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Women now wearing cow costumes for their protection

October 7, 2015, Shridhar Kurlageri

Taking a cue from the status and protection given to cows in our society, women have started wearing cow costumes so they can be more safe in the country.

Many people have claimed this is a brilliant idea that will lower the crimes against women.

“I used to face a lot of eve-teasing on the streets,” said Shilpa Tiwari, a homemaker. “Now, the same people touch my feet to seek blessings,” she added.

A college student in Delhi said that this trend is providing safety and liberty to women.

“I am now allowed to go out at night if I am wearing my cow costume. Previously there was a strict curfew in girl’s hostel, this costume has been a blessing for me and my friends.”

Politicians taking credit

The cow trend has also triggered a political hysteria. Political parties seem to be in the race to take credit for it.

Rahul Gandhi of the Indian National Congress said, “Cow is our mother and I see a cow in every woman.” He further announced his plans for the empowerment of cows and women.

A Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson, however, said, “This is all because of our agitation to save the cows. It created awareness and gave birth to this idea of cow costume.”

Meanwhile, Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar has announced that free cow costumes will be provided to all women in Bihar if he wins the election.

Kindergarten gets costlier as kids demand Apple Pencils

September 13, 2015, Devashish Palkar

In what came as a scathing blow to Apsara and Nataraj – the leading pencil manufacturers in India – Apple has announced the launch of Apple Pencil.

As the super smart kids of the new generation caught the news, demand for Apple Pencils increased among the students of kindergarten especially among those in Senior KG section.

Krish, a 5-year-old boy, studying in Senior KG started throwing tantrums as his mom forced him to wake up and go to school. Krish said he would only go if he was given the new Apple Pencil. To satisfy the toddler, an apple and a pencil were brought to him, but the child declared in his own words, “I ain’t no fool.”

Chota Bheem to market Indian pencils

On the other hand, leading pen manufacturers in India, Cello, Reynolds and Nataraj are also afraid their sales might suffer because of this new product.

“If indeed the kids are given Apple Pencils during their kindergarten, they might not be interested in using pens when they come to class 3, which could really harm our products,” said the CEO of a leading pen manufacturer. However, a solution was soon discovered.

The CEO said, “My kid is also in kindergarten and he is a big fan of *Chota Bheem*. He might not listen to us but he surely listens to *Chota Bheem*. If somehow we can manage him to advertise for regular pencils and pens then we might still succeed in not falling into the tantrum traps for Apple Pencil!”

Meanwhile, sources have confirmed that Rahul Gandhi has started demanding Apple Pencils from mother Sonia Gandhi, saying it’ll help him make digital cheat sheets thus minimizing the risk of getting caught by a photographer.

How much dough will the dowry fetch? An insight into the daughter transaction process

August 5, 2015, Punita Maheshwari

The age-old saying that ‘marriage is a gamble’ has been realized in its truest form with the dowry system still surviving in our so-called modern world.

While parents want to see their kids married and settled, they ensure a good amount of income out of their son’s marriage.

Mrs. Sharma is a housewife whose only wish is to get her NRI son married, especially now that he is rich. “I’ve been waiting for this ever since I knew I had a son. The wedding will help me raise a lot of money,” Mrs. Sharma tells us. “My kitty party club has just increased the charges.”

The doctor has prescribed a monthly dose of kitty parties to ensure three hours of peace for the rest of the family.

The major problem before the Sharma family, however, is that the rate of their obedient son, Lokesh, is not moving beyond Rs. 5 lakh. It is a bad economy after all.

Regularly taking depression pills along with anti-aging pills, Mrs. Sharma has started losing her temper easily.

“I told you to send him to London,” she yells at Mr. Sharma. “Canada NRIs have hit an all-time low in the market. What’ll we do with just 5 lakh? Our *beta* makes that much per month!”

Lokesh, however, being open-minded and modern, thinks that this rate is a fair deal for him, considering that his visa has only five months’ validity. “Mother, I liked the girl we last met. She told me she never had a boyfriend in her life. It will boost my ego to be the first one to open the seal of her romantic world,” he says.

Everyone knows that a virgin wife is worth an extra Rs. 50,000 by herself. This is common knowledge.

However, Mrs. Sharma poured water on his hopes to be the ‘conqueror’ of the girl’s world. “That girl is not very conscious about her looks.

“We will have to spend a lot to buy her appropriate make-up and clothes after the marriage. After all, she has to look the prettiest in the colony at least. This will lessen the dowry fund for my kitty expenses. Sorry *beta*, you will have to compromise.”

“I do not care about money, I am not that superficial,” Lokesh thunders. “For me, a girl’s values and quality matter the most.” He supported this argument by citing the example of OLX, where the first hand items are always priced higher than the second-hand ones.

Finally, the father intervenes. “What about the girl I introduced you to. She is highly educated—”.

Alarmed by the words ‘highly educated’, Mrs. Sharma cuts her husband. “Ohh please, will you tolerate her logical demands and counter her rational arguments after marriage?” she cited her obvious concerns. And that was it, her education was enough to settle her disqualification.

Exhausted by the day-long discussions over ‘fund raising’, Mrs. Sharma got decked up for her kitty party where she will be discussing dowry extortion tips from other civilized people.

Times of India on the list of porn websites blocked by the government

August 3, 2015, Pratul Bagri

In a revelation that has shocked the Times of India and Times of India only, they have found themselves on the list of porn websites blocked by the government.

While the media giant is desperately trying to rectify this, there has been an unrest among its audience.

“After a hectic day, I just want to sit down, unzip my pants and look at the latest cleavage shot on the Times of India,” said Mr. Pyare, a dedicated ToI user.

“This moral policing is an attack on my personal liberty, what I do in my free time, with my hand, is a business between me, my hand and ToI, there is no third person involved...well sometimes there is but that is not the point.”

“I’ll see if I can torrent the Times of India content, if not, I already have 20 GB worth of porn from my second favourite website—Brazzers,” Mr. Pyare added.

To protest against this ban on porn, social activists are planning a candlelight march at Janpath and calling it “The nightfall candlelight vigil.”

Supreme Court bans Raghu Ram’s mouth because of its adult content

Conforming to the Indian values of *sanskriti* and culture, the Supreme Court has issued a gag order on the popular reality TV show host, Raghu Ram.

Temporarily designating Mr. Raghu a status of “U/A”, the Supreme Court has said that until Mr. Ram is cleared by the censor board the gag order will persist.

“I think this a very wise decision and we are hoping that his brother will share the same fate,” a government official admitted.

“It is important that we protect our children from his fucked up language,” he added.

If internal sources are to be believed, the censor board will make Raghu Ram carry a sign board with him at all the times, which says, “This human being is rated MAL, viewers discretion is advised.”

The gag order put by the Supreme Court is quite literal in the sense. As in, Mr. Raghu Ram’s mouth has been sealed shut by duct tape to protect everyone in his vicinity from his vile language.

Until the gag order holds, Mr. Raghu Ram is being fed through a tube from his nose.

On being question what he thought about this decision of the Supreme Court, Mr. Ram just said two words,”*Maa muda.*”

Mr. Raghu Ram was last seen trying to access the Times of India and yelling “Banjo! Banjo!” in his frustration.

Fed up with flooded Mumbai roads, man invents flying cars from sci-fi folklore

June 25, 2015, Kumar Pratik

After traffic came to a standstill earlier this week in Mumbai, one man has decided to forever change the course of mankind with a simple idea, the flying car.

Pandit Korchowski, who is a perfect specimen of Indo-Russian love-affair from yesteryears, got down to the business of building the flying car after he was frequently brought to screeching halts by potholes, speed-breakers, fruit-sellers, cows, and snake-charmers.

Korchowski, who has done his B.Tech from Caarda University brought his knowledge of Lev Mag technology from YouTube and put it to good use in building cars that can go as high as 250 metres above the ground and upto speeds of 1000 kmph.

As always, Indian culture behind the success

NTMN learnt that Korchowski was inspired by the concept of *Pushpak Vimana* from mythological series like the *Ramayana* and the *Mahabharata*, and wanted to emulate that in the 21st century. He says, “If they could build a flying car in the age of bows and arrows, where monkeys fought wars instead of humans and divine voice-overs were the closest thing to reliable communication, surely we can build one now.”

Sky is the limit, fuel is the differentiation

After many failed trial-runs, some of which included cheetahs for imparting take-off velocity and others which used whiskey shots for getting the car “high”, the solution of repelling oscillating magnets was found in a research scroll by Korchowski in a scene reminiscent of the Kung Fu Panda movie.

Time for trial by combat

Finally, once Pandit was done with the tweaks to his 90s Volkswagen Polo, he took the car to the top of Gateway of India. Gripped with fear and excitement in equal measure, Pandit Korchowski revved up the engine, fired up the magnetic levitators and drove off the roof into nothingness.

The next thing he knew, he was gliding through the air like Harry Potter in the book Chamber of Secrets, bullying eagles and crows out of the way and racing past low-flying airplanes in the vast empty skies.

Sources have confirmed that, fortunately, unlike Harry Potter, Mr. Korchowski’s UDO, the flying car was not met by the Whomping Willow.

IIT aspirant fails to complete homework; to be tried under Juvenile Justice Act

May 20, 2015, Shridhar Kurlageri

IIT aspirant Raman Singh from Kota has committed the heinous crime of not completing the homework assigned to him.

This act of atrocity has left the entire nation disgusted and has forced the people to consider the morality of everything. The matter was immediately reported to the police and the culprit was arrested.

All the procedures were completed promptly and the case will commence within a week. The prosecution has demanded Raman to be tried as an adult under the new provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, recently passed by the parliament.

“Raman was selected via ‘Bull’s Eye’ selection process and only the best and brightest get through it. He failed to complete his homework and we want to make an example out of him so that no other student repeats this. You see, we have to maintain standards here,” said Mr Sanghi, the physics faculty at the student’s coaching academy.

The teacher defended the prosecution’s move to try Raman as an adult. “He has committed a serious crime. Can’t you see that? If he gets away without cramming and incomplete assignments it will become a trend at our prestigious academy. That is why charges were filed against him under IPC section 504 (disturbing peace and intentional insult) and IPC section 420 (dishonesty and cheating). He deserves to be tried as an adult for such crimes”.

Crime is crime, age does not matter

We also spoke the prosecution lawyer Mr. Crane about this case. On being asked whether the 17-year-old boy deserved such such a treatment, he said, “There is a loophole in our system which allows these young boys to get away with serious punishment. Thank god that now we have a provision with which we can try these criminals as adults. Crime is a crime, it does not matter whether it is committed by a 30-year-old or an 8-year-old. They all should get equal punishment. We will demand that the student gets maximum penalty.”

Meanwhile, every one is looking for an appropriate punishment for the 17-year-old that can satisfy the collective conscience of the whole country.

Green tea against Hindu culture, will do ghar wapsi of green tea drinkers – VHP chief

April 15, 2015, Aashish Aryan

In a not-so-shocking statement, VHP chief Pravin Togadia said that green tea is a western concept and hence they will demand for a public boycott or ban of the product.

According to him, green tea had been brought to India by Christian missionaries seeking to convert gullible desi masala chai drinkers.

He was addressing a crowd near an IT Park, where most of the employees of nearby companies had gathered on the pretext of training. Speaking in chaste Sanskrit, he said “चायं भारतस्य एव परम्परा अस्ति परं, green tea इति तु पाश्चात्यपद्धतिः वर्तते. वयं तत् बहिष्कुर्मः” (Tea is part of Indian culture, but green tea is a Western concept. We will boycott it.) Most of the engineers present there nodded with full understanding.

Elaborating further on the topic, he said that the entire idea of losing weight by drinking green tea was a propaganda to make the Virat Hindu weak before the world. “The concept of dieting is not needed for Hindus. They have to produce 4 children. Do you think such anorexic size zero girls will be able to do that?”

“That is why I oppose green tea, and call for green ghee. Ghee made from cow’s milk which eats only green grass,” he said. Mr. Togadia also said that the VHP karyakartas will convert all the green tea workers by visiting all the IT companies and offering them “*shudh khaanti dudh ka chai*”. Those “willing” to convert will then be taught how to make tea as a part of their “*ghar waapasi karyakram*” and will be offered one packet milk, half kilo sugar and one *Bagh Bakri* tea packet as a welcome gift.

VHP plans to start this *ghar wapsi* drive from Bangalore in South, Noida in North, Kolkata in east and their favourite demigod PM Modi ji’s Gujarat in the west. Akbaruddin Owaisi has already announced his plans to oppose them and promote green tea among the IT company employees.

Tobacco companies to provide free sachet of sacred cow urine with their products

April 4, 2015, Kaushik Rajbongshi

In what seems to be a desperate move of tobacco lobbying, the government is planning to make it mandatory for tobacco companies to provide a free sachet of *gomutra* with their products.

This decision was made in a long debate, on whether tobacco causes cancer or not according to Indian studies.

Both sides were fiercely debated, ancient Ayurvedic manuscripts and Vedas were consulted to resolve the issue but there was no end to the deadlock. A solution was finally reached when a local BJP leader came up with this brilliant breakthrough.

WHO studies are western hence unreliable

Speaking to *Crimes Now*, a leading English news and speculation channel, the BJP leader said, “There can be no agreement on whether tobacco causes cancer. Everyone has different opinion regarding this.

“The WHO reports are unreliable as they are western. The effectiveness of pictorial warnings is also not established. Picture depicting lungs of smokers will have little effect when most people don’t know what normal healthy lungs look like.”

Cow piss is always the solution

“However there is an obvious solution to the problem, there is unanimous agreement that *gomutra* is 100-percent effective in curing cancer and this fact has been established by countless India-specific studies done independently of western agencies, we need a law that makes it mandatory for tobacco companies to provide sachets of *gomutra* with cigarettes, *bidis* and other tobacco products,” the BJP leader explained his logic.

The suggestion has been welcomed by the top BJP leadership and the tobacco companies. Not surprisingly, *bhakt*s have also agreed to this move calling it, “a brilliant solution which reflects the pragmatic attitude of the current government.”

दिल्ली के मैदान में फेंकते फेंकते लपकना ही भूल गए प्रधान-मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी

January 14, 2015, Aashish Aryan

दिल्ली के फ़िरोज़शाह कोटला स्टेडियम में आज एक अद्भुत घटना तब घटी जब एक चैरिटी मैच खेलते वक़्त श्री नरेंद्र मोदी फेंकते फेंकते गेंद को लपकना ही भूल गए। दर्शकों और नवजोत सिंह सिद्धू के अनुसार श्री श्री 1008 मोदी जी जब पिच पर आये, तो पूरे मैदान में एक खलबली सी मच गयी। भक्तों में खुशी की लहर दौड़ गई।

बुजुर्गों को किया रिटायर्ड हर्ट

गेंदबाज़ी और बल्लेबाजी में ताबड़तोड़ प्रदर्शन करते हुए प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने डेवलपमेंट का अनोखा नज़ारा पेश किया। पिच पर कदम रखते ही उन्होंने कमान संभाल ली, तथा तत्कालीन कप्तान धोनी के नक्शे कदम पर चल कर सभी बुजुर्ग खिलाड़ियों को वापस भेज दिया। आरडिनेन्स ओवर का इस्तेमाल करते हुए मोदी ने बड़े बड़े फैसले चुटकी बजाने से पहले ले लिए।

रावलपिंडी एक्सप्रेस की दुगुना गति से फेंकना चालू किया

इस रोमांचक मुकाबले में धोनी, माफ़ कीजिए मोदी अपने सबसे काबिल खिलाड़ियों के साथ उतरे और बिना किसी सलाह-मशवरे के गेंदबाज़ी छोर पर जा खड़े हुए। फिर क्या था, एक पे एक उन्होंने फेंकी, कोई ऊँची कोई नीची, कोई घूमती हुई तो कोई सीधी। बल्लेबाज़ द्रुढ़ ही नहीं पा रहे थे मोदी की गेंदों का कोई भी जवाब।

ओवर समाप्त होने के बाद भी मोदी ने फील्डिंग में अपने जलवे दिखाए। दूसरे फील्डरों से बॉल छीन छीन कर विकेटकीपर की ओर फेंकने में मोदी का कोई जवाब ही नहीं था। ऐसा लग रहा था जैसे मोदी अपने फेंकने के दम पर ही विपक्षी टीम की लुटिया डुबो देंगे।

अंततः गेंद फिसल ही गयी मोदी के हाथों से

पर तभी कुछ आश्चर्यजनक हो गया। विपक्षी टीम के एक शातिर बल्लेबाज ने मोदी की दिशा में कैच उठाया और मोदी गेंद को लपकना तो दूर, उसे छू तक नहीं पाये। बल्लेबाज का नाम भारतीय नागरिक बताया जाता है। उसका कहना है की खेल शुरू होने से पहले उसने ये बात गौर की थी कि मोदी जी फेंकते लंबी हैं, पर लपक ज़रा भी नहीं पाते।

RSS convinces govt to launch kushti classes for men to improve safety of women in India

November 28, 2014, Rahul Tendulkar

After enforcing a strictly vegetarian meal at IIT Delhi with an [HRD directive](#), the RSS has ~~manipulated~~ convinced the Indian Government to launch another indigenous initiative, this time for improving the safety of women in India. The initiative, like its predecessor Swacch

Bharat Abhiyan, will transfer one more government responsibility from its 56-inch chest to the strong shoulders of 1.2 billion of the world's poorest people.

“Pahalwaan samaaj, rakhe naari ki laaj”

Indians have long had a dismal record of women's safety. The new initiative, Surakshit Bharat Abhiyan, also dubbed as the Kushti Seekho Abhiyan encourages Indians to devote two hours a week to *Kushti* (Indian wrestling). The RSS Government believes that if each Indian can become an amateur *Pahalwaan* (wrestler), then they can fulfil Babu's dream of a nation where women feel safe.

The slogan for the mission will be: *Pahalwaan samaaj, rakhe naari ki laaj*. Loosely translated, it means: A wrestler society, defends the honour of its women. It will be launched during Chat Pooja. The winning entry for the design symbol of this latest movement was submitted by a 23 year old member of Durga Vahini from Nagpur. Ganga Joshi drew a black & white figure of the *langot* (a traditional tight undergarment worn by Indian wrestlers).

Akshay Kumar to inaugurate by giving a *dhobi pachaad* to Shakti Kapoor

For the opening ceremony, Bollywood stars Akshay Kumar & Shakti Kapoor have been invited to the Delhi Bus Depot. After the *Akhada Poojan* at 11:27 (as per the auspicious hour calculations); it is believed that Akshay Kumar will give an eve-teasing Shakti Kapoor a *dhobi pachaad* (a famous wrestling move). This will be followed by the Minister of Women & Child Development replicating and practising the *dhobi pachaad* move on Shakti Kapoor and other volunteers of the RSS.

RSS Chief: Karate and Kung Fu strengthen Chinese economy; *Kushti* is our secret weapon

The RSS chief has warned that under no circumstances must Karate or Kung-Fu be substituted for Indian kushti. “As everyone who has seen Bruce Lee movies knows, those are Chinese martial arts. Our jawans are dying at the Chinese border. Learning Karate and Kung-Fu further strengthens the Chinese economy. Did Bheem need Kung-Fu to tear Duryodhana's thighs?” thundered the RSS chief of Aurangabad.

Paani Bachao Abhiyan in the making?

In related news, inside reports suggest that Government may soon launch Paani Bachao Abhiyan. “Indians are deeply embarrassed that even though they can send a rocket to Mars, India does not have enough drinking water. But have Indians ever paused to think that Indians drink far too much water? Everywhere you go, Indians are always offering each other water. In offices, in homes, even to strangers such as the courier boys. The government believes this wastage of water must stop. If our mothers and sisters can survive without water on Karvachaut, why can't all Indians?” a high ranking officer said on condition of anonymity.

The Queen of England scores a 60 percentile in verbal section of CAT, asks, "What sorcery is this"

January 14, 2014, Siddharth Joshi

CAT results are out, and there are many surprises, none bigger than the Queen of England scoring a dwarfish 60 percentile in the verbal section of the CAT. Elizabeth II, who was invited to take the test recently, was shocked beyond her wits when she learned about her percentile, and could only muster the famous line, "What sorcery is this?"

The Queen was invited by the IIMs to promote peace between India and England, as an innovative 'that's how it's done' model of international harmony. But it has all gone awkwardly wrong, and the Buckingham Palace is up for some serious damage control as of now.

Indian winter too hot for the Queen?

Personal secretary to the Royal first Citizen, Todd Burn said in his official statement to the press that even the Indian winter was too warm for the English to handle and that the queen suffered multiple heat-like strokes before the exam commenced. Notwithstanding, the exam was conducted online and her ladyship had the liberty to take it in the luxury of her own personal chambers. Burn has been sacked as a result of his "illogical reasoning".

"English was never English"

There were mixed opinions and statements from the royal family. William was overheard as having quoted, "English was a German language anyway. Who cares, man!" in a soft blue blood American accent. Charles blamed it on the extremely difficult grammatical scale that India has "strangely" started to exhibit lately. "What we taught them a hundred years back was English. I don't understand when did they unlearn that clerical dialect and got hold of this diabolical continuum of words with flabbergasting aspects of complex grammatical paradigms!" he said in an interview to Arundhati Roy who mesmerized the prince with her beauty and charming (read condescending) English.

This has led to fiery debates within the nation about the standard of English being actually too difficult to be cracked by people with backgrounds in other vernaculars. Students with over 5 failed attempts found hope and started demonstrations at Purana Qila, owing to unavailability of Jantar Mantar (booked indefinitely by AAP).

Conspiracy: Did IIMs replace the CAT papers with English diploma papers?

Engineering students in the country, buoyed by the Queen's performance have lambasted the IIMs, alleging that the CAT papers were somehow replaced by English diploma papers.

However, the commerce students rebuffed claims that the CAT was tweaked to give them preference and show the famous “*Babaji ka thullu*” to engineering students.

“A code to crack the Verbal Section”

The IIMs, however refused to accept the allegations and opened their defence with a statement from previous year’s Verbal section topper Ram Lal Shekhavat, who actually happens to be from a Hindi medium school. “The English section is easy. Whatever option you zero in on, you are always going to be wrong. So, the logical solution is to think with your gut and not your head. My mantra as always was ‘eeny meeny miny moe’! You’ll have to figure out what works for you.” (*Statement reported after heavy editing*) The IIMs also refused to disclose which IIM Mr. Shekhavat is currently pursuing his degree from.

Right wing political commentators have welcomed this as a path breaking event in the history of India and have termed this “the ultimate revenge”. Indian HRD Minister M.M.Pallam Raju, meanwhile, explained that the Queen’s performance was atrocious, and that many Indian dignitaries such as Rahul Gandhi and Digvijay Singh registered higher scores at 61 and 62 percentiles respectively.

Concept: Anjali Bisht

New eye-patches available in the market for men who say women should not wear short clothes

December 2, 2013, Kumar Pratik

After a series of hate-mails, angry press conferences and non-stop support for the Facebook game “**Throw a shoe at your favorite politician**“, all organized by a proactive Women Rights’ group, the Supreme Court has decided to take some radical decisions concerning the safety of women in India. Acting on suggestions of an engineering student, the court has decided that a set of new eye-patches shall be available in the market and will be installed, willingly or forcefully, on men who say women should not wear short clothes.

Judge: Men can show skin, why can’t women?

The judge said in comments after his verdict, “It has been brought to the court’s notice that it is none of the business of men what women wear or don’t wear. After all, men have always had the propensity to get bare-chested for no reason in the past (read: Salman Khan). So, why can’t

women wear short clothes as they see fit? They too need the Vitamin D and the tan lines like men do, don't they?"

"My husband used duct tape to cover my skin"

The revolutionary judgment has given all women the license to get any man eye-patched as they deem fit. Some women have utilized this license to get even their own husbands eye-patched. Ambika, who works at the gym as an instructor, said, "He did not like me wearing short clothes, always insisting I wear XXL sarees wrapped around myself a hundred times. This one time, he even tried to use duct tape to cover my skin that the saree could not cover. Talk about being possessive. He got what he deserved."

Engineers not spared

The rule of eye-patches has also been extended to the men who insist women wear only short clothes. Engineering students were seen scrambling for their lives into their almirahs as authorities showed up to install the eye-patches on them.

NTMN caught up with one student, Vaivaa Rambharosey, who seemed agitated. "What the heck man? It was my idea, this whole eye-patch thing. But, why are they rounding up engineering students? We care about women and their short clothes. We want them to feel safe and wear as less clothes as they wish. Why the hostility against us?" By this time, one women rights' activist had got her hands on him, and dragged him with extraordinary strength to the nearby Quarantine room.

According to the rule, an eye-patch, once installed, can only be removed if the man proves himself to be:

- a) Completely fine with women in his friend circle and family wearing short clothes at any time of the day.
- b) Cured of the disease of staring at women in short clothes by the use of this [eye-tonic](#) as prescribed by a Government doctor.

Eye-patch vending machines go missing just like the condom machines

The Government, meanwhile, has decided that eye-patches can be a substitute for condoms, since as long as men can't see, they won't be aroused. So, an order to install eye-patch vending machines in all corners of cities was passed earlier this week. But, like its predecessor, 90% of the eye-patch machines have gone missing already. The Government has thus released a warning: **Thieves, eye-patches are for wearing on the eye. These are not condoms. We repeat, these are not condoms.**

Some women extremists have demanded that eye-patches be installed on every single person in the male community, including new-born boys. The Supreme Court has duly rejected the demand, citing the need to punish only those who deserve it. Due to the sharp rise in demand, eye-patches are now available in designer shades, ranging from pirate eye-patches to Cyclops eye-patches. The Zorro eye-patch is also just around the corner.

Asaram, Tejpal on the hit-list

Some rather famous Indian figures have come under the scanner after the SC's order. Shiela Dikshit, despite being a woman, has been fixed with an eye-patch for many a times suggesting in the past that it was the fault of the woman. Baba Ramdev, has also been punished, for still continuing to wink at women in his *shivirs*. Asaram Bapu, Tarun Tejpal, Narayan Sai, former SC judge A K Ganguly and many more are currently on the eye-patch list.

If you know someone who should also be on this list, drop a comment below. The drive of eye-patching men is exclusively sponsored by NTMN, and we will be only too happy to eye-patch more of them.

A recent gangrape victim from Assam was not only raped and beaten by four men inside a temple, but also had her eyes carved out by them and then killed. Find the report [here](#).

Premier Indian Institute building aflame due to excessive friction between chalk and blackboard

October 27, 2013, Shrey

When Professor Harsamay Rotemal strode into the classroom earlier today, opened his reference book on "**Friction as a form of energy**", and started copying text onto the blackboard as usual, little did he know that it would result in a gigantic fire in the building. As it turns out, the friction generated between the chalk and the blackboard was off the charts and ended up being the cause of the fire.

Busy tweeting and texting

While the rest of the students were busy tweeting and texting about it, and Professor Rotemal was trying to fend off the flames from the blackboard, one bright student had the presence of mind to call the fire brigade immediately. The classroom was evacuated before the fire could hurt anyone.

Rotemal thinks he is a xerox machine, quite literally

On further inspection, it was revealed that the cause of the excessive friction was the extraordinary speed at which Professor Rotemal was writing. "The blackboard had become used to not being written on at all in the past, you see." The investigating police officer explained. "But, Mr. Rotemal was in a hurry. He wanted to finish copying every single word from his book onto the blackboard within the limited time of one hour." Our sources have told us that Mr.

Rotemal has a psychological condition, where he thinks of himself as a xerox machine, and therefore tries his best to emulate it.

NTMN talked to a student from the class and she had only positive things to say for the perpetrator, “Mr. Rotemal is one of the best teachers we have. He copies everything from the prescribed book, only because he wants to give us exhaustive notes on the subject. Today, he was faster in copying as our exams are round the corner. It was just an accident.”

Stroke of genius?

It has also been suggested by some that it may actually have been a stroke of genius from Professor Rotemal in order to give a practical demonstration to his students on how friction really is a form of energy. Rotemal himself has denied it though, seemingly petrified by the incident. He has been taken to a psychiatrist to recover from the chalk...oops...shock.

Use photocopy machines as much as possible: Authorities

The fire did not lead to much loss, but it has definitely come across as a lesson for all professors that they must go slow on the blackboards. Even the students have been advised by the on-looking teachers to keep a low speed while copying notes or while filling their answer sheets during exams, in order to prevent such incidents in the future. Students and teachers have been told by the institute authorities to use photocopy machines as much as possible and to avoid any pen-paper contact.

दोस्तों के गले मिलने से आई बाढ़, कड़की बिजली, और फूटे अंगारे

July 25, 2013, Archit Aggarwal

25 जुलाई 2013, यारपुर : हमारी जनता ने महंगाई, भ्रष्टाचार और यहाँ तक की राहुल-मोदी विवाद को नकारकर आगे बढ़ जाने का फैसला किया है। करें भी क्यों न, आज यहाँ, यारपुर में हुआ ही कुछ खास है। रामपाल और उसके चचेरे भाई की मौसी के लड़के, जग्गू ने आज चार साल बाद एक दूसरे को गले लगाया है। और गले मिलते ही पूरे यारपुर में तेज़ बारिश के साथ साथ बाढ़ आ गयी है। ये भी कहा जा रहा है की कुछ इलाकों में इस मिलाप के साथ ही अंगारे फूट पड़े हैं ज़मीन चीर कर।

यहाँ के सरपंच, लाला ओफामा से पूछने पर पता चला की दोनों ही एक ज़माने में घनिष्ठ मित्र थे। लोग तो उन्हें करन-अर्जुन ही कहकर पुकारते थे। साथ ही उठाना-बैठाना, पढना-लिखना, खेलना-कूदना था इन दोनों का पर चार साल पहले, एक युवती के खेल में फंसकर दोनों में ऐसी गरमा-गरमी हुई की खाना-पीना तो दूर, दोनों एक दूसरे को देखने तक के लिए तैयार नहीं थे। जग्गू के सम्बन्धी रामपाल को ‘लफुआ’ और

‘लड़कीबाज़’ कह पड़े वहीं रामपाल ने आव देखा न ताव, जड़ दिया ज़ोरदार तमाचा जग्गू के गाल पर। कहा जाता है कि उस ही दिन से दोनों ने एक दूसरे से बातचीत छोड़ रखी थी।

आज यहाँ दोनों ही गुटों की मुलाकात उस युवती के ब्याह पर हुई। जग्गू लड़की वालों की ओर से बारात का स्वागत कर रहा था कि उसकी नज़र बारातियों में आते हुए रामपाल पर पड़ी। दोनों ने अपनी बेबसी और लाचारी को देखते हुए अपने आपसी संबंधों को पुनः स्वस्थ करने का निर्णय कर लिया और अपने सभी गिले-शिकवे भूलकर गले मिले। तकरीबन दस मिनट तक चले उस आलिंगन के पश्चात दोनों की ही आँखों में चमक दिखाई दे रही थी। सभी ख़ुश थे।

“इतने वर्षों बाद आपकी दोस्ती पुनः स्थापित हुई है, क्या महसूस कर रहे थे आप उन दस मिनटों में?”, यह पूछने पर जग्गू ने अपनी ख़ुशी का इज़हार एक betुका सा शेर सुनाकर किया और दस मिनट के आलिंगन पर कहा कि, “मुझे लगता है कि रामपाल को सिर्फ़ फूलों वाला नहीं बल्कि किसी ऐसे पौडर (शायद टेलकम पाउडर की बात कर रहे थे वो) का इस्तेमाल करना चाहिए जो उन्हें रखे ज्यादा देर तक फ़ेश।”

इस घटना का वास्तविकता के साथ पूरा सम्बन्ध है, और वैसे भी समझदार को इशारा ही काफी होता है।

Coaching Institutes to launch a joint magazine to help parents decide which institute to choose

July 23, 2013, Trikaash Karkera

With new coaching institutes opening every day, parents of IIT aspirants are facing difficulty in choosing the best institutes for their beloved children. To address this problem, directors of various coaching institutes across the country have decided to launch a magazine highlighting the achievements of their respective institutes. The director of one such popular coaching class explains, “If you look at newspapers everywhere, you’ll find at least one or more advertisement of a coaching centre. Now the problem is that all these ads look the same. Each and every institute puts up pictures of meritorious students captioned with their All India Rank. Every coaching class promises the best faculty, the best scholarships and the best results. Basically, we are all out to prove that we are better than the rest. And unfortunately, parents seem to find it difficult to compare classes.”

