

The Ruiaitaite

Evolution of Empathy is Humanity



Editorial



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The month of November brings with it great valour and celebration. A time when India - Bharat becomes a land of delicacies; the nation becomes a household of exuberant celebration; each one of us come together in the unified spirit of humanity.

RUIAITE NOVEMBER E-BULLETIN attempts to further brighten up the festival of lights by ideating to reverberate humanity in the minds of Rūiaites. We came across a multitude of areas where the humans can become beings. We realize if - 'To err is human', to consciously not repeat the err (mistake) is what we can achieve by living as Human Beings

The diverse culture of our nation is faced with numerous challenges. The column Insight in this edition gives us a clear lesson, just as we complain of the monstrous greed of humans, we have the choice to avail heaven here on earth. We also ponder into the subtler aspects of humanity in the poem -'Manus, Manuspan Ani Manuski' (Op-Ed). Simply Put, describes the nuances of celebrities returning awards and what do we understand by the same.

Amidst the fever of University Exams, the heat of results and the excitement of the festive season, let us taste the sweetness of brotherhood. Let us celebrate human potential of contemplation. Let us unify in the spirit of tolerance.

Let us evolve in empathy - **let us understand that evolution of empathy lies in humanity.**

THE TRIP TO ENCHANTING JAIPUR/RANTHAMBORE

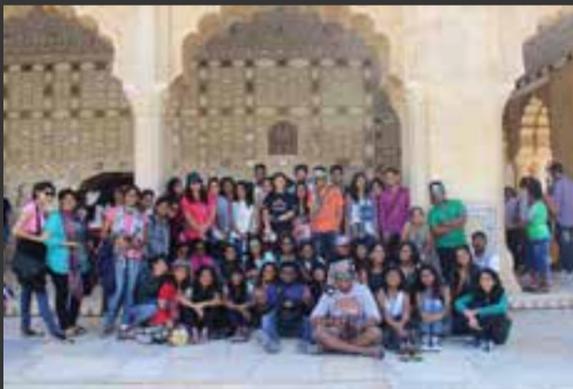
While Mumbai was stifling under the searing October heat as usual, the history students of Ruia College got the fortunate opportunity to escape this heat – by embarking on almost a week-long voyage to India's enchanting Pink City – Jaipur!

The enormous group of nearly 60 students, accompanied by their history professors, Dr. Louiza Rodrigues and Maithili Ma'am, left for Jaipur by train on the evening of the 28th October. Having arrived at their destination on the afternoon of the 29th after a thrilling train journey, the group visited the architecturally monumental Albert Museum, which houses a splendid collection of swords, shields, guns, armour, sculptures, porcelain – the list is endless! The visit to the intriguing museum was further followed by the trip to Chokhi Dhani – the ultimate destination for the seekers of authentic Indian rural life! That's where the students were introduced to the lively and mesmerizing world of rural artistes showcasing their wonderful talents. Students also recollect that the traditional (and gigantic!) Rajasthani Thali served to them there is surely a hearty meal worth remembering forever!

The Pink City unveiled its surprises to the students on the next day, as they paid a much-awaited visit to the jewels of Jaipur, including the meticulously designed Jantar Mantar, the stately-looking Amber Palace overlooking the city, and the famed Shish Mahal within the Amber Palace, known to have been constructed using Belgian glass over a long period of 23 years! The students also got to catch a glimpse of the well-known Hawa Mahal and the pretty Jal Mahal, sitting elegantly at the

middle of the Man Sagar Lake. In the evening, our Ruiaites roamed the vast markets of Jaipur, offering a wide array of authentic Rajasthani products, like kurtis, sarees, lac bangles, purses, bedsheets, razai, carpets, jewellery, etc.

On the next day, the group reluctantly bade adieu to the seductive capital of Rajasthan, and



travelled to Sawai Madhopur, a picturesque town situated at the outskirts of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. Everyone felt as if they had entered the very heart of Mother Nature when they went for the two jungle safaris that took them through the serene and tranquil tiger reserve. They could also see the ruins of the legendary Ranthambore Fort

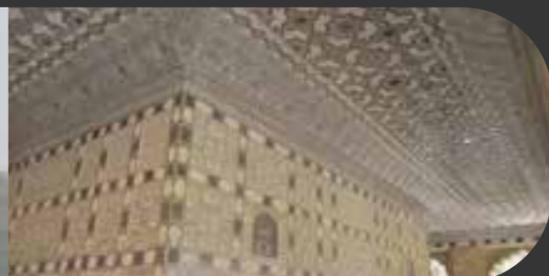
on their way. During the safaris, they made sightings of various animals and birds alike, like deer, spotted deer, monkeys, peacocks, woodpeckers, wild boars, sloth bears, vultures and others. However, the most unforgettable sight to behold was that of the tigers! The students were fortunate enough to encounter and follow closely the massive, majestic and noble tigers of Ranthambore! Many students recounted that it was a truly overwhelming sight to process!

When we contacted Louiza Ma'am regarding her comments on the trip, she summarized the fascinating tour by saying, "it was a very thrilling experience! During the wildlife safaris, we got to glimpse the deer, antelopes, owls and a variety of birds, followed by the climax of the majestic tigers! We are indeed very fortunate to have witnessed this memorable episode. The Amber Palace was also very stunning, with its beautiful medieval architecture, and the Shish Mahal was also magnificent! The entire trip would remain unforgettable!"

Halloween World 31st October, 2015.

The Rotaract Club of Ramnarain Ruia College organized a party with a horror theme to mark the occasion of the 'Halloween Day' which they named as 'SPOOKtacular', near Sussex Industries at Byculla. It was the fun period for the participants which began at 4 pm and continued till 8 pm. 50 people participated in the event that had a dress code of colors black and red. This event took place under the avenue of International Service.

The participants started arriving at the venue at 4:30 pm in twos or threes. Then, a variety of games were conducted which included Face decoration competition, Muffin race, Lantern decoration and Storytelling competition. This involved merely clicking pictures of whatever the participants saw around and creating a horror story out of it. All the games were in accordance with the horror theme, in some or the other way. Prizes were given for the best decoration, spookiest face and lantern. The participants enjoyed it all in the company of DJ and dance. Refreshments were provided which included things like Halloween sweets, cream, which were loved by all. The event was backed by a positive response from the participants as they thoroughly enjoyed this event and were greatly satisfied with the way it was conducted.



BRACE YOURSELF WINTER IS COMING

What to expect from this year's Winter Session of the Parliament:

The Winter Sessions of the Parliament are, more often than not, interesting affairs. Last year, the winter session, consisting of 22 sittings, passed 12 Bills in total of the 17 proposed. By the end of last year's session, 66 Bills were pending while 6 were withdrawn. If I seem to be delving directly into statistics, well that's because I am, for statistics is important to when it comes to sessions of the Parliament. It gives us an idea of how much work gets done in these sessions, and Winter Sessions are especially animated, considering that they come right before the Budget sessions.

