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The Editorial Note

Winter has finally come, and brought along with it, a certain cheer and festive atmosphere very dear to us Ruiaites. Indeed, December is a most special month for us, for it is the month of Utsav, Aarohan and Samanvay—the three biggest events of the year in college! It is also the month of Christmas and its much-needed vacation!

All our columns have made sure that they make the last month of the year special for our readers. A beautiful, recurrent theme is that of growth and change, as explored by Insight and OpEd. Behind the scenes, on the other hand, captures the very essence

of the Christmas spirit of giving and getting love, through its feature on good old Santa Claus. Packing in a fun element in this issue is Tech-Tricked, which presents a cover story on all its volunteers in a hilarious, parodical mode! Giving Tech-Tricked tough competition in terms of humour is Career Wise, which presents a one-of-its-kind article on bizarre or unusual careers! Titled ‘Fantastic Careers and where to find them’, this article begs to be read! Next in our list, we have Buzz Around, which analyses the demonetization drama, with its pros and cons, summing up our country’s

bigest event in a wonderfully-worded article. Aside of these, delighting and soothing your busy, tired nerves, will be Open Forum, Art wall and Pentactus! We also congratulate each and every volunteer of Ruiate Live for covering all the fests of our college this month, that too, live! We hope that the Ruiate Monthly keeps enlightening, delighting and serving its readers in the upcoming year too, and for many more years to come. With this, we wish our readers a merry Christmas and very prosperous and happy new year!



REPORTS

Coffee with the VC



THE University of Mumbai, on 8th December, 2016, organized an interactive session with certain students of various city colleges, entitled "Coffee With The VC". This one-of-its-kind event was graced by the presence of Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, who was also the chief speaker. Nearly 20 students from various departments of Ruia College were duly invited to this esteemed event.

During this 3-hour long programme held at the grandiose Convocation Hall

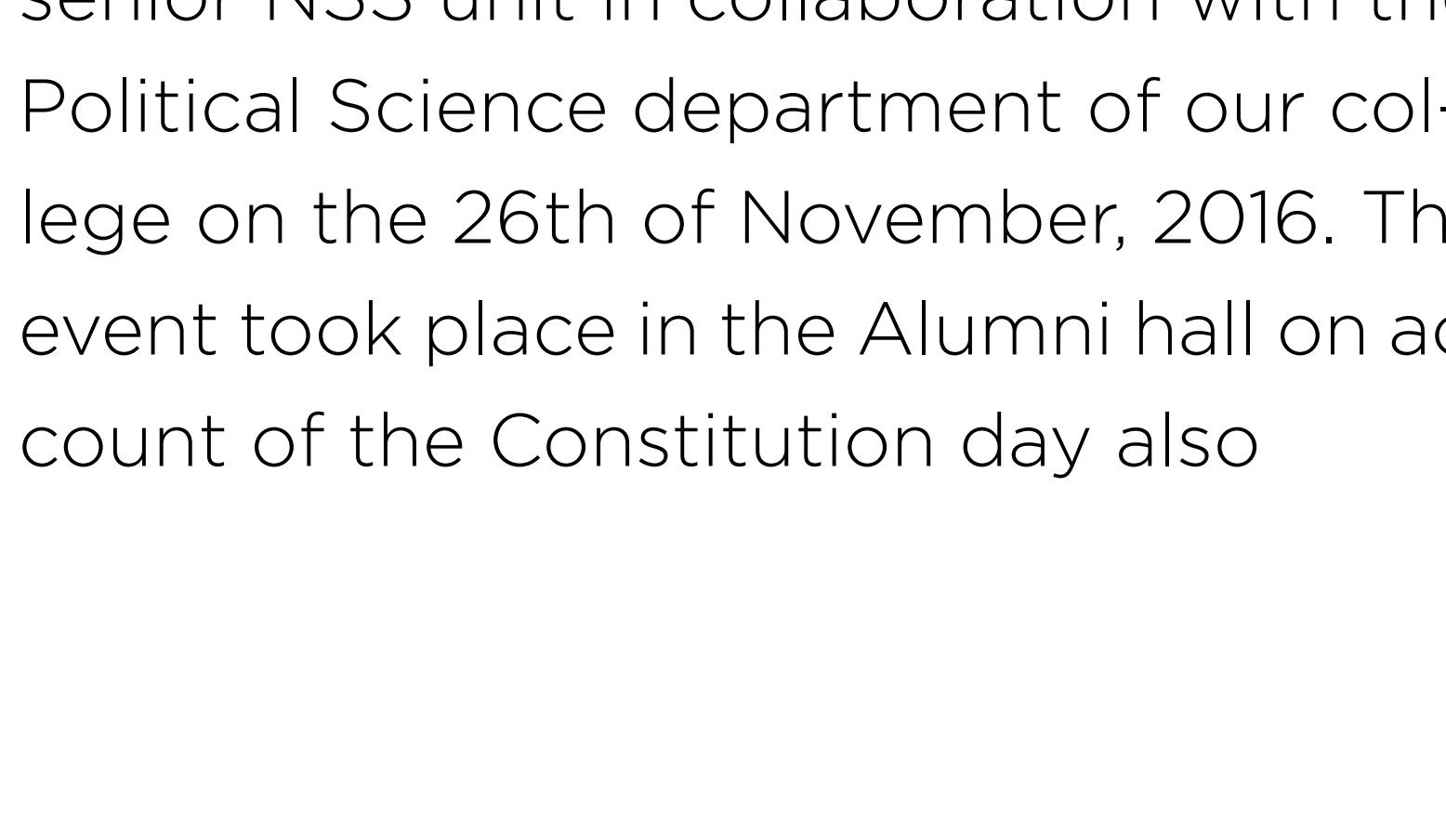
in the Fort campus of the University, Dr. Deshmukh gave an inspirational speech for over 2 hours, wherein he not only made students aware about the various avenues and opportunities that they are entitled to, but also motivated them ethically on the various values to be adhered to, in order to lead a successful life.

Dr. Deshmukh urged his 300-strong young audience to realize how privileged they were to be receiving proper education, which was all thanks to their hardworking parents and supportive family. While speaking of those who weren't in a position to afford even basic education, he said, "Our main aim is to reach the unreached in this society." He also went on to give certain other student-friendly advices, like attending lectures consistently, learning something new from everyone, staying fit, and above all, staying happy.

He elaborated about the point of avail-

able academic opportunities by stating proudly, "Today, the university of Mumbai caters to about 7,80,000 students, employs nearly 12,500 teachers, and has affiliations with 750 colleges!" When asked about the steps taken in order to ensure wholesome education, he spoke about various recent measures, including MoUs signed with worldwide universities, a soon-to-be-available digitized library, development of sports facilities and sports diploma programs and monthly interactions with student ambassadors of the colleges. However, the announcement of free Wi-Fi in nearly all the colleges by December end garnered a hitherto unheard thundering applause from the tech-savvy audience! Finally, a cup of hot, steamy coffee, accompanied by an assortment of delectable snacks, marked the end of this memorable interaction.

The Constitution Day



An illuminating session on the Indian constitution, followed by a debate competition on the topic 'Environment v/s development' was organised by the senior NSS unit in collaboration with the Political Science department of our college on the 26th of November, 2016. The event took place in the Alumni hall on account of the Constitution day also

known as samvidhan divas to commemorate the adoption of the constitution of India on this day in the year 1949. The programme was enlightened by the presence of Ms Gayatri Lele, Ms Madhura Bane, and Ms Manasi Misal ma'am from the political science department and Anjali Lad ma'am from the science department of the college.

The programme started with the constitution reading and it was read in three different languages, first in English followed by Hindi and then in Marathi. Later Manasi ma'am presented an analysis on the fundamental rights as well as the fundamental duties of the citizens as mentioned in the constitution. After that

the audience was divided into two teams and a debate on the topic 'Environment v/s development' was conducted. The debate was concluded with a result that Environment and Development should go hand in hand.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the NSS Programme Officer Dr. Nilima Gajbhiye. She also honoured the professors of the political science department and science department by giving them a compost packet made by the NSS volunteers as an environment friendly token of gratitude!

Prachi Palvi

Enriching Minds

Enriching Minds, a junior college initiative, celebrated its third anniversary on 3rd December. The event started at 12 pm and the Ruia college auditorium was full of students.

It commenced with students singing 'Ek Dantaya Vakratundaya', an auspicious Ganpati song.

The event was graced by the presence of two renowned artists as chief guests - Mrs. Lata Narvekar and Mrs. Kishori Godbole.

Two students from Third Year took their interview and asked them about their journey. Mrs. Narvekar shared her experiences and her journey of becoming a famous theatre personality. She was

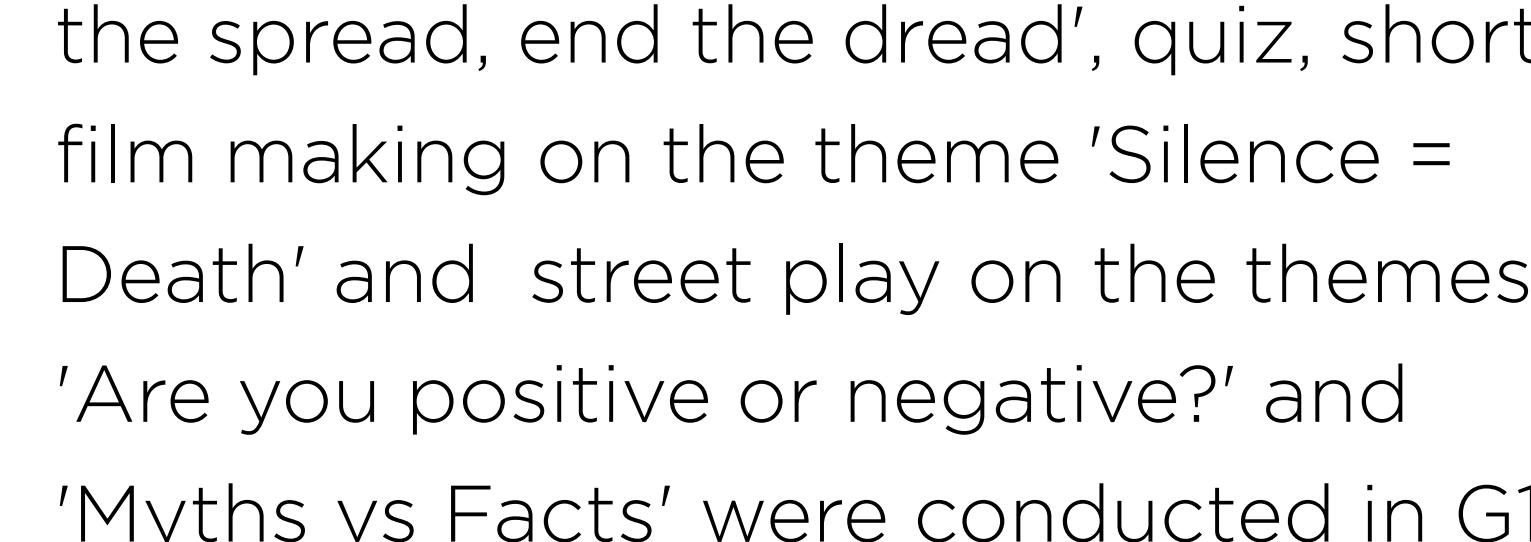
asked about her most popular marathi drama 'Sai Re Sai'. She mentioned that she was very impressed by this year's film 'Pink' and is planning to make a marathi drama based on the film.

