

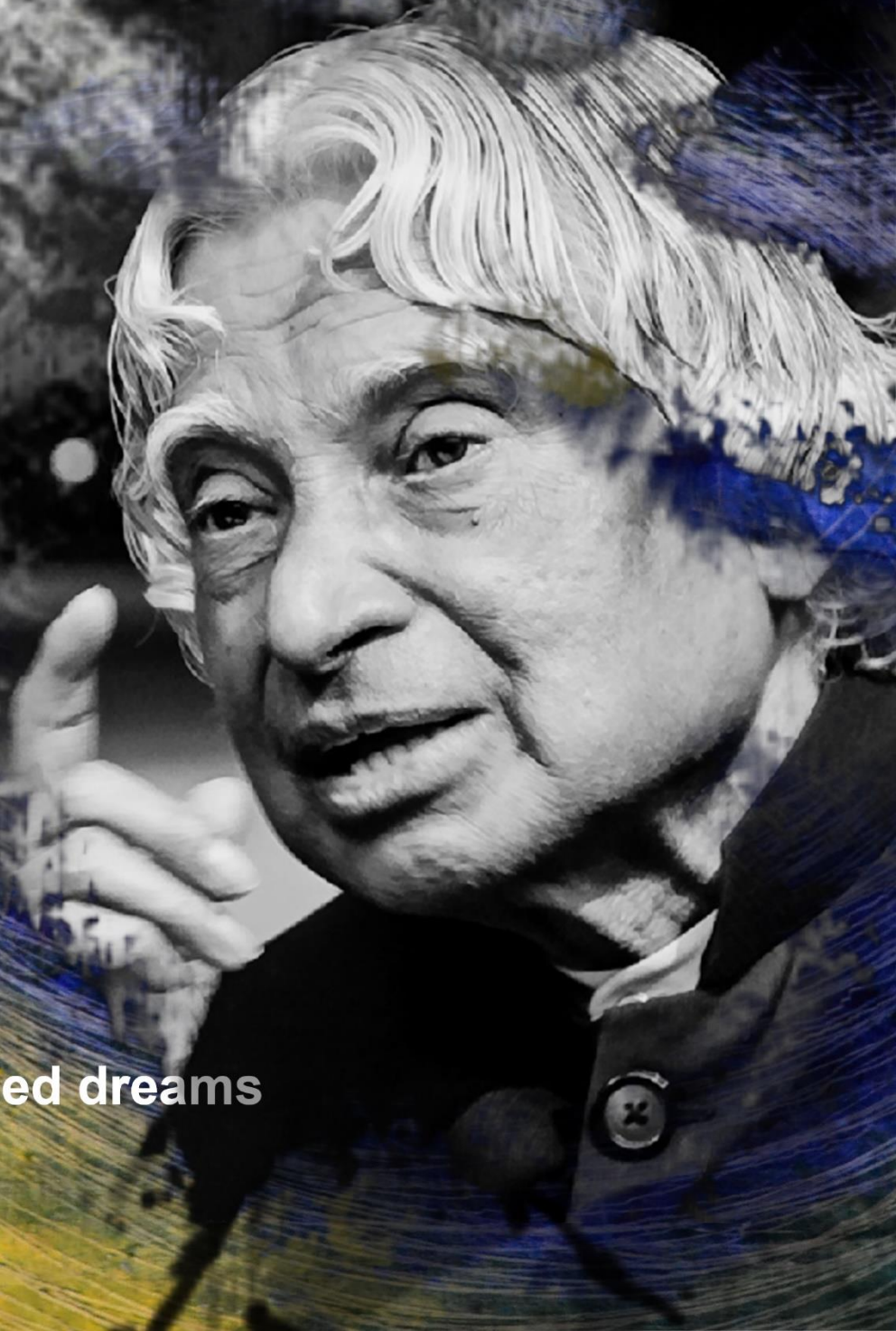


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This Issue:
“Man who turned dreams
into reality”



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Message from the Directors's Desk

Technical and managerial education is the backbone of every nation and is the stepping stone for a country to move into the niche of a developed nation. With innovation, creativity, human intelligence and patience we all have to strive towards making our planet a better place to live. "Service to Human being is service to God".

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Department of Management Studies of the Institute is bringing out its 2015 issue of Magazine .Thoughts gives birth to a creative force; create a heaven, a new firmament ,a new source of energy, from which new art flow. A newsletter is one of the platforms where the happenings of the Department can be made public. NIT Silchar constantly makes endeavors to scale new heights by developing a synergy between studies, research and extracurricular activities. So come let's pick up pen and paper and give wings to our imaginations and creativity.

No man has rights to dictate what other man should perceive, create or produce, but all should be encouraged to reveal themselves, their perceptions and emotions and to build confidence in the creative spirit. I wish the entire team of the literary club and the stakeholders of the Institute all the best and success in their endeavors.

Jai Hind!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. V. Deshpande", with a horizontal line underneath it.



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Message from the HOD's Desk

I am happy to present before you the new edition of UDAAN. The current issue is focused on the Missile man of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who transformed dreams into reality. The magazine is a platform which showcases the Literary ability of our Management students.

I wish the Editorial team of "Udaan 2015" for this accomplishment and wish them great future



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Message from the Faculty Advisor's Desk

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the students of Department of Management Studies, of our Institute are all set to publish the 3rd edition of *Udaan*. I wish their entire team heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

This is an age of cut throat competition. Apart from excelling in the field of studies, one needs to have the holistic development of his/her intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative and spiritual potentials. Undoubtedly, *Udaan* will become the much needed platform to bring the creative best out of us.

The theme of this issue bears lots of relevance and great significance. Late. Dr. Kalam Sir's contributions in the field of science and technology is known to all but it was his kind nature and inspiring life that mesmerizes us the most. Read his books or listen to his speeches one will always feel so connected to their goals and aspirations. His voice reverberates..... *"Dream, Dream, Dream, Dreams transform into thoughts and thought result in action."*

Dear all, we live in an age of technology where transformations are just a click/ touch away. What we need is little creativity to stand out in the crowd and create a niche for ourselves. I hope you utilize this platform and let your creativity and imagination spread wings and fly high. In the soothing words of Dr. Kalam Sir, *"Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work."*

I wish all of you all the very best and success. Keep dreaming!



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Happy Reading.

This publication marks the 3rd edition of the departmental magazine of DOMS, NIT Silchar. The magazine is an initiative by the students, for the students. It is a platform for students to exhibit their work and contribute to the sharing of knowledge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the faculties of Department of Management Studies and our fellow students for their support throughout the development of the magazine.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our Head of The Department, Dr. Ashim Kumar Das and our Faculty Advisor Padmaja Tamuli Ma'am for the successful completion of the 3rd edition of the magazine "Udaan".

Last but not the least, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Computer Centre for supporting and helping us in the release of the e-edition of "UDAAN".

Flight just took off, many more distance to cover.

Yours truly,
The Editorial Team

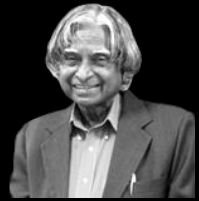
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MAN WHO TURNED DREAMS INTO REALTY

DID YOU KNOW ???



- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam grew up in poverty and distributed newspapers as a young boy to contribute to his father's meagre income.
- He always faced the press following failed tests at ISRO and accepted responsibility for his mistakes but never claimed the credit for any of the massive successes achieved at the organization.
- He was the first bachelor to become the president and occupy Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Kalam was the third President of India to have been honored with a Bharat Ratna before being elected to the office of President.
- He was known to write his own thank you cards with personalized messages in his own handwriting.
- He was a scholar of Thirukkural (a classic of couplets or Kurals) and was known to quote at least one couplet in most of his speeches.
- He had a keen interest in literature and wrote poems in his native Tamil.
- A practicing Muslim, he was also well versed with Hindu traditions and read the Bhagavad Gita.
- He had more than a million followers on Twitter but followed only 38 people.

Udaan

A Manual On How To Fly



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Human beings have always been fascinated by all that is indicative to freedom. The minds of ours always wanted to be in liberation. Liberated from the shackles of weakness and fear so that we can live the adventures that is lying in the journey towards our destiny. So that we can realize the dreams which our heart has always longed for. So that we can fly free and high in the sky of life.

But to fly, one should first understand the mechanism of flight. And there can be no greater a teacher than a bird to give us lessons on the Art of Flying.

We are all like a bird. A little bird living in the comfort and security of its nest. Now this little bird has a dream. A dream of flying on its own wings to the unknown distant land which seemed so eclectic from its nest that it felt for that Dream Land. So, one day this little bird, driven out by the demon of its desires-to fly to the unknown land-walks determined to the edge of its nest's. But when it looked down beneath, the shine in its eyes faded, the excitement of its heart turned into a grey melancholy and its mind got clouded with fears. The reason of the uneasiness is the appearance of two thoughts in front of it:

"I am at such a great height. If my wings don't open up I will fall and die."

And the other

"I think I should try flying off for if succeed I will reach that Land:"

Thus a sticky dilemma is created inside the bird leading to indecision. Whether to take the risk and explore the passion or to stay unchanged?

As the little bird so is our mind. We also have certain dreams in our lives that we dream staying in our 'Nest' i.e. staying in our comfort zone. From our 'Nest' every dream seems to be an easy achievement. But when we make an attempt to throw ourselves out towards the dream obstacles starts occurring. We are faced with a dilemma. Standing in the threshold of our comfort zone we find ourselves indecisive whether to leave all these comfort and security in which we lived so long for the sake of exploring untrodden paths towards the realization of our aspirations or to stay as before.

But birds are but meant for one thing and so is our mind. It is meant to fly. Fly free through the blue to that Dream Land. And in order to fly the 'Mind Bird' must pull out the weeds of all the insignificant dilemmas and do the first thing necessary for flying-taking the Leap of Faith from the edge of its nest into the air.

The leap of faith is nothing but a step. The first bold step that we put in the road to our destiny. But the first step is the heaviest. It is made heavy with our imaginary fear of failure. Its very hard job to move the wheel for the first time but once it overcome the initial friction it keeps moving. So in order to make our 'Mind Bird' fly we need to make it take the Leap of Faith. We need to convince our mind that the road which our heart has chosen is the one we are destined for.

Now when the little bird took the Leap of Faith from the edge of its nest it will find the air as an uncomfortable medium. Because it's flying in the air for the first time. It may tremble down unbalanced a few feet in air. And it may seem to the observers that little bird is surely going to fall. But that little bird, with the dream alive bright in its eyes, will flap both of its wings. It will flap them hard. Harder and harder till it finds a rhythm in its wings. At last it will find the exact rhythm which is necessary for flight. Hurray! Our little bird has learnt flying.

Similarly, after taking the first step in the road leading toward our dreams we will definitely meet with defeats like that bird trembling few feet in air. Because we are walking this lonely Path of our Dreams for the first time. People may laugh at us and be sure that we cannot pursue our dreams. Even we may start doubting our potentialities. But these are mere trembling and not our complete failure. And like that little bird, we must start flapping our wings. We must start doing hard work. The desperate hard works with our goals always visible in front of us. And thus we get the rhythm in our wings. The rhythm which is necessary for successful pursuance of our dreams.

Congratulations! We learnt how to fly. Now even if we come down sometimes it will not be a fall but a landing. And the difference between fall and landing is in the later you can take off again. Always.

Please make it a Point to Ponder



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I just remember one week ago we were teasing a young friend of ours and asking him to get married and saying him on a lighter note that or else his validity for marriage would expire soon. And he smiled and said, "I too really want to get settled soon but I am just waiting a little longer so that I can start a family over a base of financial stability." With this all of our friends screamed together saying, "you mean both of you do not earn enough to start off at least? "Or, you have a plan to have a flat at a posh area and a BMW, that day will never come man...we are middle class people, just start off and gradually you can have all what you have in your dreams. Then he again smiled and in a serious tone said, "Do I really look that immature to think such foolish things"? No dear....but there is something which both of us always talk, laugh and cherish. We talk of our children...we talk a lot, cute little kids whose smile will enlighten our slogging day and end up our fight into laughter, love and togetherness. But in today's world Health and Education are going beyond the reach of middle class. We are still not sure whether we would be able to justify our children's life with best of education, health care, entertainment and vacation or they would be victim of our early decision to start off without enough of homework done, everyone nodded with his view and affirmed his decision. He then said but off course, I do remember that my validity is soon going to expire and again we laughed and we switched over to some other discussion.

Some days later, when I was entering my office, right at from the gate I heard people murmuring something sad and serious. All of them were discussing about a teenager who committed suicide the very last night. I was shocked and numb. As I took my chair all other people were discussing on teen age crimes, growing aggression among children, immaturity in tender age, falling moral values and so on. I just sat quietly and a storm of thoughts rose in my mind. I just thought is the Life which we are living is only of ours? Are we not a reason of living for many? We are not only ourselves, we are someone's daughter or son, someone's brother or sister and someone's would be spouse or even would be mother or father. When we think of killing ourselves we are not only killing an individual but we are killing so many relationship at one go. We are taking away life from those people who are still living. **Death is not the greatest loss in life; the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we are still living.** Then I remembered the discussion with my friend who was worried and enthusiastic about his children much before his marriage. I wished the girl who committed suicide had known the preparation which her parents and family had made much before she came to his world. I wished she would have tried to know how important is her presence to her family and I wished if she would know how her one decision proved all sacrifices which her family to be wrong which they might have made at several point of time even before she opened her eyes. For us our life starts from the day we are born but we hardly realize that for our parents our Life starts much before we were born. Every life is full of challenges and problems keep our Life going. If there would not have been problems, Life would have become boring and we would have never been able to cherish our success and victory as it would have been every day's event for everyone. Victory and success is accolades only because it comes after a long

seen in just 20 years that you may decide it is not worth living? How many people have you talked with and how many painful experiences have you heard that makes you feel that you are the worst victim of Life?

Actually when one thinks to do such an activity, it reveals that one has not realized oneself. One has not understood the importance, honour and comfort in being "Someone's somebody". One has only identified oneself as Me and Myself and that is the reason that one never thinks about the Life of a mother without a child. One has even not realized that we are not only the child of our parents but we are also an asset of society and Nation. Our potential, ability and contribution to the society can change the face and fate of millions of Life. How can we be so selfish?