The dates of this year's Winter Session are yet to be decided, and they would reportedly be decided once the Bihar polls are done with. However, reports have already indicated what could be expected from the session, the most significant of which could be the GST Bill, which amends the Constitution to introduce goods and services tax. Other notable Bills which the Center might try to impose upon the Oppo-

sition this year include the land bill, the real estate regulation and development bill and the negotiable instruments arbitration bill.

Meanwhile, the Labor Ministry aims to table nine bills this year, with the intention of "protecting the workers' rights." That, however, can be contested, considering that the government's policies do not, in fact, give much weight to manual labor or the worker. The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, already approved by the Cabinet, is an important Bill, and so is Small Factories (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Bill, for they ensure the right of the worker over his/her work, ensuring also that the employer does not wield more than the necessary amount of power.

One can of course expect a lot of discussion, debate and animated conversation when it comes to the month-long Winter session, but if all goes well, the Center can very well turn this year's session into a crowning **glory for themselves.**

Paper Clip

Romila Thapar's Lecture on Secularism.

In an attempt to imagine a future without secularism in the country, Romila Thapar questions the basic understanding of the term. Popularly used in political arena, Thapar says that 'secularism' is in fact beyond politics, however characterized by the political forces. Secularism is the basic fabric of a democracy, without which democracy will become a "victim".

The Third Indo-African Summit

The Third Indo-African Forum summit was held from 26-30 October in New Delhi. The motto of the summit was to increase dialogue between the continent and India. It also aimed at increasing bilateral trade and other issues. The summit was attended by representatives from 54 countries and by Head of the State or Head of Governments of 41 countries. African leaders discussed wide range of issues with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the summit. They asked for aid from India to fight against various terrorist groups in the continent. Along with this, they invited more investment from public and private sector of India.

On the other hand, African continent is important for India, primarily because of it is rich in natural resources and minerals. India requires those minerals to meet the increasing demands of its domestic market. Africa is rich in Gold, Silver, Oil, Diamond, etc. The previous two Indo-African summit were attended by representatives of mere 10-15 countries, but this time it was attended by representatives of 54 countries including head of the State of South Africa and Egypt. Prime Minister offered a concessional credit of \$10 billion over the next five years. This will be in addition to the ongoing credit programme.

PM also offered a grant assistance of \$600 million dollars. It includes \$100 million Indo-African development fund and \$10 million Indo-Africa Health Fund. It also includes 50,000 scholarships in India over a period of next five years. India is aiding Africa in building various infrastructure facilities, public transport, clean energy, irrigation, manufacturing capacity and agriculture. PM described India and Africa as BRIGHT SPOTS OF HOPE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. Indo-African summits will now be held after every five years instead of three.

Top 10 News

- 1) Mahagatbandan sweeps Bihar polls.
- 2) India's position in Ease of doing business improved.
- 3) Chotta Rajan's arrest
- 4) #Award Wapasi
- 5) Terrible comments made by ruling party leaders
- 6) BMC's check on restaurants and food joints to ensure safety of the visitors
- 7) Verbal attacks on Shahrukh Khan
- 8) Dal prices touches 200 mark.
- 9) FTII students call off their strike.
- 10) Anupam kher's march against Award Wapasi

It is the prime responsibility of every citizen to feel that his country is free and to defend its freedom is his duty- **Sardar Patel**

Simply put Returning of Awards

When did it all start?

It all started in early September when Hindi writer Uday Prakash returned the Sahitya Akademi award. It was a protest against the Akademi's indifference over the murder of intellectuals such as M. Kalburgi.

Who was M. Kalburgi?

Malleshappa Kalburgi was a prominent atheist scholar who had angered the conservative Hindus with his criticism of idol worship and religion. He was murdered by some hard-line Hindu fundamentalist groups on 30th August, 2015. He was also a previous winner of Sahitya Akademi Award.

How did this proceed?

The other Sahitya Akademi winners returned their awards as they were angered by the fact that the academy did not speak anything on M. Kalburgi's fate.

Which incident further aggravated this?

These protests were paced after the murder of a Muslim villager by a mob of Hindus on 30th September. There were rumors that he had stored beef in his fridge which were later proven to be false.

Who else did join this?

Poets, authors, playwrights also joined hands in this protest, expressing solidarity to the FTII students as well.

What is the FTII row?

FTII stands for Film and Television Institute of India. The students went on an indefinite strike since June 12 for opposing the appointment of TV actor Gajendra Chauhan as the Chairman of the institute and 4 other political appointees.

What is the current scenario?

The students ended their 140-day old strike but would continue to protest and resist current appointments in whichever peaceful ways possible.

How has the protest been taken forward?

12 filmmakers announced that they would return their National Awards as a mark of protest against the rising intolerance in the country.

The Sarcastic

"Tolerance is the basic pillar of the country. You have no right calling it intolerant!"

Tweets

Nobody felt like returning awards when the CWG scam happened? Or 2G? Or Coalgate? Or Aadarsh?- @chetan_bhagat

BUZZ AROUND

DON'T BE A TOURIST, BE A TRAVELER!!

Imagine a country, magical like in a fable, with a history marvelous and heritage splendid, bestowed with natural beauty and a culture infinitely diverse. Today, the simple activity of travelling to and touring different places for pleasure, leisure, art and knowledge has led to the growth of an industry-the tourism industry. This industry has been consistent in providing many lucrative jobs by effectively tapping the commercial benefits of travelling activities.

For both International and Domestic travelers, India is an attractive destination. Cultural tourism has been the mainstay for tourists. Attracted by the variety of culture and traditions across the country, not only Indians but a lot of International tourists wander in India. Heritage tourism is another element that could be the most significant segment within the next few years. Being the land of spirituality, pilgrimage tourism is also a noticeable segment of Indian tourism. But the feather in the cap is medical tourism. As the treatment costs for many an ill are considerably low in India compared to Western countries, the medical tourism is the thing to be looked forward to. And add to that the various Ayurveda spas, detox and treatment centers which are also great attractions on their own. The industry also supports our rich culture and heritage, by allowing area-specific cottage and handicraft industries to flourish and providing employment to local artists and workmen.

The impact of tourism Industry on Indian employment is phenomenal. 7.7% of the total job opportunities in India were provided by tourism. By 2023, at least 31 million people would be employed by the industry according to research. Further, the latest campaign announced by our PM the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' is expected to boost inter-state tourism to greater levels.