“To reduce the pain of the parents, I called the directors of Get-into-IIT and Stairway-to-IIT coaching classes and we all conceded that we needed to offer parents a less cumbersome way to compare between the leading IIT coaching institutions. So we decided to launch ‘The Times of IIT—Coaching’,” he added.

The Times of IIT—Coaching is slated to be a 127 page long weekly magazine that will offer coaching institutions throughout India the opportunity to showcase their achievements. The

magazine will also include tips from toppers of previous batches and also detailed plans created by experts to help parents raise an IIT-ian right from kindergarten.

Hardik Jain, the editor of the magazine—an IIT-ian himself—says, “This newspaper is for those parents who go the extra mile for the future of their children. In our first edition we are going to feature exclusive articles on topics like memorizing vast amounts of information, maintaining the positive IIT-ian attitude and focusing on your goal to get into IIT. We also have a special article on how to convince your child that the IIT can change his life and how everything else in his life is basically irrelevant, until he gets into IIT.”

A whopping 50 million have already subscribed to the magazine. Aruna Pathak, a parent who is very concerned about the future of her son approves of this endeavour. “My son got 98.2 percent in his board exams,” she says proudly. “He is being offered scholarships by both Get-into-IIT and Stairway-to-IIT classes. This puts me into a dilemma. Get-into-IIT claims they have produced more than a hundred IITians last year. Stairway-to-IIT on the other hand, has produced only sixty. But they have produced the All India topper. How can I choose between them? I hope this magazine will come to some use.”

Ashwin Devarapalli Ratnam, the topper of last year’s JEE tells NTMN, “I took every possible test series from every possible coaching class. After the announcement of The Times of IIT—Coaching, I got calls from 32 coaching classes asking me to write a personal testimonial for their class.” When asked which coaching class is the best, Ashwin’s face contorted into a frown. “Hmm, I’ve testified for every class and guaranteed the best faculty and the best facilities. But the best? I will compare the statistics and get back to you.” Having said this, Ashwin proceeded to create a mathematical computation of all the statistics of every coaching class in existence. After a gruelling hour, Ashwin returned and said, “Unfortunately this cannot be determined. Although Get-into-IIT Classes has the most number of successful students, they also have a lot more students who have failed. You see, they had six thousand students enrolled last year, but have only managed to produce a hundred IIT-ians.” Ashwin added with a grimace, “Other classes, although smaller, have produced similar results.”

The Times of IIT—Coaching will be out soon and available at a coaching centre near you.

Student beats up friend for trying to introduce him to his crush; says he did it out of 'shyness'

June 23, 2013, Sugandha

That guys in engineering colleges are mostly shy when it comes to interacting with girls is a fact well known. What is not known is that this shyness could also prove to be fatal for others—maybe even their own close friends. Kartik Kumar—a 22-year old engineering student in YACE

has been accused of beating up his own friend from the same college—22-year old Taran on the night of the latter’s farewell party.

Kartik’s crush X turns out to be Taran’s good friend

Two days prior to Taran’s college farewell party, when Kartik—who is a year junior to Taran—told him about his crush of three years, let’s call her X, little did he know that she was a very good friend of Taran. So when Taran informed him of this with amusement, Kartik was left gobsmacked. Little did Taran know at that time that the laughter would almost cost him his life.

Shy Kartik begs Taran to keep this a secret

After that, while Kartik banged his head on a wall, quietly mumbling, “shit, shit, shit...” endlessly, Taran asked him to “man up” and go say ‘hi’ to her. As soon as these words hit Kartik’s ears, something got into him, say witnesses, and he went berserk with anxiety. He held Taran by the collar, looked straight into his eyes, put his hand upon his mouth and said in the delicate manner of an old Hindi film heroine, “*Waada karo, waada karo ki tum ye sach kisi ko nahi bataoge*“. (Promise me that you won’t tell this truth to anybody). Taran’s friends reveal that the moment had made Taran wonder if Kartik’s crush was X or Taran himself.

Things get out of control at farewell party

The friendly banter took an unfortunate turn when Taran held Kartik by his hand and asked him to go with him and meet X in the farewell party. As per the accusations, Kartik pushed him away at that moment and started brutally kicking him while yelling, “You are not shy and don’t understand my shyness. Heck, you are even committed. You must die, you must die!”

Insiders report that Kartik did eventually get to meet his crush that day, when she came to the aid of her friend, Taran, who was getting mauled by Kartik. As she tried to help Taran back to his feet, Kartik was struck by the realization and stopped abruptly and mustered in a meek voice, “Hi, myself Kartik. Coffee?”

While the accusations are still yet to be confirmed, Kartik has gone into a state of deep shyness. He is seen crouching in one corner of the prison all day and saying to himself, “I know she would have said no. I just know that she would have rejected me, maybe even slapped me.”

Disclaimer: *Kartik Kumar is not Kumar Pratik. Taran Kaneja is not Karan Taneja. This is purely a work of fiction, X is real though.*

Temples serve pizzas for prasad in an effort to attract Gen-Y

June 16, 2013, Shubhanker Saxena

In an effort to revive the diminishing interest of the new generation towards religious practices, a group of *pandits* have devised what they call a “modern” plan. After an hour long meeting of the *pandits* from all over India, at the **National Institute of Religious Practices**, a unanimous decision was taken to modernize existing traditional temple practices.

Team NTMN approached one of the *pandits*, **Pandit Bholeshwar**, to grab the whole idea. He said, “The gradual decline in the attendance of people at temples is a matter of serious concern. We have thus arrived at this decision to modernize our ‘**Temple system**’. We are sure of its acceptance by the public.”

Here’s the entire list of changes that the temples wish to implement in the coming days.

- **Pizzas instead of prasad:** Instead of the usual *aloo-puri* or *halva* for the *Prasad*, pizzas will now be served by the temples. An additional can of cold drink will also be served for those paying for special VIP entry.
- **Light and sound systems:** New lighting and sound system will be installed in the temple. All the *bhajans* to be re-recorded by adding the taste of techno-beats and pop voices. **Himesh Reshammiya** and **Pritam** have been approached.
- **New uniforms for *pandits*:** The attire of the *pandits* to be re-designed by fashion designers, to match them to the present generation.
- **Provision of online *daan-peti* (donation box):** Development of the website of each temple with a special facility of online transaction of money for donation named as “online *daan*”. Note: The pizza (*prasad*) will then be delivered to you within 30 minutes.
- **On-campus internet facility:** Free Wi-Fi facility in the temple premises for the youngsters, to access Facebook and hence encouraging more shares and likes on their pages and groups.

We also approached some people to gather their reactions on this move. Karan Saluja, a college student, said in a jubilant tone, “Wow! Did I hear pizzas? It’s a great move. I mean, now I can save money on my evening snacks; I can visit the temple near my college every evening. And yes, (reluctantly) I can pray there too.”

Meanwhile, it has also come to our knowledge that the two leading pizza chains in India, **Pizza Hut** and **Dominos**, have approached various temples with some alluring schemes, so as to fix the deals as “Official *prasad* partners”. They are even ready to initially finance the schemes and ~~bribe~~ donate some money towards the temple fund.

Also, keeping at par with the current trend from the game ‘**Temple Run**’, some temples have taken an initiative to start some adventurous games in the temple premises, a move to attract children as well. Further improvements and festival lucky draws are being planned, prizes being i-phone, TV, etc. as the Temple Society of India strongly feels that people need incentives to supplicate their own wishes.

Concept: *Karan Taneja*

College student in shock after "cute girl" actually turns out to be a "hot mom"

June 1, 2013, Kumar Pratik

This is the story of Taran Kaneja, who got the shock of his life when someone he thought was a “cute girl” turned out to be a “hot mom”. Indeed, true love has no boundaries. It knows no culture, race or age. It exists beyond time. Not everyone can find this true love.

When Taran Kaneja (name slightly changed) woke up early this Saturday morning to go to the passport office, he had no idea that he was in for the biggest shock of his life.

“Cutest Girl I had ever seen”

As soon as he saw her at the office, Taran knew that he had found his soul-mate, his one true love. She was the “cutest girl” he had ever seen. Taran, a student at Yet Another College of Engineering, thought things would end then and there. But then, something unexpected happened. She looked back at him and gave him the faintest smile of acknowledgement. He was in with a shot! With butterflies in his stomach, Taran approached the cute girl to casually ask her out for a cup of coffee. But, this is where this love story ends.

The “cute girl” actually turned out to be a “hot mom”, says Taran. He is currently recuperating from this heartbreak at AIIMS. He realized it when the woman’s five-year-old son ran in from behind her and said to him, “Uncle, uncle, with all due respect, I want to say, take your bloody eyes off my mom!”

“Why did she have to be a mom?” Taran continued. “Do you know how difficult it is to find a good-looking girl these days? And, I thought we really had a connection there. It’s just like that time I had a crush on Chitrangda Singh, when I first saw her in a movie. She too turned out to be married, and she had kids too. Why does this always happen to me? Can’t I settle down with a very good-looking, well-natured girl from a good family, who earns well, knows how to cook, loves me, takes care of me etc. etc.?”

Parents slam Taran; Girl offers explanation

Taran's mother was disapproving of his son's trysts with married women while his father vowed to put him back on track with his hunter, when NTMN caught up with them. Finally, we hunted down the "hot mom" who broke Taran's heart and demanded an explanation why she did that to the poor soul. She said, "Oh that kid from the passport office? When I first looked at him, I instantly knew he was an engineering student. How? Oh, they are everywhere, and besides, he had that Devdas look about him. So, here's the deal. I have been looking around for a babysitter for my five-year old son. And this Taran you mention looked like he could do with some extra money. So, I smiled at him and was going to approach him with the job offer, but the next thing I know, he is hitting on me, asking me for coffee, lunch and dinner all at the same time. That is when he met my son. He really didn't take it well and fell down clutching his chest. I had to flee the scene, you see."

Meanwhile, Taran's friends and engineering students from all over India indulged in protests, demanding the legal marriageable age of women to be increased to 40 (50, 60 etc.) We also hear that the "hot mom" finally paid him a visit at the hospital for closure.

Disclaimer: The protagonist (the victim) here is not [Karan Taneja](#).

"Rs. 1000 not enough, mom must increase my pocket money" - Rahul Gandhi

May 13, 2013, Bijender Sheoran

When a 10 year old Kaushal gave Rahul Gandhi a newspaper for free on 25th April since he didn't have change for the 1000 rupee note, little did he know that it was Rahul Baba's pocket money. The events of the day have come to light after Rahul started a public campaign against his mother yesterday to increase his pocket money.

NTMN brings to you the exclusive story. On the 25th of April, Rahul Gandhi was already furious when he had to stop at the red-light like all the other 1.2 billion lowlives, when a 10 year old newspaper hawker knocked on his car window. Excited that he could now pass some time, Rahul asked Kaushal (the hawker boy) to give him something with a lot of pictures. When the boy refused saying that he only had newspapers with news in them, a slightly disappointed Rahul Gandhi asked for a Hindi newspaper so that he could read easily. Mishearing, Kaushal gave him The Hindu, which Rahul Gandhi promptly returned after turning through few pages and finding nothing but pages and pages with English text in it. Finally, he settled for the Times of India. Kaushal asked for Rs 3, at which point Rahul handed him a Rs 1000 note.

Seeing a Rs 1000 note for the first time in his life, Kaushal explained that he did not have change for such currency. To that, Rahul responded, "This is all I have, take it or leave it."

At this point, Kaushal became a little sad at the possibility of losing a customer and politely asked Gandhi, “Couldn’t you bring some change?” Rahul Gandhi and his convoy burst into a unanimous laughter, and then Rahul said, “Do you think I can bring change? You are so naive.” Kaushal started weeping and asked him if he could keep the money and maybe return it to him some other day. In return, Rahul started weeping as well and said an emphatic NO!

When the boy asked him why, Rahul explained, “You didn’t hear me, this is ALL I have, this is the pocket money my mom gives me everyday.” Kaushal stared at him carefully, and finally decided that Mr. Gandhi needed his three rupees more than he needed the thousand. So, he let go of the note and the newspaper and said, “*Jaa be, tu bhi kya yaad rakhega kis raees se pala pada tha.*”

Later Rahul Gandhi was heard saying, “How could have I given it, it was money hard earned by uncle A. Raja for us. Besides, if I gave him 1000 from the 1000 that I get daily, I would be left with just 10 rupees or something.” Insiders report that Mrs. G is furious at her son’s public campaign, and has decided to further reduce his pocket money to a meagre 10 rupees a day, in order to teach him a lesson.

(headline suggestion: [Sugandha](#))

Hoping to fly to India Gate, man jumps from building after drinking Red Bull

May 12, 2013, Harsh Dahiya

The height of insanity was exemplified by Vishal Gupta, a resident of Gurgaon, when he tried to imitate a Red Bull ad and attempted to fly.

Vishal was apparently inspired by a Red Bull advertisement that shows a Buddhist Lama who could fly after consuming the supposed energy drink. Vishal had taken a week off from work to devise his plan. In keeping with his glorious scheme, he bought 30 Red Bull cans. He had full confidence in the magic wings endowed by Red Bull.

Finally yesterday, Vishal decided to put his belief into action. He climbed up on the terrace of DLF Towers and announced that he was going to jump from there, without any physical support. “I will be flying to India Gate,” he announced. Within minutes, the area was swarming with people. Among the bewildered crowd, many thought that he was going to commit suicide.

Soon, news channel vans reached the spot and started recording the proceedings. The police were quick to respond; they reached an hour late. By 4:30pm, Vishal had had nine cans of Red Bull. He shouted that if one can of Red Bull could make a Lama fly, then nine cans were enough to reach the moon—and then, he jumped.

He was rushed to Medanta Hospital with 23 fractures. A Red Bull executive from India was quick to respond, “It is the conspiracy of Coca Cola company against Red Bull. They are afraid of our growing market. That boy works for them.”



An eyewitness, Nikhil, Vishal’s good friend, said, “I had always noticed the excitement in him and brightness in his eyes each time he saw the Red Bull advertisement on TV. However, I had never thought that he would go to such an extent.”

“Was cheated”

Meanwhile, getting back to his senses after twelve surgeries, Vishal said, “I was cheated. The shopkeeper sold me fake Red Bull cans. It is just because of my love for Red Bull that I have survived. Next time I shall buy real Red Bull cans and try again. All hail Red Bull.”

Baba Ramdev, after hearing about the incident, reiterated his views on all soft drinks. He said that drinks are solely meant for “toilet cleaning” and that foreign companies are “big frauds”. He demanded that the government take steps to drive such companies out of India.

(ed. Ruchi Uppal)

Hackers die in frustration as IRCTC website just refuses to be hacked

April 19, 2013, Aman

The IRCTC website—a hot topic in cyber town—has managed to bedazzle every hacker. IRCTC officials claim that the outrageously simple and plain website has finally reached the benchmark they strove to achieve.

“It has survived every single attempt made to hack into it,” confirmed the under-developed web-developers at IRCTC. Thanks to the ever revolving “loading” sign on the left-hand-side of the web browser window, three foreign hackers have been reported dead and seven others injured as they banged their heads against anything they came across. They did so out of sheer frustration, while waiting for the home page of IRCTC to load.

When asked about the unprecedented hype around the IRCTC website, an official said on the condition of anonymity, “We simply deserve it. Unfortunately, it has taken so long for them to realize our potential. The level of consistency and sluggishness we have achieved over the years is truly remarkable.” He added that steps would be taken to further enhance the security by having every link on the website redirected to newer tabs, each taking forever to load. A network crash is a possibility.

The chief software engineer of IRCTC, told us, “If a cyber apocalypse were to take place, IRCTC would be the sole survivor. You see, the Trojans and viruses would not be able to even *access* the files hosted at IRCTC, let alone harm them.”

Setting example for other websites

Other websites known to be secure are now looking up to the IRCTC for guidance on enjoying a safer cyber space. In a media release earlier today, the CIA chief said, “While all the major security agencies around the world are facing this severe crisis, an Indian website by the name IRCTC is really setting the standards of web security. After a 9-hour-long discussion with our web security experts, we have decided to sign an MoU with IRCTC.”

The Railway Minister said at a press conference held at his residence, “We have put India on the world map. The world is looking at us and we should be proud of it.” However, on the developments so far, leader of the Opposition seemed unimpressed. He says, “The level of security deteriorates as the day progresses as far as “tatkal” booking timings are considered. Tatkal bookings were introduced when we were in power and the present government is yet to match our achievements. We strongly condemn the false promises they are making and demand for consistent security level throughout the day.” The ruling party is yet to take a stand on it.

Every now and then, people with genuine accounts on IRCTC have committed suicide while trying to login; may God be with the hackers.

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“Potential rapist” fails to rape woman even after watching porn

April 16, 2013, Tanay Sukumar

A man has sent shockwaves around after failing to rape a woman even minutes after [watching porn](#). The Delhi resident—who fits into the modern definition of “potential rapist”—didn’t realize that it was a young woman who he saw on the road after leaving home today. Avinash’s roommate reported that he had watched a pornographic clip before leaving home, but surprisingly, the woman escaped unscathed. A judicial inquiry has been constituted to investigate how on earth someone who watches porn can really be a non-rapist.

“I had been watching porn for personal purposes only,” clarifies the innocent Avinash—unable to understand what the fuss is all about. “I did see the woman there... but she wasn’t asking for it, was she! I didn’t feel any wish to even ogle at her,” says the unusually sensible man, who also listens to Honey Singh songs, thus fulfilling all known criteria of being a potential rapist.

Narendra Modi not invited to a playway school's annual function; media goes berserk

April 9, 2013, Tanay Sukumar

In yet another major blow to Narendra Modi, a playway school in a Nagaland village has not invited him for its annual function. Rumours created and spread by the media suggest that the school principal is a Modi critic. “Does this little school think it is bigger than the Chief Minister of a democratically-elected government?” roared Mr. Arnab Goswami on The News Hour yesterday.

“The aversion to Modi might be because of his alleged involvement in the Gujarat riots, because the school has not been inviting Mr. Modi right since 2002,” as speculated by a Zee News report. The school principal, who started the school exactly 10 years ago, has denied any links with the Congress but the media is investigating the theory. A Surdarshan News reporter has found that the school principal’s great-grandfather was a clerk at the 1890 Indian National Congress session.

This being the case of a minor playway school, is possibly the biggest violation of the unsaid protocol of Modi-worship in recent times. The last time such a daredevilry was witnessed was when Modi’s invitation to Alpha Centauri for a keynote speech at an aliens’ meet was cancelled last month due to some communal tension. It was according to experts, a major blow to Modi.

In latest breaking news, these developments have been met with shock from Modi supporters and “I-told-you” looks from critics. Stressing upon the “Modi-is-going-everywhere” theory, a man told a TV channel: “We invited him to a jaagran last week in our locality, and Mr. Modi had readily agreed to deliver a lecture. It’s outrageous that a playway school has dared to keep him away.”

Meanwhile, there is news of several other schools which have never invited Modi to their functions. The news about each of these schools will be kept by channels in reserve for lean periods, said an Aaj Tak reporter.

College Placements, Ripped Apart!

March 24, 2013, Shagun Sinha

With yet another academic year nearing its end, hopes of the students at various higher educational institutions have started to get shuffled. The placement season is a time when the “formal attire” ironically becomes the “casual wear” since it is needed almost every day. As some fundamental elements of the placement processes are common to all colleges, NTMN made an attempt to paraphrase their usual traits here:

The Aspirants:

This is the target section. The final year students of the various educational institutions fall under this category. Ever since the beginning of the placement season, these students “aspire” to occupy one of the top jobs. Within this category itself, there are certain deeper divisions:

One is the “Happy-go-lucky” class. The students in this section have accidentally become a part of the placement process. Least bothered of their selection—attracted by the “fun” aspect of the process—they apply for the job nevertheless.

Then there is the “Extreme” class, wherein the students apply for every damn company that enters the campus. These people undergo a CV-speaks-for-the-candidate-so-it-should-look-good syndrome, and consequently can be found glued to their laptop screens making every possible omission in their CV to make it look “awesome and impressive”. They are the highly proud ones—already confident of making it to McKinsey or Bain—anything less than that receives dreadful reactions from them. They have done a number of internships in their junior years (and) or have held at least one official post in some society with inflated hopes that these experiences would get them through the process. They enter the GD rooms with a broad smile and great gesture—thanks to their arduous mock GD training—and aim to leave a great impression on the person who could be their “Boss” very soon.

Finally, meet the “Moderate” class. The believers in Destiny, students here are cool with whatever life brings to them. In case they get a job, well and good. If not, they are still happy for they want to “learn” from their mistakes. If not placed, they will pursue higher studies. With

such back-up plans at hand, they apply only after carefully analyzing every company. Good at making plans, they finally take a decision towards the end of the year.

Placement Cell Student Coordinators:

Phew! The busiest people in town. They have the tough job of getting everyone placed, contacting the top employees at the various MNCs and inviting them for recruitment. They are a prototype of the 24×7 working entrepreneur class, managing the job-calls, list of selected candidates, confirmation calls, mails etc. Over the placement season, they can be seen conversing over the phone—wonder whether college pays for the recharges—dealing with the HRs and finalizing schedules. This insomniac class is held accountable for mistakes made by any candidate. So much of a job! But all pays well when the experience of “Coordinator, Placement Cell” shines in their CVs.

The Companies:

Thanks to Sir Ranchoddas Chanchad, every company now wants students who can “Think Out of the Box”. All the company brochures more or less read the same: “We are looking for active, intelligent candidates for our XYZ department...who can think out of the box”—out of the box, out of the stereotype—not realizing that “Out of the Box” is now the new stereotype!

The companies want “The Best” from every institution they visit. Come the day of the visit/placement, the representatives can be seen behaving in their best possible manner. Alert enough not to make any wrong impressions on the “*bachchas*”, they speak highly of their companies and like to answer the long list of queries from the candidates. They are ready to grill!

The interviews:

Well, the Show Time! It is the phase of the process when the adrenaline secretion hits its peak! Weeks of training, CV modifications and mock-interviews have to finally bear fruit. During the course of the interviews, the ones waiting outside are usually fretting like hell. They would even walk past the main door of the venue just to have a glimpse of the happenings inside through the door glass—but come their turn and they are the most confident people ever. It is only after facing the interview personally, one realizes that Raju Rastogi and Krish (2 *States*) are not quite helpful. The companies are very careful and smart enough to choose candidates who can do well to keep the company in the Stock Market, not the Box Office!

The junior members:

Well, these kids rely on their seniors for the tell-me-your-experience-so-that-I-learn talks. They eye every selected senior so that they can lure the secret of success from them. They aspire for the same job in their final year. This is the time when the amusing memories of the ragging, held a few semesters back by their now-employed seniors, finally urge the juniors to grab them and party hard on their “anticipated salaries” saying, “*Ab to aap kamaane waale ho, ab kya chinta!*”

Family members (Yeah, they are on the list, despite their missing campus-presence):

Mark Zuckerberg must have told his family the news of his decision to drop out of college months after he did so. But thanks to his Facebook today, the entire clan of a successful candidate gets to know the “wonderful news” before the candidate has even received the confirmation letter. Good wishes start pouring in. Wall posts read something like,

“Congratulations Beta! I knew you would make it!” and at times, quite embarrassing ones like:
“*Kal tak to meri god me su-su karta tha aur aaj dekho kamaane laga hai.*”

And after all this, when some are “in” and some are not (for example this freelancer who doesn’t have much to do but to “rip-apart” such processes), the general merriment of the colleges prevail the way as it is always claimed: “These are the best days of a person’s life!”

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"Law will take its own course" chosen as the National Statement of India

March 21, 2013, Kshitij Katiyar

After a year-long probe, a Committee has recommended that “Law will take its own course” should be adopted as the “National Statement” of India. However, there is still no consensus over its meaning among the members.

A year-long probe into the probable meanings of the popular leitmotif of Indian politics, “Law will take its own course.” met its closure yesterday. Though parts of the report are now mysteriously afloat in the media, sources say it was solely intended for the use of PMO. While a separate probe has been ordered to find those responsible for the leak, the report itself has created quite a furore in the country. We present to you some excerpts that have made it into the media:

A RESEARCH ON THE POSSIBLE MEANINGS OF “LAW WILL TAKE ITS OWN COURSE”

“[...] owing to the implied optimism in the meaning of this sentence (which is also an instant acknowledgement of the idea—a mere idea—of a ‘democratic state’), it has been the last resort of cornered politicians for subtly deferring justice for a long time [...].”

“[...] after analysing the innumerable instances of this statement over the years, the Committee has been unable to reach a consensus over the probable meanings of the word ‘course’ [...] although the Committee has observed that ‘the course’ most likely depends on the political atmosphere of the country at a given time [...] but no matter what ‘the course’ means, under all circumstances, it deviates considerably from ‘the course’ as interpreted by the common man and common sense [...].”

“[...] the essence of the statement—as has been unanimously agreed to by all the members of the Committee—lies in the deliberate use of the auxiliary verb ‘will’ [...].”

“[...] the Committee requests for the closure of this ongoing research with the sole recommendation that the enigmatic statement be considered to be adopted as the ‘National Statement’ of the country. The Committee recommends that the chorus of this statement be made mandatory at the beginning and the end of any and every Constitutional and Parliamentary proceeding [...] the adoption will also give India the proud distinction of being the only country with its own ‘National Statement’ and it is very likely that others ‘will follow course’ in no time [...]”

Unusually so, both the Opposition and the Government seemed pleased by the suggestions of the Committee. Our otherwise reticent Prime Minister has hinted at an all party meeting to hasten the process of the adoption of the National Statement. Many political commentators are of the opinion that a similar sense of urgency and a unity of purpose in Indian politics have been unheard of till date.

On the other hand, exasperated by the recommendations of the Committee, a popular yoga guru has claimed that he has a list of about hundred thousand pending cases where the politicians have misused the statement. However on a question by a reporter on his alleged role in a case of tax-evasion, he promptly reverted with his natural smile and stated “Law will take its own course.”

In yet another unusual set of surveys conducted by NTMN, the Chief Minister of Kerala (who had recently used the Statement to express optimism about the 1996 Suryanelli gangrape case) has been adjudged the happiest politician after the leaks of the Committee’s recommendations. Following in the list are the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Kiran Kumar Reddy (who made a similar statement about legal action against Akbaruddin Owaisi), a remarkably rich actor involved in a hit and run case and black buck hunting, and the Central Government itself along with numerous other politicians.

Later in the day, a rather enthusiastic politician tweeted suggesting that the recommended National Statement be extended to: “We have full faith in Law. Law will take its own course.” because it emphatically reflects the spirit of the common citizen of India. In response a notorious satirist has released a spoof on the net saying that the statement must indeed be extended to that, because it emphatically reflects the spirit of the common politician of India. Unfortunately for the satirist, the enthusiastic politician has turned out to be the darling kid of an important minister. As expected, the Government has already ordered a probe into the matter and the poor writer is now in hiding.

In an interview with NTMN, Chetan Bhagat tries to prove himself again

March 21, 2013, Shubhanker Saxena

Inspired and highly motivated by the success of *Kai Po Che!*, Chetan Bhagat, once again craving for “credits”, has now decided to try his luck further in the film industry as a

Director/Actor/Writer. His move has bamboozled—or rather shocked—other scriptwriters as well as people from the film fraternity. Himesh Reshammiya finally has a worthy competitor in the race for the most “lukewarm response” from the public.

Team NTMN, after a long wait, finally got an opportunity to have a trifling chat with him. Chetan explained to us that he has been busy trying to prove that his novels are not something only a 16-year-old can flaunt, and that he provides some “mature stuff” as well (18-plus only).

Some excerpts from the interview:

NTMN: Hello Chetan, first of all congratulations for the success of the movie *Kai Po Che*. After *3 Idiots*, another hit blockbuster based on your novel. How does it feel?

Chetan: Thank you so much. It feels great. It’s a great marketing strategy actually. You can milk the public for the same story again and again. I am planning on starting an animated soap opera, *Bai Poche* and a theatre show, *Zero Point, Everyone* to cash in on the same stories again.

NTMN: Bollywood really seems to be inspired by your work. Your novels have given work to ~~unemployed~~ film writers and directors.

CB: I have always tried to write some good stories depicting reality and adding minimum fiction to them. So far, my stories have been accepted whole heartedly by the people. Even the film industry has been following them. And no, I do not pay them to do that. Thank you. (*An evil smile*)

NTMN: That’s true. Your novels have always been more pragmatic than, let’s say, spiced up fiction. Isn’t it? I mean when in your first novel, you said that one could get away with stealing the question paper by simply submitting some extra projects, we religiously believed you. (Of course when we were 16! Things have changed now, you know; better stuff to deal with!)

Anyway, now let’s get to the crux of this conversation. What influenced you to take a step forward and try your luck in the film industry?

CB: I have always tried to raise some really ~~petty~~ important issues through my work. Now, by becoming a part of this industry, I can reach a bigger audience. Don’t forget, I have the distinction of being the only author who manages to reduce the readers’ IQ through the course of a book! So, it’s going to be a fantastic new journey for me.

NTMN: (*murmuring*) Umm, so will have to come at our own risk.

CB: Excuse me!

NTMN: Never mind, so have you already started working on any project? Any offers so far?

CB: Yes, I’ve received two offers, one for the lead actor in Ram Gopal Varma’s next horror flick, *Two Maids*. I accepted this offer as it’s a story about an illicit relationship of a man with his two maids and the consequent tragic incidences; very very realistic indeed. Now, I will also get a chance to visually present those ideas which were earlier limited to my writings.

NTMN: And we hope that you'll come up with something brilliant, Chetan. What about the two lead actresses?

CB: RGV has finalised Rakhi Sawant as one of the two actresses. He's still thinking about the second name; actually he is just looking for another "female" who can work with Rakhi. Let me know if "anyone" you know can come up to this job.

Here is my card. The latest one. (*Blushes*)

NTMN: (*reluctantly*) Yes sure. Wow, that's amazing. Tell us about the second offer.

CB: Farhan Akhtar has approached me to write a script for his new movie. He'll be the director, producer and actor and will also sing some songs for this movie. But as he is too occupied in the preparation of the above mentioned roles, he has little time to prepare the script.

NTMN: That's unbelievable Chetan, already getting offers from such reputed personalities. Great going I must say, and it's just the beginning.

CB: Thank you! And now allow me to leave. I have to discuss with RGV the inclusion of some intimate scenes in the movie. After all, I can't disappoint my fans.

NTMN: Sure Chetan. We wish you all the best for the future.

CB: Thank you!

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New law to excuse you of all crimes if you "withdraw and apologize" on time

March 20, 2013, Bijender Sheoran

Two events took place today:

1. A timely "withdrawal, apology and regret" was issued by Union Steel Minister Beni Prasad for some "deleterious" but completely innocuous remarks about Mulayam Singh Yadav.
2. The Parliament has unanimously passed a new law. The "Freedom of Apology Act 2013" ensures that any individual shall be exonerated of all crimes imaginable, as long as they are prompt enough to withdraw their crime and statements pertaining and leading up to it, howsoever grave may the crime be.

As soon as the law was passed and Beni's apology given, Mulayam Singh Yadav hugged Beni Prasad and invited him home for dinner. Prasad had earlier called Yadav a dacoit and a friend of terrorists.

The law was proposed by Abhijeet Mukherjee and voted upon heavily in favour by all the parties. Surprisingly, even Rahul Gandhi made an exception of attending the House for the vote. When asked, he confessed that this is the only law that has made sense to him so far.

The need of this law was realized long back when Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde read out the names of [three minor rape victims](#) of the Bhandara rape-and-murder case. This was in conflict with the law; if you do so, the law and order (i.e. Home Ministry) can punish you. When it was pointed out that Shinde had himself done this, it took some time for him to realize that his name was Shinde and he had done something. But the rest of the House was still puzzled; Abhijeet Mukherjee and many others told Shinde to just withdraw the statements and all would be fine. (But Shinde being Shinde, he messed up even that part when he used his own mind and added, "I read whatever I am given" to his withdrawal statement, leading to a mass facepalm among the Congress leaders.)

