

# THE RUIAITE MONTHLY BULLETIN

APRIL 2016



# The Editors Note

Summer has certainly announced its arrival well! As the April heat intensifies, hearts are heavy in the core team, as we present to you the final issue of the year 2015-2016, the April issue. We find ourselves grateful to the institution and our chief editors, our dearest Devayani ma'am and Gayatri ma'am for having guided us in giving form to this idea! We also thank each and every column head and volunteer for having embarked upon this journey with us, a beautiful journey which began in August 2015. More importantly, we thank our readers for having honoured and acknowledged our labour of love, the e-bulletin.

Being the last issue of this academic year, it is dedicated to this journey—of new ideas, discoveries, themes, friendship and a common goal for creation of excellence in Ruia. Ours was, is and will always be a quest for “the cultivation of the human mind” as April born Dr. BR. Ambedkar, one of our country’s chief humanist and scholar puts it. Not conforming to specific themes, most columns have many stories to tell from their journeys! While ‘Behind the scenes’ presents a heart-warming account of how the bulletin grew with much nurturing and attention from its founders, ‘Insight’ urges you to go on one such journey! ‘Career Wise’ presents a statistical analysis of all its featured careers while ‘Tech Tricked’ dissects many a present day technological phenomena for us!

These highlights apart, what is most noteworthy is the sheer revelry of this issue, as it makes way for a new year, in the Gudi Padwa month. As much as we would like to continue haunting the corridors of Ruia, keep dropping by anna’s canteen and burning the midnight oil over deadline hassles, we are faced with the reality of our final exams and soon after, a new life after Ruia. So as much as we want to stay, we must move on as all good things come to an end. But though our journey ends here, a new journey begins for the new executive editors and our brand new core team! We wish the new team the best of luck and hope that it takes the e-bulletin to even greater heights than we have known.

With this, wait for the next issue with bated breath and excitement! Till then, we hope this issue will be the fresh, colourful popsicle to your Summer vacations, which we urge you to enjoy to the fullest! Here’s to new beginnings and a new year!

**Much love  
Team Ruiaite**



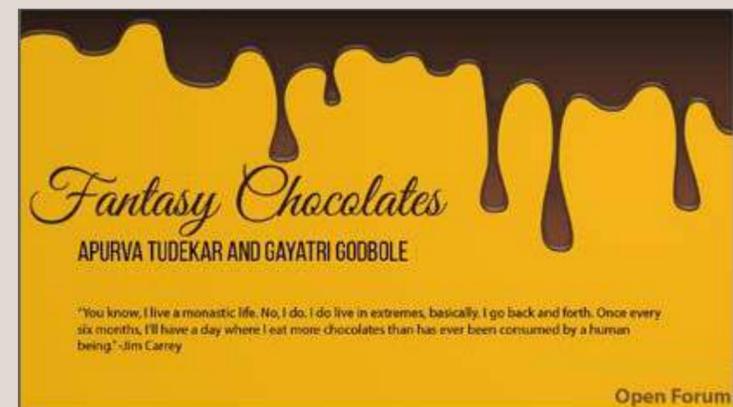
# Click on Your Favourite Column!



**Buzz Around**



**Behind The Scenes**



**Open Forum**



**World of Fantasy**



**OpEd**



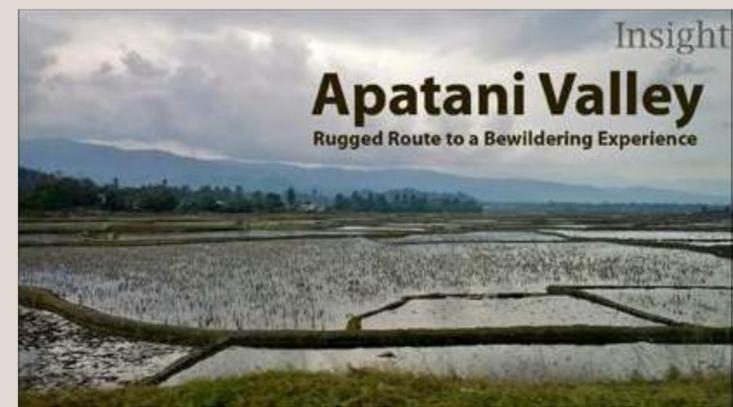
**Tech Tricked**



**Career Wise**



**Art Wall**



**Insight**

# Media Trials - Are We Being Misled?





*“ The media is the fourth pillar of democracy and its job is solely to provide information. ”*

**Media** - one of the greatest weapons of the common man to fight injustice! But what does the common man do when this weapon betrays its purpose? Media touches all facets of our life - social, economic, psychological and political. That's why its existence is inevitably important. Media's aim is to transfer correct information, to carry people's grievances to their representatives, and to collect and report information about the happenings of the world. But what happens when media goes a little overboard while doing its duty and starts influencing people's minds? This becomes a very dangerous aspect in a democracy like India where governance is indirectly in the hands of the people. We have got into the habit of believing what the media says because of the original duty that it did - providing information. But the majority of us have failed to notice that now, media is not only providing information but also judging the same information and passing public verdicts on it, the same thing we now know as Trial by Media. What exactly happens in these kinds of trials is

that media passes a verdict on a case and defines what is right and wrong, almost performing the duty of the Judiciary. In some cases like the Jessica Lal murder case, there is no doubt that media had become the common man's saviour and in Sabrina Lal's (Jessica's sister) words 'got us justice', but on the contrary, we have major controversial instances like the arrest of JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar on the basis of a tape provided by a certain news channel which was later found out to be a doctored tape.

The thing here is that, because of the mammoth competition that exists in the world of media, news providers resort to all kinds of means to gain TRPs even if it means tampering with important information or passing judgemental views on people and events and stating what is right or wrong. The media is the fourth pillar of democracy and its job is solely to provide information and pressurise the government when necessary, by voicing people's grievances, but it seems like it has also started to do the job of passing verdicts by being blind

to the fact that there is a separate judiciary system present for that very job. Trial by media seems unnecessary as it only raises conflicts in the minds of the people and creates an illusion of truth in the common man's already clouded mind. Ultimately, irrelevant of its advantages and disadvantages, a 'trial' is something the media should not do. It should stick to its job of providing correct knowledge. Media can make or break a person because media is something that, even if criticised by the people, gains their keen attention, and a democracy like India needs its fourth pillar - media - to stand upright. So the things that would happen if media deterred from its duties are not unimaginable anymore since one can witness them these days. Lastly, I think people too should try not to get swayed by media's biases and should use it to gain information only. The common man should leave verdicts for the judiciary and let his opinions rely on his own common sense.

**Urmi. Gala**  
**FYBA-A**

## Simply Put

1. When exactly will be the United States presidential election conducted in 2016?

Ans - The United States presidential election will be conducted on November 8, 2016 which will be the 58th quadrennial U.S Presidential Election.

2. Who are the candidates contesting for the U.S presidential election?

Ans - Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders from the Democratic Party and Ted Cruz, John Kasich and Donald Trump from the Republican Party are contesting the presidential election.

3. How many candidates have filed a statement of candidacy?

Ans - A total of 1,669 candidates have filed a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission.

4. How many debates are expected to take place in the presidential election cycle?

Ans - At least 20 major debates are expected to take place in the 2016 presidential election cycle, including ten Republican debates, six Democratic debates, three general election debates and one vice-presidential debate.

5. When will be the results of the presidential election declared?

Ans - The U.S. Congress is scheduled to certify the electoral result on January 5, 2017, and the new President and Vice President are planned to be inaugurated on January 20, 2017.

## Know Your Ideology

All the ideologies are essentially how people think and act in different situations. To understand these ideologies, imagine a person who has something valuable. Theoretically, these would be his thoughts if he is a true believer of any of these ideologies.

Capitalism: I have something. I must make profit out of it.

Socialism: I have something. The profit I make out of it must be shared with everyone who helped me make the profit.

Fascism: I have something. I must offer it to the great culture and nation for giving me the opportunity to have it.

Anarchism: I have something. I very well know how to use it. No government shall meddle in what I use it for.

Communism: I had something. The stupid workers and their unions took it away!

This was in essence of the thoughts that are central to these ideologies (except for the last one, probably).

## Tweets

WI all the way!! True champions, be it u19s, women's or men's championship! Super stuff by team WI! Braithwaite was breathtaking! # WT20Final - Sachin Tendulkar @sachin\_rt

## Quotes

We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit. - Aristotle

## Top 10 News of the Month

1. The latest report on Syria war states that so far, chemical weapons have been used 161 times throughout the war.

2. Pakistan deploys army after Islamabad clashes.

3. West Indies men's and women's cricket teams become World T20 2016 Champions.

4. Probe report against Ranjit Sinha filed in Supreme Court in the case of Coal Scam.

5. Bangladeshi student who wrote against Islam on Facebook was hacked to death.

6. Amnesty International states that executions hit the highest level in 2015 in the past 25 years.

7. Pakistan says that peace process with India has been suspended.

8. Centre prepares new guidelines to maintain sanctity of National Anthem and National Flag.

9. The Trust of Shani Shingnapur Temple allowed women devotees to enter the sanctum.

10. NASA discovered a massive super-sized black hole which weighed as much as 17 billion suns.

## The Sarcastic

"Immigrants are a threat to America- Trump Tell us about it- Native Americans."