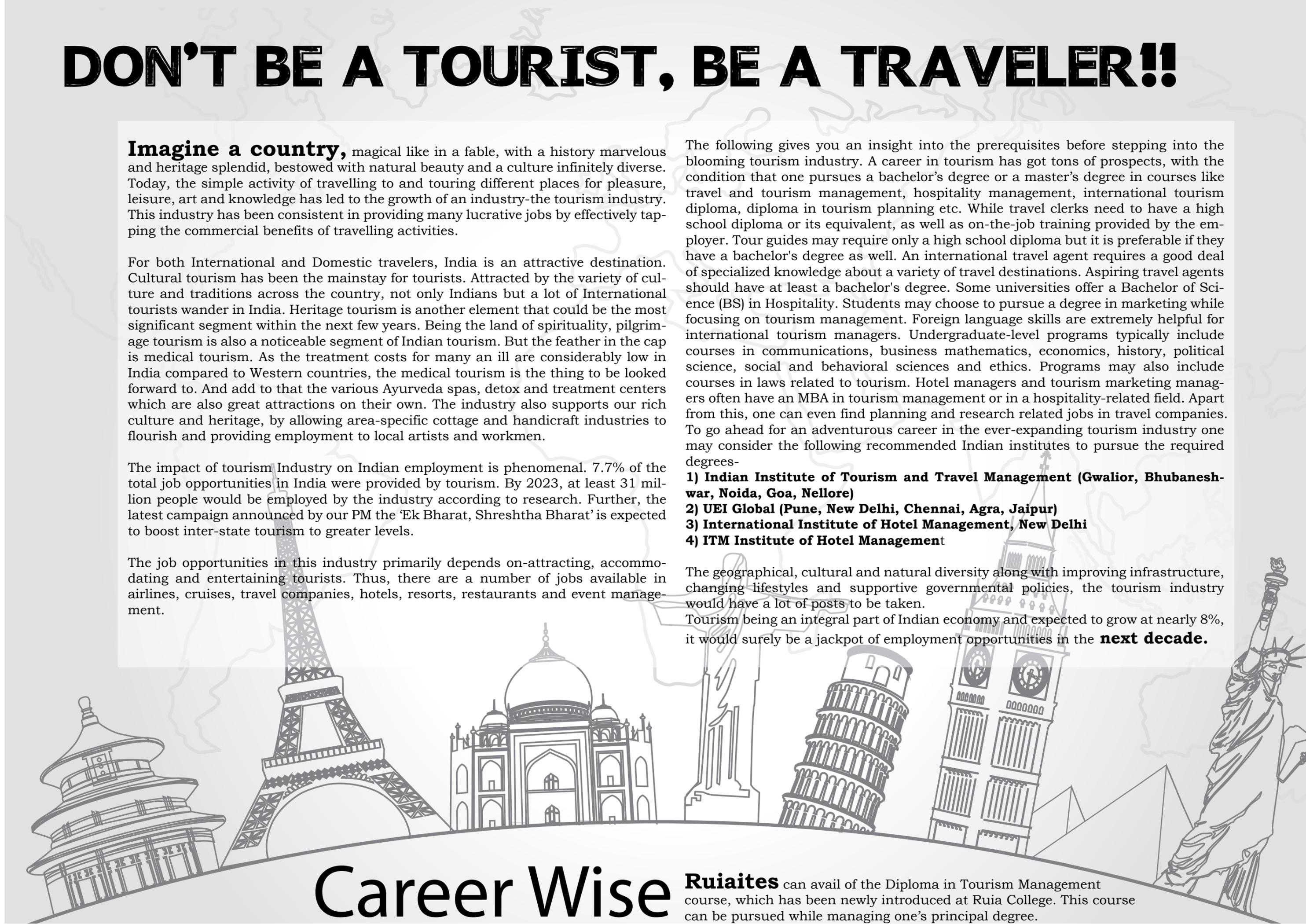
The job opportunities in this industry primarily depends on-attracting, accommodating and entertaining tourists. Thus, there are a number of jobs available in airlines, cruises, travel companies, hotels, resorts, restaurants and event management.

The following gives you an insight into the prerequisites before stepping into the blooming tourism industry. A career in tourism has got tons of prospects, with the condition that one pursues a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in courses like travel and tourism management, hospitality management, international tourism diploma, diploma in tourism planning etc. While travel clerks need to have a high school diploma or its equivalent, as well as on-the-job training provided by the employer. Tour guides may require only a high school diploma but it is preferable if they have a bachelor's degree as well. An international travel agent requires a good deal of specialized knowledge about a variety of travel destinations. Aspiring travel agents should have at least a bachelor's degree. Some universities offer a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Hospitality. Students may choose to pursue a degree in marketing while focusing on tourism management. Foreign language skills are extremely helpful for international tourism managers. Undergraduate-level programs typically include courses in communications, business mathematics, economics, history, political science, social and behavioral sciences and ethics. Programs may also include courses in laws related to tourism. Hotel managers and tourism marketing managers often have an MBA in tourism management or in a hospitality-related field. Apart from this, one can even find planning and research related jobs in travel companies. To go ahead for an adventurous career in the ever-expanding tourism industry one may consider the following recommended Indian institutes to pursue the required degrees-

- 1) **Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (Gwalior, Bhubaneswar, Noida, Goa, Nellore)**
- 2) **UEI Global (Pune, New Delhi, Chennai, Agra, Jaipur)**
- 3) **International Institute of Hotel Management, New Delhi**
- 4) **ITM Institute of Hotel Management**

The geographical, cultural and natural diversity along with improving infrastructure, changing lifestyles and supportive governmental policies, the tourism industry would have a lot of posts to be taken.

Tourism being an integral part of Indian economy and expected to grow at nearly 8%, it would surely be a jackpot of employment opportunities in the **next decade.**



Career Wise

Ruiates can avail of the Diploma in Tourism Management course, which has been newly introduced at Ruia College. This course can be pursued while managing one's principal degree.

माणूस, माणूसपण आणि माणूसकी

Being Human is Given,
But Keeping Humanity is a

CHOICE

“ अरे मानसा मानसा कधी व्हाशील मानूस,
लोभासाठी झाला मानसाचा रे कानूस ”

आयुष्यात शिक्षणाची तसूभरही साथ नसताना जगण्याचा अर्थ पुरेपूर उमगलेल्या बहिणाबाई आज असायला हव्या होत्या, ही आस काही केल्या मनातून जात नाही. तंत्रज्ञानाला विकला गेलेला माणूस खरंच माणूस म्हणून जगण्याच्या पात्रतेचा उरलाय का ? की माणूस असण्याच्या कल्पनाविश्वातच जगण्यात त्याला सार्थ वाटतं. माणूस म्हणून जगायला शिक्षणाचीच जोड असावी असं मुळीच नाही. खरी साथ असते, ती आपुलकीच्या विचारांची नि चार मायेच्या शब्दांची.

