તાની સાથે જોડાયેલા દૂષણોથી જોજનો દૂર હતા. ભારતના નાયબ વડાપ્રધાન તરીકે નિયુક્ત થયા બાદ પહેલી વખત ઓફિસે જઈ રહેલા સરદારને તેમના દીકરી મણિબહેન કાંડા ઘડિયાળ અને પેન આપવા માંડ્યા ત્યારે સરદારે તે રાખવાની ના પાડતા કહ્યું, “ઘડિયાળ તો ઓફિસમાં હશે અને જે સહી કરાવવા આવશે તેની પાસે પેન પણ હશે. મારે એ રાખવાની શી જરૂર ?” કોંગ્રેસ પક્ષ માટે સરદાર જ ભંડોળ ઉઘરાવતા. તેઓએ પક્ષ માટે લાખો રૂપિયાનો વહીવટ કર્યો. ઘનસ્વામદાસ બિરલા, કસ્તુરભાઈ લાલભાઈ, અંબાલાલ સારાભાઈ, વાલચંદ હીરાચંદ જેવા કરોડપતિઓ સાથે ઘરોબો હોવા છતાં સરદારે સ્થાવર-જંગમ કે રોકડમાં કશી જ મિલકત રાખી ન હતી.

આટલી સાદગી અને ત્યાગ સરદારમાં કઈ રીતે આવ્યા હશે ? એમનામાં પરિવાર અને રાષ્ટ્ર માટે બલિદાન અને ભક્તિભાવ કઈ રીતે જાગ્યા હશે ? બારડોલી સત્યાગ્રહ વખતે લોકોનાં હૃદયમાં અધ્યાત્મની ચેતના જગાવી સત્યાગ્રહને સફળ કરનાર સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પટેલના પિતા ઝવેરભાઈના ગુરુ શાસ્ત્રી યજ્ઞપુરુષદાસજી અત્યંત પ્રતાપી અને ગુણીયલ સંત હતા. તેઓના નિર્મળ ચારિત્ર્ય અને સદ્ગુણોની આભા સરદારે જીલી હતી. શાસ્ત્રીજી મહારાજ નામે પ્રસિદ્ધ એ સંતવર્યે નાનકડા વલ્લભભાઈને બાળવયમાં આશીર્વાદ આપતા કહેલું કે, ‘આ બાળક ભારતનો બેતાજબાદશાહ થશે’ આવા દિવ્ય મહાપુરુષની છત્રછાયા હોવાને કારણે જ સરદારના અહંશૂન્ય હૃદયમાં સેવા, સમર્પણ અને ભક્તિની ત્રિવેણી રચાઈ હતી. પરિવાર અને રાષ્ટ્ર માટે પોતાના અસ્તિત્વને ઓગાળી નાંખવાની સરદારની આવી ભાવનાને બિરદાવતા કાકાસાહેબ કાલેલકરે લખ્યું છે, ‘કુળપરંપરાથી તે (સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ) સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના હતા. એ સંપ્રદાયમાં જે એક જાતની ખાસ વ્યક્તિનિષ્ઠા મળે છે, જે એમનામાં (સરદારમાં) ખાસ હતી. એ નિષ્ઠા એમના કૌટુંબિક જીવનમાં અને ખાસ કરીને તેમના મોટાભાઈ વિઠ્ઠલભાઈ પટેલ તરફ તેઓ જે આદર રાખતા, તેમાં વ્યક્ત થઈ છે. એવી અનન્ય નિષ્ઠા એમણે ગાંધીજી પ્રત્યે દર્શાવી.’” બસ, આ જ હતું લોહપુરુષના અનેક સદ્ગુણોથી વિભૂષિત સુકોમળ પુષ્પસમા હૃદયનું રહસ્ય !

