

Editorial Note

If one had to choose the most emotionally charged month of the year, it would be February for sure. So many passions flare up in perplexing degrees of intensity in February! There is the terrible realization of an eventful, fun-filled year coming to a close in a few days and the anticipation of the subsequent heartache that will follow. There is the sudden surge of adrenaline when Valentine's day arrives and a WhatsApp message from the special one pops up. And then there is the dread of the final exams drawing nearer and nearer. At this time of the year, one might be looking back and thinking, what if I had done this year differently? What if the events of this year were

altered? How would the outcomes have been? Such a thought has been presented beautifully by OpEd, which presents a series of 'what ifs' to readers, by readers! Now, a February issue of any magazine cannot be complete without a reference to love. So both Insight and Open Forum comment on love this time, albeit with their characteristic styles! If your feelings have invaded your body and soul, restore your rational equilibrium with Buzz Around, offering one of the best articles of the monthly this year--a wonderful summation of the budget! Tech-Tricked, on the other hand, has a humorous, technological view on the country's politics and entertains to the very last sentence of

the column. Talking of innovations, Career Wise presents a delightful read with a cover on careers in the Mumbai local trains. Mumbai reminds us, that marathi is the pride of Maharashtra. Behind The Scenes pays a tribute to this beautiful language. As the year is coming to a close, so is Pentactus. Read, as the battle progresses, with amazement and wonder, as it builds up to the climax. Finally, what is life without images and colours? Come, feast upon our Artwall and enjoy the visual treats the team has compiled for you! Come, read another issue of the Ruiaite Monthly this year, one that celebrates February like never before.

REPORTS

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



Do you ever feel that you don't have much to offer to the society? Well, you need not feel that way anymore. After all, we have one of the most precious resource of all - Blood - that can save hundreds of lives! So, the Senior NSS unit of our college in collaboration with KEM Hospital organized a blood donation drive on 20th January, 2017 in the Junior College Reading Hall. Eager blood donors started rushing in from 9 a.m. and continued coming in till 3pm. 128 units of blood were collected in total and, as a token of appreciation, the Ruia NSS unit received a certificate from KEM hospital. Around 100 NSS volunteers took charge of organizing the

event, assisting the doctors and taking care of the donors. Right from checking their weight to engaging the donors in conversation while they were donating the blood - it was all done by the NSS volunteers.

For this blood donation drive, the NSS volunteers came up with many innovative ideas for its promotion such as hanging up a flex on the main entrance gate of the college and setting up a photo booth at the venue for the blood donors. Even some professors and outsiders along with the current and ex-Ruiaites showed up to donate blood. Many first time donors seemed keen on donating their blood next year as well.

Shreya Kulkarni

ORIGAMI SESSION FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS



Remember making paper boats during monsoons and sailing them in the water puddles? Well, to bring back the memories of our childhood days, NSS unit of our college had arranged an Origami session on 13th January, 2017. It was not just an ordinary Origami session - this session was conducted for the students of Self Vision Centre. NSS unit along with professor Gayatri Lele of the Political Science Department conducted a fun

filled Origami session for the visually impaired students of Ruia. Paper heart, origami box, paper cup, fish and other interesting things were taught by Gayatri ma'am. The most exciting part was when the students were asked to guess the objects that they had made. And they guessed it correctly every single time! It was a novel activity for both the students and the NSS volunteers.

Madhureema Neglur

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Alexander Henry once stated, "On what rests the hope of the republic? One country, one language, one flag!" Though India might not have just one language, culture, religion and caste, it has one constitution and one flag that binds all the citizens together. On 26th January 2017, India celebrated its 67th Republic day and like every year, our college also celebrated this occasion. The flag was hoisted in the quadrangle by our honourable Principal at 9.30 a.m. and the NCC cadets carried out a march-past. The eyes of all the NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, teachers, students, parents and non-teaching staff gleamed with pride while singing the national anthem.

At 10.00 a.m., the College day event

began in the auditorium, wherein the students who had achieved exemplary results in the fields of academics, sports and extra-curricular activities were felicitated. Not only the students, but professors who had retired in the year 2016-1, the professors and the students who completed their PhD this year and the members of the non-teaching staff who have been working with commendable dedication to the college were felicitated too. The event was graced by the Chairperson of the S. P. Mandali who gave some food for thought to the students.

The event came to end at 1:00 p.m. which was followed by the 'Saree Day' celebration in the quadrangle.

Shreya Kulkarni

INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO CHANDIGARH AND BADDI



The Department of Chemistry organized an industrial visit to Dr. Morepen Laboratories and E.G Pharmaceuticals located at Chandigarh and Baddi from 24th to 31st of January 2017 for TYBSc and MSc students of Chemistry Department. A total of 44 students went for the visit accompanied by two faculty members. During the first visit to Dr. Morepen Laboratories on 28th a group of 20 students were led by Mr. Shinda, and they saw various sections of the industry like Chemical Processing section, packaging, etc. All the processes involved in manufacturing like binder addition, compression, encapsulation were shown. The second visit was to EG

Pharmaceuticals on the same day in the afternoon at Baddi which is a contract manufacturer of Drugs. Students were escorted by Mr. Yadav and though a lesser known industry, it shed some light on how low cost manufacturing of drugs is done. The facilities and working conditions were primitive and unhygienic. An example of how the word profit could be a masking agent for human life. A trip to Manali an exhilarating part of the excursion. The incredulous architecture of the rock garden and endless expanse of sukhnalake in Chandigarh were extravagant. Towards the end, on 31st of January 2017 students reached Mumbai with many cherished and timeless memories

Abhishek Kalarikkal

TILT SHIFT 2017, THE BEST OF BMM



Ramnarain Ruia's Department Of Communication and Media is highly looked upon when it comes to innovation. The department's fest is something that emphasizes its individuality and this fact got justified when the second edition of 'Tilt Shift' was presented on 18th and 19th January 2017.

Men Against Violence And Abuse (MAVA), an association concerning the societal issue of gender equality, was the backbone of the film fest titled 'Sama-Bhav'.

The two-days festival commenced with the screening of the spell-binding short film 'Khule Aasman Ke Niche' by School Of Media and Cultural Studies. The highlights of the day turned out to be critically acclaimed 'Pink' and 'Angry Indian Goddesses' which is yet to be released in theaters. Boundaries cannot act as barriers when it comes to showcasing myriads of human emotions. Cross-border love found its special place when movies like 'A Girl In The River: Price Of Forgiveness' and 'With You, Without You' from Pakistan and Sri Lanka respectively, were screened.

Second day took off with screening of

5 short films produced by students of TISS. 'Mittra', a short film by Ravi Jadhav, focusing on the issue of sexual identity grabbed eyeballs.

However, the much awaited section of the fest, the screening of the top 10 short films produced by the participants from various colleges within limited time period was marked as the climax of the day.

The films were assessed by renowned judges from the industry, namely, Rohit Saraf (who recently starred in Dear Zindagi), Manisha Korde (screenwriter of movies like Bhoobhulaiya), and Dr. Dragan Milinkovic (esteemed professor, producer, drama writer and director). All 10 movies were amazingly created and this gave judges a tough time to declare any one team as a winner. But, in the end, it was the short film 'Mirror Mirror' by first year BMM students of Ruia college that won the honorary title!

The fest's main aim of integrating the department was accomplished when everyone stood on the stage for a group photograph, grinning ear-to-ear, ending the creatively loaded festival in the perfect way.

Rutuja Bhosle

APPETISERS: A FESTIVAL OF FOOD.

Department of Biochemistry and Food Science of Ramanarain Ruia college organized a fest focused towards gastronomy. Students of the same department prepared a plethora of healthy dishes by using fresh vegetables and delicious ingredients. The event commenced at 9AM and went on till eve. Dishes prepared for the event consisted of fruit salads, vegetable sandwiches/ tacos, stuffed chocolate. There were various isomers of sprouts displayed for the events with handmade charts mentioning their beneficial properties. Dishes prepared for the event included: tacos made with sprouts and leafy vegetables,

grasshopper mania was a fruit drink made with kiwi. Delicious pudding made with nutmeg included the dressing of chopped almonds, Yummy yet healthy flax seeds sandwiches were prepared, Pixxy frizzy was a drink made with guava, Refreshing muskmelon smoothie was beautifully dressed with tooty fruities on the top.

The event also had several innovative dishes made of chocolates, papaya, drumsticks, etc. Students from different departments of college visited this mouth watering event, and satisfied their hunger pangs. The event wound up at 4p.m leaving students with a fair amount of profit.

Afsha Patel

VISHNUSHASTRI CHIPLUNKAR LECTURE SERIES



Vishnushastri Chiplunkar Lecture Series was held on 23,24,25 of January. This lecture series was started in 1974 by poet Vasant Bapat. This lecture series is each year, it is also known for its speakers who set a new height each year by their talks. Last year marked the completion of 25 years of globalization policy in India. Hence, this year lecture series was about the effects of Globalization on Environment, Society-Culture, and Education. Atul Deoulgaonkar, Prof. Pushpa Bhawe, Dr. Anirudh Pandit were the speakers. First lecture was by Atul Deoulgaonkar. It was about destruction of environment because of globalization and industrialization. Speaker spoke about the eradication of species, harm to bio-diversity, suicide of farmers, problems in agriculture cultivation, etc. He highlighted the water problem and underlined the challenges ahead. He explicated the connectivity and international terrorist operations and international water problems.