In everyone's life there is a darker phase, a phase when we are rejected, embarrassed, cheated and left alone but all these are the phases of Life which is bound to take a turn by default. After every dark night there is a bright morning and darker the night, nearer is the light. If you feel that at a very tender age you are victimized and your dreams are shattered, just be thankful to God that whatever happened, happened in a stage when you are young, energetic and you have a time to start from Scratch once again. At this age you have a young warm blood to challenge the World. Just be thankful that that you have met this phase when you are equipped with the sword of Youth and not plagued with sunset age of life. Our mind is a power house, what we need is to turn on the wheel. Depression is a byproduct of this materialistic world, which cannot be avoided as we all cherish that Life, what we can do is manage Life and learn the Art of Living. Learn to decay and again grow from the cycle of Nature and communicate and exchange thought with our friends, colleagues and family, practice self introspection, talk to ourselves and feel ourselves to be important, take healthy food, think positively and keep our mind fresh which ultimately will help us to feel the presence of God with us all the time.

"The line between failure and success is so fine that we...are often on the line and do not know it. How many a person has thrown up his or her hand at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience, would have achieved success. Little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success."

Elbert Hubbard

Accept mistakes, embrace criticism



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Be not ashamed of mistakes and thus make them crimes.

Confucius

Once upon a time, a young man joined a construction company. He was an engineer and an expert in estimation of project costs. He had only a few years' of experience, but, within this short span of time, he had established himself as a master of project costing.

In his new organization, this young man had a very important position. He would prepare the costing for all tender submissions. Before the marketing department submitted any quotation to the client, he had to sign of the document. The King, who was the marketing head and other senior members of the organization, depended on him. They knew that any mistake made by this young man could cause immense damage to the company. The position was so critical that the King himself had got involved in the recruitment process and selected this young man personally.

The young man established himself in the new company quite well and quickly. The King was happy with his initial performance.

Interestingly, the young man loved to experiment with new methods. The downside of this was that he never disclosed to others that he was trying out a new method. As luck would have it, he was always successful in his experiments and the company always benefited. Thus, his efforts were always appreciated. In one project, however, a new technique boomeranged. He made a blunder in his estimation, and the company lost a large order.

The King was upset and blamed the marketing department for not submitting the right quotation. Surprised at this loss, the young man decided to analyse his own work. To his dismay, he discovered that his own experiment had been the reason for the loss of the order. He felt more dejected because the King had blamed the others in the team, not realizing that he was the culprit. He went up to the King, and confessed.

The King listened to him, smiled and said, 'I, too, was bothered that we lost the order. I felt miserable and thus blamed our marketing folks. But now all my worries are gone. I am happy to see that you have the urge to analyse yourself and the conviction to admit your mistake. You could have kept quiet, since the blame was already laid on the others. But you did not. I like your sincerity. I firmly believe that if you work, you will make mistakes—only if you don't, you won't. We certainly need more people like you. On your journey to the top, some people may criticize you for your mistakes; but take them in your stride, embrace them. Positive criticism will always help you to sharpen your skills. Hence my request to you is to keep trying new methods – one mistake or two don't make a difference. In the long run, this will help the business.'

The young man felt better. The King added, 'Please don't feel bad! I want you to feel like a winner. I want a victor to go out from my office. Smile, and move on. You have many more mistakes to make in the future!'

The young man smiled and left.

Mistakes are part of everyone's lives. As long as you live, be it in the corporate world or elsewhere, mistakes will occur. It is vital to understand how to deal with them. No one makes a mistake for the sake of making it. It happens, though the intention is to deliver a perfect result. Thus, most mistakes are unintentional. Hiding a mistake is not the solution. The past is past – it cannot be undone. Crying over spilt milk will only waste time and energy. It is important to accept a mistake, understand the cause, learn from it, and move on.

The corporate world is a competitive place, and mistakes, once unearthed, will raise a few eyebrows, spark off some juicy discussions, leading to direct or indirect criticism. You must learn to deal with such critics, take their comments positively and move ahead.

With experience, you will learn to detect early signals that may lead to undesirable results. We must know what to change in ourselves or in the system to avoid such issues, and how to work better to avoid slip-ups in the future. But you should always own up and accept your mistakes. It is always appreciated. What the young man did was probably the best thing to do – he went to the King and accepted his fault. It showed his conviction and integrity as a human being. On his part, the King appreciated the fact that the young man's intention was not to do wrong. He also appreciated that the young man realized and admitted his mistake. Most often, such a gesture is well-appreciated – the outcome is immaterial. You need to clear your conscience. When you are ready to correct yourself, who cares about the outcomes?

Life will go on. At the worst, you may have to find another King and move on. But it is important to be true to oneself. Hence, let us get into this noble habit of accepting our mistakes. It is the right thing to do and you must practice this trait from the day you enter the professional life so called the *jungle*.

Good Luck...

Career



Brajen Das

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Hello dear students!!! Are you confused with your career options? Obviously in this situation of job crisis you may confuse regarding which career options will give you a better prospect in this world. Now-a-days, increasing competition demands a cutting edge talent from a student. From the date India became independent to now, India is struggling through the problem of un-employability. The reason behind this problem is not a single one. These are as follows:

1. Unorganized structure of Indian education system which lead to lack of proper education of students
2. Corruption in government departments demanding a huge amount from potential candidates.
3. Technological development in various sector reduced the manpower requirement.
4. Students are forced to choose a profession against their interest by their parents which results career dropout.
5. Lack of industrial growth in our country till today's time.
6. Lack of skilled students in our country.
7. Government's negligence regarding the issue of un-employability.
8. Lack of capital of the existing industry to maintain the manpower.
9. Lack of quality job for quality students to give ultimate job satisfaction, thus leading to brain drain.

So far you have seen the reasons lying behind the problem of un-employability. One student may not have that capacity to deal these problems .But he or she may prepare himself to fight these constraints. Building one's career in any field not only requires his hard work but his passion, desire, positive attitude towards his goal and 200% dedication to his task. Today I will share how to determine a good career in any field.

I am a fresh B.tech graduate on Computer Science & Eng. Dept from Tezpur University, Assam . Before starting my education I thought "once I am in engineering, I have no worry for life". But that was my misconception. From the very day I joined my engineering, I came to know that this is the beginning of the real struggle for job and when it will end no body knows. This is a journey of collecting knowledge and developing your interest by doing some real life work. This not only make you understand about your potential but will also make you move forward towards your destination. There lies a vast difference between the knowledge you gain and its applications in

the real world. People learn when they study, but experience the truth when they apply it. So, it is always necessary to be very practical with your learning and realize your potential.

People only with dynamic personality survive in this cut throat competitive world. At the mean time being an engineer, he also needs to be a good manager to manage his team and time. So he needs to learn how to handle his manpower and technology. So, while going through study always try to know what is your interest? Which attracts you more? Which field you have your potential? And work accordingly. Don't go through other's choice; listen to your mind and interest about a particular topic. Is it attracting you more? If it is, go to the deepest level of the same and grab more and more knowledge you can. One thing you should remember, knowledge don't get spoiled. Some day on some way it will help you.

Building your own career you must know where you want to go and what is the future of that sector in upcoming days. If it will survive then go for it and dig to the deepest level of the same and try to be the expert in that particular field. One day you feel like your goal is lying somewhere near to you. That is why first build your interest; after that make yourself work on it. Like the movie 3-idiots "Don't run after success, search for excellence: Success will follow you".

Lastly I end up with famous quote "What would you attempt to do, if you knew you could not fail".

The Turning Point



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In everyone's life there comes a point which changes our lives entirely, the path may seem to be difficult but once it comes on the track, things fall in at the right place. A similar situation happened with one of my friends when I was in my class 11. I know him from then onwards as we used to have our tuition classes together.

He is kind, helpful and full of life and was what I needed but he is still one of my close friends. As we were good friends we used to share our thoughts, ideas by which I came to know about his aim, what he wants to become, i.e. to join the National Defence Academy. Since he was good in athletics he wanted to join the Academy badly, setting this goal in his mind he took Science in class 12.

But unfortunately due to some reasons his class 12 results were not up to the mark which was unacceptable for him. He was in a shock as to how to take this. For a moment everything seems to be dark. At that moment his parents and me and my friends tried our best to support and motivate him and made him understand not to lose hope since there is still a chance.

He had to attend his class 11 again from the beginning and as his friends got promoted to class 12, he had to face them everyday which was not an easy task. Anyhow he didn't care about anyone and concentrated in his studies. He used to share with me his daily routines and all on which sometimes his friends used to make fun of him. He was going through a phase which needs a lot of patience and which resulted in a turning point in his life.

At the end with his hard work and dedication he scored good marks in his class 11 and 12 and also cleared the National Defence Academy. From this story I came to know that if you have the determination and goal in your mind, nothing is impossible.

Keep falling until you rise!!!



Dibyajyoti Nath

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Paulo Coelho one of the biggest motivator of today's world said *"The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times"* and yes it is, no matter how many times one fails, if one doesn't give up success belongs to him. Not everyone who's on top today got there with success after the first attempt. More often than not, those who history best remembers were faced with numerous obstacles that forced them to work harder and show more determination than others. These are some of the Famous Failures who decided to win even after falling time and time again.

Henry Ford: While Ford is today known for his innovative assembly line and American-made cars, he wasn't an instant success. In fact, his early businesses failed and left him broke five times before he founded the successful Ford Motor Company.

Akio Morita: You may not have heard of Morita but you've undoubtedly heard of his company, Sony. Sony's first product was a rice cooker that unfortunately didn't cook rice so much as burn it, selling less than 100 units. This first setback didn't stop Morita and his partners as they pushed forward to create a multi-billion dollar company.

Walt Disney: Today Disney rakes in billions from merchandise, movies and theme parks around the world, but Walt Disney himself had a bit of a rough start. He was fired by a newspaper editor because, "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas." After that, Disney started a number of businesses that didn't last too long and ended with bankruptcy and failure. He kept plugging along, however, and eventually found a recipe for success that worked.

Albert Einstein: Most of us take Einstein's name as synonymous with genius, but he didn't always show such promise. Einstein did not speak until he was four and did not read until he was seven, causing his teachers and parents to think he was mentally handicapped, slow and anti-social. Eventually, he was expelled from school and was refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School. It might have taken him a bit longer, but most people would agree that he caught on pretty well in the end, winning the Nobel Prize and changing the face of modern physics.

Thomas Edison: In his early years, teachers told Edison he was "too stupid to learn anything." Work was no better, as he was fired from his first two jobs for not being productive enough. Even as an inventor, Edison made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. Of course, all those unsuccessful attempts finally resulted in the design that worked.

Winston Churchill: This Nobel Prize-winning, twice-elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom wasn't always as well regarded as he is today. Churchill struggled in school and failed the sixth grade. After school he faced many years of political failures, as he was defeated in every election for public office until he finally became the Prime Minister at the ripe old age of 62.

Oprah Winfrey: Most people know Oprah as one of the most iconic faces on TV as well as one of the richest and most successful women in the world. Oprah faced a hard road to get to that position, however, enduring a rough and often abusive childhood as well as numerous career setbacks including being fired from her job as a television reporter because she was "unfit for tv."

Charlie Chaplin: It's hard to imagine film without the iconic Charlie Chaplin, but his act was initially rejected by Hollywood studio chiefs because they felt it was a little too nonsensical to ever sell.

Steven Spielberg: While today Spielberg's name is synonymous with big budget, he was rejected from the University of Southern California School of Theatre, Film and Television three times. He eventually attended school at another location, only to drop out to become a director before finishing. Thirty-five years after starting his degree, Spielberg returned to school in 2002 to finally complete his work and earn his BA.

J. K. Rowling: Rowling may be rolling in a lot of Harry Potter dough today, but before she published the series of novels she was nearly penniless, severely depressed, divorced, trying to raise a child on her own while attending school and writing a novel. Rowling went from depending on welfare to survive to being one of the richest women in the world in a span of only five years through her hard work and determination.

The Beatles: Few people can deny the lasting power of this super group, still popular with listeners around the world today. Yet when they were just starting out, a recording company told them no. They were told "we don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out," two things the rest of the world couldn't have disagreed with more.

Michael Jordan: Most people wouldn't believe that a man often lauded as the best basketball player of all time was actually cut from his high school basketball team. Luckily, Jordan didn't let this setback stop him from playing the game and he has stated, "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

Success comes to those who believe in themselves, who rise up even after falling several times, those who dream and dare to make them true.



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What others can learn from India's FINANCIAL PLANNING?

India being known for biggest democracy, diverse religion, diverse culture, varied languages, various colours and beautified historical monuments spread throughout the country which not only made India one of the famous place to visit for tourists but also made the country to unique among others.

Apart from all other uniqueness, financial planning of India also helps her to stand alone from others.

To differentiate the India's financial system from others, below stated 5-points will suffice to describe its potentiality from others. They are :-

Foresee the future needs:-Indians before spending money first plan out their present and future requirement rather depending on the credits. But people in the west crunch their earning rather bite and tend to live on credits and ultimately leave themselves in financial mess.

Saving is the first priority to an Indian:- Indians always put aside a portion of their income for future needs and contingencies. So, they have less faith in accepting loan for covering their needs but west practices exactly the opposite way. They tend to spend more than what they earn which make them clobbered in the debt-trap.

***According to the World Bank statistics, India's Gross Domestic Savings as a percentage of the GDP was 29.6% in 2013. Corresponding figures were 16.8% for United States, 15.2% for United Kingdom, 22.6% for Canada, 20.5% for France and 24.8% for Germany. This indicates India practices better money management and higher investment levels for the future.

Taking only educated risk:-Risk is an important part of financial planning. More the risk is, more is the profit. But rash behaviour or speculations can cause losses as it is not backed by sufficient researches. Indians always prefer the calculated risk and always accept risk to their own ability rather going for abnormal-profits (i.e. speculation). They do not believe in quick profits and instead make good profits from long run investments.