आणि जर खरंच माणसाला माणूसपणाचा विचार करायलाही एखाद्या कल्पनेची गरज असेल तर जगातून माणूसपण, माणुसकी हद्दपार व्हायला जास्त वेळ नाही लागणार. कोणताही माणूस हा माणूस म्हणून जन्माला येतो आणि माणूस म्हणून मरतो पण तो माणूस म्हणून जगायचं विसरतो आणि कालानुरूप समाज माणुसकीला विसरत जातो. माणसासारख जगणं म्हणजे माणूसपण आणि माणसासाठी जगणं म्हणजे माणुसकी, हेही तितकंच खरं.

मुळात जिवंत राहणं आणि जगणं यातला फरक कळाल्याशिवाय माणूसपण जगता येणं कठीणच. आणि यात आपण एक माणूस म्हणून असफल झाल्यावर जाब विचारला जातो थेट वरच्या कोर्टात. आपण कोण जाब विचारणारे त्या देवाला की, “ कुणी दिले तुला हे अधिकार ? जगणं दिलस तर त्यातली सुखंही खैरात म्हणून का नाही वाटलीस ? डोळे, कान, हात, पाय हे सगळे दोन दिलेस आणि भावना, यातना, दुःख, सुख, प्रेम, तिरस्कार, भक्ती, सन्मान, विचार, आचार आणि मनाभोवती येरझारा घालणाऱ्या अशा कित्येक गोष्टी सामावण्यासाठी हृदय मात्र एकच का दिलस ? ” “ माणूस म्हणून जन्माला घातल्यावर माणुसकी विसरण्याचे अधिकार तुला कोणी दिले ? ” असा जाब देवाने विचारल्यावर उत्तर शोधता शोधता माणूस विरून जाईल, आयुष्य सरून जाईल पण उत्तर काही मिळायचं नाही.

माणूस घडतो तो त्याच्या स्वभावाच्या जोरावर. ‘ एखाद्याजवळ जेव्हा काहीच नसतं तेव्हा अभाव नडतो, थोडंफार असतं तेव्हा भाव नडतो आणि सर्व काही असतं तेव्हा स्वभाव नडतो ’. माणूस म्हणून यशस्वी जीवन जगायचं असेल तर हे लक्षात असायला हवं की यशस्वी माणसाच्या ओठांवर नेहमी दोन गोष्टी असतात... मौन आणि हास्य ! केवळ माणूसपणाच्या बाता मारून माणुसकीच्या अंगीकारता आली असती तर आज जगात दुष्ट प्रवृत्तींचा कदापि लवलेश नसता. आणि जर-तरच्या भाषेत बोलायला लागलो तर भविष्यकाळ वर्तमानात येण्याचं स्वप्नातच उरून राहिल.

कल्पनेत रमलेल्या माणसाला वास्तवाचं खरंखुरं दर्शन होण्यासाठी गरज आहे ती अचाट कल्पनाशक्तीची. पुन्हा कल्पना !! जिथे कल्पनेला पूर्णविराम नाहीच, तिथे उरल्यासुरल्या विरामचिन्हांचा चोख वापर करणं तितकच गरजेचं. माणूस माणूसपण विसरायला लागला की पहिल्यांदा त्या माणसातला माणूस पोखरला जातो, नंतर त्याचं माणूसपण आणि मग अखंड माणुसकी. पहिली पायरी म्हणून आपण प्रत्येक जण करू शकतो आणि प्रत्येकाने करावं ते हेच की,

“ मरण्यासाठी जगू नये, अन जगण्यासाठी मरू नये
जगावे असे की कधी, मरूनही मरू नये ”

मग माणूस मेला तरी त्याचं माणूसपण जिवंत राहिल, त्याने पेरून ठेवलेल्या माणुसकीत.

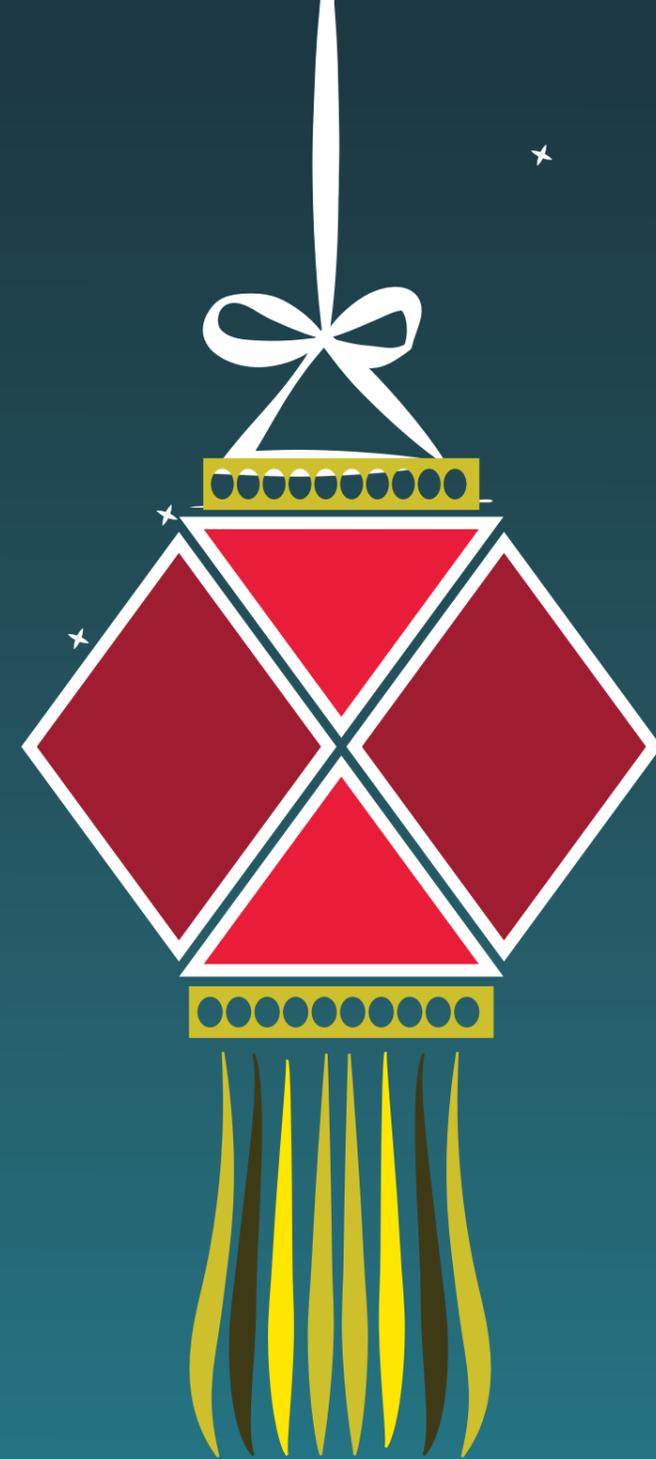
Diwali 'The Special Bonanza Offers' Festival'