As if we hadn't seen enough of Shinde's intelligence in a day, he ordered a probe into the matter in the same breath and asked the Home Secretary to go to the root of it. So, after a probe, within two weeks, just in time to excuse Beni Prasad of his disturbing comments, this Bill was proposed, passed and is now a law.

While politicians were enjoying this new law today, the 111 people booked for posting and sharing on Facebook recently thought of trying the same, by posting, "We withdraw our previous status." As per the last status check, they were still rotting in some cell of an unheard-of jail. The impunity like freedom of speech, my friend, is not for everyone.

Student gets his passport 2 yrs after he applied; sues govt for unemployment

March 11, 2013, Vishal Dayama

Yes. Indeed. A young engineering student, Rahul, who had applied for a passport in his second year has received it just two days back. He is now about to complete his B. Tech. course. The bad thing is, he had applied for the passport after being offered an internship in Greece, but now, it's too late. Rahul has now filed an FIR against the government under Rajiv Gandhi No Employment Act, blaming the government as a cause for his unemployment.

In an interview with us, an emotionally wrecked Rahul broke down. He said, "My parents worked really hard to ensure that I complete my B. Tech from a renowned wealthy private college so that I can have a job afterwards, but now everything is shattered. I am applying for euthanasia now." He also blamed it on the passport agencies, saying, "I was the only nerd who

got selected for a foreign internship in my entire college. So to pursue it, I applied for a passport. But my passport never came. I re-checked, re-applied and tried to contact every agency, but nothing helped. Had I been able to do that internship, I would've got the job in my final year because of the work experience... no point in talking about it now. Go. Please."

When we went to his college to check the veracity of his statements, we weren't surprised. Everything he had said was true. Rahul, unlike some guys having the same name, was a bright student. He was even awarded a scholarship in Greece for his internship.

Rahul, who is working with an NGO now, is not willing to forget the things that happened to him. He has been doing a protest at India Gate this week, and is considering a hunger strike this weekend at India Gate if the government doesn't take any quick action to please him.

Meanwhile the BJP has blamed it all on the name; it also said that since Rahul is the name, Congress will surely do something. "This will be a biased case and he will be given a job," said a BJP spokesperson, who also asked the Prime Minister to resign because he didn't wake up at 5 this morning. But even after all this name-blame-game, when we wondered why the job hasn't been granted yet despite the week-long protest, we were surprised, until the guy revealed his full name: Rahul Modi.

Student faces criticism for not indulging in any wrong activity during engineering life

March 9, 2013, Shashank Tiwari

Samit Kumar, a final year student from [Yet Another College of Engineering \(YACE\)](#) has shocked everyone by accepting that he has never boozed or smoked during his entire engineering life. Following this, there is an outrage all over the country which suggests that Samit has indeed brought the whole engineering fraternity to shame.

"It all started when Samit left the room while I was having a discussion about Sunny Leone," reveals one of his friends. "We knew he had some weird habits like waking up early and taking a bath daily but we had no idea that he had gone so far on the wrong road," said a friend, aghast by the news.

There is an apparent disgust at Samit's habits even among the administrators. "I knew there was something wrong with the guy; he used to refuse my weed offers arrogantly," remembers the hostel warden. "Samit used to remain aloof; and out of concern, I always advised him to take part in the night outs that were held for student development."

The whole episode came to light when Samit announced all this on Facebook. He also posted: "I cannot keep my family in the dark any longer; they sent me to this college but little did they know that I was incompetent for the prestigious course. I was afraid what my family would say

when they come to know about it. I'd been feeling guilty for my deeds so I thought I must reveal the truth now."

The dean has announced strict measures would be taken to avoid any such cases in the future and asked the media not to defame the institute over this incident. "The guy used to come to classes even during mass bunks and never cared what his parents would say if they came to know how irritating this was for teachers," said the dean. "Our laziest professor had even warned Samit that he would be detained if he had more than 95% attendance, but he was too stubborn to listen to anyone."

Disgust at Samit's un-engineering ways can be seen inside the photocopy shop as well. The xerox guy says, "That idiot was apathetic and wouldn't let me earn some money by buying photocopied notes; he'd always purchase first-hand books instead."

Girls from Samit's class have complained that they felt unsafe in his presence as he used to harass them by discussing theory of relativity. "He even told us the uses of computer apart from Facebook."

Student activist groups like ABVP and NSU sat on strikes demanding that Samit should be debarred from every government facility in the future. The college is working to open a community in the college which can control cases like this before they go out of hand.

The news has raised an alarm in parents all over the country and they are worried that their children may grow up to be non-engineering engineers like Samit. Colleges have issued advisories that every student is supposed to follow the "norms" of engineering. "Movies like *3 Idiots* which distract the youth will be banned, while Chetan Bhagat's novels would be included in the syllabus to guide their engineering life," assured an HRD Ministry official.

Two young boys arrested in Delhi for killing a penguin in Antarctica

March 1, 2013, Tarika Jain

It took one blow of an old rusted axe to horrify the capital last night. Had it not been for the quick action of the police, cruel chaos would have shaken the most insensitive of men. Despite their desperate pleas of innocence, two young men were handcuffed and marched into the police station.

If rumours are to be believed, the two youth were driven by greed in committing the murder. "They brutally chopped off a tree with an axe," onlookers whispered. *But the tree was not the victim*. As the tree slowly fell and split into two on *this* side of the equator, a penguin (the victim) reportedly took its last breath on *another* side of the planet.

In initial investigations, the most important statement is that of a one-eyed-witness: “You see,” recalls Mrs. Sharma with a shudder, “I was out for a walk with my bitch Britney, when my years of experience of prying told me there was something fishy going on. So Britney and I went around the corner where I saw it happening with my very own eye. Two boys—they looked quite well educated I might add—of around 24, were *cutting a tree*! Wasting no time I called the police!”

Amidst the confusion, we asked a police constable to shed some light on the matter. He was completely clueless. Not too surprised, we plunged headfirst into conducting our own little investigation. *It took a thorough screening of middle school NCERT books for full 15 minutes and a pinch of rare common sense to figure out the link between the tree and the penguin.* The formula goes like this: **cut trees = increase in temperature = melting of ice peaks = a dead penguin.** The pieces of this maddening puzzle couldn't have fallen together in a better way.

The official statement of the two prime suspects was released earlier this evening. As the world watched glued, one of the two accused roared from the TV sets, “This is outrageous! I was nowhere near that tree! My friend and I were bursting crackers in the neighbourhood to celebrate Sachin's performance in the ODI that day, when suddenly this mad lady came up to us with the police by her side.”

Meanwhile, the poor, poor penguin; he had absolutely no idea that his seemingly insignificant death would highlight not only the rampant razing of acres and acres of forests—to which these idiotic youngsters contributed in their own way—but also the vanishing fishes which has both the fishing industry and its own kind getting caught in the net of environmental ruin. Never mind the fact that the crime of those two was nothing more, I repeat, nothing more than just hacking down a tree; they might have been in need of firewood, for all we know.

This minor incident has brought many major questions into perspective: questions regarding human greed, environmental degradation, endangered species and above all, the various possibilities that would compel two well-educated boys to look for firewood in the 21st century.

The Government has come up with an ingenious scheme to put an end to this tragedy. At an air-conditioned press conference room, we were told that these rules will be strictly enforced with effect from next month:

- Plucking of leaves is punishable by immediate arrest.
- Use of deodorant twice in a single day will be heavily fined.
- Government employees must return their allotted cars and use bicycles to commute to work. Employees with huge paunches will be denied these privileges as well.
- Big-Fat-Indian-Weddings cannot exceed Rs. 200 as their budget. Food and desserts will command top priority in expenditure. If money is left over for crackers, the hosts must present themselves for an official inquiry at the nearest police station.
- Harbhajan Singh and Ram Jethmalani must cool down.

As has become the usual practice, protests on the government's statement have erupted almost immediately. While protesters complain against the tyranny of the Indian Government, environmental groups are welcoming the change. Environmentalists have initiated a number of campaigns worldwide. One of the campaigns will see Salman Khan supporting the cause of endangered species. He says he will poach whoever comes in his way. Maneka Gandhi has also expressed her concern. Two baby penguins will soon be finding a home in her ice-cold heart.

If the latest update on the incident is to be believed, Ram Gopal Verma has just announced a new film venture that would be "inspired" by *Happy Feet*. Five more penguins have died from the trauma.

This incident would have shamed our ancestors, who left this planet to our care. Had Michael Jackson been alive to see this wrath of global warming that spares no one, he would have warned: "It don't matter if you're black or white—or both."

(ed. [Apoorva Tapas](#))

15 February: When the reality of Valentine's Day strikes

February 16, 2013, Charvi Jain

Everything comes back to normal on February 15, after we have spent big bucks on fancy dinners and gifts that aren't of any great use (I mean seriously dude, what on earth is a 25-year-old supposed to do with a teddy bear?!).

February 13, **Desperation Day:** This is the day when single men and women try their best to find themselves a date for the next day. For the outside world, they wear a misleading mask that gives the impression that they are *least* bothered about the whole Valentine mumbo-jumbo; they say they are in fact happier being single, and red hearts are lame anyway. Of course, the truth is that even if they aren't hunting down a perfect date, they are definitely cooking up a perfect love story in their head—a love story that ends with a melodious Taylor Swift song playing in the background while an imaginary audience stands up and applauds.

February 14, **Valentine's Day:** The "day of love", as it is called, offers a lot of action. Love-drunk masses flood restaurants for candle light dinners, movie channels start airing rom-coms and somehow everything turns pink and red.

Cometh February 15. This is the day when rationality *finally* comes marching in. People tend to their "Valentine Hangover" by wolfing down tons of chocolates, muffins and candies (for readers who thought otherwise, this is the real reason for gifting people chocolates on February 14; surprising, huh?). And what follows is a series of events that psychologists are referring to as

the “**Post Valentine Blues**”. So after going through a dozen research papers, Team NTMN gives you an entertaining summary. Read on:

Struck by Reality

After spending big bucks on a fancy dinner and gifts that aren't of any great use (I mean seriously dude, *what on earth is a 25-year-old supposed to do with a teddy bear?!), and after taking out time from your busy lives to spend some quality time with your partner, everything goes back to normal. You start neglecting each other and decide to get back to work. You get struck by reality.*

So the question that your therapist is going to ask you now is, “Was all that pink confetti worth it?”

Moment of Retrospection

Post Valentine's Day, most guys find out that Cupid has mischievously burnt a huge hole in their pockets (oh, the agony called love!)—that too without any fruitful result. Meanwhile, Mr. Cupid lies comfortably on his couch, with a big bowl of popcorn, laughing his head off as he watches some poor chaps trying to make a bit of sense out of their V-Day actions. Kamal Gupta (name changed) shared his heart-breaking story with us: “Man, I bought her an *entire* rose bouquet! And she suddenly tells me she doesn't feel the same way about me and then walks off! Taking that bloody bouquet with her! I had to buy another one to impress some other chick—she said no too...” (Ouch.)

Sharing Notes and Telling Lies

As guys try to push their insane “love-drunk” actions under the rug, girls are sharing notes with each other and indulging in some harmless bragging about their Valentine feats: “A little bit of bragging is completely justified on the girl's part; so what if she tells all her friends that her man got her a pair of those expensive earrings when in reality he only gave her a cheesy card! He'll definitely get her those earrings if he had enough money, which he will have by the next Valentine's Day... or else he's driving towards a break-up,” explained Dr. Aparna Sen, a leading psychologist.

Till next year folks!

Members of RSS and Hindutva groups who come out every year on February 14 to “purify India” by distributing rakhis and beating any guy who decides to be seen in a park with a girl who is not his sister, pack their bags on February 15 and go back into hibernation. But only after celebrating their successful attempt by throwing a big bash for all their brothers and sisters! (How very sweet.)

The BIG Revelation

Journalists and gossip column writers jump up and down with glee as Valentine's Day sees some interesting revelations unravel.

A sting operation caught Mr. Lalu Prasad Yadav declaring his undying love for his cows by saying that although he has been married for some time now, cows are still his first love. If not for the rules of this world, he would have married them, all of them.

While Arnab Goswami is busy conducting heated debates on this matter of national security, Mr. Prasad is feeling a little blue now, after his wife just threw him out. (Double ouch.)

Conclusion

No matter if you're tall or short, slim or (as we Indians put it) a little on the healthier side, old or young, girl or boy, you can't escape the mighty **Valentine Blues**. So the next time you say, "God, Valentine's Day sucks! I'm least affected by all this crappy drama!", think again, because the truth is, no matter how "crappy", St. Valentine's ghost will haunt you anyhow!

Ahead of Valentine's Day, young couple commits suicide after failing to get any privacy

February 12, 2013, Vishal Dayama

Two suicides were reported in Thane last night. A young couple, Kishore (20) and Sheela (19) (names changed), were found dead in a hotel room. Investigations are on, but the local police station have confirmed the deaths as suicides. When the policemen inquired from the couple's friends, the matter became quite apparent: it was a clear case of depression.

"Sheer shortage of privacy"

According to the friends, it was "sheer shortage of privacy" that prompted them to take the decision. Their inability to find a place where they would not be judged or harassed, or could enjoy some privacy, had left them dejected. "Parks, movie theatres, hotels... everywhere. I know they had tried all," explains a mutual friend. "They were unlucky at almost every single place."

The couple was beaten up by Shiv Sainiks on Valentine's Day two years ago. Apparently, they were being forced to get married on the streets, when, by a stroke of luck, the attackers got wind of another couple doing "a lot of mischief" nearby. Kishore and Sheela took advantage of the distraction and were able to escape. Things got worse with reports coming in about "kidnappings" of couples roaming around after 10pm in the suburbs of the city. This news depressed them even more, leading to suicide eventually.

They were also once accused of "illegally" holding hands in a public park. Says a friend, "There isn't any law or rule saying that couples can't even hold hands, but it is illegal and deserves violence under the laws of some non-violent religions. And when the protectors of those religions say it, it is a rule."

The Suicide

Also, none of the hotels they went to would allow them to book a room, because the managers demanded ID proof of some other state. This disturbed the couple even more, and led them to file a case against these hotels. Finally, they found a hotel in the mini Paharganj area where the

manager allowed them to stay. But when they moved into the room, they found hidden cameras all over the place. So to be on the safer side, they decided not-to-do-any-such-thing-they-were-planning-to, and planned to do something unusual: suicide.

In fact, with Valentine's Day approaching, two similar cases have been reported within the past week. In both cases, the couple had been found dead and suicide has been confirmed, although the police are still investigating the reasons.

English Medium Schools and Sex Education prime suspects in early investigation

After much uproar about the repressed nature of our culture, one policeman reasoned, "This is all Western culture bearing down on us. Every night I see on TV, the intimacy that is shown in Hollywood movies... it leaves nothing to the imagination. Obviously our youngsters will be impacted in the wrong way!"

Mumbai cop Satyapal Singh reiterated the statement he had made a month ago: "Most [suicides](#) are committed by those who have studied in the English medium. I have never heard of or seen a Sanskrit-medium educated person committing suicide. And it is a known fact that more and more people are today sending their children to English-medium schools."

Another official has blamed sex education, saying that having it as part of the curriculum only teaches students how to get intimate.

The Aftermath

Protests have already begun. When our reporters asked activist Anna Hazare whether he will lead the movement of young people, he humbly replied, "Why not? I myself had to stay a brahmachari all my life because of these rules."

Asaram Babu could not be reached for his insights, but his secretary (she referred to him as Big Bhaiya) told us, "If the girl had been a citizen of Bharat, none of this would have happened. I myself was caught in these wayward ways when I was a citizen of India. Maybe if she'd called the Sainiks *bhaiya* when they were caught the first time, they would not have bothered them and this unfortunate incident could have been averted."

Manish Tewari said it's a serious issue and we should just wait and watch and change the channels, whereas Narendra Modi blamed it all on the government and the Prime Minister. He urged the PM to speak on this matter (with a little grin on his face).

While all this happened, a Muslim community has "Fatwa-ed" the girl (originally Muslim) after she was found dead. A cleric said "*Darasal, galtiya ladki ki hi hoti hai. [Burqa](#) mein rahegi to aise ladke dekhne ko hi nahi milenge, toh privacy toh khair door ki baat hai.*"

Shahnawaz Hussain strongly supported the argument because Digvijay Singh was strongly against the motion. Cutie Rahul Gandhi was spotted asking questions like "Mom, what's fatwa?"

Happy Valentine's day to you too.

(inputs by [Karan Taneja](#); ed. [Priyanka Mehta](#), [Apoorva Tapas](#))

Matrimonial Classifieds, Ripped Apart!

February 6, 2013, Charvi Jain

If you want to understand a society better, you should pick up a newspaper and find your way to the classified section. And if you're in a mood to do a hardcore sociological analysis (or if you're looking for truckloads of entertainment), lick every word off the matrimonial section (not literally though, I mean, c'mon dude, that is just creepy)!

Anyway, after I went through the insanely hilarious "Bride/Groom hunting" advertisements today, I realized that not only are these funny, but they are strikingly similar to the advertisements of other market products. That said, my conclusion was that marriage is nothing but another economic market, with over a zillion boys and girls on display and a quirky advertising style. For example, take a look at these:

"Mr. and Mrs. Gupta own a 2 floor bungalow with 2 modular kitchens and are looking for a very fair and beautiful girl for their only son with a married sister. Please contact: 981XXXXXXX."

After reading the very first line of this advertisement, it appears that Mr. and Mrs. Gupta are trying to sell off their old house to a pretty girl rather than trying to get her to fall in love with their son. And if a big house fails to work as an incentive for those "*very fair and beautiful*" ladies out there, a married sister is bound to do the trick! Whatever that's supposed to signify!

"Wanted an **extremely** beautiful and **excessively** pretty, cultured and well-mannered girl or a **highly** qualified, working woman for a 42 year old, **very** handsome man who looks **much** younger. Please send your details to the following address. Photographs are a must!"

If using a lot of adjectives wins a woman's heart, this *very* handsome gentleman, who happens to look *much* younger, will shortly receive bucket-loads of replies with attached photographs! Although, I must commend the way his mind works, pick a girl who is *extremely* beautiful OR one who is a *highly* qualified professional, either type can be bragged about at the parties!

Before we move on any further, somebody please tell me why Indian men are so mesmerized by women who are fair skinned and beautiful?! I mean Draupadi was a dusky Indian beauty who had *five* husbands! She did well in the matrimony department even without purchasing some thousand boxes of Fair and Lovely. What is so attractive about paper white, vampire-ish skin anyway?

"Daughter of Mr. Khurana, a well-known industrialist, seeks a handsome and smart boy from a reputed family, with a good job. Caste no bar."

The message is pretty direct and extremely clear, Mr. Khurana wants to tell us this: “My daughter only wears Gucci, contact us keeping that fact in mind.”

“Wanted a groom for slim, fair, thirty years old, looks much younger, never married, 5 ft, sweet, homely, caring, responsible, intelligent Chartered Accountant, well versed in home activities, extremely good working, exceptionally sincere, dedicated, emotional, sincere.”

There you go boys, slim *and* fair! The cherry on the cake being that this lady also happens to look much younger than her age and is *extremely good working!* So I guess this is where you say, “*Rishta pakka samjhiye!*”

Chetan Bhagat files PIL asking why his books are not getting banned

February 4, 2013, Vishal Dayama

Chetan Bhagat, a renowned [IITian-sperm owner](#) and an “[ignominious](#)” [author](#) in the opinion of many, has finally decided to knock at the Supreme Court doors. Due to the recent bans on many authors and their books, the author has asked the courts to read his books properly and ban at least one of them.

He feels a bit jealous because the book *Satanic Verses*, the movie *Vishwaroopam*, author Ashis Nandy, Taslima Nasreen and authors of various other “goddamn” books were banned just because they hurt sentiments of some religious groups, but all of these went on to be famous afterwards. In an interview he said, “The government is totally biased. I have written books which are totally against the whole concept of readership and literature but they are not banning those. I want to be famous too. This is just not fair. Now I will seek justice in court.” Meanwhile, Indian people are welcoming his move whole-heartedly. Self-proclaimed sophisticated readers are even praying that the court decides in his favour, in the favour of humanity and mankind. A reader said that, “I am amazed he was not banned till now but better late than never! Now we will only have to read his articles in TOI.”

Some people are way too passionate about this move. They have even started protests demanding a ban on his Times of India articles and tweets too. A poster said, “Ban Chetan Verses, not Satanic Verses”. On asking how is this going to affect Indian Literature, a bookworm replied, “What are you talking about? There was no literature in his books! We will make sure he really gets banned.”

“Big” authors like Salman Rushdie and Aravind Adiga are also supporting the protests. Needless to say, Chetan Bhagat is overwhelmed by the response. He even decided to join the protests for one day. Rushdie said, “After this sad decline in Indian literature, it seems Chetan Bhagat has lit a light of hope by demanding a ban on his books. Let’s hope he wins this one.” As soon as

Rushdie said these words he was asked to apologize for them. Since there is no such rule of fatwa in Gujarat, the business-minded Gujaratis have now released a “batwa” against Rushdie. Now whenever he will be found in Gujarat, any person will have the right to snatch his *batwa* (wallet).

Rushdie was in India last week to promote a movie based on his book *Midnight's Children*. And it seems, despite the apology, he was forced to return back to England with Bhagat's book-based-movie *Kai Po Che!*'s DVD. Seeing Bhagat's professionalism in the business of movie promotion, we must say *Kai Pro Che!*.

(More on [Chetan Bhagat](#))

"All women who hold valid Aadhaar cards can buy subsidized overcoats to cover themselves"

February 1, 2013, Shreyans Jain

Amidst the screeching “Save India” campaigns carried out by media channels, silent protests led by hypocrites, and divine statements doled out by cherished god-men, the Government of India has finally risen up to the problem at hand. In a series of changes, the “display” of skin in public has been prohibited, and all females who hold valid Aadhaar cards can now purchase subsidized overcoats to cover themselves. This will save them from the prying gazes of lecherous men. For enhanced online security, females may get their Facebook and Twitter accounts registered with the government portal which will hopefully be operational without any technical snag in a few years from now. In order to uphold the human rights of the perpetrators of crime, and to give them equal access to justice, the Centre has also set up fast-track courts where petitioners can get their grievances redressed in a short time span of 5 to 8 years by mediating with the culprit instead of fighting for justice for decades.

It is reported that Delhi's Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit herself took an expedition to the most deserted, dangerous and circuitous routes of the Capital. She rubbished the need for the Centre's reforms, as she has been doing regularly of late. She claims to have, in fact, *relished* her experience as an *aam aurat* among the *aam aadmis*. Expressing her immense satisfaction at the level of security in the city, she has urged the entire female community to get their complaints registered, if any, on the new non-operational helpline number. For a better and safer travel experience, she has urged women to access the cluster bus service that she has launched recently. She has also assured a swift action by the Police but prior to that, the victim's credentials must be verified and she must have cleared the Character Test (CT).

AUTHOR'S VIEW

Betting whether Indra, the Rain God will unleash his wrath during monsoon has always been a game of permutations and combinations, but the probability of “divine” words being showered by self-styled moral “guardians” of our society is always, well, ONE. Crimes against women being reported every other hour are instigating these wise netas and god-men to flock media studios to get their enlightening views aired. They feel it is their moral duty to share their regressive mindset in order to inspire the masses to emulate their misdeeds.

While Libya and Egypt were busy voting out their dictators, somewhere in the largest democracy of the world, a voter cast his vote for someone who finds rape of the fairer sex understandable. The honourable politician vehemently proclaims that females should confine themselves to the insides in order to protect the repository of family honour from being plundered, but he got the voter’s vote as their castes matched. Another septuagenarian politician begged for votes in his constituency on the pretext that he was blessed with three daughters and so understands their problems. He fervently believes that his comment regarding his old wife losing her charm was fully justified, and plans to marry off his daughters early to save them from the atrocities of modern day society.

Only time shall tell if the “remedial” steps taken by the government in response to the increasing incidents of crime against women ensure safety of women.

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Crowd cheers as drivers put up inspirational street fight after minor car accident in Delhi

January 30, 2013, Utkarsh

A car accident took place on the streets of Kirti Nagar in the capital yesterday. Sonu (31) had just started on his way to work, when a speeding white Honda City brushed against his silver Swift Dzire. Stepping out of their cars to see the damage, Sonu and Ramesh, 28 (the Honda driver), found some of the paint chipped off due to the impact.

Excited by the damage done, Sonu took out an iron rod from the back of his car and with Ramesh’s consent, broke the headlights of both the cars. And so, after finally getting *some* proper reason to fight upon, an argument began. It started with verbal abuses, continued with hurling of stones, punches and kicks until they had to be shifted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital nearby for treatment. This is the 52nd incident of its kind in the past three weeks.

Team NTMN managed to interview some of the people present at the scene of the fight. An onlooker Sunny who lives nearby said, “As soon as I saw the commotion, I immediately brought

my kids to see the show. I want them to learn to fight like a man for what is right.” However, when we asked, he said he had no idea who actually was “right” here.

“Fights like this rarely happen. The punch by the guy in the white shirt (Sonu) on the other guy’s face was awesome. And I made *these* out of the fight!” said an ecstatic Puneet, another spectator, while waving at us three 500-rupee-notes. He later revealed that there actually were four of them, but one had to go into the pocket of a policeman who had caught him betting.

The police luckily had arrived as they happened to be patrolling in a nearby area. “The public is smart and sensible now. They now settle all their disputes themselves; we seldom come into the picture. In fact our phones hardly ring,” said Constable Balwant, while relishing a complimentary samosa and tea, from Bhola samosewala. Bhola’s business is nowadays in full swing, considering the exponential rise in the number of such brawls, which lead to huge crowds and therefore huge demand for snacks too. He now plans to get his stall motorized, and plans to add energy drinks to his menu, so that such street fighters could fight “long hours”.

We were able to interview the stars of this fight, soon after they were discharged:

“I had started on my way to the office, swaying to the beats of that latest song from *Dabangg 2*, when a car hit mine. That was it. My plan for the day was set. After all, only an idiot would miss such an opportunity. Anyway, I’m happy that at least my children can now proudly say that their father is a hero,” said Sonu, grinning, baring all of his remaining twenty-one teeth. He also suggested that a special bravery award must be introduced for such exceptional “street-fighters”.

“These fights are in *phasion* (sic) these days. I hope I impressed some of the beautiful ladies who were present there!” said Ramesh who now sits with both arms dislocated and a broken jaw, while still trying his best to flaunt his biceps. He also added that a girl had even called him up, after the fight, complimenting him on his skills. But actually neither did any such call happen, nor were there any ladies in the crowd, as we later found out. Doctors say that the blow to his head might have altered his memory.

The video of this incident has already gone viral on YouTube, gathering 50,000 views in just 24 hours. The person who uploaded it, a teenager named Rahul, had this to say: “The fight was so cool. I’ve become a mini celebrity myself for my exceptional recording skills.” The video is also being used by boxing experts, who claim the fighters used a variety of new and innovative moves, learning which might prove to be handy in their upcoming tournaments.

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Govt clerks to receive huge increments to discourage them from taking bribes

January 27, 2013, Saswata De

Most government employees across India are all set to receive hikes up to 200% in their pay packet. It appears that the Centre will announce this plan in the upcoming Union Budget. In fact, the new structure will be so designed that the hike in an employee's salary will be directly proportional to the bribes being currently received by that employee (the data shall be considered only till January, to discourage last minute laggards). As with all other reforms announced till date, the benefit to the common man will be immediate, and undeniable.

The rationale behind the move is simple, and, as simple things often are, brilliant. The raised salary, the government hopes, will "prevent officials from taking bribes" and "citing 'procedure' as an excuse for even tsunamis". This will circumvent the need for much of the bureaucratic red tape, and soon make it extinct. Most importantly, *the government will also then be able to fulfill the long-existing demands of the public, i.e. strengthening anti-corruption and bribery laws.*

A "green" move?: Our source also shed some light on the other, not-so-apparent benefits of the move. "This is a green move, an environmental move. India is determined to make its mark as a green country," he said. How? Obviously, paper work will reduce as issues will be dealt with quickly and without bribes. **"Some of our best offices used to produce twenty times the necessary paper work,"** he confided. This should change now. It is now known for a fact that the initial targets of the Kyoto Protocol on climate change were met solely by *privatizing* state-run utilities! Privatization meant a massive saving in pulp, paper and pollution. This practice is in favour even today. Other savings shall include office stationery (notably clips and staples), and storage space. Not to get one's hopes up, but the DRR (or Document Retrieval Rate) for issues pending over a decade, should also go up considerably. The move may even finally coerce *sarkari* offices to go digital, instead of having a desktop to no apparent effect.

Clerks earning more than bosses! A brief investigation into existing pay rolls threw up another "anomaly" however. Since the hike in salaries will be proportional to the bribes being currently received, many clerks are all set to draw more money than their bosses in administration! There has been no official statement about this anomaly yet.

Protests and Protesters, Ripped Apart!

January 7, 2013, Vishal Dayama

During the past two years, all of us have noticed a change in India. People have started taking issues seriously. In fact, very seriously. Hunger strikes, protests, beating politicians with shoes, scaring the hell out of the Indian police, writing shit about government, getting arrested for

alarmingly lame reasons and all. All this has become a part of our day to day lives. The good thing is that people are adjusting with it, so that they do not have to adjust for anything in the near future.

During all these protests, I analyzed some things about the protesters who willingly/unwillingly take part in these protests. These protesters come from every part of India to gather at a place where the protest is going on. Some of them paint the tricolour on their bodies, some have the pale yellow faces, some have no idea whatsoever about what's going on and hence the blue question marks on their faces never fail to attract my attention.

The first class includes the protesters who are keen to join any protest no matter what the issue is. They care more about the protests than the issues. I call them **freelance protesters**. Arvind Kejriwal and Baba Ramdev fall in this category. Also these big crowd-catchy protesters visit the place with a huge amount of followers who shout whatever their leaders are shouting. To THINK before supporting them is not their cup of tea. *"Tum aage badho hum tumhare sath hain"* is their favourite slogan. *Wo aage chahe desh ko gaddhe mein hi kyun na le jaayein!* They follow them like sheep follow their shepherds. A lot of these were seen during the Anna movement.

Then there are the **high urban class protesters**. They belong to rich families and come in cars. 1 out of 10 from this class is there to support the cause. Rest have come just because it was Sunday and there was no other place to go. Deep down there is one more reason that *"Chalo bhai Sharmaji Vermaji bhi gaye hain, hum nahi jaayenge to society wale kya sochenge!"* Ironically, Vermaji visits the place because they think *ki Sharmaji gaye hai to hum bhi jaayenge*. And Sharmaji is the "1 out of 10" that I was talking about. So 100 people now, 100 cars, parking space occupied and how many of them are protesting? Stop counting. There aren't many.

Then comes this category of **student protesters**. They are the most enthusiastic protesters you will ever see. They come in large groups with witty and innovative slogans in their hands. Most of them are really there to support the cause. A very few are there to analyze what is happening, more like they have visited the place just to see what's going on. They have no interest in the cause and pass derogatory and demotivating comments like *"kuch nahi hone wala boss, ye India hai!"* or *"ye to ek yahan bhookha jaanboojh ke baitha hai pata nahi poore India mein kitne bhooke sad rahe hai."* All of the other guys always have this urge to slap this kind of guys but they don't because they will defend themselves by saying that "we are free to have our own opinion". Yes, they are free to have an opinion. Just an opinion. This kind of people will later become politicians. Also there are some groups who think that protests have become a trend in Facebook. They click photographs with candles in their hands, with the poses of salute and with funny banners. You are not looking cool, Sir. You are looking like a FOOL. Get over your Facebook already.

Then we have this cheap category of **cheap boys** who are there to ogle at and harass girls. I just heard of this recent incident that when people were protesting against a rape case at India Gate, a girl filed a complaint against four boys who were trying to harass her. Irony is not the word here. No word can justify this cheap act by those cheapsters. So yes, these protesters are the worst we can ever see in any protest.

The next elite class is of our **celebrities**. Be it Bollywood actors/business tycoons/spiritual gurus, all of them come for one or two hours to support the cause. They think that this will make a difference. No sir. This won't. Instead when the police will be busy protecting you, the protest may turn violent due to less security. Either come for a whole day or just show your support on Twitter. That's enough. We will retweet it.