Do not believe in generating credits :- Unlike west, Indian do not believe in living on credit cards. According to records,2014, 33% of American have 1-2 credit card, 10% have 7-8cards and in all total of 71% Americans have at least 1 credit card. And it is found that many times they spend more than what they earn leaving them in financial mess.

Strict regulating mechanism :- India has a very strict and disciplined regulating mechanism. The regulating bodies of Indian financial market:-

RBI :- regulators of bank.

IRDI:- regulators of insurance sector.

SEBI:- regulator of securities market.

Although west countries have their own regulatory bodies but they are not that disciplined and strong like as In India. This is evident by the fact that when many Western countries faced severe consequences during the sub-prime crisis, the effects on India were much lesser in comparison. Proactive measures and long term insight have helped the common man in India to be largely protected from global impacts.

The financial crisis hit in 2008 was the greatest financial ramification of all times affecting almost every, leaving hardly any. Also it cannot be denied that the crisis originated from the west and had a rippling affect across the world and due to which one of the biggest bank of U.S., Lehman Brothers was shut in that period.

(* In 2008, after bankruptcy, Asian division of Lehman Brothers was acquired by Japanese brokerage firm, NOMURA HOLDING, for \$225mn and the North-American division was acquired by BARCLAYS BANK, for \$1.75bn)

[**Disclaimer – the observation made is in general, therefore there can be some exceptions to it but it is also true that financial discipline in the east is much better than the west.]

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CRITICISM

HOW TO DEAL WITH IT?



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The literal meaning of the word criticism“ is an expression of disapproval“. In each and every step of our life we encounter people who criticises our work or our behaviour or the way we are. It may seem unfair to us and even difficult to cope up with. Criticism though part of life can often be upsetting and may even leave a lasting bitter taste. We may end up feeling miserable, angry, hurt and so on. One may be 'miffed' or 'crushed' or may even want to 'hit back'. The way of dealing with the criticism is extremely important. We can either use criticism in a positive way to improve, or in a negative way that can lower your self-esteem and cause stress, anger or even aggression. Criticism, according to my view, must always be dealt in a positive manner. But dealing with criticism positively requires good self-esteem and some assertiveness skills. As the saying goes “Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving”. It is common to react in a negative manner when we are challenged by another person. But the way in which we choose to handle criticism has a knock-on effect in various aspects of our life, therefore it is better to identify ways in which we can benefit from criticism and use it to our advantage to be a stronger and more able person. Some of the points to be noted for dealing with criticism are:

1. Identifying the intent of criticism:

People have the tendency of getting their defence up as soon as they feel somebody is giving them an opinion which is not aligned with their own. It is very important to understand whether the criticism is constructive and destructive. Instead of being extra sensitive, it is essential to absorb the person's outlook and analyse whether it can be incorporated in anyway. We need to evaluate why we are being criticised. If the feedback is in your best interest, utilise the opportunity to learn and outperform our previous efforts.

2. Responding to the suggestions and to the tone of the criticism:

The problem is that people may make valuable critical suggestions. However, there tone and style of criticism means that we respond not to the suggestions but remember there confrontational manner. In this respect we need to separate the criticism from the style of criticism. Even if people speak in a tone of anger, we should try to detach their emotion from the useful suggestions which lie underneath.

3. Dealing with Critical People:

Some individuals are critical by nature and do not always realize that they are hurting the feelings of another person. While dealing with such a person who is critical of everything, we must try not to take their comments too seriously, as this is just part of their character trait. If we do take negative comments to heart it can create resentment and anger towards the other person, which could damage the relationship. The key thing to remember is that whatever the circumstance is, we must not respond in anger as this will cause a scene and create bad feelings and possibly a bad image of us.

4. Nobody is perfect:

We must not forget nobody is perfect neither do we are. If we are good, there is a scope to become great. If we are great, there is still a chance to become outstanding. Every criticism must be taken with a pinch of salt and we should not get offended easily. We must take it as an opportunity to stretch our boundaries and explore further into our potential.

5. Ignore Destructive Criticism:

Sometimes we are criticised with no justification. This is a painful experience. But, potentially we can deal with it more easily than criticism which is justified. One option is to remain aloof and ignore it completely. We should feel that false criticism is as insignificant as an ant trying to harm an elephant. If we remain silent and detached the criticism is given no energy. If we feel the necessity of fighting it – in a way, we give it more importance than it deserves. By remaining silent we maintain a dignity that others will come to respect.

6. Stop Responding Immediately:

It is best to wait a little before responding. If we respond with feelings of anger or injured pride we will soon regret it. If we wait patiently it can enable us to reflect in a calmer way.

7. Stop making excuses:

Displaying strong displeasure whenever someone is pointing out something to you will lead to conflicting situations with the person or discourage the person from walking up to you and sharing his/her honest and possibly valid feedback next time. This will not only affect relationship but also any future probability of getting fresh perspective on self-improvement.

8. Smile:

Smiling, even a false smile, can help us to relax more. It creates a more positive vibration and smoothens the situation. It will definitely help psychologically. Smiling will motivate the other person to moderate their approach.

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Forecasting a global recession



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IT is rare for economists, particularly those at an investment bank, to forecast a recession. For a start, it is difficult to get it right; a recession is by definition a change in trend and economies tend to extrapolate past trends. But secondly, it is a career risk. One economist once told your blogger "I never forecast a recession. If I'm right, no-one will thank me; if I'm wrong, I'll be fired."

Perhaps it is no surprise that the forthright Willem Buiter, once a member of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, has been willing to go out on a limb; he has called gold a "6000-year old bubble". He says a global recession is the "most likely" outcome with a 55% probability. But it is worth noting that he defines a global recession, not as a period of falling output, but as

"a period during which the actual unemployment rate is above the natural employment rate or Nairu, or during which there is a negative output gap; the level of actual GDP is below the level of potential GDP. To avoid excessive attention to mini-recessions, this period of excess capacity should have a duration of a year or longer.

Translating this definition of a moderate recession into GDP growth rates for the next few years, a moderate global recession starting in the second half of 2016 means global real GDP growth at market exchange rates declining from its likely current rate of 4% or slightly less to 2.5% or less by the middle of 2016 and staying at or below 2.5% for a year or more"

So what is driving his view? He cites

"the very weak - indeed negative - world trade growth in the first half of 2015, the continued weakening of (real) commodity prices, the weakness of the global inflation rate, the recent decline in global stock prices, plus indications that corporate earnings growth is slowing down in most countries, and the unprecedented decline in nominal interest rates."

The problem stems from the emerging markets and, in particular, China. No emerging market is outperforming Citi's forecasts for 2015. China's official numbers may look fine but Buiter reckons the real rate of GDP growth is currently 4% and may drop to 2.5% by the middle of next year; in Chinese terms, that is a recession.

"investment in China has been, on average, woefully inefficient - especially since 2008. Most of it continues to be allocated to infrastructure, construction and traditional industrial and extractive activities.

A reduction in the share of fixed investment in GDP by 10% is overdue...the question is whether this reduction in investment can be achieved without aggregate demand damage."

He thinks that is unlikely. This will have significant knock-on effects in the developed world; China's share of world GDP in 2014 was 13.3% and 14.3% of global trade. Even countries that don't trade directly that much with China will be affected, since they sell to countries that *do* export to China. The developed economies are unlikely to respond with fiscal stimulus. So Buiter concludes that

"the monetary authorities once again will have to do the heavy lifting. If the Fed and the Bank

of England raise rates this year or early next year they may, if the global recession scenario materialises, be cutting rates again during the second half of 2016.”

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DARE!! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



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“Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly”.

-Robert Francis Kennedy

Don't worry if you make mistakes, don't worry if you fail, it is a failure that gives you the proper perspective on success.

It is so comfortable to be passive, make no effort, and stick to familiar. However, by doing so, we allow external influences shape our life. Sometimes we know about something, but we don't dare to tell. What's the use of keeping everything to ourselves? Why don't we share it with everyone so that everyone can learn from it? It might be just one or two sentences but powerful enough to change people.

We're scared,

- * Scared to look ridiculous
- * Scared to criticism
- * Scared to make mistakes

But again, you are the person who decides at last. If you wish to be unhappy, complain and stay where you are – this is your choice. However, if you wish to live a greater life- Start Daring. Dare to face it, dare to make mistakes and I assure you that you'll learn something new every time you DARE. You have strength within you, the only thing you need to be is conscious about it. Work on convincing yourself that these things are possible. When you are convinced you act differently.

Learn to be a doer, by taking initiative without any hesitation.

You can't speak fluently a foreign language without making mistakes at first.

You can't become a great cook, without experimenting and making mistakes.

You can't create a successful business without investing, making mistakes, learning and trying again.

So, what are you waiting for? Are you going to do something about your life or just read the article and go on with your life? If you do this, tomorrow will be more or less like today and the day after too, and so on and on. If you want to make changes in your life, start it now, this very moment, not tomorrow. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. By every mistake, you learn to improve and do better.

Start a crusade in your life - to dare to be your best.

Attention, Interest, Desire and Action The AIDA Model



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The AIDA model is the foundation of modern marketing and advertising practice. It outlines the basic steps that can be used to persuade potential customers to make a purchase. The first three steps lie in creating attention (A), developing interest (I), and building desire (D) for the product, before the fourth step—the “call to action” (A)—tells them exactly how and where to buy. AIDA is often expressed as a funnel, because it channels the customer’s feelings through each stage of the communication process toward reaching a sale.

AIDA in practice

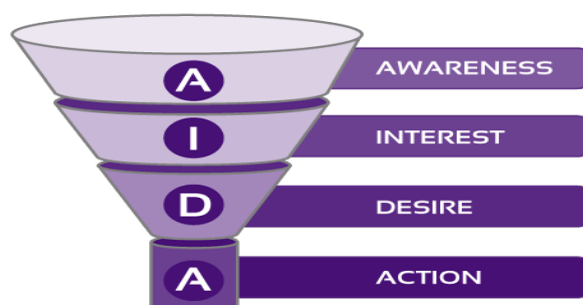
Attracting the customer’s attention is the first challenge, and this may be achieved by using an arresting catchphrase, offering a discount or something for free, or demonstrating how a problem can be solved. Once someone’s attention has been seized, it must be turned into genuine interest. This is best done by providing a succinct assessment of the product’s benefits to the consumer, rather than simply listing the product’s main features. Problem-solving claims, results based advice, or testimonials can be used to create desire, before finally laying out a simple way for that desire to be met—the means to buy. On website advertising, this might be a direct link; on TV, print, or billboards it may be a website, store name, or telephone number.

Commercial application

To understand the concept of AIDA let us move toward the movie industry. Movie studios often begin their marketing campaigns months in advance with giant billboard posters to attract attention to the new movie. Short “teaser” trailers follow, which provoke interest by offering a tantalizing glimpse of the movie without giving too much away. Desire is instilled by the release of the full trailer, which is carefully crafted to show the highlights of the movie, from big explosions and special effects to witty lines of dialogue. On the opening weekend, advertisements in newspapers and on television spotlight the movie’s release, provoking action by inviting the consumer to go and buy a ticket.

Let it be “*PK* or *PIKU*, *Dharma Productions* or *Red Chillies Entertainment*” they all follow this AIDA model to earn heavy profits from their movies.

The AIDA Model



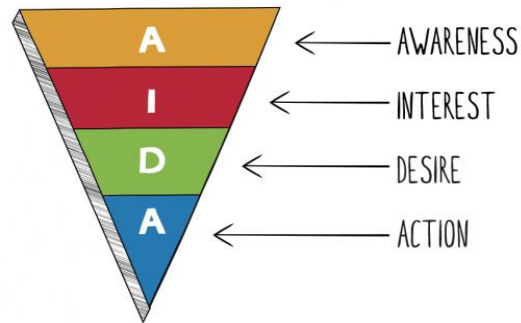


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“In practice, few messages take the consumer all the way from awareness to purchase, but the AIDA framework suggests the qualities of a good message”

- Philip Kotler US marketing guru

Silchar and its surroundings!!



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Even-though Silchar is my birthplace, I know a little about the place. But when I came across some knowledgeable persons, they told me about how Assam is beautiful and some important place surrounds it.

Maibong was the old capital when the kingdom was ruled by Kachari rulers between 16th and 18th centuries, which in later period shifted to Dimasa district and it is from where Cachar district named and where the Silchar is being a part of it. Maibong attracts tourist in great numbers with its spectacular landscape and ancient architecture. Stone carvings, sculptures and ruins of ancient kingdom stand proof of the architectural excellence possessed by the people of the land. Ramchandi Temple is a famous tourist spot in Maibong.

Hajo is not only an ancient place but it is also a fine representation of integration. Hajo has holy shrines that represent three religions namely Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism. Hajo is located on Brahmaputra River banks. The most renowned temple in the land is the HayagrivaMadhavaMandir, which is on Monikut Hill. Since the temple represents both Hinduism and Buddhism, it is considered a holy site by followers of both faiths. HajoPowa Mecca in Hajo is a pilgrimage centre for followers of Islam. Since it is believed that soil from Mecca was used in the construction of HajoPowa Mecca, it is considered a holy site. It is located on Garurachal Hill.

Khaspur to attempt to understand the rich cultural past of Assam, you need to visit Khaspur, which is 20 km away from Silchar. Khaspur was Kachari Kings' capital. Constructed in 1690 AD, Khaspur of today holds the ruins of ancient times to highlight the historical significance of the place. Among the ruins, you will find The Sun Gate and The Lion Gate to attract tourists from all over.

Jatinga Popularly referred to as 'The valley of death for birds', Jatinga is a scenic village situated south of Haflong. The valley in which Jatinga is located is famous for orange orchids. Migratory birds visit this place in great numbers. A strange phenomenon associated to this site is the death of birds, which was the reason behind the village being called the Death Valley for birds. While some opined that the birds were killed, some believed that they committed suicide, which is strange in birds. After thorough studies, experts feel that widespread fog causes disorientation at such high altitudes resulting in bird deaths. It is also said that birds are attracted to searchlights turned on by the locals and as the birds come flying towards lights, they are hit by bamboo poles. Some of the species attracted to such light sources leading to death include tiger bittern, little egret, kingfishers and Indian pitta.

