

## EDITORIAL NOTE

### *Readers,*

The most awaited day has, at long last, dawned upon us! The moment that we anticipated for a long time now has finally arrived! Ramnarain ruia college has become autonomous!!! July 1, 2017, heralded the beginning of a new era in the glorious history of ruia, with the Mumbai university officially approving the autonomous status of the college. Our special edition report in this edition shall give you further details of this radical change. To learn even more, check out our specially created video available on all our social media handles. This video, produced by our talented pr team and one of our graphic designers, features interviews with the principal, the vice-principals, certain teachers and some students, sharing their views on autonomy. Do check it out!

Now, in this month's edition, we have brought you a diverse range of articles to read, as always! Delight yourselves by reading a report on how did the audience enthralled themselves in our very first mehfil of this academic year, with the theme of "ye re ye re paavsa". Moving on, techtricked has showcased a cool technological advancement, the intriguing google cloud learning machine, in its article, while career wise seeks to enlighten its readers about distance learning. Insight has come up with an interesting interview with dr. Sangeeta kamath, the head of psychology department, which gives an insight into mental illnesses. Op-ed has chosen to take its patrons on a culinary journey by surveying

Some popular food joints in the periphery, and by giving its verdict, whereas buzz around thinks it better to elaborate upon an identity crisis going on in west bengal. Open forum shall transport its readers to the heavenly world of nature and pentactus is ready to release the climax of its thrilling story! Behind the scenes is going to go "between the lines" with a quirky tale on sarcasm. And lastly, do not forget to admire the wonderful collection of art-works brought to you by artwall. So, readers, it is time that you sit back and enjoy your very own ruiaite monthly while trying to accept the elated feeling of being a part of an autonomous college, of course!

***Executive editors***



# REPORTS

## AUTONOMY HAS COME!

### Ramnarain Ruia College receives the autonomous status, at long last!

While the nation has been celebrating the roll-out of GST, Ramnarain Ruia College has its very own reason to rejoice over.

The University of Mumbai finally bestowed the autonomy upon Ramnarain Ruia College on 1st July, 2017. The University has granted academic autonomy to the college for the period of 5 years, starting from this year.

Under this autonomy, the college is prescribed to change 15% of the existing syllabus & curriculum. And for the following years, this '15%' could be increased up to 25% by the college. Examinations will be based on what is taught in the classroom, and the biggest benefit will be that students will receive their results within 30-40 days. Although moderators shall be introduced by the University to supervise the correction of the examination papers.

Besides, instead of the 75-25 marking system, the college will now be following the 60-40 marking system, wherein the

semester exams shall be of 60 marks per subject, while the remaining 40 marks will be allocated to various creative assignments, which would help students gain more practical knowledge.

"In future, the college will be able to start a lot of innovative courses without getting stuck in the University permissions process, and if a panel from college sets the paper, then the standard of the paper will match the standard of the college". Said Sandesh Samant, Media Studies Professor for BMM department.

It is also true that the overall atmosphere of the college will get stricter, and 75% attendance will be more important than ever! "It should get strict, there are also many other things to be considered. We also have Marathi medium in our college, and those students come from a totally different strata, so we have to consider them too. Thus, we cannot be too

strict or too lenient. And the strictness depends upon the teacher-student relationship. College can make rules but the student has to respect those rules and choose to follow them." Said Mohsina Mukadam, the HOD of History Department and the Head of the Exam cell.

No wonder the students are also positive and excited about the new introductions in the syllabus. "Personally, I am a bit excited about the changes in the subjects, but also a bit scared because it might get tough. However, I am glad that we may finally get to learn what we are supposed to learn." Said Shreedeep Mundhara, a student.

So, with the onset of this new era in the glorious history of Ruia, Team Ruiaite is delighted to wish the college authorities, the staff, as well as all its wonderful student-patrons heartiest congratulations for this truly extraordinary achievement!



# THE RAINY MEHFIL

The first Mehfil of the academic year 2017-18 kickstarted by welcoming the beloved Rains!! With the theme "Ye Re Ye Re Paavsa", The Ruiiaite Monthly continued it's love for discussion on June 30th, 2017, at 1 pm in the DCM. In case you missed the Mehfil, no worries! Here's all the fun that we had!

The Mehfil started with a open-ended simple question to the audience- "What does rain symbolise to you?" Rain, just like Life, is different for everyone, and hence, the medium in which people conveyed their love for Rains was also beautifully varied. A melodious medley of Bollywood songs that described the journey of rains in movies was followed by a sonorous presentation of a French song, La Pluie, by Ojas Chaudhari, which showed the different aspects of rain. Himani Joshi, from SYBA, presented a beautiful poem penned by her, while Zeeshan Kaskar recited some rain-related works of Gulzar. Along with this, Marathi poems were also presented, followed by a slide show of breathtaking pictures clicked by Onkar Lele, who also gave the audience some tips about how to be a pro-photographer even when you're using a smartphone.

Later, a skit, written and performed by Apurva Tudekar and Yash Acharya,



talked about the social aspects related to rains. To show how rains have been



a part of the Indian culture since ancient times, Tanvi Ghag and Divija Purohit presented some verses from the Sanskrit literary classic, "Meghdoot", written by the great poet Kalidas. As you all know very well, media plays an important part in the portrayal of rains, and hence, an award-winning short film about a small boy and his novel experience with rain, "Dum Dum Deega Deega", melted the hearts of the audiences. But Rain has been a cause of distress many a times. To explore this aspect, the audience discussed their not-so-happy experiences with rains followed by a short documentary on the floods of 26th July, 2005. To lighten the mood, Amrita Shenoy presented a poem penned by her, which talked about why she doesn't like rains much, and yet, how can she just not live without them! After a brief discussion about the Ruiiaites' bitter-sweet experiences with rains, the Mehfil ended on a melodious note as Gayatri Lele Ma'am from the Political Science Department mesmerised everyone with her voice by singing some songs glorifying the rains! The Mehfil Committee, including hostesses Niyati Narkar, Apurva Tudekar and Madhureema Neglur, thanked the audience, the presenters and invited them to all the Mehfils of this academic year.

Well, after reading that immersive description of the very first Mehfil of the academic year, we are sure you would love to attend the upcoming ones!





# BUZZ AROUND



# IDENTITY CRISIS

नुकतंच पश्चिम बंगाल मध्ये संपूर्ण राज्यातील शाळांमध्ये बंगाली भाषा अनिवार्य करण्याचा निर्णय घेतला गेला. त्याचे पडसाद पुन्हा एकदा गोरखालँडच्या आंदोलनात उमटले. मुळात अलिकडचा इतिहास पाहता हे आंदोलन हिंसक होण्याची शक्यता होतीच. गोरखालँड ची मागणी ही

**1) विकासाच्या मुद्द्यावर आहे का ?**

**2) विशिष्ट समाजाच्या अस्तित्वासाठी आहे का ?**

हा ह्या दोन्ही मुद्द्यांचा विचार करता त्यात **2** ज्या मुद्द्यांचा प्रभाव जाणवतो.

तसेच ब्रिटिश राजवटी नंतर कोलकत्याने फार विकास साध्य केल्याचेही दिसत नाही.

थोडा इतिहास पाहता **3** गोष्टी महत्वाच्या वाटतात

**1) 1780** साली गोरखा जमातीने सिककीम काबीज केले होते आणि त्यात दार्जलिंग चा समावेशही होता त्यानंतर सदर भागावर **30** वर्षे गोरखांचे प्रशासन होते

**2)** लोयड नावाच्या ब्रिटिश अधिकाऱ्याच्या नुसार सदर भागात अनेक आदिवासी जमाती (माग्रा, राईज) वास्तव्य करत होत्या. ज्या गोरखा जमातीत गणल्या जातात. या मुद्द्यांचा आधारावर अनेक राजकीय पक्ष त्यांना भारतीय मानायला तयार नाहीत.

**3)** जेव्हा ब्रिटिशांनी चहाच्या व्यापारासाठी रेल्वे रूळ बांधले तेव्हा अनेक लोक बाहेरून ह्या भागात स्थायिक झाले पण त्या वेळी लोक साक्षर नसल्याने त्यांना आंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमांची माहिती नव्हती. सदर जमीन ही राजाच्याच मालकीची असून आणि ते राजाच्या मर्जीनेच ब्रिटिशांचे नोकर म्हणून काम करतात असा त्यांचा समज होता. ह्या मुद्द्यांमुळे गोरखांच्या व्यक्तित्वाची ओळख ही भारतीय म्हणून काही जणांकडून नाकारली जाते

**1947** साली स्वातंत्र्या नंतर **1950** साली नेपाळ आणि भारतामध्ये करार झाला सदर करारानुसार

'the government of India and Nepal agree to grant on a reciprocal basis to the national of one country in the territory of another, the same privileges in the matter of residence, ownership properties and privileges of similar nature'

सदर करारातील '**reciprocal**'

या शब्दा मुळे गोरखांची व्यक्तित्व ओळख ही वादातीत आहे.