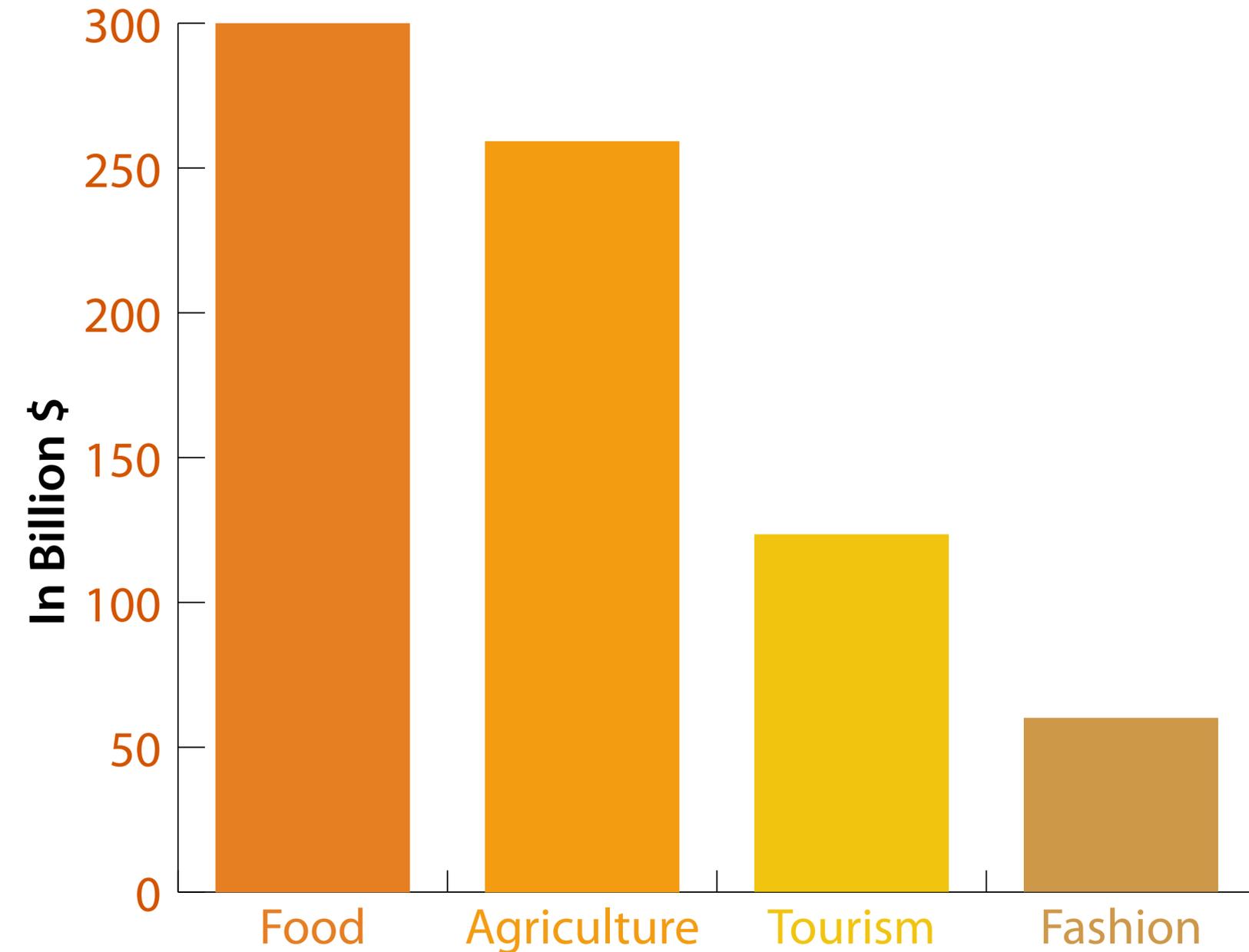
*Buzz Around*

# Career Wise

**Career Wise**, in the past, has featured an interesting array of careers - **Fashion** careers, **Agriculture** and nature related careers, **Food** industry careers, careers with **Foreign Languages**, **Tourism** industry careers, **Writing** careers and careers with **Law**. In the last issue of this year, we present to you, a statistical analysis of all its previously featured careers! Based on many different indicators, here are our findings:



# Estimated Fiscal Value Of Various Career Sectors



The estimates in this chart have been calculated in US \$. From the statistics, it is easily discernible that the food industry is leading the pack at a whopping total value of nearly US \$ 300 Billion! It is closely followed by the agricultural sector at about US \$ 259.23 Billion. The tourism industry of India is gradually gaining momentum at an estimated value of US \$ 123.45 Billion. And last but not the least, we have the fashion industry at a value of US \$ 60.07 Billion, which, experts claim, is in its infancy, and is slated to grow voluminosly by 2025!

# Salaries/Remuneration- (2014-2015)

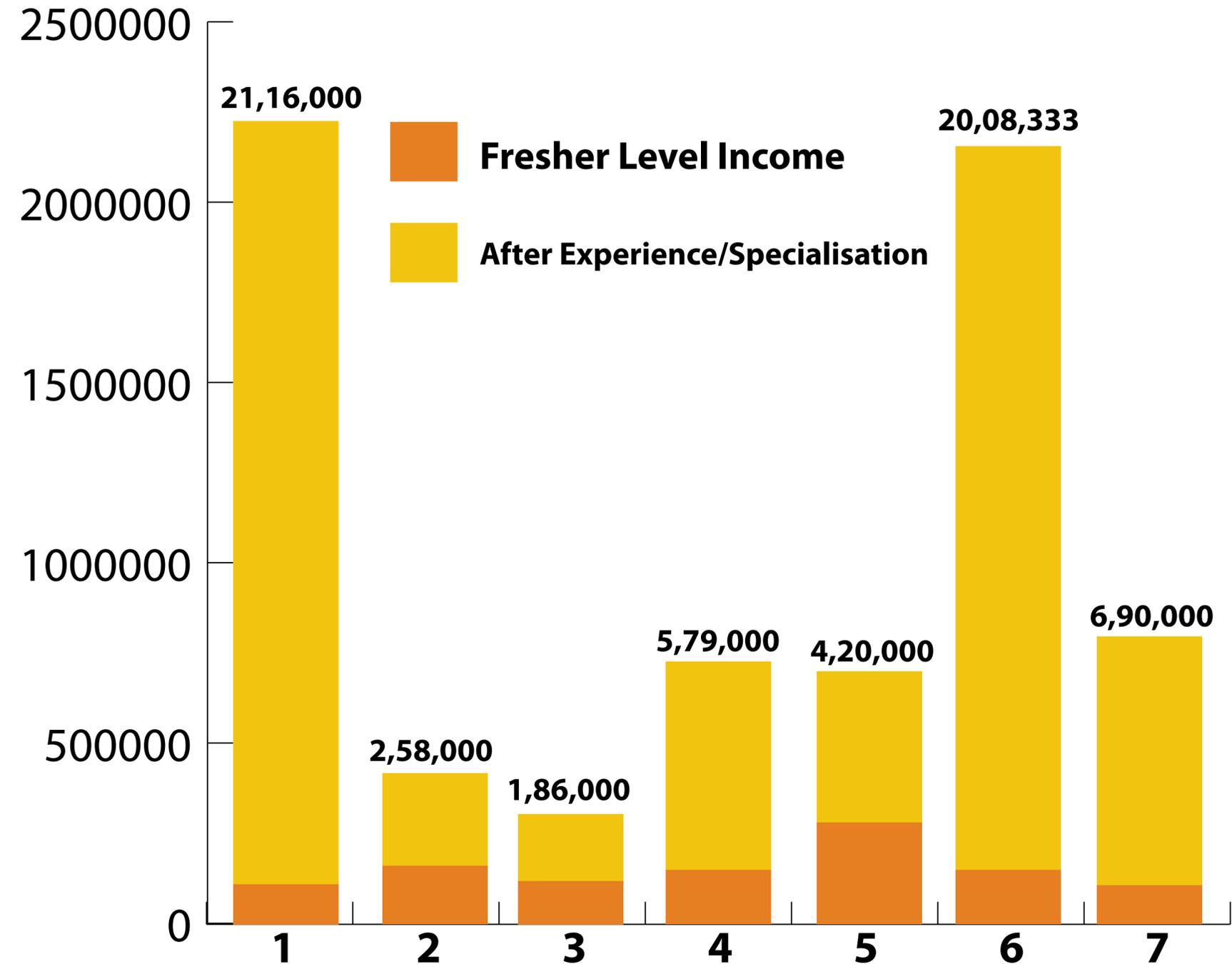
1. Law \*
2. Agriculture
3. Foreign language
4. Food industry #
5. Tourism ^
6. Fashion
7. Creative writing

\* A lawyer's income also depends upon his/her reputation, expertise, and kinds of cases handled.

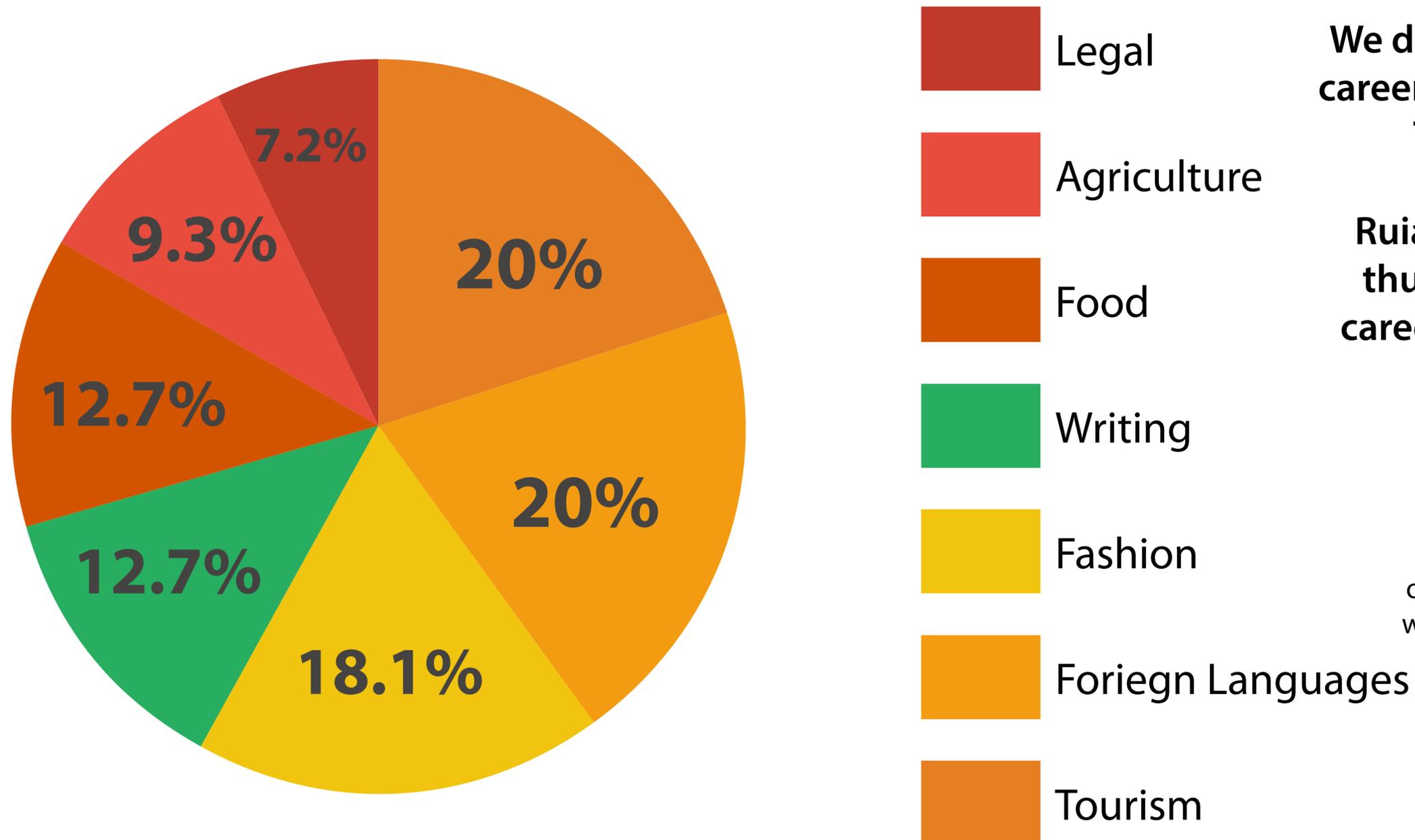
# Food technologists having professional qualification are easily absorbed by food processing companies, food research laboratories, hotels, restaurants and catering establishment.