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“એઈડ્સનો કોઈ ઈલાજ નથી. પરંતુ એઈડ્સ ના થાય તેના માટે ઘણા ઈલાજ છે. ઈલાજનો પ્રથમ તબક્કો એટલે તે અંગેની જાગૃતતા” : આ શબ્દો હતા મ્યુનિસિપલ કોર્પોરેશન એઈડ્સ નિયંત્રણ વિભાગના શ્રી પાવનભાઈના. એચ.એ.કોલેજ ઓફ કોમર્સના એન.એસ.વિભાગના ઉપક્રમે એઈડ્સ અવેરનેસનો કાર્યક્રમ કોલેજના આચાર્યશ્રી પ્રિ. સંજય વકીલની ઉપસ્થિતિમાં યોજવામાં આવ્યા હતા. કાર્યક્રમના મુખ્ય વક્તા શ્રી પાવનભાઈએ રોજીંદા જીવનમાં જોવા મળતી હકીકતો અને ઉદાહરણો દ્વારા એઈડ્સ થવાના સંભવિત કારણો અને તેને રોકવાના ઉપાયોની તલસ્પર્શી સમજ આપી હતી. અસલામત અને લગ્ન પહેલાના જાતીય સંબંધો મહદ્ અંશે એઈડ્સ થવા માટે વધુ જવાબદાર છે. વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આ અવસ્થામાં સજાગ રહે તો ભવિષ્યમાં આ પ્રકારના જીવલેણ રોગથી પોતાને બચાવી શકે છે.

“છેલ્લો દિવસ” આજ કાલ ખૂબ સ્વીકાર પામેલ અને ચર્ચામાં રહેલ અર્બન ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ છે. જેમાં એસ.એમ.પટેલ ઈન્સ્ટીટ્યુટ ઓફ કોમર્સ કોલેજના ૧૩ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અનેક નાની મોટી ભૂમિકાઓ અદા કરી યશસ્વી કાર્ય કર્યું છે. જાણીતા લેખક તથા ડાયરેક્ટર શ્રી અભિષેક શાહ આ ફિલ્મના કાસ્ટીંગ ડાયરેક્ટર છે. જેમના માર્ગદર્શન હેઠળ કોલેજના વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ ફિલ્મમાં અસરકારક કામગીરી ભજવી છે. તે બદલ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ તથા અધ્યાપકો અભિનંદનને પાત્ર છે. આ ફિલ્મમાં એમ.કોમ.માં ભણતા પલ્કેશ અગ્રવાલે આસિસ્ટન્ટ ડાયરેક્ટર તરીકે તથા એસ.વાય.બી.કોમમાં ભણતા નિશિત પુજારાએ આસિસ્ટન્ટ કાસ્ટીંગ ડાયરેક્ટર તરીકેની ભૂમિકા સફળતા પૂર્વક અદા કરી છે. નિશિત પુજારા કહે છે કે, ફિલ્મમાં કામ કરનાર દરેક વ્યક્તિ એક પરિવારની જેમ જ રહે છે. હીરો-હિરોઈનનો જેટલો રોલ છે તેટલો જ રોલ નાનામાં નાની ભૂમિકા અદા કરતા એક્ટરનો છે. પલ્કેશ જણાવે છે કે દિગ્દર્શનનો ભાગ બની ખૂબ મજા પડી, કામ ઘણું ચેલેન્જીંગ હતું પણ તેનો અનુભવ યાદગાર રહેશે.

જુનિયર આર્ટિસ્ટ તરીકે કામ કરતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ - રોહન, પરિક્ષિત, કરણસિંહ, રિષભ, સાહિલ, સુષ્ટિ, દેવાંશી, અનેરી, વૈભવ, મહર્ષિ અમિત

નવું કરવાનો અવસર આવે તો મજા પડે !



તેમના અનુભવો વ્યક્ત કરતા કહે છે કે - કોલેજ લાઈફ એટલે... મિત્રો સાથે મસ્તી, મજાક, પાર્ટીઝ જુદી જુદી એક્ટીવીટીઝ માં ભાગ લેવાનો અને ભણવાનું ! પરંતુ તેમાં કંઈક નવું કરવાનો અવસર મળે તો કેવી મજા પડે !! બસ કંઈક આવું જ થયું અમારી સાથે. કોલેજના નાટકો માંથી સીંધા ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મના વિશાળ પડદે કામ મળવું એક સ્વપ્ન જેવું લાગતું હતું. જીવન ભર ન ભૂલી શકાય એવો ગોલ્ડન ચાન્સ કહેવાય. દિવસો સુધી શુટીંગ, સવારે