Jatinga also grows oranges which is also famous in the north-eastern region.

Umrangshu, a scenic hill station is a very popular tourist spot. Located in the spectacular North Cachar Hill region, Umrangshu spellbinds you with its beauty. Nature in its true form can be experienced here. Yet another famous tourist spot named Garampani is located 7 km away from Umrangshu. Garampani is a hot spring, which is considered to have medicinal properties. The pleasant weather and the picturesque landscape invite you and thanks to the well-developed roads, accessing the place is easy.

Sri KanchaKanti Devi Temple Situated 17 kms from Silchar, Sri KanchaKanti Devi temple is a very famous temple, which is considered very powerful. Dedicated to a Goddess who is the combine of Kali and Durga, the temple was said to be built by a Kachari king on receiving a command in dream

. The temple was constructed in 1806 but what we see now is a new temple built in place of the old temple, which was destroyed due to natural disaster.

Maniharan Tunnel is situated in Bhuvan hills. It is believed that Lord Krishna had used this tunnel. Maniharan temple, which is dedicated to Krishna, is seen here. Underneath the tunnel flows the Triveni River, which is considered holy by pilgrims.

Kachari Fort is situated at Khaspur, which was the capital of Kachari Empire. The fort is a famous historic monument that stands proof of the rich cultural heritage of the bygone era. The ruins reflect the influence of non-Aryan culture. During the 18th century, Khaspur was conquered by Kachari rulers following the death of Koch king without heir to the throne. After conquering Khaspur, Kachari rulers made it their capital and constructed Kachari Fort.

Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. Situated near Silchar, Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. is one amongst the largest paper mills in Asia. It was established during 1960. It is one of the most frequented tourist destinations in Silchar.

Martyrs' Tomb Language is the identity of a person. And, if a language is not given the status it deserves, it is quite natural to expect the population that speaks the language to protest. Such was the circumstance in Silchar, when Bengali speaking population had to protest against the local government's decision to make Assamese the only official language ignoring the significant percentage of Bengali people living in the state. In the protest that followed, police killed 11 people. The incident occurred in the year 1961 after which Martyr's Tomb was built in 1964 to dedicate to the martyrs of Language Movement of Assam.

Son Beel (Shon Bill) is one of the largest lakes in southern Assam in India. It is situated in the Karimganj district, and is the largest wetland in Assam state. The speciality of Son Beel is that during winter, it becomes fully farm-land where Rice cultivation is done and after winter from March onward this piece land gets filled up with water and become a lake. The depth of this lake is very less so when there is too much of rain then the lake overflows and the excess water channels through the Kakra river to the Kushirariver and eventually flows into Bangladesh. Son Beel is famous for its fishery and it is one of the main producers of fish for all the district in southern Assam. Son Beel produces all types of fish and the specialty of Son Beel is its Bhujia fish. This is the second waterbody in Assam to be accorded the status of being a national wetland after DeeporBeel on the outskirts of Guwahati.

Son Beel, Assam's wetland, destroyed by rampant encroachment and pollution, has at last received the status of a national wetland, raising hopes of resuscitation. The Union ministry of environment and forest granted the status to the oxbow lake that measures 3458.12 hectares.

Katakhal rail-and-road bridge It is the only road in India which bears the traffic of road as well as train. This was made by britisher a century back. It is one of the unique bridge at that time and now also as when a train comes, the train is given first preference to cross the bridge and then the vehicles takes up the bridge. It is the only bridge which handles numerous pedestrians, vehicles and meter-gauge trains on the same surface. But due to some technical problems, the railway authority handed the bridge to the NHAI since 2009 and trains are operated on a different broad-gauge bridge.

Silchar unfolds before you its culture and ancient history in various forms. The serene atmosphere and the depth of its rich culture and architectural brilliance make **Silchar one of the potential tourist destinations.**

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Amitabh Bachchan From Bankruptcy to Crorepati



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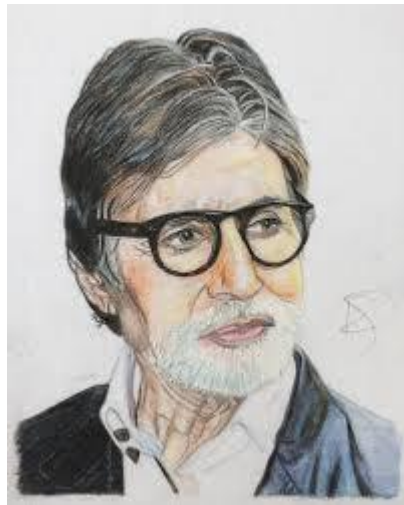
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“In the year 2000, when the entire world was celebrating the new century, I was celebrating my disastrous fortune. There were no films, no money, no company, a million legal cases against and the tax authorities had put notice of recovery on my home,”

Amitabh Bacchan, Big-B, is a brand himself and requires no introduction. He started gaining popularity in the early 1970s



with the title Angry young man of Hindi cinema or Bollywood, and has since become one of the most prominent figures in the history of Indian cinema. But has his life been a bed of roses? He has had health issues-in 1982 accident on sets of Coolie. In 2000 ,at the age of 57(when common man is thinking of retirement), he had Financial crisis when he almost lost all that he had. Financial crisis doesn't discriminate among people in any income bracket or line of work and can affect any of us at any time in our lives. This article is all about how he landed into the crisis and how like his reel life he emerged as a hero, fighting all odds. And secondly that what can we learn from him.

AMITABH BACHCHAN CORPORATION LTD.(ABCL)

In 1995 Amitabh Bachchan started Amitabh Bachchan Corporation Ltd(ABCL) that specialized in film production and event management. It was a pioneering attempt to evolve a corporatised entertainment company on *the* lines of the Hollywood studios.

In keeping with the vision the group moved fast, recruited 150 people, launched 15 films with cost per film ranging from Rs 3 to 8 crores. And due to this, they started taking financial helps from various banks as loan.

In January 1996, the ABCL approached the Canara Bank for credit facilities totaling Rs 14 crore. The company also got credit worth Rs 8 crore from the Allahabad Bank which joined the consortium in May that year.

The credits to the ABCL were backed by some sets of safety instruments: two flats in Juhu ,Mumbai bungalow Pratiksha as well as Bachchan's net annual income at Rs.34.52 lakhs and his net worth also.

Then after this all,they had organised the Miss World Pageant in November 1996.It had come through lots of controversies, but still they had managed the event perfectly. But the problem arised while collecting their fees.The Miss World International Organisation had expected a fee of Rs.12 crores,but the bill which they have provided was an estimate of approx. Rs.17.5 crores.Even a modest estimate puts ABCL at a loss of 4 crores.

The first year the company did achieve its target turnover of Rs 65 crore and made a profit of 15 crores. But that growth was not substantiated in the second year. Trouble started between Bachchan and their professional managers when Amitabh agreed to do stage shows in North America and so, the CEO Sanjiv Gupta was been replaced by Gautam Berry. But the conditions did not improve. Its productions like Mrityudaatha , Saath Raang ke Sapne, Major Saab,Naam Kya Hain, etc all failed dismally.

Bankruptcy

In 1999 ABCL was facing an unprecedented liquidity crunch. Substantial funds were blocked in production and distribution of films; staff salaries were not being paid on time; and public confidence has nosedived.

By this time Canara Bank developed serious differences with the ABCL and charged it with violating the agreement. They found that ABCL are not paying the interests accordingly as well as it was also found that ABCL was doing business with other banks in contravention of the agreement with the consortium.

In March 1999, hounded by creditors led by India's public broadcaster Doordarshan and Canara Bank, ABCL approached the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to seek protection under the bankruptcy laws.Well,it didn't actually work for them because the BIFR had declared ABCL a 'sick' company with a debt of US\$14m (approx.90 crore in Rs.).

The Bombay high court restrained Bachchan from selling off his Mumbai bungalow 'Prateeksha' and two flats till the pending loan recovery cases of Canara Bank were dealt with.

His Fight Back

"There was a sword hanging on my head all the time. I spent many sleepless nights. One day, I got up early in the morning and went directly to Yash Chopraji and told him that I was bankrupt. I had no films. My house and a small property in New Delhi were attached. Yashji listened coolly and then offered me a role in his film Mohabattein"

It was the time when Big-B has lost almost everything that he has earned in his whole career,then suddenly Siddharth Bose came to his life and offered him for hosting the reality show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) in Star Plus in the early 2000. This was at a time when most movie stars saw television as a step back in their career but Bachchan changed that perception. Estimates reveal that Bachchan earned Rs 15 crore for 85 episodes of the show. The rush of endorsements that came his way after KBC, like the ICICI Bank endorsement deal for Rs 10 crore, helped Big B pay back creditors and clean up ABCL's balance sheet. In that hour of need, the Sahara Group owner Subrata Roy and Samajwadi Party's Gen.Secretary Amar Singh have morally supported him a lot.

The company was launched again by Amitabh Bachchan in 2001 as A B Corp. The company then went on to produce hit films such as Paa in 2009 Directed by R Bali and Viruddh.

Big-B in an interview -

Asked if this was his second innings, Bachchan said, ***“You cannot say this is my second innings. I will say that I have got a chance to prove myself again. Hum log chaans bhi phook phook kar piyenge abhi”***

“I have learnt to learn from my mistakes. We had gone through bad phase and we accept our failure. Now we want to start fresh,” he said.

Asked about mistakes, he said, ***“There is no point in going into those details now. This time I will be careful to keep financial accountability. At board level we will have a committee and we will not take any individual decision. We had 150 employees at ABCL earlier and now we have only two people.”***

“This is a very small step I am taking now. Jo hogaya so hogaya. I am only keeping in my mind that I should not repeat my past mistakes now,” he added.

Conclusion:

He lost all the wealth that he had earned through his entire life because of his improper management and carelessness with his wealth or business as well. We all from our very beginning start learning of how to become rich but meanwhile, we should also keep learning of how to protect the only wealth that we have with us.

You Need To Become responsible for your money life. You need to protect your hard earned wealth. Remember, as long as you have something, there is always a risk of losing it—so be prepared and protect your wealth, because not all of us are Big B. ***“Aaj mere paas buildingey hai, gaadi hai, bank balance hai. Tumhare paas kya hai. Kyaa hai tumhare paas...”*** We should not end up saying ***“Mere paas Sirf Ma hai..”***

Europe's refugee crisis- A battle that Humanity seems to be losing.



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A Syrian toddler, dead on a Turkish beach, after the boat in which his family was attempting to flee to Europe capsized at sea. Desperate families crowding a Hungarian train station, their children sleeping on floors and sidewalks, fearing Hungary will intern them in sinister-sounding "camps." Greek tourism towns filling with tents and with humanitarian workers, to accommodate the rickety boats of refugees that arrive daily at the shores.

These peoples are none other than the victims of the SYRIA'S CIVIL WAR.

Today, more than 19 million people have been forced to flee their home countries because of war, persecution, and oppression, and every day an estimated 42,500 more join them. Many, though far from all, of them head for Europe, which is why the crisis there can appear most acute.

There are two layers to this crisis and why it has grown so dire. The first is the sometimes-overlapping web of wars and crises that has forced millions of people from their homes in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa, and elsewhere — and that has opened, ever so slightly, a previously closed route to Europe.

The second, and less-discussed, is the increasingly anti-refugee politics in Western and other wealthy countries that are best suited to take them. People in those countries, insecure and fearful over the effects of immigration, preoccupied with vague but long-held ideas about national identity, are driving nativist, populist politics, and thus policies that contribute to the crisis.

The result is that at a time when more people than ever need help, wealthy countries are more reluctant to help them — putting thousands or millions of innocent refugee families in peril.

The war and repression driving this unprecedented crisis-

The biggest driver of the crisis by far is Syria. Four million people, nearly a fifth of Syria's population, have fled the country since the war began in 2011.

It's not hard to understand why Syrians are fleeing. Bashar al-Assad's regime has targeted civilians ruthlessly, including with chemical weapons and barrel bombs; ISIS has subjected Syrians to murder, torture, crucifixion, sexual slavery, and other appalling atrocities; and other groups such as Jabhat al-Nusra have tortured and killed Syrians as well.

Most of these Syrian refugees have ended up in underfunded and crowded camps in neighbouring countries. But seeing little future for their families in the camps, and knowing they may never be able to return home, many have decided to set out on the dangerous and uncertain journey for a better life in Europe.

But it's not just Syria. Older, longer-running conflicts have displaced, for instance, 1.1 million refugees from Somalia and 2.59 million from Afghanistan.

The global refugee crisis is more than just a collection of these individual humanitarian disasters. There are a few common elements tying much of them together. One of them is the Arab Spring, the wave of anti-government protests that hit the Middle East in 2011.

How the refugee crisis started(The Arab Spring jump)? For years, the EU kept refugees out of sight and out of mind by paying Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi's government to intercept and turn back migrants that were heading for Europe.

Gadhafi was something like Europe's bouncer, helping to keep the potentially significant number of African migrants and refugees from ever reaching the continent. His methods were terrible. Libya imprisoned migrants in camps where rape and torture were widespread. But Europe was happy to have someone else worrying about the problem.

But then came the Arab Spring. In 2011, Libyans rose up against Gadhafi, Europe and the US eventually intervened, and with Gadhafi's regime gone, Libya collapsed into chaos. Though the journey through Libya remained dangerous, it was also suddenly open, making it easier for both refugees and economic migrants from across Africa to use the country's shores as a launching pad for the cross-Mediterranean journey to Europe.

At the same time, the Arab Spring also helped lead to Syria's war, and to conflict in Yemen, and eventually to the rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq.

The Arab Spring was perhaps the largest single spark of the ongoing, global refugee crisis.

Why so many refugees began heading for Europe and other rich countries? Syria's neighbours are hosting the majority of Syrian refugees, often in camps that lack sufficient food, shelter, or other resources.

As the crisis has grown, and particularly as more refugees have left camps in places such as Jordan and set out for wealthier countries, the crisis has also become far more difficult to ignore.

It is not merely a matter of swelling numbers of people in far-off refugee camps — although that is happening too, and the camps are in crisis — but of desperate families reaching the shores and borders of Europe.