Mrs. Godbole too shared her experience of becoming an actress. She talked about her popular sitcom on Sab TV, 'Mrs Tendulkar', which was a content driven show revolving around the story of a house husband who supports his wife in her career decisions and works from home. She also mimicked actresses like Pooja Bhat, Sridevi and Hema Malini.

Both the guests praised the college for producing great talented alumnis.

Later, the multitalented Vice Principal of

Ruia college surprised the audience members by singing various songs beautifully. She got a standing ovation by the chief guests and the students.



HIV Week Awareness Campaign

AIDS - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome which is caused by a virus called HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) has become a global epidemic today. This deadly disease has clawed around 39 million people across the world till date.

Every year the senior NSS unit of Ruia observes HIV week from 1st of December to 8th of December to spread awareness regarding HIV/AIDS among the general public through various events because it is bad enough that people are dying of AIDS, but no one should die of ignorance. The theme for this year was '#StopStigma'.

On 1st December, which is observed as the World AIDS Day, a session by an NGO called Humsafar trust was orga-

nized in G12 from 12 pm to 2pm. The arenas covered by the speaker, Mr Tinesh Chopade, were about the ways of contracting HIV, misconceptions regarding it and its prevention. He was accompanied by Ms. Urmil Jadhav, a transgender, who spoke about her experience of going against the tide and choosing to work as a social worker over being a beggar, despite the stigma against her community.

On the second day of the HIV week, inter as well as intra collegiate poster making and slogan writing competitions were held which were judged by Dr. Seema Menon and Ms. Priyal Panchal, respectively. The theme for the poster making competition was 'Hate the disease, not the diseased', whereas the slogan writing competition had no specific theme but the slogans had to be related to HIV/AIDS.

On the following day, a silent rally was taken out from the college to Dadar station by the volunteers of junior and senior NSS, and a street play was performed by the volunteers of the junior NSS on HIV. On 5th and 6th of Decem-

ber various inter collegiate competitions like ad presentation on the theme 'Stop the spread, end the dread', quiz, short film making on the theme 'Silence = Death' and street play on the themes 'Are you positive or negative?' and 'Myths vs Facts' were conducted in G12 which were judged by Ms. Meera Suryanarayan and Dr. Vijay Chavan.

On the second last day of the HIV week, the NSS volunteers took the initiative to instill some awareness among the general public regarding HIV by conducting a survey and distributing condoms to the people as a token of awareness. The HIV week ended on 8th of December with tears in everyone's eyes as a movie called 'The Cure' was screened in G12, which portrayed realistically the discrimination faced by HIV patients throughout their lives.

This incredible initiative by the NSS unit surely helped in sensitizing people towards this deadly disease and educating them about HIV/AIDS.

Shreya Kulkarni

टेंशन खल्लास

कार्यक्रमाची सुरवात ढोल ताशयांच्या गजरात झाला. कार्निवलात अनेक कार्यक्रम सादर करण्यात आले होते. यात बॅन्ड, स्टॉन्ड अप कॉमेडी अन वेगवेगळ्या गायकांच्या नकलांचा समावेश होता.

स्वप्निल जोशीनी विद्यार्थीसोबत संवाद साधला. त्यासोबतच २०१७ मध्ये येणाऱ्या त्यांच्या चित्रपटाविशयी त्यांनी लहानशी कल्पना दिली.

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मधील प्रसिद्ध गाणे विद्यांश्यांच्या सोबतीने गायले.

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कार्यक्रमाचा शेवट स्वप्निल जोशी आणि महेश काळे यांनी कार्निवलच्या लाल पांढर्या रंगाचे फुगे हवेत सोडून केला. महाराष्ट्र टाईम्सच्या कार्निवलता रुइयाने फार दणकेदार सुरवात करून दिली.

Ruiate Mehfil Discussion of the Month Scientific Temper & Indians

Ruiate Mehfil that was conducted on

5th of December and the topic 'Sci-

entific Temper and Indians', on which the

discussion club was engaged in

brought into many things that

common man has misinterpreted from

a longer time. The discussion firstly

started with questions on faith. Faith

and belief are two completely mis-

understood to be synonyms and this mis-

conception was explained in a very

practical and technical way by the dis-

cussions that took place. Superstitions

that have come for mythology or

through our ancestors have been blind-

ly followed even in this era which

needed a clarification of its optimistic

views to preach or not to preach

them. Discussion from every student

showed that each one of us however

rational we are we need a 'form or a

deity' to believe in the power of uni-

verse, a lay man wouldn't find it com-

fortable to accept everything technical-

ly or to follow what has come through

researches and studies and hence it

becomes the 'need of the hour' to

blindly follow which is easy and has no

explanations. Charvakas are consid-

ered to take science or scientific way

of knowledge to preach the reality of

existence and deny the concept of soul also became a part of discussion in this mehfil. With scientific approach there were also discussion on how

people only preach about scientific ap-

proach but do not practice and this

often leads to confusion amongst the

people. Scientific temper does not

only mean asking questions rather it

asks how to have a rational approach

towards each and everything we ob-

serve. Only asking questions and not

accepting to some defined answer is

not what scientific temper preaches.

BUZZ AROUND

DEMOMETIZATION

On 8th November 2016, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that all Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denomination banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi series - that is, over 14 lakh crore rupees - making 86% of the cash circulating in India, would cease to be legal tender from midnight of 8th- 9th November 2016. This announcement was made live on the evening of 8th November with that of the issuance of new 500 and 2,000 banknotes in exchange for the old bank notes.

One month later, people still have no choice but to stand in long queues outside ATMs and banks. Several businesses, especially small ones that rely heavily on cash payments, have been hit hard. Moreover, dozens of people have lost their lives standing in queues. The Government and the Reserve Bank of India have taken a slew of measures to ease the citizens' pain.

Fuel stations and milk booth operators faced a torrid time dealing with customers that led to commotion and quarrels. People hoarding black money were so terrified by this move

However, this problem being temporary, let's hope that the situation will return to normalcy in the coming days. This would enable the poor to make better use of the banking channel and other technology in the future. The middle class is comfortable with cards and online transactions. But they are also forced to wait in queues to obtain notes of lower denominations for petty transactions. The honest upper class is used to making cashless transactions. Thus, they would be least affected. The dishonest upper class, who hoarded huge amounts of black money, is the worst hit due to

The sudden move to demonetize Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 notes is not new. Rs. 1,000 and higher denomination notes were first demonetized in January 1946. The highest denomination note ever printed by the Reserve Bank of India was that of Rs. 10,000 in 1938 and again in 1954. But these notes were demonetized in January 1946 and again in January 1978.

The printing presses are running to their full capacity to sustain the demand of the new notes. Their special features include

that the outcome was seen in the form of floating 1000 and 500 notes in the Ganga, and bundles of currency being dumped in dustbins. Despite this out-of-the-box and exceptional idea, people have tried to find loopholes by buying gold at higher rates, donating money or simply abandoning it. The Shirdi Sai Baba Temple alone received more than 4 crores in the form of scrapped notes within 3 days of implementation. Many orphanages, old age homes and NGO's also received substantial amounts of this money.

this move, since most of their illegal wealth was stored in 500-1000 notes. They either have to destroy their notes or give a large sum to people to convert it into white. Politicians have also been affected by this decision, as they keep most of their black money in 500-1000. They would no longer be able to buy votes and fund elections with these notes.

This move will reap several benefits considering long term effects. Corruption would be reduced, since there would be little black money to pay bribes. This move will temporarily stall the circulation of counterfeit

denominational numeral in Devnagari, guarantee clause, Governor's signature with Promise Clause and RBI emblem towards right, raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi portrait, Ashoka Pillar emblem for the visually impaired and micro lettered 'RBI'. These steps have been taken to curb counterfeit money and black money. This sudden move shocked citizens, resulting in many people immediately rushing to banks and ATMs for cash. The rush has only grown in the days since.

The decision of the Government to scrap 500 and 1000 currency notes is affecting different classes of society in a different way. The lower class is affected adversely, because they hardly use debit or credit cards, or keep any money in banks. They keep most of the money at their homes in higher denominations. Fishermen, vegetable vendors, per-day wage employees and other occupations which comprise of everyday money transactions will face a major blow. They have to stand in big queues for exchanging the higher denomination notes.

currency. It would also curb the funding for anti-social elements like smuggling, terrorism, human trafficking, etc.

"Demonetization of high denomination notes is not the end but the beginning of our deep and continuous struggle against black money" says the Prime Minister. He has asked the people to make short-term sacrifices in the interest of long-term gains by virtue of all the money that will be seized from hoarders.

-Swara Jamdar

- Sarath Warrier.

Tweets:-

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

Deeply saddened at the passing away of Selvi Jayalalithaa. Her demise has left a huge void in Indian politics.

Quotes :-

The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing.

- Voltaire

Top 10 News

1) Amma no more: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa passes away.

2) PV Sindhu wins maiden China Open Super Series Title.

3) BJP leads in Maharashtra Municipal Polls, setback for Congress, NCP.

4) Largest-ever 'Made-in-India' warship INS Chennai commissioned.

5) Modi leads Trump, Putin in Time's 'Person of the Year' popular poll.

6) Kashmir springs back to life, shops and offices open after four months.

7) Play National Anthem in all cinemas before film screening: Supreme Court.

8) Cuba's revolutionary leader Fidel Castro passes away at the age of 90.

9) Opposition stalls Parliament consecutively over Demonetisation.

10) Nikki Haley an Indian origin American Governor, appointed as United States Ambassador to the UN.

- Sarath Warrier.

THE DEMONETIZATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Winter Session of the parliament was scheduled amidst the Government's move to ban the old notes of 500 and 1000 as a step against the growing corruption in the country. The essence and the functioning of a democracy is through discussion and debates in the Parliament. But the infamous culture of forcing adjournments during parliamentary sessions, which was brought up by the NDA, doesn't really go by the idea of democracy. The Winter Session began on

15th November 2016, and since then, there have been discussions only surrounding demon-

etization of the currency notes. Day 1 marked the most interactive session where Opposition leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Mayawati took upon

themselves to oppose the bill; Yechury and Ram Yadav also had their share to criticize Modi. Whereas, Venkaiah Naidu took center stage to defend the policy of demonetization. Every session thus, was adjourned due to the disruption by the Opposition parties, ultimately leading to the wastage of quality time, which must be dedicated to the issues of the country. As many as 23 bills, including the GST bill, Consumer Protection bill and Whistle blowers protection bill, await introduction and

passage due to the ongoing inefficiency.

One highlight of the ongoing Winter Session was the rhetoric speech by Manmohan Singh in Rajya Sabha on 24th November, wherein, at the promise of Modi government to better things in the future he said, "In the long run, we all are dead". This really went down well within the social media circles. Another thing which has to be considered is the notable absence of the PM in the House in such crucial circumstances.