વહેલા ઊઠીને જવાનું અને રાત્રે મોડા પાછા આવો ત્યાં સુધી સતત નવીન અનુભવો અને જાણકારી. પ્રથમવાર કેમેરાને ફેસ કરવાનો ડર હીરો-હીરોઈન સાથે શોટ આપવા, કદાચ અવર્ણનીય અનુભવ હતો. પોતાની જાતને મોટા પડદે જોવાની મજા કંઈક અલગ જ છે. દરેક પળે અમને એવી લાગણી થતી હતી કે, કોલેજે અમને તૈયાર ન કર્યા હોત તો આટલી સરળતાથી અમે આ કાર્ય ન કરી શકત. અંતમાં એવું કહી શકાય કે

અર્બન ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મોની વધતી જતી સ્વીકૃતિ અને વ્યાપકતાએ આજની યુવા પેઢીના નાટ્ય કળાના શોખને વિકસિત અને પ્રજ્વલિત રાખવા માટે એક નવી તક પૂરી પાડી છે.

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- Curtin International Merit Scholarships in Australia, 2016**
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More Details: <http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarships/scholarship.cfm?id=2426.0>
- Young India Fellowship Programme for Postgraduate Students in India, 2016/2017**
Last date: 15th December 2015
More Details: <http://www.youngindiafellowship.com/>

6. Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre PhD Scholarship in Australia, 2016

Last date: 31 December 2015
More Details: <https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarships/scholarship.cfm?id=2485.0>

B) OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS:

- CSEAS Fellowship for Visiting Research Scholars in Japan, 2016/2017**
Last date: December 15, 2015
More Details: <http://www.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/networks/international-networks/opportunities/>
- CWIT Short Research and Professional Visits Grants in UK, 2016**
Last date: 31 December 2015
More Details: <https://www.britishcouncil.in/study-uk/scholarships/charles-wallace-trust/short-research>
- Google Software Engineering PhD Internship In UK, 2016**
Last date: December 31st, 2015
More Details: <https://www.google.com/about/careers/search#!t=jo&jid=141935001&>
- Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme in UK, 2016**
Last date: 14 December, 2015.
More Details: <http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/rothamsted-international-fellowship-scheme>
- Durham International Senior Fellowships for Researchers in UK, 2016-2017**
Last date: 08 January 2016

More Details: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/diferens/senior/>

C) OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS:

- UGC Invites proposals for Indo-US 21st Century knowledge Initiative**
Last date: 31st December, 2015
More Details: http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9638029_Indo-US_21st_Century_Knowledge_Innitative1.pdf
- INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH invites proposal for Fellowships (Senior Fellowships and Post-Doctoral Fellowships)**
Last date: There is no last date for applying under any fellowship schemes of ICSSR. Applications will be accepted throughout the year.
More Details: <http://www.icsr.org/adv%20Fello.htm>
- Adidas Group Human Resources Talent Acquisition Internships in Germany, 2016**
Last date: 15- December-2015
More Details: <https://jobs.adidas-group.com/adidas-group/job/57183001/?feedid=138901>
- ICTP Postdoctoral Fellowships for International Applicants in Italy, 2016**
Last date: 15- December-2015
More Details: <https://www.ictp.it/research/math/postdoctoral-positions.aspx>

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cultural values and to preserve biological importance as the Natural heritage. The greatest contribution of project tiger was that every at Indian has become concessions about the need to project the tiger. There are three prime reasons that have contributed to the dwindling

population of the tiger. Human greed perceived threat and loss of habitat. As a result 1980, where the very best of times for the wild tigers because habitats had become undistributed tigress were able to breed and population grew.

Some of the best examples of this program success can be

seen in the National parks situated in the high Himalayan region, to the mangrove swamps of the sandaracs and the thorny scrubs of Rajasthan. But more wildlife conservations laws and awareness among people is still regarded to make the Indian Sanctuaries a safe heaven for tiger's conservation is also

necessary because tigers are also at the top of the chain of environment. They control the population of deer and so vegetation and forest can survive. SITES sent a 'Save Tiger' appeal directly to our PM Shri Man Mohan Singh. He set up Tiger Task Force. Mr. Nasseruddin Shah Appeals

through the internet ad 'leave me alone'. Let us dower all that we can to provide our tigers with an undistributed habitat for them. Let our generations to come be happy to see tigers

(The writer is a student of VIII Std., C U Shah Primary School)