Second day talk was delivered by renowned Socialist thinker Prof. Pushpa Bhawe. She spoke about the changing society in Globalization era. She said that after globalization was introduced people hoped that caste system would be eradicated, they would get jobs, etc. But nothing of this sort happened. She marked that globalization is nothing but revival of imperialism. There were some value

based changes along with economic changes. People became more materialistic in nature. There were also changing definitions of who is a patriotic person and who is an anti-national.

In the third and final lecture of the lecture series, speaker Anirudh Pandit spoke about radical changes required in the education system. He emphasized that till the time there are no radical changes in primary education, the picture of the Indian education system will remain as it is.

All the three days of lecture series saw a great turn out. It was attended by present and ex- professors from different colleges along with their students. Attendees didn't hesitate to ask a question of their choice. Thereby continuing the tradition of the lecture series. Principal of the college Dr. Suhas Pednekar sir attended all three days of lecture series without fail. He welcomed the speakers on each day. Prof. Gayatri Lele, Prof. Pooja Thakur, Prof. Padmakar Sathe introduced the speakers. Dr. Anirudh Pandit, Pranay Thakur, Devika Joshi expressed student views and feelings after every lecture. Prof. Shilpa Neve was the working president of the lecture series. She was assisted by Prof. Leena Kedare, Prof. Sharda Gangurde, Prof. Anagha Pendse of Marathi Department. Along with this there were forty odd students to their aid.

TRADITIONAL DAY

Traditional Day was organized in Ruia college on 14th January, 2017. This traditional day was different from the traditional days of the past. It was not just about wearing traditional clothes, clicking photos with friends and then having some refreshment at an outlet of your choice. This traditional day was special because VPM teams were given a state and were asked to depict the culture of that state. Only two participants were allowed from each team - a boy and a girl. Winners were to be given the title of Mr. and Ms. Heritage along with a gift. Almost all the teams participated in this competition. The states allotted were Punjab, Kashmir, Manipur, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and others. Maharashtra was not given to any team in order to keep the competition healthy. Professor Sujata

Suvarnapathki from Statistics Department and Professor Gayatri Lele from Political Science Department were the judges of this event. Ramp walk at the beginning of the event received a big applause from the audience present. Participants were also asked questions based on the culture of the state and the overall atmosphere was that of excitement and enthusiasm. Gayatri Nadkarni and Atharva Potdar from the team Crises Management were declared as winners and were conferred with the title of Mr. and Ms. Heritage. They showed different cultural aspects of Punjab which included Lohri, Bhangra, their food, culture, etc.

Thus, this Traditional Day was made memorable for all the students by the VPM teams and everyone present had a blast!

Rutvik Shinde

JEWEL OF RUIA AND RISING STAR AWARD FUNCTION

On January 21, Ruia college invited its renowned alumna for honouring them with Jewels of Ruia and Rising Star Award.

The awardees list included Mr Sandeep Madhusudan Patil who is a former Indian cricketer , Dr. Rajendra Achyut Badwe who is a director of Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital in Mumbai, D.r Avinash Rabindranath Shenoy, Department of Medicine and Dr. Nandkishore Laud a well known orthopaedic surgeon. The event started at 4.30 with

refreshments for the guests and the award ceremony started around 5 .15 pm . Students of Ruia college started the event by singing 'Eka Dantaya' an auspicious Ganpati song. All the awardees spoke highly of Ruia college and the years they spent in the college.

Members of Ruia College Alumni Association and the principal of Ruia college had organised the event. The event successfully ended at 7.30 pm.

BUZZ AROUND

SPEAKING OF THE BUDGET...

-Arnav Deshpande

To define the Annual Budget as a 'financial statement', or as an 'annual statement of accounts' of the government, is to narrow down its true burden. Budgets are expected to provide us with a clear vision or a set of visions that the government has for the economy. It would be unfair to the government to allege the absence of vision in Budget 2017 that was presented last week.

This fiscal year, the Budget, at

The government has projected its commitment to private sector-led growth on a consistent basis. While whether it has succeeded in its intentions is arguable, it has built for itself admirable credibility in the eyes of the domestic and foreign corporate sector by portraying fiscally prudent behavior. The government does well to not deviate considerably from the path of fiscal consolidation, capping fiscal deficit at 3.2% for the coming fiscal. The decision to maintain fiscal discipline is in line with the strengthening of macro-economic credentials that the circumstances surrounding the early years of this government allowed it to. In times of great global uncertain-

led those lobbying for an even lower fiscal deficit of 3% to disappointment.

The government has shown progressivity in its tax policy. Tax rates for earners below Rs.5 lakh have seen tax rates reduced from 10% to 5%, while those with incomes between 50 lakh and 1 crore shall have to pay a 10% additional surcharge. The reduction in corporate tax for MSMEs from 30% to 25% shall certainly aid the effort towards stimulating employment, given that this sector has the maximum potential to generate manufacturing sector employment.

The budget, however, does disappoint on several fronts. The

roughly 48 villages and 9520 people from poverty every single day till 2019 December 31st, if its end of removing 1 crore villages and 1 crore people from poverty as pronounced in the budget is to meet fulfillment. Regardless of the fact that the figures are too large to be lived up to, the government's conception of poverty alleviation is perplexing. Two of the most important elements in making growth inclusive are the public provision of education and healthcare. This government's expenditure on both these, as that of those before it, has been consistently much lower than what is required. How, then, does the government plan to bring any

the outset, has three visions for the economy. Firstly, the government is serious about leaving room for the private sector to take the driver's seat. At the same time, it is willing to be driven by pragmatism than by ideology. Secondly, the celebratory narrative of the government on the state of the economy has been tempered with an understanding of the slowdown that is being observed on the ground. Thus, the govern-

ty and financial volatility, this is a sensible path to follow. The ball is now in the RBI's court, and a rate cut can be expected in the coming monetary policy



review, assuming that food price inflation doesn't show a spike.

Fiscal prudence cannot be followed against the general wel-

rising burden of bad debt on the banking sector will bog down its ability to lend when private sector activity becomes resurgent, thus preventing private sector recovery. There requires to be institutional reform of public sector banks to make them resilient and more productive for the economy. The budget speech does not speak much about institutional reform and makes only a passing mention of recapitalization. While the Finance Minister celebrates the fact that banks have received massive deposits post demonetization, and interest rates have fallen, he ignores that this raises the possibility of irresponsible lending and the subsequent addition to the

substantive, sustained equity to the growth process? Lastly, digitization is important, but it must be a choice people make and not a choice the government imposes through projects such as the demonetization, since the institutional structure required to support digitization is yet to develop in our country.



ment has engaged in considerable public spending. Thirdly, the conception of a 'cashless economy', that was of rather a postmature birth in the government's rush for reasons to justify the demonetization, is now being mainstreamed as its vision for the economy. One might disagree with the content of the visions outlined, but shouldn't equate this disagreement with the absence of a vision in the first place.

fare. Here is where the pragmatic element of the budget comes in. The government seems to have been awakened to the massive crisis of credibility it faces in the eyes of the poor and the working class. Demonetization might be the last straw, but below-average wage growth, disappointing employment growth and stagnant gross fixed capital formation has been the rule since the election of this government. Therefore, the 25% increase in capital expenditure accompanied by the increase in budgetary allocations to MGNREGA, PMGSY and other infrastructural initiatives shall act as a stimulus to the demonetized, slowing economy. This expenditure

NPA burden that much.

It has been observed that effective increase in MGNREGA allocation over the actual allocation through the previous year has been just around 1%. Demonetization caused massive welfare loss through the deconstruction of the informal economy and the incidence of reverse migration. A larger MGNREGA allocation was hence expected.

The Budget stands in alignment with the tradition of making grand promises that the government has upheld since its term began. My calculations (and these aren't space-science to guess) show that the government will have to remove

The success of the budget shall ultimately be measured by the abyss between the targets and the outcomes. India is headed into a period of uncertainty, owing to political developments such as the election of Trump, and economic developments such as the departure from the global consensus on free trade and rising oil prices. Will the budget carry us through the uncertainty? Time will tell...

SIMPLY PUT: IMMIGRATION BAN BY THE POTUS

1) What is the ban exactly about?

The Ban proposes the following things :

- a) indefinite suspension of Syria's refugee program
- b) Suspension of all refugee programs for 120 days
- c) A 90-day prohibition for citizens of Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from entering the USA.
- d) Prioritization of refugee

3) Why did President Trump impose such a ban?

The primary purpose of this ban was to protect US from terror threats the refugees and immigrants might bring in. The President said the halt on the refugee programme was needed to give government agencies time to develop a stricter vetting system and ensure that visas were not issued to individuals posing a national security threat. However, the move was criticized all over as a 'Muslim Ban'.