Diwali is the festival of happiness, togetherness and excitement. It is not just the 'Festival of Lights' but a way to brighten the light within. It is a gala full of elation which involves loads of preparations, ceremonies. People from different walks of life celebrate Diwali together in their own special way by exchanging sweets, gifts, greetings, etc. It is also the 'SHOPPING' season and reason for Indians. All shops, from general grocery stores to boutiques and shopping malls get filled with Diwali delight, which mesmerizes everyone; even the online stores seem all geared up for this dazzling celebration. The oozing spirit of the festival could be seen when I picked up the newspaper in the morning and saw an advertisement on the front page. This was not unusual. I turned the page and came across another advertisement, this didn't seem odd either. It was when I flipped through two more full-page advertisements that I noticed all of them belonged to different e-commerce sites announcing 'Diwali Bonanza Offers'. I switched on the TV and was again bombarded with celebrity packed commercials of these same websites, all of them with catchy taglines, the amazing offers intoxicat-

ing us with glee. The offers were for small grocery items to huge electronics all in one place. These sites are surely taking over the 'real stores' around the globe. As this festival approaches, gifting has got an e-overhaul, with online coupons, digital e-cards and mobile apps for freedom of choice and convenience. These online shopping sites have connected everyone across the globe. One can order gifts and much other stuff for people living somewhere away and make them happy. These online sites have been helping by making many of the jobs easy, less hectic and less time-consuming. If one is lucky, one does get a lot of discounts and cash prizes on the purchase of several items. Gift cards, voucher cards, EMI facility, cash back option are of some the most common incentives given to people by these sites. This commercialization of Diwali is now a reflection of the changing Indian culture which these e-commercial companies are capitalizing on. These online shopping stores are surely providing a lot of choice in one single platform just in one click.!! Thus Diwali is turning to **'festival of the online sites'**.

The Undiscovered Hampi

Hampi is a quaint village located in Northern Karnataka. The ruins of the Vijaynagara City are declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO. There are many monuments of religious and historical significance but the famous places are the Elephant Stables which sheltered royal elephants. The Pattabhimra Temple is sprawling with dedicated devotees of Lord Ram. The popular season to visit Hampi is October to February and the staple climate is hot and dry. It is well maintained place with lush greenery and one of the peculiarities of the Hampi rocks is their placement which makes them a bouldering paradise. It is a must visit place especially for those who love nature, mystery, bouldering sports and history.



Book Review:

From Violence to Peace

The festive season of Diwali is celebrated by all Indians with utmost glee and cheer. The crackers and bombs indicate that we are celebrating the festival of lights. But the 26/11 attack in Mumbai, terrified us with dreadful religious rivalries, guns, bombs and blood. It also reminded us of the 9/11 attacks which knocked down the World Trade Center in New York City. Have you ever thought about the family of the terrorists involved in these blasts which killed innocents?

“THE TERRORIST’S SON” by Zak Ebrahim discusses the horrifying situations and feelings experienced by the author, when his father was involved in the 9/11 blasts. The story begins with an accident and progresses with the childhood of the writer, which is filled with murderous hatred. It shows how Zak’s parents met,

how his father got involved in terrorism, religious rivalry, and mainly about the hundreds of lies that were told over and over again.

Zak has emphasized on the theme of choice. Everyone has a choice. The lady of the house had to face a lot of negative situations due to her husband yet she still loves him. The book inspires the readers through the story of a boy chooses the path of peace and not violence, like his terrorist father did. The world is a beautiful place which could become ugly when contaminated by evils like terrorism. This story of choice reflects that, the path of peace gives much more satisfaction than the path of terrorism. After all, humanity is the only quality that is appreciated in the world. The story highlights the same.

Tiny Horror Tales

As the festival of Halloween is celebrated on 31st of October, let us reminisce with a few tiny horror stories. See if they chill your bones.

> I began to tuck my son into bed and he tells me, “Dad, please check for monsters under my bed.” To humor him, I look underneath and see him. Another him, staring back at me and whispering, “Dad, there’s someone on my bed.”

> There was a picture in my phone of me sleeping in my tent when I had gone camping. I was camping alone.

> In all of the time that I’ve lived alone in this house, I swear to God I’ve closed more doors than I’ve opened.

> I walked into the room to see a circle of candles; my parents were sitting inside it with a lady I didn’t know. “He is here, I can feel it,” she said as I noticed they were all holding hands.

A GRADATION IN GREY

So were the Kauravas plain mean?

Just as Ravana was completely evil, yeah?

Whether it is our aesthetically pleasurable and indulgent Hindu mythology or any other 'story' one hears as a child, they are all painted with black and white depictions. It's the good v/s the bad, the greedy v/s the humble, the righteous v/s the evil. Look at the Barbie films that one saw as a kid. There's an extremely wicked witch and then there's angelic Barbie.

The very basis of Hindu religion pits the devas against the asuras.

Consider the two renowned and evergreen epics from Hindu mythology: The Ramayana and The Mahabharata.

The stark point of basic consideration that we cover in summarising these beautiful texts are somewhat on the terms: Ramayana is Rama (the good) v/s Ravana (the evil) and Mahabharata is Kauravas (the evil) v/s Pandavas (the good). But is that it? Do the character depictions end at that? Classifying the righteous and unrighteous?

This is where we hit the focal point of my write-up. The world isn't a black and white phenomenon as we make it be. We're all grey. A mixture. The different shades in its gradation.

We have our annoyances and turbulent moods just as we have our generosity and altruism.

Why do we never talk about how courageous and brave-hearted Duryodhan was, putting aside his follies for a moment? Or how stubborn even the philosophical and moral Yudhisthir could be? That is what character analysis is about! We dismiss Ravana as the abductor of Sita, but how many of us know how profound his knowledge was or that he is the very founder of Ayurveda? (his ten heads equated with the intelligence that comes from ten minds collaborated) Down south in Sri Lanka, he is the hero and Rama is the infiltrator who entered Lanka. The meaning and importance of such depictions are growing among people today. Isn't that one of the main reasons why Game Of Thrones is such a popular series today, where no one is polarized as extremely good and bad?

Whenever we judge or label a person, swift is hardly what we should be. There are so many aspects to a person's character! And we may be exposed to only a part of it, unaware of the inconspicuous other.

We're all grey. A combination of different personality factors, whether good or bad.

Tarini Bhamburkar, SYBA

Heaven

The peaceful nights, the joyful days,
The way they vary, in so many ways!
Down, the green grass, up, the blue sky,
Make me wonder, 'Where am I?'