There are a few reasons that refugees have become more willing to brave the journey to Europe. The first is that the crises in their home countries have simply become too dangerous to tolerate. Another is that while many initially fled into camps, those camps have become dangerous as well, and offer little future for families who may spend years there.

But this journey is not cakewalk.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees have made their way to Europe, with most crossing the Mediterranean in rickety boats and rubber dinghies. Those boats are barely seaworthy, so tragedies are frequent and a recent estimate suggested that 2,500 people have died just this summer while attempting to make the crossing.

That influx to wealthy countries makes the crisis seem, for those countries, far more immediate and extreme.

When children die in Syria, that rarely grabs the developed world's attention — **sadly, and unjustly**, but that's the bitter truth.

But **when they die in the back of trucks** in Austria, or in the Mediterranean while trying to reach Greece, that feels much harder to ignore.

But Rich countries try to discourage refugees, making their journey more dangerous. Rich countries, in their efforts to deter refugees from reaching their shores, have actively avoided policies that would make the journeys less dangerous, and thus contributed to the danger.

Last fall, for instance, the UK cut funding for the Mare Nostrum search-and-rescue operations that saved an estimated **150,000 people** in one year, saying the rescues encouraged more people to make the crossing.

The result, predictably, has been deadly. An estimated 2,500 people have already died so far this summer. This is not an accident. It is the result of European policy meant to keep out refugees.

Within Europe, countries are also trying to restrict refugees from getting to or staying within their borders. Hungary has erected a razor-wire fence along its border with Serbia in an effort to prevent refugees from crossing into Europe over land and stopped its rail service to Germany to stop refugees from entering Europe.

Austria has now introduced checks along its internal border with the rest of Europe to search for refugees and other immigrants being smuggled into the country and they put those peoples back to HELL from which they are trying to escape.

Only **Germany** has opened it's doors to Syrian refugees along with Belgium.

The British government continues to refuse to up the quota of refugees it will take in and refuses to sign up to an EU deal that would see refugees shared fairly amongst European countries. At the moment, Britain has taken in a shameful 216 refugees from Syria that's compared to the 800,000 refugees Germany has estimated it will take in this year.

People have been suffering for last half a decade after the CIVIL WAR in SYRIA broke out. But the world was in a state of illusion that the wealthy and big countries are helping these peoples to relocate.

Recent incidents have shocked the world and put a huge doubt in the minds of the people and only one question comes to millions of minds.

What did these little innocent souls do to deserve this?

They are humans, and we live on one planet.

Wisdom of MAGI



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In this present era whom do you call a WISE man? Is it he, who can answer or claim to perfectly answer all your queries and can give solutions to all your problems with ease or is it any 'voodoo-men' who remains concerned with witch-crafts or magical beliefs. Truly speaking, at this modern era, choosing or selecting wise men is totally defunct. Anybody can blithely choose anyone to be wise. But the anachronism behind that lie beneath a deep mystery.

Let us move to the past and uncover the Biblical references to reveal the true aspect of wisdom. The Bible considers MAGI-the three wise men who travelled from East to Jerusalem to be the wisest men ever.

The Magi(Gr.-Magos) refers to as the three kings who were in the Gospels of Mathew. They were a group of distinguished foreigners who visited Lord Jesus Christ just after his birth, bearing three most unique gifts. They are now the regular figures in the traditional accounts in the nativity of Christmas celebration and grabs an important part of Christian tradition .Actually the word 'Magos' and its variants appear in both the old and new testaments. Ordinarily this word is translated as 'magician' in the sense of illusionist or fortune-teller(may be because they had the knowledge of the birth of the son of god, Jesus Christ before hand) and this is how it is translated in all of its occurrences except for the Gospel of Mathew, where it is rendered as 'wise man'

The Magi were certainly men of great learning. This was the title given to priests in a sect of the ancient Persian religious such as Zoroastrinism. Today we'd call them 'astrologers'. Back then astronomy and astrology were overall part of the same study(science) and went hand in hand. The Magi might have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. They would also probably been very rich and held high esteem in their own society.

From the Gospel of Mathew it is evocative that Magi visited the infant Jesus shortly after his birth. The Gospel describes how Magi from the east were notified of the birth of a king in 'Judaea' by the appearance of his star. Actually they noticed an unusual new star in the sky, and knew that it was indicative of the birth of someone divine and special though no one was really sure that the new star suggested the birth of Jesus. There were many assumptions regarding the issue, some believed it to be comets, some as supernovas or something supernatural.



Upon their arrival in Jerusalem, they visited king Herod to determine the exact location of the birth of the king of Jews. Herod, being disturbed told them that he had not heard of the child but was informed by a prophet that a 'Messiah' would be born in Bethlehem. He then sneakily asked those Magi to inform him if they find the infant so that he could also worship him. Guided by the star, those three men found the baby Jesus in a house. In a dream, an angel appeared to them and warned them not to return to Herod and thus Herod could not execute the horrible plan he had intended. Herod on the other way waited till two years for the Magi to bring the news of the child but after two years all the male children of two years or younger were slaughtered. The Magi however worshipped him and presented him with the three wise gifts:-

- Gaspar(or Caspar), who had brown hair and beard and wore a green cloak with a golden crown having green jewels on it was believed to be the king of Sheba. Gaspar represents the *Frankincense* brought to Jesus.
- Melchior, who had long white hair and beard and wore a golden cloak was the king of Arabia. Melchior represented the *Jewels* brought for the divine infant Jesus.
- Balthasar, who had black skin and wore purple cloak was the king Tarse and Egypt. He represented the gift of *Myrrh* that was brought to Jesus.

The wise men found Jesus with her virgin mother Marry living in a normal house in Bethlehem. They gave their respective gifts that they had brought for him. Though the gifts seemed quite bizarre for a baby but the Christians believe it to have much deeper meanings:-

Jewels :-It is associated with kings and signifies wealth and riches. It meant that Jesus is the king of the kings.

Frankincense:-It is sometimes used to worship in churches and showed that people would worship Jesus.

Myrrh:-It is a kind of perfume that is put on dead bodies to make them smell descent. This indicates that Jesus would suffer and die.



The three sagacious men were truly wise to have gifted such three gifts that acted as the template of Jesus' life.

STORIES TO MAKE YOU THINK



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Some of the most memorable lessons in life come from stories - whether these be nursery rhymes or children's fables read to us by our parents, parables from the Bible or Jewish wisdom tales, or motivational booklets like "Who Moved My Cheese?". I thought that it would be fun and helpful to collect some of the stories that I've found meaningful and share them with you.

The black dot

One day, a professor entered his classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin.

The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers.

To everyone's surprise, there were no questions—just a black dot in the center of the paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there." The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud in front of all the students.

All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain:

"I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same thing happens in our lives. However, we insist on focusing only on the black dot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black dots in your lives. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"

Knowledge and wisdom

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom.

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit not a vegetable.

Wisdom is knowing not to include it in a fruit salad.

Changing our vision

There was a very wealthy man who was bothered by severe eye pain. He consulted many physicians and was being treated by several. He did not stop consulting a galaxy of medical experts; he consumed heavy loads of drugs and underwent hundreds of injections. But the ache persisted with more vigor than before.

At last, a monk who was supposed to be an expert in treating such patients was called for by the suffering man. The monk understood his problem and said that for some time he should concentrate only on green colors and not to let his eyes fall on any other colors. It was a strange prescription, but he was desperate and decided to try it.

The millionaire got together a group of painters and purchased barrels of green paint and directed that every object his eye was likely to fall to be painted green just as the monk had directed. When the monk came to visit him after few days, the millionaire's servants ran with buckets of green paint and poured it on him since he was in red dress, lest their master see any other colour and his eye ache would come back.

Hearing this, the monk laughed and said "If only you had purchased a pair of green spectacles, worth just a few dollars, you could have saved these walls and trees and pots and all other articles and also could have saved a large share of his fortune. You cannot paint the world green."

Let us change our vision and the world will appear accordingly. It is foolish to shape the world, let us shape ourselves first.

The fence

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily, gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said "you have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one." You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. Make sure you control your temper the next time you are tempted to say something you will regret later.

I wanted to change the world

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world.

I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation.

When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family.

Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I

could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world.

Author: unknown monk around 1100 AD

A very special bank account

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with £86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every pound, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". Therefore, there is never not enough time or too much time. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.

Principles of Islamic Banking



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What is an Islamic Bank?

"Islamic bank is an institution that mobilises financial resources and invests them in an attempt to achieve predetermined islamically -acceptable social and financial objectives. Both mobilisation and investment of funds should be conducted in accordance with the principles of Islamic Sharia".

Principles

- Prohibition of Interest or Usury
- Ethical Standards
- Moral and Social Values
- Liability and Business Risk

Prohibition of Interest or Usury

The principles of Islamic finance are established in the Quran, which Muslims believe are the exact Words of God. These Islamic principles of finance can be narrowed down to four individual concepts.

The first and most important concept is that **both the charging and the receiving of interest is strictly forbidden**. This is commonly known as Riba or Usury. When Riba infects an entire economy, it jeopardises the well-being of everyone living in that society. When investors become more concerned with rates of interest and guaranteed returns than they are with the uses to which money is put, the results can only be negative.

Ethical Standards

The second guiding principle concerns the ethical standards. When Muslims invest their money in something, it is their religious duty to ensure that what they invest in is good and wholesome. It is for this reason that Islamic investing includes serious consideration of the business to be invested in, its policies, the products it produces, the services it provides, and the impact that these have on society and the environment.

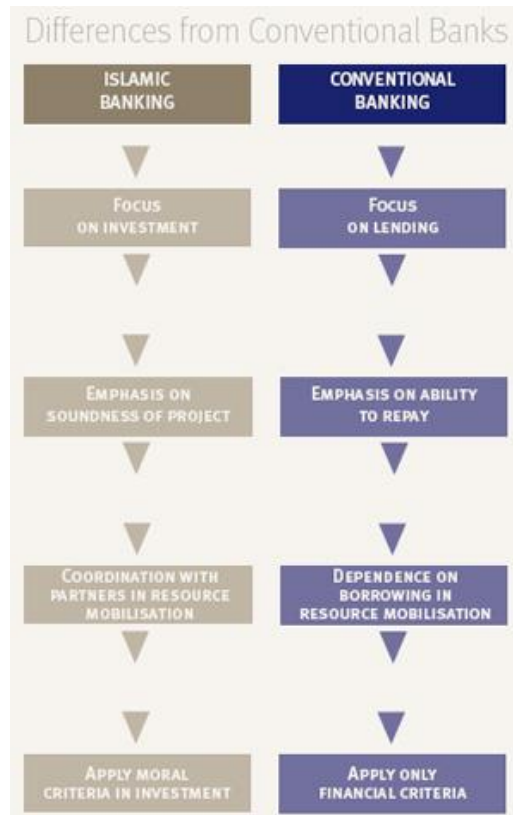
Moral and Social Values

The third guiding principle concerns moral and social values. Islamic financial institutions are expected to provide special services to those in need. This is not confined to mere charitable donations but has also been institutionalised in the industry in the form of profit-free loans or Al Qard Al Hasan.

An Islamic bank's business **includes certain social projects**, as well as charitable donations. Islamic banks provide profit-free loans. For example, if an individual needs to go to hospital or wants to go to university, they give what is called Qard Al Hasan. This Qard Hasan is normally given for a short period of one year and the Islamic bank does not charge anything for that.

Liability and Business Risk

The final principle concerns the overarching concept of fairness, the idea that all parties concerned should both share in the risk and profit of any endeavor. To be entitled to a return, a provider of finance must either accept business risk or provide some service such as supplying an asset. This principle is derived from a saying of the Prophet Mohammed (May Peace be upon Him) "Profit comes with liability". What this means is that one becomes entitled to profit only when one bears the liability, or risk of loss. By linking profit with the possibility of loss, Islamic law distinguishes lawful profit from all other forms of gain.



The Act of Giving



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What really is to GIVE!!

Once Krishna and Arjuna were walking towards a village. Arjuna was pestering Krishna, asking him why Karna should be considered an unparalleled Donor & not him. Krishna turned two mountains into gold. Then said, Arjuna, distribute these two gold mountains among villagers, but you must donate every bit of it. Arjuna went into the village and proclaimed he was going to donate gold to every villager, and asked them to gather near the mountain. The villagers sang praises and Arjuna walked towards the mountains with a huffed up chest. For two days and two nights Arjuna shoveled gold from the mountain and donated to each villager. The mountains did not diminish in the slightest. Most villagers came back and stood in queue within minutes. Now Arjuna was exhausted, but not ready to let go of his ego, told Krishna he couldn't go on any longer without rest. Then Krishna called Karna and told him to donate every bit of the two gold mountains. Karna called the villagers, and said Those two Gold Mountains are yours, and walked away. Arjuna sat dumbfounded. Why hadn't this thought occurred to him?

Krishna smiled mischievously and told him,

Arjuna, subconsciously you were attracted to the gold, you regretfully gave it away to each villager, giving them what you thought was a generous amount. Thus the size of your donation to each villager depended only on your imagination. Karna holds no such reservations. Look at him walking away after giving away a fortune, he doesn't expect people to sing his praises, he doesn't even care if people talk good or bad about him behind his back.

That is a sign of a man already on the path of enlightenment.

Giving with an Expectation of a Return in the form of a compliment or Thanks is not a Gift, then it becomes Trade.

Give without expecting anything in Return.

AB de Villiers

The man who made
It cool to be a freak



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The origins of the word 'freak' are not entirely clear, but some form of it stems from the Old English 'freca' which meant brave man or warrior. In more modern times, freak has been used to refer to somebody who is abnormal, usually in appearance, and it's usually not meant in a nice way. Years from now when we have evolved beyond such elementary language, the definition of the word freak will probably reference AB de Villiers.

A livewire like no other, a merciless marauder and an absolute leader. ABD, as he is called by the cricket fans all over the globe, isn't just a cricketer. He is a champion sportsman with immensely versatile interests during his growing years. A B De Villiers sure has lit up the imagination and prospects in the cricketing world, not to mention beyond.