When he can speak at Mann ki Baat, Coldplay concert and also at various rallies in the country, he should have spoken in the Parliament as well, which is his actual duty.

- Zeeshan Kaskar.

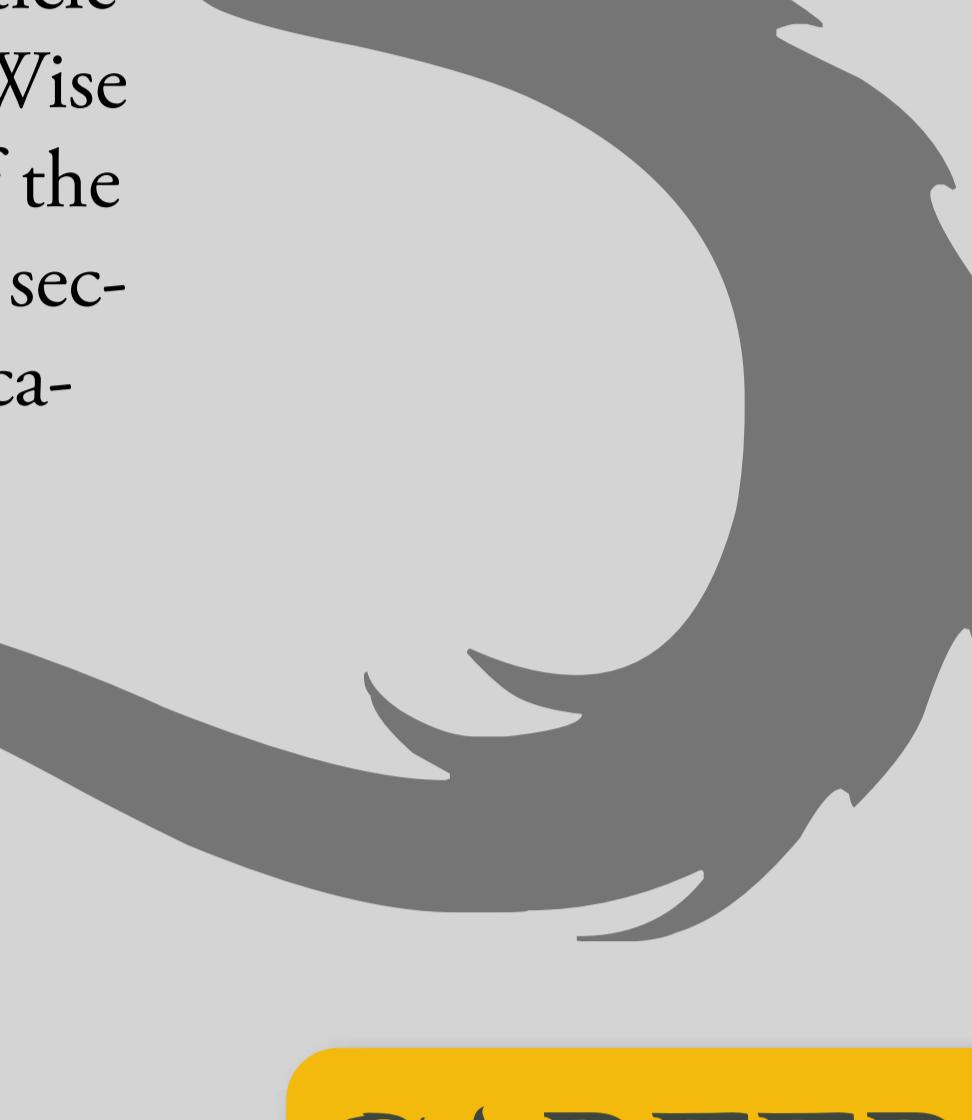
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CAREER WISE

FANTASTIC CAREERS

AND WHERE
TO FIND THEM

Hello again, beloved readers! So, after having enjoyed a one-of-its-kind joint article in collaboration with Team Tech Tricked in the November edition, we at Career Wise decided to do something weird for the last month of the year! Presenting some of the weirdest careers you will ever hear of! Also check out our brand new Career Trivia section towards the end of the article if you wish to find out some weird "extinct" careers! Merry reading!



FORTUNE COOKIE WRITER

Do you think you are creative, inspiring and philosophical? Here's an amazing career option for you - fortune cookie writing!

Fortune cookie writers need strong writing and communication skills, as well as a great sense of humor. They also need to write concisely to convey a message in just a few short words on a small piece of paper placed inside the cookie.

Freelance fortune cookie writers enjoy the benefits of creating their

own schedules and working as much or as little as they want. Those who are employed by a company often receive additional benefits to their salaries, including health insurance, paid time off and possibly a retirement savings plan. Their salary ranges from \$40,000-\$80,000 annually. They enjoy the benefit of reaching thousands of people through their inspiring or humorous words. Now how cool is that!

CAREER TRIVIA

Are you ready to hop on a beguiling ride about tidbits of enticing facts about extinct careers? Got you on the edge of the seat, right? Let's roll!

PROFESSIONAL PUSHER

Do you enjoy pushing your friends and manage not to bounce back and land up flat on your face? Here's some good news for you - you may have a chance to earn for just pushing people aside!

If you think the London Underground or the clichéd Mumbai local is bad, you clearly haven't been to a train station in Japan.

They often get so busy that professional pushers are required to literally push people onto the overcrowded trains!

They are also called "Oshiya". The term "Oshiya"

is derived from the verb "osu", meaning "push", and the suffix "ya", indicating the "line of work". They are also required to pull off those sneaky passengers that have attempted to board the train too late or when the Oshiya decides that the train is too full. They are generally required to work between 7am-9am and 7pm-9pm while earning around 800-1000 yens (Rs.1,344-Rs.1,680) per day, just for pushing a couple of commuters!

BOWLING ALLEY PINSETTERS

Bowling alley pinsetters were young boys employed at bowling alleys to manually set up the pins for clients.

FORTUNE LINE STANDER

These days, when standing in lines has

become a routine for most of us, this particular career may seem more appealing than ever. Official line-standers actually wait

in lines on your behalf in return of a fee that they charge on an hourly basis. After the 500 and 1000 notes were recently declared

invalid, people have been waiting in queues for 2 to 3 hours to exchange or withdraw

money from banks. Instead, they could just

pay someone Rs.80 to Rs.90 per hour at the

least to stand in queue for them. This career

isn't a new invention, since professional line-standers have been known to exist in the West, where mile-long queues for concert tickets or product launches aren't uncommon. However, India also seems to have adopted this worldwide trend now,

thanks to our government's demonetization drive!

The best part about this career choice

is that you don't necessarily need any

specific qualifications or experience.

However, experiences of train concession

lines may prove worthy!

PLAQUE DOCTORS

Plague doctors wore horrific uniforms in 1600s. The beak mask had spices stuck on it that was thought to purify the air, while the

wand was used to touch the patients from a distance, preventing them

from giving nightmares to the

patients.

RESURRECTION-IST

This job is so extinct and bizarre that even a dictionary doesn't have a word for it! So, resurrectionists,

or "body snatchers," were hired in the 19th century to remove

corpses from graves for

universities so that their students

could use them as cadavers!

Odour Testers are professionals who "evaluate products for a company for overall effectiveness". As an Odor Tester, you always keep your nose to the grindstone. Literally.

You're known for your keen ability to

precisely identify scents, and you probably

even walk around your house sniffing stuff.

Using chemistry (and your nose), you're able

as an Odour Tester to adjust the scent of just

about any product. You possess a unique

skill set when you're an Odour Tester, which

is highly sought after by all kinds of

companies.

At times, it can be a truly funky job. For

example, you might test the effectiveness of

a new deodorant, or try to make the

headache-inducing fumes from nail polish a

bit more pleasant. Other times, however,

you could be making sure the "latest eau de

parfum" from a fancy French fashion house

hits all the right notes. Or, you could even spend your days sniffing and adjusting microwaveable meals, hoping to make that frozen dish of macaroni and cheese smell tantalizingly homemade.

No matter which industry you make a career of nosing around, you spend a great deal of time in the laboratory, evaluating results and

correcting the balance of the scent. You're a

type of scientist after all, and you

understand how making a change in the

product's chemical makeup will affect the

smell it gives off.

At the end of the day, your job makes a

terrific icebreaker at parties. Plus, you have

the satisfaction of knowing that, every day,

people all over the world use a product that

you've helped improve! Oh, the sweet smell

of success! (P.S.- Don't let the cold catch you

at any cost!)

COMPUTER

You read that right. Before actual computers, there was a job entitled "computer." No, seriously. This job was carried out mostly by women, and would involve those converting figures

and crunching numbers by hand.

LECTOR WHO ENTERTAINED FACTORY WORKERS

They were often hired with money pooled from workers to read to large rooms full of manual laborers so as to keep them entertained.

Behind the Scenes



OUR BELOVED SANTA!

It's that time of the year again! December has arrived, and with it, all the joys of Christmas and New Year, which has brought along the days of merrymaking and a much needed vacation after the dilemma of Trump's triumph and the horrors of demonetization.

Prerequisites for Christmas include the Christmas tree, candles, gifts and our personal favourite - Santa Claus. The one we believe would come and distribute us gifts. A symbol of protection and a friend for the children. Generally, Santa is depicted as a portly joyous bespectacled white-bearded man wearing a red coat with white fur collars and cuffs. However, after a conversation with a few

of our students and teachers we became cognizant to the fact that he isn't just about the red attire, the reindeers and the gifts - but a lot more than that. Our parents who raise us, teachers who guide us through the peaks and valleys, our friends who comfort us in difficult situations, the traffic police who lessen our troubles while driving, the firefighters who come running to our rescue, and who can forget our bank workers who've been working day in and day out for the past few weeks! Aren't they a personalized version of what we call Santa? These are some excerpts from our talk with our fellow Ruiaites. Here is what they have to say about their Santa -



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Every person who has influenced my life seems to me as someone who was sent by God himself to guide me and show me the right path. This year, it was a very special person who was instrumental in making me understand the value of family bonding and togetherness. This was really a special gift from Santa. And I believe I'm going to cherish it forever.

**Professor Tanmay Paranjape,
Philosophy Dept.**

"I have had an unaccountable amount of Santas throughout my life, but I would especially like to highlight one of them, who is very dear to me - my younger sister Aryaa. Since her birth, she has been an antidote to all my worldly worries. If she is around, I feel very much at peace. Those fights, embraces, compassion and empathy that we share amongst ourselves are the very things that have made my day, all thanks to my sweet Santa Aryaa"

**Ojas Chaudhari,
SYBA**

"My behind the scenes Santa are those awesome people of Railways who work hard everyday to transport us Mumbaikars back and forth. Even after the countless delays and difficulties they face, they still manage to somehow get us transported. Handling the biggest population and forming the biggest employers in India, they are truly awesome people! How bleak our lives would be without them! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Salute."