The next class belongs to the **provoking protesters**. These protesters often belong to some or the other political party. They provoke the other people for violence by doing the same. Nothing can be said about this shameful class. Dudes and dodos, have some shame. It's *your* country too. Stop this shit. Or someday you yourself might get beaten up.

Then there is this last class of protesters. People like ME. We are there to support the cause as well as we will be observing every situation closely. Our class includes writers, photographers and painters. Just kidding. No such class exists. We visit the place once. Just ONCE.

Indeed. I don't know what this country is coming to. But in the end instead of making a *bheed* for the sake of it, if all of us unite for a good cause, it will bring a CHANGE. India needs a change and we have to bring it. Take the responsibility. Be the change you want to see. Protest with passion. With enthusiasm. Or sit inside quilts and do blogging! 😊

Impressed by Narendra Modi's electoral success, Rahul Gandhi decides to marry him

January 2, 2013, Kartikeya Negi

In a recent development that might come as a complete surprise to many, Rahul Gandhi has decided to marry Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi. He said in a hurriedly-invited press conference that Modi's electoral success and feat of winning 182 seats out of 116 impressed and inspired him in equal proportions. This also means an end to the long-standing long-distance relationship between Rahul Gandhi and Veronique Cartelli, a Spanish architect who lives in Venezuela.

“Mr. Modi has impressed me tremendously. His ability to attract huge crowds is simply mind-blowing. He might be BJP's PM candidate for 2014 Lok Sabha polls. So, this will also help me enhance my political image. With so many rapes and protests, Modi is the only man who is still drawing women's attention. And you know what, Modi is still single, although married. He has defied even Mahatma in this respect. I wish he writes some of his Experiments with Truth after we marry,” said Rahul, albeit a little shyly.

He also added that it is not very uncommon in Nehru–Gandhi family to marry for political reasons. He believes that he did not want to discontinue the family tradition. He also added that he is a strong adherent of the unsaid maxim, “Gandhi family must rule India”, but the chances of

him (Rahul) continuing the tradition seem bleak. So by marrying Modi, he would derive the vicarious pleasure of Gandhi ruling India through the spouse.

When asked about the legal implications of his act, he said that he is very thankful to the Delhi High Court of India which legalized homosexuality in 2009. "Sex is my birthright and I shall have it. I like people who are extroverts but Veronique was a bloody architect."

Sonia Gandhi has expressed shock and resentment at her son's decision. "I was looking for an Italian, Spanish, English or some other European girl for my son. This way whatever she would speak would not be understood by the media, and they would not be able to distort her statements. But Rahul has disappointed me," she confessed.

Mulayam Singh Yadav has said this is a political gimmick by the two leading political parties to uproot the Third Front from India. The people were surprised to know if there was one in the first place.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has not said anything on the matter. He called a press conference and sat and sat for 10 minutes, all silent, and at the end of it coyly looked up and said, "Theek hai". Occasionally when asked various questions by the media, he smiled in acknowledgement of their presence. Congress has decided to contact Tom Hooper, the director of award-winning English movie *The King's Speech*.

Salman Khan has expressed shock at this disclosure. That makes him the "undisputed winner of the Most Eligible Bachelor title". "I always felt a kind of psychological comfort that Rahul was there with me. He has broken my trust." Meanwhile, Aishwarya Rai's daughter has just puked and wetted her diapers for the fourth consecutive time in the last hour. Abhishek Bachhan was not around to take care of her as he is still trying to find out what caused Idea to shift from him to the Hunny Bunny ad campaign.

Delhi police solves all rape cases in one go, will book victims for their own rapes

December 30, 2012, Garima Sharma

During the ongoing investigation of the December 16 gangrape, the Delhi Police has made a major finding. It claims to have solved all pending rape cases in the city, in one go. In this particular case too, **the victim herself has been blamed for the crime, following consultation with experts on Indian culture and traditions.** The police will prepare a chargesheet against the deceased criminal-cum-victim very soon. Similar charges will be faced by victims in all other rape cases.

The police proudly announced that they were very sure since the beginning, that the "victim" had a clear hand in her rape. As the investigation went on, they got hold of many proofs to support

their claim. The NTMN team was able to get a brief idea of the expected chargesheet which will be submitted to the court in connection with the gangrape. Following points were noteworthy:

1. **Being born a girl** | After rampant female infanticide, the victim still chose to be born as a girl in this great country, which is extremely criminal of her. As police, it is our duty to enforce the “unsaid Indian laws” which prohibit female births on Indian soil. The Khap Panchayats will also be consulted for better enforcement of the laws.

2. **Excessive ambition (amounting to crime in society and defamation of police)** | How did she dare to study? And more than that, how dare she think of becoming a doctor? The ideal thing to do would have been to get married at 16 and be done away with her meaningless existence. The rape could have been prevented, and hence the victim should be tried for being ambitious despite being a woman.

3. What the hell was she doing in Delhi? Doesn't she know Delhi is the rape capital of India, where not even the mother and sister of the rapists are safe, and is a place where probably Sheila Dikshit and Sonia Gandhi are the only safe women.

4. How dare she go out with her friend at the notorious hour of 9pm? Living in a society which is still confused over “male friend” and “boyfriend”, why did she take such a chance?

5. If all the above violations were not enough, she was coming out of a *movie*. Yes you heard me right, a Bollywood movie, which is the cause of the increased libido and aggression among Indian men.

6. Then these foolish kids decided to board a bus, yes a bus which used to ferry small kids in daytime. Imagine such atrocity on their part. Actually they asked for it, and hence should be tried in a criminal court.

7. **Instigating violence** | Fresh charges may be slapped on the victim, because she instigated violence at India Gate, disrupting public life and the peace of mind of the police.

8. **Testing the patience of cultured men of India** | Western attire such as jeans and skirts that is worn by these victims attracts the moral men who can't tolerate such an attack on their culture. Like true national heroes, they have no option but to teach these ladies a lesson. These cultured men must be protected from the clutches of law as they are being made the scapegoat.

9. **Abetting murder of Indian traditions** | Because of this case, women have become so demanding in the past week, that they want to report even catcalls, eve-teasing, domestic violence and such minor incidents. Girls going to police stations is against the culture and tradition of India, and so the victim must be tried for abetting murder of Indian traditions.

The police representative concluded: “So, the victim's fault was that she decided to be part of the trend, the ‘in’-thing in a country where rape happens every 2 minutes. Time and again, we have told that these are all consensual sex gone wrong but nobody seems to listen to the police anymore.”

With justice seemingly coming quick in this case, there is now pressure on India's moral police to follow Delhi police, and reopen all the pending rape cases all over India, and file charges against the victim. The police team advocates speedy trial in this case and that the victim be given the strictest punishment to deter such behaviour among women in future to show them their right place in the society. This move will make Delhi "rape-free".

The author has no intention to be insensitive towards the gangrape victim who succumbed to the fatal injuries yesterday, leaving us pondering over the society and the police's apathy towards the womankind.

Bihari boy surrenders himself after he "thought of" a status update disrespectful of a Marathi leader

November 19, 2012, Aaashish Aryan

A 20-year-old boy who hails from Patna surrendered himself and his Facebook password before a civil court in Mumbai, and sought anticipatory bail, to avoid arrest in connection of a status he had thought of posting on Facebook earlier today. In his statement to the police, the Mumbai resident said that he had thought something "very disrespectful" to a late Marathi leader (he refused to take any names). When he heard about the girl who was [arrested](#) today for posting an offensive status, he decided he must apply for interim bail. However, his decision to surrender was influenced more by the arrest of a second girl for merely "liking" the status posted by the first girl.

The B.Sc. student lives in Ghatkopar area of the city and being a law-abiding citizen, took special precautions "not to think of anything" against the great leader who he refuses to name. "I tried hard not to think of anything wrong. But you see, I cannot control my thoughts. I know I have committed a mistake and that is why I am here to surrender before the law gets me." He has also told the police that he owns and runs a Facebook page called "Bihari Rocks Rest Shocks" and is willing to delete the page without any conditions.

Trade unions from the area have criticized the unidentified guy, and have demanded an immediate bandh in Mumbai to protest against his destructive thoughts. One of them was overheard saying, "Thoughts are the root of all evil. We are forcibly closing all the shops, eateries and all such other places. Total Bandh! Total Hartaal!" All of them echoed the last words in unison. They will also pay a visit to the boy's house to throw stones, as their religion is "all about losing temper and being destructive," as one of them said. (We tried, unsuccessfully, to find out which interesting religion they follow.)

When contacted, a police official said, "We policemen should not forget our position; we are supposed to be loyal to the politicians, how can one dare utter atrocities and blasphemies towards

the elected and the chosen ones. To tell you an analogy, yesterday itself, I came home from work and I saw my dog sniffing around. From the expressions itself I could tell the bastard had something mischievous and devious going on inside his head. I took him in the backyard and shot the devil right in the skull. The boy in this case should also be dealt with strongly.”

An IT law expert said that the law clearly states that the girl and now this boy are very much offenders. “Why could they not have protested using one of the better ways such as burning a bus, closing down the shops, hospitalizing a few hundred Bihari people! Why could they not do so; who stopped them? Nobody knows what this new Facebook thing is and what all bad and ominous repercussions such a status might cause, we were just playing safe,” he added.

Meanwhile, the Section 66A of IPC has been sent for review to further strengthen its jaws and paws around such offenders, who hurt the religious sentiments of people by posting against their reverend leaders.

“Spitting, peeing and nose-picking centres” to be opened to cater to needs & demands of Indian men

November 12, 2012, Satat Mishra

If you are a party animal, you may want to try out a “pee-party” next weekend. Or maybe, a “spitting party” or a “nose-picking party”. Or the best of all: a whole new public place where all these three things, and more, go on non-stop. Yes, giving in to demands of the Association of Anti-Social People—a prominent vote bank for most governments—a resolution has been passed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to open centres across the country for spitting, nose-cleaning and peeing. Although targeted mainly at men, these places will remain open for “public”, allowing everybody to use them.

Each of these centres will have ample pavements, parks and walls to pee (but no urinals), where people can just come and pee and spit for fun. These public places will have interesting games for visitors, for example, a “bulls’-eye-contest” for interested spitters and “who-can-shoot-the-longest” for those who come in to pee. Suitable graffiti on walls will be used to attract people. (see photo) “*Yahan karna mana hai*” will be inscribed on each wall so that visitors will feel that rebellious sensation they so love just before relieving themselves.

The government also plans to put in some chairs and benches—especially the ones discarded by offices—so that nose-cleaners can rub their snot against it. To add an icing to the cake, none of these centres will ever be cleaned so as to create the perfect “feel” of a public place.

The idea has caught so much craze within just two days of announcement, that Montek Singh Ahluwalia has given up his Rs-35-lakh-worth toilet in Yojana Bhawan, and has agreed to

inaugurate the first such centre at Delhi. Some well-known public figures have signed up for a trial run. Lalu Prasad Yadav, often seen chewing paan or milking his cows on live television, is relishing on the prospects of this divine project. He is said to have hidden desires of “peeing in public”, but apparently has refrained from doing so in the streets of Patna/Delhi to avoid much fanfare in company of like-minded people.

Among the critics, the Bahujan Samaj Party has chastised the lack of quota in these centres. A spokesman said, “It’s appalling to see how no reservation exists for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. Urinating and hurling snot around in public are leisure activities that have largely been enjoyed by people in the upper echelons of society, whereas the oppressed groups have had to keep all such activities clandestine. An equilibrium must be established by giving the minority groups the extra support they need to fling their snot.” Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee has asked Bengali men to “roll back their pee” (whatever that means) as the idea is “anti-people”.

Costing the exchequer a whopping Rs. 4000 crore, only passage of time and excreta will tell the success story of this project, slated to begin early next year.

Student invents time machine, uses it to go back in time to ensure his professors are never born

November 1, 2012, Kumar Pratik

You read it right. Samay Bhraman, a student of the infamous [Yet Another College of Engineering \(YACE\)](#), has managed to not only invent a time machine capable of traversing through time, but has also put in motion his malicious plan to not let any of his current professors ever get born in the past. A discovery that was supposed to be a beacon of hope to billions of Indians who would have used it to go back and thwart the Britishers before they ever invaded the country, has now become a harbinger of shame for the entire nation.

NTMN has come up with this sensational revelation, after it came across a documentary tape buried in its archives, apparently put there by Bhraman in the past. *“I am going to ensure not one of them is ever born,”* he claims in the tape, referring to his professors at YACE. He steps into a time portal in front of him and after some distorted images, ends up in the sixties, where he then embarks on a tiresome journey to “kill” his professors before their birth, by interfering with the lives of their parents. (Read: Butterfly Effect)

Scientists around the country have been baffled by the development, though Parmanu Tatva, Samay’s best friend has some better insights to share. He says, “Samay would spend hours watching videos of particle accelerators, motivating the protons by shouting ‘You can do it’, ‘Don’t give up now’ every two minutes, convinced that crossing the speed of light was the key.”

When asked as to what his motivation was, Tatva explained, “The teachers of course! There’s only so much a man can take. After three years of scribbling practical files, assignments, projects and making presentations among other crap, Samay got absolutely berserk one day. He became obsessed with finding a solution, and then he knew the only way was to end it before it ever began. So, he devised this colossally wicked plan.”

As for the matter of where Bhraman currently is, no one knows. He could be at any place and at “any time” right now. Yet, his efforts have not gone in vain, as professors and teachers around the country are now living in the fear of being “erased from time”. This has resulted in a one eighty degree turn in their attitude. They are being “tolerant and easy-going” nowadays, instead of the usual “being-a-royal-pain-in-the-ass”.

People around the country have condemned the boy’s action as most of them felt that the time machine could have been used for better purposes. Congress party’s spokesperson said on the matter, “The sole aim of our party is to rule the country till eternity. We could have achieved this with the help of this time machine thing, going back every time we lost an election, again and again and again.” Some Indians also believe that “inter-timeline smuggling” is a “very viable *dhandha*”. Meanwhile, Arvind Kejriwal has alleged corruption charges on many idols from the past including Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, etc, asking the Government to probe into his findings. The Government, needless to say is turning a blind eye to his claims.

Causing emotional hurt to be made a criminal offence; jilted lovers, quarrel-prone couples relieved

October 24, 2012, Saarthak Jajoria

If you are a boyfriend who is fed up of saying “sorry” to end fights, irrespective of who was at fault, well, you have legal aid coming soon.

Disturbed by the trend of breakups outnumbering romantic relationships, the Government has decided to pass a bill rendering “causing any sort of emotional harm to a human being” a criminal offence. Not only romantic “boy-girl” affairs, such a law would also help in saving girls from the harms of befriending other girls, as well as all other interpersonal relationships prone to emotional hurt, emotional blackmail, etc.

Although the Bill mentions “any emotional hurt to any human being”, one of its clauses provides immunity to “members of a) Ruling party, or, of b) Congress, from being sued under this law”. Also, if one attempts to violate this clause, there can be serious consequences: “Any person attempting to accuse the Ruling party or Congress will be deemed to have himself caused emotional hurt to that party, and so will have to face prosecution.” Insiders suggest this clause was included to rebuff Mamata Banerjee’s attempts for vengeance.

If any human being (including “dogs” and “bitches”)—your friend, girlfriend, spouse, siblings, etc. hurt you, the procedure for filing a complaint would be as ~~difficult~~ simple as filing an FIR. You’d just have to go to the nearby police station and file the complaint, following which the accused would be taken into custody at once, and will be released if and only if proven innocent. Lawyers around the country have started working tirelessly night and day to find some loopholes in the current provisions of the Bill for their clients to exploit.

Mixed response from youngsters: School and college students have varying opinions about Government’s latest ~~gimmick~~ responsible move. We interviewed some of them. Aditya Kumar, of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, seemed elated. “This is exactly what I needed. Now I can just report my girlfriend’s misdemeanour, instead of wasting time talking to her to sort out the situation and ultimately say ‘sorry’. With the power of the efficient Indian law system on my side, let’s see how anything can get in the way of us having a long and joyful relationship!”

Deepa Sinha, of Delhi Public School, Vasant Kunj, is firmly against the idea. “This has to be the most asinine thing I’ve ever heard of in my life. What’s next? Blanket ban on Facebook and Twitter to decrease the instances of rapes?” Our reporter recounts a man standing nearby subsequently whipping out his mobile and excitedly conversing with Mamata Banerjee about “another brilliant idea to curb rapes.” Mahim Yadav, a 3rd year Mechanical Engineering student of IIT Delhi, was indifferent; and simply returned a perplexed gaze when we asked him whether he had a girlfriend.

Rahul Gandhi justifies the idea: “India has become really westernized. Nowadays every adolescent wants to be in relationships,” remarked Rahul Gandhi, the man claiming to be behind the idea. “Keeping this in mind, a bill allowing for legal action in case of emotional hurt will soon be passed, ensuring ~~us a vote bank~~ the welfare of the young generation, by allowing relationship disputes to be settled in court.” Followed by this, he reportedly turned towards his lackeys and began bragging about “yet another [successful venture](#)”.

Parents frown: There is great dissent among the parents regarding this proposal, as their children are threatening to misuse the rule against them. The most common threat pertains to being fed insipid green vegetables. One kid frantically trying to control his sobbing lamented, “Mom said that the vegetable was tasty. It wasn’t. I trusted her,” and subsequently burst into tears. However, the proposal has indeed managed to put a leash on the domineering wives and husbands for now.

Religious groups: Certain religious groups have confided to NTMN, on the condition of anonymity, that even if the law is on their side now, they will still prefer blowing up embassies and doing riots and burning trains and uprooting mosques and defacing cinema halls, if someone hurts their sentiments.

Channel [V] alarmed, cancels shows: Channel [V] India has been hit hard by the news. It has cancelled further production of all its dating shows, in fear of legal controversies that may follow from the clashes between the ~~paid actors~~ participants, making them lose out on 23 and a half hours of air-time per day. On the other hand, this bill seems to have benefitted *Bindass*, which is now planning to start a new channel just for *Emotional Atyachar*.

In possibly related news, Raghu Ram and Rajiv Laxman of MTV Roadies fame have reportedly gone underground. Their whereabouts are currently unknown. Meanwhile, Ramdev Baba is seen sporting an eye-patch nowadays, in order to make sure he does not 'emotionally hurt' his supporters by winking. Also, in a revolutionary move, 14th February is being renamed as 'Emotional hurt day' to commemorate the resolution of the legendary bill.

(inputs from [Shubham Khandelwal](#) and [Kumar Pratik](#); concept: [Tanay Sukumar](#))

Rohit Sharma does a Kejriwal, alleges Virat Kohli's runs grew tremendously during last 3 years

October 6, 2012, Aashish Aryan

Following the footsteps of anti-corruption activist Arvind Kejriwal, Rohit Sharma today claimed that Virat Kohli's runs grew tremendously in the past three years. Speaking to the media, the right-handed batsman angrily lashed at the BCCI for having kept Kohli as a "prince" all these years, without noticing the discrepancies occurring around him. Kohli is currently ranked as one of the top ODI batsmen in the world.

Sharma said that both he and Kohli have played almost equal number of matches in the past three years, yet Kohli's run kitty continues to grow by the hour while he himself is still stuck at the same position. "Why is no one looking into what can be a scam?" he said with his anger obviously directed at the BCCI. "I have hidden talents that now even I am unable to find and put to practice on the field. But see Kohli, he has become the Prince Charming, the Adam's Apple of their eyes. This is simply too much!"

"It's a sham," Sharma howled. He claimed that he has been performing to the best of his talents in these last couple of years and is a more talented batsman than 23-year-old Kohli, yet there's such a vast gap between their runs. He alleged that the BCCI is behind this latest episode of "cricket fixing". Sharma is of the opinion that the entire game has been rigged to ensure Virat Kohli's success, consequently to his own failure. The realization dawned on him when he made a fighting 25 in 27 balls for India against a tough South African attack, while mediocre Kohli made only 2. There is general resentment against what he definitely feels was an excellent knock.

Kohli couldn't be contacted for comment, but it is believed he will continue to cheat his way into the record books in the same vein as before. Sharma, and his supporters, have meanwhile sought a CBI inquiry into what is turning out to be one of the biggest scams in recent Indian history. While India TV has offered Sharma a role of news presenter as he succeeded in matching the television network's vision, noted [dancer](#) Vinod Kamblis has also given his backing to him. He claimed that the same was the case with him and the exceptionally untalented Sachin Tendulkar.

New eye-tonic in market to rid men of the disease of staring at women

September 25, 2012, Kumar Pratik

In what can only be described as a society-revolutionizing initiative, the Women Rights Association of India has come up with an eye-tonic that promises to rid men of their disease of staring. Reports suggest that Yoga guru Baba Ramdev was associated actively with the project; whether as a [patient](#) or an expert is yet unknown. The tonic, labelled “V-Men” will be available in the market beginning next month at an affordable price of Rs 25 only, but will last not more than 45 days by standards of Indian men, though it may work for as long as 100 days in USA, depending on the men’s “staring drive”.

Miss Nari Krantikari, a 26-year-old medical student is credited as the inventor of the tonic. We caught up with her, and she kept staring at us to check if we were staring back, before finally settling down for the interview. “Men are dogs!” she barked at the reporter. “Here in India, we keep getting X-rayed every next second by some man or the other. Not just the pretty faces, but anything that moves, and is of opposite sex will be stared at, as simple as that. What are we supposed to do? Keep our eyes down and simply go about our life? Bah, none of that any more, thanks to my invention.”

The recipe behind the V-Men is being kept secret, although NTMN did manage to get its hands on some information. Apparently, the eye-tonic’s most important ingredient is “oestrogen”, the sex hormone responsible for female characteristics. When a man uses this tonic, it gives him the false sensation of staring at women, thereby eliminating the need to actually stare.

Although a revolutionary invention, the major roadblock it faces is in convincing the men to actually pay for and use it. Some men have already rejected the idea of V-Men, claiming they want only the real thing, and will not compromise with simulations. Others have raised the question why should they pay 25 rupees for treating something that is not causing them any problem, akin to the problem faced by deodorant brands these days. This has led to demands by the Women’s Rights Association that Government should subsidize and enforce the usage of the eye-tonic in every home.

V-Men has gained mass-backing from the women community, who seem buoyed that they finally have a solution. It has even been proposed by the WRA that V-Men can be a viable substitute for pepper-spray. But, the product has not gone down well with the male community which has come up with demonstrations and slogans, such as “We stare, because we care. Not because we want to see you bare” and “Even your V-Men has Men in it. Men rule, they always will!”

Helplessly ailing with this disease at an embarrassing age, N. D. Tiwari has already signed up for the trial run of the tonic, our sources report.

50% of all “general category brides” may soon be reserved for “backward caste grooms”

September 21, 2012, Soham Sabale

In a move stinking of vote bank politics, the Indian government is trying to pass a bill that reserves half of all the general category brides in the country for Dalit grooms. Explaining the rationale behind the bill, Manish Tewari said, “Majority of the backward class men have been influenced by the amazing personality and charisma of our esteemed Secretary, Rahul Gandhi. Hence, they obviously can’t get a girl for themselves.”

As the gathering of mediapersons seemed to appreciate the logic inside the statement, Tewari continued, “To make matters worse, most of the backward class girls are now trying to emulate the understated appeal of our valuable ally, Mayawati. Put two and two together, you can guess how hard it must be for backward castes to find a suitable mate.”

The bill, if passed, can have far-reaching effects on the Indian society. Every child born to a mixed-category couple will have an SC/ST/OBC tag attached to it for life. As is common knowledge, this tag helps students get cheap education without even lifting a finger. So, this move is expected to wipe out the so-called upper castes within a few generations, as they have been the principal enemy of vote bank politics for a long time.

The HRD minister, Kapil Sibal further elaborated, “Based on our observations, once the bill is implemented, population of the Brahmins shall follow the half-life pattern of Uranium. We have still not figured out the exact science behind those numbers so we will hire some experts soon.” In a completely unrelated incident, Kapil Sibal was later overheard telling JEE aspirants to study the concepts of radioactivity thoroughly.

Needless to say, before the bill becomes a reality, it faces the wrath of the open category, which is expected to fight against this tooth and nail. However, some women expressed joy over this bill. Said a particularly pretty girl, “I want to marry a person who will support me financially. My parents have chosen a government-serving Brahmin boy for me. How am I supposed to marry someone who has absolutely no chance of getting a promotion in office?”

The chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW), Mamta Sharma has praised the idea. She said, “This is a revolutionary bill. It will save women from the oppression of having to choose a partner of their parents’ choice. We have started a match-making website built exclusively for such marriages. It will work even if the bill is not passed. We will promote all the eligible bachelors in town on that website. The details of their jobs, bribes, expected promotions will all be uploaded on the website. Brave girls who want to break free from the poverty and helplessness associated with the so-called upper castes can register on the website.”

Meanwhile, rumours have it that depending on the political situation, the government may tweak the bill a bit to reserve open category grooms for backward caste brides. Marrying Rahul Gandhi and Mayawati would serve as a good example, also ensuring BSP's unconditional support to the UPA forever.

Govt offices hit by fast internet speeds; computer operators complain of lack of sleep at workplace

September 14, 2012, Saswata De

Computer operators in *sarkari* departments are suddenly complaining of severe headaches and nausea, apparently due to high stress levels. The reason is a sudden unexpected jump in the internet speeds at workplace. This has forced them to “work overtime” and it is causing huge agony to the otherwise sleepy and lazy employees. Last heard, they were working tirelessly to get back their “shut-eyes” time.

“Earlier, slow internet speeds in my office ensured that we operators could work at snail’s pace,” an employee narrates his ordeal. “We’d catch a power-nap whenever we needed to upload or download mass data, as it could take anywhere between 15 minutes to a couple of hours. Now such opportunities are scarce, forcing us to go without much needed sleep. We are facing serious trouble.”

The reasons behind the sudden improved speeds are not clear yet, but there are rumours that the upgrade was made at the behest of Rahul Gandhi, who suffered a traumatic experience while using the Congress headquarters’ wi-fi to book a train ticket on the IRCTC website.

In the wake of the problem, the government was quick to step up. Without any auctioning, a large order was placed for Saridon anti-headache pills to combat these growing symptoms that are hampering “productivity” of employees. We tried our best to establish some (any, really) links with the junior Health Minister who released the order for the purchase, and staff members of Saridon (who would benefit obscenely from this deal), but to no avail. Apparently, the rumour that Saridon was chosen because the jingle “*sirf ek Saridon aur sardard se aaram*” was thought to be appropriate and appealing, is true.

There is also a huge demand for cups of “*kadak cutting chai*” and *paan* among the employees, giving a much-needed boost to indigenous industries; the phenomenon is a bright example of how technology should progress hand-in-hand with small scale enterprises—sustainably.

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC), meanwhile, plans to go on strike tomorrow. It is angry that due to better connectivity, it will lose the chance to earn a

lot of extra money, which it earned till now due to server errors causing failed transactions on its website.

Govt to open new modelling institute to end India's losing streak in beauty pageants

August 18, 2012, Abhishek Raj

If the results of beauty pageants these days are to be believed, Indian women are no more beautiful. Even today, Miss India Vanya Mishra lost the Miss World race. Gone are the golden days of the nineties when beauty queens from India outclassed others. Their dismal performance has drawn flak from all quarters of our society. Opposition parties have sought an explanation from the government and as usual, warned of disruptions in Parliament until some action is taken on this matter of national interest.

Considering the gravity of the issue, the Prime Minister has finally broken his vow of silence. "We fully understand our responsibilities. In order to scrutinize the problems, a committee has been appointed. A team of experts will be sent to Venezuela to study their model of churning out beauty queens. Unlike the Liberhan Commission which took 17 years to submit its report, this committee is expected to finish off within 10 years."

In order to hog the limelight, Kapil Sibal jumped on the bandwagon. "Meanwhile the HRD Ministry has decided to open an institute, Indian Institute of Cosmetology (IIC), to cater to aspiring beauty queens. Courses in ramp walk, celebrity tantrums, table manners, etc. will be offered. Thus students' persona will be replaced by a pretentious, but sophisticated image. Alumni of IIC will have an option of replacing senior citizens of Air India cabin crew as air hostesses.

"In order to groom the talent at the grass-root level, an organization will be set up to accredit beauty parlours across the country. Through a set of stringent rules, we will ensure that the quality of these parlours is top notch and prevent them from mushrooming, unlike the engineering colleges. We are also thinking to invite parlour maids from all over the globe as visiting professors to ensure better all-round development of the students. For uplifting the downtrodden, subsidies will be provided to non-creamy layer for beauty treatments. And that's not it yet. Our government is also thinking about introducing a one-shot entrance test for the aspiring beauty queens which will save them from the stress of appearing in a number of separate contests across the country. Forty percent weightage will be given to their looks and figure statistics in the past."

Opposition parties have also entered in this politics over beauty pageants. In the rigorous beauty contests, contestants have to flaunt their zero size in swimwear as well as prove their intelligence. So Jayalalithaa, Mayawati and Rabri Devi have offered to give guest lectures at IIC. Jayalalithaa wants to share her physical fitness secrets. Mayawati will deal with physical

appearance whereas Rabri Devi is keen on inculcating oratory during the guest lecture. Even Mamata Banerjee has shown interest in giving guest lectures over temperament at IIC.

In spite of opposing the notion of beauty pageants, most VHP members have secretly planned to visit IIC's fashion weeks regularly to ogle at the aspiring beauty queens. Baba Ramdev too considers such contests against our culture but may consider opening Patanjali Chikitsalaya in IIC's campus for treatment of eating disorders, anorexia and bulimia of these role models on grounds of social service.

Since the issue is related with women empowerment and their pride so it is likely to overshadow trivial issues such as corruption, unemployment, inflation etc in the upcoming polls. It has given the incumbent UPA a glimmer of hope to retain power even after a series of scams and galloping inflation. Besides, these steps will help the skinny aspirants realize their dream of winning the coveted title thus restore India's pride.

(ed. Sunaina Patnaik and Aparna Singh; Abhishek, Aparna and Sunaina are interning with NTMN in its Internship-cum-Training program 2012)

Indian actors can do unworldly stunts as they're actually undercover robots in disguise, reveals India TV

August 8, 2012, Kumar Pratik

India TV has revealed that Bollywood actors, including but not limited to Salman Khan, Ajay Devgn and Akshay Kumar, are actually cyborgs ("robotic beings") in disguise. This is part of the channel's ongoing research to explain the gravity-defying stunts these actors pull off on screen. As recently as last month, they had suggested that this is because Martians have infiltrated and taken over Bollywood. This comes as much relief to the souls of Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton et al, who must have been tired of turning in their grave every time our actors perform inhumane action scenes, making a mockery of the laws of physics as well as common sense.

As an experiment, we brought Dr. Stephen Hawking on board for his views and showed him the recent hit film, *Singham*. It was an utter failure, as Hawking broke into hysterical laughter again and again. "No, it is not a comedy movie," we told him, "and these are realistic stunts." At this point, Dr. Hawking was shocked beyond his wits, and passed out. He has been reported missing since. Sources suggest he is on a quest to seek Dalai Lama and find inner peace.

According to India TV, the self-proclaimed "harbinger of truth", these cyborgs have been in play for much of the last twenty years, biding their time, strutting their stuff in front of unsuspecting public. They say the first real signs were reported when Sunny Deol started wrecking prison cells and dismantling hand-pumps single-handedly in the 1990s. Further credibility has been added to

this speculation, with the recent crop of films such as *Ghajini*, *Wanted*, *Dabangg*, *Rowdy Rathore* etc. It is unclear yet, whether actual human beings were transformed into these cyber-machines sometime in the *past*, or they have been sent from the *future* with some ulterior motives.

Rajat Sharma of India TV insists that this is the only logical explanation for the other-worldly strength, speed, and reflexes these actors possess. He also said that it could explain other attributes like “wooden expressions, no-ageing, and perfect bodies”. Kristen Stewart has filed a lawsuit against Sharma for inappropriate use of her copyrighted term “wooden expressions”. Meanwhile, some factions of the society have claimed supernatural intervention by Indian God Rajnikanth himself to be a source of these powers.

Indian filmmakers have categorically denied the allegations. Rohit Shetty explained to us, “They are not super-humans, no cyborgs, no Martians, nothing. The stunts we perform are a result of great imagination and introspection by me and my team. And for your kind information, I studied Physics too, huh, up to tenth standard.” Saif Ali Khan has argued that he is in fact the real cyborg, the only one in the entire Bollywood; it has been disregarded by experts as another means of publicity stunt by the Nawab.