The chirping birds, the silent trees,
The thunder storms, the calming breeze,
Such fascinating contrasts, that come by,
Make me wonder, 'Where am I?'

The red hot lava, the deep blue sea,
Working in harmony, for you and me!
Sometimes demonstrative, sometimes shy,
Make me wonder, 'Where am I?'

The oblivious valleys, the wise old hills,
All narrating, their tales of thrills,
Containing the answers to all hows and whys,
Make me wonder, 'Where am I?'

The magnificent bounty, of pure fantasy,
With jewels of both, melancholy and ecstasy,
Whistle, some still long for Heaven, when they die!
I laugh! And wonder, 'Where am I?'

-Team Insight

Monsters

They told me once, when I was little,
That monsters sleep under my bed.
Now I hear a different tale,
Of monsters living in my head.

They don't know the falsehood,
Behind the truth they have been calling.
After all even chicken little,
Really thought the sky was falling.

He didn't know, the sky stood still,
And only cried it's tears as rain.
They don't know that these monsters,
Have vowed to never live again!

For why to send a demon there,
Where evil already takes birth!
And there is no need of monsters,
As long as humans walk on earth.

-Aarti Pednekar, SYBA

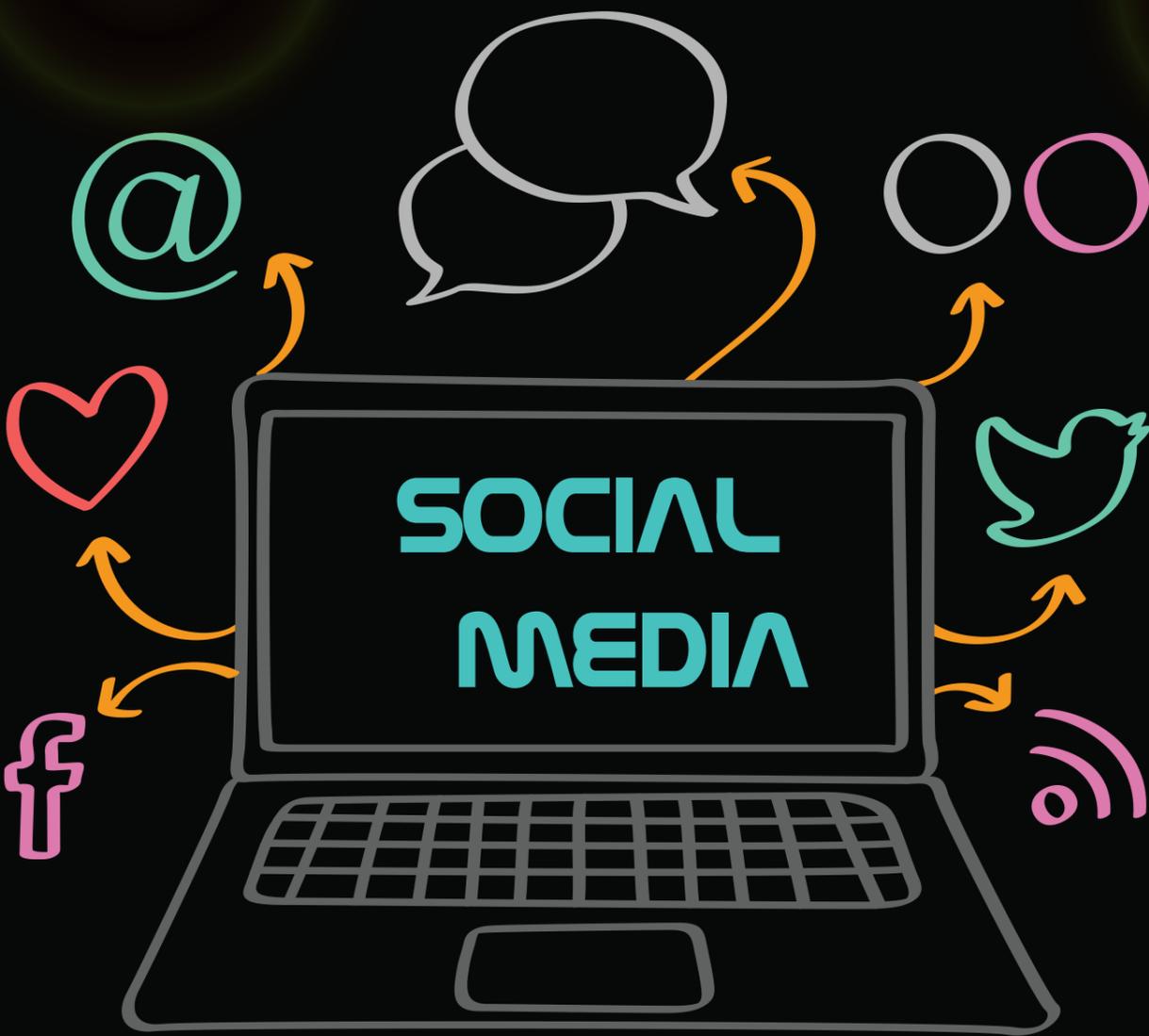
Terribly Tiny Insight

It Rains because-
Kid- Flowers are thirsty
B.A.-Water cycle
M.A.- Precipitation of atmospheric water vapour
Ph.D- Flowers are thirsty

-Team Insight



Tech Tricked



Paradigm Shift in Technology What is the Way Forward?

With the paradigm shift in technology and its accessibility to the public, there are few aspects of the internet that have had a wider and broader audience in not less than a decade. With the 90s kids being born with a cell phone in their hand and spending their entire childhood on social media, it is not surprising to see why 90% of the audience of the social media are teenagers. The trend although is not the same when it comes to our elderly and matured counterparts. Since its inception, the internet has been more of a younger man's tool, but now the definition of tool is not the same. It most definitely inclines on the definition of what you are using it for. Well that is the reason for the following statistic that I will present now.

60% of today's adult are now on social media as compared to the 6% in 2005. This is one of the largest increase in human history in statistical records. The reason for this is something that has till now been the underdog of all technology but has taken the center stage and hopefully will remain there for a while. What we are talking about here is nothing but accessibility and approach, which till now needed a basic, if not complete understanding of the working of devices and internet which acted as nothing less than chaperones for these activities. For the most they still do, but now they present to us under a different cover altogether. Something that absolutely does not seem alien and out this world, which has been shown to be one of the leading causes among adults and the elderly for not using the devices, but what is interesting to note is that all this only stands for more sophisticated and rugged devices like desktops and laptops which have capabilities and functionalities way beyond a cell-phone. Although at the fundamental bed rock level both perform similar functions, they are different. This is because technology is now being dumped down to those who want to use social media, but are manacled by their own interests and knowledge for the technological chaperones. Today, all the effort that goes in to getting on to social media is nothing more than two clicks on a cell-phone.