आणि हीच ओळख मिळवण्यासाठी स्वतंत्र गोरखालँड चा खटाटोप मांडला आहे. त्यामुळे गोरखा मुक्ती मोर्चा नुसार ही बंगाल किंवा भारत विरुद्ध ची लढाई नाही.

आता विकासाचा मुद्दा घेता तो ही ग्राह्य धरता येईल कारण त्या भागात पाण्याच्या सोयीपासून बेकारी पर्यंत मुद्दे अस्तित्वात आहेत.



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- Aashirwad Sapre, TYBA



# And It's Back...

Elections to the highest position in the country are taking place this year, how well do you know your candidates?

## Mr. Ramnath Kovind

Represents : National Democratic Alliance [NDP]  
Political Party : Bharatiya Janata Party  
Previous Occupations :  
• Governor of Bihar  
• Rajya Sabha Member  
• Central Government standing counsel in the supreme court  
• Personal Assistant to Prime Minister Morarji Desai  
• Advocate on record at the Supreme Court  
• Advocate in Delhi High Court  
• Board of management of Dr. B.R Ambedkar University, Lucknow.  
Born : 1 October 1945 (age 71)  
Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh, Educational Qualifications:  
B.Com ; LLB  
Caste Affiliations : Dalit

## Mrs. Meira Kumar

Represents : United Progressive Alliance  
Political Party : Congress  
Previous Occupations :  
• Speaker of Lok Sabha  
• Five time Member of Parliament  
• Cabinet Minister in the Ministry of Social Justice and Employment  
• Diplomat  
Born : 31 March 1945 (age 72)  
Patna, Bihar, British India  
Educational Qualifications:  
MA ; LLB  
Caste Affiliations : Dalit  
- Aditi Patil



# Top News

1. Government clears 7th pay panel allowances.
2. 1993 Mumbai serial blasts convict Mustafa Dossa dies in the hospital.
3. HC dismisses Himachal CM Virbhadra Singh's plea to quash money laundering case.
4. India successfully test fires the indigenous QRSAM missile.
5. GST was implemented from 1st July 2017.
6. 16-year-old Hafiz Junaid lynched on the Mathura-bound train, 4 people arrested.
7. Two people lynched in Jharkhand for allegedly carrying beef.
8. KK Venugopal appointed as India's new Attorney General.
9. Bhumika Sharma, India's first women bodybuilder crowned Miss World at the World Bodybuilding Championship in Venice.
10. Srikanth clinched back-to-back titles at Indonesia and Australia.
11. Germany legalises same sex marriages.



# CAREER WISE





# Distance and Open - Education For All

Students planning to pursue education from traditional colleges and universities face several challenges including exorbitant fees, rigid timings and limitations in the choice of courses available. These problems have caused many students to search for alternatives. Online or distance education has provided a solution to such students. This month in Careerwise we shall take a look at the same.

There are several different types of courses available online and in correspondence. Some of them are formal courses that are usually affiliated or endorsed by universities or there are courses that are slightly informal but just as credible. As far as the formal degrees are concerned, open universities have opened the gates for one and all.

Open universities are universities that are open to people without formal academic qualifications. Open universities offer distance education using specific didactics and media. The goal of open universities is to offer everyone equal opportunities to develop their competences, to raise their level of education and to receive retraining. On the other hand, it is also a way of attracting potential students that at one point, would like to enroll and pursue a degree.

Most open universities award undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, as well as non-degree qualifications such as diplomas and certificates or continuing education units.

Open Universities in India provide the facility of distance education to people who are unable to pursue regular courses. These universities offer undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral programmes under Open Distance Learning System in India. They also offer vocational diploma and certificate level courses to students who have not completed regular school education.

There are 14 Open Universities in India at present- 1 national and 13 state open universities. They have educational centers in various states of India.



Here are some of the Open Universities in India:

1. INDIRA GANDHI OPEN UNIVERSITY (IGNOU), New Delhi.
2. DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY (BRAOU) Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
3. VARDHMAN MAHAVEER OPEN UNIVERSITY (VMOU), Kota, Rajasthan.
4. NALANDA OPEN UNIVERSITY (NOU) Patna, Bihar.
5. YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN MAHARASHTRA OPEN UNIVERSITY (YCMOU) Nashik, Maharashtra
6. MADHYA PRADESH BHOJ OPEN UNIVERSITY (MPBOU) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
7. DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY (BAOU) Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

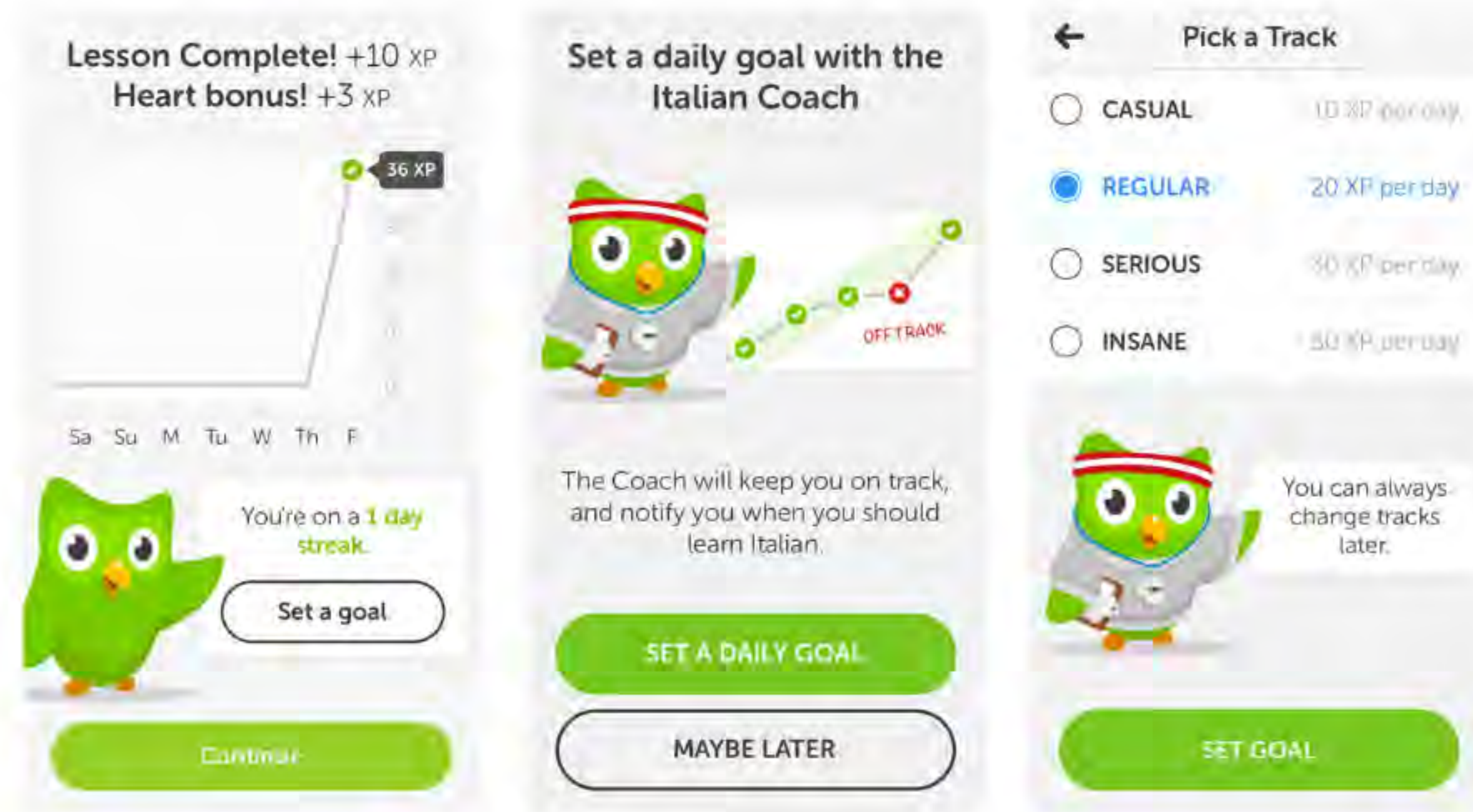
Apart from formal education, several courses have been designed to help you get short term training in a wide range of subjects. The most popular of these are Duolingo and Coursera.







# duolingo



Duolingo is a free language-learning platform that includes a language learning website and app, as well as a digital language proficiency assessment exam. It offers all its language courses free of charge. The app offers 68 different language courses across 23 languages, with 22 additional courses in development. The app is available on iOS, Android and Windows 8 and 10 platforms with about 150 million registered users across the world.