The news has had a prompt effect on the Indian society. Ram Gopal Varma has claimed that this is a conspiracy to bring him down (if he was “up” in the first place). Mahesh Bhatt has announced the title of his next movie as *Cyborgs* with Sunny Leone in the lead role. Bhatt did not hesitate to mention that Leone will sport at least one scene in a two-piece and will have at least two steamy scenes in the movie. Our sources report that *Cyborgs* will have a minimum of five item-numbers, the music currently being composed by Anu Malik on the sets of *Indian Idol*.

In other related news, King Khan is catching on a marathon session of The Terminator Series, to “inspire” himself for his next, *No.One*.

With an average age as low as 65, Indian politicians are too young for Indian politics: Study

July 30, 2012, Kumar Pratik

A recent [study](#) on Indian politics suggests that our politicians might be too young for our standards. The average age of the cabinet minister is as low as 65, which is alarmingly close to the average age of an Indian, 25, the survey observes. According to the experts who did the survey, such young politicians tend to be either too clever (read: Sharad Pawar), or too much of a “stud” (read: N. D. Tiwari); too dumb (you really need an example?), or too immature (read: Rahul Gandhi)—which can be disastrous for a democracy.

The survey has caused a tremendous uproar in the Indian society (what doesn't?). After Rahul Gandhi was declared the President of newly-formed Bachcha Politics Wing yesterday, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, 79, proclaimed, "*Abhi toh main jawan hun*". Pranab Mukherjee, riding on his recent success, is now being referred to as the "most eligible bachelor" in the country, easily beating other contenders. He is rich, he is powerful, and he makes a ton of money, therefore, he is now the first-choice husband for young Indian women. Our sources report that N. D. Tiwari has already started preparing for six-pack abs. Miss Mayawati has attributed the survey report to her charming looks, courtesy her secret recipe of "*multani mitti* and *haldi*".

These young political leaders are also of the view that the so-called "youth" of the nation are actually *too* young, and that "*yeh unke khelne-koodne ki umar hai*". The youngest Indian leader, Mr. M. Karunanidhi issued a statement for the press, as he was busy taking a power nap: "These kids (anyone between 0 to 70 years), they must stop sucking at decision-making and commenting on women's clothing habits and other no-brainers... such things should be left to more mature people like me and my brothers and sisters!"

Various psychological experts have issued a warning in response to the survey. If such trends continue in the future, India might have an "all-young" democracy, they say. It will not only be harmful to the age-old traditions of Indian politics; they might also have an adverse effect on the Indian thinking. The symptoms of the same may be one of the following:

- Indians may start expecting innovation and speed from the politicians if they are so young.
- Some copyrighted Indian virtues, like bribery, slow judiciary, faulty execution, poor decision-making etc. may be endangered, and in times to come, they may even become extinct.
- Bollywood actors will start switching over to the other side, sooner than expected. The three Khans, who have an age complex of "being young forever" might try giving the politicians a run for their money.
- With the current young generation doing great in the fields of sports and education, they might join politics, looking at the trends. But, then what will their grandfathers and great grandfathers do? Nothing?
- Since Facebook, Twitter, G+ etc can only be used by the youngsters, a too young democracy will render the purpose of the Sibal filter (If we can't, nobody can) moot.

Keeping in mind the mind-boggling revelations of the survey, the Government quickly decided to bring in some radical changes to fix the problem. Henceforth, one can become a politician if and only if:

- He is jobless.
- More importantly, he is aimless.
- Is anywhere between 75 years and infinite. (Fake documents to hide age will lead to imprisonment.)

The existing conditions, that were brought in through the last amendment, still apply, and they are:

- He should have at least one record of criminal offence. (homicide, rape will fetch highest reputation)
- He should display abysmal oratory skills on the mike at least once. (The President of India will be treated as the benchmark.)
- People with educational/literary/intellectual background will be discarded on a “no-questions-asked” basis.

These reforms are now set to change the country’s definition of “youth”. Old, as they say is gold after all. This reporter suggests we sell the old for all their gold and be done with it!

Meanwhile, inside sources suggest that in the survey, even the average age of 65 for cabinet ministers is doubtful. We hear that Sonia Gandhi’s age was added instead of Manmohan’s while calculating the average, even though she is not a cabinet minister.

C.I.D. team baffled after woman claims watching a 3D film made her pregnant

July 3, 2012, Kumar Pratik

In an upcoming episode of the longest running crime (comedy?) show on Indian television, *C.I.D.*, ACP Pradyuman and his team are pitted against a mindboggling case, in which a woman becomes pregnant after watching a 3D film. This episode, scheduled to be aired next week, is going to revolutionize the very basics of biology.

The story begins when the C.I.D. team comes across a victim of a murder attempt, a woman who has no idea who the father of her unborn child is. The omniscient ACP Pradyuman drops a bomb as he claims that the woman must be having amnesia (=loss of memory), something that clearly no one else could have figured out. The show then proceeds through a series of clues, a succession of broken doors, and many trivial characters making needless appearances. Finally the truth is revealed that the woman became pregnant after watching a 3D film. The woman’s claims baffle the team, especially Dr. Salunkhe, who is busy showing off his locks rather than working out the case.

As the preposterous idea comes out, the show has a special guest to resolve the issue, the one-and-only Ekta Kapoor. A member of the creative team said, “Who better than Ekta Kapoor, the self-proclaimed expert in such situations. She has a history of depicting cases where women can get pregnant by merely sleeping (only literally) with men! She can answer all the queries in philosophical terms. She will also have an explosive scene where she slaps the entire C.I.D. team one by one in slow motion, three times each.”

There is also a cliffhanger at the end, where it all finally comes together, when it is found that the woman’s ex-boyfriend was the one who set up the entire thing, just to get back at her. The

ingenious guy's plan to get his revenge was to knock her up (how original!) albeit in a fascinating new way.

There seems to be a unanimous backing for this episode. We caught up with a TV fanatic, who said, "C.I.D. began as a thriller. Didn't work out, so they switched to comedy, where they had some of their best moments. Now, sci-fi? Sure, have a go. We have nothing better to do anyway."

The idea has set the media rolling, with India TV proclaiming copyright infringement on Sony Entertainment. The producer of the channel spoke to us, "*Kaise bani aurat movie dekhne se bachche ki maa?* This is right up there with our other legendary headlines like *Kya alien peete hain gai ka doodh?* *Ab udegi Ganga!* They cannot just copy our inspired titles. Our writers spend a lot of time thinking of them, mental hospitals are very noisy you see."

In related news, Baba Ramdev has condemned "the new radical modes of reproduction" and demanded that the natural order of ~~kamasutra~~ yoga be restored. His disciples were later seen sneaking into a theatre to steal 3D glasses for the legendary Baba. Meanwhile, the Government has moved in swiftly to distribute pamphlets to women, "Go to 3D movies at your own risk, until further research. The Government will not be held responsible lest you get knocked up, by an Emraan Hashmi movie." Also, Poonam Pandey is now offering to strip in 3D!

PS: The author came across the news of woman getting pregnant by watching a 3D film somewhere on the internet. The story's concept is loosely adapted from [here](#).

Rahul Gandhi might have discovered the 'Fountain of Youth', NTMN finds out

June 19, 2012, Saswata De

On Rahul Gandhi's 42nd birthday, NTMN makes a thrilling revelation. We find out why he will be as young as today even when he is celebrating his birthday on June 19 sixty years later.

Several compelling eyewitness accounts and various unconfirmed reports suggest that Rahul Gandhi may have discovered the '[Fountain of Youth](#)', described in legend and popularized by the movie series *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Although the actual discovery is thought to have been made quite some time before, reports of the deed are trickling in only now. The news of the discovery, which has apparently been a tightly guarded state secret, wouldn't have come to light if a well-placed cadre hadn't hinted at 'super powers and eternal youth', while being questioned on a different subject. Not one to dismiss idiotic claims lightly, NTMN did some excellent intuitive and investigative journalism to reveal what is now definitely on its way to becoming a well-established fact.

We acted on an informative tip-off by a cadre who had insinuated that a certain someone in the Congress top-brass possessed the ‘super-power’ of ‘eternal youth’. Intrigued, we began a meticulous process of fact-verification, which culminated in the aforesaid inference. A brief outline is provided for our more interested readers.

While confirming the fact I asked several questions of myself and those in my vicinity:

1. Can Rahul Gandhi truly have ‘eternal youth’ in any form, fashion, shape or disguise? This was tough, but after some thinking, the answer presented itself automatically. Yes! Why else is the Congress still adamantly trying to pass off someone who is now 42, as a [“youth-icon”](#)? They have been relentless in their persuasion, and of course, twenty years too late. Unless they know something that we clearly do not. Factor in ‘eternal youth’, and you have your answer!

Next I tried to establish how these powers were attained...

2. Is Rahul Gandhi a mutant? The answer is obviously, no. At best, he is just from another part of the world. Therefore he can’t *possess* super-powers himself.

3. Is Rahul Gandhi in possession of so much mental power that he can actually slow the ageing process of his body? Right. Never mind.

4. Is he in possession of some artefact that lends him these powers? That must be it! And what more appropriate than the ‘Fountain of Youth’? It is self evident.

I managed to prove this conclusively when I reasoned out that all artefacts of power leave an after-effect on their users, a sort-of “give and take”. Clearly this one not only affects the body, but also the mind, making it much ‘younger’ than it actually should be. Actions speak the loudest, and one but has to glance upon those of Mr. Gandhi to get a confirmation of this one.

Of course, this might also mean that mermaids exist, but the procedure may easily have been misinterpreted. Unfortunately, Captain Jack Sparrow, pirate extraordinaire and lead investigator in the matter for quite some time, wasn’t available for comment.

[Exclusive] Manmohan Singh's résumé for the post of the President of India

June 14, 2012, Bijender Sheoran

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Objective: To seek a job suiting my disposition and temperament where I can carry out my master's wishes by diligently toiling while staying dormant. Plus I need a new nickname, "puppet" is not so modish these days, "stamp" is so much better.

Qualifications:

I can write about those but you would not understand, and there is no point stating something which I have not used since 1991. But for formality's sake, some economics related stuff.

Skill-Set:

- Very good interpersonal skills—so personal that nobody hears what I say.
- Highly creative bent of mind—just that it has never had the chance to get some exposure out of the big turban.
- Work ethics—all that I probably have.
- Not dominant—do I need to even mention that?
- Out of the world abilities to do as seniors say. So humble that I'll have a senior "guiding" me even if I am at the highest position in the country!
- Never talk but highly talked about by everyone.

Work Experience:

Intern at Congress Party (Symbol—Talk to the HAND!); May 2004 – present

Title: Prime Minister of India

Actual Designation: Seat-warmer for the Boy who is the "Chosen One"

Mentor: Smt. Sonia Gandhi

Fellow interns: Mr. Kapil Sibal, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee and some 200 others

Key Highlights of the Accomplishments:

- Managed to execute 2G, CWG and many other multi-billion projects with little guidance but able mum-ness from my end.
- Deluded the country of 1.2 billion into the existence of justice system by momentarily incriminating and hosting some people into Tihar.
- Upheld the constitutional democracy in India by exhibiting a conspicuous and prompt willingness to step down at the whim and fancy of Rahul Gandhi.
- Successfully managed to stay in power for five years without doing anything of any consequence, except the Nuclear Deal, *whatever happened to that after the signing.*
- Abridged the widening gap in the education of India and brought more equality by adjusting the IITs using my best people i.e. Arjun Singh and Kapil Sibal.
- Elevated millions of people from poverty by redefining the poverty line though a scientific method of drawing four cards from a deck and adding their values to set the limit. Had to do it twice, first at 32 and then at 29 because the deck was not shuffled the first time.
- Last but not the least, pacified the nation by bringing Sachin on-board to Rajya Sabha with me.

Potential Uses:

- Can read written-text very glibly and convincingly; to be invoked a maximum of twice a year, currently on 15th August and 26th January, though dates are negotiable.
- Can be used as distraction from real issues. Works pretty well with both the opposition and the people. Opposition would be busy calling me “puppet” and would not care enough to see that no real work is being done, it would create news cycles garnering good TRPs and people would get something to outrage upon, which is all they want.
**Credibility of the claim established by a social experiment running successfully for last eight years.*
- Can be used to make good-for-nothing, doubtfully-educated progenies look like young, dynamic and charismatic leaders and 21st century incarnation of Lord Vishnu by a mere comparison with me. People would actually lower their standards and look forward to a day when this offspring would take over the reins and rid them of all their miseries caused fully or partially by the bootlicking political clique owned by the family.

Proposition:

Mamata and Mulayam want me as President while the Congress err Soniaji wants Pranabda as President. What I propose is, make me the President and I will let Pranabda take care of the key decisions (if there are any) taken by President, like I currently let him do all the talking and taking care of proceedings in the Parliament. He is like an acting Prime Minister now and he will be like an acting President later. It’s win-win for everyone and politics is all about compromise... or isn’t that what you are fed?

P.S.: Oh I’m sorry for using the phrase ‘I let him do’; it should be ‘as I’m asked to do’.

Weaknesses:

(I am a very honest person and will make no qualms in admitting my own shortcomings)

- Though the occurrence is very rare but I sometimes grow a pair of balls which then end up causing problems for everyone around me. Exhibit A, the nuclear deal instance during the summer of 2008. This disability is unaccounted, unwarranted and totally out of my control. The occurrence can be subsided by giving me categorical instructions to be punctilious about day-to-day petty and trifling matters.
- Cannot cook like the incumbent President.

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(concept and inputs from [Sugandha](#))

Monsoon arrives in India, government claims responsibility

June 8, 2012, Saswata De

After blaming foreign insurgents, a destabilized euro zone, and the fast devaluing rupee for everything under the sun, the Indian Government has finally stepped up and claimed responsibility for something. As the first drops of monsoon provided some respite to thousands of people along the east coast, the government made an audacious claim of being solely responsible for what was till now being misunderstood as a natural phenomenon. It appears that such enormous work for the public good is being put in while keeping the vote bank in mind, which has shown a steady decline across all strata of society for reasons unfathomable.

NTMN caught up with some of the party members whose unending toil and hard work has supposedly made this possible. On conditions of anonymity and a cup of tea each, the Congress members said that they had been working day and night to get the storm clouds to pay a visit to Indian shores. “We have been praying,” one said. “Non-stop,” added another. “We went around all the places of worship and prayed our hearts out.” Enormous amounts of fruits, flowers and incense are supposed to have been used. Pandits who are experts at negotiating with the Gods had been hired to preside over these sessions. All expenses were borne solely by the state.

This was the work of the “Puja Committee” or the “Praying Cell” of the Congress. Numerous other cells had also been set up to tackle the problem on various fronts. While several were engaged in entreating the Gods, others were responsible for a more practical approach. It is heard that navy war-ships had been deployed off the Bay of Bengal to spot approaching storm clouds and divert them towards the Indian coast, in case they tried to make off to Burma or Bangladesh. Contributions of some recently developed cutting edge science-tech were also mentioned in this regard.

The results are evident for all to see. The really important parts of this drive-to-action is being handled by the Congress top brass themselves, while allies are handling other roles proportional to their importance in the UPA.

“This is just the beginning,” one said, smirking happily. “Soon you will see the full extent of our work. There will be so much rain... so much rain that... that...”, he paused to find the appropriate simile, “the plains will be flooded,” he finished. “That isn’t really necessary,” I put in a solemn reminder. “Well you can’t have everything!” he barked, visibly angry. “This is exactly what is wrong with the general populace. You people can never appreciate good work. First you want this, then you want that. I mean there are limits to even what we can do, no?”

“Some of the top guys have super powers, that is why they are *rain-makers*,” another one confided to me. “Don’t tell them, they don’t know,” he said, pointing to the others. “*Oder level nei* (they don’t have the ‘level’). I think he was refering to their level of influence with the bigwigs.) “How come do you think one of our top people has *eternal youth*? That is his power,” he insinuated. Of course, he wouldn’t name any names. The matter stands to reason.

Having shed sufficient rain on the current state of affairs, the party members departed, but not before ordering extra cups of tea. I was left to wonder alone on the genius that is our government, and a 22 rupee bill.

After constantly refusing to take responsibility for any of its numerous gaffes, may be the government has finally come of age with their uncompromising and open stand on the issue of monsoons in India. However you look at it though, thank God the rains are here!

External examiner leaves red-faced after Roadies-inspired student creates havoc in viva exam

June 3, 2012, Siddharth Raikar

“The Roadies interview was horrible for me. I couldn’t do a single thing. They changed my attitude towards life.”

Campus News:

Earlier this week, a shocking incident took place during a viva exam held in Yet Another College of Engineering (YACE). It is reported that one particular computer engineering student lost all his senses and broke into a series of actions which might change the way vivas are conducted forever.

Gandom Ruy, a 2nd year student, was a calm and decent chap according to his teachers and friends. Some believe what happened during the viva was just a manifestation of the Roadies

interview round trauma he suffered recently: “I had seen him at the Roadies audition very recently! At first I couldn’t believe my eyes. Gandom can’t even introduce himself properly, what Roadies audition could he give?!” said Fome Sriend.

NTMN approached the internal teacher, Mrs. Tant Ceach, to find out what exactly happened. But apparently she was yet to recover from the shock. On further questioning, Mrs. Ceach refused to answer and insisted that she could not waste further time, as she had to sign-without-actually-checking the first pages of 10-page long assignments submitted by students some time earlier this year.

“I was glad when I saw that he would sit for the viva along with me,” said Piva Vartner. “Since he had never interacted much in class so I thought I could totally dominate him during the vivas but... well, the external was angry even with me. He threatened he would fail me. I told him that I had read the book 4 times, and moreover, since I am a girl, he could not fail me even if he wanted to. But he was really angry.” She broke down uncontrollably.

What actually happened? Students from another batch who were seated in the same room performing their practical told us the entire story. According to them, Gandom sat down and started giving his introduction right away to the external examiner. However, he was talking more about his opinions on homosexuality than himself. He started his hullabaloo when the external asked him, “What would you do to enter ten in the binary system.” Apparently Gandom heard it as, “What would you do to entertain us?” — a very popular question on the Roadies interviews and Gandom took this as a cue to start with his monkeying-around activities. He stood up and swiftly dropped fifty push-ups with his feet rested on the examiner’s table. While some say he cleared the table to perform a full split, most maintain that he was trying to dance on the table and accidentally ended up in the full split.

When the external asked him if he was alright, Gandom is said to have replied in abusive words. He then went on to sing the Bhaag D K Bose chorus repeatedly until the examiner lost his cool and left, thus making Gandom immortal in the history of all vivas ever.

We got a chance to ask Gandom about his actions and this is what he said, “The Roadies interview was horrible for me. I couldn’t do a single thing. *They changed my attitude towards life.* I know now that talking about one’s views on homosexuality a lot during the introduction, 50-odd push-ups and a full split are sufficient to get through any one-on-one interview session. That is how many people have cleared the Roadies interview round, so how can these vivas be any different?! I’m pretty much sure I’ve made an impact, and I’m hoping to score a 14 on 15 in my vivas.”

Appalled by the student’s behaviour, the external, Mr. Shadus Kadist said that he was going to call for an immediate meet of the Union of Viva Examiners in order to discuss better ways of taking vivas. He said, “Maybe the fault is not in them. It’s with us... maybe Mr. Sapil Kibal will exert his righteous changes on this system too?”

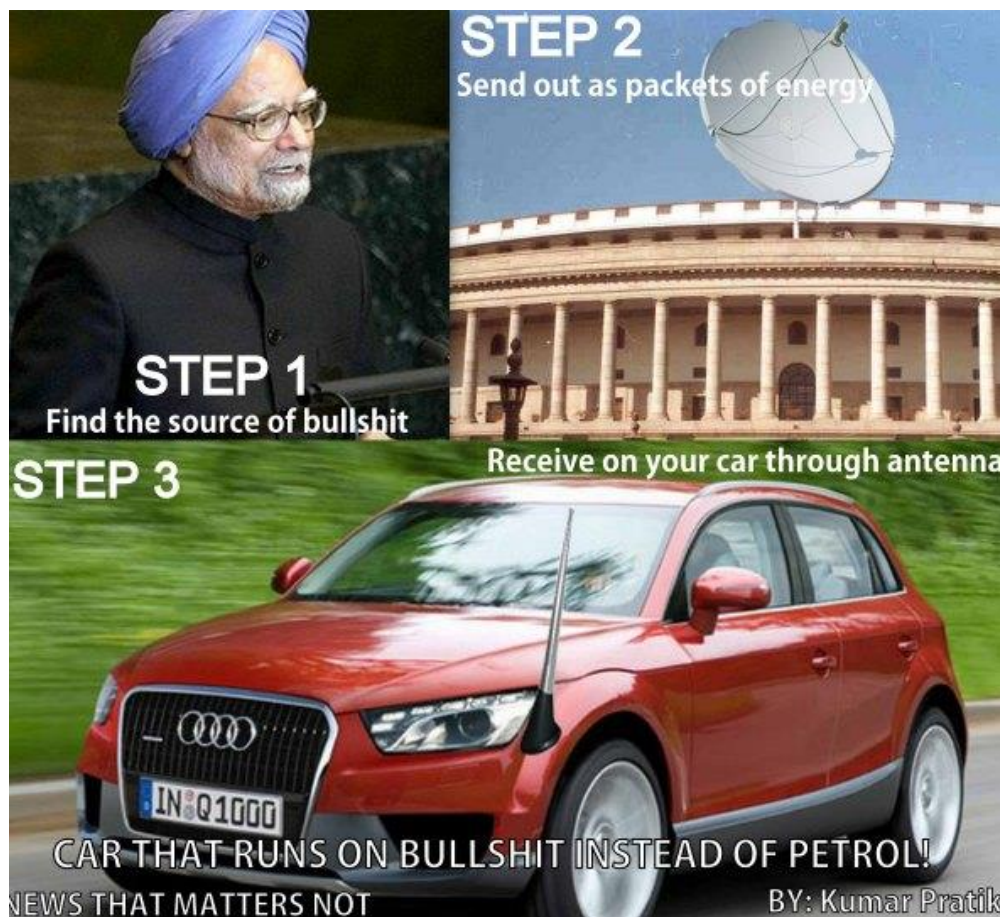
Shortly after the meet, sources said that there were temporary plans of setting up “viva centres” where students would be tied to a chair and questioned. Water might be the fluid thrown on the student’s face in case he/she tends to lose focus or is unable to answer. While it was decided that

these centres would be placed in a way that would mean extra and unnecessary eleventh hour travelling for the students to get to the centres, the duration of an individual viva was left undecided.

Gandom may have tried to implement what he *learned* from that Roadies interview, but in the process he has ensured some serious changes in the viva structure.

Engineering student invents car that runs on politicians' bulls**t

May 24, 2012, Kumar Pratik



An illustration of how the car would work

Because, the one source of energy that can never run out, no matter what, be it an apocalypse or a zombie-world-domination, is politicians' bullshit. They will keep

churning their waste, concocting their filth, and spewing out bullshit, over and over again.

In a sensational turn of events, after the price of petrol was hiked yesterday by Rs 7.50, an engineering student from Delhi Technological University has come up with a new car design that runs on “politicians’ bullshit”. The student has garnered some rave reviews for his invention, as the entire country joins hands in blessings for the man. This exciting news has also eased some pressure off the UPA ministers, who had been hoping that the country would not notice the price hike—unfortunately to no avail eventually.

NTMN caught up with the genius, Kumar Pratik, who is being touted as the next Albert Einstein already in hushed tones. Kumar explained to us about his invention. “You know how petrol prices are on the rise because the energy sources are depleting, right? So, I was just sitting there one day in my class, wondering about the renewable sources of energy, when suddenly it struck me. What is that source of energy that can never run out, no matter what, be it an apocalypse or a zombie-world-domination? Politicians’ bullshit, of course! It is the ultimate energy source. They will churn their waste, concoct their filth, and spew out bullshit, over and over again. Believe you me, it will never run out.” We were confused as to how the new car system would work, so he supplied us with the schematic diagram, and tried to explain the scientific technicalities, which of course went over our heads. So, we bid him goodbye, and started hounding other people for their views.

Honourable Lalu Prasad Yadav was the first one to raise objection. “Bhaat is this boolsit?” Our reporter translated it for him as *Gobar*, which really spiked his mood. He then explained to us how destiny has finally brought him and his cows to their ultimate moment of success. He also mentioned he could even become a millionaire with all his cattle strength. The social world was abuzz with the news. “Oh my god! Finally, something good has come out of living in this country. No problem for Royce now. Kudos to #bullshitpower,” Amitabh Bachchan tweeted, while Mukesh Ambani updated his Facebook page, “Looks like we have a new business in town.”

Commoners were elated with this news, a down-to-earth couple among them. “Yes, we can afford that car we have been waiting for ages now! God bless politicians. Who could think that their words would make a difference someday?” As for the upper echelons in the society, this news has caused somewhat of a twist. “Hmm, sounds good. We’ll buy one car for my daughter, one for her boyfriend, one for...”

Meanwhile, Poonam Pandey has offered to strip for the engineering student, and Kapil Sibal has vowed to help the cause by spewing more and more bullshit every day. Vijay Mallya has set his eyes on recruiting the boy for “designing airplanes that run on beer”.

5-yr term of govt set to be made 'shorter'; new rule calls for fresh elections after just 100 scams

May 7, 2012, Swaroop Sriram

We all thought that our Government is hopelessly backward and has no capacity to remedy its ways. But, out of nowhere, it keeps revolutionising itself and surprises all of us. This time, in the wake of General V. K. Singh's alert on the Tatra deal scam, the Election Commission has recommended a Constitutional amendment for a new tenure length for our Ministers. "No, the new rules would neither extend nor reduce the term of our leaders," we got to know. Then what's new? Said a spokesperson for the ECI, *"The term would be for 5 years, or till successful involvement in 100 scams, whichever occurs earlier."*

This rule shall assist politicians to swindle public money faster than usual. It becomes the matter of reaching one's 'full potential'. It's the ego factor that comes into play because the label of 'did not cross the hundred-scam-line' is quite an insult.

Yes, the tenure will now have a direct impact of the number of scams the Minister involves himself in. If this becomes true, from 2014 onwards:

1. The Government shall be given an allowance of **100 scams or 5 years, whichever occurs earlier.**
2. Upon successful involvement in a hundred scams, elections shall be held and the process shall continue thereafter.
3. In fact, completion of 49 swindles entitles the Government to the initiation of a multi-billion dollar project to hit the halfway mark in style.

Voicing against the proposed rule, Kani, a budding politician said, "Our potential has been misjudged and undermined. We are certainly capable of more than just a hundred scams."

The ECI has drawn up a whole list of such new recommendations which only prove how much corruption impacts our politics. These are with special regard to the contemporary knights (or dreadful cads, as they are popularly called) around the Round Table of India's Parliament—the place where important decisions regarding important scams are made.

Anna Hazare, a long-forgotten activist, said, "Mera Bharat Mahaan," before he passed out looking at the breaking news. Although the Lokpal Bill has been a failure, the Government has agreed to provide legitimate information about all ongoing as well as completed scandals to RTI activists as a compensation for the empty stomachs of the Anna contingent. Experts say that this shall help in the prevention of a new scam involving a particular Government's indulgence in more than the 100-scam quota allotted.

“All ministers in the Cabinet have been urged to sincerely contribute to every scam that they have been involved in, and any slack behaviour shall be severely penalised,” said Sonia, not to be confused with our Congress President. She continued, “Some Ministers in the Karnataka Assembly were caught watching porn and this is a major distraction. Since there is no limit on the money that we can pocket in every scandal, each member has to do his best.” In the age of Indian politics being dominated by nepotism and cronyism, Sonia has requested her surname to be withheld.

Some devout leaders—the shining white knights of our country—who believe in the concept of *Karma* visited spiritual leader Swami Nithyananda to seek his blessings. Internal sources say that a brainstorming session was underway to use the Ashram for routing funds abroad. The discussion on corrective actions to nullify their ill deeds took a dramatic turn when Swami made a suggestion which might change the face of Indian Politics. A reporter who overheard the suggestion given by Swami said, “They have been advised to nominate one important personality from every field of scam that they were involved in.”

Suresh Kalmadi, who has received a complementary Aakash tablet with a data plan, said, “I have been listening to Swami’s lectures and have taken his suggestion seriously. I e-mailed my list of nominees of sportspersons to the PM.”

Unconfirmed reports say that Sachin Tendulkar’s induction into the Rajya Sabha might have been initiated by Suresh Kalmadi along the lines of CWG scam.

(ed. [Priyanka Mehta](#))

Govt plans to have dirt biking competitions, since Indian roads are “well-suited” for them

May 3, 2012, Satat Mishra

Two unusual occurrences have occupied the minds of young Indian bike lovers lately. The *first* is that luxury bike companies have decided to build better roads in cities. This, they say, is for promoting their sales. And, the *second* is that the Government of India has strongly opposed the move. They have retaliated by organizing a nation-wide dirt-biking competition. This, they feel, will help bikers make *full* use of the difficult road conditions in India.

Amit Joshi, a third-year engineering student, says, “I support the bike companies! Finally, I will be able to ride my bike above fourth gear!” He shows signs of relief.

Hiroyochi Suzuki, Head of Yamaha India, says, “We feel bad that our bikes are treated this way on such harsh driving conditions on roads in even urban areas of this country! Hiring those Bollywood stars for ads is turning out to be more expensive than building roads. So we would rather spend on building roads first; it will provide our customers a ‘true riding experience’.”

Indeed, this new approach is helping them a lot. Their sales have increased by 15% since the announcement.

Car companies have joined the league as car drivers also have been regularly complaining about how bored they are of driving on the Mumbai–Pune expressway all the time. This should be some relief to them.

However, there is support for the dirt biking competition as well. Srinath Iyer, another fellow engineering student, is all for the government's move: "Our city roads are in the worst possible condition. With so many holes, open drains, dirt, dust, leaves and other obstacles, they make an ideal track for dirt biking. I am with the government this time; I am eagerly waiting for the dirt biking event. I will definitely watch it!"

When asked, government officials replied, "This has been on our agenda for a long time. We didn't bother about building better roads because we knew one day broken roads will come to good use: dirt biking. Now these bike companies are ruining everything!"

Supporting them, our very sporty Sports Minister Ajay Maken says, "The roads are tiny; most of them are torn apart due to the rains. This would make a really difficult circuit. Don't forget the cows and dogs! We have designed a special penalty system around them. It'll be more challenging than the F1 Monaco street race. And this time I will make sure I'm invited to the event, unlike what happened at the Buddha Circuit F1 race."

Apparently, the following procedure is being discussed:

- A total of 20 racers, 10 from SC/ST category, 4 from OBC category, 4 from BC category and 2 spots are left open for General Classes.
- The selection committee will comprise 10 judges, who are yet to be finalized.
- To help facilitate the event occurring in 9 different cities, traffic will be blocked on regular basis for finalizing the track.
- The responsibility of organizing the event has been handed to none other than Suresh Kalmadi, especially because it is believed "dirt events require dirty people".

Chulbul Pandey, a senior police inspector, said, "This is ridiculous. These bike companies have no sense. Today's youth is the worst of its kind. Better roads will only make them get involved in rasher driving! Earlier, thanks to the horrible roads, we could easily catch the nuisance makers with our jeeps. Now we will have to update our vehicles!"

While Mayawati wants the winning trophy in the competition to be a statue of hers, Mamata Banerjee wants both parties—the bike companies and the government—to not do anything. Not a surprising move.

Lastly, when approached, PM Manmohan Singh shied away in his silent Toyota Prius saying nothing as usual.

News channels are leaving no opportunity aside, conducting show after show asking people their opinion. With the fate of our Great Indian Roads at crossroads, it would be fitting to revive the words of a great biker, fondly known as India's Ghost Rider: "The country has lost two

generations of young bikers: one couldn't afford a bike, the next one couldn't afford a... decent road!"

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Mumbai Student Sues for Bad Conversation; Case Rejected

April 16, 2012, Priyanka Mehta

"I'm fed up of people not understanding *42* and *Star Wars* jokes, and then explaining to me how they never understand anything I say."
"When I crack a Yoda joke, few can make sense of it. In all modesty, it's not that the joke isn't funny. It is they who are not. Hmmm. Idiots, they are!"