^ Jobs in the travel and tourism industry offer good remuneration and prerequisites, which include free travel for employees and their families. Salaries may vary within the industry and are higher in foreign airlines and agencies.

Average Annual Income in Rs



# CAREER PREFERENCES OF RUIAITES



We decided to ask 55 of our readers about their career preferences from all our featured careers. The results were surprising, yet beautifully insightful about the career preferences of Ruiaites! That no particular career group got a thumping majority, proves that almost all the careers were indeed, unique in their own right.

As high as 20% of the 55 students were interested in the careers that the tourism industry offers. Another 20% preferred careers with foreign languages. Fashion careers came a close second with 18.1%. The third place was occupied by writing careers and careers in the food industry, with 12.7% each. Agriculture and nature related careers were the second least- preferred careers at 9.09% and legal careers, astonishingly, were the least preferred with only 7.2% opting for them.

# It's the story of THE RUIAITE

They say, an idea is born out of nowhere and this is absolutely true when it comes to our RUIAITE MONTHLY E-BULLETIN. While all the other TYs had only the curriculum in their minds, Raj Kamble thought of something that could bring the college closer - a magazine that could publish announcements and notices along with innovative columns and information. He spoke to the person he relied on the most - Pankaj Ghuge, who had similar ideas in mind. He wished to create an e-platform for UPSC aspirants. They

merged their plans and gave rise to the idea of the monthly E-Bulletin. An idea which grew into a dream and is now an exceptional reality.

Who would have thought that a simple idea born out of a discussion at VISHNU'S tea stall could take the shape of an accomplished E-Bulletin, read and loved by all? It is said, 'Daring ideas are like chessmen, moved forward they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game'. They didn't let the idea rest and discussed and talked over it further.

They approached friends who were enthusiastic and equally efficient and formed the first core team. Feisty Purnima Nair joined the party and this newly formed core team went on to prepare their draft. They surveyed the college for views and opinions on the monthly E-Bulletin. After a positive and overwhelming response they presented the draft to the Vice Principal, Sucheta Ketkar ma'am, who asked them to meet the in charge of the RUIAITE annual edition, Devayani Ganpule ma'am.

All students need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them and in this case who better than Devayani Ma'am and Gayatri Ma'am could have done it. The teachers accepted and supported the idea which was then officially presented before the Vice Principal, Urmila Palan ma'am and then to our Principal, Dr. Suhas Pednekar.

but it is to create intelligent Ruiaites'. Keeping this aim in mind, the members of the core team took charge of all the columns of the bulletin and started working like busy bees. The BUZZ AROUND Column was created as a platform for all the students to pour in their opinions on various trending issues and the Column Head, Mudita Joshi, undertook the responsibility of sharing the column's view on current affairs.

CAREER WISE projects career prospects of unconventional streams. Column Head Namrata Shah took the initiative to put forth many such exciting career options in front of the fellow Ruiaites. OPEN FORUM, a column dedicated to zealous projects and ideas that are both creative and innovative was headed by Prachi Shah. Aletta Pereira, an English Literature student, headed the column named INSIGHT which has an element of inspiration and motivation with a tint of inner foresight. BEHIND THE SCENES captured the silent heroes of our college, the non-teaching staff, right from our library to our laboratories and published their success

stories. The responsibility of leading this column was taken by Neha Sawant. In the column OP-ED, noted alumni and professors of our college guided the students through challenging arenas of academic and professional life. Pranay Chavan of TYBSc Maths headed this column enthusiastically. To celebrate art, a column ART WALL was created which was headed by Deepali Chavan. In this column, Art works and photography skills of both students and teachers were displayed. To reach out to the tech-savvy students of our college, TECH-TRICKED, a science frenzy column was brought into the picture and headed by Ojaswi Rao.

Students from both the streams were interviewed by Executive Editors Raj Kamble, Pankaj Ghuge and Purnima Nair and all the column heads for the bulletin. Based on the requirements of the columns, the students were selected and were allotted columns. To make any magazine famous the PUBLIC RELATIONS and MARKETING team has to be very innovative and strong. Our bulletin is blessed with cre-

ative minds like that of Soham Patil and Harshad Kangane who came up with novel ideas every month. Right from word of mouth publicity to creating pages on social media like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - everything was handled efficiently by these two teams. As our Principal had advised us to launch the first issue on 15th August, all the columns started to work frantically to meet the deadline. It seemed nearly impossible to complete the mammoth task which had been put into motion in July. As all of us were new to this, there were many technical issues faced by the bulletin. The Devanagari font wasn't working on the PDF, the cover page was not yet ready and many other such difficulties arose just a few days before the launch. Amidst all the chaos, came Sarath Warriar to our rescue. Sarath, our warrior, solved most of the technical issues single handedly. Meanwhile, the PR and Marketing teams were working hard day and night to print posters, make videos and do almost everything to grab eyeballs.



The motto, 'Moving beyond the papers' started taking shape after the Principal gave his thumbs up to this new and ambitious venture. The main aim of the bulletin was to provide information about everything, from Barack Obama to our Ruia Katta. According to Raj, 'Rui-aites is not for the intelligent Ruiaites,

After a month of planning and hard-work, the first issue of the RUIAITE Monthly E-Bulletin was launched by our Principal on the 15th of August in the Auditorium. Thus started the journey of our Bulletin with RUIAITEs pouring their hearts out, and bringing to life a dream which seemed impossible a few months ago. The RUIAITE monthly E-Bulletin became a platform in RUIA by the RUIAITEs, for the RUIAITEs and of the RUIAITEs. And this was just the beginning as during our annual fest, UTSAV AAROHAN and departmental fests Samanvay,

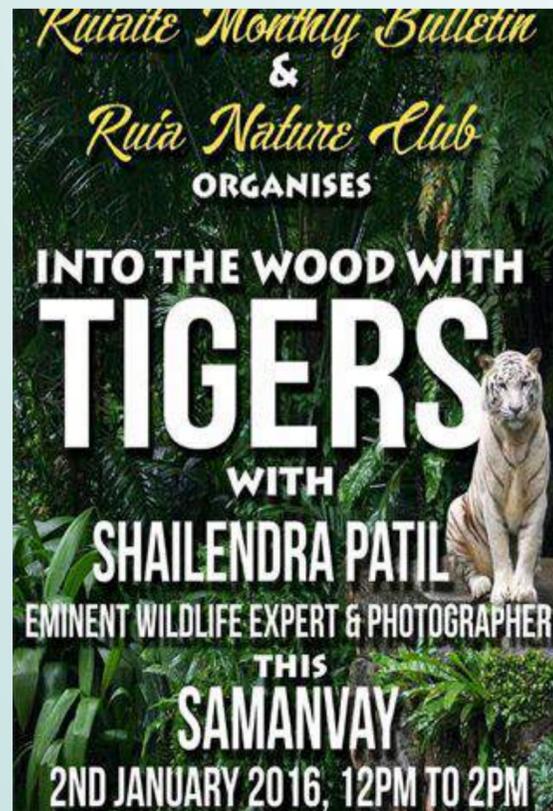
the RUIAITE E-Bulletin managed to report all the events live by flooding the Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter feed with updates, pictures and videos. The RUIAITE also covered the events happening during the MAHARASHTRA UTSAV, bringing into the limelight all the achievers in this prestigious talent festival. During SAMANVAY, we organised a talk dubbed 'Into the Woods' by eminent wild life expert and photographer Shailendra Patil, in collaboration with the RUIA Nature Club on 2nd January, 2016.

The RUIAITE Monthly E-Bulletin didn't restrict itself to just the existing columns but showcased the talent of three FY girls by introducing a new column, the WORLD OF FANTASY and thus started the journey of Robert in search of Pentactus.

Now, with the academic year coming to an end, our Bulletin founders, architects, executive editors and TY column heads have to finally bid adieu to their beloved college, but they have given us new column heads and three new vibrant executive editors - Amrita, Aniruddha and

Sarath and a new core team to look forward to. Without the guidance, motivation and support of Raj, Pankaj and Purnima the RUIAITE E-Bulletin could not have been such a huge success. All the RUIAITEs will always be grateful to them and the core team for this ambitious and long awaited project. What could be a better tribute to them than we, the RUIAITEs, taking the E-Bulletin to even greater heights.

The story doesn't end here - there's a long way to go, and, 'We're all in this together'.



INTO THE WOODS



The New Core Team



Celebrating a successful year of RUIAITE

“ The Story Doesn't End Here...”



# **Blue Marble to Black Coal!**

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**OpEd**

Cool breeze, rustling of leaves, enchanting fragrance of flowers, soothing shade of a lush green Banyan tree and nourishing sunshine.....