So now, will this go on or will we be seeing a decline in these statistics. In all due fairness and truth be told this entire paradigm shift has not only resulted in revenue for social media but also to those who give access to it, like cell-phone manufacturers. So with the interests of such multinational conglomerates on the line, it is difficult for trend to go down.

With the rise in the devices that provide easy access to these social media, it is really difficult to see how this trend might decrease but for the most part it will increase and reach a plateau stage and my prediction is that it will reach a 100% consumer base and that is because as the adult population in the future will be nothing but us as grown-ups who are so familiar with the way **these things work.**

"A Scientist in a laboratory is not only a technician, he is like a child in nature impressed by natural phenomenon" – Marie Curie.

Would You Like Some Pi?

The size of the first computer "Eniac" was as big as a room. Times have changed and things too have become quite smaller. From desktops to laptops to tablets, have you ever wondered what's next and, how small can a computer get? Well, there is a computer that is the size of a credit card. The Raspberry Pi is a series of credit card-sized, single-board computers developed in the United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation. Developed with the intention of promoting teaching of basic computer science in schools and developing countries. Raspberry Pi runs on Linux OS, this badboy can be modified to be used as a media server, a shared network hard-drive, an ultimate torrent machine or as an actual computer. With its wide range of uses there are many projects that are based on Raspberry Pi. It's a tiny and affordable computer used to learn programming through fun and interesting projects. It's a computer in your pocket.

Digital Drugs

Yeah, You Read That Right!

Mankind has endured and been through a lot, from the Great Deluge to the Great Depression, and then came the World Wars and Cold War. Man has proved over time that, he is the fittest to survive. But in a moment of retrospection, was he always alone in his fight, in this struggle that we call life? From the Somras that made Indra the King of Gods to the Marijuana that made Bob Marley the King of... yeah whatever, it was drugs that gave people hope and freedom and all that illusory abstractions which never made sense sober.

Let's jump to the 21st Century, everything, almost literally, everything has become digital. If you didn't know, you could actually 'print' food these days! But that's not why you are reading this article, are you? Okay, let's cut to the chase, even Drugs are Digital now. If what is being said on the websites, is true then it's as easy as downloading a song that you can get drugs.

These websites which claim that Binaural Waves, which can be used to alter brain states in a relatively easy way, can also be used to entrain the brain into trance states that are usually associated with getting 'high on drugs.' Most of these websites claim that with

a specific ambient music along with a particular frequency Binaural Beat, the brain can be tricked into believing that the body has been drugged by a particular drug. Acid, LSD, Marijuana – Mp3 and WAV tracks corresponding to all these and many other drugs are available online for download.

The authenticity or the effectiveness of these 'digital drugs' are often questioned. Though it is scientifically proven that binaural waves can affect brain functioning in multitude ways, its impact is far too negligible when compared with any 'hard' or 'analogous' drug consumption. 'Digital drugs' are considered to be rather a marketing gimmick by many than the 'real thing'. Those who have used these digital drugs claim that it surely alters the mind states but not to an extent to replicate any drug induced trance.

Now, it's not life, but technology that finds the way. It's developing and more advanced 'entrainment' methods would follow. As Digital India shines, it can surely console in the fact that there wouldn't be any Heisenberg to 'cook meth' in the future but only some freeware audio editors that will do the trick.

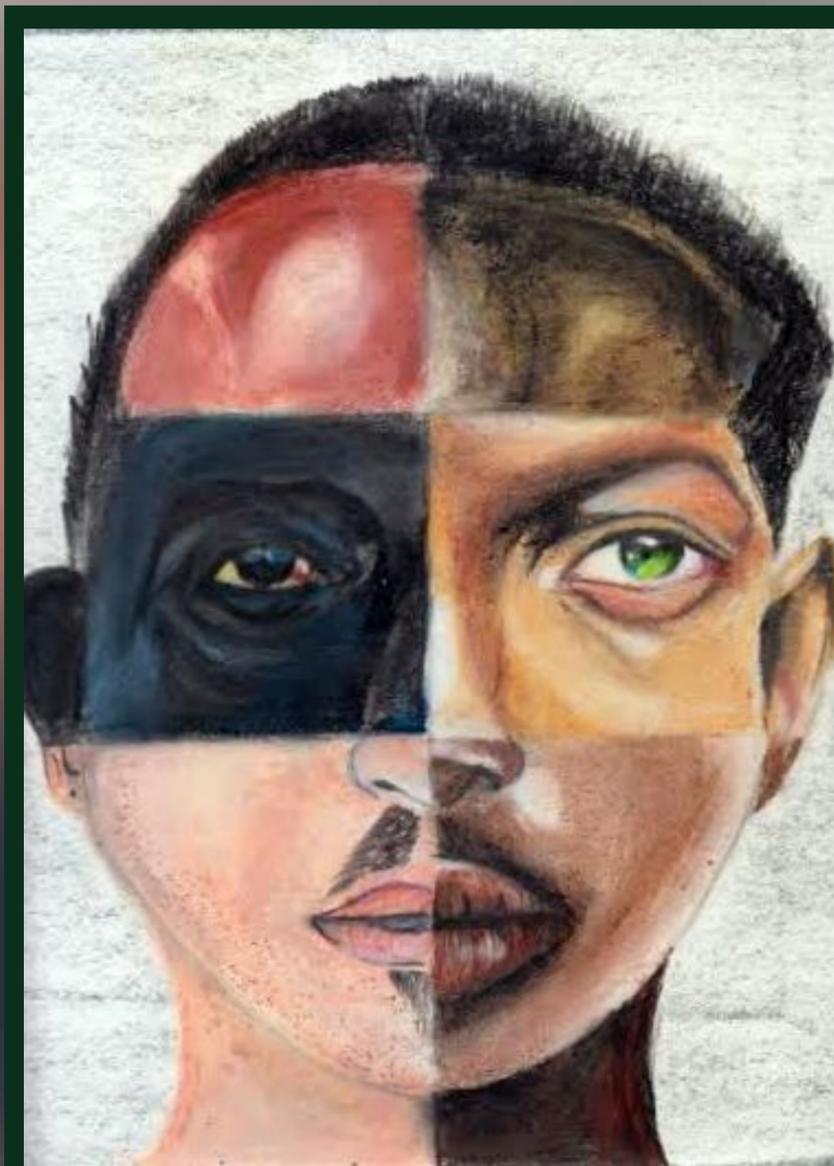
Beats by Mr.Dove

Binaural beats, or binaural tones, are auditory processing artifacts, or apparent sounds, caused by specific physical stimuli. They were discovered by Mr.Heinrich Wilhelm Dove. These beats were discovered way back in 1839 a time when thankfully auto-tune did not exist. Now imagine beats, not EDM beats, but beats which are similar to the static sound from your old CRT TV, now what if I told you these beats possessed the power of healing, you would call me a bluff, wouldn't you? Well Mr. Dove was called exactly that in the 18th century and his ground-breaking discovery was nearly