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Wok on fire

By Monaz Vakil

The jury is still out on Wok on Fire. An Indianised Chinese joint is sometime all you need for comfort food. The restaurant was much talked about for serving 100% vegetarian Pan Asian cuisine and hence we decided to try this one. Though serving Pan Asian cuisine, Chinese dishes are the popular choice here but the dominant taste of garlic, downs all the

other flavors. We started off with two starters dry red chilli cottage cheese and crispy fried vegetables. Both tasted nice and the paneer was soft n fluffy. They would have been great except the sodium content in them was so high, my monthly dose was fulfilled in this dish. Ambience really needs a curtail. Trying to recreate china town had the owners go overboard on the red lights in the restaurant. This might have seemed a great thing for the dragon land but the lighting makes the place



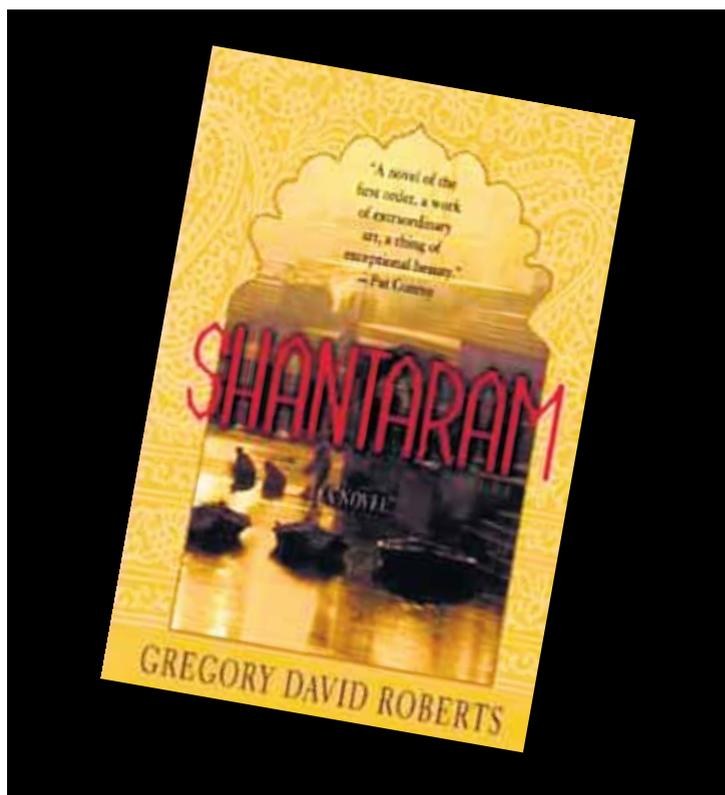
cringeworthy. Main course we ordered Soho exotic, Wok on Fire rice and Hakka Noodles. I have no idea what Soho exotic

was except that it had humongous baby corns in it, noodle made us demand the starters sodium portion and rice

was ...well rice. We did have a dish where paneer was steamed in banana leaf and served with a gravy but the amount of oil in the food put ones off. The saving grace is the service. The place has so much potential - we Indiana love Indianised Chinese - but when food is flavored with garlic, oil and salt as pan Asian flavors, makes one want to go back to good ole crazy noodles!

(The writer is an Alumnus of HACC)

BOOK REVIEW



SHANTARAM

Author: Gregory David Roberts

Authors are often stereotyped to be scholars in literature or having an inclination in the field. Gregory David Roberts breaks away from the stereotype, as his background is one of a criminal, who escaped from a prison, to pen the amazing journey that followed. An Australian by birth, the author is protagonist in 'Shantaram'. There are several antagonists including Madam Zhou whose character is an inspiration based on several women who ran brothels in Mumbai. The book is broadly based in Mumbai during the 1980s and interestingly, it focuses on the poorer and the darker side of the city. Being deeply philosophical the book raises several discussions which

not only intrigue the reader but also lead to a sense of reflection.

The plot revolves around Lindsay Ford (Roberts adopted name) who comes to the city as a guest but leaves it as a resident. Prabhakar, the guide, becomes an essential character in the story as he befriends Lindsay and arranges places for him to stay when he gets robbed. The plots picks up after the theft as Roberts is fugitive on the run and he is unable to get legitimate job that leads him to be trapped in a series of events which involve Kader Khan, Abdullah and Karla which changes his outlook towards life. Where book gets interesting is when the reader starts to identify Roberts as an Indian, making him truly Shantaram.