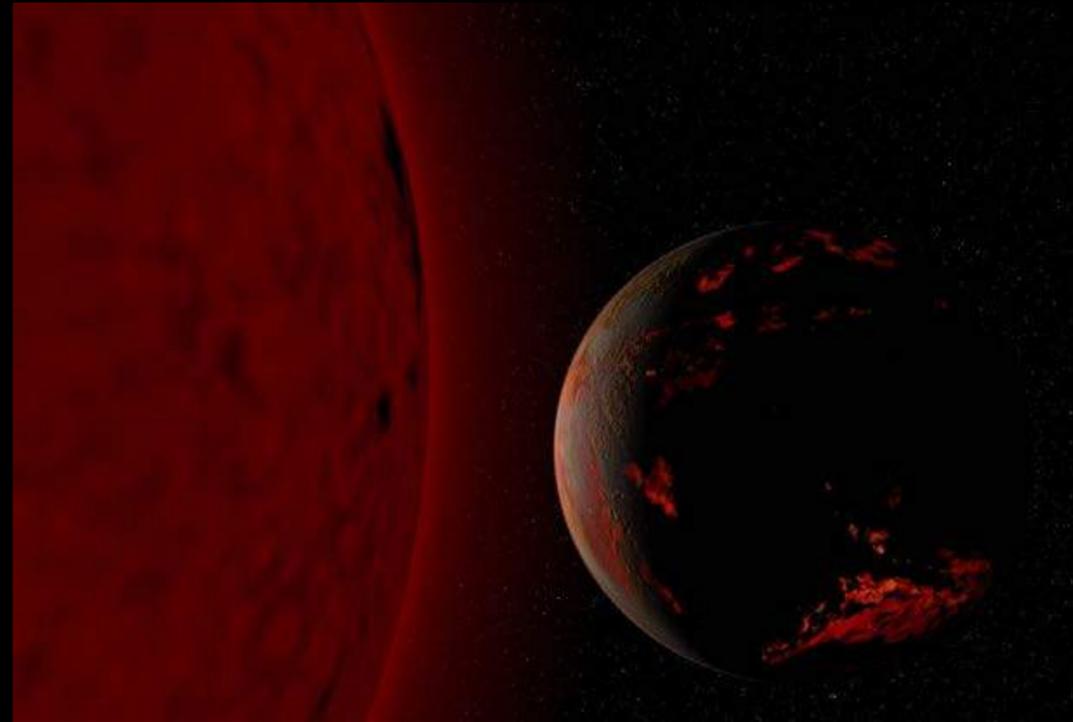
What is it that comes to our mind?

The unparalleled grandeur of our planet fascinates us! Since the dawn of civilization, humans have revered and worshipped our home as a Mother who produces and sustains life. The advent of life itself on this planet has engulfed many intellectuals into the tedious task of unraveling its deeper mysterious dimensions. I believe, one of the epoch-making contributions that were made in that direction came from Charles Darwin, who in his path-breaking work, 'Origin of Species' demonstrated how life must have originated on the planet. His theory of Evolution radically changed the way we understood our origins. Science tells us that approximately 4.5 billion years have passed since our planet witnessed the evolution of life. From unicellular organisms to complex multi-cellular organisms living forms have thrived.

A very interesting research is being conducted to understand catastrophic extinction scenarios. It is known as Future Studies. Estimated calculations of scien-

tists predict that 7 billion years from now, the Sun will enter into a Red Giant phase, where the radius, luminosity and temperature of the Star will grow to such an exponential values that it will practically scorch the planet and eventually swallow it! The accompanying image portrays a horrifying state of Earth resembling a burning coal.

I know, learning this smells too dystopian. But I don't revel in dystopian fantasies and doomsday scenarios. But we need to know this! Look at the vast sweep of the timeline- 4.5 billion years of life and probably 7 billion years more- and think how much the impact of some 200 years of Industrial Revolution figure in this age-old planetary-stellar relationship. I don't want to trivialize Industrial Revolution or glorify the sheer vastness of the time that life has survived on this planet. I want to rather



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Now if we know the risks....the question remains that what do we do about it? Certainly! There are many steps that we can take to infuse optimism and make people believe that we can live enthusiastic and fulfilling lives. But I believe we don't have a choice not to do anything about this. NASA has developed an app which calculates our daily contribution towards carbon footprint. The app suggests ways and means to reduce our footprint gradually but consistently. Greater use of LED bulbs and LED technology is also helpful. Planting more and more saplings and ensuring that they grow is the least that everyone must do as an obligation. It is high time, I believe, that we decide what is important and tread the path accordingly! Thank you!

**The Blue Marble!!! Savvy?**

# Is This News?

The other day I happened to open the newspaper and after reading two or three items I had to ask myself “Why is this news?” I always wonder about how the media focuses on some cases and gives very less importance to other matters that are also important.

This practice is also known as sensationalism in which editorial bias is used to over hype the present impression of any event or story in the

news, which may cause manipulation of the true story. Insignificant matters are placed prior to the ones actually creating an impact on the lives of the masses. The media appeals to our emotions by omitting the facts and repeats it constantly so that it gets tough for us to get it out of our system. But isn't this behavior contradictory to the standard of professional journalism?

It is the duty of the media to be

objective and to report properly investigated matters related to political corruption and the events that will, in reality, affect the society.

But the modern media is just a product of the profit motive, with the main aim to increase their viewership or readership. However, such conduct raises questions on the practice of the principles. In whatever we do, there are some ethical codes. I like to think of the code as our own set of

moralistic values below which we do not want to go. However, I sense that this lower bar is being pushed constantly.

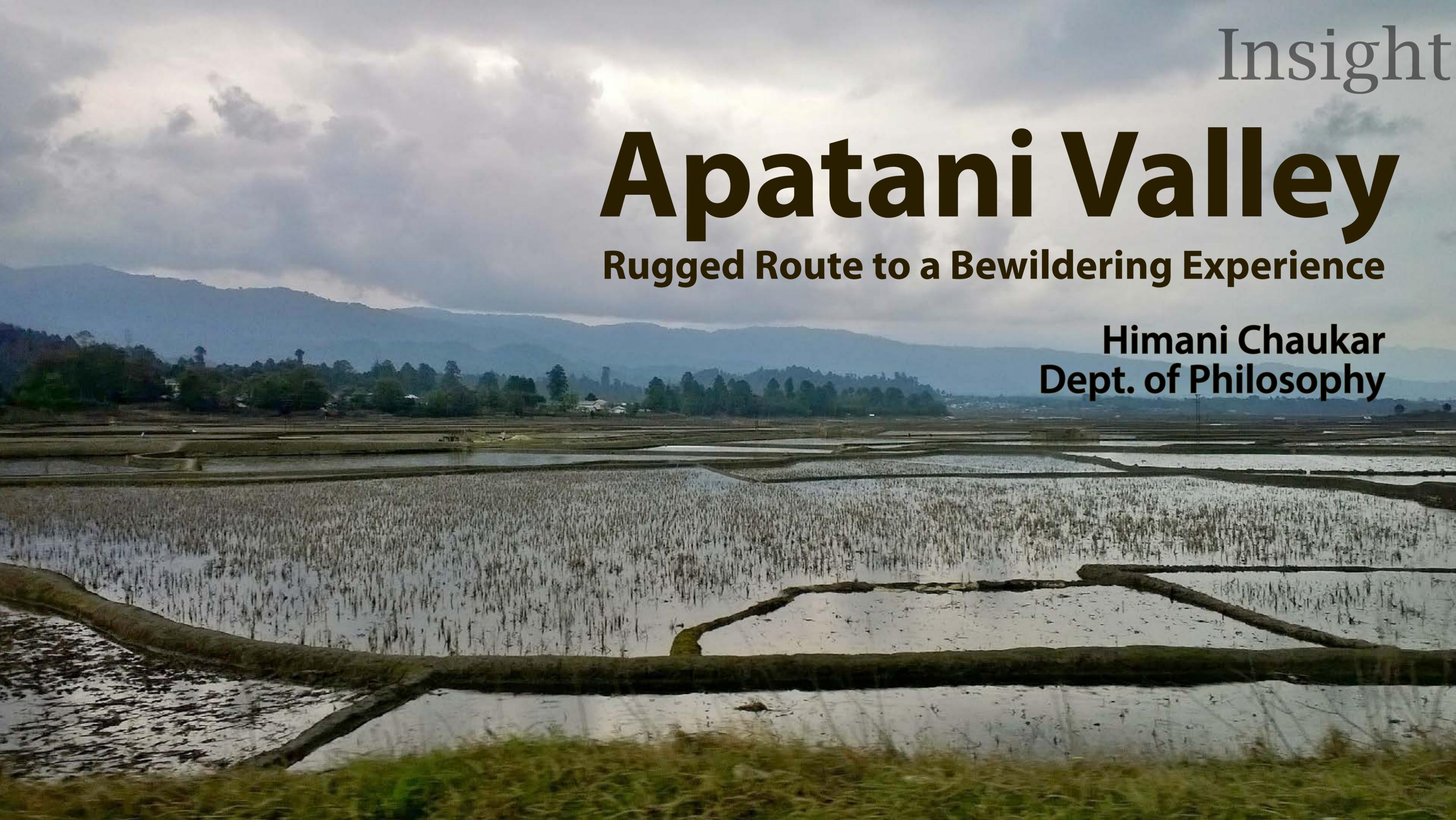
News organizations need to realize that just because someone or something is popular, it doesn't make everything related to them a news item! Similarly, it is our duty as citizens to interpret the news judiciously, with reasonable critical thinking.

Insight

# Apatani Valley

Rugged Route to a Bewildering Experience

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**My memories** go back 4 years to the month of April 2012, when I was to start my research and had decided that Ziro (a quaint village) in Arunachal Pradesh would be my destination for the same. My most erudite circle of friends and family was astonished and bewildered by my choice to such an extent that I was asked if I had a passport to visit this unknown place.

Firstly, Ziro is a beautiful valley situated in the lower Subansari district in Arunachal Pradesh - the land of the rising sun. It is home to a small, yet educationally the most advanced Arunachal Tribe called Apatani. Ziro has been nominated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO for its pristine beauty as well as for the unique form of agriculture that is practiced by the Apatanis, which serves as a sustainable model of ecological preservation.