**Aarya S.,
FYBSc.**

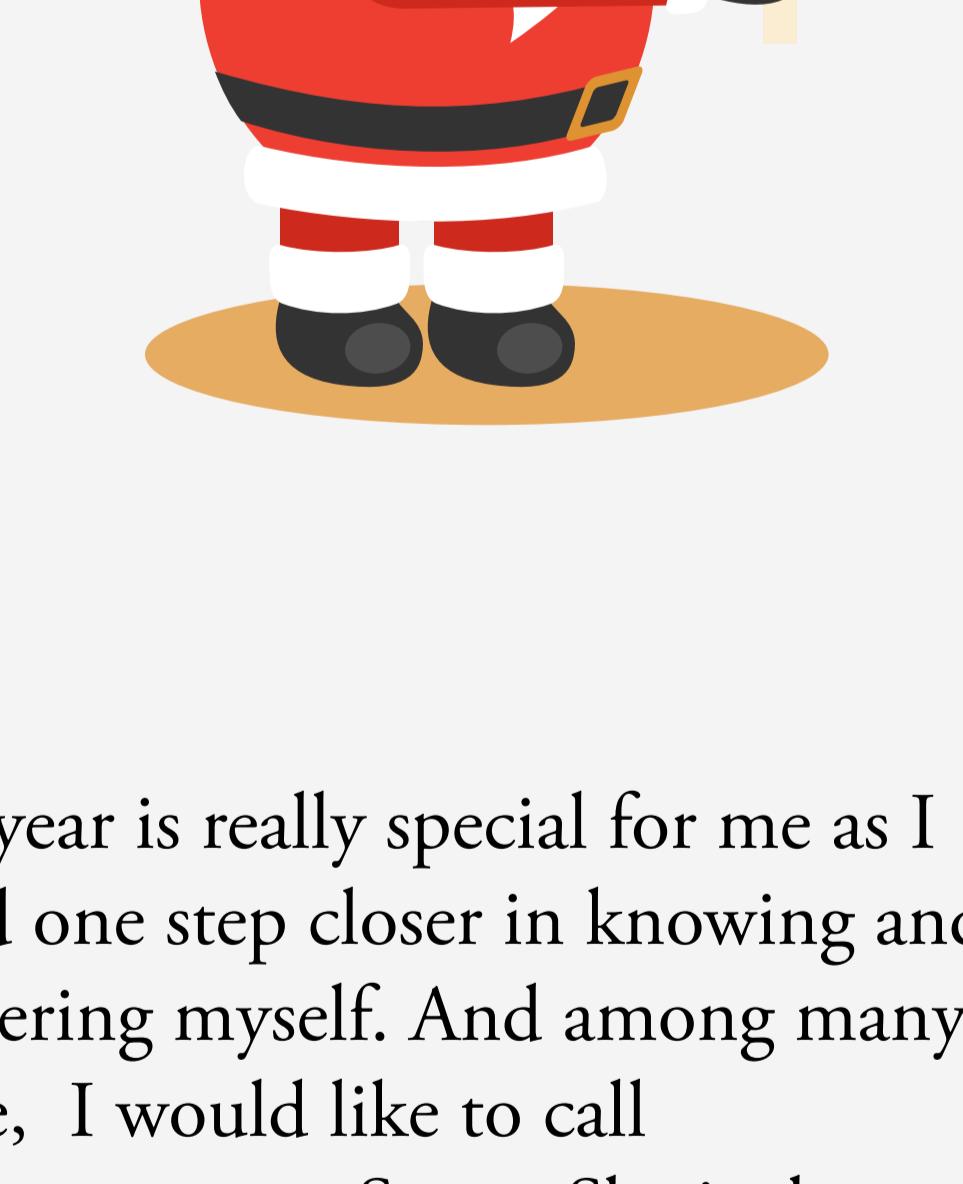
Most people have only one Santa. I consider myself lucky to have three. First is my diary, which happens to be my soulmate and best friend... second is my childhood buddy, who is always there for me, and third is a colleague, who supports me morally. I consider myself lucky to have these three in my life.
**Professor Ashwini Deshpande,
Statistics Dept.**

"When it comes, it comes in bulk. This year had its share of ups and downs for me and a whole bunch of Santas - my friends, whom I met in college. They are the best thing to have happened to me this year. I am enjoying my college life and having an awesome time just because of them. I love them and want to thank them for all their love."
**Neha B.,
FYBSc.**

"I have been working in the college physics lab for many years now and I don't remember any student giving me gifts and thanking me for my efforts. But last year, I was very happy when I got a gift from a TY student of our college. She gave gifts to everyone in the lab, to the teachers and staff and thanked all of us for our work. It feels good to be appreciated for my work once in a while. I consider her to be my Santa."
**Sudhir Dhondushinde,
Lab attendant**

"I had low confidence and inferiority complex for a long time. But college helped me evolve as a person and have a positive approach towards myself. I have been really lucky to have three amazing friends in my life with whom I feel the most comfortable - Tanvi, Shreya and Madureema. Last year when Shreya and Madhu got busy with N.S.S., Tanvi and I bonded a lot over silly as well as serious stuff. She has been a great influence on me. I'm a much more happier person since then and Tanvi has been a lot of help, directly and indirectly."

**Riddhi Jadye,
SYBA**



Lekshmi who is studying in FYBSc. thinks her Santa this year is her new best friend, Aditi. She says, "When I came to Ruia, I was a little sad because I had to leave behind all my school friends and come to a new place where I knew nobody. Just a week after college started, I met her. We connected instantly. Within a few days, we started behaving as if we have been besties since years. Now, we have both gelled up nicely and share a good bond. I hope we continue our friendship and remain friends forever."

For Sheetal, FYBSc., who is staying in Mumbai for her studies at her uncle's place, her uncle is her Santa. She says, "My bade papa always tries to fulfill every wish of mine. He does many small things that make me happy. This year, he gave me best birthday surprise ever by calling my parents to Mumbai from Jaunpur. Also, when I was confused about whether to do BSc. or engineering, he stood by me and encouraged me to follow my heart."

"My cousin is my Santa this year as he always comes up with solutions to my problems. Though we are cousins our bond is stronger than real siblings."
Netra Prabhu

"My Santa is my lovely Dad because he is the one from whom I can always take advice... he is the BEST!"
Rutuja Jadhav

"This year is really special for me as I moved one step closer in knowing and discovering myself. And among many people, I would like to call Madhureema my Santa. She is the one who has taught me to love myself unconditionally as it is the most important thing."

**Gayatri Nadkarni,
TYBA**



Isn't it beautiful to have someone whom we could call our Santa? These stories of our professors, lab assistants and students show that happiness truly lies in small things. There is no need to go to extreme heights to find ecstasy or peace. We can just take a look around us to find the right person.

**So what are you waiting for Ruiaites?
GO AND FIND YOUR SANTA!
Until then, MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

OPED



Hello Ruiates! Here we are in the last month of 2016 - December! And for this edition we have four individuals belonging to different generations who present to you a very special time of their lives - CHILDHOOD! So, no matter which age group

you belong to, fasten your seat belts to go on a nostalgic ride! I am sure that, by the end, you'll be able to unravel the powerful CHANGE that time can bring about!

Happy reading...

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Change is a fundamental law of life. Things are ever changing either for the better or worse. The peculiarity of the human mind is that it is bored by mechanical repetition and longs for novelty, a change for the better. However curiously, the lazy mind also resists change, especially if it throws one out of one's comfort zone and the false security of a known routine. Elders tend to look back in time and exclaim nostalgically... "Oh, those were the days!" The fact of the matter,

however, is that every age has its strong points and weaknesses. The wise one accepts all change in the spirit of equanimity, unperturbed by the ups and downs of life.

The happy aspect of my childhood was the simplicity of my town life, in close contact with nature, in all its glorious harmony and abundance. There was a spirit of contentment and the conviction that small is beautiful. The impact of technology was restricted to telephones, buses and trains.

Aeroplanes and U.S. trips were completely beyond the middle class. The classroom was a hassle-free happy place for sharing knowledge and experience, with hardly any cut-throat competition. This was a phase when elders protected us from the adverse effects of change and yet the child mind was aware of the Chinese invasion, air-raids and blackouts. What a pleasant surprise in youth with the advent of T.V., the computer and lo, the government of Canada fellowship to pursue my Ph.D. in

heavenly Vancouver. A huge shift to the technologically advanced western world, but what a joy to connect with students there, and sharing my Indian philosophical perspective. In today's world of Whatsapp, facebook, and satellite, connectivity is instant and yet one sees that hearts don't see hearts. This very sense of alienation, however, has given a huge fillip to a spiritual self-inquiry - an

eagerness to know 'who am I', 'why am I here', 'am I my body', 'my mind or something far more subtle, intelligent, loving and orderly in this vast interdependent universe! In the world of growing chaos and lawlessness, I celebrate the expanding interest of youth in knowing their innermost nature which is blissful, strong and immutable and blissful in the face of any change, however alarming it

may appear to be on the surface. Such a holistic, mindful (i.e. objective and non-judgemental) approach is the need of the hour and one would love to see it becoming a part of mainstream education. Mercifully, order emerges close on the heels of chaos, says modern physics. So, there is high hope for future learners!

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Life was very simple when we were in our teens. We had various career options and there was competition too. But it was not a rat race. A lot of studies but no mandatory classes. So, we would study but enjoy a lot after the school. Going on the grounds was a daily routine. Films, music, theatre - entertainment but no cable channels. Every weekend, there used to be a movie treat on the television. When colour TV came in the mid 80s, our chief interest was to see the colour of the newsreader's saree!

On Sunday morning, there used to be "Saptahiki" - the schedule of weeks program. And the program was presented in an interesting manner. When Mahabharata and Ramayana came in the form of serials, the streets would be empty when the program was screened.

No computers and internet, no mobiles till almost 2000. So, any problems or mishaps - even bomb blasts and murder, would not cause much panic. Heavy rains were suffered but enjoyed as well. No much hoteling and variety

of coffee shops. But vada pav and cutting chai and also chaat was affordable.

We are fortunate to enjoy even today's westernized life. We are very friendly with internet and smartphones, we enjoy news channels and entertainment channels equally and we can easily connect to mall culture as well. We can understand the problems of the young generation and their concept of enjoyment as well as their need for space. I feel ours is a blessed

generation.

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Have you heard of a *Millennial*? It is the term used as a demographic cohort for those who would have attained young adulthood around the year 2000. Being a millennial, I am about to take you through some of the shared experiences we have had (we generally have more independent experiences, given our nature) over time..

As children, we had a choice between games played by Gen X (hopscotch (*langdi*), marbles, and the likes) and a host of video games like Super Mario 64! Life at school had started to

become more about the weight of the school bag that we carried than the joys of imli we occasionally savoured outside school gates.

Our take on all kinds of relations was and is a bit selfish. So the question "Friends?" might elicit a response,

"What's in it for me?" We are 'Generation Me'.

Most of us prioritise personal achievements and work life till family members do an 'intervention' and get us to 'settle down'. For a millennial, this is true for both sexes.

Technology has been in our lives since our birth. It has evolved the fastest in our times. Other than the computer classes at school, we were the first generation exposed to technology in the form of social media. Orkut was where we hung out! I speak of technology like it's radiation, because there's no better way to describe it!

Wondrous and awesome now, we are yet to see its long-term effects in our lives.