Arun Nair was facing a repetitive problem: he could not, try as he might, avoid "bad conversation". Whether it was with peers or even teachers, the engineering student claimed he could not wheedle his way out of it.

And hence he opted for the most straightforward approach—he decided to sue the concerned people.

"Living in 2012, it's a big grouse," said Nair on Monday evening, "This is something you can't avoid, anywhere in the country."

So, what exactly is bad conversation? Arun Nair helpfully explained; he said his teacher does not know the capital of Switzerland, and 'promptly thinks it's Geneva... Grow up!' He also stated, "I'm fed up of people not understanding *42* and *Star Wars* jokes, and then explaining to me how they never understand anything I say."

Unfortunately, the case was turned down as Nair's claims were labelled 'absurd'.

News of this case spread like wildfire, and now an estimated 15% of the total youth population of India (which, coincidentally, is the same as the proportion of smart youngsters in the country) has got together to protest. Among their demands: the government should pass some provision for the prohibition of bad conversation.

Whilst sipping Earl Grey tea, one of the forerunners of the campaign stated, "This is absolute injustice. Bad conversation is like the European Plague, which—as we all know—was almost unavoidable, and led to deaths."

Another, a friend of Nair's who refused to be named fearing being 'labelled gay', said, "A majority of my classmates get together in a quasi-serious manner, and then begin 'bird-watching'. Now I'm not condemning the very activity, but there are many subjects to talk about other than female geography."

A female friend of his also countered, "If I hear another mention of Lady Gaga's new hairstyle or leading fashion designers' new collections of clothes—or the lack of them—I think I'll lose my mind."

Indeed, both sexes are equally at the receiving end. 20-year-old Palak Thakker elaborated, "The fact that I'm a girl is no invitation for conversations based on homemade lipstick shades or dreadful shopping sprees. Leave aside the activities themselves; even mere mention of them makes me shudder."

"When I crack a Yoda joke, few can make sense of it. In all modesty, it's not that the joke isn't funny. It is they who are not. Hmmm. Idiots, they are," she concluded with a flourish.

The opposition (not the political party, but the accused group in this case) has its own reasons. It stated, "That is only 15% of the youth population we are talking about. It clearly shows something is wrong with them, not with us."

A fellow classmate of Nair's—caught rubbing cigarette butts off his sole—countered, "I don't understand this. Just about last week my mobile phone was confesticated (sic) and I haven't got any information about this protest."

Now, that can act as definite proof to plead Nair's case.

Finally, as Nair himself bluntly quipped: "Life would be better without those miserable half-wits. Enough is enough." A sentiment most of us would agree with.

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3 Karnataka Ministers Caught Talking About Issues While Rest of the Assembly Watches Porn

February 10, 2012, Tanay Sukumar

February 8, 2012:

In an incident that has left Indians with mouths wide open in shock, three Karnataka ministers were found talking in the Legislative Assembly about obsolete issues like women empowerment and child development. The embarrassing part is that the three were caught on camera in the elaborate discussion, even as the rest of the House [watched pornography](#) on their cellphones. The incident has shamed the state, and there are demands of immediate resignation from the tainted trio.

The Opposition has blamed the government of promoting moral upgradation among youth. The ministers K. K. Patil, Ravana Savadi and Kans Palemar showed no remorse for their act. Rather the three were quick to come up with intelligent excuses. “The clip that was being watched by other members of the House was an old N D Tiwari cameo which my son has already showed me many times,” said Savadi. “So we three ministers were discussing some social issues instead.”

The three said they may offer to resign, as a moral responsibility. “The whole country has questioned our character, and we do not want to embarrass the party. The manifesto for the next elections is going to promise free porn for teenagers on their Aakash tablets in the name of biology project, and we do not want any mistrust to creep among the public.”

How to Become a REAL Indian | Indians, Ripped Apart

January 26, 2012, Aashish Aryan

India: my country, my love. I don't remember the number of times I have taken the pledge about all Indians being my brothers and sisters, and of being sincere towards my duties for my motherland. And yet I feel, there are certain steps that one must take in order to become an Indian in all true sense. And hence this guide. These are only a few essential steps, that will ensure that your royal highness is really an Indian.

1. You must, at all times feel patriotic. By this, I mean that you must remember to hoist our national flag *Tiranga* on Independence day, Republic Day and all such other red letter days. Only. You must keep the flag in that old wooden box very cautiously and remember to take it out

the next time. Also, on such days of importance, patriotic songs should be played at the loudest volume possible to ensure that the beats are heard at the end of the street.

2. The Indian Cricket team is your bread and butter. The players are GOD for you. You must feel very proud when the team wins a match, in any tournament, on any soil across the continents. You must feel sad when any player gets out by the sheer beauty of the ball. You also pledge to whine and curse each member of the team when, despite putting in their best efforts, they lose. The thoughts of no other sport other than cricket shall ever pass your mind. You promise to ignore all achievements, of any sport, however big they might be, other than cricket. And there is a strict no-no for talking anything regarding hockey, the national game.

3. You will involve yourself in any politics (dirty, cheap, does not matter) that is happening throughout the country. By politics, we mean to ask you to criticise all politicians irrespective of the work they do or don't do. You must NOT participate in changing any bit about the country's system, but sit and curse it. All Indians are required to be onlookers to any happy or sad event happening anywhere, in front of your eyes or elsewhere throughout the country. You also must be proud owners of the famous "चलता है यार" attitude. This attitude rocks.

4. You promise to ensure that the society you live in is divided into multiple sections based on caste and religion. India has thrived on this nonchalant, no tolerance attitude for other religions for years at stretch and you must ensure not to disrupt it. You promise to fight and kill for your Temples, Mosques, Church and Gurudwara or any other places of worship which are under threat, either from people or the law. GOD is great. I am an atheist.

5. You will never try to find out who you are voting for in the elections. The elections are a very complex and lengthy process and you, being a common man will not fight to bring any change in the corrupt ways of functioning of the democracy. The electoral candidate you vote for should be a descendant of the person who your grandfather used to support. You will also ensure that the maximum number of votes are polled for the person you favour and promise to employ any methods, illegal or immoral, to ensure their victory.

6. You will study with all your might to secure your position in one of the elite institutes of the country to ensure that your name appears in the local newspapers and your parents and relatives can crib about it to their 36 different far-off relatives. You also promise to be a nemesis to the neighbour's son and daughter, who, despite trying twice could not get into that premier institute and study in some "Who-Cares-Where-The-Hell-We-Are" Institute of Technology. And all these goals achieved, you promise to land yourself a job in some multi-national corporation, with a salary of some few lakhs and fly off to some foreign country. Last but not the least, you promise to settle down there, fly your parents to that place, if you wish too and swear upon your GOD not to return to your motherland and serve her. Also, the final nail in the coffin must be hating the way India and Indians work. If you have writing skills, you pledge to mock Indians by writing sarcastic stuff like how to be an Indian.

GOD IS GREAT. INDIA IS GREATER.

JAI HIND.

How to Make a Bollywood Movie | Bollywood Ripped Apart

January 22, 2012, Kumar Pratik

Step 1: Take a slightly lesser-known Hollywood movie for inspiration. Or, if you want to be innovative and unique, take a French movie. You will get lots of appreciation later on for your extra efforts in translation. In case you cannot find a Hollywood movie, or don't understand English, pick an Old Bollywood Classic. If you want to come off as someone classy, just BUY the rights of the original and claim that it is not a remake, but your sincere *tribute*.

Step 2: Write your own understanding of the script. Copy line by line, remove all plot twists, tone down the dialogue to your clichéd Bollywood one liners, the classics being: “*Main tumhare bachche ki maa banne wali hun,*” “*Pyar kiya hai koi jurm nahi,*” “*Ek na ek din main badla zarur lunga is beizzati ka*”. The rest you can figure out on your own.

Step 3: Now, pick a Bollywood actor, preferably one whose dad can finance your movie. No, Harman Baweja is not an option. If your budget is limited, pick Emraan Hashmi, and give him a suitable actress for ‘certain situations’. If you can get a Khan, you are halfway through, just make sure to have him do extravagant promotions. For villainous roles, cast some worn-out actors who used to play the hero in the past, say Sanjay Dutt, or hire someone from down south.

Step 4: Get Himesh Reshammiya for music score, for short budget; he could fill in as your lead actor as well. Have him fill the background tone with needless beats and base. Remix each and every song, even if it is sung by Lata Mangeshkar herself. Do not forget to include two, three or maybe even four ‘item numbers’ with audacious titles such as ‘*Tinku ki mummy,* or *Chamiya naam hai mera*’.

Step 5: Have the actresses dress up in the minimum possible attire. Shoot the scenes in exotic foreign locations, they make for an exciting Western appeal. Make sure to get on board the best action directors, from films such as *Matrix* or *300*. And, while shooting the action scenes, take charge yourself. Dismiss all their ideas, and apply only your own innovative action sequences (Physics is a bitch, neglect it).

Step 6: Blabber to news channels, and print media how you've hired ‘nothing but the best in business’ and that ‘movie has so many plot twists, it will bamboozle you’. Come up with an utterly ridiculous trailer, but remember to put in glimpses of all those item numbers. Paste sultry posters all across the country that appeal to the audience.

Step 7: Sit back, relax and enjoy. Take your girlfriend alongside you for the premiere. Have popcorn. When she stomps out in the interval, proclaim loudly that ‘the director, who made this, is a schmuck’ and that you didn't have anything to do with the movie.

Celebs start using the products they endorse, end up badly affected

January 21, 2012, Shubham Choudhary

“She’s fine now. It was just a matter of skin infection and we have treated her with the best available skin creams,” says the doctor who treated Asin yesterday. Asin was reportedly found suffering from a severe skin infection after she actually used for the first time, the not-so-“fair-ever” skin cream that she has been endorsing for years.

In other news, the reason that Sachin Tendulkar is still waiting to strike that elusive 100th ton is finally clear. He actually started drinking Boost which had been the so-called “secret of his energy” for the past several years. And evidently, the secret doesn’t seem to work in the world outside the TV. The whole Indian team’s performance has been affected ever since they started using their advertised products. In another gruesome and unfortunate incident last Monday, Rakhi Sawant was admitted to the Lilavati Skin Care Clinic with complaints of six pimples and two strands of white hair. **With this incident, she added herself to the long list of celebrities who have been injured or harassed by using the products they endorse.** Rakhi was admitted for a day and was kept under strict observation to study the effects of the products she endorses, the doctor said.

These recent developments are supposedly results of the rule issued by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, which asks celebrities to use the brands they endorse in reel life, in real life as well. The news might be bad for a lot of celebs in India, as in the case of Asin and Sachin. **However, at the same time, it has proved to be fruitful for some: sources say Abhishek Bachchan actually using Idea 3G was the reason of the birth of Baby B!**

The government had to apply the orders after a PIL was filed by a man who said viewers deserved *real* examples, instead of fake endorsements. For instance, he said in his PIL that instead of Kajol endorsing a nappy brand, one would like it if someone who actually uses those diapers endorsed them, say Rahul Gandhi.

While the general public seems to be delighted by this news, most people in showbiz are not happy with the same. They are defending why they are hating the experience: according to Shah Rukh Khan, he would not even in his worst nightmare think of using a Fragrance Talc. Defending his distaste for a brand he advertises, he said there were “some personal allergies with the thingy”. Meanwhile Salman Khan says that being shirtless most of the time, wearing a *baniyan* may not be something he would like to do! Amitabh Bachchan recently tweeted that even at the age of nearly 70, he is so fit that he doesn’t need any Chyawanprash, though he did suggest that MS Dhoni should give it a try.

In reactions from general people, prominent ones were:

1. “I always used to buy stuff whenever I saw Priyanka Chopra endorsing it. But now I am disappointed that she doesn’t actually drink the coffee she used to advertise a lot. I think I should now switch to Deepika.” The person, however, fainted when he came to know that Deepika couldn’t spell Nescafé properly.

2. Another person, who had apparently never seen Bipasha Basu flaunting her yoga CDs, stated, “My views about a product never depend on what the celebs say, I look at their effect. So, if Bipasha has a good figure by using Sugar Free, I would use that.”

New start-up by IIT alumnus to help couples get the most awesome IITian sperms

January 15, 2012, Sugandha

A Chennai couple’s weird wish of getting an IITian sperm donor has inspired an IIT alumnus to conceptualise a path-breaking business plan. After the [report](#) by our biggest competitor, TOI (the Chennai couple probably want an IITian’s sperm to conceive a baby with high IQ like theirs), 23-year-old Sperm Baweja has announced a business idea that has stunned everyone. “The Awesome Sperms Pvt. Ltd.” promises total happiness and satisfaction to couples in need of sperms from talented males. “Because Awesome Sperms Don’t Come By Chance!” the company’s tagline notoriously says. Baweja is an IIT-Delhi graduate.

An NTMN reporter accompanied Baweja to an infertility-care hospital today, where he came to spread his idea and to get customers. We talked to a few couples seeking artificial insemination. One of them revealed, “While seeking someone’s sperm, couples do worry about the family-background, character and educational qualifications of the donor. They want the best genes for the child. Coming weekend, even our ad will be out in the papers, seeking *IITians with a CGPA of 8 and above* to donate a sperm for as much as 1 lakh rupees, which is further negotiable according to the individual’s professional résumé. Money is not an issue for us here. We will assume we paid the entire amount in our child’s coaching for JEE.”

“Are you ready to accept donors from other top-notch engineering colleges too? Like DTU, NITs and the like?” we asked the couple. To which they said clearly, “No way, only the best for our child!”

The trend has invited widely mixed response. While business experts have lauded Baweja for the unique entrepreneurial idea, IIT coaching centres are not very happy. LOOT-JEE founder D.K. Bose is a disappointed man. He believes that if children are born to become IITians, who will come to the coaching centres like his! “This is just not done! It has taken us several years to settle this business, how can they kick out our only source of income so easily?” he said. “We were also entrepreneurs once, but we didn’t do any such unethical thing. In fact we changed the face of mankind by training even not-so-intelligent students to make the crack, with our special tips and tricks for fruitful rote-learning. This commercialisation of education that we have

accomplished is, thus, the wisest thing to have happened in a long time. And this is what we get in return!”

Newspapers have been flooded with requests for similar advertisements. Specifications vary from **“Donor should be from one of the *old* IITs only”** to **“Donor should, apart from being an IITian, be able to respect girls too”**. A couple with both husband and wife being professors of English, specified, **“Donor should be an IITian but not Chetan Bhagat”**. Sperman Baweja, the man behind “Awesome Sperms” tells us some of the requests that he has received also specify the JEE rank-range that the donor should belong to, while others are a bit more relaxed, allowing alumni from IT-BHU and ISM Dhanbad as well.

IIT students, meanwhile, are in a confused state. While some are amused, some others are not. Still others are too shocked to say anything. “I can try it as an alternative source of pocket-money. DU girls these days anyway like to make us poor guys spend a lot, so it will be of much help,” an IIT-Delhi student tells us. Rajiv of IIT-Rajasthan says, “I just hope that we get our righteous recognition here at least. Despite qualifying JEE with high ranks we, in the new IITs, have been suffering a severe lack of fame and name. I hope this will not add to our woes and prove to the world that *hum bhi apne sperm se bohot bohot chatatkaar kar sakte hain!!*”

Some IITians are, however, against the idea. Their reason is best explained by the argument put by an IIT Bombay alumnus, Tarun: “Most of us have to struggle for the entire period of our engineering life to get ONE girlfriend. But no one pays heed to us, because they want the swankier studs of other not-so-reputed colleges. Why should we let others make use of our brains then? Instead of selling sperms for money, I say the IITians should ask for a girlfriend in exchange! I bet no couple would be able to afford it then!” Tarun’s friend Varun, however, says very casually, “I seriously don’t care man. But I just hope this sends out a message to all the pricey girls out there that we have what no one else does. Besides, we the ‘non-maggus’ stand a chance to outshine the maggus for the first time in life here. Hehe...”

While Sperman Baweja thanks the Chennai couple for his million-dollar idea, NTMN hopes that the trend makes way for students of other colleges too. Here are our suggestions:-

1. NIFT — for girly girl-babies and, err, girly boy-babies.
2. IIPM — for a child who will be able to think beyond the IIMs when he is not able to get admission into one.
3. SRCC — for future Sachin Tendulkars who will freaking GET THAT HUNDRED!

Traditional Indian Customs, Ripped Apart

January 13, 2012, Nazneen Alam

THE ‘KISS MY FEET’ SYNDROME:

Tell me this hasn't happened to you. You are sitting comfortably, maybe reading a good book, or typing an earth-shatteringly(?) vital text. And, all of a sudden, some elderly stranger (who knew your dad's dad once upon a time) decides to barge in on your peace and quiet at that precise moment. Obviously, you're expected to fall tumbling down at his (dirty) feet in respect. It's only so long that you can pretend like you didn't hear his grand entrance in the slightest and continue staring at the book/phone, because, of course there's your mom standing right there, giving you meaningful looks. And if you don't get your bum off the chair soon enough, she will proclaim to all the world what an unruly child(?) you are. "*Uff ajkal ke bachche...*"

THE 'NO PALLU, NO SHAME' RULE:

Next comes the absolutely crucial aspect of your dressing sense. The bahu of the house must not be seen dead by the men of their house without the pallu covering their head. It's okay, however, to prance around town in mini skirts—those men on the streets aren't your dewarji or sasurji, after all! Just remember not to get caught in western outfits at family gatherings—it clearly shows how you have completely crossed over to the dark side.

P.S.: You may be in for a long night full of insults of varying magnitudes.

THE RIGHT TO 'EAT ON TIME':

"No Mom, I am not hungry right now." Is this dialogue so difficult to understand? I guess not, because it is the most straight-forward sentence you will ever hear. And yet, our mothers insist that we eat on time, all the time! So, in the end, we end up stuffing so much food down our tummies over the holidays that we transform from looking like frail old zombies to ballooned-up couch potatoes. You would prefer the former than the latter when the college reopens, wouldn't you?

THE 'AWAKE BEFORE THY SLEEP' CLAUSE:

The founding fathers of our society sure were great believers in "Early to bed and early to rise..." Darn you, the founding fathers! What do you know of our plight, you never had Facebook, huh!

EVERY SINGLE festival and occasion requires you to wake up before even the sun does. If for some godforsaken reason (like chatting with your girlfriend the entire night, watching a late night soccer game etc), the sun manages to beat you, you will be treated as though you've committed a heinous crime such as murder itself. So you spend the rest of the day stumbling around bleary-eyed like a zombie on brain-diet. Then there are those clichéd aunts, and aunts of aunts, who note that you have grown up enormously and shamelessly in the last one year and decide that you need to be married off right this instant. And then they roar with laughter at their own brilliant joke (like they're the funniest thing since Charlie Chaplin), while you stand there looking like a dumbo.

THE 'BE A MAN, GO TO THE STORE' BANALITY:

"Son, your sister needs a recharge. Go to the shop and get it done..." "But Mom, I am watching a movie. Can't she go herself? She's older than me, for Christ's sake..." (*in a stern voice*) "NO! The world out there isn't safe for a girl. GO NOW, or I will call your father!"

To all you women empowerment folks out there, what happened here, eh? All of a sudden, the 'I am just a kid' boy in the house has to leave his beloved movie midway to go and get his sister's

cell-phone recharged, which she probably is going to exhaust by the midnight itself talking to her 'good for nothing' boyfriend. In what world is this justice?

THE 'RETURN HOME BEFORE 6' DECLARATION:

Okay, this rule sucks if you are a girl, but the magnitude just quadruples if you are a boy. As if *Twilight's* male fans weren't enough to make the whole male community less manly and insecure about themselves, some parents are hell-bent on getting their sons back to the den asap, as though he might suddenly turn into a vampire and start killing everyone in the vicinity. Phew!

We could go on and on about these Indian customs and household rules that we've had to suffer. But, to make this a little more interesting here are some customs that we would like to see being employed in our families in the near future:

- THE 'GO TAKE THE HOTTIE FROM THE NEXT DOOR FOR A DATE' REGULATION
- THE RIGHT TO 'WEAR WHATEVER YOU SEE FIT'
- THE 'DRINK BEER, WATCH FOOTBALL' DECREE
- THE 'SLEEP WHEREVER YOU LIKE' RULE
- THE POWER TO 'NOT GIVE A SHIT'
- THE 'CHOOSE YOU OWN BRIDE' LAW

Do share some of the customs and rules you hate most! And also suggest some new ones! 😊

Narendra Modi dumps BJP, joins Congress to earn secular tag without having to be secular

January 11, 2012, By Kunal Anand

In a secular turn of events, Gujarat Chief Minister and the Congress-certified communal leader Narendra Modi has decided to join the Congress party. This development has shocked political pundits and maulvis alike. In the recent months, Modi has refused to eat on various occasions out of sheer frustration of being the only communal leader in the country. These hunger strikes were marketed by the BJP as Sadbhavna Missions. Modi has tried everything—even development of Gujarat—to earn the “secular certificate” from Congress, but, despite making Gujarat the fastest-growing state, his efforts have found few takers in the Secular Core Committee of Congress headed by Digvijay Singh and Jagdish Tytler. His own party has done little to help him. BJP is too happy to have many candidates who are fit to be the Prime Minister (the only problem is they don't have the majority).

Stung by the secularists and spurned by his own party, Modi today announced his decision to join Congress. “I am a Con(gressi) and I am not a communalist,” is what he said after meeting the Goddess of Secularism, Sacrifice and *the* Singh, Sonia Gandhi. His new look of wearing the

skull cap, the holy cross and red *teeka* has found instant takers among the Muslims, Christians and middle-class Hindus who are going gaga over his change of heart.

“Today is a great day. Insha’Allah, we will change the heart of every kafir with our goodwill,” said the separatist leader Ahmed Shah Geelani, who was in Delhi for his monthly dialysis.

Modi addressed a press conference outside the most famous shrine of secularism: 10, Janpath. When Chatur Chintu asked him why he chose only Congress, he said, “When it comes to secularism, Congress is Teflon. No charge of communalism or rioting sticks to them. Be it the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, the Bhagalpur riots, the Babri demolition under Narsimha’s regime, dozens of tiny disturbances in Mau, Merrut or the ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley, the Congress comes clean every time. Their unshaken faith in the Gandhi family, who, by virtue of their surname are the most secular human beings, keeps the Congressmen from turning communalists. As a BJP member, I have been run down for the last 9 years as a fascist, while the Congress leaders accused of participating in Gujarat riots still enjoy secular credentials. By joining the only party authorised to declare people secular, I have earned visa rights to USA.”

Meanwhile, the Congress party is overwhelmed at having snatched the last leader BJP had. Manish Tewari declared that Modi is drenched in secularism from head to toe. Kapil Sibal has promised to come up with a zero-loss theory that will prove that not a single life was lost during Gujarat riots. Rahul Gandhi told reporters to ask WikiLeaks about his opinion. Digvijay Singh claimed that it was a plot of RSS and the Nazis. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said he had no knowledge about any such development. Sonia Gandhi just smiled and flashed the victory sign.



South Delhi Girls Create Explosion of Words, 6 Injured; Several Report Hearing Loss

January 6, 2012, By Rishi Ayyer

In a surprising incident on Monday, two Delhi girls were the cause of a minor explosion of words near South Delhi’s Lajpat Nagar (Central Market). The explosion injured six people. Police have blamed intelligence failure. No warning email was received before the explosion.

Karishma Mishra, and Sonia Lamba, the girls in question, created an explosion which, besides injuring people, has reportedly caused ear damage to many. The police are confused about the course of action to be taken and have asked the CBI to look into the matter. The Ministry of Home Affairs has directed the intelligence agency R&AW to intercept telephone calls between young girls from now on. Since there hasn’t been any formal complaint against the girls yet, NTMN managed to get their hands on the pair of girls (I know what you’re thinking) for an exclusive interview.

Says Karishma, “We were walking around the market gossiping. There is this new guy in our class and we were discussing his, err, hi... Him, when all of a sudden, the air between us exploded and we were blown away. Sonia has sustained damage to her ear too. I don’t understand what happened, but I do believe we are explosive.” She winked.

Sonia was in too much pain to be comprehensible. However, when both girls realized that they were being interviewed by NTMN, they let out some high-pitched screams and almost tore apart this reporter’s clothes, not that he complained. Very rarely has one heard the screams which these girls emitted, and the effect remained even a few hours after the interview was over.

What now remains to be seen is if the Indian Government, for all its foolish plans, nuclear deals and armament woes, manages to tap this “explosive” resource that Delhi seems to produce in such abundance. The National Capital, for all the dropping temperatures, has had its history of producing the heat. Senior Army Members feel that these Delhi bombs can seriously be used as decoy weapons and the army today also has the need of such measures.

The Emoticon :P, Ripped Apart | Its Various Crazy Uses on Chatting

January 2, 2012, Aashish Aryan

Welcome to cyber world. Yes! Here we try to be as real as possible. Real in what sense? Switch to one of the micro-blogging sites and you will know how real we are, even while sitting miles across each other. And what helps us is what they have named “**Emoticons**”. A mixture—unhealthy one though—of emotions and icons. WOW. How unreal again!! Oh wait... it actually helps us get real! And among the hoards of these fake icons that we use to express ourselves, this particular “☺” seems to be the most abused one. The meaning of this in real world has always evaded me. Technically, it just means the **tongue sticking out**. *But, if a survey is done of how often it is used on Facebook and on chatting, it will appear that we have our tongues sticking out all the time.*

Sometimes they use it to express the feeling when they try to be sarcastic; at times it is used to be funny. But how can one emotion be used in such varied forms when used at different places in different forms. How?

Boy 1 to Boy 2: I love you ☺

Now this apparently means that the Boy 1 is somehow just trying to tease Boy 2. Kindly note it: “:P” is **teasing** someone here. (I hope no one gets offended by this statement.)

Boy to Girl: I love you ☺

Now this clearly assures us of flirting. Healthy, unhealthy... well, that's up to you to decide. The emoticon is used **for flirting** now. Great.

Girl 1 to Girl 2: He loves you 😊

Now this needs quite some understanding. (And since when did understanding women help? :P). But in general sense, I mean if they don't mean anything better, it certainly means, Girl 1 is telling Girl 2, "See what kind of douche bags fall for you. You are worth such idiots only. This is sugar-coated bitter truth." So dear ":P", you are also being used **as a truth messenger**.

Girl to Boy: I love you 😊

Well, guys reading this, didn't just imagining this situation rush your blood at twice its normal speed? Ah! Don't lie... I know it did. So dear Mr. Emoticon, you give **nightmares to boys**.

Girl to Boy: She Loves You. **Amazed and excited Boy:** "Really???" **Girl:** 😊

What the.... Damn! These emoticons can **break hearts**. Happy realization.

Boy to Girl: He Loves you. **Girl:** I don't care. Now, unsure of how to react to this situation, all that the **Boy** is able to muster is :P.

The Girl follows suit. Oh! how mean. But guess what, the emoticon just saved somebody his mental agony of not being able to do his work. Yes! I call it a work.

Uses of ":P" is varied, but not limited to:

1. "All in good humour."
2. "Okay, that was offensive but I did not mean that."
3. "I don't know what else to say."
4. "I want to cut off a conversation but can't say directly."
5. You have something you think he/she won't feel good about, crack it with a ":P".
6. You got a joke you think is bad, shoot it with a ":P".
7. You need to know if she loves you, ask her if she feels for some other guy with a ":P". If her answer comes without a ":P", believe me, she is saying the truth.

Sometimes I wish, seeing the use of ":P" everywhere, it should have been declared as, say, the National Smiley... Imagine, the annual budget presented by the Finance Minister containing the ":P" at the end of every clause. And most of the government policies concluded with a ":P" (They're fooling us anyway, at least this way we'll know when!)

And how about the answer sheets we fill in the exam. It's better we make a ":P" at the end of every answer: after all the teacher needs to know we didn't intend to make it that funny. Stick out the tongue and it works.

The use of 😊 on chats and social networks has moved places, first it was just like a joke followed by a ":P", but now it is THE thing.

And the best part of my imagination, I wish using “:P” in practical and in face-to-face conversations was that easy. It is such a useful emoticon. Imagine:

Sachin Tendulkar being asked about his hundredth century, he makes a :P.

Sharad Pawar asked why he was slapped, he makes a :P.

Shah Rukh Khan asked about *Ra.One*, he makes a :P.

Ask anyone in the world, “Why this Kolaveri!” and they make a :P.

And Manmohan Singh, I tell you he would have been blessed. He doesn’t speak anyway, a ☺ would have helped his silence look smarter.

[Birthday Special] NTMN Editor, Ripped Apart

December 28, 2011, Sugandha

Before you start heading towards the cross button on the top right, let me tell you, this is not a real interview. Knowing how famous our chief editor’s own sense of humour is, I wouldn’t—for the sake of mankind—dare you to read his real dialogues. I am sure you get philosophical lectures from your parents already.

So it is our chief editor Tanay’s birthday and we decided to quiz him on various things on this special occasion. (Actually, no one else was ready to spare time for us. So, yeah.)

See how it went.

Sugandha: So how’s it going, Tanay.

Tanay: Call me Sir/Founder/Editor/Chief... anything professional, but “Tanay”? NO. Work is worship for me.

S: Uh-huh, amen to that. Sir.

T: So, what have you to ask, Miss Head of Operations?

S: Oh. Well, before anything else, here’s wishing a very happy birthday to you, in behalf of the whole team!

T: Thank you. By the way, you made a grave mistake there. That should be “on behalf of”, not “in behalf of”.

S: Oh. Just a slip-of-tongue you see. Hehe...

T: What was that, I hate it when people can’t simply accept their mistakes and learn. Anyway, for your welfare, I’ll explain: “in behalf of” someone means to favour someone, to benefit them.

While “on behalf” means on the part of, or in the name of someone. The latter is what you meant, the former is what you said. Too bad. You guys need an editor for everything.

S: Ah-okay. Thanks sir. I learned something new today. Yay. (*wipes beads of sweat off forehead*)

T: So?

S: So? So what? Oh yes. So, sir, what are your plans for this special day?

T: I woke up at 6 A.M. today, winters make me a late riser you see. Have been working since then. It’s 9 A.M. already. At 9:30 I’ll go for a bath. 10 o’ clock I’ll read the newspaper, to get more updates on what is happening around the world; in other words, to look for newer topics and people to spoof. 11 to 12 I will watch T.V.—The Lok Sabha channel is my all-time favourite entertainment channel. 12 to 12:30 I will go through my Facebook news-feed, notifications, etc. 12:30 to 1, I will be replying to the birthday wishes on my Facebook wall and inbox messages. Then from 1, I will read a novel for two hours exact. At 3 o’ clock I’ll sit down to edit some articles. You guys have lost all sense of punctuation and grammar, I’m telling you. Making it increasingly difficult for me. Oh, and by the way I sit down for my editing work at or after 3 only so no one can offer to help me with it, since the post has to be published at around 6 in the evening. Nobody here can edit to my satisfaction. I guess I need to edit this useless team now.



Chief Editor giving us his grammar lessons

S: (*interrupting*) Oh well sir, so, what after the editing?

T: What after the editing? I’ll publish it, duh! Then I’ll spend an hour reading it again and again, gazing at the sheer marvel with which I add master-strokes to you people’s stupid works. I’ll share it on my personal profile if only I myself really like it, with special recommendation from the Editor. No partiality, say my work ethics. Even if it is my own website. I always make it a point to appreciate hard-working kids, not the ones who make me work hard.

After that I’ll again read my novel. Then will be my music hours! 8 – 8:15 P.M. exact, I’ll listen to my favourite playlist—which has been the only playlist I’ve had since 1995. 9 to 9:30 P.M will be dinner time, then will follow it up with another half an hour in front of the T.V. 10 o’ clock will be my smiling time. 10:30 I’ll go to sleep.

S: Wow. That was quite detailed. And... and... too interesting for a birthday!!!

T: I know. I’m a fun person.

S: (*coughs hard, pauses, regains senses*) Sir, you’ve been running NTMN for...

T: Not I, my team. Those fools won’t work if I don’t give them their fair share of credit—the

only thing I give to them.

S: Okay. So your team has been at it for two years now, how does it feel?

T: I don't know. Not sure if "good" is a better adjective or "great". I mean "good" is good, but too less than what I feel. And "'great" is great, but then it could also mean something huge, big, tall—so that could create a confusion in the reader's mind. So I'll say I feel good.