According to him, "This is not about religion - this is about terror and keeping our country safe. There are over 40 different countries worldwide that

claims on basis of religion, so long as the person belongs to a religion that is minority in that country. (This basically would allow the US to accept the Christian refugees from the middle eastern countries)

e) Lowering of the total number of refugees to be accepted from any country in 2017 to 50,000, down from 110,000.

are majority Muslim that are not affected by this order"(sic)

4) Why these 7 nations?

These countries were already named as "countries of concern" after a law passed by a Republican-led Congress in 2015 altered a visa admissions programme. The countries were identified as having a terrorist organisation with a significant presence in the area, or the were deemed a "safe haven" for terrorists.



2) Why such chaos after this announcement?

The ban has created a lot of chaos and confusion among the immigrants and even the employees that hold valid visas to work in the country. Many fliers who held valid visas were denied entry into the planes bound for the United States. The people who belong to those 7 nations were told not to leave the country for fear of denial of re-admittance.

5) What is the current status of this ban?

The ban was condemned by many US Citizens, Senators, Students and the Media. The biggest shock was, however, given to the Trump Administration by the US Federal Judges who not only condemned the ban but also effectively revoked it. As of now i.e. 05/02/2017, valid visa holders are allowed to enter the US, although the The Trump Administration seeks to reinstate the ban.

- Aditi Patil.

Top 10 News -

- 1) Roger Federer wins Australian open 2017.
- 2) Bangladesh Treats First Case Of 'Tree Girl' Syndrome.
- 3) 11 Soldiers die as 4 avalanches hit Jammu And Kashmir.
- 4) 10 Tamil Nadu Fishermen Arrested By Sri Lankan Navy on January 8, 2017.
- 5) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT), near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 6) Two cargo ships collide off

- the Ennore coast in Chennai, causing a major oil spill into the sea on 28th January, 2017.
- 7) Goa elections see highest voter turnout at 83%.
- 8) Donald Trump becomes the 45th President of America after taking the Oath of Office on January 21st, 2017.
- 9) US revokes visa ban after court rules against President Donald Trump's order.
- 10) Sasikala to take over as Tamil Nadu CM. O. Panneerselvam resigns.

- Swara Jamdar.

TWEET-

What happened on the sets of Padmavati is ridiculous. There is such a thing as creative freedom and cinematic license. - Alia Bhatt

QUOTE-

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

- Charles Dickens

- Shreya Kulkarni

CAREER WISE

Hey there, Rukaiites! As you all may well be aware, the average Mumbai-kaikar spends most of his life... commuting! Wherever we may want to go, the only way to reach the destination is to endure a harrowing commute! And then we start pondering over the unlimited transport combinations that only a Mumbai-kaikar can think of; a rickshaw to the railway station, and then a train till Ghatkopar, followed by a metro till Andheri, and then a bus...we are spoilt for choice! And that's why, this month, we at Career Wise decided to offer you a glance into this diverse field of Mumbai's transportation at our disposal, so as to make you aware of the lesser known career opportunities available there in! Let's begin the ride!

CAREERS IN MUMBAI SUBURBAN TRAINS

Mumbai's suburban trains are her very first, and the most reliable, lifeline. They have been around for a long while now - since 1883, to be precise! Undoubtedly, they don't just act as the principal and the most reasonable means of commute, but are also a means of livelihood for quite a good number of people.

Mumbai's suburban trains provide employment opportunities in various technical and engineering fields, with posts like locomotive driver (Motorman), assistant locomotive driver, ticket examiner, railway technician, junior engineer, accounts clerk, etc. All these jobs do need varying sets of educational qualifications. Some of these jobs accept those who have cleared the 12th grade (Science), while some other higher jobs require the candidate to complete his/her graduation in the technical fields of Science.

As far as the salary is concerned, all these professions have different salary scale. But it must be noted that almost all these employees enjoy various governmental perks since they are recruited by the government. For instance, if we consider the motormen, they earn a monthly salary of 50,000-60,000, excluding the governmental perks like dearness allowance, house rent allowance, transport allowance, night duty allowance, education allowance and overtime payments to all motormen on Indian Railways' network. All these allowances raise the motormen's salaries to a staggering 1 lakh rupees per month! The condition is similarly convenient in case of the other posts as well!

Who knew that driving a train could earn you so much?!



Irrespective of where you live in Mumbai, the monorail or the ambitious metro project is set to revolutionize the way Mumbai-kaikars travel! Both these projects offer a variety of career options from ticketing staff to being a metro or mono pilot (that's what the drivers are called! Now, isn't that just cool?!), that require educational qualifications that are not at all demanding. These jobs also offer a lucrative pay of about 15,000 to 46,000 a month. All you need to apply is a basic HSC or a graduate degree along with a small course in case you want to become a pilot and you can get a job in the newest, fastest and quite literally, the coolest mode of transport in India!



CRUISE CAPTAIN



Ship captains take care of the business, navigation and operation of all types of vessels. The captain works to set a ship's speed and course, monitor a ship's positions, and avoid hazards. According to the Indian Government the career options are divided as:

- 1. Yantrik:** Yantriks (Diploma Holders) are trained at INS Chilka for 9 weeks. Yantriks thereafter undergo afloat training for 3 months followed by Technical training at INS Shivaji/INS Valsura/NIAT (Naval Institute of Aviation Technology)/Ship Wright School spanning 90-100 weeks, depending upon the branch.
- 2. Navik (General Duty/ Domestic Branch):** Navik (GD) (12th qualified) are trained at INS Chilka for 24 weeks, and then deputed for afloat training for 3 months followed by Cadre training. This training depends upon the cadre and varies from 4-6 months.

Five basic steps to become a cruise captain:

- 1.** Choose a career. (Yantrik/Navik)
- 2.** Complete minimum education. (Bachelor's degree in any one-marine transportation, marine engineering, maritime operations and technology, logistics and intermodal transportation, marine engineering systems, and shipyard management)
- 3.** Attend Coast Guard-Approved Academy Training. (An applicant must pass a background and character reference check, pass a drug screening, and complete a vision and physical test.)
- 4.** Gain Experience as a Deck Officer.
- 5.** Advance to the rank of Ship Captain.

This career has now become even more appealing, since the debut of international cruises in Mumbai from December 2016!



CAREERS IN PAWAN HANS

Pawan Hans Limited is a state-owned helicopter service company based in New Delhi, India. It has cumulatively flown more than 1 million hours and has had 25 lakh landings on its fleet since its formation. Its Mumbai operations are based at the Juhu Aerodrome in Vile Parle (West), Mumbai. Other than providing helicopter services to ONGC to its offshore locations, this public sector company is often engaged in providing services to various Indian state governments, as well as to the islands and mountain ranges. Pawan Hans offers various career opportunities to Indians who aspire to reach the sky. Some of the important careers offered are:

- 1.** Flight Dispatcher
- 2.** Coordinator
- 3.** Base Assistant
- 4.** Senior Manager
- 5.** Translator (English/Hindi)
- 6.** Helicopter Pilot

The age limit for every post ranges from 23 to 25 years and above.

As far as the educational qualifications are concerned, these coveted posts require Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the fields of physics, maths, civil engineering, aviation engineering, MBA, etc. In case of a helicopter pilot, a flight engineer's license is a must. All these varied posts may help you earn anywhere between Rs.20,000 and Rs.65,000! So, why wait? Grow wings and soar up and up with Pawan Hans!

Hey Mumbai-kaikars, how well do you know Aamchi Mumbai's transport system? Don't have a clue at all? Allow us to enlighten you!

- 1)** Between just the Western and the Central lines, the Mumbai locals travel a distance of 1,14,084 train kilometres. To put that into perspective, that's the distance you would cover if you went to and fro from India to Brazil about 4 times!
- 2)** Mumbai's suburban rail systems carry a total of 2.2 billion passengers every year. Incidentally, the world's population is 6 billion!
- 3)** There are a whopping 14 platforms inside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, earlier called Victoria Terminus.
- 4)** Mumbai's famed industrialist Jamshetji Tata was the first Indian to own a car!
- 5)** Bombay Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) was India's first bus service. It

started way back in 1905, and continues to serve us till date!

- 6)** Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport is the 3rd best international airport in the world!
- 7)** 'Super Dense Crush Load' - An official term that is used to describe what happens during rush hour in Mumbai (And we sympathize with you for the fact that most of you must be experiencing that crush nearly every day; we do too!) Mumbai trains were built to hold 1700 passengers, but they often carry three times that number, leading to such notorious crowding that railways have given peak hours the special name, 'Super Dense Crush Load'
- 8)** On 16 April 1853, Mumbai witnessed the first ever train movement in India when 14 carriages & 400 passengers left Bori Bunder (now CST) for Thane.

DID YOU KNOW?