PRACTHI PALVI

STUDENT, FYBA

When we were kids, we were a packet full of mischief. We used to climb up the cupboard, hide behind the doors, cry for chocolates, study for Maggi, shout in people's ears and scare them out, peeped through the fridge-door while closing to see how the light inside turns off; blowing bubbles in the fair and running to pop them was ultimate fun! Relatives always had something to offer, money or chocolates, and your eyes would jump from your mother to the gift. You know what I am talking about - the green signal!

Speaking of the heart of childhood - games! Langdi, kapchi pani, dongar ka pani, sonasakhli, pakda pakdi were the

most played games. Playing hide and seek in the dark had a different fun altogether! We used to play ghar-ghar where everyone used to take a role such as mom, dad, kids; and leaves acted as currency. There was no restriction when we were kids; we used to play and do things without any hesitation.

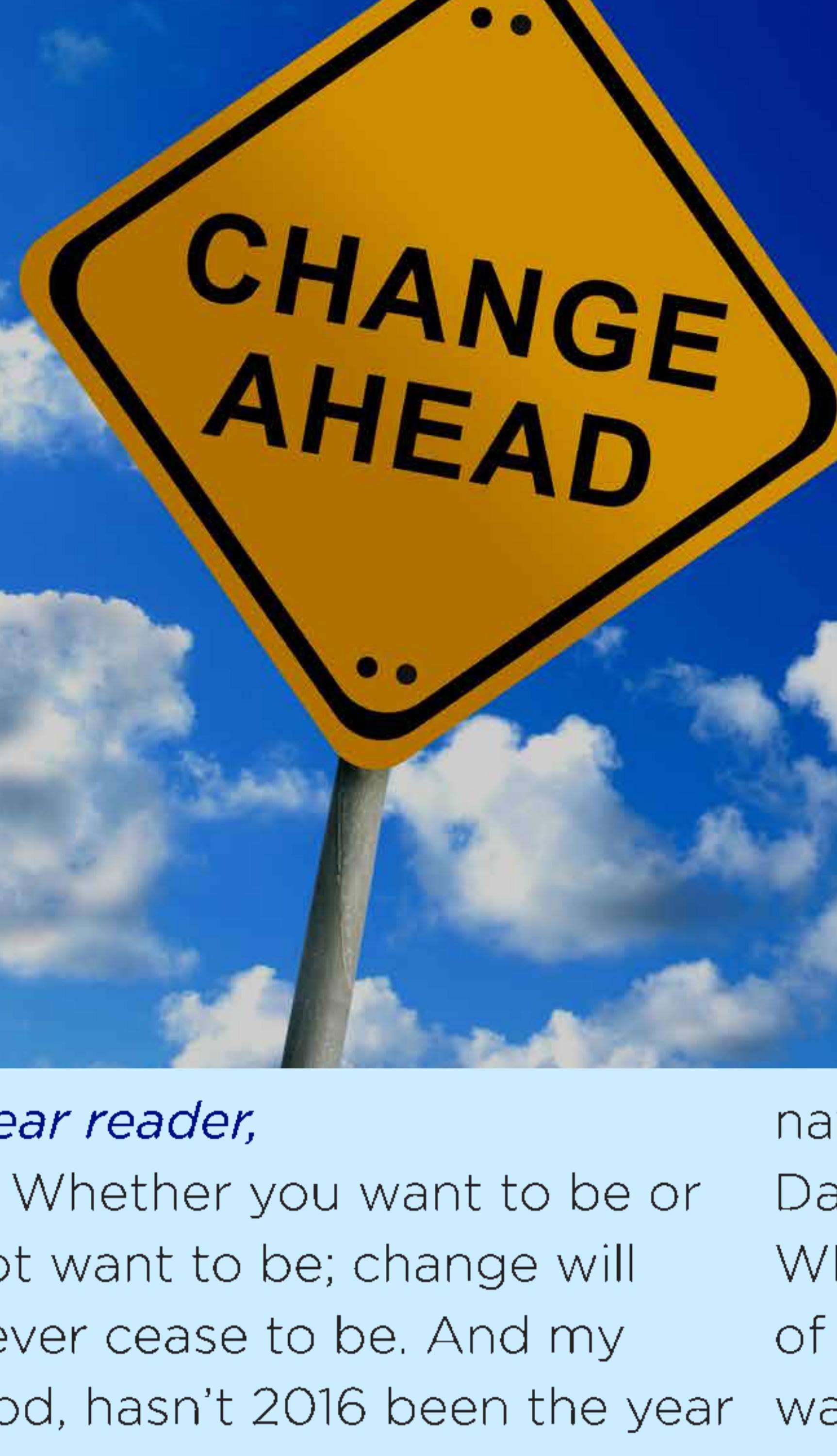
Childhood can't happen without friends. We were partners in crime! Always together, no matter what.

Apparently, we used to have the katti-batti ritual going on!

School life was awesome; eating tiffin during lectures and at the same time being scared not to make a single

noise! And yes, I cannot forget pen fights, stone-paper-scissors, thumb fights and the funniest - Aplam tapli! Technology - it was a rare thing back then. Mobiles didn't drive us crazy; rather, going outside and playing gave me eternal pleasure. Well, I was addicted to playing outside! We didn't have Wifi, we had a Nokia 1100. The generation younger to me is addicted to phones and video games. They are reluctant to get out of the house and play games like I used to. I feel lucky that I had a childhood without technology.

INSIGHT



You were different one year back, and so was the world. A lot has changed this year, and maybe a lot is yet to change as this year comes to an end! So read along to get some insights into this beautiful and bewildering topic - Change!

Dear reader,

Whether you want to be or not want to be; change will never cease to be. And my God, hasn't 2016 been the year of unpredictable changes? I assume you are glad that the last month of the year has finally rolled in. This year has not done much good, has it? It's almost as if every time we wondered, "What else could possibly go wrong?" 2016 took that up as a challenge and now here you are, finally heaving a sigh of relief that you made it till the end!

Tragedies lined the course of

this year. Saudi Arabia termi-

nated its relations with Iran, David Bowie passed away, WHO announced an outbreak of yet another virus, a gorilla was shot in the zoo in spite of the availability of tranquilizers, BREXIT happened, earthquakes struck Italy, temperatures rose to new heights, Delhi was announced as the most polluted city, a suicide bomber killed 61 people in Pakistan, Donald Trump became the President of the USA and India faced a problem of 'change' (if you got that). No wonder 2016 is called an eventful year!

Remember how the problem

of your life that you faced a

few years back is just a faint memory now? Remember how solving those math equations used to give you nightmares and how those equations don't affect your life now? Remember how that heart break you recently had crushed you into pieces, but some part of you knows that you'll occasionally get over it? No? Well, think deep enough and you'll know.

What the world needs right

now is a strong willingness to take the reins in our own hands and direct the change. Yes,

there have been tragedies. But

weren't the world's greatest events born from tragedy?

The French Revolution, Russian Revolution, the Indian Independence movement are the strongest examples. The world's greatest inventions have been conceived in tragedy. Even us for that matter! God knows what sort of tragic pain our mothers had to go through, in order to bring us in this world! So what made our mums go through these tragedies with a smile on their faces? Love, care, faith and a dozen more of such beautiful adjectives.

Merely sitting back, criticiz-

ing or even laughing about the existent changes/problems

never helps. Accepting defeat that the world is heading to its destruction can lead us nowhere. There is a certain amount of comfort in constancy which makes us fear change. And when change happens, we are scared into inaction and procrastination. Imagine if our ancestors did the same. We wouldn't have even known how to fight the cold using fire if our ancestors had given up at the first snowfall. Always remember - once in the water, everyone learns to swim. Problems can empower us. Change can transform us. Eve-

rything can do well to us, provided we let it do so. In conclusion, let's say, change is as unpredictable and consistent as The Brooke. "For men may and men may go, but I go on forever." It is inevitable but not insurmountable. We have to build our bridge across this brook of change.

Think not of how much hard work building this bridge will take, but think of the joy, that

you'd experience while walking on it!

Yours truly,

A lover of cha(lle)nge

- Himani Joshi and Saeed Patkar

Your ability to maximize yourself completely depends on your ability to change in positive ways. But, as everyone knows, it's easier said than done. Change can be painful or inspiring. So why is change difficult?

1. All of us have some "baggage." The most common are low self-esteem, perfectionism, fear of failure, need for control, need to please, and anger. This causes you to think, feel, and behave based on old habits than the very different person you are now. It causes you to behave in a defensive

way that can sabotage your efforts to be successful.

2. Deeply ingrained habits arise out of this baggage like when athletes continue to practice a wrong throw and that's why he loses the game. You react in a certain way because that's the way you always have; these habits produce knee-jerk reactions that are not healthy or adaptive.

3. You don't make an effort to change due to the negative emotions like sadness, fear, anger or frustration. For example, people don't change due to the fear of failure. They think, "What if I can't change, then I'll

be an even bigger loser. So it's not worth the risk."

4. You create an environment that supports these negative habits and emotions. The people you hang out with or the activities you do give you a sense of security. But it discourages change. Remaining in your comfort zone can be self-sabotage. You remain unaware of your full potential and don't achieve your goals. You feel stuck and helpless to change the cards you've been dealt with.

- Sawri Madkaikar

FAMOUS 5

Change is the only constant; an inevitable part of life. Be it as small as getting a job or as worth marking as demonetization; it will forever resonate in the threshold of life. Here are 5 simple ways to embrace them:

1. Be flexible:

Include small doses of change in your routine frequently.

Broaden your horizon. This will help you in dealing with changes on broader scale. Take your time. Find a mid-ground, if the going gets a bit difficult.

Adapt, or else fail to know the

better you.

2. Be a wise listener:

This is a crucial step. Keep upgrading yourself with opinions. Understand the perspectives of people on the other side of table. If needed, engage in conversation. However, do not bewilder yourself, there is a fine line between negative feedbacks and genuine advises.

3. Express:

If pushing the envelope is getting rusty, make sure to ping some friends. Talk it out. Write it down. Surround yourself with good influence. Feast yourself with the things you like. This mechanism aids both,

the mind and the soul.

4. Focus on the bright side:

Always have a positive outlook. Remind yourself, each time, of the outcomes waiting at the end of the road. Strong spirited heart will then follow up with you. You end up learning new things, meeting different people. It's all worth it, is it not?

5. Believe:

Faith holds strong in keeping the focus intact. Believe in making it through and you shall. Ultimately, it's in your hands to drive or be driven.

- Rohan Pawar

Questions worth considering-

In the midst of questioning the answers that others give, we often miss out on answering our own deepest questions. Here are some questions that are

worth your 5 minutes

1. When you talk about things you want to change in the world, do you ever think first of trying to change the "Man in the Mirror", staring back at you?

2. Would you accept an opportunity to change an unfortunate event in your

past, keeping in mind that the event helped shape the person you are today?

3. If given the opportunity to change either your past (thus changing who you are today) or your future, what would you choose to change and why?

- Rajsithee Dhavale



Open Forum



ऋतुरंग

गायत्री गोडबोले, रिद्धि जड्ये

'मासानां मार्गशीर्षोऽहं ऋतुनां कुसुमाकरः'

सर्वश्रेष्ठ'

-भगवद्गीता, १०वा अध्याय

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गोष्ट आपल्याला काहीतरी शिकवून जाते- मग तो सुग्रण

पक्षिणीचा खोपा असो, किंवा ऐकत रहावा असा वाच्याचा सूर. ६

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झाडाङ्गुहापात, द्याव्योऽयात, निझार-नद्यात, आकाश अवकाशात

माणसाने वेभान होऊन बघावे असे सौंदर्य आहे. निसर्गाने मानवी

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सूक्ष्म चमत्कार न्याहाळावेत.