Gregory David Roberts's catholic life is displayed through various themes. Change in the character is supported by the

continuous change in the setting from luxury apartments to one room slums, from Bombay to Afghanistan, Shantaram does not remain very long in any place. The author justifies by providing new experiences for the protagonist, which remoulds him from an Australian to an Indian.

A very thin line lies between reality and fiction in this book. Roberts builds fiction based on real events, which confuses the reader. References to movies, which he claims to have been a part of prove to be true. The place of information is strategic and this makes his writing inspirational. He doesn't let the reader realize when the story ends and reality begins. Many characters go through a sea change during the course of the book and this change is at the centre of the narrative.

All in all, a must read.

MOVIE REVIEW

Chello Divas

A 138 minute long laughter ride, for the youth, by the youth. Tell me when was the last time you saw a film which documented your college life? When was the last time you cared about nothing but laughed out loud, not only on the jokes and situations but also because you could see yourself in the film? This movie revolves around the lives of eight friends and their journey of growing up while they face the highs and lows of their relationship, love and romance, the end of their college days and the beginning of their new life.

If you want to go back to your college days or if you are a college going student, then



Chello Divas is definitely for you. The movie celebrates all

the golden moments of college days like celebration of days,

youth festival, settling of scores, girlfriends, farewell

functions and all the LOL situations that we have been a part of. It is quite obvious that you will find yourself in the characters of the film. Chello Divas is a film made by Krishnadev Yagnik served with humor. Vaishal Shah, the creative producer of this film has put in all his possible efforts to give a smooth ride to the entire crew. Yash Soni has got exceptional screen presence and Abhishek Shah should be applauded for his brilliant casting choices. All the actors were not acting, but they were being what college students are like, they played their parts so convincingly. Gujarati cinema has decided not to take the baby steps, instead it definitely believes in taking a flight with 'Chello Divas'.

EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

SMPIC

WINNER OF WEST ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Nandini Pandya, M.Com. Sem-3 student of SMPIC, won the West Zone Inter University Tennis Tournament held at the IIS University Jaipur from 5th to 8th of October 2015. She is one of the members of a team of four members in Gujarat University.

THE BRIGHT PRIDE OF GLSIC



Samridhhi Mandawat of GLS (Smt. M.R.Parikh) Institute of Commerce Sem-3, made a benchmark achievement by her research papers on the most trending topic GST. She is the only girl from Ahmedabad Branch Of WIRC of ICAI to present her paper in 2015 at Jamnagar.

said event, Samridhhi was awarded a trophy as a souvenir and a certificate of merit for her research on "Is GST a boon or a bane", and topics related hereto. The event was witnessed by all the aspirant Chartered Accountant Students totalling to 500 audience.

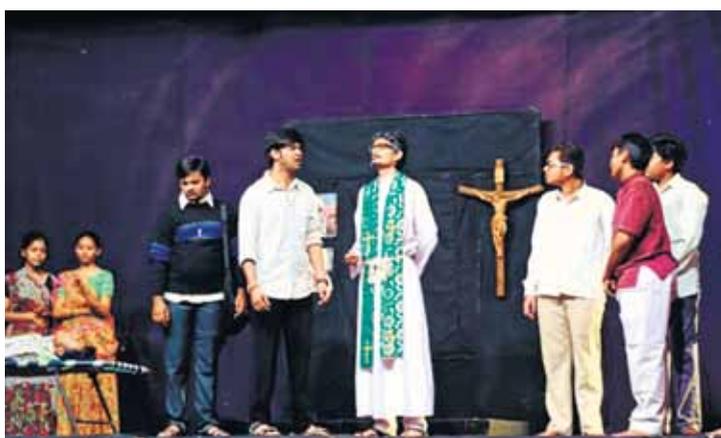
It was a two day sub regional conference for CA Students, organised by the Board of Studies, ICAI. The event was jointly hosted by Jamnagar Branch of ICAI and Jamnagar Branch of WICASA on 1st and 2nd August, 2015. The chairperson of the session was CA Nilesh Suchak sir, who himself is a dignity and a Six Sigma in his subjects. On the

Currently Samridhhi is a student at our college and has also prepared a paper research on "Arm's Length Pricing under Various Statutes", for National Convention for CA students at Ahmedabad. Recently, she was also selected for Oxford University Summer Course to be held in 2016 by her research on Economic and Political Effects on Business.