बिहाइंड द सीन्स ऑफ

माय मराठी

भाषा हे एक संवाद साधण्याचे साधन मानले जाते. असे असले तरीही प्रत्येक भाषेची एक वेगळीच गोडी आहे. भाषा बोलल्या जाणाऱ्या प्रदेशातील संस्कृतीमुळे, तेथील माणसांमुळे आणि इतर सामाजिक घटनांमुळे प्रत्येक भाषा समृद्ध होत असते. जगातल्या सुमारे ६,५०० भाषांपैकी मराठी हि एक भाषा... महाराष्ट्र राज्याची राजभाषा... साधारणतः ७० दशलक्ष लोकांची मातृभाषा... वळवावी तशी वळणाऱ्या या मराठी भाषेची गोडी अवीट आहे. ज्ञानेश्वरीच्या सहाव्या अध्यायातील ओळी तर सर्वश्रुतच आहेत-

माझा मराठाचि बोलु कौतुके। परि अमृतातेंही पैजां जिंके। ऐसी अक्षरें रसिकें। मेळवीन ॥

“महाराष्ट्री प्राकृत” या “संस्कृत” पासून उगम पावलेल्या भाषेचा कालांतराने इतर भाषांसोबत मिलाप होऊन “मराठी” या भाषेचा विकास झाला. मुंबई-पुण्यात बोलल्या जाणाऱ्या प्रमाणित भाषेसोबतच अहिराणी, खानदेशी, मालवणी, वर्हाडी, कोल्हापुरी अशा अनेक प्रादेशिक बोलीभाषा देखील मराठीत सामावल्या आहेत.

मराठी भाषेचा जन्म ७ व्या शतकात झाला

असे बऱ्याच इतिहासकारांचे मानणे आहे. मराठीचा पहिला वाक्यरूपी पुरावा ‘श्रावणबेळगोळ’ येथील शिलालेखात आढळतो.

श्री चामुण्डाय करवियले | गंगाराये सुत्ताले करवियले |

“इ.स. ८ व्या शतकापासून ते आजपर्यंत १००० ते १२०० वर्षांच्या काळात संस्कृतपासून मराठी भाषेची निर्मिती होऊन ती विकसित होत गेलेली आहे. सुरुवातीच्या काळात मराठी वाङ्मय निर्मिती महानुभाव पंथाने केली. त्यापुढे ज्ञानेश्वर, नामदेव, तुकारामांनी भाषेचा वारसा चालवला. पुढे मराठीने अरबी, फारसी, उर्दू शब्द आपलेसे केले. प्राचीन वाङ्मयापासून मराठी साहित्याचा प्रवास संतसाहित्य, कथा, कविता, आत्मचरिते, अशा विविध साहित्यप्रकारांनी समृद्ध झाला. येत्या २७ फेब्रुवारीला मराठी भाषेचा हा इतिहास लक्षात घेऊन, हि भाषा चिरंतन ठेवण्याच्या विचाराने ‘मराठी भाषा दिन’ साजरा करूया.”

- **Devendra Jadhav, TyBa, Marathi**
परंतु भाषा टिकावी, समृद्ध व्हावी, यासाठी आपण किती प्रयत्न करतो? आज जागतिकीकरणामुळे प्राकृत आणि

शब्दकोशातली भाषा तिच्या मूळ स्वरूपाच्या तुलनेत खूप बदलत चालली आहे. काळानुसार भाषेत अनेक नवे शब्द येत आहेत. त्यामुळे भाषेच्या मूळ स्वरूपाला धक्का बसत आहे. शहरांमध्ये बोलल्या जाणाऱ्या भाषेवर इंग्रजी आणि हिंदी भाषेचा बराच प्रभाव आहे. बऱ्याच घरांमध्ये आज मराठीत बोलणे कमीपणाचे मानले जाते, त्यामुळे मुल लहान असल्यापासूनच त्याच्याशी इंग्रजीत बोलण्याचा आटापिटा होताना दिसतो. आपली भाषाच काय, भारतातील कुठल्याही प्रांतातील भाषा हि ज्ञानभाषा होऊ शकत नाही. कारण आधुनिक ज्ञान, विज्ञान इंग्रजी भाषेत आहे. पण यामुळे मराठीचे महत्व आणि सौंदर्य मात्र कमी होत नाही. मराठीचा दर्जा सुधारण्यासाठी विविध साहित्यिकांचे लिखाण वाचणे, नवोदित लेखकांना प्रोत्साहन देणे, असे अनेक उपाय असले तरी त्याचा वापर कमी होताना दिसतो. मराठी भाषेची सद्यस्थिती पाहता सुरेश भट्टांच्या कवितेतील शेवटच्या ओळी आठवतात,

**पाहुणे जरी असंख्य पोसते मराठी
आपुल्या घरात हाल सोसते मराठी
हे असे कितीक 'खेळ' पाहते मराठी
शेवटी मदांध तख्त फोडते मराठी**

“मायबोली मनाला हळुवार स्पर्श करून ममतेचा आस्वाद देते. या भाषेत जिव्हाळा आहे. मराठी भाषेतून माणसाला आपुलकी, प्रेम, माणुसकी मिळते. मराठी भाषाच मुळात माणसे जोडणारी आहे. आपण सर्वांनी जास्तीत जास्त संवाद मराठी भाषेत करून तिचे संगोपन केले पाहिजे.”

- **Pramod Lavande, Lab Assistant.**

“मराठी भाषा हि संतांच्या मुखातून, महापुरुषांच्या लेखणीतून, आणि देवांच्या वाणीतून आलेली भाषा आहे. पण मराठी भाषेची सद्यस्थिती खूप गंभीर आहे. मराठी भाषा शुद्ध राहिली नसून तिच्यात बऱ्याच प्राणात हिंदी व इंग्रजी शब्दांचा वापर होत आहे. मराठी भाषा पसरवण्यासाठी एकमेकांना वाढदिवसानिमित्त किव्हा काही चांगल्या दिनानिमित्त मराठी पुस्तके भेट म्हणून द्यावी. जितकी मराठी आपल्या वाचनातून येईल तेवढीच ती आपल्या मुखातून येईल”

- **Gaurav Ahire and Sushrut Mane, FyBSc.**

“मराठी भाषाच असे नाही...मला सर्वच भाषा आवडतात...परंतु मराठी हि माझी मातृभाषा असल्यामुळे तिच्याबद्दल मला विशेष ओढ वाटते...आणि सर्वांनाच त्यांच्या मातृभाषेबद्दल ओढ असतेच, प्रेम असतेच...छलपती शिवाजी महाराजांनी छापलेल्या मुद्रेश्वर मानाने मिरवणारी अन संतश्रेष्ठ ज्ञानोबा माऊलींच्या वाणीमध्ये सरस्वती रुपाने विराजणारी मराठी माझी मातृभाषा असल्याचा मला अभिमान आहे. मराठी इंग्रजीतून लिहिण्याचा जमाना आल्यापासून शिवरायांची प्रतिपदेच्या चंद्राला कोरणारी मराठी देवनागरी लिपी तरुणाईच्या हाताने लिहिली जाणे बंद होत आहे. अमृतातही पैज जिंकणारी मराठी indic keyboard च्या जमान्यात लुप्त होऊ पाहत आहे. अन सरधोपट दुसऱ्या भाषांमधील शब्दांचा यामध्ये उपयोग होत आहे. आपण सर्वजणांनी मराठी वाचनसंस्कृती जोपासण्याचा प्रयत्न केला, तर सर्व वयोगटातील मराठी भाषिक माणसं मराठी वाचू अक्षमपणे लिहू शकतील. कुसुमाग्रज,

आचार्य अत्रे, साने गुरुजी, बालकवी, पु.ल.देशपांडे...अशा रत्नांनी लिहिलेली पुस्तके वाचून आंगल झालेली मराठी भाषा सुधारता येईल अशी आशा आहे..”

- **Vishwajeet Kale, Lecturer, Department of Bioanalytical Sciences.**

“आपण युवा वर्ग असल्यामुळे शाळा, महाविद्यालयांमधून मराठी विषयाला धरून काही पथनाट्ये सादर करू शकतो. वार्षिक मासिकेतून मराठी भाषेधून लेख, कविता, सादर करू शकतो. तसेच मराठी भाशा दिवस, प्रत्येक शाळा, महाविद्यालयात साजरा करणे, अशा कार्यक्रमांमुळे विविध गोष्टी सद्य होऊ शकतात.”

- **Shraddha Tambe.**

अशी ही मराठी वाणी महाराष्ट्राच्या मातीवर बहरत राहण्यासाठी २७ फेब्रुवारी ला आपण सर्वांनी मिळून मराठी दिवस साजरा केला पाहिजे आणि भाषेचा गोडवा पसरवला पाहिजे. तर येताय ना २७ ला?

OPED WHAT IF

Hearty welcome to our Readers! Although we are settling in the New year, can our inherent human nature allow us to let go of our past, or can our impulsive mind allow us to not wander in the future? While we do that, the two words that pop up everywhere are "What if?"-

what if I had made that choice? What if this happens? So for this month, team Op-Ed decided to take deeper dives into this imaginary world of "What if's" taking a bunch of fellow Ruiaites with us. Get ready for a wonderful experience!



WHAT IF HARRY POTTER WAS PLACED IN SLYTHERIN?