"पतति अविरतं वरे नृत्यन्ति च कलापिनः वर्षासमयोऽयम्।"

'जेव्हा पाऊस अविरत कोसळतो आणि मोर नृत्य करायला

लागतात, तेव्हा वर्षा ऋतूचे आगमन होते. पाऊस म्हणजे

निसर्गाची एक भावपूर्ण मुद्राच जणू! अवध्या सृष्टीला हिरवेगार

सुख अंगभर लपेटून च्यायला लावण्या आशा या धारा! आकाश

व धरतीच्या मिलानात ढग हे प्रेमदूत म्हणून येतात, आणि प्रेमाचा

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केले आहे. खरंच... पहिला पाऊस, मातीचा सुंपांग, कांदाभजी

आणि चहा, हिरवेगार हश्य, बिजलीच्या नक्ष्या, विजांचा

कडकडाट आणि पाण्याचे तुषार सगळ्यांच्याच आवडीचे आहे.

"एते सुमल्लसत्भासो राजन्ते कुण्डकोरकाः।

शीतभीता लताकुंदमाश्रिता इव तारकाः॥"

शिशिरात थंड वाच्यांसहित धरतीवर पानांचा सुंदर बिछाना हृदयाला

स्पर्श करून जातात. जिथे कुंदाची युले व कल्या शोभून दिसतात,

तिथे जणू थंडीने घाबरलेल्या तारकानीच आश्रय घेतलाय' असा भास

होतो. इतर ऋतूमध्ये मरगळलेली कुंदाची फुले शिशिरात इतकी

टवटवीत दिसतात की जणू तारकाच वेलीवर फुलल्या आहेत. या

ऋतूचे आगमन मकर संक्रांतीने होते.

"नवकिसलयचारुचामरश्रीः हरति मुनेरपि मानसं वसन्तः॥"

वसन्त ऋतूला सगळ्या ऋतुंचा राजा मानतात हे योग्यच. झाडांनी हिरव्या पालवीच्या वस्त्रांवर रंगीबेरंगी दागिने परिधान केलेले दृश्य बघून एखाद्याच्या मनाचे पारणे फिटते. 'वसन्तात जेव्हा नवी पालवी फुटते, तेव्हा त्यांचे झालेले पंखे सन्यास्यांचीही मने जिकतात'. एवढीरी चिमुकली गोष्ट माणसाला जगण्याची एक नवीन उमेद प्राप्त करून देते. विचाराना सकारात्मकेच्या पालव्या फुटू लागल्या की विचार त्या झाडांवरच्या फुलांसारखे बहरू लागतात.

"प्रचंडसूर्यः निदाघकालोऽयम् उपागतः ग्रीष्मः ।"

'तेजस्वी सूर्यांचा गोळा जेव्हा त्याची आग ओकतो, तेव्हा ग्रीष्माचे आगमन झाले असे म्हणायचे'. ग्रीष्म म्हणजे फळांच्या राजाचे आगमन व थंड पदार्थाची चंगळ- कैरीचे पफ्ऱे, वाळ्याचे सरबत, कलिंगड, कोकम व इत्यादी शीत पदार्थ. निसर्ग आपल्या शरीराचे तापमान या उण्णतेत समतोल रहावे म्हणून या रसदार पदार्थानी मदत करतो. कैरी, जांभूळ, जाम, कलिंगड आणि यां पासून होणारे तजेलदार पदार्थ शरीराला थंडावतात. सूर्यांसारख्याच दिसणारा फळांचा राजा- अर्थातच, आंबा हे ग्रीष्म ऋतूतील आवडते फळ म्हणायचे.

"नमिताः फलभारेण न मिताः शालमञ्जरीः । विमलाः कुमुदानीव तारकाः शरदागमे॥"

वर्षा ऋतूत वरुण राजाने भरभरून आर्शीवाद दिला, की मनाला चाहूल लागते निरभ्र आभालाकडे बघायची. पावसाळ्यात ढगांआड लपून बसलेल्या चांदण्या जेव्हा आकाशात लाकाकू लागतात तेव्हा मन तृप्त होते. पौर्णिमेचा चंद्र व तारकांनी सजलेले आकाश वेभान होऊन पाहायला लावण्या ऋतू म्हणजे शरद. 'फळांच्या भाराने वाकलेली झाडे व कणसांनी फुललेले शेत; आणि जेव्हा राती शुभ्रधवल कमलांसहित तारकाही उमलू लागतात, तेव्हा शरदाचे आगमन झाले असे म्हणायचे. फळे व धान्य भरपूर प्रमाणात दिसायला लागली, की असे वाटते जणू शारदीय सौंदर्यदेवता भुवनी अवतरलेय.

"हे हेमंत, स्मरिष्यामि त्वच्यतीते गुणद्रव्यम् । अयतनं शीतलं वारी, निशाच समीर पूर्णा ॥"

'हेमंत ऋतू नैसर्गिक शीतल पाणी व रातीचा थंडगार वाच्याची आठवण करून देतो.' तरुणाईचा गुलाबी रंगाचा अलवार कुंचला हेमंत अरव्या सृष्टीवर फिरवतो. चांदण्यांसारख्या आलहादायक कवितांची बरसात या ऋतूत अनुभवायला मिळते. हेमंत आपल्यासोबत धुक्याचा पदर घेऊन येतो व त्यावर द्विंदुची नक्षी चितारतो. गुलाबी थंडी व कोवळे ऊन हे परिसरात सौंदर्य आणतात. आपल्याच नादात राहणार, व मौनरंग दाखविणारा असा हा हेमंत.

And The 'New' Tale Continues

Ishita Nirbhavne

For early Christians, the first day of a new year is a traditional occasion for forgetting past mistakes and resolving to do the best in the future. People still continue to welcome another year by making promises to themselves despite previous failed new year resolutions. As we prepare to welcome 2017, let's look back on how this tradition came about.

The Babylonians made promises to gods every year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. If they kept their word, the gods would bestow favour on them for the entire year and if not, they would fall out of god's favour.

There was another such tradition where the Romans

believed that Janus (January) symbolically looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future and offered sacrifices for the forthcoming year.

Today, people don't make resolutions to please god anymore. They do it to make their life better and focus on self-improvement. Although, all those gym memberships and yoga subscriptions are out of the window by February, recent research has proven that over 80 percent of the world's population, fails to fulfill their resolutions. Failure doesn't matter though, since this tradition will never stop - we've had 4000 years of practice after all!

Speechless Animations

Saakshi Gupta

Alma (Spanish)

The Story

Alma (soul, in English), a little girl, wanders down a street and sees a doll looking just like her in the window of a locked shop filled with dolls. Intrigued, she tries to enter the shop and eventually succeeds.

The Message

The film seems to represent the trap that child predators set to deceive innocent children. Another way of interpreting it would be to see the film as showing the trap of adulthood and the pressure on kids to fit into a mould.

Zero (Australian)

The Story

A stop motion picture, Zero shows a dystopian world where the characters (made of yarn) are born with a number stamped onto them - the highest number being the most privileged. The protagonist is a number zero who is bullied and abused by the other numbers. His life takes a turn when he falls in love with a female number zero, and then life again takes a turn for worse.

The Message

It not only showcases class and racial discrimination but also the discrimination that those who are not heterosexual face as the teachers at school tell the students that two zeros aren't allowed to reproduce. Not only do the teachers and the police conform seamlessly to the flawed societal norms, but even the lower numbers, like one, partake in the discrimination.

Oktapodi (French)

The story

Two octopuses are shown in love, dancing in an aquarium, when the female gets snatched away to be transported away somewhere to become someone's food. The male octopus then embarks on a journey to save his beloved. A hilarious film about love, this nonsensical film will manage to make you smile.

The Message

Do not mess with octopus couples in love.



Must Listen

Sawri Madkaikar

1. Baby, It's cold outside (Lady Antebellum) - If you are already feeling the chill, let this song take you into a snow-laden field. It's a beautiful, coy and smart duet between youngsters.

2. My Favourite Things (Julie Andrews from the Sound of Music) - Not entirely sure why "My Favourite Things" became a happy holiday tune, but let's be happy that it did. Listing things that amuse you probably is everyone's favorite thing. So watch 'Sound of Music' once more and 'Do Re Mi Fa' into your life again.

3. All I Want For Christmas is You (Mariah Carey) - This track has become a classic in its own right. If you have been holding on to a secret crush from the beginning this song will make you inexplicably want to declare it.

4. Let It Go (Idina Menzel from Frozen) - Not really a holiday song, but you cannot picture this song without Elsa's Ice Kingdom. Let our inner confident persona shine through holiday season and start a new year with extremely positive and self loving thoughts. The cold never bothered us, anyway.

5. Holiday Song (Phoebe Buffay from FRIENDS) - And of course, let's not forget our loved ones-our family and friends during this time. So listen to Phoebe's song as she mentions each one of her friends and makes them all feel special. Happy Holidays, everyone!

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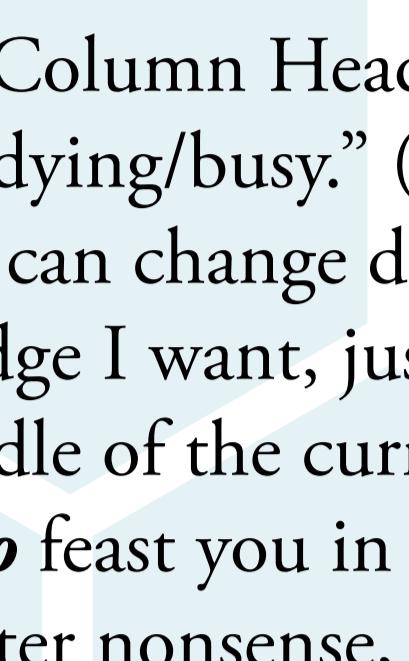
DISCLAIMER

Once again, the writers of Tech Tricked are here with something revolutionary. It is so innovative that we could give the guys at Apple a run for their money (detect sarcasm). We are here with a parody article. Parody article? No, Tech Tricked has not run out of content, we are just a funny bunch. A tad bit too fun-loving, something we realized in our recent collaborative effort. So, I

thought - why not embrace our humorous side? 2016 is coming to an end. To be honest, we worked pretty hard throughout the year and now, taking a break from our normal routine, Shirish Waghmare AKA DJ SchmooMuuh and Aaditya Shivkumar AKA Ishaan Awasthi will be narrating this article. Hope you have fun, cheers! *P.S.: Not for the faint hearted.*

Tamim Sangrar (*Ice se bhi cooler Column Head*)

No animals were harmed during the writing of this article.