S: (*rolling eyes*) Well, okay. That was quite... precise.

T: Ah, not precise, accurate. I'll tell you, accuracy is defined as, "The ability of a measurement to match the actual value of the quantity being measured". While, precision is defined as, "The ability of a measurement to be consistently reproduced". You see, it's accuracy that you mean here.

S: (*uneasy in my place*) Err... to be honest sir, I myself have forgotten what I meant at all.

T: Hahaha, good one. Nice sense of humour there.

S: O.o

T: By the way, have you done all your work? Don't tell me you're just wasting your time here? There's a lot of pending work to be done, and a lot of planning, remember?

S: Oh-uh. Of course I do, sir. In fact, I'm right now working on a piece you could publish today.

T: You're working on something right now? Whoa. What is it about?

S: A satire on the lifelessness of an editor.

T: M-hmm. That sounds... intense. Good, at this point of time we need to deliver satires on various spheres of life, and not just politics!

S: Don't worry sir. It is going to be an awesome post. Very different and fresh. Anyway, thanks for your time.

T: Oh that's alright. Please close the door when you leave. It's my thinking time.

As I started to leave his chamber, I heard our esteemed chief editor enter into an intense discussion, with none other than himself. He started blabbering something about the beginning of World War III, Osama bin Laden and stuff. I broke into a scamper, and stopped only when I was two kilometres away from his dungeon.

But having said all that, I still knew well that he is a nice gentleman after all—loved and respected by the team. So what if he is a disciplinarian, so what if he is the boring editor of a fun website, so what... err, okay, I'll leave it there. So I was saying, whatever may be the case, he still is the person working behind every article, ensuring that the effort of the writers comes out most beautifully for the readers to appreciate. So if there's one man who is involved with the nuances of every piece here, it is him.

(Sorry people, since the final editing will still be done by him, the last para was necessary. Ignore it, for all that we care. I just hope the post gets published. Phew!)

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We do the same thing that you do in your fests: Scamster Uncle Writes to College Students

December 21, 2011, By Aman Garg

Tihar Jail
Delhi, India
December 21, 2011.


Dear Students,

I, and many other friends of mine, have built a strong foundation for the students of today, but stupid kids like you are ruining everything for yourselves. I am quite distressed with the participation of the youth in the anti-corruption campaign. This might seem an illogical comment, but think about it. Try to be little practical, fellas. Try to use your brains.

Yesterday, we were like you. Yes! We have also organised fests and events. Believe me! We learnt the basics of earning some extra bucks from there only! We also know the joy of receiving the first cheque from the sponsors for an event—more so when the event itself got cancelled. When events got cancelled, we learnt the art of satisfying everyone else with the old photographs (sigh). Our clerks and photographers still use these traditional ways.

Do tell me if still some of those *jugaadu* sponsors agree to pay directly to the personal accounts rather than college account?? That used to be famous trick in our times and it later evolved as the famous 2G scam. Everyone of our breed looks up to this scam with utter respect. This trick, and thus scam, are the most inspiring things I have ever seen in my life and it leaves behind a great legacy as an inspiration for future generations in our art. You can also learn a lot from these revolutionary scamsters and their ideals.

Not to forget my favourite: BILL INFLATION. You might have seen a little glimpse of that in the Commonwealth Games 2010. Those treadmills were bought from the same street where you

get your fest T-shirts and posters . How easy it is, to get a bill of 300% more than the actual cost—do try it out in the next fest if you haven't tasted it yet. The government funds for us are the same as what college funds are to you. The difference is just that we do not have watchdog professors like you. But RTI really sometimes becomes pain in our ass. Anyway I hope things become smoother when your turn comes.

Think about all that money collected after the fest. It must have brought a smile on your face. It gives a great sense of accomplishment and self-satisfaction when your hard work literally *pays* you. It kind of boosts your self-respect. We also get the same feeling and the parties after that are no different from those of yours. As you prosper more, in the future, you will become more classy and you will hate dry days as always.

There is a thing that nobody knows but unknown to these news channels (and therefore to you), we—all the people of different parties—are friends; our motives are similar after all. This is similar to your society systems or multiple organisations for fests. The competition is what separates you guys, and you have fights among yourselves, but in normal college days you are like chuddy buddies (underwear friend)—it works just like that with us. So if you do not consider the scale, we are not much different from you.

Being a scamster involves a lot of creativity, hard work, determination and courage. Besides these, the mentorship and motivational stories (provided by not just huge bank balances of my colleagues and myself, but the luxury at Tihar) have their own undeniable importance, which we are taking care of for you people. What do we get in return? A protest against us! Instead of standing with us, you are standing *against* us. What do you think this Anna fellow will do to our society? Today they are asking for your support, but tomorrow they will backstab you all, for example they will close down all the liquor shops. Then how will you celebrate that happiness of exams getting over? What will you do with the money you EARNED during fests? So please think about it. Develop some foresight for your actions and if possible, join us to put down RTI.

Hope to see some brains enlightened by my letter.
Your loving and caring
Scamster Uncle.

Youth suggests elusive God Particle could be inside Sachin Tendulkar

December 14, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

Even as physicists at CERN apparently came close to discovering the “God Particle”, a youth from India has suggested them to do the search once in Sachin Tendulkar’s body. Monty Manesar, a 19-year-old lad from Ludhiana, featured in an interview to India TV late Tuesday night. He said, “It is blasphemous to look for such a thing outside the actual God, Sachin. I suggest them to take the samples of Sachin and they will find it easily.” Tendulkar is an Indian cricketer, and God for the third-largest religion in the world after Christianity and Islam.

Manesar claimed to the interviewer that he had been hurt by the neglect shown to his God, by “stupid scientists more blasphemous than Shahid Afridi”. Afridi had recently said he could see Sachin’s legs tremble during a cricket match.

The telecast of his interview was followed by a “rational” analysis by astrologer Daanti Maharaj. He explained, “Steve Jobs found the God Particle when he was in India seeking spiritual solace. The GP, as it is fondly called, carefully tracks its victims’ records, ensuring that the person it occupies is truly deserving. According to folklore, there are three God Particles in the entire universe—the Holy Trinity—who scan the universe for deserving candidates. One is said to be

found in Rajinikanth. The second is found in the US President of the current date. The search is on for the third, which some believe, was hiding inside Steve Jobs before his death.”

Daanti Maharaj did not rule out Manesar’s suggestion of Sachin Tendulkar, and said he was pleased by the boy. “I’ve told him to stop going to college. He can have a great career ahead at India TV, and I can teach him thuggery for no fees at all.”

Higgs boson (or “the God Particle”) is a theoretical particle, which if found, would explain some things about matter, even though it does not matter to most of us. Physicists are looking for it with huge desperation. “My wife has said I would be granted a whole month alone at home if I found the particle,” said a CERN expert working at the project. Just as the India TV reporter told him about Manesar’s suggestion, he heard a noise of scientists dancing wildly behind him. Apparently, someone had shouted that he had spotted the Particle in the Large Hadron Collider. A minute later, it turned out that it was just an illusion.

On Twitter: Meanwhile, Poonam Pandey claimed on Twitter that she has the third God Particle tattooed on her upper private parts. She wanted to reveal it to cheer up male scientists few months ago, but the BCCI did not allow her to. Several soccer fans have come out on Twitter against Monty Manesar’s views, and say Lionel Messi must be having the third God Particle. A politics expert tweeted, “We can’t really say, there are several clones as well. Someone was telling me the God Particle is also there inside Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, and only one of them can be the genuine one.”

Newspaper Advertisements Ripped Apart

September 20, 2011, By Ankit Rana

Newspapers nowadays have turned highly educational. While some youngsters may learn various things about sex, bombshells and babes, (refer [this](#) NTMN article) some learn the art of lies. I, have always wondered at the advertisements and advertising strategy newspapers use to earn revenue. A newspaper nowadays uses readership statistics only for advertisement, again. Their main income is collected well before the issue is distributed, well before it is printed even, through advertisements.

I so love reading the newspaper these days. I wonder why it is unpopular among the youth.

My typical daily routine begins with a mug of hot coffee, a comfortable couch and the distinct sound of undoing the rubber band from around the newspaper. *The Times Of Hindustan*, my daily read, has the recognizable 80-odd font size header, with two or more of its alphabets covered by the images of people in the news that day. The left is covered by some measly politician, while the right is usually flanked by a victorious/disgraced sportsperson. Irony already?

The very first thing I notice, is the oddly-sized half-sheet of advertisement, covering the main headline. Often, this space—dedicated to a fruit juice brand—displays fresh slices of apples, melons, oranges and mangoes placed in an absurd sequence that would make Fibonacci turn in his grave; or a Swiss watch with a dazzling aura capable of instilling envy in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's grandeur-filled movies. Further, this half-front page makes holding the newspaper a very dexterous task, thereby testing my agility in the morning.

As we flip the half-page, the next image that catches the eye is that of a young couple, half-naked, cosying up on a beach. And the tagline reads "Just Jockeying". You must be just joking!

Page two is no less than the rest and displays pretty proficient marketing skills itself. China dominates this page with cheap electronic products having a huge resemblance with its authentic counterparts. The prices are so unbelievably low, that a common man might easily be duped into buying them. But there, in fine print, are the oh-so-many flaws in the device pointed out.

Turn the page and what follows is another successful business strategy. "Alpha College of Engineering packs it all," "Beta Institute of Technology (approved by AICTE)" and "Yet Another Institute of Technology (100.00% placement record in the past decade. Estd: 2005)" and "Gamma School of Management (Dare to wink beyond the IIMs)" stare up at you. It has now become a thumb-rule that an institution's advertisement should exhibit a couple of (good-looking, I must say) girls, holding a book in their hands and beaming at the reader. I wish I had enrolled in such an institute!

What makes me literally crush the paper sometimes, is the rank boasting of a minister's achievements of what they have done for the state. There they stand, admiring themselves in expensive kurtas and suits with the party emblem flashing alongside. In the forefront is Sasuri Mayawati (I always use this designation for her respected highness). At times, I desperately wish the blue elephant standing next to her could run and create a stampede in her honour. All that black money printing colourful advertisements, they should run a newspaper of their own for publicity.

As I drink up the last few sips of my coffee, I look at the silent ads, in the sports column. And there they ask me if 'I have made it large'. This reminds me of the party tonight. I am surely gonna go drink your brand's beer and shout out aloud 'I have made it large'. I love to read newspapers nowadays. Aren't they the most educational material you have ever seen?

"I so love reading the newspaper these days. I wonder why it is unpopular among the youth."

Times of India website becomes cleaner, all obscene content shifted to 1st page of print edition

September 11, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

Every day, Harshvardhan, an avid reader of the *Times of India* website, finds time to read the latest articles (non-news) at the computer centre of his college. However, he was shocked today as all the website had to offer was stuff about the 9/11 anniversary, the US Open and some usual political news. He feared a sleepless night ahead, after even using the search engine failed to find the article about the most seductive ideas of sexting. Worse lay ahead, as the slideshow of the naked photoshoot of Megan Fox, that he had spent 40 minutes on yesterday, had also vanished from the whole website.

The 21-year-old called up his roommate to narrate his tale of disappointment, and he got to know that the day's print edition of *Times of India* had all the content that he wanted. Harshvardhan rushed to his room, and found that after two full-page ads of a new range of underwear, the 3rd page had big bold headlines like "*Poonam Pandey flaunts her assets*", "*Adriana Lima's smoking hot body*", "*How to find a place to have sex in office*", etc. with king-size images. "*Playboy is passé*," they said; the two friends gave each other a high-five. Turning the page, they came to know on the fifth page, how it had been ten years since the tragic 9/11 attacks, and how India were on the verge of losing a cricket series in England.

The third page had a small notice that said the paper was committed to educate middle-aged and old people about the internet. So, most clean content would be shifted to the website, while such content would be made available for youth in print. "The youth are losing the habit of reading print newspapers," the paper observed sadly. "Getting old-aged and e-illiterate people to click on misleading ads is easier, and hence would help in generating more revenue. So it's a win-win business," said an inside source at Times of India.

"All other websites of men's magazines, pornography and sexually-explicit general knowledge, which would offer me solace and satisfaction, are blocked in college. In this situation, Times of India sneaks in cleverly, at the pretext of being a 'news' website, and it certainly helps me a lot," said Harshvardhan. His favourite section is the relationships and the Women sections, and also the one having images from model photoshoots. "They are the best bet to destress me after my mathematics classes, where I yesterday calculated the probability of a TOI website article being a news report, as 1.2%."

Similar was the story of several other young boys, who love ~~viewing~~ reading the website everyday (before posting comments like "what the hell! TOI is degrading journalism standards!"). A Facebook page called "*R.I.P. Times of Outside-India*" created today morning has already gathered 500,000 fans. A post said: "Just ended the subscription of HT and asked my hawker to give TOI from tomorrow."

Advertisers are expected to offer extra amounts of money now for the print version. Front-page condom ads may become a reality soon, as the paper has reiterated and reconfirmed that it doesn't care that it is a family newspaper, or a news paper for that matter. "Everyone provides the news. We have to be different. So what is wrong if we mention Rahul Dravid's run out at the top? And, when there is a needless Jockey ad on the front page?" said sources. "Social causes are paramount, and so, all that matters is young guys thanking us for our Relationships section, which keeps them happy despite lacking a girlfriend for four long engineering years."

Indians sign pact with Hindi calendar; every festival to fall on a Monday or Friday from next year

August 21, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

In an unprecedented development, India Inc. has signed a pact with the makers of the Hindi Panchāng (calendar) to allow the pleasure of extended weekends more often in life. The pact means that every important and unimportant festival, whether it deserves a holiday or not, will be made to fall on a Monday or a Friday from 2012. The need was felt after a vast section of Indians who go to college or work experienced a huge amount of relief at the thought of staying home for two consecutive Mondays, on account of holidays festivals (Independence Day and Janmashtami) this fortnight.

“More and more festivals should come forward and volunteer to fall either on a Friday or a Monday, to make life easy. For instance, this week I was supposed to finish the assignment of creating a database of women who have liked our page on Facebook. But, obviously I couldn’t concentrate on the job. On Friday, when my boss asked for the report, I told him I was unable to finish the job as Monday had been a holiday. I appreciate August 15 for falling on Monday, and Janmashtami also has made life easier this time around,” says Shivam, an employee at a reputed cosmetics company. He added defiantly, “If a festival falls on a Sunday, I’ll protest by not celebrating it.” Gandhi Jayanti and Christmas fall on Sundays this year.

The proposal for the pact, our sources tell us, was presented to the makers of the Hindi calendar last week, by a group of people calling themselves the Civil Society. It had representation from college-going students and employees from all sectors. “Students of colleges where attendance isn’t a big problem wanted festivals on Tuesdays instead of Mondays for obvious reasons. But the office-going folks disagreed, as unlike us, they can’t do unofficial mass bunks on Monday,” a Delhi University student told us.

The Society met pundits and astrologers to discuss the possibilities. “It is quite possible, they said. Although the Hindu calendar was made centuries ago, Kaliyug was designed for tampering everything. With increasing population, planetary positions no more dominate people. Instead, humans affect stars now. The planets are ready to move as we want them to. The moon and the stars in the sky can’t be moving all the time, and can readily go on holiday. Once they can be compromised with, festivals like Holi and Dusshera can be shifted to wherever we please. Even Goddess Durga wouldn’t have liked to kill Mahishasur on a Sunday,” said Avkaash Kejriwal, a Civil Society member.

The problem, though, remains with national holidays and Christmas Day, which fall on a fixed date. "Talks are on. We hope it will be resolved before October 2. We don't want to remember Gandhiji on a Sunday. Sundays are for sitting at home," said another member. When asked if he would remember the Father of the Nation on October 2 if it fell on a Monday, he refused to comment.

Sudarshan Agarwal, who believes Christmas observes the birth of Krrish, says vehemently, "I will go on a strike for a week if Christmas this year is not shifted to another day."

Freedom becomes taxable for every citizen from this I-Day, announces Prime Minister

August 15, 2011, Aashish Aryan

In his eighth annual two-hour break from silence, the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, unlike himself, was made to say quite a lot in his Independence Day speech. Most of the speech expectedly didn't inspire any confidence in the citizens, nor did it reflect any confidence in the PM himself. The one portion of the speech that did make any effect was: "Starting the next financial year, the citizen will have to pay taxes in order to stay free in the country. We have decided to do away with the right to be free in the country. The UPA government is keen to allow citizens to do whatever they please, but it asks for taxes in return," said Singh in his address to the nation.

Dr. Singh said the tax slabs for every citizen would be different, based on the levels of freedom that they intend to attain. He said one would have to pay huge taxes for being able to post anything about (read against) the government, on [Twitter and Facebook](#). Taxes have also been imposed for expressing opinion on the Government and for being able to sit on indefinite fasts. This decision was welcomed by Anna Hazare who said that he was ready to pay taxes for being able to say something about (*again read against*) the government. All freedom to do/say anything against the government would be taxable. Freedom Tax will not spare anyone, be it the people below poverty line or those who zoom away in costly cars. Those who don't do/say anything would have to pay *anticipatory tax* just in case they say or do something in future which the government doesn't want, maybe in private conversations with friends. Dr. Singh said that the collected tax money would be used to establish the Gandhian kingdom and slowly put an end to democracy in India.

"The country has accepted Mahatma Gandhi as Father of the Nation ages ago. So it's time the big Indian Family be given the correct format by slowly turning this country into a monarch state," said the Prime Minister. "Moreover I have been allowed by the You-Know-Whos to continue as the Prime Minister even in the Kingdom." The government plans to have [watchdogs](#) who shall monitor public meetings, Facebook status updates and tweets. Some of them would roam about the streets in aliases to monitor private conversations. The government also plans to have a Facebook account which every citizen of India would have to add as their friend. A

Twitter account which would be mandatory to follow is also on the cards, once the government finds some government officer qualified enough to handle these accounts. Rules for the imposing of the Tax would be announced soon.

[Websites](#) like NTMN will be treated as individual units, and they will have to pay huge amounts of taxes. If any citizen doesn't pay the Independence Tax, they will be jailed immediately and forever. Freedom from corruption will demand the highest taxes, and since activist Anna Hazare has expressed his voice against it, he will be sent to prison for evading taxes on the morning of August 16.

“Indians who love other Indians” declared a minority group; report proposes aarakshan for them

August 12, 2011, By Arun Maithani

Vindicating the reports from the National Survey Commission, the Human Resource Development Ministry on Wednesday declared “Indian Indophiles” (Indians who love India and other Indians) as a minority group in the nation. The number of Indophiles of Indian origin (“Desi Indophiles”) has fallen sharply in the last two decades. While a good 40 percent of the Indian population was declared Indophilic in the Mandal Commission report which identified minorities in 1980, the number has plummeted to a meagre 0.7 percent in 2011. “It is disappointing that Indians have stopped loving their own people,” said the report.

Experts believe that an array of mindless mercenary policies, burgeoning corruption, and Government's apathy are the major factors responsible for this decline. It is feared that this “minority” group will soon be extinct if special attention (and largesse) is not provided to it.

Giving the matter prime importance (as it is given to do for most “issues”), the HRD ministry suo moto (without being ~~guided~~ prompted by the Supreme Court, for a change) decided to include the “Indophiles (of Indian origin)” in the Minority List. Indophiles, like all other minority groups, will now be eligible for ten percent quota at all Government institutions, with a special preference for promotions. The private sector has also been asked to reserve seven percent seats in their organisations/institutions exclusively for the Indophiles. Taking it a step further, the Indophiles will now also receive a fifteen percent reservation in the Indian Cricket team and Defence forces— “a first-of-its-kind initiative to promote Indian values among the decadent young Indians”, as told by the ministry spokesperson.

Though yet to formalize a draft regarding the criteria required for a person to be declared an Indophile, the report has recommended a list of “must-haves”. The first few points as leaked to the general public, are:

1. Should be so loyal to the government's policies, that the person is a Kasabophile before being an Indophile.
2. Should be a citizen of India. "Half-Indians" will not be considered, whether Katrina Kaif or Rahul Gandhi.
3. Must have the ability to distinguish the Indian National Flag from the Italian flag.
4. Should be forever earnest to burn/beat/boycott anyone/anything mortal or not, living or otherwise in the name of protecting Indian culture.
5. Should not be able to elaborate or even enumerate the work done by Honourable President Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.
6. Should readily be able to blame Pakistan for everything ranging from Global Warming to *Rakhi ka Swayamwar*.
7. Should have a certified phobia of standing in queues.
8. Should have at time of application attained at least Braindead-Believer status in the Holy Order of Cricket Heroes (HOOCH) Cult, *particularly* in the Sri Sri Sachin Tendulkar's Divine Powers Sect.
9. Should have an "I Love India" Tattoo, anywhere above the waist.
10. Should have watched *Gadar*, *LOC*, *Maa Tujhe Salaam*, and *Border*. Attested copies of all hall tickets will be required for the same.
11. Should be a fan of Manoj Kumar and should be able to produce legal documents supporting the same.
12. Should attack with stones the homes of as many cricketers as possible after a World Cup loss, and should declare them Indophobic (India-haters).
13. Most importantly, should be a regular viewer of India TV—the TV channel named in the honour of India and which has full support of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

The list consists of an exhaustive fifty points in all. It is believed the final draft regarding the prerequisites and procedure for registering as an Indophile should be out one week before the Assembly elections.

The proposal has been welcomed by everyone alike. The main opposition party NDA expressed its pleasure at the report. L. K. Advani said, "This is a welcome step and will be helpful in enhancing the spirit of patriotism and in protecting our pious, pristine Bhartiya Sanskriti. We however feel that this should have been done years ago. Even now the proposal has come from the HRD and not PMO; I reiterate that the Prime Minister is impotent."

Though the Government's intentions appear to be honest, it remains to be seen how fruitful this step proves towards saving our apparently dying culture. With experts fearing it being too little, too late, and authorities portraying fervent sanguinity, it will be interesting to see how things turn out for India, after the Bill is finally implemented. One can only hope that this quota will be implemented in its rightful spirit and every step will be taken to ensure that only genuine Indophiles benefit from it.

Indian politicians least depressed in the world, says WHO report

July 27, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

News in Brief

About 36% of the Indian population have suffered from major depression. The politicians' cheerfulness saved the country from a higher figure.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said in a health report that Indian politicians suffer from the least depression rate among others of their species across the world. The study was done on people of all professions separately, in various countries. In India, the profession of politics was found to be the most satisfying one in terms of money and power. Leaving aside politicians and ministers, the depression levels were observed to be the highest among Indians [\(link\)](#).

Some experts have attempted to explain the phenomenon, "Stress levels do run high among leaders in nations like the USA, UK, France, Germany, Russia, etc. Reasons for stress can vary; there are reasons like having a large nation to run, to having a Carla Bruni for a wife in France. In India, however, the profession of politics complements the other professions exceedingly well. All possible depression of the men in power is willingly sucked in by the Indian citizens, every five years."

A closer look at the study suggests that Indian leaders currently lodged in the Tihar Jail of New Delhi, have not suffered from any form of unhappiness while under trial. Most politicians surveyed complained of dementia when asked whether their black money was the reason behind their happiness. Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar, however, revealed that the reason for his happiness is his association with a circus. "Being a Congressman, I am always in a funny mood," he said.

Most jobless Indians to turn into entrepreneurs in the next 10 years, says study

July 24, 2011, Sugandha

"After failing my twentieth interview 'with flying sandals', I was feeling very distressed and, well, hungry. So I went to a local dhaba and bought a plate of chhole

bhature for twenty rupees. It was so delicious that I felt like I could live on chhole bhature for the rest of my life! That was the Eureka idea. I decided, I am going to make (and thus eat) chhole bhature from now onwards. Hmph!” says Atul Butt, smirking. Mr. Butt is the CEO of Chhole Bhature Pvt Ltd—he is one of many next-gen “self-proclaimed” entrepreneurs.

By the time the Labour Bureau’s first-ever unemployment study was completed, the Indian government was capable of stating what could be called, “one reason why we should not be blamed”. Next, an official statement reached the press directly from the Prime Minister’s office, proudly demanding, “From now on, I hope we won’t be abused over unemployment issues, at least.”

The study, conducted all over the country, has come up with some very interesting results about the status of employment and the lack of it, in India. The results list out the most populated employment sectors, as expected in 2021: 51% (*wannabe*) entrepreneurship, 9% Facebook, 9% BPOs, 10% Engineering, 9% Medical, 8% government jobs, 2% agriculture.

The most significant observation, which has given the HRD Ministry a sigh of relief, is obviously that *every second Indian is, or is on the verge of becoming, a so-called “entrepreneur”*.

To get more insight on the wonderful sector that employs half of India, we talked to an entrepreneur, Mr Atul Butt, about the future of (self-proclaimed) entrepreneurship in India. Mr Butt is the Founder and CEO of Chhole Bhature Pvt Ltd. “It’s amazing! Five years ago, when I was rejected by every single company, kicked out of interview rooms and my résumé trampled under the feet, given my ‘out-of-the-world’ CGPA, I thought my world was over!” he recalls from his past.

“I would try and console myself, hoping to locate at least one reason to be proud of myself. It was such a daunting struggle, telling myself silly things like at least my English is better... at least I don’t use disgusting ‘mah’ and ‘yew’ SMS short-hands... at least my Facebook statuses are so original and witty and massively ‘liked’ (unlike those nerds who still go about copy-pasting stale clichés like *After Monday and Tuesday even the calendar says... W T F!*). Man, WTF I say!

“But the truth was, none of this could help my résumé, and even though I thrashed these nerds as fatheads who really need to get a life, I still was who they weren’t—useless,” Atul says with a deep sigh.

“What is your company all about?” NTMN asks Mr Butt. “Sorry that we couldn’t do much research on your start-up. We just needed to find someone who’d call himself an entrepreneur. You were the first person we met, and we assumed that someone as jobless as this must be a self-proclaimed entrepreneur. Fortunately, you did turn out to be that: jobless.”

Butt laughs and says, “Yeah, I understand your plight. Actually there are too many new so-called ‘ventures’ coming up everyday. So much that it’s nearly impossible to make out the genuine ones. We have a chain of *chhole-bhature* vendors all across my colony, outside every fourth house. We plan to have a nationwide chain by the end of this winter.”

“Chhole Bhature is fine. But *Pvt Ltd*?” we are curious to know the reason behind the oddity in the infant start-up’s name.

“Ah that! Well, I finally managed to survive four years of my B. Tech in Eye Eye Tee Engineering College, in spite of being so miserable. The *Pvt Ltd* tag was just a cover. Would any parents on Earth approve of an EET passout son of theirs, running a dhaba otherwise?” Butt reasons. “Besides, there is a feel-good-thing to this ‘Pvt Ltd’ tag, which is a good boost to the self-confidence,” he claims.

“Who exactly is an entrepreneur?” goes our last question to Mr Butt. “Or better, how to become one?”

“Well, there are various factors. One, he/she needs to own a company—an enterprise to be more precise. It could be anything—like my Chhole Bhature Pvt Ltd., or Kulfi Unlimited, FB Addicts & Co., Virgin & Sons Co., and so on! Be creative, innovative, make up new business ideas, however impractical, think of some pun-ny & witty title, add to it a coveted ‘Pvt. Ltd.’ kinda tag and then... off you go about declaring that you have chosen to rule your own world! While actually it is so because no one let you enter their world,” Atul says with a wink.

“Any tips for budding entrepreneurs?”

“Recently I was invited by IIPM to give a guest lecture to its students. I could have given you my lecture video, but jobless that I am, I’ll prepare the entire list of ‘signs that the fat(m)ass you’re seeing, calls himself an entrepreneur’.” Here is the list Butt gave us.

1. **“People who inspire me”**: Watch out for this space in your Facebook profiles, buds. *Do* make sure that as many names as possible, are found from among these—Steve Jobs, Gurbaksh Chahal, Bill Gates, Henry Ford, and the likes. Mind it, every entrepreneur claims to be different from the rest, while actually, we all are the same. All of us looked up or came across an enticing success story, started yelling that it inspired us and each time added a new name to our list of inspirational men, dead or alive. As simple as 123.

2. **The “I am my own boss” attitude**: All the same, again. Many of us were probably sacked by our bosses. Some, not even hired. And the ever-so-cool excuse is: “I can’t work under anyone. No no!” *Always* stick to this.

Though it’s a funny fact. Since as an aspiring ‘entrepreneur’, at least in the initial stages, one has to go about pleading a lot more people than just one wobbly boss, you know. And yet, even as the real boss of your own venture, not one employee would be interested in calling you “boss”. Don’t know why is that so. They aren’t even entrepreneurs—real or proclaimed.

3. **Publicity-hungry**: New venture, no takers, high stakes. Obviously, a lot of publicity is needed. And if it comes for free, nothing could serve better.

We entrepreneurs are poor people. And not as high on self-esteem as we pretend to be. The ones with websites are the funniest. They do all that it takes to rule everyone’s Facebook and Twitter timelines. Extensive spamming, repetitive sharing of links, self-praise, liking-unliking-again-liking their own website links and what not! If you have a website, dive to levels any low/deep to

get more and more ~~unpopular~~ popular! (Like I am doing this write-up, hoping to fetch some limelight.)

4. **Best entrepreneurial quotes:** This is the best sign. Every wannabe entrepreneur loves saying or sharing already-said verses and quotes about dreams, entrepreneurship, hard-work and stuff, by important personalities of the world. Very typical, but also our favourite tool of self-promotion and publicity.

So do as much of this as possible; anyway you'd be free most of the time. Mention your venture in everything you utter... tell people how much you value it, it's your baby and rest of the crap. Even if no one's interested, freaking tell them!

5. **Never stop talking:** The entrepreneurial syndrome is bound to make one obsessed with all that has been mentioned above. One shouldn't ever stop blabbering about his 'start-up'. People do appreciate it, after being pestered to do so. Flirt with the ugliest girls around and praise the dumbest guys, if that is what serves the purpose. Learn that business needs lack of human emotions and that is how we need to proceed with it. It's all about getting our work done!

6. **Staff-strength:** Here is the best part. You are your own boss, yes. There is only one company for us where we could get the title of our choice. And that is, our own 'start-up'. Choose the title that you like most: CEO/Director/Owner/Founder/Manager/Peon... anything! For you are, everything!

But be prepared for one thing. For the first ten years at least, everybody in anyway 'employed' with your company would be earning, except, YOU. Well...

7. **Facebook profiles:** Very important. We folks couldn't get our résumés right, so we've got to make this one thing look purr-fect! When a regular internet stroller stumbles upon your profile, the 'Employers' part should shine through most prominently. Make it heavy, you know, with as many things as possible. I am this, I am that, lots of quotes from the B-world, et. al.

In the end, we all know, more than just many girls are bound to be impressed by this, so stay hopeful. No, they don't know how much you're earning.

We hope the tips will help many more unemployed people in India get a way out on their own. If the stats continue to be like this, every Indian would be self-employed very soon—earning or not earning. And then, the government would be left with the zillions of other issues to (not) concentrate on. If you're unable to begin,

"No work and all play makes Jack an entrepreneur." — Steve Jobless.

P.S: The line that follows is all that we had promised to pay to Mr. Atul Butt, in return for this lecture: "Chole bhature Pvt. Ltd. is the first officially registered chole-bhature venture in Asia. We are recruiting new talents. The selection criteria would be strict, unless you don't demand salaries that we can't afford. If you think you have it in you—the skill to make tasty chole bhature, contact me on phone: 996829xxxx. Lots of vacancies left. For more, log on to our awesome website tastycholebhature.com."

Satire-writers admit they just pretend to be writing for purposes like changing the society

July 17, 2011, Kumar Pratik

(Concept: [Tanay Sukumar](#))

Some well-known satire writers on Indian blogs have bowed to public pressure and have admitted that what they write makes no effective improvements in the society as we know it. “We just pretend to be writing for the purpose of changing the society,” said Tanay Sukumar, the Editor of *News That Matters Not*, a well-known Indian news satire website, which claims to be “Inspiring Change Through Humour” on its Facebook page. He went on to explain why he felt so: “The lazy society is unmoved by things way more serious than satire, like politics, social activists, Arnab Goswami, and well, Baba Ramdev. There really is no way that writing satire makes any difference on the opinions of the people. It’s only a means of recreational reading for them, and a bit of fame for us. Things would have been different if we were some TV soap-opera, motivating people to start fighting amongst themselves for no apparent reason.”