The village gets its name through ancient Apatani mythological stories, in which people of a tribe named Ziro were the original inhabitants of this land and the Apatanis migrated to this territory from Tibet during the 6th century, when they

were forced to practice Buddhism instead of their own tribal faith. Even today, the Apatanis are one of the very few tribes of the Arunachal professing their own tribal religion known as 'Donyi-poloism' (Donyi - Sun, Polo - moon).

It is a most tedious yet adventurous task to get to Ziro. It is surely not a walk in the park. At the outset one is faced with an archaic British rule where one has to procure an 'Inner Line Permit' to enter Arunachal Pradesh. This rule was introduced by the British to restrict the entry of British subjects without permission to the tribal land. Even after gaining freedom this rule is practiced in Free India, which is quite disconcerting. Luckily, the Arunachal Pradesh Government has streamlined the process by issuing the permit online.

Before one can even heave a sigh of relief, one is faced with the arduous task of actually traveling to Ziro. A distance of nearly 3000 kilometers, it takes about 4 days to complete it without a break. At the most, one can beat it by a day if flying to Guwahati fits the bill. After reaching Guwahati, one needs to go to Lakhimpur which is at

the border of Assam and Arunachal and from there, one has to board a Sumo to reach Ziro. Early chronicles by Shihabuddin Bayazid Shah detail the grueling terrain one has to experience to reach Ziro. He quotes, "it is another world, another people and other customs. Its roads are frightful like paths leading to the nook of death, fatal to life is its expanse like the unpeopled city of Destruction." Thankfully, as of now, due to the improvements it might not be so dangerous as is chronicled but one still has to hold one's breath while driving through the hilly terrain bordered with deathly hollows seaming the steep valley. Heart beats for the commendable dexterity of the drivers who drive through these valleys in a Sumo, filled with nearly 12 passengers and their luggage which at times might include baskets of chicken, as if they were born with these skills.

Once the fear is set aside, traveling through this rocky terrain is a mystical experience to say the least. As one leaves the plains of Assam and enters the hilly terrain of Arunachal, the landscape chang-

es and so does the weather. Dense forests embody the natural surroundings. Fog is an indispensable element of this place, irrespective of the season, dropping the visibility nearly to zero in winters. Hats off to the drivers again. After almost 6-7 hours of driving, we finally reach a small town before Ziro, Hapoli. Approximately 10 kms ahead is Old Ziro consisting of 7 small villages known as Bastis of the Apatani people and the view is mesmerising. Apatanis are agriculturists by profession and have been praised for their unique method of rice cultivation. Ziro is the kingdom of rice fields! These rice fields are cultivated in their own traditional way, without using animals or modern machinery and yet deliver a very good yield which suffices their own and the neighboring tribes. Their rice fields are irrigated through small canals or channels. The most unique feature of these rice fields is that it not just grows rice but also rears fish.

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Yes, the Apatani practice is known as paddy-cum-fish culture and along with that they also grow millet on the elevated partition bunds between the rice plots. (So from their rice fields they get a full rice plate!) Every Apatani house has a small kitchen garden where they grow vegetables with the help of the water and waste materials from the kitchen. Utilization of available resources is what the Apatanis

teach us and this can be practiced by the so-called modern and educated people. With the breathtaking landscape and simple living of the Apatani tribe, this quaint town offers its visitors a view to a harmonious synergy of man and nature. One has to experience the hospitality and living of this simple tribe to really understand the diversity on this planet.



## 5 Places For a College Student to Visit

- 1. Indian Island Andaman** - If your group has travelled on all of the Indian soil, try plunging into the deep Indian Waters! Jet pack to Havelock Island, go snorkeling beneath the azure waters to witness the splendid coral reefs, only to come back with unforgettable sights.
- 2. Rediscover Fraternity in Punjab** - Feel the remains of the traumatic Jallianwala Bagh, fill yourself with patriotism watching the Indian Army parade at the Wagah Border and embrace your spiritual self at the Golden Temple. Punjab sights will invoke a sense of purpose and the Punjabi nightlife will cement your friendships again. After this trip, as you head back to college you will have changed views about religion, nationality and brotherhood.
- 3. The Rajasthan Ruins of Bhangarh** - If your group has had enough small time spooky thrills, pack your bags and visit India's most famous haunted place, the ruins of Bhangarh! Located in Alwar, Rajasthan; you need to be around the place after sundown for some serious adrenaline rush. In Bhangarh, you'll find out who is the real brave one and the real scaredy-cat amongst your friends.
- 4. Skiing in Auli** - Go skiing in the Himalayan Mountains of Auli, Uttarakhand; and nobody will be able to catch up with you! Surrounded with magnificent Oak Forests and enthralling views of Mana Parbat and Neelkanth, Auli is one of the best skiing destinations of India. If Switzerland is too expensive and far away, you can still ski on your budget.
- 5. Metro-Love** - Take trips to the rest of the Metropolitan cities of India. Live for at least 5 days in each city, grab a local map, take a look at how the rest of the townies live, and explore the everyday lives and transitions of each city. Only when you feel the pulse of the street will you realize that urban tourism is just as equally enticing as all the other exotic tourist spots.

## 5 Things You'll Relate to If You Are a Traveler at Heart.

**1. Spontaneous plans:** All your travel plans have been spontaneous. You think of a place, pack your bags and leave. Well-planned trips are not for a traveler. He doesn't visit, he explores.

**2. Maps and compass:** Maps give you a sense of satisfaction. They are not just geographical representations; they define all that you are and all that you are yet to be.

P.S: You may even have a compass tattoo already, or is it still on your wish-list?

**3. Luggage packing hacks:** You have travelled so much that carrying maximum luggage in a small bag is a usual thing for you. You know how to save on space and often end up giving packing tips to others.

### **4. Home sick? What is that?**

Travel doesn't make you home sick anymore. It has given you the best life lessons and now when you turn back, you realize that it just takes you to places away from home that feel like home. Travel brings you closer to yourself, closer to home.

**5. Wanderlust is not always pocket-friendly:** You are always broke with all the money invested in the next trip already. Yes, I say invested, because it gives you happiness as returns. Like that dress at Zara or that newly launched iPhone? Sorry, you can't buy them unless of course, you are willing to compromise on your Leh-Ladakh trip budget.

**Mitali Parulekar**

## 5 Things To Do While Traveling

**1. Mingle with new people** - Different places, different people, different thoughts, and different beliefs! Mixing with new people helps one gain new perspectives, new experiences and most importantly-new friends!

**2. Write - That Mountain!** That starry night! That sunrise! Those awesome people! Pen down your travel experiences! You'll love reliving them in future.

**3. The unusual** - Go meet the locals. Drink water from a fresh stream flowing nearby. Go to the less famous areas of a land. It's the roads less travelled by where you'll find the undiscovered!

**4. Flexibly disciplined** - Make concrete plans, but be open to modifications. It's okay if you diverge a bit from your course. You might find yourself on a wonderful journey, a few moments after you think you're lost!

**5. Souvenir** - Make sure you bring something back while returning! Every place has something to give, teach and share! It might be a new mindset, new habit, new perspective, or a new you!

**Kushal Chedda**

## 5 Reasons Why You Need To Travel This Summer

**1. Food** - If you think the Chicken Cheese Fries in Burger King are the best to have ever grazed your tongue, you haven't yet tasted the Sushi from Jewel Bako's in New York. Or the éclairs from L'éclair de génie.

The point is, if not for anything, travel for the sake of food.

**2. Stories** - Traveling will give you an abundant source of interesting stories to tell. You get to be the Uncle Jim who tells the best stories at parties without even trying. In the words of Ibn Battuta, "Travelling - it leaves you speechless and then turns you into a storyteller."

**3. Confidence** - If you have lived in a place where you didn't know three words from the language people spoke around you, you're definitely on your way to being enormously self-confident. Your social skills improve greatly as you become efficient at making good conversation once you've conversed with a variety of people.

**4. Humility** - Outside your town, lies a world that is full of opportunities and experiences waiting to be lived. Once you open that door, you also make room for humility in your heart, which you learn as a consequence of looking at the bigger picture.

**5. Coming back home** - Nothing surpasses the feeling of coming back home after a long trip across the world. Your heart might just explode with the happiness. One must travel because "It is worth going out in the cold for the sake of the comfort of coming in."

**Sae Patkar**



# *Fantasy Chocolates*

**APURVA TUDEKAR AND GAYATRI GODBOLE**

“You know, I live a monastic life. No, I do. I do live in extremes, basically. I go back and forth. Once every six months, I’ll have a day where I eat more chocolates than has ever been consumed by a human being.” -Jim Carrey

**Open Forum**

# “ One can never really write enough on chocolates.”

Ever wondered why chocolates are the most loved sweets all over the world? Chocolates have an appeal across all age groups. From a six year old to a sixty year old, chocolates are indeed the most irresistible and tempting, for obvious reasons - its caramelized texture and scrumptious taste which actually melts in our mouth. Despite being high in fat content, chocolate doesn't appear to raise blood cholesterol levels. Here are some interesting facts about chocolates- Hershey's Kisses got their name from the kissing sound the machine that deposits the chocolate on the conveyor belt makes.

The first chocolate bar was invented in 1847 by Joseph Fry.  
A 2004



study in London found that 70% of the people would reveal their passwords in exchange of a chocolate bar.

When it comes to chocolates, the city of Mumbai is a paradise for Choco-lovers. Some of the best places are:

- 1) **Oven Fresh** (Dadar West) - It's a hugely popular place as it offers everything from Belgian chocolates, chocolate torte to chocolate pistachios. The Chocolate Tasting Festival that takes place every year in the month of October is a great hit among the customers
- 2) **Bangalore Iyengar Pure Veg Bakery** - It has branches in Dadar, Malad, Dahisar, etc .This bakery is very well known for its fresh chocolate products like chocolate cake, chocolate nankatai and chocolate cup cakes. The price is very reasonable and is great value for money.
- 3) **Markiv's** (Churchgate) opposite Eros theatre -The crunchy chocolate cake,

choco chips, chocolate truffle are major attractions.

4) **Birdie's Taj** - Soft centred luxury chocolates, hand moulded whole nut chocolates are the famous chocolate delicacies found at Birdie's and it is a must try for all chocolovers.