HOW TO WRITE AN ARTICLE

(GOOD ENOUGH TO GET LUCKY)

Hi, as much as you think you can write an article or as much as you know you can, **YOU CAN'T**. Yet. But after reading this, you will be able to write your own article with ease and become famous in no time. Tamim AKA "the Meme" AKA "Ta-meme" is someone who will befriend

anybody and cross privacy boundaries like Maxwell's Sixes. He also threatens to remove members from the team if we don't set our Whatsapp statuses as "Tamim 4eva roxxxx". Forcefully forces people to forcefully force praise his forces. The cool and timid dictator will now tell you how to write

Article. The infamous Column Head somehow managed to make a good name. He believes in good starts, and STRICT, like STRICT-STRICT deadlines. So Tamim, how does one write good intros and keep the column healthy? (Because Tamim has a mandatory intro in every issue, *swag*)

Having said this, Shirish did eat 18 large buckets of KFC... at once.

How to write an article

Step 1: Stare at your computer screen.

Step 2: Write balhaezhaigto4j2f0ej so that your parents think that you are working.

Step 3: Check phone

Step 4: Waste entire day on your phone.

Step 5: Cry yourself to sleep blaming yourself for being a waste of space. (True story)

Fast forward to one day before deadline

Step 6: Beg the Column Head for more time, citing "I was studying/busy." (But since I'm the Column Head I can change deadlines and do whatever the fridge I want, just like I can change fonts in the middle of the current sentence. Why? Because **cornetto** feast you in **BOLD**)

Step 7: Write utter nonsense, depending entirely on your Column Editor's final editing to save your grace.

Step 8: Editing. Since you're the Column Head, you have the job of editing the article and making

it look mesmerizing. Remember that nothing should look out of place prince then started to run towards the mountain hoping he would catch the and everything should look neatly packaged. The special care of spelling mistakes because they actually matter the most...

Step 9: Boast to your friends that you are a writer in the college magazine "Bulletin" and how you are better than everyone else. Cheers!

Tamim Sangrar

Column Head, Meme maker, funny (according to him)

Now onto the "Part-time" Column Head, the "Backup" Column Head - Tejas, who is identical to the caps you see at Hill Road which say 'Adibas' or 'Niki'; looks real, yet unofficial. He is our muh-bola Column Head AND the showstopper (*background music from Lakme fashion week*).

Tell us Column Head Part II,

How do you manage to get Official Research Material?

What you basically wanna know is that the term "research" is a charade here. More like, assumption and hypotheses the masses aren't aware of. You are looking for information to make you seem smarter. Now here's the trick. You are only as smart as your audience. Simply put: lekhan hona chahiye aukaad anusar. So, you really need to know how smart your audience is.

Then follows the act of deception and finding out what your audience might not know. So you dig deep. And even if they have a chance of knowing it, **OVERCOMPLICATE**. As you will read in the coming parts of this article, confidence is key and therefore you wanna get information that you are confident in portraying. Anything with the prefix 'A

study shows...' sounds legit, use this card wisely. One of the main things that you need to know is that you should look for material from places that are not easily accessible. This is why you should "DIG DEEP". So, to summarize the entire "research" aspect of the article in a couple of words, I would say this - "DIG DEEP".

Tejas Mahadevan

Also Column Head, Matka head, Coca-Cola head, Has a head.

Addy, the only Arts student in TT (so obviously he's online 24x7) calls himself the "Special correspondent" of the newspaper of the new age. Apart from writing something boring in a has-been newspaper that no one reads, he is also a meme... and not like our funny "Ta-meme". He'll tell us **how to write the body of an article**.

A body should always be 6x6-12x2-6x6, well that's what Tamim prefers(article body, of course). Hence, we at TT strive to keep our article bodies 'thick' and edifying in the beginning, light and humorous as we progress and finally informative

and stark. The main prerequisite for any article body is confidence. DO NOT care about what you are writing or how you write it - confidence is the key. If you are unsure of writing stuff, **WRITE IT WITH FULL CONFIDENCE**. The key to being smart is to sound smart, that is precisely what confidence allows you to do. A combination of a pacy grip and good words is what SHOWS you are competent enough to carefully distillate your elements and frame the article well. Look, I just did it. The body is what lies between the introduction and the conclusion, just like

reality lies between Trump and the position of President. It's a small word but it matters THE MOST. Just make sure your body is the biggest paragraph of the entire article and that it SOUNDS smart. Be fluid. Doesn't mean Shirish banke article pe paani daal doge. You have to let yourself flow, lay your thoughts down on paper and write to your heart's content, the word limit is Tamim's headache. That is all you have to worry about, otherwise, you're good to go!

PS - I am a special correspondent. For the newspaper of the new age.

Aaditya Iyengar

Special Correspondent, Special Writer, Special.

Vaishnavi, our very own Hide & Seek Champion, inventor of the Invisibility cloak, founder of the "Magicians Association", Personal Trainer of Houdini himself, was last seen when "Last seen" were unavoidable on Whatsapp. She is the very reason why Whatsapp decided to have a "disable blue ticks" option. Originally casted as the Invisible woman in Fantastic 4, Vaishnavi was once told to break the ice. But sadly, it melted before Vaishnavi could utter a vowel. When Vaishnavi replies on the group, the members screenshot the message, for it is rarer than Haley's comet. Did we get the facts straight? Tell us...

Talk about facts, and the TT team knows I'm the only one fit to brief you about them. There you have it, the very first fact straight up. Facts can make or break the soul of the piece; it depends upon your approach. Therefore, it is necessary to utilise them to build up the impact and support the perspective of the writer. How to get them straight? A million dollar question, is it not? Well, who wants a million dollars under present circumstances? Ache din aa gaye! Coming back to the topic, while formulating a write up, gather resources and intel about the subject you wish to

write on. Jot them all down. Start ticking off the facts that support your thesis. Do make sure to screen them for a double verification. Insert facts when and where they serve the highest of their function; making the reader follow up with the writer's mind-set. Analyse and look out for the facts that may dilute the essence of the article. Googling up the info isn't the only way, having a good chemistry with the printed material is also important. At the end, if you coordinate with these instructions, you'd get your facts straight just like the TT team.

Vaishnavi Dabholkar

Aabra ka Dabra, Hide & Seek Champion 1997-2016, Gayyab

And coming to someone TOTALLY non-humorous and unfunny and who is in TT only because he showed up - Shirish, the epitome of being basic like 'bohot' basic, like those "unfunny internet challenges" basic. He's the only member who's maxed out on Facebook friends and minned out on real life friends. Many of you might not know this, but Shirish is a part of the original TT crew along with Tamim and Tejas. While they both worked hard to grow the column, he just made his own videos and got credit just because he replied on the group. He who tries to make everything funny just like his insecurities, will now tell us how to be "Phunny"...

How To Write Funny articles to impress people - Simply saying you're a writer is impressive enough. So, let's get started.
Lesson 1: Be Introspective. The less you say the...
Lesson 2: Repetition is the key. Keep repeating. The most important thing is the repetition. Importance should be given to repetition. Repeating is necessary. Repeating is awesome.
Lesson 4: Overuse references. For e.g. ...Joey doesn't share articles, this article is going to be legen...wait for it.
Lesson 5: When people ask you how to be funny... just act extremely pretentious. Like, How do people learn to be funny? What is funny? What is fun? Are we here? Is this real? You know?
Lesson 6: Break the fourth wall in this manner... Hey Ojas...what is French for 'Breaking the

fourth wall'? snfdbfahfjhuhfu ahhh...thanks. Also like this - Yo designer, increase the type point by 2. Yeah... keep it like that or make it extremely small.

Lesson 7: When you're reviewing something, make sure to exaggerate. Like... "Dr.Strange is a good movie but Marvel and it's 1 hour falling logo can go fly itself."

Lesson 8: Also, subtly use swear words. "Subtly".

Lesson 9: After all this, the editors are obviously going to edit your part out because it's "2 edgy 4 them". So yeah, all you hard work is for nothing and you should just stop writing.

Lesson 10: Screw up somewhere. There is no

Lesson 3: Check.

Lesson 11: Beg your Column Head to save you. And then... you're done.

Shirish Waghmare

Annoying, Instagram pe sher, bahar dher, unphunny.

Moving onto Abhishek, he's the actual photographer of TT; like the real one with lenses, extra flash, silicone covers, tripods, 2 kg wheat/rice, some extra contraceptives and what not! In simple words, professional. So, we won't insult him or roast him in any way whatsoever for one simple reason - he doesn't have a shitty photography page & doesn't leave 140 characters of opaque watermarks which cover 80% of the screen. Hence the pain he gives us ends in 1920x1080 pixels, and nothing more. Since we didn't insult Abhishek, he gets to insult something he doesn't like. Go on!

The phone goes 'TINGGG' and when I open WhatsApp, I see there are a couple of messages in the TT group and I realise that it's time to Google up because I must search for topics to write an article. At Tech Tricked, we conduct EXTENSIVE researches, and CASE STUDIES (on Google, of course) because we don't believe in conducting surveys. We believe in 'stumbling across' them. Before starting any article, a thorough research is a must. This will help you build confidence and make you feel smart even though you got a 'C' on that test. BUT NOT TO WORRY MY FRIEND! YOU ARE A SMART SMART PERSON WHO WRITES.

So, the very first thing to do is to have a good knowledge about the thing which you want to write a negative review about and gather ample evidence to support your point as to why are you against that, and even if you lack the knowledge, just show enough hatred to make the reader hate it as well.

For example:

I really dislike the way Abhishek K framed the body of his article, it was discombobulating and it let out a lot of cuss words as I read. Abhishek speaks fluent English but I fail to understand the reason why he doesn't speak sense.

^This is the part that readers love!

Abhishek Kalarikkal

Photographer, Fannymagnet *Cheat Activated*

Joy was initially offered the role of Doug in 'The Hangover', but being Joy he disappeared from there as well. But Joy has always been the foil of TT, and you can always replace him with tin foil and the column will remain pretty much the same. Joy is famous at pulling "The Dark Knight" on TT. Now you see him... now you don't. Just like that overly enthusiastic group member, you'll only see him in the beginning and he will reappear in the end. And speaking of 'Ends', here's Joy telling us **how to Conclude An Article**.

Well, Joy is as fast as black leopards, who runs away when humans see them, just as he ran away to give his CAT exam when we asked him to write an article. Similar to the Flash or Dash from Incredibles. ALWAYS RUNNING FROM RESPONSIBILITIES! Since he couldn't write the article for us, he just told us what he believes to be the perfect conclusion - The conclusion is the cherry on the cake, make it as funny as possible. (In simple words, do nothing and let all your column members add funny elements)

Joy Parekh

Who?

It should be quirky, and should always be open-ended, where you leave the reader with a question.

(*Why did I even read Joy Parekh's article?*)

Not such a question, of course, but that's an exception if you're Joy.

Also, one must try getting more reads and feedback by adding stuff like,

"Feedbacks and suggestions are always appreciated!"

Haha, so generic.

(*Tamim yells: JOY KO KON LIYA TEAM ME???*)

Cheers!!!

And there you have it guys, how to write an "Article" so that even you can be famous like us!

DARY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, See you all in 2017.