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Coursera Wins "Best New Startup"

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Coursera is a venture-backed, education-focused technology company founded by Stanford professors that offers online courses. Coursera works with universities and other organizations to offer online courses, specializations and degrees in a variety of subjects, such as engineering, humanities, medicine, biology, social sciences, mathematics, business, computer science, digital marketing, data science, and others. Coursera has more than 24 million registered users and more than 2,000 courses available.



# You Tube

Several youtube channels teaching cooking, and instruments are also widely followed. They provide quick, free and interactive learning which is extremely popular with the youth. Such Tutorial channels and videos are also in their own right informal education as it inspires many to take up hobbies and de-stress.



**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION  
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# READING BEHIND THE LINES!

If you want to be happier and improve your relationships, cut out the sarcasm, since sarcasm is actually hostility disguised as humour.

In case you didn't notice, in the above line we were being sarcastic. In fact, research suggests that the use of sarcasm can make day to day life funnier and enjoyable. That is why, during several difficult situations, an intelligent sarcastic comment can decrease the stress level. After all, people like Dr. House , Chandler, Charlie Harper - the gods of sarcasm - have taught us that sarcasm makes even sad reality look funny.

But then, there are some poor souls who don't get sarcasm, and then there are those who can make a sarcastic comment, but are snails when it comes to understanding sarcasm themselves.

So, what is this sarcasm and why so much hype about it? To quote Oscar Wilde, "Sarcasm is the lowest form of wit but the highest form of intelligence." The most common form of verbal irony, sarcasm is often used to humorously convey thinly veiled disapproval or scorn. Early research on sarcasm explored how people interpret statements and found that, as expected, sarcasm makes a

statement sound more critical.

Whether sarcasm is a sign of intelligence or not, communication experts and marriage counsellors alike typically advise us to stay away from this particular form of expression. The reason? Try it yourself and let us know!

To enlighten all of us about how sarcasm should be used, we have with us our own Dr. Sheldon Cooper from THE BIG BANG THEORY and Chandler Bing, who is not a doctor but plays with numbers from the show FRIENDS.



**Sheldon:** Hello.....This is Dr. Sheldon Cooper. Welcome to Dr. Sheldon Cooper presents: Science of Sarcasm.

**Chandler:** And I am here to serve tea.

Sheldon: I would really like some!

**Chandler:** You don't know the first thing about sarcasm, do you?

**Sheldon:** As far as my knowledge about sarcasm goes, Sarcasm is "a sharp, bitter, or cutting expression or remark; a bitter gibe or taunt that may employ ambivalence, although sarcasm is not necessarily ironic. The distinctive quality of sarcasm is present in the spoken word and manifested chiefly by vocal inflections. The sarcastic content of a statement will be dependent upon the context in which it appears...

**Chandler:** Oh am sorry! I don't speak oxford.

**Sheldon:** .....

**Chandler:** Just like your degree, your knowledge in Sarcasm is also only theoretical.

**Sheldon:** Excuse me, I am a B.S. , M.S. , M.A. , Ph.D , Sc. D and a Caltech theoretical physicist who is currently working on Dark Matter...

**Chandler:** Let's not drift off the topic. We are here to discuss how to use sarcasm. Ok, step 1: Don't use sarcasm on species like Superman, Batman, Hulk, Thor, Human torch etc.

**Sheldon:** I am sorry, but according to my knowledge, all these guys are fictional and comic book characters. Although I would love them to be real, they are not.

**Chandler:** (Facepalm) What I meant to say was stay away from guys twice your size.

**Sheldon:** oh, that explains why I used to get beaten up in school every day by Marcus.

**Chandler:** I am sure there were other reasons too. (Looking at the camera) Before he gets the joke let's move on to the next step.

**Sheldon:** ..... Step 2: Observe your subject carefully and look for unusual habits and mannerisms. For example: My friend Penry's love for untidy state of things.

**Chandler:** And also your weird habit of knocking on the door too many times. That's why you only get Knock -Knock jokes.

**Sheldon:** Moving on. Step 3: Listen carefully to your subject's statements and search for vulnerabilities where you can jump in with your sarcastic comment. For example, you can imply the inverse of the statement you say like: "Do I look fat?" "No, you've never been so thin!"

**Chandler:** And you've never been this smart!

**Sheldon:** Sarcasm?

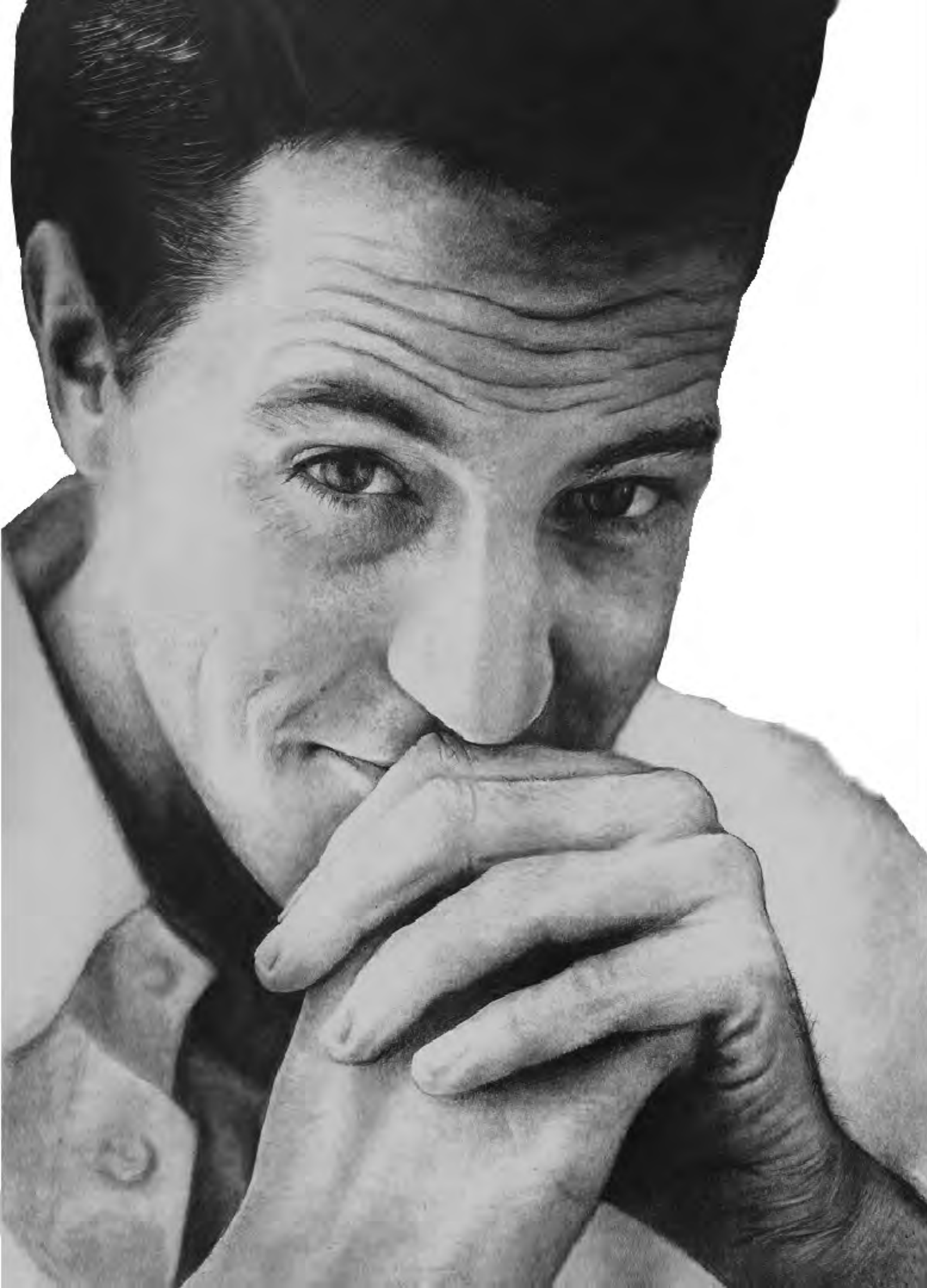
**Chandler:** You're getting there! Ok, the most important step, step 4: Never overuse sarcasm, because, you know, you can't pull it off all the time like me!

**Sheldon:** (Looking at his watch) I am sorry our time's up now! It's time for my bowel movements. They have been running out of schedule lately. Thank you for watching.

**Chandler:** I hope you liked the tea. Bye.

*Well, it seems like someone needs to learn how to use sarcasm (Don't worry it's not you \* winks\* ) But , it could be you ( KYA!!?? KYU!!?? KAISE!!!???) if you don't use the following tips -*





1. Use your sarcasm for a specific purpose.
2. Improve every gesture with a sound - and by sounds we don't mean those that come from your tummy when you're hungry...
3. Never be afraid to let someone see you acting like an idiot- IDIOT SANDWICH AND A PROUD ONE!
4. Sometimes, there truly is no better comeback than "Shut Up."