5) **Pure Sin (Khar)** - Pure Sin offers a range of chocolates and are liked especially for their taste and personalized packaging. Daze of Hazel, Almond Mud Pie and Charlee Brown are strongly recommended.

If you wish to gorge on chocolate whenever you feel like, here is an easy recipe with chocolate in some simple steps:

## **Chocolate Cookies**

- Pre-heat the oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Place butter and sugar in a large bowl and mix well.
- Add an egg and vanilla essence and mix again.
- Sieve in 50 grams of flour and salt to

mix and combine well. Add cut chocolate (not too finely cut). Mix together and roll balls of mixture and flatten them like cookies, placing on a baking tray with baking parchment on. Be careful, don't put the cookies too close together.

- Place them in the pre-heated oven for 7-10 minutes.
- Garnish using different types of chocolates.

Source: [bbcgoodfood.co.uk](http://bbcgoodfood.co.uk)

Every person indulges in chocolates be it in times of joy or grief; some call it the ultimate 'comfort food'. Shows like Sugar Stars, Cake Wars are examples of the amount of passion that people still have towards desserts, especially our beloved chocolate. One can never really write enough on chocolates. It is like a delicious piece of chocolate cake you just want to have more and more of.

# Is Perfect Angle Breaking the Chord with Life ?

**#selfie**, the term used these days! Ever wondered how renowned it is? So much so that it was listed among the top Buzzwords of the year in the Time Magazine 2012 and was termed the Oxford Dictionary's Word of the year in 2013. So why has this art form become so popular in last few years? Actually, selfies are not new; the first selfie was taken in 1839 by Robert Comelius. However in recent times mobile phones have brought them in limelight.

A selfie is nothing but a self-portrait photograph captured by oneself using a digital camera or mobile with front facing camera. People give multiple poses ranging from the duck face, to the discrete pouting, to the funny trying to

be cute face. People not only take numerous selfies but also crazily upload them on various social networking sites, eventually giving rise to a generation which measures their popularity by the number of likes they get. Many mishaps have happened due to this craze. More than 50 deaths have been reported since 2014 out of which 19 deaths have occurred in India.

Though selfies lie largely within the sphere of normalcy, in some situations it has been seen going of hand, leading to severe distress interrupting the beauty of life. Psychological studies have also found that this addiction leads to various mental disorders, emotional instability, low self-esteem, etc. A man accidentally

shot himself while taking a selfie with a loaded gun.

Selfies have various benefits. One of the remarkable advantages is that everyone can fit in one picture. It helps people to express themselves, feel good about them and make some good memories. It does help in boosting one's confidence! People like to appreciate the way they look and also love to flaunt it. Usually others get annoyed when constantly asked to click photographs, so when technology allows us to help ourselves, why hesitate?

This leads to a final question: are selfies risky by nature, or is the only dangerous component the underlying behaviour that accompanies them?

**Prachi Shah**

# Dipped in Blue!

**Saakshi Gupta**

As the years go by, you slip them and the memories they contain between plastic sheets in your album of souvenirs. They gather dust, and get shifted from the most accessible spot - right there, to that place above the cupboard, the one saved for things which are not of immediate use - out of reach. And then one day your surroundings get dipped in a dreamy blue of nostalgia. Sudden or with reason, the nostalgia sinks into you, engulfs you and plays you like a puppet, taking your hand

and making it reach into the foggy recesses of a corner which is out of reach. It plays you a tinted vintage movie starring those who told you to 'keep in touch, okay?' and those who do. The albums keep filling up, but you still find yourself flipping backwards, the details missing and the facts blurred, but the comfort of the washed out memories remaining warm and unchanged.

# Must Listen

Sawri Madkaikar

In keeping with the theme of Superheroes, here are some songs dedicated to the Man of Steel and the Dark Knight. Add them to your playlist for some superhuman inspiration.

## 1. R. Kelly, "Gotham City" (1997)

Recorded and penned for the 1997 "Batman & Robin" film soundtrack, this R. Kelly track reached the top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100 chart, named after the skyline Batman protects. The song revered the fictional city made famous by the DC comic, paying tribute to Bruce Wayne's crime-ridden home, it paints a violent picture. But the chorus contradicts, showing the Gotham that Bruce Wayne is fighting to create with the lyrics about the city of justice, love and peace.

## 2. Panic! At the Disco, "Mercenary" (2011)

Written for the "Batman: Arkham City" video game soundtrack, Panic! At the Disco's "Mercenary" takes a more subtle approach to the story of the caped crusader. The lyrics focus on the guilt Bruce Wayne experiences while others are caught in a Batman-induced crossfire. The song's Batman-connection is vague until a villainous voiceover pops up halfway through and taunts him for his hidden feelings and rage.

## 3. Three Doors Down, "Kryptonite" (2000)

It's common to boast about superheroes, especially the ones that are as indestructible as Superman, but this track is all about weakness - named for the one substance that could bring DC Comics' superhuman down i.e. Kryptonite. 3 Doors Down in its highest-charting song to date deals with the failure of our heroes and our reaction to that.

## 4. Tevar, "Main Toh Superman, Salman Ka Fan" (2015)

Sung by Wajid Khan, this song in Amit Sharma's Tevar (2015) was dedicated to Salman Khan and The Man of Steel himself. Music director Sajid-Wajid and lyricist Kausar Munir produced this song to the power and undefeated-ness that superheroes and celebrities invoke in us. The music video starring Arjun Kapoor became widely popular and it became a catchy tune.

## 5. Salil Kulkarni, "Superman" (2010)

This is an epic Marathi song that shows the vulnerability of Superman and his problems. It features in the Aggubai-Daggubai soundtrack. How do superheroes manage our expectations and how they solve their own dilemmas is one of the themes of this song.

# Tiny Tales

Radhika Raghupathy

Today, when I see her, she is still hovering around in my mind like she used to years ago when she was my 'crush'. She smiles at me asking, "What do you want for breakfast today?"

He was Javed and she was Meera. They were never allowed to speak to each other. If smiles were words, then they had already exchanged hundreds of love letters!

# Tech Tricked



**Dreality!**



**Real Hobbits?**

## ADIOS!

**Tuzko firse jalwa dekhana hi hoga,  
Agle baras aana hi aana hi hoga!**

**It was quite a thrill to work in this column which not only contributed to our skills, but also helped us grow and nourish a skill of writing what is near and dear to our heart.**

**So bye guys, signing off for the year 2015-16. Next year, new edition, new faces, new topics. But jabtak suraj chaand rahega Technology ka naam rahega!**

**But,**

**With a tear in the eye and  
Aspiring towards the new sky!**

**Team Tech-tricked 2015-2016**

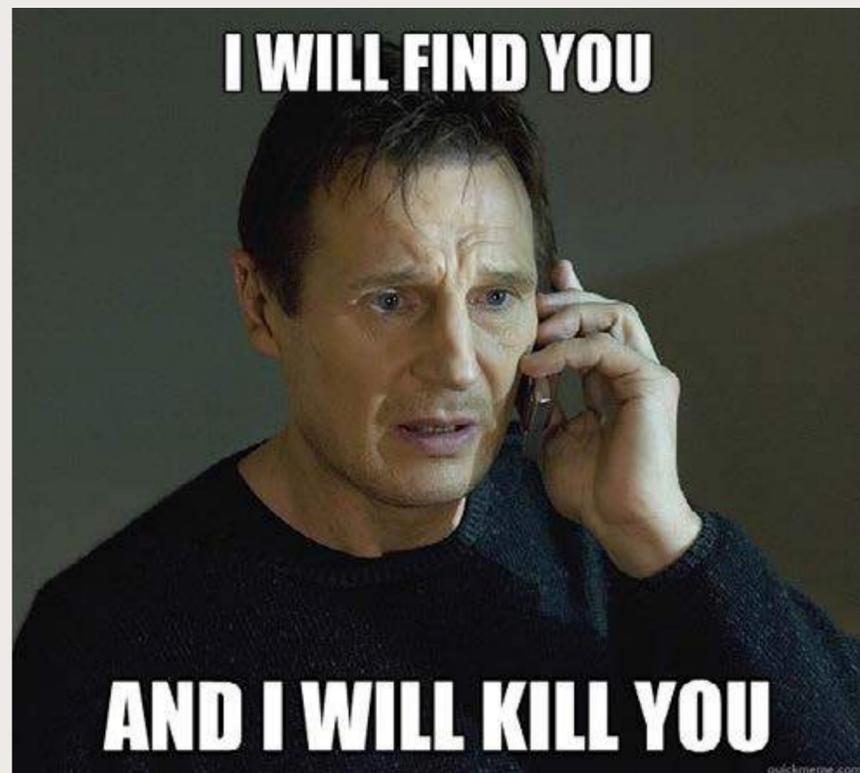
**Bye :')**



**All About Memes**



**Internet Vigilatism**



# All About Memes

Ever felt that an image remained dug into the deepest depths of your soul, and even though you saw it just a second ago, it feels like it has been known to you forever? No, I'm not talking about the greats like Da Vinci, what you saw was a meme.

An Internet meme is an activity, concept, catchphrase or piece of media which spreads, often as mimicry, from person to person online. It could be anything ranging from a funny cat picture with a funny caption to a dialogue from a favourite TV show.

Memes are meant to make you feel accepted, even

if you are as socially awkward as the socially awkward penguin. No matter how forever alone you are, you can find thousands of others who are forever alone just by seeing who else has shared the meme. World peace could probably be achieved through memes because of how universal they can be. If enemies shared and liked each other's memes they can no longer be considered enemies because they have connected on that extremely deep level.

And yes, it is pronounced as "meem", if you pronounce it as me-me, I don't know who you are, but I'm going to find you and kill you.

## 'Hobbits' are Real!

When JRR Tolkien wrote about the tiny playful humans of the Shire, it was a figment of fantasy. But recent researches suggest that Hobbits were, in fact, real. They inhabited the lush green island of Flores in Indonesia.

The remains of these halflings, or scientifically homo floresiensis, were first discovered in 2003 in the Liang Bua cave. Evidences suggest that these distant cousins of ours were also hunters who stood erect at a height of three and a half feet and made stone tools. Seem very much like family, don't they?