Harry and Snape's relationship would be complicated because Snape would despise him, but then would also be proud of him as one of the best Quidditch players in the Slytherin team. He would have access to way more information about Lord Voldemort and Death Eaters, that being the common discussion topic among fellow Slytherins. He would feel isolated and turn somewhat into another Tom Riddle - quiet, cunning and calculating like young Tom was. Not that he would make Horcruxes, but would be into Dark Arts and a seeker of revenge. In fact, he would hate Voldemort more intensely and be possessed with the idea of killing him.

- Swamesh Lotlikar, FYBSc

WHAT IF ONE OF YOUR BEST SCIENCE FICTION DREAMS CAME TRUE?

My biggest science fiction dream is Inter Galactic travel using Wormholes! No matter how long, you can travel instantaneously, not even limited by the speed of light! With the constant threat of nuclear war which would leave our planet uninhabitable, we might have to leave Earth and search for new planets to settle on. In such a scenario, when travelling to distant galaxies might take 1000s of years by conventional means, wormholes provide a nifty little shortcut. Also, if that is possible, I would love to travel in space seeing all the masterpieces it has to offer and travel in time too.

- Advait Unnithan, FYBSc

WHAT IF INDIA WAS NEVER COLONIZED BY THE BRITISH?

In that case, India would never have been looted. India would have been a wealthy country full of lazy teens. Instead of being united we would have been under the oppressive system of monarchy. All they'd do is fight amongst them. The social evils would continue to exist. The principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity wouldn't have been implemented.

- Sakshi Vaidya, FYBA

WHAT IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE ONE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DECISION/EVENT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE ?

For me, the decision of taking the Kashmir Issue to UN was one of the biggest mistakes that we ever committed because, by doing so, we turned a bilateral issue into an international one, allowing the interference of other countries and superpowers. By making it an International dispute, we created one more problem, i.e. we accepted Pakistan's claim over Kashmir. So it would have been better if we had resolved it at regional level. So if I can go back in time, I will ask PM Nehru to not do it!

- Manasi Misal, Professor, Dept. Of Political Science



WHAT IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND MEET ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE PHILOSOPHERS WHAT WOULD YOU ASK HIM?

If I could go back in time, I would like to meet my favourite Socrates! I'd ask him the reason why he believed in human rationality? How was he so sure and positive that human beings have a capacity to understand that an unexamined life is not worth living? As for today, the situation is very different and it is rare to find people using their rationality and examining their own lives to find higher purpose and meaning. In such a scenario, how do we still keep ourselves positive and hopeful?

- Himani Chaukar, Professor, Dept. Of Philosophy

WHAT IF JOEY AND PHOEBE HAD GOT MARRIED?

If they got married, they will be the weirdest couple! Phoebe will make Joey redo the Guitar training, explaining him the cat claw and dinosaur claw. Whenever needed, Phoebe would use Gladius and Glymnis to scare Joey and get things done. Would Joey still continue with his 'ju ma plu fle' French? If he ever fathers their child, he'll be a dad yelling at his kids 'Joey doesn't share food' and fight for that last slice of pizza with Phoebe.

- Shruthi Narayan, FYBA

WHAT IF YOU HAD ANY ONE OF DOREMON'S GADGETS?

Although I love the Anywhere Door, I'd use the gadget with wishful food, because getting food whenever I need is difficult. Another gadget that I would use is the Mind-Skill Manipulator where you can play with your Health, smartness and looks - does this even require a reason?

- Aparna Varma, SYBA

WHAT IF YOU GET TO WRITE A STORYLINE FOR THE NEXT SEASON OF F.R.I.E.N.D.S?

I'd be more than happy. It will go along the lines of Emma and Ben together, Rachel and Ross would buy a new house somewhere near Monica's. Of course Joey wouldn't get married - I can't see him married. The kids will grow up together only to begin an all new season of F.R.I.E.N.D.S. And Joey would be their cool uncle who'd look after them and guide the guys on how to flirt.

- Uma Kabe, FYBA



WHAT IF NED STARK MARRIED CERSEI LANNISTER?

That's difficult because Cersei hates the North and the Starks. But if she learns to love him, they'd be the most powerful couple in the seven kingdoms, or, judging by the type of woman that she is, she'd break Ned into pieces and betray him without a doubt. As she loves her children, she'll love the kids she has with Ned. But Jon Snow will most probably be dead, or off to somewhere far as Cersei will kill him for who he is

- Vedhanti More, FYBSc

WHAT IF NED STARK WAS REVEALED ALIVE AFTER THE EVENTS OF SEASON 5?

He wouldn't survive for long without allies and, with his strong sense of honour, he would most probably ride to the gates of Winterfell alone and proclaim it as his, at which point Ramsey or Roose would appear, one bad and another terrifying. If Ramsey gets there first, then poor old dead Ned would be even deadier followed by weeks or months of torture and if it's Roose who appears first, it will probably be quick and quiet, so he cannot raise support or become a martyr. Best thing for Ned would be to join the Night's Watch; they need the leadership and figurehead that Ned Stark can provide.

- Natasha, FYBSc

रामायणातील सीतात्यागाच्या प्रसंगी

तू सीतेच्या जागी असतीस तर?

भारतीय संस्कृतीला अनुसरून राजा म्हणून रामाच्या आज्ञेचे पालन करणे क्रमप्राप्त होते. पत्नी म्हणून माझे ते कर्तव्यही होते. मी पतिव्रतसोबतच सुशील व स्वाभिमानी सी होते. त्याच हक्काने मी पुन्हा महालात जाऊन रामाला (राजाला नव्हे माझ्या पतीला) जाब विचारला असता की या सगळ्यात माझा अपराध तरी काय होता? एकदा पाविल्य सिध्द करून झाल्यावर पुन्हा तसे करण्याची मला गरजच वाटत नव्हती. रामाची माझ्या अस्लेली विचारसरणी, त्याची कुलप्रतिष्ठा यात माझी होणारी कुचंबणा खरंच महत्त्वाची नव्हती का? आणि म्हणूनच 'नियमांसाठी आपण की आपल्यासाठी नियम?' असा तात्त्विक प्रश्न मी नक्कीच विचारला असता

- Prajakta Dange, SYBA

That's not all!

We have some 'What Ifs' for you too!
What if attendance wasn't compulsory?
Or what if you could eat and not get fat?
What if there was no language?
What if you had only 24 hours to live?



Insight

ALL ABOUT LOVE

THE DAY FEELINGS SPOKE

Of course it feels good. To start again; to try again; to think that this time things will work out; to think that this time life won't be unfair and that this time you will be loved back.

Yes. It feels good. It feels beyond good. She can hardly explain how good it feels, to get a second chance to win someone back. But can she actually win him back? For something can come close 'again' only when it used to be close. Was he close to her in the first place? Maybe yes. Maybe no. Maybe he never loved her and was just playing along because it felt good. Maybe he was playing along just for fun but found a place for her in his heart nonetheless. Maybe he did

like her but never was able to 'love' her. Maybe he does like her and that liking can blossom into something more beautiful, if she tries harder and gives him some more time.

Maybe. That's the word that has helped her survive so far. Maybe things will work out; maybe those close moments did mean something; maybe he's just not thoughtful enough to realize that she is the one. Maybe, just maybe he won't break her heart again.

Maybe it feels good. To keep trying to find a way in a whirlpool while you know that all it can do is suck you in. Maybe the perception that 'I just might win!' over powers the

probability that you already are on the losing side. Maybe the potential reality of her heart mending all over again blurs the actual reality of how badly broken it is.

Why does it feel good? If she knows how things always have been? If she knows how much he can value her, but how much he does? How little amount of efforts he actually has to take to bring back her elegant smile, but how he simply misses out on this thought process. Even though she knows how worthy she is, and how he treats her as if she isn't! Wait. She doesn't. She doesn't know her worth. She runs around like a beautiful fool to win him back because he's worth it.

She's hurt and sad and depressed but still manages to smile and be there for him when he needs help because he's worth it. She has forgotten her worth and increased his worth, in his eyes...

Because he's worth it? What even is her fault!? How will a princess know that she deserves respect, if she has never been respected? *How will she know that she's worth every bit that exists and doesn't exist in the universe...until she's treated so? How?*

It does not feel good. Not really. Who'd want to run a race again to try his chances of winning, if he's hell tired and has already lost once? Who'd want to keep digging in a hole

which has given them nothing but worthless rocks? Such people actually do exist. But 'feeling good' is not the thing that drives them to try again. Helplessness does. They don't know what else they can possibly do. She doesn't know what else she can do other than keep trying to win his love back. The love that she assumes, does exist; or can exist; or rather has to exist... How can it not?

There is one way out. There always is. But she's too afraid to even consider it. After all, letting go is not easy. So many years of dedicated one-sided love, full-hearted investment of time to a half-hearted relationship. She has done all of this and much more, but for what? Letting

go? Hell no. That doesn't make sense. Who would want their time, love, happiness, sadness, tears and everything else to go waste? Only a madman would do that.