**How to be like CHANDLER**





1. Pretend that you've understood the sarcasm even if you haven't - Done your acting hat and be a pro!

2. DO NOT repeatedly ask whether the comment was a sarcastic one or not - please don't. : )

3. Google Baba ki jay!!

4. Read our article -  
\*awkward wide  
salesman-like smile\*

How NOT to be like  
**SHELDON**



We hope our **BEGINNERS' GUIDE TO SARCASM** has helped you understand the concept better and we equally hope that you use sarcasm in your daily life to make your life happy and the lives of those around you TOO HAPPY!

\*double wink\*





INSIGHT



# MINDING OUR MINDS

We approached the HoD of the Psychology department, **Sangeeta Kamath** and requested her to answer a few queries related to the practical aspects of mental illness.

**What are the preliminary steps to be taken once you realize you or someone you know may be suffering from a mental illness?**

First step to be taken would be to meet a mental health professional and seek professional help.

Understand that just as the body may be affected by physical illness, our mind too may be affected by illnesses. When we are physically ill, we visit a physician. Similarly, we should visit a mental health professional.

**If a family member is suffering from a mental illness which makes them aggressive towards other members, what is the best way to deal with that situation?**

Aggression is generally a symptom of severe mental disorders like schizophrenia. Professional help becomes very important to handle this symptom. It is necessary not to instigate the individual till professional help is sought. Care must be taken to keep all harmful objects away from the individual so that the person does not harm anybody.





What is a good way to talk about mental health at home with parents who are not yet aware?

When people are unaware of mental health problems, a medical model can be used to explain. Telling them that the mental health issues are the result of imbalance in chemical substances in the brain is more acceptable. Very often parents feel that they'll be held responsible for the mental health of their child. Hence, telling them that the problems are not due to poor parenting will provide relief.

How to approach a friend or family member who has suicidal thoughts or tendencies?

Firstly, it is necessary to ask the person directly about such thoughts. Being non-judgmental to their reactions will make them open up. Rather than panicking, it is helpful if one talks to them and helps them to discuss freely. Buying time from the person and convincing them to postpone the decision is often productive. It is also necessary to make the person feel that they have someone to talk to, in case of emergency. Gradually, the person should be convinced to meet a mental health professional.

How does one come to terms with his or her own mental well-being?

Our mental well-being is a dynamic state. It is influenced by physical, psychological and social factors. One should seek proper treatment if there's any mental health problem like depression or anxiety. Certain mental illnesses do not have a complete cure. For such illnesses, it is necessary to take preventive measures so that it never happens, or maintain certain measures so that it does not deteriorate. Thirdly, there are individuals who are well adjusted and have little or no possibility of having mental illness. For such individuals it is necessary that they learn to preserve their mental health for continued well being. Being realistic, flexible and adaptable; helps people to come to terms with their own mental well being.



# 13 Thoughts on

## THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

### Pros:

1. The series covers all facets of adolescent struggles; ranging from privacy, bullying, rape to mental abuse.
2. The execution is well-thought, in the sense that a viewer is glued to his/her sofa. One cannot stop watching until the very end.
3. Emphasis on the fact that one shall be held accountable for his deeds. No fooling around with someone's emotions, as you never know how it can affect their life.
4. It raises awareness regarding suicide and the luggage that comes with it. Many people shy away from talking about such serious issues, especially the aftermath.
5. People are addressing suicide on a broad spectrum. A realization chain was created with the show and the popularity it gained, resurfaced talk of mental health, especially in our country.
6. The significance of self-love and confidence is tightly woven through the otherwise dark theme of the show.

### Cons:

7. Suicide is portrayed as the ultimate revenge like things will get better, if you take your life and leave your story behind. Thus, it glamorizes suicide and stereotypes suicidal individuals as 'attention seeking'.
8. There was misinformation that only love can cure mental illness. When the school counselor rightly suggested 'You can't love someone back to life', Clay says, 'You can try'.
9. More than a story about a girl who committed suicide, the show became a murder mystery, where everyone kept playing a blame game.
10. The culprits were guilty for all the wrong reasons. Most of them didn't care that a girl was dead; they were more worried about getting caught.
11. There was no information provided for someone going through what Hannah did. Instead, her experiences were so dramatic; they would discourage someone from seeking help.
12. Mental illness is not directly addressed. The word 'Depression' doesn't even make it into any of the episodes.

### Conclusion:

13. The show does a good job of opening talk of suicide but doesn't have enough supportive elements and hence, would unfortunately trigger and not help emotionally unstable individuals.

Don't fall prey to the storm; rather overcome it to see a new day.

- Rohan Pawar, TYBSc.



# Some NOT-SO-NICE SELF CARE TIPS!

Self-care is often portrayed as a cute routine for aesthetic needs involving tips like 'moisturize your skin' when in reality, self-care can get ugly and exhausting especially when your mind isn't in a healthy place.

## 1.Your Expecto Patronum

If you find yourself crying hard, with no idea how to stop, eat a chocolate. Chocolate is known to release dopamine in the brain and although it may not immediately stop the tears, it will calm you for a minute; long enough to gather yourself together.

## 2.Tidy Up

When you have a whole day to yourself and nothing to do, it's time to start all the chores you have been neglecting- organize your books, empty the trash can, water your plants, re-arrange your CDs whatever will keep you engaged. When your day is done, you will have been productive and a neat bed will await you.

## 3.Dose of Sunshine

If you spend your day, going from home to college and back, it will wear you out. So once a week, set a day and push yourself to go for a nice walk. Carry your earphones, blast your favorite songs, and absorb all the sunshine you can. Walk, run, exercise, anything in the sun is good for you.

## 4.Digital Detox

Maybe when you find yourself consistently in Facebook arguments with strangers or maybe when you're 56 weeks deep in the Instagram account of a stranger, a time comes when you realize, you're too trapped inside the world of social, but don't be guilty. Instead turn off the WiFi and grab a book. Or go to the nearest park and watch the kids play football, join them and have a great evening.

## 5.Capture Memories

If something special happens to you, like a baby smiling at you, a stranger offering you her seat in the local train, your mother cooking biryani, etc. write about it in your diary or click a picture of it. One day, when you're feeling blue, you can look back on your 'saved' folders and know that if you were happy once, you will be happy again.

- Sae Patkar, TYBA





# *In A Blink!*

Blue sky above, blue sea around,  
In the middle of nowhere, I found-  
Myself in a big, giant ship,  
Drip, drip, and drip.

I look at my side and see a hole in it,  
I'm doomed because it's quite big,  
In a while it's going to submerge,  
Gulp, gulp, and gulp.

Slowly and slowly, it starts going down,  
But I stay numb and wait to drown,  
The waters start closing in,  
Blink, blink, and blink.