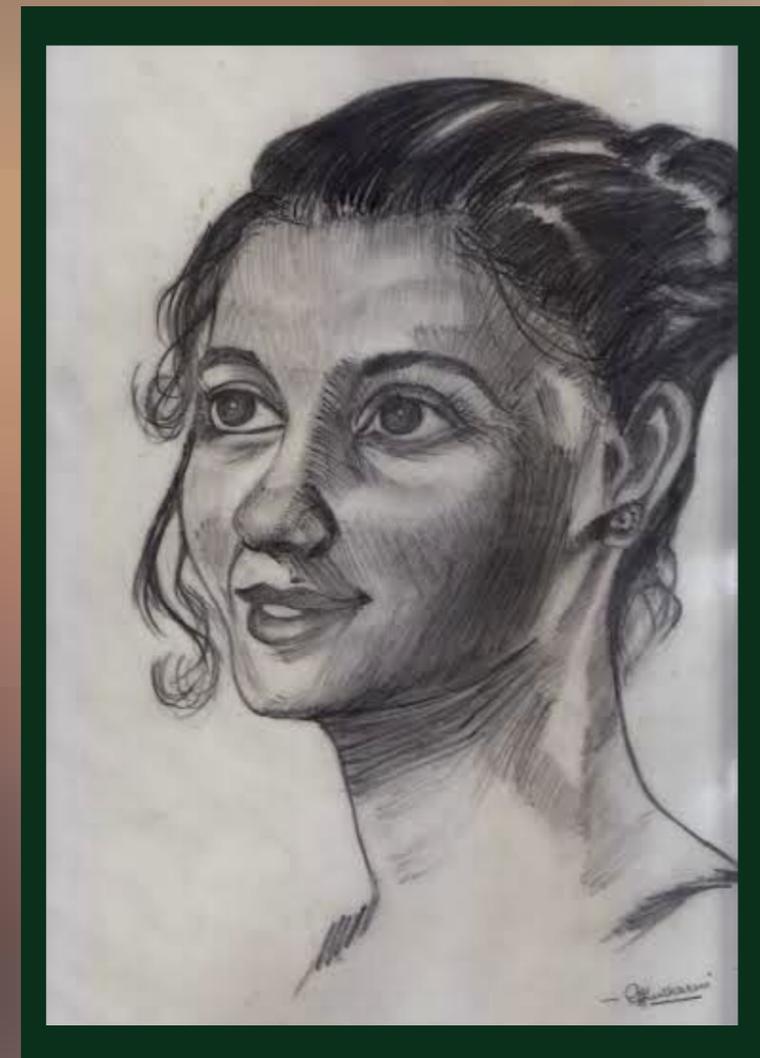
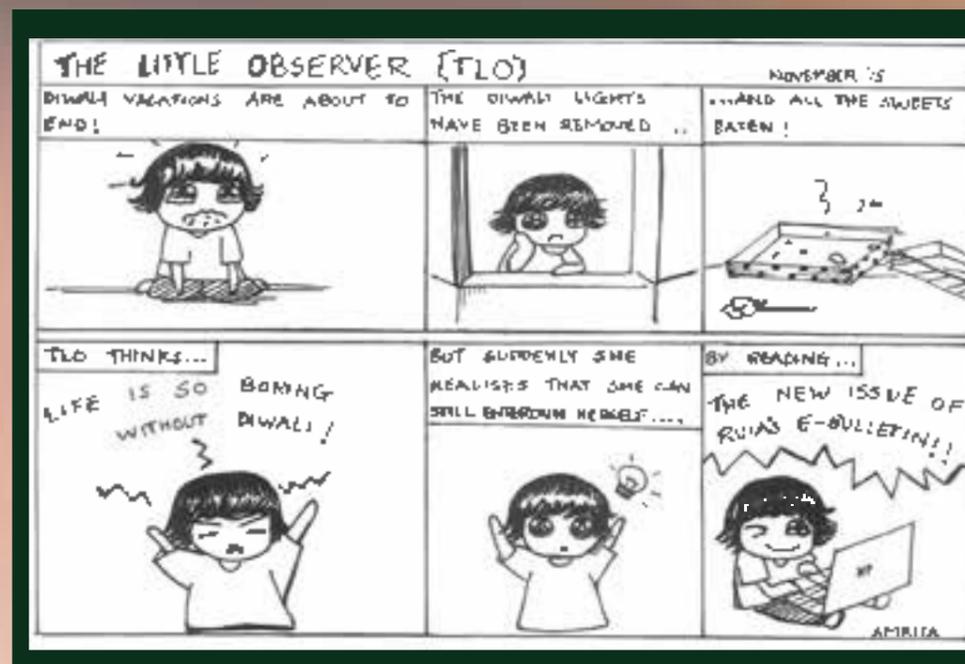
dismissed as a hoax. With technological advancements in the 20th century binaural waves gained a lot of attention and were praised by alternative medicine community as to having healing powers and these beats helped people endure pain. These beats basically stimulated certain parts of the brain using specific frequency to help the listener endure pain and therefore, these beats were considered to have healing powers. Binaural waves are gaining popularity even today, but not necessarily for the right reasons, but in the name of Digital Drugs.

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ART WALL



The essence of the beautiful is in unity in variety



Achievements

Inter Collegiate Women's Boxing Competition was organized at Thakur College, from 2nd November to 5th November 2015. Our college bagged 2 GOLD Medals and A SILVER medal in the competition.

Winners:

Antara Vaidyanathan(TYBSc): Gold Medal & Best Woman Boxer Award

Shital Valvi (SYBA):

Gold Medal

Apeksha(SYBA):

Silver Medal



Upcoming Events

Inter-Collegiate Science Exhibition 2015-16

Organized by: Science Association

Date: 3rd & 4th December 2015

Timing: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Venue: Junior College Physics Lab

Topics: 1.Magic of Magnetism

2.Desalination and Water Treatment

3. Soil-less Agriculture

4. Sensors and Detectors

5. Mobile Applications for Social Cause

6. Math Magic in Science

Safety in Biology Lab (Lecture)

Date: 17th and 18th November 2015

Only for First Year Students

Timing: 8.00 am to 12.00 pm - 17th Nov.2015

CGC – Seminar by Wasan Knowledge Hub

Date: 24 November 2015

Timings: 10.30 am to 2.00 pm

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