But sometimes it's necessary to be a madman. To do the things that scare you the most. To face the fears that tear you apart. After all, *how much more can she be torn apart?*

The years will teach her what these days never will. But she ought to let go for it. Will she? Can she? *Should she?* Because after these sudden realizations arise and die away, *OF COURSE IT FEELS GOOD.*

- Kushal Chheda

Love is a topic that arouses a lot of questions in mind. We asked our college mates to send across such questions, and made humble attempts to answer them:

1) IS LOVE COMPLICATED? OR IS IT MADE COMPLICATED BY OUR EGOS AND SOCIAL MEDIA?

Love, in its purest form, is simple and unconditional, like a mother's love for her child. Platonic love is a blessing not many are fortunate enough to receive. Romantic love, however, is bittersweet. If it wasn't a complex concoction of emotions itself, love is made even more effervescent by human egos and the omnipresent social media. Making a relationship Facebook-official is now considered a big deal. Who will call/text whom first is a dilemma many face. The green-eyed monster is stirred in many when they see a member of the opposite sex being a little too friendly with their significant other on social media. Tempers flare, egos swell up and love takes a backseat to doubt.

- Rajsithee Dhavale

2) WHAT IS TRUE LOVE?

The most important thing to know about real love is that it is an action from you and to you. True love starts with loving yourself and feeling satisfied with a purpose in life. Once you accept yourself and take control, you won't feel like a victim of situations. If people understood what real love entailed they would be less inclined to go in and out of relationships in which they know they will experience anything but love. Use your single time wisely, to build what you need to be in a healthy relationship. And then, go out and build it.

- Sawri Madkaikar

3) DOES TRUE LOVE HAPPEN ONLY ONCE?

Emotionally, love is often cited as the most beautiful emotion that humans possess. It is often the antidote to all that is evil in this world. How can such an emotion ever be limited to one person? You're bound to love again and again. Each time you love, it'll be with a different ferocity. Biologically, love serves the evolutionary purpose of reproduction. But if love was a one-time phenomenon heart breaks would make survival of our species very hard. Logically, there is hope for anyone out there going through a rough time, believing that they'll never find love again. You will. Not once, twice, but as many times as you let yourself and each time it'll be just as true, till that one time it stops to stay. Just because you were in a nine-year committed relationship does not mean you cannot love someone else ever again. It won't be the same, but it will happen.

- Saeer Patker

4) WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP WHY DO THEY FIGHT SO MUCH?

Every relationship must weather with time (that's the beauty of it). Fights hence are an integral part of relationships. If one focuses to eliminate disputes, one might have, well, not experienced love at all. For love to evolve and prosper, one should know his better half inside out. However, if the going gets nasty (this only you can sense), declare your defeat. There is absolutely no point in holding on, when there exists nothing but a past admiration.

- Rohan Pawar



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Let's Talk About Love!

- Riddhi Jadye and Ishita Nirbhavne

“Love makes one feel complete and their life feels whole.” - Anonymous

Romantic love is scientifically associated with intense emotional experiences such as increased energy, euphoria, obsessive thinking, feelings of dependency and craving. When people are ‘in love’ they feel as if they have uncovered the meaning of life. The art however, continues to be consumed by efforts to define, process and understand romantic love. Love could never truly be defined though and it probably never will be since the way love

is perceived keeps changing from time to time.

The present generation has a certain measurement for love. It is measured by materialistic things and the words that are said. It is measured by how many times ‘I love you’s are exchanged. Is this truly how we should be measuring love?

What exactly is the right way to express love? We don’t know if the answers to these questions could ever be discovered. But the way we express our feelings today is drastically different from how they were expressed over the

generations.

Earlier, love was more about companionship, trust and care. People weren’t explicit in their show of affection but they cared for each other. However, today’s couples openly display their love on social media in every way possible. It is one of the root causes of love going kaput as it paints an unrealistic and farcical picture. Previous generations didn’t have issues about adjustment and were very much tolerant of diverse viewpoints. But love today differs from the earlier perceptions as it has now become

all about Valentine’s Day, gifts and PDA. We fall in love with a set of preconceived notions and sky high expectations from our partner and when they aren’t in sync, misunderstandings and compatibility issues crop up. Many youngsters are in a relationship simply because their peers are. It’s sad to see the diminishing value of commitment

and lifelong companionship in the definition of love.

Yet, there is hope that the concept of love has not completely eroded. True love is one that makes you a better person without compromising on your individuality. However, the test lies in not giving up on your love just because the situation isn’t ideal. Great relationships soar when both the

parties fight against the odds and find ways to make it work.

Everyone deserves to fall in love and to be loved, but they should also understand that love is more than just romance or physical intimacy. It is about being happy with someone.

How to fall in Love-Gayatri Godbole

February - the month of love and romance. And with the magic in the air, one starts fantasising about about perfect romantic situations and secretly hoping that they turn true, subtly stealing a quick glance at the one who almost electrocutes us with a smile. And love stories are definitely instrumental in adding to the expectations of a perfect partner, with their breathtakingly beautiful protagonists in it.

One such author who captures the hearts of all the readers is Cecilia Ahern, whose stories strike a chord with us and make us believe that each one

of us will meet someone special, who will make us fall head-over-heels in love with life.

‘How to Fall in Love’ introduces Christine and Adam, who together explore the beauty of life. Christine is trying to deal with a situation in her life when she meets Adam on Ha’penny Bridge in Dublin, about to jump off it. The story is all about the deal Christine makes with him, which is a challenge to make him fall in love with his life.

Christine makes an effort to show Adam the beauty of life with the help of some adventure but she has to convince him before he decides other-

wise. The characters in the book are a perfect blend of courage and passion and meet the expectations of the readers of a perfect counterpart. They take you through situations that bring out mixed sentiments like joy, frustration, laughter, heartbreak and most importantly - love. The book has a great climax which ensures that you will fall in love with the story, as well as your life, which is made more colourful by your partner. So this Valentine’s Day, cherish the gift called ‘Life’ and make the special one fall in love with you!

DIYs Coming Through! -Saakshi Gupta

Valentine’s Day dons the short month of February in blushing faces, sparkling eyes and thumping hearts. Here are some DIYs to help you let your loved one know you care (or finally get through to your crush!).

1.At Your Service Coupon Booklet: Get some sheets of paper of your choice and cut them to whatever size you want. Write down some things that you can do or help the person you’re gifting the booklet to do - for instance, “buy a whole library for you”, or, more realistically, “let you win an argument you’re obviously losing” and such. Gather all your coupons and then tie them up with a

thread or ribbon or just staple them together.

2.Fandom Love Penholders: Here’s a way to show that you care about a person despite their crazy obsession with a show or a book and such. Buy a plain ceramic (preferably oven safe and with no designs) mug. Grab a permanent marker or some acrylic paint and draw or write whatever you want on the mug. Once you’re done, pop the completed mug into

an oven to set your design for around 30 minutes at 180 degrees Celsius. Make sure to put the mug in before the oven heats up and take it out only after it has cooled down to avoid cracking. You now have a personalized penholder! (The oven step is optional since a penholder won’t go through much washing and scrubbing and the design should stay long enough.)

Must Watch-Sawri Madkaikar

This Valentine’s Day, skip the typical ‘Harry Met Sally’ and journey through these relatable and realistic stories of actual love.

1.Like Crazy: This is a love story of two college students. Jacob is from LA and Anna is from Britain. Due to Visa complications, she is forced to leave the country. Both deal with the distance, the struggle of starting new careers and situations that could threaten their relationship which are all the factors that long distance couples have to deal with in real life.

2.500 Days Of Summer: It shows how messy and complicated relationships can be, especially those of unrequited love. Joe falls for Summer, who clearly has no intention of committing. It isn’t a typical romantic story. It shows that sometimes things can be fun and sometimes they don’t work out but you can survive a heartbreak.

3.Silver Lining’s Playbook: Both the characters suffer from serious mental issues. But the movie keeps it light and humorous while actually touching a raw emotional nerve. It is a fast paced story of family, friends and new love. Also, surprisingly, the movie has a decent finale and an even better end.

4.Trainwreck: The flawed and awkward Amy starts to live by the phrase “monogamy is not realistic” because of her parents’ divorce. But then, she meets the dorky and funny Aaron and the two fall in love. This forces her to reconsider her lifestyle.

5.Blue Valentine: Dean and Cindy are perfect in the beginning. But as time goes, they grow apart and this leads to a devastating break up. It’s a sad story that pulls in and out of flashbacks of the young couple and the older couple. It has an interesting end though!





Politickle Article

- Joy P.

Politics is at the centre stage in most countries - in England as a result of Brexit, in America due to the election of Mr. Donald Trump as the President and in India, as it has been for several years.

So, we at Tech-Tricked decided to add spice to the current political scenario with a slight technical flavour to it. Imagine if some political leaders were brand ambassadors for phone companies, which company would they endorse? Starting with Mr. Kejriwal, it seems fitting that he endorse 'Freedom 251'. We never expected a smartphone to be as cheap as the Freedom 251. The company, not sticking to its promise of delivering smart phones, is now focusing on making LED TVs, thus neglecting Freedom 251. Similarly, Kejriwal (Mango People as he calls them. Haha, pun

intended) was never thought of to be a chief minister. There were speculations that he would be Aam Aadmi Party's chief minister candidate for Punjab. With his odd even scheme he could be CM of Delhi on even days and CM of Punjab on odd days.