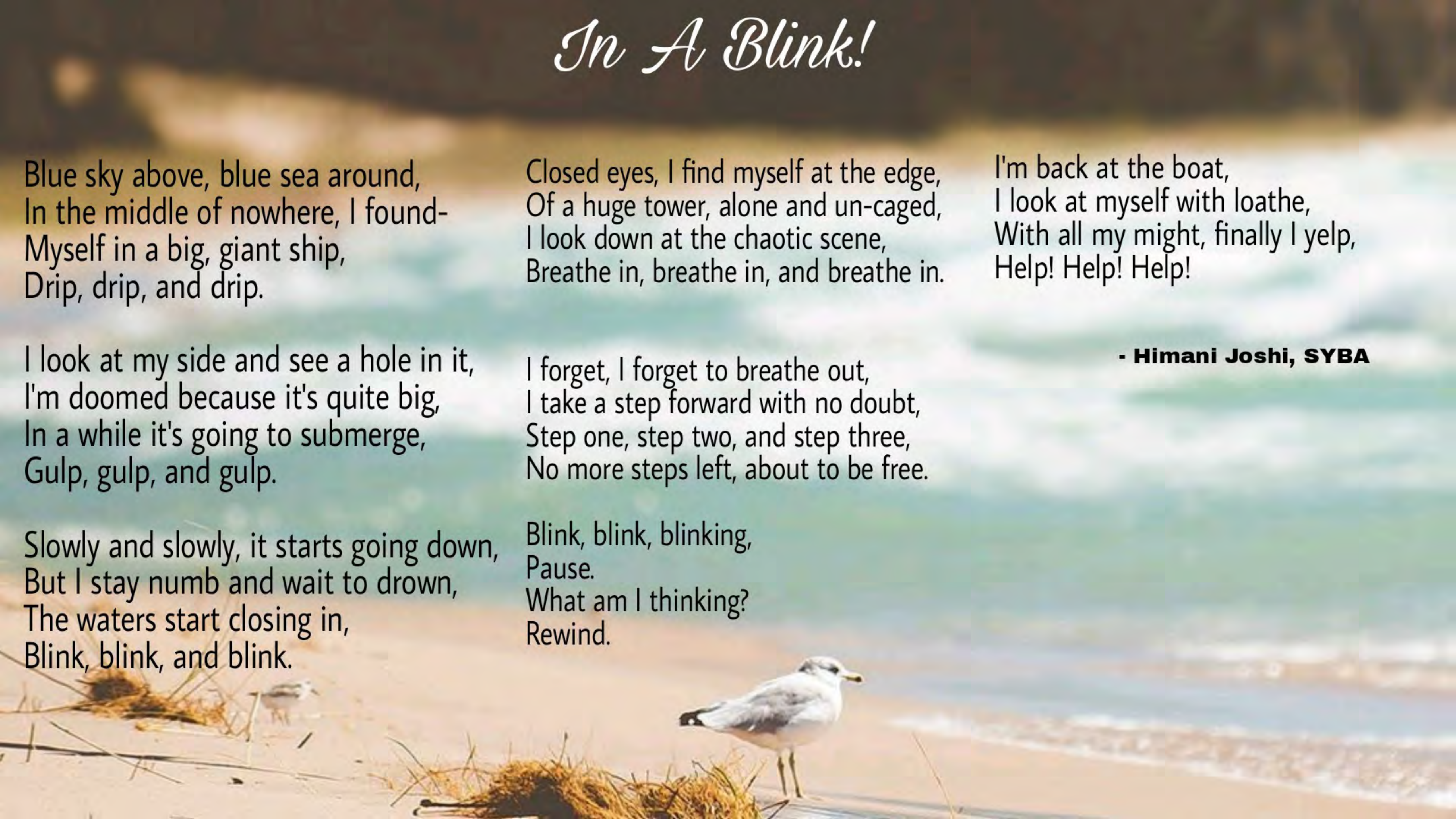
Closed eyes, I find myself at the edge,  
Of a huge tower, alone and un-caged,  
I look down at the chaotic scene,  
Breathe in, breathe in, and breathe in.

I forget, I forget to breathe out,  
I take a step forward with no doubt,  
Step one, step two, and step three,  
No more steps left, about to be free.

Blink, blink, blinking,  
Pause.  
What am I thinking?  
Rewind.

I'm back at the boat,  
I look at myself with loathe,  
With all my might, finally I yelp,  
Help! Help! Help!

- **Himani Joshi, SYBA**







## WTF - Where's The Food?

### INTRODUCTION :

There is no love sincerer than the love of Food! Only a true foodie will appreciate the value this statement holds. Fortunately, we don't have a shortage of neither foodies nor food. So, for this issue, we decided to make the question 'What to eat and Where?' easier for our fellow food lovers. What's on the menu? Today, we serve you the ratings of some of the popular dishes and food joints in and around Ruia. We also have a look at the reviews of our fellow Ruiaites who have come to appreciate what they put in their tummies, and we swear, all their responses to our survey were followed by that red heart-eyed emoji (mad in love, we all are!). And speaking of reviews, one of our fellow Ruiaites who is equally in love with Food as we are, suggests us the best ways to find just the right places to eat and know more about Food. So, don't forget to check her article! There you go, enjoy the heaven!

Let us begin with our food marathon!

First on our menu, we have our very own happy go lucky, stomach fulfilling snack, which our mothers prefer calling - bhaji rolled in a made ka chapatti! Yes, it is **Frankie**.

Fast Food Joint	Frankie	Price (in Rupees)	Quality (out of 5 stars)	Quantity (out of 5 stars)	Rating (out of five stars)
Mamaji Frankie (Opposite Ruia College)	Veg Frankie	20	4 ★	4 ★	4 ★
	Noodles Frankies	25-30	4 ★	4 ★	4 ★
	SchezwanFrankies	25-50	4 ★	4 ★	3 ★
	Tandoori Roll	40	5 ★	4 ★	5 ★
Family Perk (Near Natural's ice-cream parlor, King circle, Matunga)	Veg Frankie	20	4 ★	4 ★	4 ★
	Schezwan Frankie	25	4 ★	4 ★	4 ★
	Paneer Chilly Frankie	55	4 ★	5 ★	4 ★
	Lays Frankie	30	5 ★	5 ★	5 ★
Matunga Station Frankie (between the softy store and magazine seller's shop)	Veg Schezwan Frankie	35	4 ★	3 ★	4 ★

### Chinese !

Food Joint	Quantity	Quality	Price	Service
Ruia canteen	4 ★	3 ★	4 ★	4 ★
Dps	4 ★	4 ★	3 ★	4 ★
China man	5 ★	3 ★	5 ★	4 ★


*You aren't truly an Indian if you don't ask for a sukha puri after eating PANI PURI!*

	Pani Puri	Price worthiness	quality	Quantity	Presentation	Service
	GUPTA (opposite station)	3 ★	3 ★	4 ★	3 ★	2.5 ★
	GUPTA (next to the station)	3 ★	2.5 ★	4 ★	3 ★	3 ★
	MAMTA CHAT CENTRE (on the right of chedda)	4 ★	3.5 ★	3.5 ★	3.25 ★	4 ★
	NEW PANKAJ ( on the left of Chedda)	4 ★	3 ★	3.5 ★	3 ★	2.75 ★
	DPs	2 ★	4 ★	3.5 ★	4.75 ★	3.5 ★
	BANDYS	3 ★	★	★	★	★

Sandwich	Price-worthiness	Quality	Quantity	Presentation	Service	Overall Rating
Mamaji	2.5 ★	3.5 ★	3 ★	3 ★	2.5 ★	3 ★
Bandy's	3.5 ★	3 ★	3 ★	4 ★	3.5 ★	3.5 ★
Outside Matunga Station	2 ★	2 ★	2.5 ★	2 ★	2 ★	2 ★
Subhash Uncle	2.5 ★	3.5 ★	4 ★	3 ★	3 ★	3.5 ★
Canteen	3 ★	2.5 ★	3 ★	3 ★	3 ★	3 ★



*Hands up if you are always ready for a cup of tea or coffee*

		TEA		COFFEE	
	Food Joint	Quantity	Quality	Quality	Quantity
	Ruia Canteen	3 ★	3.5 ★	3.5 ★	4 ★
	Outside Matunga Station	3.5 ★	3 ★	3 ★	3.5 ★
	Sada	4 ★	4 ★	3 ★	3 ★
	Matunga Station	3 ★	3 ★	2.5 ★	3 ★
	Physically disabled uncle's stall	3 ★	3.5 ★	4.5 ★	4 ★
	DPs	3 ★	3 ★	3 ★	3.5 ★
	Jayesh	3.5 ★	3.5 ★	3.5 ★	3 ★

*Its white, its round, it's deliciously versatile and it's from the south - the one and only dosa!*

Restaurants	Price-worthiness	Quality	Quantity	Presentation	Service	Overall Rating
DPs	2.8 ★	3.2 ★	3.3 ★	3.4 ★	3.6 ★	3.7 ★
Mani's Lunch Home	4 ★	3.3 ★	4 ★	3.2 ★	3.5 ★	3.6 ★
Thambi	2.8 ★	3.6 ★	2.9 ★	3.7 ★	3.5 ★	3.2 ★
Sharda Bhavan	4 ★	3.9 ★	3.7 ★	3.5 ★	3.4 ★	3.7 ★
Arya Bhavan	3 ★	4 ★	3 ★	4 ★	3.7 ★	3.5 ★
Ramashray	3.7 ★	4 ★	4 ★	3.6 ★	3.7 ★	3.7 ★
Ayyapan	3.6 ★	4 ★	3.7 ★	2 ★	3.5 ★	3.5 ★



## FINDING YOUR WAY TO GOOD FOOD

By TRISHA SINHA  
SYBA 'C'



**What is Food?** If you ask someone like me who's passionate about food, I'd say food is an emotion. It has the power to turn an unhappy day into a happy one. It brings people together and is a way of expressing love. No wonder people say that the way to someone's heart is through their stomach!

Looking for good food can be a task. Given the variety of cuisines offered to us at different prices, it can be difficult to decide the right place. However, a number of apps have been developed over the past few years to help us out. Zomato being the most popular among them which allows us to browse through the menus of different restaurants helping us pick out the right place at the best price. The best part about Zomato is the review section.

Food Panda is another popular app which serves as the go to online food delivery service, listing the various restaurants that deliver food in a particular locality along with various attractive offers.

Apps like Box8, Holachef and Swiggy also provide food delivery service with their own menus to choose from.