But not so much. The size of their brain amounted to upto 1/3rd the size of homo sapiens. The bone structure of their hands was also greatly dissimilar to ours. And more importantly, they lived on a secluded island, that is, until the sapiens arrived.

Evidences suggest that they existed about 60,000 years ago, which means they might have even outlived the neanderthals. Some scientists contend that the homo floresiensis might've crossed paths with the homo sapiens often with disastrous consequences. Most anthropologists believe that it is not mere coincidence

that the period of their extinction relates to the arrival of homo sapiens in the region.

Intolerance, though a word of political consequence right now, is probably one of the detrimental survival instincts that made homo sapiens the dominant species of the planet. We have not spared any species that is unlike us. Be it our 'homo' brothers or the beasts of jungle, water or sky, we've driven most of them to extinction to ensure our survival. In a sense, this is a good thing, and in a sense, it isn't.



# The Vigilante Internet

The Internet is truly one of the most amazing innovations of our society today. From social media to engaging in the world of information and learning, there isn't anything that you can do on the Internet that remains a secret these days. With the government tracking online activity, and fellow community members able to conduct research on others, it can be hard to do something online and expect to get away with it, especially these days. This includes crime. The people who are breaking the law and are of immoral character seem to suffer under the sin of vanity, meaning that they can't stay quiet about their crimes. But to solve these crimes, sometimes the

best detectives are regular people who hang out behind computer screens.

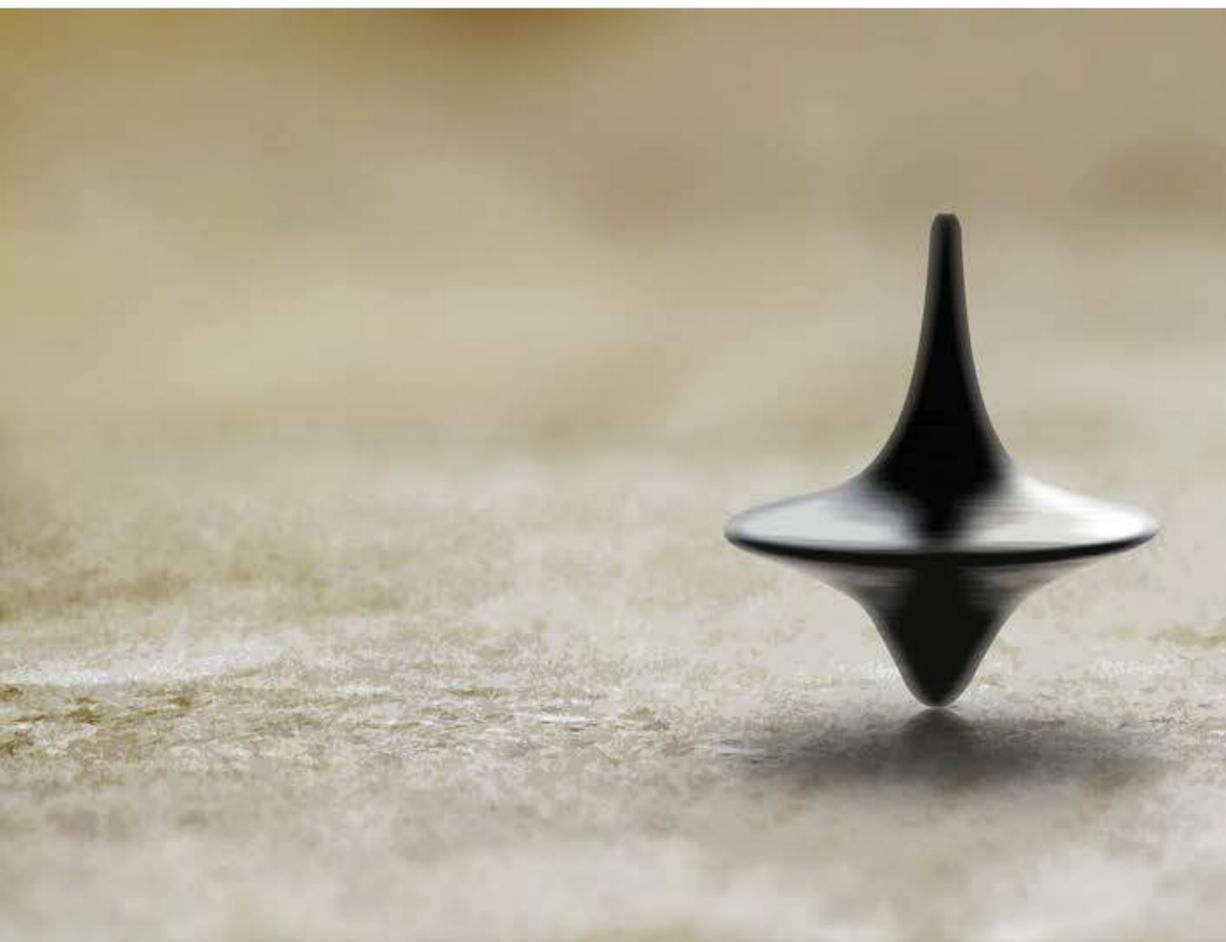
Of course, if there is any group that has made solving crimes via Internet a true art form, it is the hacktivist group, "Anonymous". After declaring war on paedophiles and online predators in 2011, Anonymous has brought down over 41 paedophile websites and reported over 1,500 names of predators to the FBI for further investigation. Anonymous is still going strong to this day, making the Internet a safer place thanks to their vigilante techniques. Social media has also had a big hand in solving crimes. After a hate crime against a gay couple occurred, media outlets released the surveillance

footage, hoping that the public could help police identify the people in the video. Luckily, Twitter users rose to the occasion and began retweeting the video and sharing it all over the Internet. Eventually, someone was able to identify the people in the video after they checked into the location on Facebook, and they were arrested and brought to justice. Then we have crooks that accidentally report themselves. For example, Randy Schaefer discovered that his truck was broken into, and \$5,000 cash and his iPad were stolen. Randy was going to try to move on from the incident, until he noticed that the robbers were recording videos and taking pictures with the iPad,

unaware that it was being uploaded to Randy's iCloud account. (Thank the Cloud!), The police eventually caught up with the crooks and arrested them.

All these crimes were solved only because of the mighty internet. As much as this topic is debatable as to how Internet can solve crimes, it also remains to be the hub where most crimes are generated. We won't argue about what's right or what's wrong, it's just that when you think of internet as bad news, just consider the positive aspects of it.

# DREALITY



## Did the Top Fall?

In 2010, we were presented with another one of Christopher Nolan's masterpieces, 'Inception', a movie that gripped the public for almost a year, but why? When I first saw the film, I was in too much awe to even comprehend the alternatives to the climax and question the realities exhibited in the dream world that Nolan introduced us to, but after the third and fifth watch I started to question some of the concepts in this world and what they lead to. The movie, apart from serving as a 148-minute action-packed science fiction heist thriller, also doubled up as a really mind boggling mystery story wherein we are left with the question at the end as to whether the protagonist "Dom Cobb" played by Leo is really dreaming or not. SPOILER ALERT if you haven't seen it yet! The concept of totems was a really elegant one; specialized arti-

facts designed to lucidly explain the subtle nuances between dream and reality.

Did the top fall?

While this question plagued the internet and almost took it over for a year after the debut of the film, psychologists and experts started digging deep into the paradoxes and limbos of the movie and they came up with very interesting and game-changing conclusions. The answer to the question as to whether or not the top falls is clouded with uncertainty and, with all due respect, does not matter. The reason is as thus follows: let us look at the totems of some of the characters in the plot. Ariadne uses a Bishop, only she knows the direction in which it falls. Arthur uses a loaded die such that only he knows which side it falls on and which number will be on top. Eames uses a casino chip from

Mombasa with the spelling for Mombasa spelt wrong, only he knows the difference. All these totems work by malfunctioning in the dream world. Cobb's totem, on the other hand, works differently. It works the other way round, it topples when in reality and spins on and on in the dream world, but look here smarty pants, there's a hole in the plot. Riddle me this, if you were dreaming a dream, how would you imagine the top to behave. Obviously it should topple. The logic behind every totem is that its behaviour should be unique in the real world and ordinary in the dream, but the top doesn't behave that way. The logic is flawed. Its behaviour in the real world is ordinary and unique in a dream. COBB WAS ALWAYS DREAMING.

# Pentactus

## PART FOUR

**Robert felt something prick his neck** from behind. Wondering what it could be, he slowly turned, only to be surrounded by strong, dark figures. He found himself being pointed at by sharp, spiky weapons. Robert saw the nomadic weapons and realized that the figures surrounding him were probably the members of 'The Lost Tribe'. As they were standing against the sun, Robert wasn't able to recognise their faces. When his vision was better, he saw a combination of anger and amusement on the faces of these men in dreadlocks. These six men surrounding him were tall, dark, and with rugged skin and a huge, strong muscular line. Their skin colour was a shade darker than the fair complex-

ion and was mixed with a tinge of orange hue, which Robert concluded was due to overexposure to the sun. They had tied their long brownish black hair into dreadlocks, which looked like a rope. They wore an animal hide-like draping around their torso, which Robert understood to be the thin bark of a tree which he had never seen before. Their upper bodies were naked, without any ornaments or decorations, but all of them wore lockets which were similar to the inscriptions he had seen on the tree.

These tribal men were certainly not pleased to see Robert in their territory, because just as he tried to move, one of them hit him on his right shoulder with the base of a spade. Robert, now in pain, tried to

save himself by randomly moving his limbs in possible directions, to block their attacks and distract them with the movement of his hands and feet. As Robert moved away from the tree, towards the forest, he realized that he was able to block their attacks to a certain extent only. Finally, one of them, the strongest and the tallest of them all, hit Robert hard on his head with his hand. Robert staggered to his feet, with everything starting to look hazy, and moved his eyes in all directions so as to seek support from something, anything, nearby. As he was searching for something to hold on to, his eyes met the eyes of his attacker. When he looked into the eyes of the tribal, a chill ran down his spine; the heavy-bodied man was

looking into Robert's eyes with a different type of determination. As Robert continued looking in his eyes, he was caught in an out-worldly trance.