Moving on to Rahul Gandhi aka RaGa, many companies would want him as their Brand Ambassador because of the talents he possesses. It's quite possible that he would choose Nokia. Nokia was a household name in the 2000's with its monopoly in the market but with its reluctance to adapt, we all know what happened. It has now completely lost its foothold and will no longer be used as a phone brand. Similarly, RaGa joined Congress when Congress was the ruling and the most popular party in India but he did not bring about any substantial

changes and subsequently, they lost their hold on most states in India. "We did nothing wrong but somehow we lost" was famously said by Nokia's CEO when they were acquired by Microsoft. Similar is the story of Congress's loss in the 2014 elections. They tried to play it by the book and used the established election campaigning methods, instead of adapting to the changes around them. But the fact is that both could not modify themselves according to evolving demands.

Lastly, we have the master of all, Mr. Donald Trump, who we anticipated to be Samsung Galaxy S7 (the burning phone) but he turned out to be One Plus and surpassed all our expectations. So, let's see if this One Plus turns out to be an iPhone or bites the dust as the Note.

Surreal? Nah, Let's Get Tech-Real

- Tejas M.

With the political norm and the governing motto being the "take it easy policy", we see the personification of some technology and mind you, the resemblance and similarity is uncanny. Considering some well founded and understood facts such as the iPhone being worth a lot less than it's ever increasing price, we can see some similar reflections in the political scenario with the rise of certain world leaders who I would rather not mention by name. But then again, he has been in the news a lot recently, so

who I am talking about should be pretty evident.

We have organizations and political leaders focusing on issues like bullfighting in India rather than real issues like female infanticide and so on so forth. That looks a lot like Samsung chucking out phone after phone and not doing anything about the "explosive" piece of hardware that they so graciously loaned to the world. In many ways I think of our and politicians as many of those Chinese phones that have been absolutely

destroying the market for the past few years. What I mean by that is that both our policies and politicians share some striking features. Chief among them being cheap, short lived and the most important one, all talk and no show. So you see our lives are not just governed by the tech that surrounds us, it is also shaped and influenced by it. We are starting to behave like the very devices that are "supposed" to make us smart. Or is it the other way round?

Sarco-Politics

- Abhishek K.

Politics! The science which is omnipresent, literally, because our new interim Column Head asked us to make use of politics technically but to make fun of it in a sarcastic manner.

After being told that I had to write an article on political satire through tech, I had to modify myself to a Motorola handset and slowly make my way to the latest ones in the market because for me this science is quite tough. I had to do a deep analysis and research information about the fights which took place, which turned out to be a mere publicity stunt. Now imagine Samsung doing the same by setting

their Notes on fire. It did give them a lot of attention but with a hefty price. Politicians can also be compared to phones exclusively from China, flourishing in the smartphone market just because they have mother Google's blessings. But sometimes their defectiveness can be mildly amusing to some of us. Just like the popular statement made by an intellectual (at least that's what he claims) joker, politics is in your shirt and pants. Turns out he wanted to modify what Aristotle said about politics that it's the inherent feature of Mankind.

For me what is seriously amusing is the fact that someone just rebooted the 6th largest economy in the world. A very bold step indeed. Because hey, what's more effective than restarting your handset as supposed to restarting an entire supercomputer. And it was to an extent successful and did help in fixing few bugs. Being a tech lover, the technology that I anticipate the most is the one which predicts the future. And what I think the future holds is that there's a major update waiting in the year 2019.

Tech-nically Modi-fied

- Aaditya Iyengar

Politics. A very Tech-nical business indeed! So we decided to highlight some amazing conditions in India, via our usual touch of tech.

Well firstly, being patriots: tech-tricked is a bunch of good people who love their country, so no offence to anyone; it's just the internal components we dislike.

Well, our political system has removed any sense way before the millennium even started. Our rulers fancied cleaving people without touching them, so they removed sense like Apple removed our beloved Jack. Jack wasn't that detestable though, neither was sense.

The Modi government is like any Redmi phone, it begins like every smooth relationship does; with a lot of love and care, and slowly goes on to the lag, bugs and what not.

Secondly, the surge of memes is the only thing I am loving about our government right now. Rumour has it, Rajnikanth Vs CID Jokes has signed a four year contract with Devendra

Fadnavis. Admit it, this is the best partnership of the year. (Hurt for some RVCJ fans)

The dank memes have been on the pinnacle of their popularity, they are next to Salt-Bae. So many memes, yet no offence? Queer and atypical for India.

We've been asking him, "Acche din kahan gaye?"

Luckily he didn't say "Imao bro you want me to demonetise you?"

Also, a developer has recently come up with a new Virtual-Reality game called Un-Modi-fy, which has become a sensation in the tech world. All you have to do is download the app and slide your phone into your VR box and the adventure begins. You start seeing amazing things like Demonetisation working, real problems being solved, local train stations not being renamed and the Rs. 3600 crore statue not being built. We actually see vivid things like BJP eradicating poverty, Kejriwal winning elections, and much more!

The beta version has been released by the developer whose name hasn't been revealed as of now, but it rhymes with Fhinish Gaghamare and he is working on the project and hence couldn't give us quotes.

Furthermore, BJP has started behaving like Jio - you're promised a lot of data and you are given all of it, it's just that you don't have network. So many ATMs but no money, the list is endless.

We were promised a comprehensive report of RaGa's hacked twitter account, but it is yet to be seen. Off the record, we were also promised that the account will be left as it was without any survey so we could see better content on Twitter.

Lastly, we did manage to get a quote from the Ministry, they said,

"Dear Tech-Tricked, We are unsure about the anomalies going on in 2017 but we surely will be releasing an update soon. We hope to solve your issues there. (Haha, just kidding)"

WORLD OF FANTASY

PENTACTUS

The grief of his son's death made the Chief stand up against the enemy tribe and he geared up for a fight with more fierce determination than before. He summoned his tribe's members to discuss a new war strategy, as well as the possible strategy designed by the enemy. The third day of the war saw more valour and vigour in every tribe member. The death of Yatita had brought great sorrow amongst the people, who had decided to take a fair revenge. The dawn of the third day saw everyone positioned well on

the battlefield. The strategy decided by the Chief took the enemy chief aback as the Zaroed tribe had decided not to give any concessions to the Walure tribe.

During the war, Robert was accompanied by two Mubmisa who could fiercely blow people off their feet with just a light puff of air. Robert saw his men showing courage and winning over their enemy's bone weapons with just their bare hands. While observing all this, Robert was struck by a flashback where he saw his ancestor fighting two swords-

men from the rival tribe. While the scene was still playing in his mind, he was attacked in the same manner by two swordsmen! He tried to use the skills seen in the flashback and triumphed. When he was done with them, he could hear chaos of swords clashing, and the swooshing of arrows. Turning around, he saw the Chief being attacked by five hefty, tall and dark skinned men. Seeing the Chief fight, Robert was embarrassed and realized that he still needed a lot of practice.

Two men attacked Robert

from behind, which was against the rule of war. Robert was so enraged by this that he slit their throats. He then proceeded to rescue the Chief who told Robert to not help him, but seeing the Chief's condition, he proceeded to fight and kill the attackers. After completing the bloody task at hand, Robert took the Chief to their war base and ordered the Darin to treat him for his injuries.

Later, he set out to check on the scenario unfolding on the battlefield. Animals of both the tribes had caused

widespread destruction by blowing fire through their mouths and tying people up with their thread like fingers. Children tried hard to keep them away by throwing everything they could get their hands on. Women hurried towards the injured men and were also seen fighting courageously. The current situation told Robert that it had been a difficult day for them and so, he returned to the Chief to take his advice. The Chief was already discussing something with his wife. Without any hesitation, he told Robert to take up a

mental war which was the last resort. Robert instantly denied the Chief's suggestion and told him that even though he had been given that power, he wouldn't be the one to use it.

The tribal men continued fighting throughout the day. As the day came to a close, the loss suffered by both the tribes seemed unbearable. Since the Chief was not in a state to call a meeting, Robert decided to take up the responsibility. No one spoke a word at the meeting at first, but their eyes spoke volumes. Without any further

thought, they decided to fight with everything they had and chalked out every possible plan and strategy to give the enemy an even tougher fight. After seeing their dedication and love for their tribe, Robert recalled his ancestor's life and his promise towards the Walure tribe. He went to the Chief's room and told the Chief, "I have decided to do everything necessary to bring victory to our Walure tribe."

The Chief's face brightened and he called his wife and the old man. Although unable to move, he maintained

his composure with great pain and tried to explain the mental war to Robert. As he spoke, only puffs of air came out. So, the old man and the Chief's wife decided to do the talking on his behalf - "Mental duel is..." they began.