Apart from apps, I would also suggest following some of the popular food pages on social media like Facebook & Instagram. Run by food enthusiasts, these pages provide essential information simply while scrolling through the feed.

Now that we know the sources to look for good food, I'd say it's time to go out and explore food and experience different flavours and cuisines!

### CONCLUSION-

So don't bother if people call you a Glutton, you know you are an explorer of food. Don't want to spend much, but want to eat a wholesome meal? What place better than Mani's or Ramashray or try the splendid Thali at Shri Krishna Boarding (Rama Nayak),

Want to eat something you won't get anywhere else? Subhash Uncle makes delicious Chocolate Sandwiches, and with Hershey's Syrup! and Who isn't in a mood for Chat! Savour the various varieties at Gupta Chat corner or Gupta Foods. And real let them call you greedy, when it comes to Fries!

Cafe 2.0 serves numerous kinds of fries and no South Indian Meal is ever complete without a Filter Coffee, oh that smell of brewing coffee beans at Cafe Madras is absolutely tempting! So where is your next stop? Bon Appétit!



# OPEN FORUM



## TRANQUILITY WITH NATURE

Gayatri Godbole

It surprises me when I think about the wonders one’s mind can do. It has the capacity to take a person from one place to another, without even having to physically move, pack bags, and board a train or a flight to go places. That’s why nostalgia has a great role to play when we get together with colleagues, friends, and family; reminiscing the happy times. The mind, being the sole controller of actions; has the power to make you happy, and even at times, sad, depending on what situation is thought about. Also, MENTAL PEACE (which is unsurprisingly rare in this busy life) can be developed as a habit by practicing several rewarding techniques, because a mind at peace brings in clarity in the thinking process. Speaking of the mind and its abilities, imagination takes us places where we can wander off, exploring new horizons, without any dangers, boundaries or limits. Books facilitate this wonderful capacity of ours. Reading a Ruskin Bond book full of descriptions of nature: “Like the wind I run; like the rain I sing; like the leaves I dance, like the earth I’m still...”; with rains pouring heavily, a window, and a cup of hot, steaming chai: one of the best ways to spend time peacefully, the only sound being the pattering of rain on the roof. Feels like home, doesn’t it?

Close your eyes and imagine: **“Deep in the crouching mist, lie the mountains. Climbing the mountains are the forests of rhododendron, spruce and deodar...There are those who sing of the sunset, and the gods and glories of Himaal. You stride through the long grass, pressing on the fallen pine-needles, up the winding road to the mountain pass.”** These extracts from RAIN IN THE MOUNTAINS made me want to go and meditate on the banks of the serene Ganga with the snowcapped, mighty Himalayan ranges around, the chirping of the birds mixing with the cool and clear river water tumbling down the rocks. Travel, just not for leisure; but for peace of mind. Nature offers us its tranquility everywhere we wish to go; we just need the desire to explore!

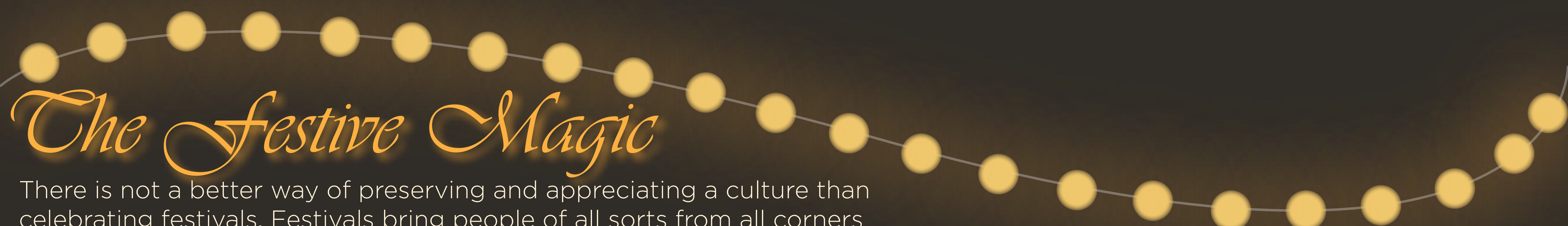
Yoga being one of the branches of science is appreciated worldwide, as the perils of stress can be combated effectively by this form of exercise. Some of them are:

- 1) **Alpine Aura, France**
- 2) **Ionian inversions, Zakynthos, Greece**
- 3) **Circle of relaxation, Norway**
- 4) **Align your anatomy, Italy**
- 5) **Life of Pi, Costa Brava, Spain**

But yoga’s country of origin remains the best place to know about this new way of life, in terms of authenticity and originality. Not only does it improve the physical well-being of a person, but it also has a great part to play in developing the mental health. Yoga and meditation in the mountains (making you feel like a yogi), is the ultimate experience one can ever have: just like the underwater world, it’s a completely different place which makes our mind do wonders. As the quote says: **“Do not feel lonely, the entire universe is inside you”**...very true, this divine practice bestows us with the ability to know who we truly are.

**“Lord, give me a quiet mind, that I might listen; a gentle tone of voice, that I might comfort others; a sound and a healthy body, that I might share in the joy of walking and leaping and running; and a good sense of direction so I might know where I’m going!”**

Credits: Rain in the mountains, Ruskin Bond, [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)



## The Festive Magic

There is not a better way of preserving and appreciating a culture than celebrating festivals. Festivals bring people of all sorts from all corners together. They are the symbol of rich heritage every region has. Here are some of the unique, breathtaking festivals celebrated over the globe...

- 1. **Harbin Ice and Snow Festival-** Harbin, China: It is the largest ice and snow festival in the world. The huge ice sculptures are decorated with lights and lasers. It is truly a phenomenal sight!!
- 2. **Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival-Taiwan:** Many sky lanterns light over the sky during this festival. The lanterns are decorated with messages and wishes of the people and are then released into the sky, making it look like an ocean of glam. You might as well feel like Rapunzel and Flynn Ryder!
- 3. **Carnival of Venice-** Venice, Italy: It’s a centuries old tradition and a major attraction for tourists who come to admire the colorful costumes and masks parad

ing through the streets. Public exhibitions and parades are held where musicians, jugglers and other artists showcase their talent with masks on.



- 4. **New Orleans Jazz Festival-** Louisiana: Also known as the Jazz fest, it is the celebration of the unique culture of New

Orleans. The highlights of the festival are a variety of endless music, regional food, arts and crafts and so much more... It has been termed as the country’s best music festival.

- 5. **Puli Kali- Kerala:** Pulikali, the colorful folk art form of Kerala, is an integral part of the Onam festivities. The dancers paint their bodies in bright colors and black stripes resembling tigers and hunters. The performance involves mock-hunting staged in rhythmic steps to the music of ethnic drums such as thakil and udukku

-Riddhi Jadye



*Starting in the mid-20th century, a new form of popular folk music evolved from traditional folk music. This process and period is called the (second) folk revival, which reached a zenith in the 1960s. Here are a few must listen folk songs that are sure to ignite a mystical feeling among you -*

## Folk Legends

- 1. **Today Dilam** is a song by Moheener Ghoraguli (translated as Moheen’s Horses), a band which changed the musical history of India in a very notable way. Their songs were on topics like politics, poverty, injustice, revolution, love, loneliness, even begging and prostitution.

- 2. **Sokhi Bhabona Kahare Bole** is a song that speaks about the nuances of love and the secret of true happiness. Let’s sacrifice ourselves to the melody of life and allow the magic to mystify us forever.

- 3. **Hey Dola, Hey Dola**, a song by Bhupen Hazarika, was gifted to the world by the land of Assam. This song spreads the message of humanity and universal brotherhood.

Over the years, Bollywood has treated folk songs like the elder brother it could always count on when in need of inspiration or help. The former may have a wider audience, but the latter has a soul unmatched by anything but the original.

-Ishita Nirbhavne





# tech tricked

## UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTION.

-Shirish Waghmare

When we talk about machine learning, we immediately think of 'AI'. Artificial intelligence. Now they may be same in some contexts but not always. The sole purpose to program an AI is to create a machine that can mimic a human mind and well, to be fair, even that needs learning capabilities. However it's more than just about learning; it's also about knowledge, representation, reasoning and abstract thinking. Machine learning on the other hand is solely focused on writing software that can learn from past experiences. An important key to machine learning is prediction. Also known as regression in statistics, prediction is where a machine can guess, or more so, predict the value of something based on previous values. For example given a set of characteristics about a company's shares how much is it worth in the next year based on previous sales? So basically it is the extraction of knowledge from data. A very recent example of Prediction in Machine Learning was the controversial "Face-APP" which would let you click a picture

and then it would predict how you would look as an old person, as a young person, as a person from the opposite gender etc. The programming paradigm is changing. Instead of programming a computer, you teach a computer to learn something and it does what you want. That's important because 90% of the world's data is unstructured. To completely take advantage of ML, a developer needs a few important things like good quality clean data which is really hard since 75% of the workload for machine learning data scientists is doing data modelling to get that clean data, the remaining effort is in algorithms to apply to that data. Now chances are that the algorithm isn't quite right or the data wasn't clean enough. Now instead of focusing on these issues and consuming more budget whether it is time or money, a developer can use someone else's black boxes and focus his team on specialized systems.