South Africa had always flaunted the legacy of commendable captains, who have proved time and again that leadership takes the game of cricket to another level. Adding to the proud list is AB de Villiers, also regarded as the best batsman in the present scene of One Day Internationals. He catapulted into the scene of top league sportsman by topping the ICC Test batting rankings last year.

The foray into the game of gentleman was nothing less than noble and small steps. His talent as a right handed batsman was evident throughout his schooling days. Villiers is also an exceptional player of golf, badminton, rugby and tennis. Multifaceted and immensely potential, ABD also shot to be known as the second fastest and the second youngest player from South Africa to have attained 1000 test runs after the likes of Graeme Pollock. Few would dare to dream success, matching ABD with his ingenious stroke play filled with nuances of pyrotechnical chutzpah and a seemingly condescending aura while batting. A package that surely is a fascination to any cricket fanatic.

ABD was a quintessential boy wonder during his growing years, creating envious records and achievements in not one but many different sports. He was selected for the junior national Hockey and Soccer teams. He captained junior national Rugby team, while still holding on

to his 6 SA school swimming records. He also won Golf handicap of scratch, U19 National Badminton champion and was a member of SA junior Davis Cup team. If that wasn't enough, he had excelled in academics too, having recited Pi to the end and received a medal from the likes of Nelson Mandela, besides. Apart from sports and studies, the accomplished sportsman had made a striking impact in the music industry too. His album 'MaakJouDromeWaar' (Make Your Dream Come True) that was released with Ampie du Preez had topped the national music charts.

The fastest man to score a 150, a century and a half century (off 64,31 and 16 balls respectively) does not only have a lion's heart, he is said to have lived with a pride of lions for a year. Yes, he lived with lions for a year. If ever anyone had a doubt about achieving a goal or a dream, they can take a leaf or two from AB's book. If one man could do so many things with such finesse, he sure should be an inspiration for the whole world.

HR: The Dual Burden.....



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The market dynamics are changing now-a-days at a fast and accelerated pace. In the realm of such a scenario, the dimensions as well as the definitions of the HR domain, both seem to have witnessed huge shifts between the employee facet and the business world. This henceforth, has given rise to a dual burden in the HR field, effacing off the concept of monopoly for the companies. Traditionally, HR functioned only as the employees' champion. This included directives and measures by the HR experts that focused only on employee's welfare and success in the organization and formulation, followed by implementation of the organizational policies and objectives. The mainframe of HR was focused on understanding its people as potential resources, tap them viably and create an environment which can successfully highlight the employee aspirations and use them as a back up for enhancing employee productivity. However, now the HR roles have shifted drastically from a purely administrative role to that of being strategic partners in the business world. The evolved dual burden now tells off combating the volatile external pressures along with the internal changes needed to compliment the same.

The HR executives now work more upon a service-loyalty-profit cycle which enhances organizational effectiveness and productivity. This has helped to retain 3 valuable assets and good will serving the companies- Business profitability, Customer loyalty and Employee satisfaction. Hence, in other words, the HR is now more thick about being customer-oriented, cementing a baseline for stronger business models, undertaking strategic decisions and being more business-driven. The functions of HR now include promoting employee satisfaction, proactively participating in designing work positions, recognition and reward systems as well as proceeding along ethical business lines, which can accentuate business needs, knowing the organizational structure and the legal requirements, all paying back in terms of huge Return Of Investments (ROIs).

"Analytical software enables you to shift human resources from rote data collection to value-added customer service and support where the human touch makes a profound difference."-Bill Gates (American Entrepreneur and Founder of Microsoft Co., b. 1955). This saying made a substantial landmark in opening up and broadening further the dimensions of HR roles and functionality, entrusting them with the responsibility to make amendments with the corporate business peers and develop a stronger foothold for seizing up the maximum of the market shares. Thereafter HR, being a strategic partner in the business market remained no longer a coveted affair.

Summing overall, the HR dual burden definitely demands a call-on between being an ally of the business era as well as garnishing as a champion of the people. And to strike off a fine and delicate balance between both the internal and external influences seems to serve as the red light upon the stage.!

The HR giants finally play along dual lines, caving in a substantial growth for both their human resources and as equity partners in business shares.

As goes the saying - *"There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else"*.

জীৱন, নিৰ্জনতা আৰু এটি ফুটপাথ...জীৱন.....



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জীৱনটোনো কি? এটি সন্ধ্যা। যাক অনুভৱ কৰিব পাৰি প্ৰতিটো উশাহত। এটি কিস্তিত যদি প্ৰেম আহে, আন এটি কিস্তিত আহে আকাংক্ষা, হতাশা। পোৱা নোপোৱাৰ দোমোজাত কেতিয়া নিশেষ হৈ যায় জীৱনৰনেজাল তৰা সেয়া জেন মৰিচীকা। মৰুভূমি জীৱনটোৰ মাজত যেতিয়া প্ৰথমে আই পিতাই মৰমৰ বৰষা হৈ বৰষে তেতিয়া পিপাসু বালিৰ দৰে শুহি শুহি লয় প্ৰতিটো প্ৰাণে আৰু লাহে লাহে সেউজীয়া হৈ পৰে সেই মৰুভূমি এক গভীৰ অৰণ্যলৈ আৰু সেই অৰণ্য হৈ পৰে বিভিন্ন চৰাইৰ বাসস্থান।

নিৰ্জনতা.....

নিজৰ অস্তিত্ব বিচাৰি কেতিয়াবা হাহাকাৰ কৰি উঠে কোনোজন। তেতিয়া অৰণ্য খন স্থানান্তৰিত হয় এক নিৰ্জন দ্বীপলৈ। তেতিয়া হয়তো সেই প্ৰাণটোৱে নিজৰ কক্ষপথ বিচাৰি লয় নিৰ্জনতাক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি, আৰু যদি কেন্দ্ৰৰ আকৰ্ষণ বেছি হয়, নিজেই সোমাই যায় সেই নিৰ্জনতাৰ বুকুলৈ।

ফুটপাথ.....

যিমনেই দামী গাড়ীত চহৰ ভ্ৰমি ফুৰো সিমনেই ফুটপাথ আৰু তাৰ বাসিন্দা বোৰ নগণ্য হৈ গৈ থাকে। কিন্তু যেতিয়া ফুস্কা খাবলৈ ফুটপাথত ঘূৰ্মুটিয়াই ফুৰো তেতিয়াই দেখা পাওঁ ফুটপাথ আৰু তাৰ বাসিন্দা সকলৰ বৃহৎ ৰাজ্য খন। সেমেকি পৰা শীতত যেন কেতিয়াবা আস্থাল হৈ পৰে ফুটপাথ বোৰ, আৰু আৱাসী বোৰ হৈ পৰে একো একোটি ঘোড়া। ধূলি লাগি ডাঠ হোৱা কল্প খন যেতিয়া কোনোজন আৱাসীয়ে পৰিসৰ কৰিবৰ চেষ্টা কৰে তেতিয়া এজাক নিৰ্জন শীতে আক্ৰমণ কৰে তেওঁক আৰু ভেদি যায় তেওঁৰ লজ্জাৰ বস্ত্ৰ।

কেতিয়াবা আকৌ মায়াৱী হৈ উঠে ৰাতিৰ ফুটপাথ। মদিৰাত মাতাল এজাক দানৱৰ হাতত বিক্ৰী যায় ফুটপাথৰ লজ্জা, কাৰ্টৰ চুৰীৰ ঠুনুক ঠানাক আৱাজ আৰু ৰঙচঙীয়া শাৰীৰ চিকমিকনিত মাতাল হয় সময়। ফুল বুলি ধৰিব লওঁতে কেতিয়াবা কাইটৰ আচোঁৰত যদি কোনোবা জনৰ হৃদয় খন্ডিত হয় তেতিয়া ফুটপাথত গুৰিয়াই গালি পাৰে জীৱনক। ফুটপাথটোৱে সহজে মানি লয় এই অপমান আৰু উজাৰি দিয়ে হৃদয়ৰ সকলো আকুলতা।

হৃদয়ত যেতিয়া প্ৰথমবাৰৰ বাবে অংকুৰিত হয় প্ৰেমৰ বীজ, তেতিয়াই যেন অধিক সেউজীয়া হৈ পৰে হৃদয়ৰ দেৱদাৰু। তাতেই ঘৰ সাজেহি কোনোবা অচিন ঘৰচিৰিকাই। এই দেৱদাৰুক তিয়াই যেতিয়া প্ৰথমজাক বৰষুণ নামেহি তেতিয়াও ফুটপাথটোৰ ব্যস্ততাৰ যেন অন্ত নপৰে। দেৱদাৰুৰ সেউজীয়াৰে ভৰা প্ৰতিখন হিয়াকে সফল কৰিবলৈ ফুটপাথটোৱে যেন পাণ্ডি লয় ন ন দিহা.....।

বৰষালৈ অনুৰোধ...



শ্ৰীমতী পাবুল গগৈ
শিক্ষক প্ৰশিক্ষন কেন্দ্ৰ,
গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

বৰষা তোক মই ভাল পাওঁ..... প্ৰকৃতিৰ বুকুলৈ এই কঢ়িয়াই লৈ আহে সৌন্দৰ্যৰ সফুঁৰা। কলহৰ কানে চলা দোপালপিটা বৰষুন..... বিজুলীৰ চিকমিকনি, মেঘৰ প্ৰচণ্ড গাজনি ভৰাই তোলে নৈৰ শুকান বুকু। পাহাৰ বোৰেও হাঁহো তোৰ পৰশতে প্ৰান পাই উঠে সোনাবুৰ হালধীয়া ফুলবোৰ। এজাৰেও গা টঙায়া ফুলনিৰ ফুলবোৰেও হাঁহি উঠে তোৰ পৰশতেই।

বৰষা তই আহিলে চহা কৃষকৰ হৃদয়ত আশা জাগে। বোকাপানীয়ে ফাকু খেলি, হাড়ভগা পৰিশ্ৰম কৰি ঘামৰ সান্নিধ্য লৈ নাঙলেৰে ধৰিত্ৰীৰ বুকু ফালি সোনগুটি সিচো। আৰু বাংচালী ৰোৱনীজনীয়ে ব'দ বৰষুনক আওকান কৰি এজুপি দুজুপিকৈ ৰোৱে আশাৰ কঠীয়াগুটি। আৰু কি জা'ন বৰষা, গৰখীয়া ল'ৰাইতে তই আহিলে বৰ ফুৰ্তি পায়। আম জামুৰ সন্ধানত বাৰীয়ে বাৰীয়ে পিতপিতাই ফুৰে আৰু এই যে লালুকীবোৰ..... লৰাবোৰে ধৰি বৰ ফুৰ্তি পায়। কাজিৰঙা মানাহৰ পশীয়ে তোৰ সান্নিধ্য পাই আনন্দত কিৰীলি পাৰে, গীত জুৰে।

মানুহ বোৰে হাঁহে, কৃষকৰ আশা ভৰা অন্তৰত সপোনে সেউজীয়া কানন পাতো প্ৰকৃতি হৈ পৰে অপৰূপা, বৰষা তই জানো নেদেখ? নুশুন কৃষকৰ এই উৎসাহ! এই স্বপ্ন? কৃষকৰ মনত ইমানবোৰ আশাৰ বীজ সিঁচি হঠাতে বলিয়া হৈ হেনে ফোটাটোকাৰে কিয় ধুৱাই নিয় সোনোৱালী শইচৰ পথাৰবোৰ? ঘৰৰ ভেটি, গোহালীৰ গৰু, অতি হেপাহেৰে কষ্ট কৰি বনোৱা সকলোবোৰ লৈ য়াৰ তই পিতৃহাৰ মাতৃহাৰা, সন্তানহাৰা হৈ বহুলোকে বিচাৰি নাপাই জীয়াই থকাৰ থলা বৰষা, তই কিয় ইমান নিদাৰুন হৈ উঠ? কি শত্ৰুতা আছে তোৰ এই দৃখীয়া নোহলা কৃষকৰ লগত? দৃখীয়া কৃষকৰ উচুপনি জানো তই নুশুন? কিয় টুকুৰা টুকুৰ কৰ কৃষকৰ একাজআলি সূখ? খানবান কৰ আলফুলীয়া সপোনবোৰ। নিৰাশাৰ আঁচলত ধৰি কৃষকৰ মনলৈ নামি আহে সীমাহীন হতাশা।

তাৰ পাছত..... তাৰ পাছত পকেট গৰম হয় কাৰোবাৰ..... ঘঁৰিয়ালৰ চকুপানী

টুকি ৰিলিফৰ নামত মোটা অংকৰ বিল পাছ কৰি, লাখপতি হয় ৰাজনৈতিক দালালবোৰ। কাজিৰঙা, মানাহৰ পশু-পক্ষীয়ে প্ৰান দিয়ে চোৰাং চিকাৰীৰ হাতত।

বৰষা, মোৰ অনুৰোধ.... তই এইবোৰ বিশাল ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ, কলং, কপিলী, সেৱনশিৰি, ধনশিৰী আনি নৈ উপনৈক অশান্ত নকৰিবি, বলিয়ালি কৰিবলৈ নিদিবি, বুধিব নোৱাৰা প্ৰাৰনেৰে প্ৰাৰিত নকৰিবি তই অসমীক প্ৰানখুলি হাঁহিবলৈ দে' নিদিবি নৈৰাশ্যৰ ভাবুকি। পিছল আন্ধাৰেৰে ভেটি নধৰিবি দুখিয়া নিছলাৰ সুগম বাটা বৰষা, এই এইবাৰ দুখিয়াক প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি দে, তেওঁলোকৰ উন্মাদনাৰ জোৱাববোৰ সুৰুষমূখী কৰাব.....।



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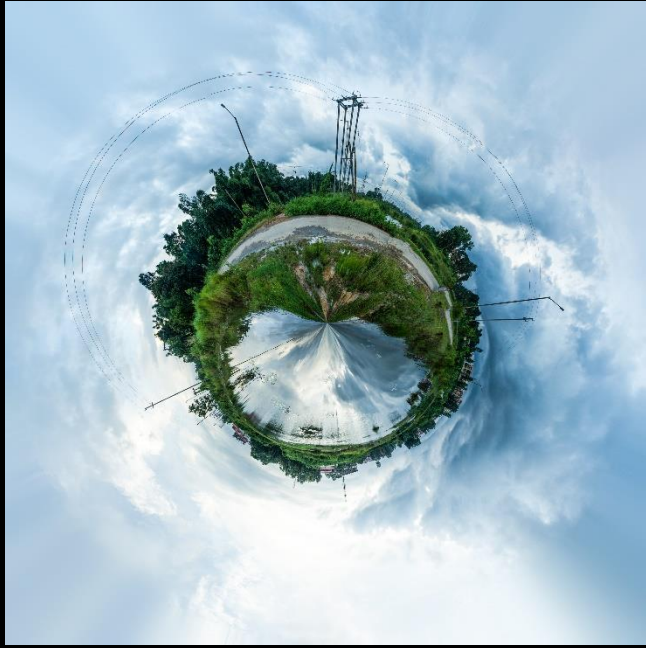
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The World Of NITS Through My Lens.