He felt his body become light and weightless. The pain in his head vanished as if he were never ever hit. The tribal men came close to him and two of them held him by his shoulders and started carrying him towards the forest. Robert didn't resist them, more like, he couldn't resist them. The strongest of them walked in the front as though leading them. He saw two of the tribal men carrying his belongings - his torch, bag, hoodie; they were glancing weirdly at the book and the map. "How considerate they are", Robert said to himself.

As he was being carried away, Robert finally started observing the path, the trees and the sounds. The trees were very different from the ones Robert had ever seen in his life. Their leaves were longer and some of them were crooked at the end. The trees were extraordinarily tall and the trunks were hard and rough-textured, revealing their ages to be around a century at the least. Robert was unable to identify the trees. He was brought into an open space. At the first glance, he

thought it was an open playground like the ones he had seen opposite his University, but later, he realized that he was at the centre of the place where important discussions were held, like that of a 'Sabha' or a 'Samiti', which he had once seen during his delegate visit to India. There were tribal men all around him. Some of them looked old. Standing in front of him was a middle-aged person with wrinkled skin and a stooped back, but he seemed to be very strong and powerful. Beside

him was a round faced and charming woman, whom Robert thought to be his wife. Robert stared at them and thought that the man seemed to be the 'Chief' of the tribe as he had an air of superiority around him. He was wearing a different kind of locket from that of the others and his outfit and appearance seemed very grand and important. The moment both of their eyes met, the Chief stood, looking astounded, and said, "Noeundo hoash...It cannot be true!"

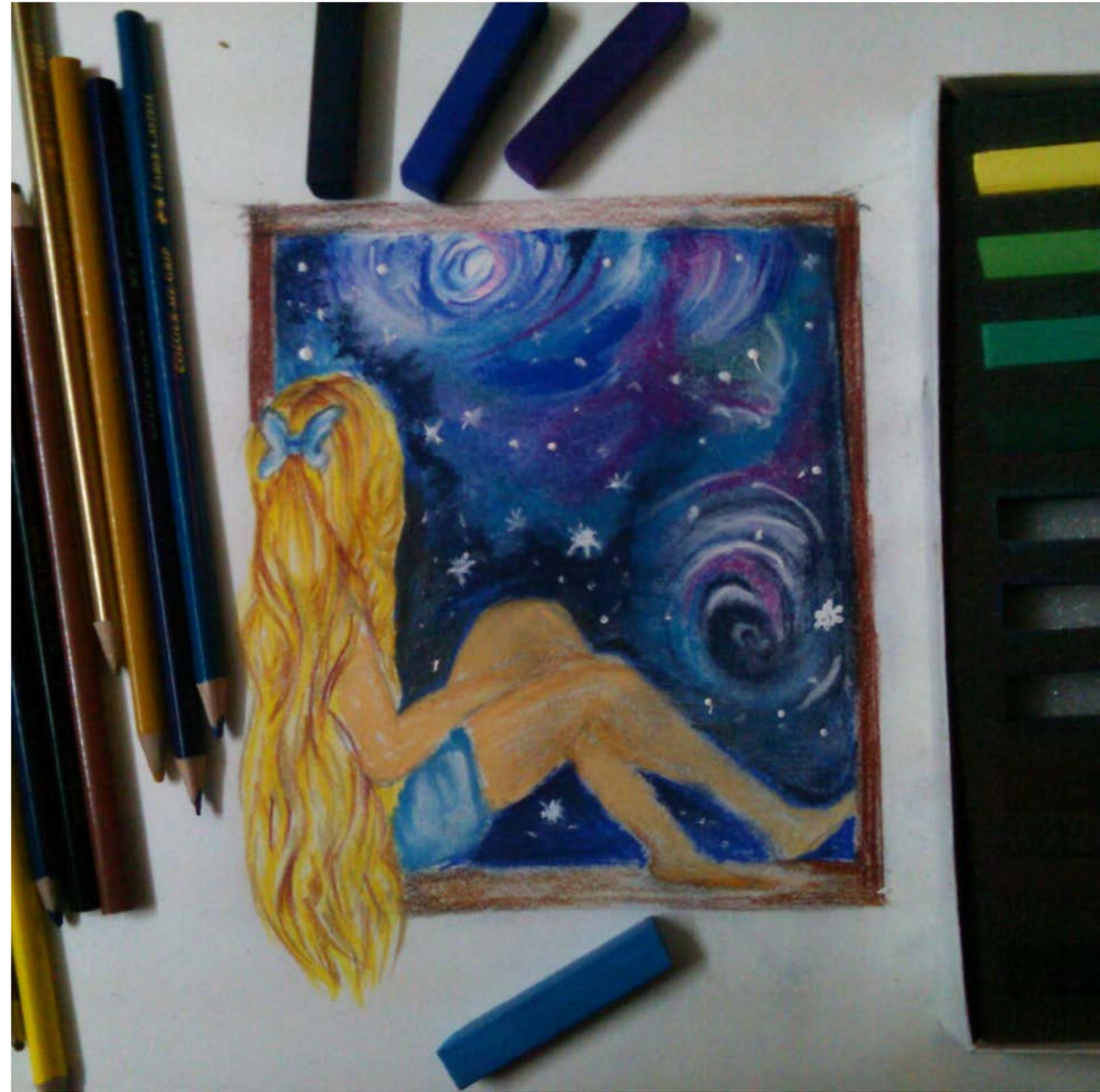




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**Bharvi Sawant**



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TLO (THE LITTLE OBSERVER)

APRIL 2016

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VACATIONS... BUT...



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...RESULTS!!



# Leadership Lessons from Ramayana

Leadership, with its own markedness in most fields about the alignment of thought or action of a group for a pre-determined cause. It is about taking charge and developing a vision, sharing it with others and influencing them to follow your vision.

Ramayana is one of the most sacred epics for Hindus. It is one of the best examples of Hinduism through storytelling via oral means in the form of traditional ballads or even by means of poetry. This epic also puts emphasis on leadership skills that are relevant to a present-day standpoint and they will also be admissible to future context. This holy script epic explains the leadership qualities in the most subtle ways possible.

Skills like Career Skills, Attitude Formation, Personality of a good leader - Ram had them all. The Maryada-Purushottam. Maryada (Limit or Boundary) generally relates to humans. The God is considered to be superior from human nature. Since Rama behaved like a human and never showed his avatar rahashya, he was treated fully as a respectful human and hence Rama was called Maryada Purushottam.



Attitude is all about managing ourselves and managing our relations with others was taught to the readers when Rama made his Vaanar Sena, how to align the teams' goal to build up a ladder to success. Rama did not just help himself out in the whole process of releasing the abducted Sita, but he kept the goals of the ones who helped in the whole process, like Sugreeva or Shabri.

Personality management proves to be important as we all deal with people day in and day out. Different people have different perspectives different attitudes, so basic principles of human psychology prove to be very important. Rama, with his delegating skills (the art of making others work for us), shows this trait of leadership to the readers.

Rama's life and journey are one of perfect adherence to dharma despite harsh tests of life and time. The positive determination can change lives to good. An example of Rama's positive determination in keeping his vow to his parents, at all times, as a token of gratitude to parenthood. A sign of a good leader. He handled adversity instead of running away from it and faced it boldly. How you adhere to your values and ethics in the toughest times decide your leadership

qualities.

Not only the protagonist Rama but his ardent devotee, prove to be a good leader. Hanuman was in charge of the search for Sita. He searched entire Lanka several times but in vain. But deep within his heart, he was strongly determined to meet her and only then return back to his Lord. .And he did it! He found Sita, gave her Rama's message, went back to Rama to convey Sita's message in return. Everyone in the monkey's army along with Rama & Lakshmana appreciated Hanuman's accomplishment.

A leader cannot do his job all by himself. So, leaders hire those who can find solutions for them. While searching for Sita, Rama & Lakshmana happened to meet Kabandha, a demigod who suggested them to see Sugriva, a king of monkeys residing on Rsyamuka Hill. Rama realized that hiring Sugriva would be the first step towards success in finding Sita.

Here even the antagonists show great leadership skills.

Innovation, another trait of a leader is seen when during the war when Indrajit realized that it is difficult to defeat Rama decided to play a trick on him. He brought an illusionary Sita in the battlefield and slashed her to death. Indrajit

*“Preparation phase is more important than the action phase.”*

could think out of the box.

Ability to just deliver is not always as important as the ability to deliver on time. Before the war commenced, during the planning phase Sugriva saw Ravana sitting atop the northern gate of his palace. Sugriva him Ravana but returned a failure as he could not fight back Ravana's mystic powers.

Preparation phase is more important than the action phase. As part of the planning phase, Rama also performed sacrifices to increase his potency unlimitedly. Indrajit thus paid more attention to preparation phase as he knew that it was more important than the actual phase of action.

Ramayana makes an attempt to touch base upon most of the important skills and has an implicit reference to most of these skills through various characters that appear in it.

**Bhakti Panchal**  
**FYBA**

**Students' Corner**

# God in You

You sit and blame your critics and problems,  
You curse God for not helping you solve them,  
But how you don't realise God is around?  
Why don't you feel his presence profound!  
And why do you expect and wish he should come,  
When something bad happened in front of you, you  
kept mum!  
The road accident which yesterday you witnessed,  
Why like everyone else you stood with folded  
hands?  
He was alive, he was breathing, he could have been  
saved,  
But how in none of you humanity did crave?  
Begging for life, expecting someone's help, he died  
on the road,  
Shame on you, that you left him dead cold!  
At that moment you could have been a God to him,  
But not helping him out, you just committed another  
sin!  
Until you realise and seek the God in you,  
Get ready to face problems, everyday new !  
God is not there high up in the blue skies,  
It's within you and in people like you he resides!  
Don't compress and kill the god within,  
Don't end up the precious life you're living!  
Yesterday it was him tomorrow it might be you,  
Don't wait for God, instead be a God to someone  
else like you!

- Harshada Sansare (SYJC)

अशावेळी पावलांनाही सवय नाही वळायची...  
आता वेळेअभावी पळायची...  
वेगळे अलिप्त असे राहायची...  
असो.....  
पण हळूहळू का होईना आता याची ही सवय होऊन जाईल...  
कॅन्टीन...कट्टरवरचे जगणे आता तिथेच कुठेतरी हरवून जाईल...  
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