Glossary:

Darin - local doctors

Mubmisa - mythical creature

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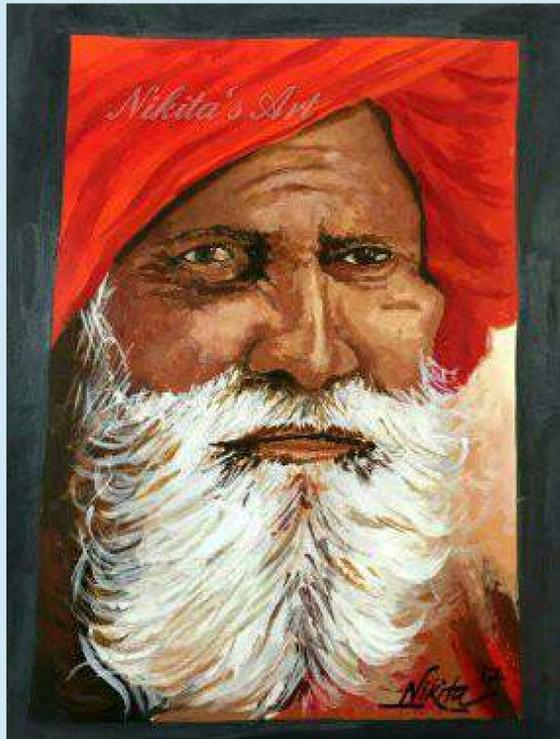
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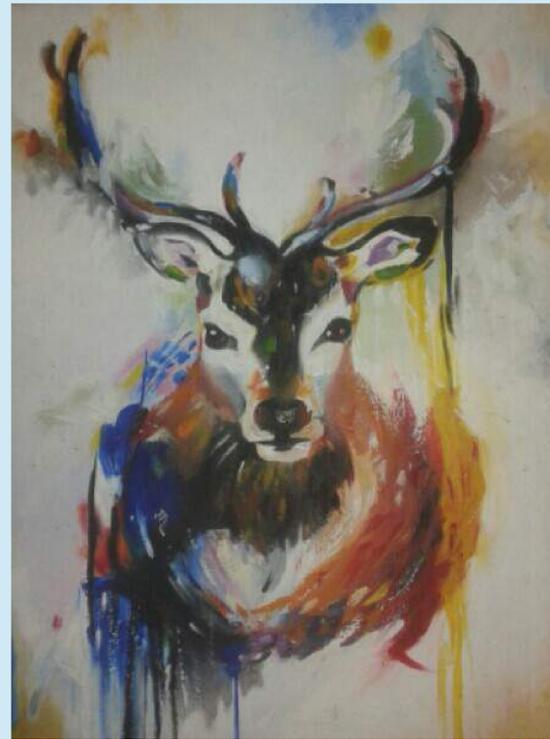
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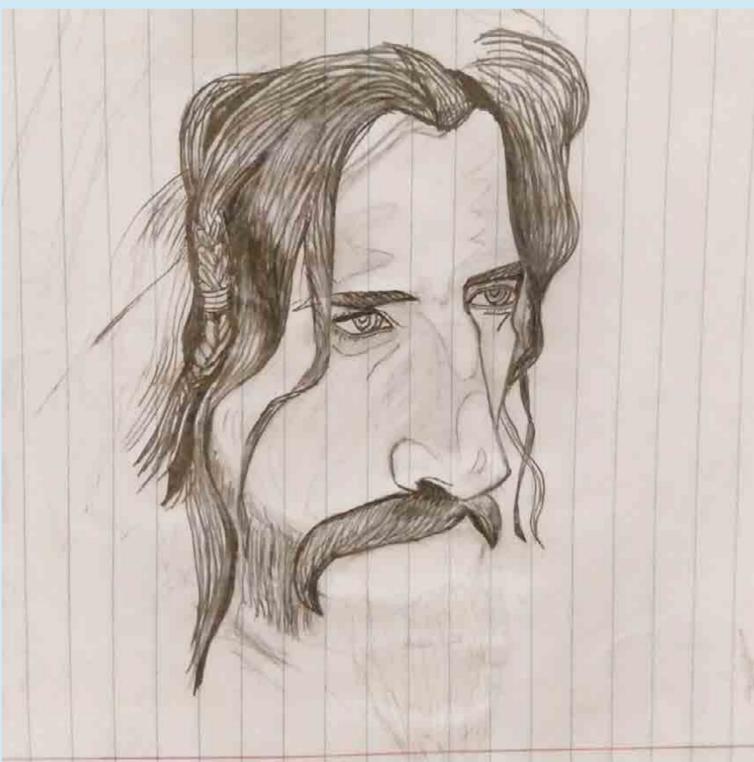
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NAVIGATION

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Easy Friendship

By Digvi Shah

Nikhil was slumped on the college bathroom floor, next to the urinal, with a cut lip and his heart in his throat when he decided that fear smelled like copper, urine and Viraj Singh. His legs were trembling such that he didn't dare stand up, like he was still choking in Viraj's hands, dangling two feet off the ground. He looked at the obscenity filled walls in front of him but in his mind's eye, they were interrupted by the vision of Viraj and his friends, catching him off guard.

His brain was playing reruns of their parting words. "Stay away from Patil."

Stay away from Patil.

It's best to keep away from Shivam.

Stay away from me. I'm not good for you.

He's bad news.

Different words bled into each other in Nikhil's mind as he stayed frozen on the ground, their meaning sinking in.

Nikhil had been talking to Sheena, his classmate, about an economics project the previous week when Shivam passed them in the corridor.

"Hey man, how come you missed economics?"

Nikhil called out.

"I got caught up," Shivam replied, his eyes darting around. "I have to go," he added and then bolted.

As Nikhil mused over his odd behavior aloud, it was Sheena who gave him clarity.

"You shouldn't hang out with him," she said.

"What do you mean? He seems like a great guy."

"He's bad news man. I don't know what he did but you know Viraj -"

"Viraj Singh?"

"Yeah, they say Shivam beat up Viraj's cousin brother, Pawan. The poor boy was hospitalized and yet all Shivam got was suspension. Pawan, on the other hand was expelled."

"But -" Nikhil paused before continuing, "I am sure there must be a reason for it."

"Well, if there is, we don't know about it. The worst part is that Pawan was Shivam's only friend. What kind of person does that to their best friend?"

He's got issues, I am telling you."

"Oh. But he has been nothing if not nice to me," Nikhil replied, unsure of what to make of this new development.

"Look, trust me okay," Sheena said. "I know you're new here but I know him. It's best to stay away from Shivam."

Nikhil wasn't surprised by Sheena's words, just the explanation. In fact, those were the first words he had heard from Shivam.

Tall, fair and brown haired, Shivam Patil was the first friend Nikhil had made in his new college. He hadn't wanted to leave his old one but when forced to choose between a hostel and moving cities with his parents, he had followed his parents. And so, with a smile on his face and trepidation in his heart, he walked into his first class.

Shivam was sitting by himself and for the lack of other options, Nikhil shared his bench.

"You shouldn't sit next to me," Shivam said as Nikhil sat down.

"What?"

"Just stay away from me. I'm not good for you."

And he had almost moved but the teacher entered the class at that very second. And with three common lectures and being assigned a project together, their friendship was inevitable.

After his talk with Sheena, Nikhil had confronted Shivam about it the first chance he had.

"I now know why you asked me to stay away the first time we met," Nikhil said, sliding into a seat opposite Shivam. They were in the canteen which was emptier than usual as most students were attending lectures.

"Oh. Then why are you still here?"

"I didn't skive off lectures to tell you we can't be friends anymore."

"Then why?"

"I want to hear your side of it all."

"Pawan had been drunk during college hours. He used to drink occasionally but never like that.

When I told him to go back home before a teacher caught him, he insisted I join him. When I refused he attacked me. I didn't fight back. I wanted to walk away. I was walking away when he tripped and fell. He was too tipsy to stand still. I know you won't believe me; none of our classmates do."

"I believe you."

And it had been as simple as that. But things changed with Viraj's threats, undoubtedly to avenge his cousin.

Nikhil stared at the pieces of the water bottle he had thrown to the ground minutes ago. His chest was heaving as he felt the tears prick his eyes.

"I can't do this to Shivam," he thought to himself. Shivam hadn't done a thing wrong to receive such treatment from him. In fact, he was the one who had explained the college building's confusing layout to him, who had offered to pay for his sandwich after college. He had shared his notes with Nikhil and patiently answered his questions, helping him catch up on his studies. If it weren't for Shivam, his transition wouldn't have been nearly as easy.

And Nikhil liked easy. It had been easy to move cities to be under his parents care; to befriend the first person he met and simple to ignore his best friend the next day. Shivam didn't deserve it. "And yet, I don't have a choice," said a small voice inside him.

When he walked into his first lecture for the day, silence and stares awaited him. Stories spread fast in this college. He waited till the class went back to their conversations. He looked pointedly away from Shivam but he could feel his eyes boring into him.

"Sit somewhere else. Anywhere else," he told himself. He had stopped a row before his usual seat when he looked up and caught Shivam's gaze and his zen-like state went out the window. Making his way to Shivam, he sat down next to him. Sometimes, easy wasn't an option.

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