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Poet's Corner



Someday ...by the window

-Soumitro Roy

Someday, by the window, I may sit.
In my Castle of Dreams that I once dreamt.
The aims of life achieved and done.
Idle, undisturbed...
With nothing but the Book of Memories

Someday, by the window, I may sit
A gentle breeze forces in,
The pages ruffle in the air.
Leaves of memories scattered all around.
An old tale of our friendship per leaf.

I collect them together,
Trying to sort them in the order.
So many...
Which one to put where?

The leaf with the poetry of our careless laughter on it,
The one wet in tears of each other's pain,
Another with faded letters of misunderstanding,
And that one with bold print of support.
Which one to put where?

The memoirs of the day when we met,
The days, they said, we wasted in vain,
And the day we fare welled...silently
And the day when we started to forget.
Which one to put where?

Someday, by the window, an old man may realize,
The roads he travelled once,
Cannot be again travelled by.
He may leave the pages scattered there,
Someday... by the window.

~~AN ILLUSION~~

-Debopriya kar

In a world so centered around perfection
And all running cluelessly for validation;;
Ever wondered if it's all just an illusion?

Charades after charades, life goes on
Dimmed eyes and thoughts lost in hallucination;
Ever wondered if it's all just an illusion?

Seasons passed, days went by , as we moved on
Aren't we a forgotten self, less of us and more of other's perception ?
Ever wondered if it's all just an illusion?

Dazed and lost amidst confusions
Infinite doubts and too many questions;
Ever wondered if it's all just an illusion ?

Souls sold for the reward of appreciation
lost in love, lust and games of affection;
Ever wondered if it's all just an illusion?

Who am I and What am I ? Am I a reality or just a fiction ?
Escaping from the pseudo destination, often off to some other dimension
I wonder ... if it's all just an illusion .

She Stood Alone...

-Vivek Pathak

Beneath her heart I feel a story
If spoken with emotions, will tell her
glory

For which she stood still

For which she stood alone

No matter how far was her home

No matter how hasty was cyclone

Her heart was blessed with
such gravity

That accepted the universe
with all its insanity

She never asked forgiveness

She never went cold

Neither had she rejected the
world

Nor she accepted the world

The only thing she did.....

She stood still

She stood alone

No matter how far was her home

No matter how fast was cyclone

Mother Unlike Any Other

-Gangin Kuki

My dear mother unlike any other,

You taught me how to walk,
And you taught me how to talk.
You provided a roof over my head,
And always made sure I was feed.

You taught me morals and standards,
The meanings of living and all about giving.
What a wonderful, beautiful, thoughtful intelligent mother I have,
And you make me truly glad.

You always go out of your way for everyone each day.
You always listen to what I say even if I'm having a bad day.
Whenever I've had issues
You have always been my tissues.

You always hugged me tight
And loved me with all your might.
You were always there for me when I needed someone.
I'm so very thankful to have a mother like you,
With your kindness and all that you do.

All these words are perfectly true,
And mother, I love you.
You are a mother unlike any other.
A little poem I wrote for you to let you know
I love you and appreciate you every day
In every single way.

Kolanoj

-Shricheta Bardhan

*I stand out there..
Gentle on my heels...
Watching the world and its people...
Consuming each other...Slowly...
Destroying in a sane...Yet, beautiful way...*

A vision of a field...I see

*Someone nudges me soft...By the arm,
I turn around to a face...Strikingly 'deep' and 'peaceful'...
I tell him,...Pointing a finger to a far-off field,*

*"Look" ..I whisper, clutching his collars...
"There is a battle going on there ...Between love and lust...
Between hope and despair...
Between souls, some sane & some infected...
And it seems to go on...Forever..."*

*But i see a flash of smile, passing his lips...
A glint of pride., Shining in the hazel eyes...*

***"We will meet someday...Far beyond that point. Beyond that field.,
Somewhere...Out there",** He hisses back...
"I promise.."*

*And so, we surpass those fields... Those sad dark patches of land...
We run.., Admist slithering corpses and bloody hands...
We run.....
Fingers interlaced...*

*Weaving routes through demi-gods and devils...
Through sounds of melodies and squeals of evil laughter...
Sometimes we run under the sun...Our bodies shimmering in it...
And sometimes under the moon., And stars...
We flee through celebrations., And through agonies...*

*Our breaths mingle...
And it intensifies....*

Forever.,
 We went by birth and death...
 Through love, lust & hate...
 Through hope., Dreams and despair...
 And just like that, we run

The journey seemed till eternity..
The run lost the clocks...Went timeless...
 We fled by and the time faded...

But over the horizon ...
 I heard people screaming... "**Look ,they bleed..."**

I glance back...The bond had ripped apart...
 The touch felt hollowed...The warmth had left..
 I felt naked...Vulnerable
 I feared...

Beyond the gates i look.,I see him...At the contours of the field...
 People scream ... "**they still bleed..."**
Yes, we do...
He, in blood...
And i, in tears...

I stare at him...
 There lies, my **strength**...My **hope**.
 My **godliness**...My surrender to **humanity**.
 All **caged** silently... Into him.

I wait...
 And breaking through the winds and clouds...Comes back a whisper...Again..
 "We will meet someday...Far beyond that point..Beyond that
 field., Somewhere...Out there".,
 "I promise.."

I smile..
 I feel his light besides me...Always
 Gathering up the folds of my skirt...
I run...
 Together, **we run** again.....
 A beautiful run, to say...
 A run that never ended...
 Neither for me...Nor for him.....:)

CAN I.....HEAD BACK HOME....?? 49

Shricheta Bardhan

(These words happened to me...when i was driving back home...apparently...a long way..from west(PUNE)...to the east...(ASSAM)...you can actually see the convergence that takes you down...all those 4000+ kms....not only in the landscape changes...but also the transition through people minds...Dedicated to all fellows out there....Who stay away form their homes....You see,,, a sense of belonging...where every soul has a dogma...somewhere to return back...to where they belong....Pune...you gave me many things....but somehow....you lost...To win me back...MY HOME!)

*I PEEKED out of the window of my car....CRANING my neck ...
A SURGE of air had brushed past my face...letting my hair come LOOSE....
My mom chided to UP the window shades....
I didn't HEAR her....or, lets say.... didn't feel like to....*

*Just let the MELANCHOLY wind PLAY with my face..
It seemed to be COUNTING my eye-lashes...
PLAYING up ...with my lips...
I didn't mind the way it had RUFFLED up my hair..
nor the way it had my ear drums DEAFENED out with its upright ROAR....*

***I was PLACID....somehow SANGUINE today...
Enough to make me lean out the window and SCREAM...
"HOMEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE...!"
you see....I was HEADING BACK HOME... "....")***

"SWEET CHILD OF MINE"...by GUNS & ROSES....WAFTEd through air into my ears...

*I could feel the BREEZE out there....ENTERING in me voluntarily...
It didn't ask for my PERMISSION....
I guessed, it didn't NEED to....for loving me...the way it did...
I had PLUNGED deep amounts of it...without much of an ENDEAVOUR...*

*It was STRANGE...somehow...
Compared to how I SLOG to BREATHE back ...in the city..
The POWERFUL....UNABATED wind had somehow BEFRIENDED me today...
It has SNUGGLED up into my SOULwith a PROMISE of staying back.....
I realisedthis is what we call...."AN UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT..."
Again, it seemed strange....
Compared to how my ATTACHMENTS to people in the city....would VANISH
out in a WINK'S eye....*

**NO STRINGS ATTACHED...
THEY SAY...HUMAN EMOTIONS ARE CARDS OF A POKER GAME....!!!**

**YOU GREED-----YOU BET-----YOU PLAY-----YOU LOOSE-----
YOU GET DRUNK-----YOU PLAY AGAIN.....**

I have COME from a world...
Wherein FAKE SMILES stroll around...
And TEARS fall out silently....DRY up....without a TRACE behind....
Today, I had BONDED up with the wind...
it DEMANDED no answers....nor GRUDGED out any complaints....
It didn't ENQUIRE about my PAST....nor RESTRICTED my movements....
Today...i was FREED....I was on a new HIGH...
YES,.....I WAS heading back home.....:-)

HOME...HOME I say...
where you get...a HUG ...for a HUG...
A TRUST...for a TRUST..
LOVE...for LOVE....
Was not itfair enough...a DEAL?
if so, why does my city...offer me a CASANOVA'S PLOT???
A plot...where BETRAYALS are REJOICED....& HUMANITY is looked down with CONTEMPT..
WHERE SCREAMS are let out....and then SUBDUED....

TODAY,....i had left back far away....that place...
there were no HUNGRY EYES ...watching me down...
The wind had taken me on a TOUR....The STREAKS of SUNLIGHT....had VIVID me up....
and, why not....??
after all,...I WAS HEADING BACK HOME.....
A dark sheet of HOLLOWNESS...seemed to STIR me up...
I BLINKED... opening my eyes....I felt DAZED & NAUSEATED...
I nearly CHOKED to hear the roar of vehicles...in streets aside...
I wanted to SPEAK...there was NO ONE AROUND...

HELPLESSLY, I TUGGED at someone's jacket nearby...
I couldn't RECOGNIZE that face...
but I went on...
WHAT I spoke next...Was in WHISPERS...
"WILL you PLEASE....TAKE ME HOME...???:-(

PS:-I STILL AWAIT THE REPLY.....

Shricheta Bardhan

(I was aimlessly looking at the mirror one fine day.... I strangely chanced to actually look at the mirror...straight through it.... not the person it was showing offI found it had to convey something.....something to me.....)

Each time I looked at you...

I felt looking at a part of myself...

a part...that once was invincible to put down.....

something which I had proudly claimed to have captured...

CAPTURED???...no,...I had OWNED you...

like you had OWNED me.....

*DAMNN!...i was a lucid platform...ready to unveil myself ...
into any concrete shape of human existence...*

MORPHING convincingly...

from one form to another....

reflecting faces....reflecting moments...

*moments juxtaposing CELEBRATIONS of life...with STIGMAS
dwelling within...*

i had LAUGHED EERILYFLAUNTING my power...

to all those who stood before me....

YES...I...I was the naked TRUTH...!!!

*TRUTH ...you all are bound to VISUALISE...and SUSTAIN
within.....*

I was CLEAR and UNBLEMISHED...

as CLEAN as the crystals that glitter under the sun...

*as UNMARKEDUNSCRATCHED....as possibly as anything
else can be.....*

*i possessed powers of TRANSFORMATION...of projecting
BITTER TRUTHS...*

in ways....you can never FATHOM...!!

*you MORONS!...you NEVER KNEW HOW TO LEAD A LIFE...i
had snobbed..*

if I could BREATHE...
 I did show you how to...EMBRACE life...!
 EHH,...try to HARM me...
 and I could make you...BLEED...
 somewhere...
 I was a MASTERPIECE,...in MYSELF.....
 TODAY...
 but today,. As I lay unbridled with EMOTIONS...
 I REALISE...
 am nothing more than a mere REPLICA of you...!

I have to CRY,...if you CRY..
 I have to LAUGH,...if you LAUGH...
 I DONT HAVE THE CHOICE ...TO HAVE A CHOICE..TO CHOOSE FROM...!!

I lie LOW now...
 CRASHED..,broken into pieces beneath you...
 am all SHATTERED...
 but still bear an uncanny RESEMBLANCE to whosoever sets their eyes upon...
 am not ONE...
 a HUNDRED pieces now...

YES,...some hands did gather me up...
 somehow, I do stand up again...
 GLUED together with my pieces...
 but...am now a VICTIM of pitiful eyes...
 I bear CRACKS all throughout...
 cracks that I will take along till THE END....
 I CRY...

today, as it dawns upon me...
 I say...mankind...am your SLAVE...!!
 YOURS SINCERELY...
 #THE MIRROR#

PS:-next time you look at your mirror....you know...ITZ WICKED....;-)

YOU ARE THE ONE

- Anjan Singha

Like a glitter of diamonds in the sky,
Reflecting the ways making brilliant patterns,

Such is her beauty,

Even the angels are green-eyed.

As his giant gentle hands moulded her,
God would have known exactly the value of his work.

She is the one, who can make a man heave,
With her flawless beauty and alluring smile.

Darkness faints away,

At the glimpse of her smile,

Such a bewitching is she

Even her soft spoken voice can make a deplorable one glad.

He will thank his stars,

He will realize all his prayers are answered;

His desire to be with her will be fulfilled,

When he will be loved by her,

When she will be with him walking hand-in-hand.

A lucky guy he will be who will get to be with her.

You May Never See Me Fall

-Bubbly Rajkonwar

You may see me struggle

But you won't see me fall

Regardless if I am weak or not

I'm going to stand tall

Everyone says, life is easy

But truly, living it is not

Times get hard, people struggle

And constantly get out on the spot

I'm going to wear the biggest smile

Even though I want to cry

I'm going to fight to live

And even though if it fails

You may see me struggle

But you will never see me fall

ऐ दोस्त.....