Team TechTricked

World of Fantasy **Pentactus**

The Power of Five Elements

The time had come. The moment the chief's wife said the word "Mathady", Robert felt a tinge of nervousness and excitement. He was a peaceful person until now, but today the tables had turned. The same Robert who cringed at words like war and killings, had decided to enter the battlefield to save the dignity of his ancestors' tribe, HIS tribe. For a minute or so, he zoned out of the conversation. His thoughts wandered to the first war that had happened decades ago. He could imagine all the destruction, the loss of countless lives, the chaos, and a sudden surge of helplessness surrounded him. He felt angry for not being able to help the tribe back then. But this time he was ready to lead as the tribe had become his family. Standing up abruptly, he declared, "We have no time to spare. We

cannot wait for more damage to be done. WAR MEANS WAR. With the chief's permission we should start with our preparation - strategy, weapons, training, everything!" Robert's words were welcomed with a loud applause. Looking at his zeal, the chief said, "Musidoiy is right. Walure will fight with every last resource it has. And I, the Chief of Walure tribe, declare that this war will be lead by Musidoiy Robert himself!"

From that day onwards everyone in the tribe started working like a busy bee. Right from children to old people, Robert could see them all working.

"This island, Musidoiy, is 100 kuare wide. The mies and sous are occupied by our tribe which accounts for almost 75% of the land. The enemy tribe is scattered in bits and pieces in

the wies. The nous of the island is occupied by all the forest animals and creatures. We do not bother them, but we can try to persuade them to support us in this war and fight for us. But we will talk to them only when it's necessary. Billus deemed it necessary to keep good relations with the creatures and so they will corroborate with us," the chief said while explaining the map of the island to Robert. "We keep our territory well guarded all the time and the tree watches over us. So infiltration is out of question." A question had been bothering Robert since the time he had entered the chief's house to discuss strategy. He asked, "But Sir, where do we fight the war?" This was answered by the chief's wife. She said, "There is a no man's land in the nous part of the island. It is like a big ground and

the last war was also fought there." After a moment, Robert said, "Oh, I see. But we cannot declare war just like that. At first we will have to meet the enemy tribe and make a formal declaration." The chief replied, "You are right. But even they know that war is inevitable now that you have returned to the tribe. They must have started with their preparations. So must we. Also, Robert you are a profus. I assume you know very little about warfare. You will have to be taught everything right from the scratch. Are you ready for this?" Next day, Robert woke up to see the smiling face of chief sitting by his bed. Robert said, "I didn't know being ready for war meant waking up at 4 in the morning."

"We have very less time with us Musidoiy. We shall start with your training right away." And thus started Robert's

schooling. His teachers included the chief and his wife, and everyone else from the tribe. Right from bamboo fighting to wrestling, he was taught all means of self defence. The chief taught him how to read minds just by looking in the eyes of the concerned person, this power was called "occlusus". Meditation was of utmost importance to achieve this and daily sessions of yogic practices were undertaken by Robert for a fortnight. On the 15th day the chief declared, "My Son, you are equipped to become a Walure fighter. And now, we meet Zaroed tribe and talk about war!" The following morning, Robert found himself in the house of the chief of Zaroed. The chief scrutinized him with distaste which made Robert feel uneasy. There was tension in the room - everyone could feel it. Without saying much both the chiefs stood up

and shook hands firmly. No peace talks, no niceties, thought Robert. The 24th day of the coming month was decided as the day of the war as it was a full moon and it was considered auspicious. While coming back to Walure, Robert observed that Zaroed was completely different than Walure. The people seemed sad, the trees were dry, and everything looked gloomy. Robert felt sad for the people and now he wanted this war more than anything as he wanted to save the people from this misery.

The preparations of the war continued in full swing. On the night before the war, the Walure tribe followed its ritual of offering prayers to the lockets of the Pentactus. The chief handed over his locket to Robert and said, "Musidoiy, you take it from here. Make your ancestors proud and bring back our glory."

Glossary:

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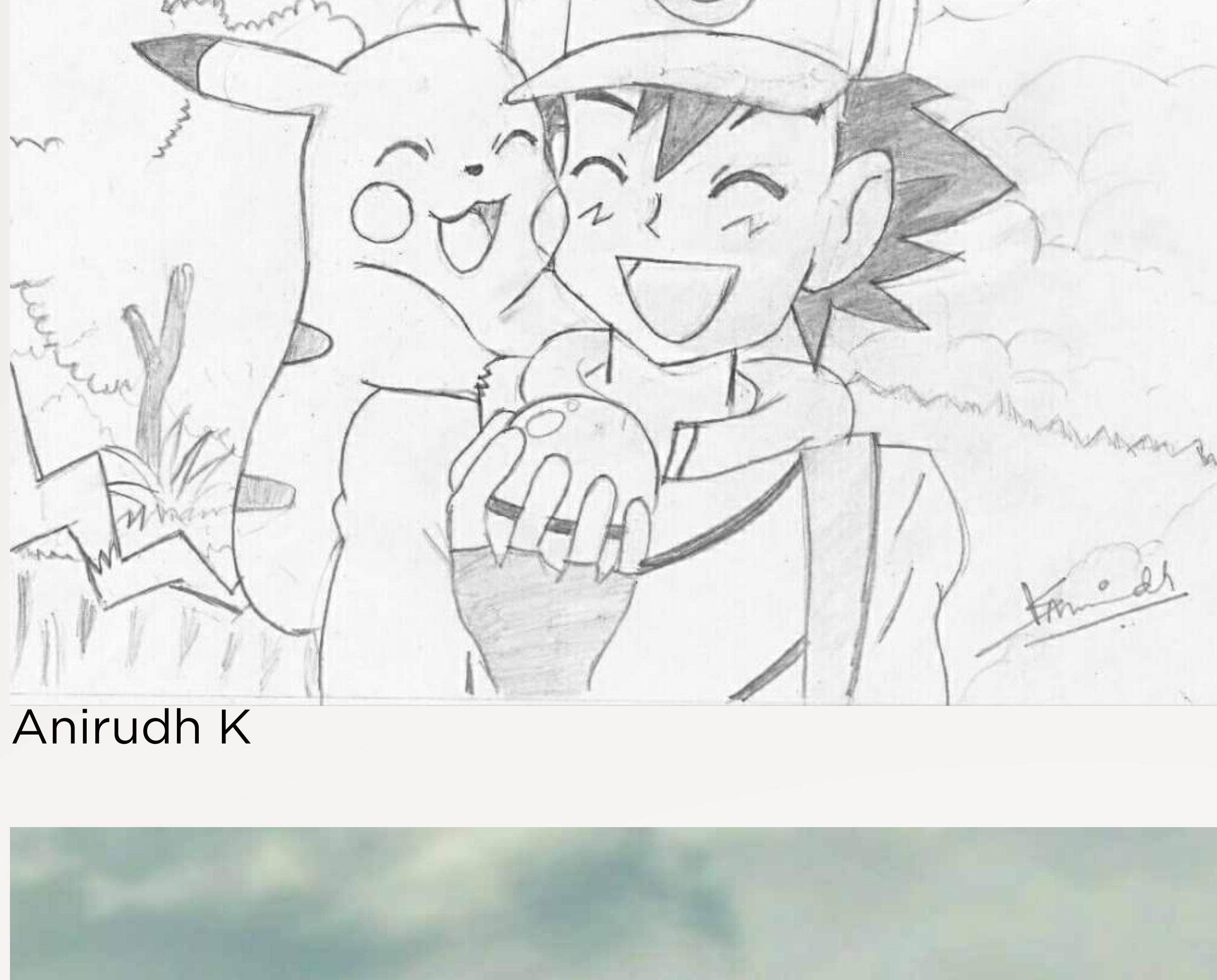
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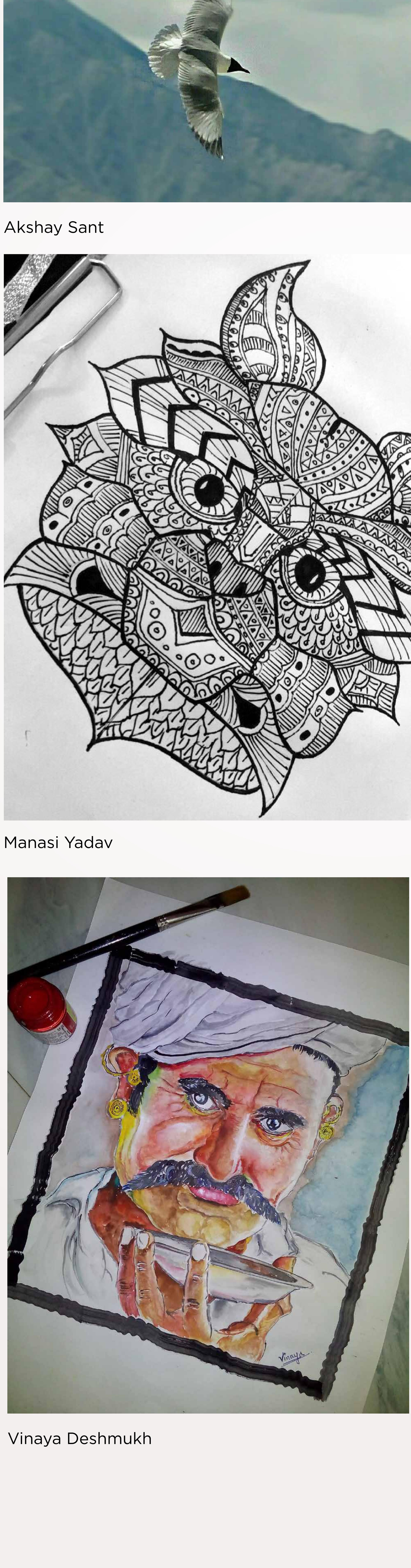
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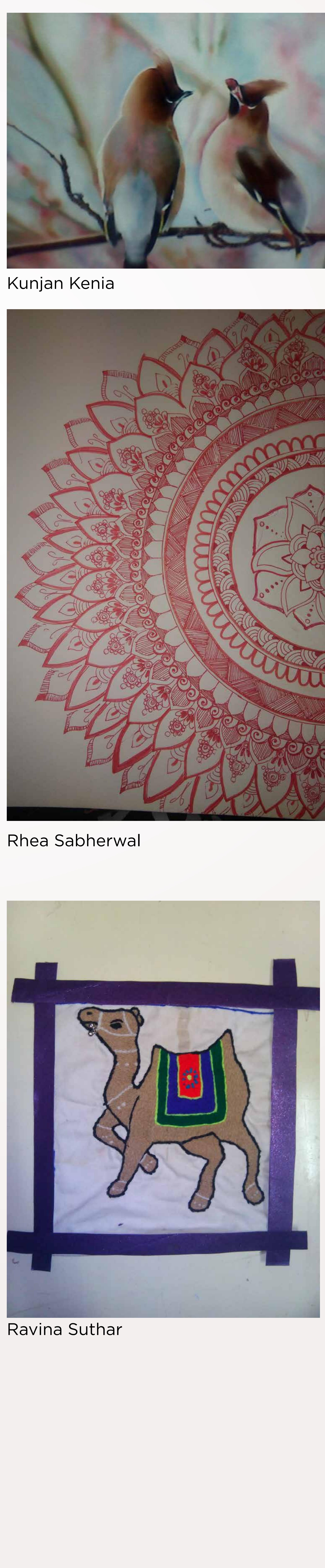
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