Google offers tools across the spectrum to help you. Tensor Flow is a powerful flexible

open source framework that allows you to create your own set of systems with exactly the same code that Google uses internally. Tensor flow is largely meant to advance the science but in many cases it is also completely sufficient for production. Cloud ML engine automates the most painful parts of Tensor flow. You can take advantage of cloud machine learning from Google at cheaper rates than ever before. You can simply go squarespace-ing your data with Tensor Flow. Google currently supports "t-shirt sizing" your environment in small medium and large solution packages with pre trained models for translational vision and video. It's no doubt that Machine Learning is our unsung hero, the uncelebrated star which works in the background toiling through all our data to try to find the answers we are looking for because sometimes it is the question we need to understand first, before we can understand the answer.

## Shaking up the E-commerce

-Joy Parekh

Machine learning and Artificial Intelligence have been a part of the scheme of things for a considerable amount of time now. These terms have been frequently used in most of the Digital Platforms. But what exactly are these two terms? These terms typically sound technical and may seem a bit mysterious. A simple explanation of this would be "Systems that can learn from data." Previously companies used to store data but could not efficiently use that data as a tool for delivering a superior experience for the buyer. Since last few years these companies have started analyzing data and have learned to use it significantly for business purposes. E-Commerce giants like Amazon, Alibaba are profusely

investing on machine learning tools to improve their productivity. Their success involves taking in a massive amount of data and trying to make the best decisions based on those data sets. These data-sets consist of information about behaviour of a customer while buying an online product. Product Recommendations that we observe on E-commerce sites have been largely because of algorithms that use machine learning. Simplifying somewhat, if customer X has bought product A and B, and customer Y has only bought product A, then product B could be recommended to customer Y. Second type of filtering is based on matching of customer profiles (e.g. gender, brand preference, or age) to

the content of products (e.g. category, price, or colour). Machine learning algorithms have vastly improved e-commerce product search capabilities. These websites not only display products immediately on click of a search button but also save data which helps them in knowing particular customer behaviour. Dynamic pricing of products is largely based on product popularity which can be found easily using data that is stored and mostly searched by customers regularly. Lastly, it is also important for companies to define strategic priorities to get the most value out of machine learning. So next time whenever you see a customized product recommendation, remember data has been lifted off you.

## Predicting the unpredictable

-Abhishek Kalarikkal

Learning can be defined as the acquisition of knowledge or skills. You learn from studies, past experiences, from people, etc. In other words when you receive information, you try to process it and learn something. Now think of a machine, a computer. You try to put in all the information that you have. Can you expect it to learn on its own from the information and give a meaningful output? Well a few decades ago, it may have sounded like science fiction, but now, you might be experiencing it this very instance. So, Machine Learning is a current application of Artificial Intelligence based around

the idea that we should be giving machines access to data and let them learn for themselves. There are many applications of such technology. Google is one of the major organizations who are involved in machine learning research. One of the applications of ML is to incorporate it into the medical field, where computer programs can be deployed in clinical settings to mine Electronic Health Record (EHR) data for improved outcomes. One of the major breakthroughs which Google achieved, was in designing algorithms for detecting Diabetic Retinopathy (A medical condition which

leads to blindness if undetected) at an early stage. Also, they are developing algorithms that might assist doctors in detecting breast cancer in lymph node biopsies. So, today, Machine Learning certainly has a lot to offer, with its promise of automating mundane tasks as well as offering creative insight. Industries in every sector, from banking to healthcare and manufacturing are reaping the benefits. And an important thing to notice is that Machine Learning and Artificial intelligence are set tools which can add value to your healthcare or any system by answering certain specific questions.

## Math to capture image?

-Tejas Mahadevan

Mankind has seen the development of image capturing right from cave paintings to humongous space telescopes, each more revolutionary than the preceding one. Well, history has repeated itself and once again the geniuses at CalTech have outdone themselves by fabricating a camera without a lens. Science fiction though it may seem, you need not pinch yourself to ensure the reality. The camera is literally nothing but a mathematical algorithm capable of mimicking a real lens, which does the job of focusing in a traditional camera. By reducing the lens action to merely an equation, they have been able to make a lens without glass, which will perform the exact same

function of a traditional lens. This mathematical lens is nothing but a chip on silicon. By having an algorithm perform the function of a lens we have the possibility of focusing the image in post processing and the camera now becomes a wafer thin silicon chip that reduces both cost and space. This has the potential to replace the bulky phones that we have today and the huge telescopes that we send to outer space. This can completely change the photography industry and a new age of software photography will be born through these lenses. I suppose now we can say "the glass lens literally bites the dust".

## Trend-o-Meter

### **One plus 5 : running out of ideas?**

One Plus 5. The mistake made when a company decided to use basic mathematics to name their phone. I still don't get what the deal is with naming your phones with the "one plus" suffix, and adding another camera and having the antenna bands similar to iPhone 7 plus. Wow, so original, so new, very innovative. Wow.  
**\*cue 'y tho' memes\***

Why the dual camera? Portrait mode, so you can get a depth effect like DSLRs and obviously iPhone 7 plus.

It's a 5.5" AMOLED screen, with an 8GB

RAM and a Snapdragon 835 chipset. It still features a stunning battery life, 3300mAh with dash charge, marketing it with, "A day's power in half hour". Overall, it is literally an iPhone replica at 32k, with better battery and of course the functionality of Android. It could be a viable option for people who want to get the most out of their phone, and not have a restricted environment that comes with iOS. Simply put; iPhone 7 plus with android.

***It could be a 4/5, had it not been for the annoying replica-like design. But that being an annoying con, let's just call it at a 3.6/5.***

-Aaditya Shivkumar







# WORLD OF FANTASY

## *PENTACTUS*

The Waluare tribe stood true to its name - 'The Victorious One'. It had defeated the most ruthless tribe in Australia- the Zaroed. The pain and suffering was worth bringing the Pentactus back home.

While the men of Waluare tribe were celebrating their victory, Robert sat quietly in a corner, contemplating whether the bloodshed was really worth the victory, whether the victory would make the world a better place, whether the peace would indeed be restored, whether he would have to leave his birthplace forever and be amongst the people he barely knew and rule them. His mind was clouded with such questions to which he had no answers. He felt vulnerable, empty and guilty despite the victory of the Waluare tribe, 'his' tribe, which he was to lead now after the demise of the Chief. He knew the cause of his unhappiness was PENTACTUS - a stone whose purpose was to bring peace in the world but brought only unrest. Robert murmured to himself, "I have to

do something to maintain the peace. But what can I do? I have to talk to my fellow tribal men about this. But how? I must do it right now before it's too late. But is it the right time to ask the tribe to sacrifice something for which they had been fighting for too long? Is it right to do so when they have finally got it after losing so many men? Will peace be destroyed because of this stone? Am I being unreasonable?" His thoughts and his dilemma frustrated him .

As he was about to retire after such a long and tiring day, Bezert, a young lad from the tribe coaxed him to join the celebration. However, Robert politely refused and entered his cottage.

At around three in the morning, Robert woke up with a start, sweating and panting. His head was throbbing . He had a terrible dream of the world being destroyed, with rivers of blood flowing everywhere. While he kept pondering about his predicament, the faint drum beats and thumping on the ground indicated that the celebration was still going

on. Without much ado, Robert firmly decided that it was time for him to share his concern with the tribal men.

The first thing he did the next morning was to gather each and every person of his tribe at the assembly hall. As soon as everyone came in and settled down, he raised the question, "So what now?" His question seemed to puzzle everyone because it was deemed that Robert would be the next Chief and he would rule both Waluare and Zaroed. He repeated his question, "So what are we supposed to do now with the Pentactus?" There was a moment of silence, then one of the elders of the tribe spoke up, "Sire, bringing back the Pentactus has brought much glory to our tribe. So we must protect it at any cost and if that cost means sacrificing someone's life so be it. But we cannot give up this magical stone." After hearing this, Robert reconsidered what he was about to say as he didn't want to hurt their feelings. Nevertheless, he was firm on his decision.