-Vivek Pathak

इतनी बुरी नजरो से ना देखो मुझे,

कि दिल मे घर कर जाये।

और कभी रुबरु हो जाओ जिन्दगी के सफ़र मे,

तो हमसे नजर ना मिला पायें।

वक्त किसका हुआ है इस जमाने मे दोस्त,

आओ मिलके थोड़ी खुशिया बांटी जाये।

पता नही जिन्दगी कब क्या मोड ले,

और हमारे बीच मेरी जगह... खाली हो जाये।

ये तो पता है कि मौत जुदा नही कर सकती हमें,

ये पैगाम अब आम हो...कुछ ऐसा कर जाये।

दुआ अब उस खुदा से मै यही करता हु की,

मेरी खुशिया तुझे तोहफ़े मे दे और मेरी रुह के साथ तेरी बद्किस्मती ले जाये।

ये अन्तिम साँस अब बस यही कर सकता है मेरे दोस्त,

अपने हिस्से कि खुशिया तुझपे कुर्बान कर जाये।

और दुआ ये माँग लुंगा उस खुदा से,

कि रोते हुए याद करे ना करे... पर हँसते हुए भुल मुझे न पाये।

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কল্পনা আৰু বাস্তৱতা,
-নিৰঞ্জন বড়া
অসীম আৰু সীমারদ্ধতাৰ এক অদ্ভুত যুদ্ধ...
কোৱা হয় .. কল্পনাৰো এক সীমা থাকে
কিন্তু বাস্তৱ যে আৰু সীমারদ্ধ.....
তুমি এইটো কৰিব নোৱাৰা.....
তুমি সেইটো কৰিব নোৱাৰা
যেন তোমাৰ কমেডিয় শিকলিৰে বন্ধা।।।

সুন্দৰ কল্পনাৰ লাভ কি..
যদি বাস্তৱ হয় নিৰ্দয়া
দৃষ্টিৰ আগত সৌন্দৰ্য ৰখাৰ কাৰণ কি..
যদি সি বাৰে বাৰে ভাঙি দিয়ে হৃদয়।।

আশাৰ হেঁপাহ কিয় জাগে বাৰে বাৰে,,
যদি তাক পূৰ্ণ কৰাৰ সাহসেই নাথাকে
হৃদয়ে আৰু কিয় বিচাৰে.....
যদি তাক প্ৰকাশেই কৰিব নিদিয়ো।।

জীৱন মানেই এখন সাগৰ,,
আমিবোৰ তাত থকা মাছ
কেতিয়া চকুলো ওলাল কোনেও নেদেখিলে...
কৰি গৈছো জীৱনৰ কাজ।।

জীৱন মানে মই নহয়,
জীৱন মানে তুমি নহয়,,
হয় বহু লোকৰ সমাহাৰা
সময় চলি যায়,
স্মৃতি থাকি যায়,,
আহি পৰে দায়িত্বৰ ভাৰ।।

দুখেৰে ভবা জীৱন..
কিয় থাকোঁ কান্দি কান্দি.....
থাকে কিয় বহু সীমারদ্ধতা।।।

চেপ্টাৰে ভবা যৌৱন..
যায় অথলে সকলো ফন্দি.....

স্মৃতি

-রাজেশ্বরী দে

হারানো দিনের স্মৃতি আজ করছে মন উদাসীন,
কিছু কথায়, কিছু গানে ফেলে আসা দিন টানে।

সেই ছোট ছোট text, আর কথা অনর্গল,

ভাবতে গিয়ে আজও আসে আমার চোখে জল।

ভালো, কি মন্দ জানিনা সে আছে কেমন!

ছিরে ফেলা পাতার ন্যায় আছি বসে অবিচল।

ছিল না তেমন কিছুই হয়তো আমাদের মাঝে,

তবুও কিসের টানে আজও মন কাঁদে।

ডায়েরির পাতায় আজও তার কথাই লেখি,

ভুলে যাওয়ার বাহানা তে শুধু তারি ছবি আঁকি।

আজ সে অনেক দূর, আমিও নিজের পথে হাঁটি,

না মেলা পথের রেখায় স্বপ্ন আজও তারই দেখি।

মন চায় পেতে তারে নূতন করে নিজের ধারে,

অলীক সুখে ভালোবাসার গল্প আঁকা প্রতিবারে।

বাংলা আমার মা

-Koushik Khan

জন্ম আমার বাংলায়

তাই বাঙালি আমি

বাংলা তাই মাগো আমার

সবার থেকে দামি..

মাঝে মাঝেই একটা কথা

মাথায় আসে খুব

সারা বিশ্বের সমস্ত ঋণ

বাংলা করে মুকুব..

একবার ...সারা দেশটাকে

যদি বাংলা বলে ভারি

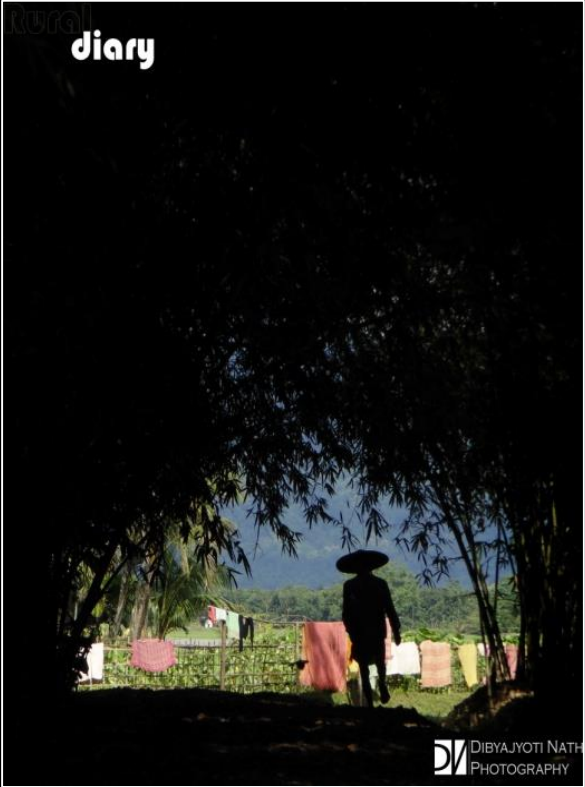
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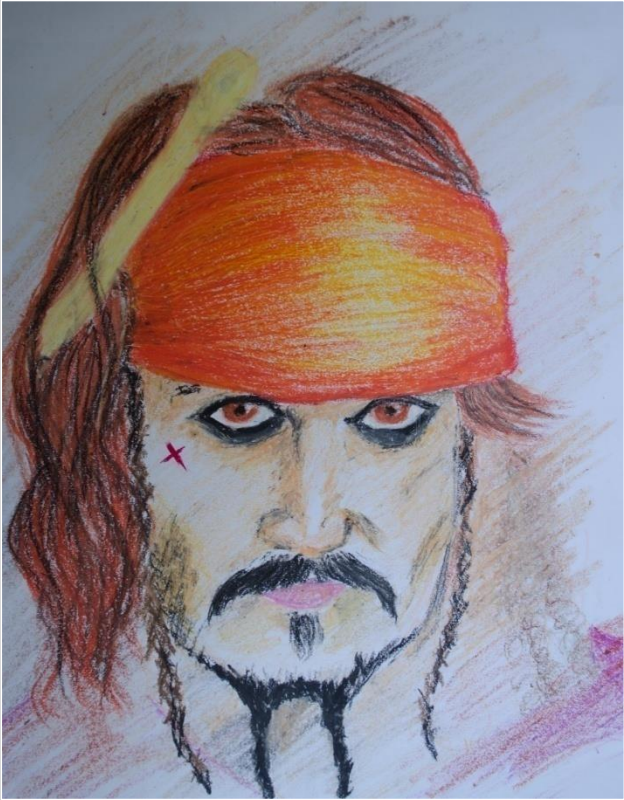
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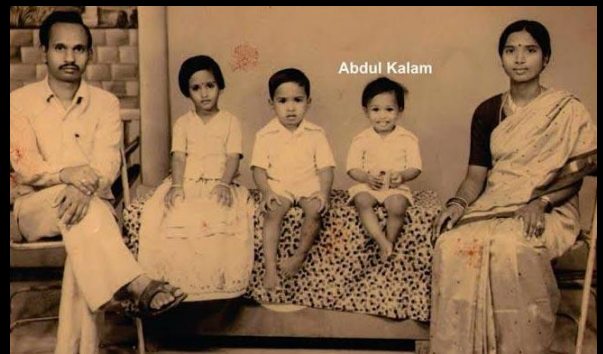


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MAN WHO TURNED DREAMS INTO REALITY

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born to a poor Tamil Muslim family on 15 October 1931 at Rameswaram in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. His father, Jainulabdeen, was a boat owner, and his mother, Ashiamma, was a homemaker. He started working at a young age to support his father. He received average grades in school but was seen as a hardworking and bright student with a strong desire to learn things. He used to study for hours, especially mathematics. He completed his schooling from Rameshwaram Elementary School. In 1954 he graduated in Physics from St. Joseph's College in Tiruchirappalli, which was then affiliated to the University of Madras. Thereafter in 1955 he moved to Madras and joined the Madras Institute of Technology and studied aerospace engineering. His dream was to become a fighter pilot but he was ranked ninth while the IAF offered only eight slots. His hopes of becoming a fighter pilot was dashed when he narrowly missed out on a spot with the Indian Air Force. Kalam instead joined the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) as a senior scientific assistant in 1958. After moving to the newly formed Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in 1969, he was named project director of the SLV-III, the first satellite launch vehicle designed and produced on Indian soil.



Journey and Achievements as a Scientist

- After completing his graduation in 1960, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam joined as a scientist in Defence Research and Development Organisation's Aeronautical Development Establishment.
- At the very start of his career he designed a small helicopter for the Indian army.
- He also worked under the renowned scientist Vikram Sarabhai as a part of the committee of INCOSPAR.
- From 1963 to 1964 he visited the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland; the Wallops Flight Facility located at the Eastern Shore of Virginia; and the Langley Research Center of Nasa situated at Hampton Virginia.
- In 1965, he, for the first time, worked independently in Defense Research and Development Organisation on an expandable rocket project. The programme was expanded in 1969 and more engineers were included after receiving government's approval.
- He became the Project Director of India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III) when he was transferred in 1969 to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). In July 1980 his team was successful in deploying the Rohini satellite near the orbit of the Earth.
- Dr. Kalam's efforts in developing the projects on SLV-III and Polar SLV from 1970s to 1990s proved to be successful.
- Dr. Kalam directed Project Valiant and Project Devil that aimed at developing ballistic missiles using the technology of the SLV programme that was a success. It is known that the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, using her discretionary powers, allotted secret funds when these aerospace projects were disapproved by the Union Cabinet.
- Dr. Kalam and Dr. V.S. Arunachalam, on the proposal of the then Defense Minister R. Venkataraman, worked on developing a quiver of missiles instead of one at a time. Dr. Kalam was made the Chief Executive of the programme, which was named Integrated Guided Missile Development programme.
- From July 1992 to December 1999 he remained the Secretary of the Defense Research and Development Organisation, and also the Chief Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister. This period witnessed the Pokhran II nuclear tests, when Dr. Kalam played a key technological and political role. At the time of the testing phase, he, along with R. Chidambaram, was made the Chief Project Coordinator.
- He developed a low-cost Coronary Stent along with Dr. Soma Raju, a cardiologist, in 1998. It was named "Kalam-Raju Stent" after them. Both of them also designed a tablet PC called "Kalam-Raju Tablet" for healthcare in rural areas.

Dr. Kalam's Tenure as President of India

- The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government on 10 June 2002 proposed Dr. Kalam's name for the Presidential post to the Leader of Opposition, Congress President Sonia Gandhi.
- The Nationalist Congress Party and the Samajwadi Party supported his candidature.
- Dr. Kalam served as the President of India from 25 July 2002 to 25 July 2007.
- He won the election, getting 922,884 votes, thus defeating Lakshmi Sehgal, who got 107,366 votes.
- Dr. Kalam succeeded K.R. Narayanan as the 11th President of India.
- He was the third President of India to have received the prestigious Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour. It was earlier given to Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan in 1954 and Dr. Zakir Hussain in 1963.
- He was the first bachelor and scientist to reside in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Dr. Kalam was affectionately called the People's President.
- According to him the toughest decision taken by him as President was signing the Bill of Office of Profit.
- He was criticized as a President for his inaction to decide the fate of 20 mercy petitions out of 21, including that of the Kashmiri Terrorist Afzal Guru, who was convicted for the Parliament attacks in December 2001.

Honours and Awards

- The United Nations has recognized Dr. Kalam's 79th birthday as "World Student's Day".
- In 1981 he received the Padma Bhushan and in 1990 the Padma Vibhushan from the Indian Government for his work with DRDO and ISRO and as scientific advisor to the government.
- He received the Bharat Ratna in 1997 for his contribution in the field of scientific research, development and modernisation of technology in the defense sector of India.
- In 1997, the Indian National Congress conferred him with the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration.
- In 1998 the Government of India gave him the Veer Savarkar Award.
- The Alvars Research Centre of Chennai bestowed on him the Ramanujan Award in 2000.
- The University of Wolverhampton in UK bestowed on him the Honorary Doctorate of Science in 2007.
- The Royal Society of UK honoured him with the King Charles II Medal in 2007.
- In 2008 he received the Doctor of Engineering (Honoris Causa) from Singapore's Nanyang Technological University.
- The California Institute of Technology, USA honoured him with the International von Karman Wings Award in 2009.

- He received the Hoover Medal from ASME Foundation, U.S.A in 2009.
- The University of Waterloo honoured him with the Doctor of Engineering in 2010.
- In 2011 he became the Honorary member of the IEEE.
- In 2012 the Simon Fraser University conferred him the Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa).

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On July 27, 2015, Kalam suffered a massive heart attack while lecturing at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong and subsequently died at the age of 83.

Kalam was laid to rest on July 30 with full state honour in his native Tamil Nadu. In honour of the scientist and former president, the southeast Indian state government of Tamil Nadu created a "Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award," which recognizes exceptional individuals who promote the sciences, students and humanities. The government has also established Kalam's birthday (October 15) as "Youth Renaissance Day."



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The Journey Continues...

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