GUJARAT RAJYA SANGEET NATAK ACADEMY DRAMA (ONE ACT) COMPETITION

SMPLIC's Drama "Khovayel Chhe" won three prizes in a State level Drama (One Act) Competition organized by Gujarat Rajya Sangeet Natak Academy on 04th November 2015 at Modasa.

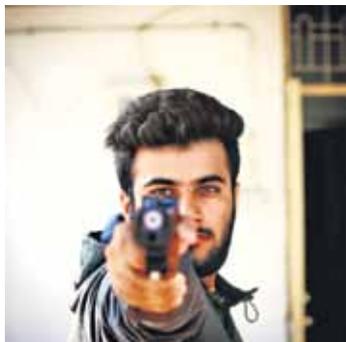
The team bagged the 1st Prize for the Best Play and Best Original Script. Harsh Thakkar got the 2nd prize as the Best Actor. This drama was also 1st prize winner in INT and Gujarat Samachar State Level Drama Competition.



NATIONAL PISTOL SHOOTER

Aaditya Zula recently clinched a Gold Medal in 2nd Sportzcraft Int. Competition. Clinched 5 Golds & 2 Silver in recently held 51st GSSC & made a new junior state record in 25 Metre Centre Fire Pistol!

He has totally achieved 22 Golds, 5 Silver & 3 Bronze Medal in his only 3 years of shooting career with different state records & AIGVM record in pistol event. Recently going



to participate in 59th National Shooting Championship

Competition & after that he'd participate in 6 World Trails ahead of which he will travel to Switzerland for getting his training done with his coach. Hoping to see himself back in the Junior Indian Shooting Team & participate in more & more international tournaments.

Mainly hoping to see himself participate in & stand in a medal tally at the 2018 XXI Commonwealth Games Gold Coast Australia.

HACC



Hiteshsingh Rajput of HACC (Sem 5) won the best actor national level award at the Shakespeare Theater festival held at Raigarh, Chattisgarh, on 28 November. This event is organized annually by Indian People's Theatre

Association wherein different teams from all over the country participate to present Shakespearean adaptations.

Hiteshsingh was awarded this national honour for his performance of the Shakespearean character, Iago.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

SMPLIC students not only excel in academics and co-curricular activities but also make their presence felt internationally in the fields of Social Service and Youth Empowerment. Lions Clubs International, headquartered in Illinois, United States is a secular, non-political service organization founded 100 years ago with more than 1.5 million members around the world. Among 206 countries, Viveksingh Pabla of Sem 5 was awarded the International Centennial Award, by the



International President of Lions Clubs International, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, for his selfless services to the poor and needy people. Viveksingh was also felicitated

with a Diamond Lapel Pin and cash prize of Rs. 15000/- by the Lions Governor of Bangladesh Mr. Shah Alam Babul and Vice Governor of Gujarat Dr. Yogesh Dave.

M. N. LAW COLLEGE



Ms. Gulafsa Safadarkhan Pathan, student of Semester I at Maneklal Nanavati Law College secured First prize at Inter Zonal Judo Competition at the Gujarat University and selected to represent the Gujarat University at Inter-University Judo Competition.

NRBBA FACULTY PRESENTS A RESEARCH PAPER IN SINGAPORE

By Dr. Rupali Singh

National University of Singapore (NUS) hosted an international conference on Business Management and Information Systems during November 17-20, 2015 where research papers were presented from across globe. The research paper presented on behalf of GLS university was 'Determinants of Graduate Employability: Development of a Scale' on the second day of conference which received overwhelming response from panelists and audience. This paper has developed a scale for measuring the employability of management students through exploratory



and confirmatory factor analysis after reviewing the contemporary as well as academic literature. Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) established seven empirically divergent determinants of employability, viz. knowledge, skills, abilities, personality attributes, career building traits, emotional intelligence and efficacy beliefs, thus allowing to condense the information contained in a large number of original variables (graduate employability models) into a smaller set of new and composite factors that are representative of common dimensions within the data. The constructs of model

further exhibit convergence and discriminant validity and reliability, thus allowing to substantiate the measurement theory.

The entire program was well managed and handled by alumni of NUS. The accommodation was very comfortable and closely connected with MRT. The entire campus is lush green and pleasant. It was a wonderful experience being to the campus of NUS and present research paper in front of august gathering from across globe.

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