Very politely he began, "Yes Abelda, I do understand what Pentactus means to you all and it's worth more than someone's life to you. You all have earned it, earned it fairly and I'm sure it is in the right hands. However, there is something which has been bothering me since yesterday and I must confess that it might not please you . But it is important to convey it to you all." He kept quiet for a few seconds to let the tribal men soak in what he just said. Then , the same old man said politely yet firmly, "I think I know where you are heading. However continue with what you were saying." "Sure Abelda. As I was saying that though it is in the right hands, it is not completely safe. You have all witnessed the amount of ruckus and enmity it has caused in the world. It has done more harm than good. Blood has been shed, loads of things have been destroyed in order to gain the Pentactus. There has only been pain and suffering since a long time and I am not at all doubtful about Waluare's ability to protect it from going

into the wrong hands but kindly consider the fact for once that there are chances that some greedy person might misuse it just like the Zaroed's Chief did. And then it would be too late to repent. So we must do what is right and not let our emotions overpower our rationale. So according to me, no one should have the authority to use Pentactus whatever the situation might be. What do you all think?"

Another tribal man spoke up this time, "Sire, it has been our tradition to not question the decision of our Chief regardless of the fact that we are in favour of it or not. So it's your call now. Do what you believe to be right." Somewhat taken up, Robert replied , "No no no Dibra, let me make one point clear to all of you, I respect the decision of our late Chief to nominate me as his successor. However, I am a man with no experience in this field, I am a mere anthropologist who happened to arrive here accidentally. Also, there are many people who deserve this post more so than me. There-

fore, with due respect, I refuse to assume this post and feel that the Chief should be chosen democratically with a common consensus." After a consideration of few minutes everyone agreed to this idea and suggested that the Pentactus should be kept in the hollow of the ancient tree at the entrance of the forest where it truly belonged. Robert agreed with them and said, "So let the nature decide the fate of PENTACTUS- the magical stone which has the power of five elements.

All the members along with Robert went to the ancient tree where he placed the stone in the hollow and it immediately closed. He was relieved because no one could ever fight over this magical stone now. No one would dare to touch it again because the tree had a protective layer around it and anyone who would try to breach the layer would turn into ashes. He kept gazing at the distant mountains and heaved a sigh of relief, now that peace has been restored.

***'Tring' 'Tring' 'Trriiinggg'.Closing the book, Robert went to pick up the call. The title of the book read "Pentactus:An Autobiography".***

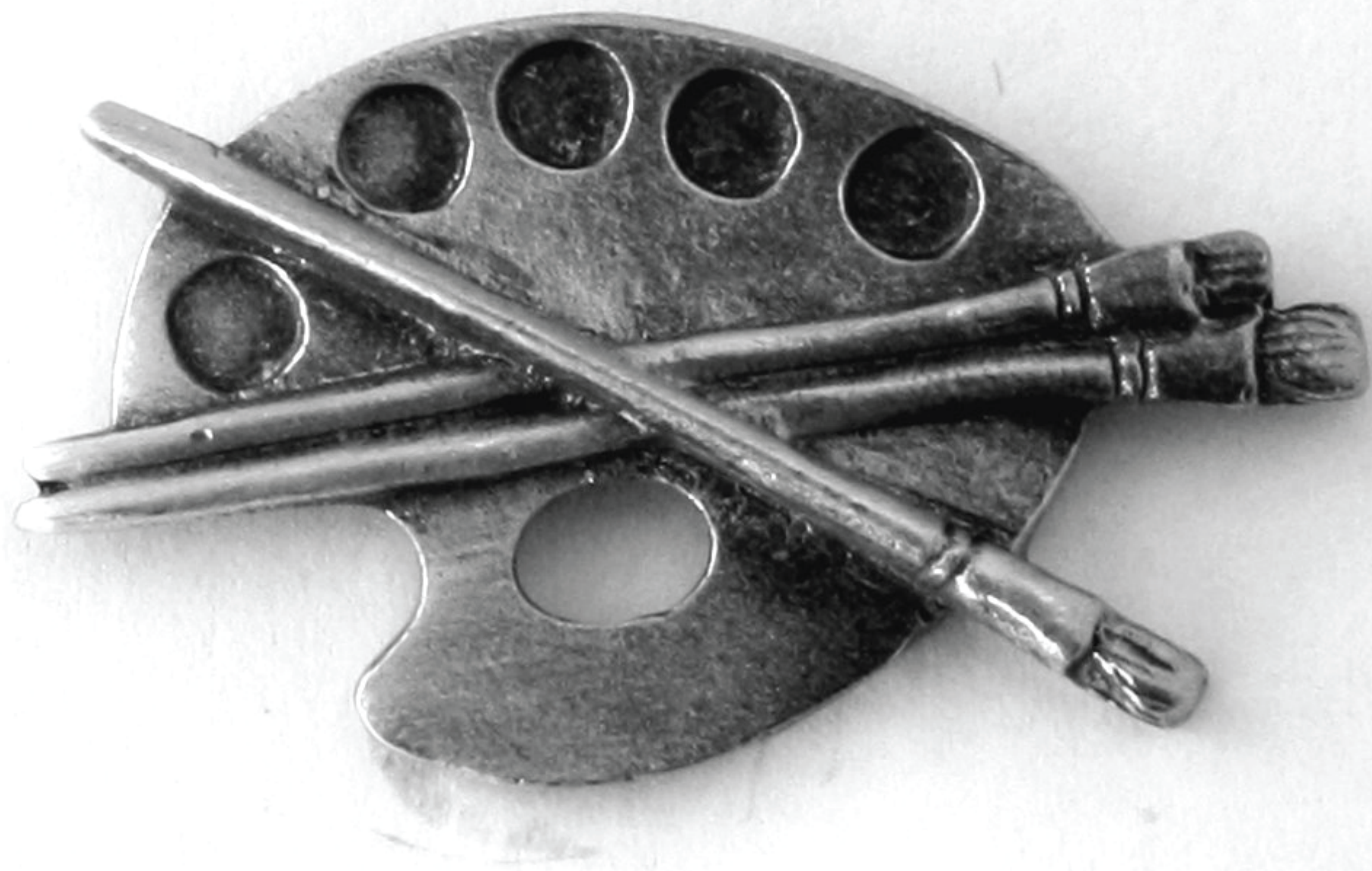
### *Glossary*

- 1. Abelda- A respected person*
- 2. Dibra- An informal word for Friend*

***\*Authors' note\*- All three of us had an amazing time being associated with this fantastic column 'World of Fantasy', for a year and a half. The experience was nothing less than that of a mother giving birth to her child. Being the co-authors of the 'Pentactus- The Power of Five Elements' we would like to thank all our lovely readers who genuinely appreciated our attempt and gave us honest reviews.***



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# students' corner

## रात का तु है मुसाफिर

अँधेरी का गुलाम है आज  
कल गुलशन हो जाएगा  
रात का कोई मुसाफिर  
सुबह नयी पाएगा

बस उसे चलना है  
जब तक लह में उसके साँस है  
रूकना नहीं है चाँहे अंगारों की बरसात है  
उम्मीद रखनी है उंची  
हर बार जब गिर जाएगा  
रात का कोई मुसाफिर  
सुबह नयी पाएगा

तुफानों से ना डर तु  
उनको भी अपना सफर है एक  
हवाओं से दोस्ती कर  
तुफान यार हो जाएंगे

ना लडना तू किसी से  
तेरी लड़ाई खुद से है  
खुद को बेहतर करेगा  
तो फतह नयी पाएगा  
रात का कोई मुसाफिर  
सुबह नयी पाएगा

सफर ये चलते चलते  
रोकने वाले कई होंगे  
'तुजसे ना हो पाएगा'  
टीकनेवाले कई होंगे  
सुनना तु उनको जरूर  
पर रूक, कुछ मत कहना  
तेरी जीत के पटाखों का  
बारूद है ये आवाज  
जश्न-ए-जीत के लिए  
बचाकर रखना इन्हे तू  
जब तक न मंजिल पाएगा  
रात का तु है मुसाफिर  
सुबह जरूर पाएगा।



# Le beau génie

Voilà l'histoire  
d'un jeune poète !  
Les œuvres de ce génie  
étaient belles et chouettes !

Ayant des sentiments mitigés,  
il aimait une femme mariée  
Leur amour réciproque se révélait  
à travers de beaux gestes variés !

Étant impressionné et fasciné  
par son instinct maternel,  
il a écrit des œuvres même  
pendant le brouillard éternel !

La petite femme était tremblante,  
devant le diable, son mari,  
elle a subi la terreur et la torture,  
ainsi, elle est devenue un objet de pari !

Elle s'occupait sincèrement  
de toute la famille,  
elle a été guidée par  
le Quaker, son meilleur ami !

Étant maltraitée et critiquée  
par l'égoïste de la maison,  
il y avait de la grisaille dans son cœur,  
pendant toutes les saisons !

En voyant sa chérie,  
Le cœur du jeune homme battait très fort !  
Ils n'ont rien parlé  
même jusqu'au moment de sa mort !

Dans son havre,  
Il n'y avait aucune abeille,  
Il est descendu pour toujours,  
Dans un long sommeil !

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