When questioned why he is doing something he doesn’t have faith in, he replied, “There always is the hope that they will eventually get tired by straight talk, and will come around to see satire as a powerful weapon to achieve the larger purpose. And who knows, they might also like our fanpage.” The biggest evidence, he says, was that Manmohan Singh has not learnt anything after NTMN wrote lines like “I didn’t mention Manmohan Singh since I don’t talk about fictional characters”. The government, telephone service providers, astrologers, and Rakhi Sawant have maintained their resolve of never changing for others.



NTMN makes claims like making the reader "think along as they get amused." What's amusing, is that no one has thought about it yet.

To confirm if there was any truth to his claims, we decided to check in on some readers of other such sites. Rowdy Daddy, who insisted we call him by that name, and happens to be an avid

reader of satire, expressed his views on the matter. “It’s not far from the truth. What satire merely manages is to make fun of situations, people and characters. I visit these sites almost daily, and yet I haven’t become any better socially than I already was. I read, I like, I comment, I tweet, but that’s it. These articles don’t have a long-lasting impact on my mind, or on my ideology.”

“I’ve come across so many passionate satire writers who say, ‘We’re writing sensible things in the name of satire and we hope people read it and their thoughts change, and the society becomes a much better place.’ But in fact they realize later that all they manage through their work is to gather more and more readers, and nothing else. Satire is ineffective in the purpose these writers intend to fulfill,” said another regular satire reader.

A respected (?) writer on a popular satire site started talking to us only when we guaranteed that his name would not be published. He elaborated, “We mock a lot of politicians, but sometimes I feel like a politician myself. People flock around stadiums to listen to whatever gibberish a politician has to say, and then forget all about it the moment they step outside. In the same way, readers visit our sites, give in their inputs and forget all about it soon enough.” *Do you intend to be taken as serious writers, working for the social upliftment of the country then?* “Yes, that is our ultimate motive, to bring about a change. As long as a revolution can be sustained, the means to achieve it are irrelevant and inconsequential.”

He further went on to say that he was foreseeing a change in the pattern. “I am an optimistic man, despite all that cynical stuff I just said. Believe me, things will change. With the advent of social platforms, the reputation of satire writers has increased substantially. And, I remain confident that with the rise of the youth of the country, we will ultimately be able to make a difference.”

IITs to have reservation for girls to prevent the disease of homosexuality

July 5, 2011, By Harsh Thakar

In an unprecedented move today, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have declared a 30% reservation for “hot” girls for all courses. The inspiration for this move has been accredited to the [healthy](#) views given by Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, who recently warned the nation of a foreign “disease” called homosexuality. About this new move, a spokesperson for the HRD Ministry says, “IITs have been largely an institution dominated by boys. Even those girls who manage to get in are generally passed off as boys. Moreover we cram about three boys in one room. So, to avoid the dangerous disease of Men having Sex with Men (MSM), we are planning to add this quota so as to get hot-looking girls into IITs as a preventive measure.”

Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad endorsed this move, “The disease of MSM is unnatural and not good for the Indian society. It’s a challenge to identify such people. However we feel that IITs are most susceptible to this disease because of their terrible boys-to-girls ratio. We have also requested the management to give out free CDs of Shilpa Shetty’s yoga to the boys to keep them fit, while preventing the occurrence of MSM. This can work as a government-approved technique for the prevention—prevention is much better when we have no cure— and meanwhile, students ~~are expected~~ will be allowed to apply other conventional techniques like pornography CDs to survive college life without any health defects.”

A concerned parent in Indore, said in full agreement with Ghulam Nabi Azad’s statement, “We are glad that the ministry is taking such wonderful preventive measures against such malicious diseases. We would like to extend our full support to the government and hope that after MSM, they take care of more dangerous diseases such as wrinkles, white hair, Beiberism, Twilightism and K-serials which are of more concern to the country than AIDS, Cancer and the like which only kill millions of *firangi* people every year.”

There will not be any entrance examination for girls aspiring to join the IITs through this quota. They will have to mark their attendance in the Slutwalk Arthaat Besharmi Morcha later this month in New Delhi. A huge number of desperate invigilators and pervert examiners are expected to be present at the Slutwalk, and selections will be made there. Girls who are not sure about how hot they are will have to choose between the Slutwalk and the JEE. The ones who choose the JEE forfeit their reservation automatically. However those girls with names Munni, Sheila, Shaalu and Jalebibai will be given 15 extra marks in JEE.

In a quick response to this move, prominent Kota (quota?) based IIT coaching classes Sri Champak Kumar’s have enlisted the help of Indian Fashion Icon Poonam Pandey in training the girls for this mega event. Managing Director of the institute Mr. Champak said, “Ms. Pandey has always been a beacon of light in dark times. Due to her grand promise and motivation, our cricket team has secured the world cup. Now she will use her skills and raise the whol(r)e result of the institute.”

Filmmaker Karan Johar has condemned this move on Twitter, saying that MSM is not a disease, and education in premier institutes of the country should not be diluted in this way. However, discrete sources with such complicated names that we’d rather have them unnamed have given us the information that prominent Bollywood actor (?) Ritesh Deshmukh will be playing a gay IITian in Dostana 2.

Manmohan Singh when asked for a comment gave us the full benefit of his silent stare before mumbling something about you-know-who, and going off. He turned back once and told us that he felt MSM is an abbreviation for “Manmohan Singh with his Madam”, and contrary to what the Opposition and the rest of the world believes, Manmohan Singh with his Madam is not a disease.

Several IIT students have expressed happiness at the reservations. Final year students have, however, slammed the government for being few years late in realising the necessity.

Youngster blames discrimination by govt for uneven distribution of rains

June 25, 2011, By Mayank Lodha

Barring selected regions of the country, it seems that monsoons are finally here, providing huge relief to wary Indians in most parts of the country. The entire country is expected to be engulfed in showers by the end of this month. However, in an unprecedented development, Aniket Gupta, a 20-year-old engineering student from the sleepy town of Ajmer in Rajasthan, has filed a complaint in Ajmer High Court, blaming the government for the lack of rainfall received in his town. His plea specifically questions the integrity of environment minister Jairam Ramesh, accusing him of engineering a government policy of utter discrimination.

Aniket says, “Jairam Ramesh believes that Ajmer is a [third-class](#) city, and hence, the cold shoulder treatment. We are suffering due to the lack of water in our fields and homes, and all the government cares about is the so-called elite first-class cities. Look at the way it has been raining in Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata. They do not even *need* that much rain. My friends in Mumbai are having paper boat races in their 2nd-floor hostel rooms. *Our* children also want to play football and go on romantic dates in the rain.”

There has been a wave of resurgence in Rajasthan’s arid areas, following Aniket’s bold step. Student politician Rohit from Boondi says, “We pledge full support to Aniket Bhai for this quest of his. This discrimination has been going on for years now. If he needs us for a hunger strike or a candle light vigil, we will readily provide those services, free of cost.”

Aniket, however wants this to be as low-key as possible. He believes that strikes are disruptive and publicity-mongering events, that’s why he has resorted to a judicial complaint. He has full faith in the ability of the judiciary to see reason. “We are citizens of this country and have equal rights. We also want to put status messages like *Lovely Rains*, *Awesome Mausam* and *When it rains, all one can do is to let it rain* on Facebook. I want to show these Mumbaikars and Bangalorites that even we can show off. I hope my litigation serves its purpose and the government takes necessary steps for our satisfaction.”

Leading filmstars like Poonam Pandey, Chunkey Pandey and Mahakshay Chakraborty have also offered to give their full support to the cause. “Reality shows do not call us anymore, and we are desperately craving for attention. This looks like a sensible and just request, unlike all the corruption crap that has been going on. It will at least help us pass our time,” said an over-enthusiastic Chunkey. Shahrukh Khan and Amitabh Bachchan declined to comment as usual.

The government on the other hand has wasted no time at all in branding Aniket as an RSS agent and conspirator, dismissing his lawsuit as a frivolous and spiteful attempt to tarnish the tolerant image of the government. The government’s all-purpose man Kapil Sibal says that the case does not have any legal substance. “Mumbai and Bangalore obviously deserve their share of rainfall due to their contribution to the economy, being the finance and IT hubs of the country. Mumbai also needs extra rains to enhance the hotness quotient in all those romantic and

titillating scenes in *Murder 2*. Apart from *namkeens*, *kachoris*, kites and IITians, what else has Rajasthan contributed, that it should deserve these rains?” wondered an irritated Sibal. “At this point, all we can give them is a year’s supply of tear gas”.

The court hearing is scheduled for Monday. Aniket is going over every clause and argument threadbare, having roped in Arun Jaitley and KD of Sony TV as his legal experts. He is very hopeful of being successful, despite the high-handed and authoritarian attitude of the government. We can only wait with bated breath for the ruling in this path-breaking and revolutionary case. Meanwhile, Chetan Bhagat has also lapped up this issue and is trying to be desperately funny about it on Twitter. Needless to say, no one is listening.

Uninterested in technical stuff, student corrects teacher's grammar during viva

June 20, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

Campus

News:

In a viva-voce examination for Electrical Technology at Yet Another College of Engineering (YACE), a first-year electrical engineering student has scored zero marks despite appearing to be the most knowledgeable student around. Our campus correspondent reports that the student’s mastery was limited to the English language, but he lacked any idea of the subject in question. Sandeep Lall, the self-proclaimed “boyfriend of literature but husband of engineering”, corrected the examiner in every question he asked, in terms of grammar and pronunciation. He refused to give any answer until the examiner asked the question in correct English.

The examiner, Narayana Karunanidhi deserved zero marks for his language skills, declared Lall after his exam, untroubled by his own zero score. His two classmates, who had the viva with him in the same group, had a great time since they didn’t get to speak much. All the questions were confidently dealt with by Lall, the person who knew the least about Electrical Technology.

“I have grown up reading Dickens, Wordsworth, Austen, Shakespeare, Bacon, Harper Lee, and other such authors. I’m not going to read books by the people they suggest us for studies. The authors of these textbooks are all Indian and sound like Chetan Bhagat. Distaste!” he told our reporter. “I have heard of Milton, but he didn’t give any theorem. When I told the examiner, he insisted he was asking about Millman’s Theorem, not Milton’s Theorem. And then I decided it was not my cup of tea, and I had to counter-attack.”

Sandeep then listed out some of the errors made by the examiner. “He pronounced *theorem* as *tiaram* and *circuit* as *cirkoot*. Weird accent the man had. Does he even know he is speaking English? And yes, then he asks me “*explain how does the induction motor works.*” My best friend, standing at the back of Karunanidhi tried to give me a hint by acting the *3 Idiots* way, but I decided not to answer until I had taught him that it is “*does work*” instead of “*does works*”.

How can he rape English in this manner, if he is not a UP policeman, nor is our College Director Mayawati!”

Fellow students say that Lall’s textbooks are filled with marks he has made while correcting and improving the language used by authors. “I don’t want to become an engineer. I want to become a writer. That’s the basic reason I joined an engineering course, though an IIT would have been much better,” he says when asked about his hobbies and ambitions.

At the end of the exam, Lall suggested his examiner some books for improving his English. “Read foreign authors, sir,” he told him. “They put up new innovative questions, which can make students learn more than Indian authors, who ask the same question that their grandfathers used to answer.”

Not on JEE merit list, student goes on fast to force IITs to take him

June 9, 2011, By Harsh Thakar

(with inputs from [Bijender Sheoran](#))

Following the footsteps of Anna Hazare and Baba Ramdev, Tinku Malhotra of Bangalore has declared that he will go on a fast until he is given a seat in IIT Bombay. The 17-year-old, who did not make it to the merit list of IIT-JEE this year, believes that his merit can’t be judged by some 6-hour exam which is anyway based on the “Kota” system. “Anna Hazare went on a fast for what he believes in and so can I,” says Tinku.

Tinku started his fast Thursday afternoon after having a grand five-course meal with second helpings of each item. “Tinku baba needs energy for his fast,” said Sakhubai, Tinku’s maid servant who prepared the massive meal for him. In the first few hours, only a handful of relatives were by his side supporting and motivating him. However, as soon as the press and TV news channels came to cover the story, several friends and well-wishers began pouring in, offering their support for Tinku. “I heard that there were TV people covering some boy’s fast, so I came to support him. Who knows, I may be on the front page tomorrow and a movie director calls me up for a movie,” said Neha, who looked as if she had accidentally tripped into a box of makeup.

“IITs should consider the passion and commitment of students before taking them in. My friend is passionate about vodka and has been committed to 15 girls,” said Akash, Tinku’s friend. Tinku’s parents are proud that their child was taking a stand for what he believes in. “I always felt that my son would amount to nothing, but look at him today, he is doing something that the famous people in our country do. Now even he will be famous. I say every child who wants to achieve something in life should go on a fast until he achieves it,” said his father. “Besides, if Baba Ramdev is doing it, it means that a hunger strike must be beneficial to the body and will cleanse the mind, body and soul,” said the mother, an ardent Ramdev follower. There were some

relatives who felt Tinku's fast won't hold as much mettle as Baba Ramdev's because he has no armed followers to threaten the government with.

Tinku seems determined to remain on fast until he is given a seat in IIT Bombay, though we did catch him stealing hungry glances at the delicious samosas his maid had made for us. The government expressed concerns over Tinku's fast and called for an urgent committee meeting headed by HRD minister Kapil Sibal to look into the matter. On being questioned about the matter, Sibal told us, "We agree that IIT-JEE is no judge to a student's merit. In fact, seeing the current scenario, we believe that JEE should be scrapped and admissions to IITs should be given only on the basis of fasts. Students will be judged on the length and severity of fasts they impose upon themselves, and on how many people come to support them. Extra credit will be awarded if there is an armed uprising."

As the government loses sleep over Tinku, Digvijay Singh and P Chidambaram have come out openly to announce that it's all an RSS conspiracy just like every other problem like Mohammad Ghazni's invasion, the Kashmir dispute, the 1975 emergency, the Bofors scam, the mishandled Commonwealth Games, the 2G scam, and an issue as impo-(r)-tent as the alleged homosexuality of Rahul Gandhi are all an RSS scam.

Tinku's friend Rinku said that he will also keep a 10-hour fast from 11pm onwards on June 11, to protest against the government's neglect of Tinku's demands, like Anna Hazare and his favourite writer [Chetan Bhagat](#) have done for Baba Ramdev. He said his fast will add to Tinku's fast and then their friend Minku would join and all the fasts would be added up, thus in long term, creating a Fibonacci series of fasts. Apparently Rinku has made it to the IITs this time.

It remains to be seen whether this 'fast' decision by the Government appeals to the common man. However, late at night, the director of a well-known JEE coaching institute said, "It doesn't really matter. We are already in the business of starving students for two years in the name of JEE preparation."

"Huge IIPM ad grew in size, started coming out of newspaper," terrified student narrates his experience

June 4, 2011, Sugandha

Today, a student from Kanpur narrates to us a horrendous experience, that he had recently, when a close-to-full-page advertisement of Indian Institute of Publicity-Management (IIPM) started growing in size, and became so large that it came out of the newspaper. He has abandoned reading newspapers now, and he tells us why.

Three mornings ago, when Bunty D'Souza woke up, little did he know what surprise his otherwise-monotonous routine had in store for him. Innocent and unaware, he got up when any other college-going, responsible teenager should, on a holiday—at 1 in the morning.

Bunty's mother, like all other days, brought in the morning tea that Bunty thoroughly relished, teeth unbrushed. "I am pursuing dentistry, final year," Bunty tells us.

Accompanying the plate of Marie-Old biscuits and the cup-&-saucer on the tray, was the day's newspaper. One that was going to be the last he ever read.

Bunty opened the newspaper. To his surprise, there was no surprise. Somewhere a war had broken out, somewhere else a woman had been raped off her modesty, elsewhere, an otherwise good-for-nothing minister's mastermind had been unraveled in the form of a glorious countless-crore scandal and still elsewhere, were news of multi-billion-dollar weddings flashing fetching all eye-balls internationally, even as news of poor farmers and labourers dying to live, in some parts of the globe, continued to be ignored. All in all, "there was nothing new to read," as Bunty puts it. Just the regular stuff.



We hope this doesn't grow too much

But when he turned to page 3 of the damned newspaper, lo, what did he see! A *huge* advertisement, to say the least, one that was abnormally huge! "It was something like never seen before! In the advertisement could be seen the letters "I.I.P.M" shining bright in a bold blue hue," Bunty reveals. The ad also carried the picture of a man, he adds. "Or was it a woman?" Bunty seems dubious at this point of our conversation. "The character had long hair tied into a funny pony that made me confuse it for a woman. But then I thought it looked too eerie to be a woman, even an ugly woman, that too one who could appear in newspapers with such over-confidence! A body with a gigantic build, dressed in a boring, un-revealing professional suit, sure, at least, looked manly. The big smile that showed-off his huge ugly teeth apart from the god-knows-for-what pride, further affirmed that it wasn't a woman. Maybe just a slightly more

sophisticated replica of Shrivardhan Trivedi to whose ‘*chainn se sona hai to jaag jao*’ Sansani-warnings I sleep every night. But a man, yes,” Bunty confirms. “Arindam Chaudhary, the name.”

As we urge Bunty to give more elaborate details about the *prima facie*, Bunty gets shivers recalling what he saw. “It was like some nightmare, as if I hadn’t woken up at all that morning!” Bunty blabbers. “Even worse than the previous night’s horrific dream, of Shahnaz Hussain doing a full monty, exclusively for me”—at this point, the sweat bead on his forehead and his shaking voice clearly confirm one thing, it was certainly something horrendous that he saw that morning.

“Like I said, it was a huuuuge ad! That womanly man could be seen in all the hundred corners of that ad. In one pic, he was pointing his (index) finger at me, daring me to do something. *Dare to sleep around..!*—was it? No no, **DARE TO THINK BEYOND...**, yeah, that’s right. In some other pic, he was standing with a large group of students who looked like wannabe air-hostesses and models. This I know as the girls of the lot were hot, while the guys looked fair and gay. In yet another pic, he was trying to strike a pose, a thinking pose of sorts. And believe me, he was trying too hard! Probably in one of those studio settings we see in marriages nowadays where all the countless number of relatives, especially aunties, get clicked in exactly the same poses, one elbow resting on a stand and the palm cupping his chin, it made for the perfect wannabe-philosopher-pose one would try for a Facebook display picture. There also were pictures of some Chinese/Malaysian/Japanese/any other tiny-eyed people with the wannabe model/air-hostess lot I just mentioned. These pics were titled as some student exchange programs and the “hot girls-gay boys” lot was that of IIPM students, it revealed. For a second, I even made the error of taking the phrase “student-**exchange** program too literally!” Bunty winks at us. “For a moment I was even regretting, why on earth didn’t I join this institute that asks people to think beyond the IIMs, but itself carries an abbreviation almost plagiarized from the country’s best B-schools! As if people will get confused and join it instead of an IIM, like the ‘Froooti, Mango Byte, Eclairs, Paypsi’ types of replicas,” Bunty concludes.

“Was it just pictures of him all over that huge ad?” we wonder.

“No no! there was text too, in weird, scary font sizes. Just that the pictures made a little more sense to me. There were some survey results there too, placing their IIPM before the IIMs and FMS. For a moment they even looked believable, till I was reminded of the power of money! By the way, I am running low on pocket-money these days, you know...”

“But what exactly was so scary about the ad, that you decided to simply stop reading newspapers?” an accurate question put up by our reporter.

“The ad was, big, big BIGGG! Its hugeness was par imagination! When I had picked up the newspaper, it was occupying more than three-fourths of the whole page. It was more than just ‘catchy’, cutting the long legs of a Katrina Kaif above it, to less than half (which made for a real unsatisfactory glimpse of her), covering half of Amar Singh’s spectacle glasses and making Manmohan Singh’s turban look more like Omar Abdullah’s *topi*.

“Just then, something happened—

“The advertisement started growing in size!” Bunty declares with a gasp.

“Slowly slowly, the whole of Amar Singh’s spectacles became invisible, Manmohan Singh’s turban was reduced to the size of a handkerchief he could use to wipe off Soniaji’s feet/nose, and worse, more of Katrina’s bare legs became invisible!! From three-fourths to more and more and more, it continued to grow bigger and bigger. It was as if that pony-tailed man would pop out of it any time and drag me in, and make me stand with the hot-girl lot! Not that I’d mind that, but, I have no plans to get into a certain IIPM!

“It was growing, growing and growing more—the ad. My eyes were about to pop-out, it was then that I knew what ‘ads should fetch eye-balls’ actually meant! Arindam’s smile now looked like a hyena giggling. Very soon the whole page was covered with their huge slogans, declarations and pictures:

DARE TO THINK BEYOND...

ARINDAM, THE MANAGEMENT GURU

WE ARE NO. 1...

IIPM STUDENTS GET FREE LAPTOPS!

IIMs SUCK! WE ROCK!

SEE THIS SURVEY, SEE THAT SURVEY!

SEE WE ARE THE BEST... SAY WE ARE BEST, SAY IT, COME ON JERK, SAY IT!

JOIN IIPM.. JOIN IIPM, JUST JOIN IIPM!!!!”

Bunty gets out-of-control and senses at this point. It takes him many glasses of water to calm him down again.

“I have given up newspapers for life. And I am going to join IIPM once I complete my dentistry.”

“What? IIPM after Dentistry? That’s not possible!”

“It is, it has to be. I can’t live with these nightmares for life. Besides as the management guru himself puts it, dare to think beyond. Nothing is impossible,” Bunty finally quips.

And the reporter leaves with a smile, having gained fresh tips on what business is all about. Dare to think beyond... cross all limits, all pages.

Engineering students told to go to bed early; govt issues night-time rules

April 24, 2011, Aashish Aryan

In a desperate bid to make engineering students go to sleep early at night, the Human Resource Development Ministry has announced new rules to be implemented by all recognised engineering colleges in the country.

The announcement came in the wake of the government's worry that engineering students never go to sleep before 3am.

"The night is for sleeping," said Minister Kapil Sibal. "These students are disturbing the natural balance. Since they refuse to follow the *early to bed, early to rise* motto, we are forced to bring out such rules."

He blamed engineers for the single-digit growth rate of the country and denounced the fact that girls studying in engineering colleges are also following this sleep pattern.

The following are the rules established by Mr. Sibal, on the basis of the recommendation of the "Jaago India Jaago" committee.

1. All students who wish to pursue engineering must sign a bond which states that the signatory shall sleep by midnight, and wake up by 7:00 am. (The timing is relaxed by an hour for SC/ST students, while OBC students can wake up all night.) Failing to do so shall lead to detention upto 3 days or a fine of 500 rupees or both. Flying Squads shall conduct surprise raids in rooms to verify the state of the person inside it. *(The minister said this will be very helpful in restricting the working hours of budding engineers by making them more disciplined.)*
2. All the engineering colleges in the country (government and self-financed, both) must have snore-o-meters installed in all boys and girls hostels. The reading must not be below 80 decibels during the stipulated sleep time.
3. Games like Counter Strike, Need For Speed, Age Of Empires, etc will be banned at all levels. Jam-sessions on such games would also be illegal. (These shall, however, be allowed during technical fests of colleges.) Movie sessions at night will also be banned. *(Students have grown so addicted to movies that they have started watching Tamil, Telugu, Korean, French movies with subtitles since Bollywood doesn't churn out good movies.)* External hard disks of students will be routinely examined by a gazetted government officer.
4. CDs of Lata Mangeshkar's lullabies will be released for those who cannot sleep on time. Special marks will be given to those who play the CD to sleep.
5. Laptops and desktops intended for use by the students must have auto-shutdown by 11:45 pm and do-not power up before 7:00 am feature. The government shall hire the services of a major software company for the same. All phone calls which extend after 1:30 am will be tapped.

6. The Government, on account of its large-heartedness, keeping the happiness of the students in mind, shall make allowances for night long booze sessions on weekends. Birthday parties must have written permission from the nearest police station.

The minister made it very clear that since engineers are also future voters of the country, the government could not afford to antagonize them.

On being asked as to why only engineering students have been targeted by the government, Mr. Sibal said that the country is generating engineers on a large scale, but facing a dearth of doctors and other professionals. Hence these students have been exempted from this rule—the exemption would hopefully divert some population from engineering towards these streams.

The All India Engineers Forum and Engineer's Society have condemned these rules. They have called for a nation wide "mass wake up" on a date yet to be scheduled.

India to spend millions of dollars on anti-ageing potion for Sachin Tendulkar

April 3, 2011, Tanay Sukumar

Impressed by Team India's victorious World Cup campaign with the slogan "Win it for Sachin", the BCCI has announced it will sponsor the manufacture of an anti-ageing potion for Sachin Tendulkar.

This was decided immediately after the final match in Mumbai, and was announced by Ravi Shastri at the post-match presentation.

Sources have put the cost of the project at nothing below a million dollars, if at all the product needs a 100% success guarantee of not letting Tendulkar get old as he gets older.

"When he was dropped so many times in the semi-final, we felt that he might not be the actual God. Maybe that he has been impersonating God for all this long; and if he actually is a *man* like us, it is possible that he also gets old and retires one day. The final, where he got just 18, strengthened this idea. That day of retirement could be very close, and to prevent this, the Board needs to take steps today, and *now*," explained the Board President Shashank Manohar.

Reportedly, on the night of the semi-final, senior BCCI officials called up yoga guru and budding politician Baba Ramdev to take assistance over this. When asked how he himself plans to live for 150 years, and what to do to gain infinite immortality, he suggested that Sachin should wear saffron, and grow his hair and beard like himself. After he becomes a charming form of the hairy Lasith Malinga, he would need to regularly consume expensive dosages of an anti-ageing potion manufactured by Ramdev's Patanjali Chikitsalaya.

“The anti-ageing potion would be costly as it would have the blue blood of the whole Indian population. To take blood samples, ICC chief Sharad Pawar will request the puppet government to conduct a new Census of India to make a database of cricket fans, and take a millilitre of their blue blood for the potion.

The move, if it takes shape, is expected to ensure that future Indian teams also win World Cups with the slogan “win it for Sachin”. Ramdev also advised Tendulkar to form a political party, which would damn him enough to delay his departure from the world, so he could play cricket longer.

(concept: [Sugandha](#))

Kaamwalis dearer to women than their husbands, says survey

January 4, 2011, Sugandha

If the findings of a recent survey conducted by a local NGO are anything to go by, Indian women are more possessive, protective and caring for their maids and servants than for their own husbands.

The survey, conducted upon over a hundred working and non-working women from different strata of the society, was based on a questionnaire carefully prepared by a not-so-esteemed male jury, most of them being men of high social status, all victims of their wives’ indifference and partiality towards the house-maids.

Following are some of the topmost replies of the questions asked in the survey, as tabulated by us:

Q. Who is the most helpful member of your family?

1. My husband follows all my orders sincerely and gives me my morning tea on bed first thing in the morning. So this has to be him.
2. My pet dog. At least he keeps me entertained, not like my boring hubby.
3. Obviously my maid servant!! Are you trying to insult her by asking this?!

Q. Who do you make tea for, everyday?

1. It’s cold, but even if am sitting in my blanket and Kantabai comes, I have to immediately get up and make special Tulsi tea for her. I can’t afford to let her catch cold in this winter! What’ll I do if she goes away!
2. My husband. I make tea when he comes back home from work in the evening, so that he can quickly start preparing dinner. (One lady added, “I don’t like my dinner to get late, you know.”)
3. My pet dog. He’s such a cutie pie!! How can I let my baby fall ill! No no.

Q. Your maid says she can't come for a day as she needs to buy a new sweater for this cold. What will you do?

1. A day off for her?! So I do all the day's work?! Oh no, no way! I'll rather ask my husband to remove the sweater he is wearing then and give it to the poor kaamwali. Men are strong anyway, a day without wool won't hurt him.
2. I'll open my husband's entire winter wardrobe in front of her and ask her to choose one. anything, but not a day off please!
3. I'll tell her that she needn't take leave for that. What is my husband for! He'll take an off from work and go, buy one for her. But a day without my maid, hell NO!

Q. Your maid hasn't come today. What will you do?

1. WHAT?!?!? Oh my god! *Faints*
2. Unimaginable! I'll go and drag her out from her home if needed!
3. I'd tell my husband, "Baby, don't go to office today. There's some more important work for you today."

Q. A day without your husband?

1. Cool! Going for a kitty party.
2. What? As if I am letting him go! Who'll make my tea then?
3. Boring. No one to listen to my regular complaints and grumblings.

Q. Your life is impossible without...?

1. Kanta Bai!
2. Shanta Bai!
3. My maid servant. And oh yes, husband too.

An activist from the group "Men Are Also Humans" later reacted to the survey saying that it has all the support and agreement from the society. "It is the voice of 'mankind', literally," he said.

Rising food prices a process towards an obesity-free India, says government

December 30, 2010, Tanay Sukumar

It's official now — the UPA government's experiments with food prices have paid off.

Around 2006, with alarming threats of obesity-related issues, heart problems and other common health concerns, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare came up with the idea of increasing food prices. Today, India has less number of obese people, because they have been unable to afford much to eat.

Since then, two in five overweight Indians have died of hunger, two now weigh normal, while one has killed himself — so says a research report on obesity in India. “It has been a process — our process towards a size-zero India,” said a jubilant Ghulam Nabi Azad, the health minister.

According to Azad, the government’s plan called MREGA (Motapa Removal and End to Gigantic Appetites) was successfully sponsored by the Agriculture Ministry. Farmers were made to sell food first to the Ministry at normal prices, which would then sell it to the public at higher prices. Frustrated by this injustice, several farmers have committed suicides in recent past. Although this did not affect obesity much (since the farmers were underweight), the urban obese man did indeed succumb to the high prices, Adnan Sami being a high-profile case who got cured quickly.

The department also identified constraints in providing access to health and fitness measures to the general public, and implemented measures accordingly. They had put across a proposal to the central government in order to increase the prices of the commodities.

“The increase in people’s weights is directly proportional to cheap availability of commodities. We should thank the government for curbing this; this has helped them monitor our food intake,” said the Chief Dietitian at Indian Medical Association (IMA).

Several obese people have expressed happiness over the good effects of price rise. Whereas, many who were expecting reserved seats in trains and buses due to obesity are an angry lot now, after this revelation. An overweight family we contacted cried over the death of their ancestral feature of protruded bellies.

(concept: **Shrijit Nair**)

Girl dumps boyfriend for staring at semi-nude photos of actresses in Delhi Times

December 25, 2010, Tanay Sukumar

A couple in the national capital has broken their eight-month-long relationship after the girl spotted her boyfriend staring at steamy photos of Hollywood actresses in a local newspaper supplement.

Ragini Kapoor says she got really angry after her partner Pranay Sharma didn’t turn the page even after one long minute. Sharma was reading Delhi Times (a Times of India supplement) during their metro train journey, when this took place.

Eye-witness accounts

“The guy was reading Delhi Times while the girl read the main newspaper,” described an eyewitness. “I saw she was reading some news carefully, while her boyfriend kept staring at really steamy pics of Salma Hayek and Scarlett Johansson on the second-last page, for a long time. Suddenly the girl saw this and scolded him. The guy got so embarrassed the paper fell to the floor, and more people started staring at the pics couple. She went off at the next station, and the guy didn’t know what to do. Poor man!”

“Man, I saw a break-up today!” chipped in an excited teenage co-passenger while talking to our reporter. “She screamed something like, ‘I didn’t know you were that stupid to look at that bitch for so long. You lied to me all the time I’m the best and hottest! You despo, two-timing, porn-addict scoundrel, get out of my life!’ No questions asked, they broke up in front of everyone.”

A 56-year-old bank employee who was sitting adjacent to Pranay, didn’t know the girl was screaming in anger, until the newspaper fell down. “You know I was staring at the photos myself, erotic and awesome. Then it fell on the floor. Damn. All day after that, I was wondering, what would my wife say if she finds out what I do with the Delhi Times myself. No, I’m going to stop getting TOI today. No risks.”

Pranay, a 21-year-old B.Com. student, was too taken aback to talk to us. The girl, meanwhile, posted a Facebook status describing the event, on which a male friend commented, “Remain single all your life if you don’t want such a guy.”

The Times of India website didn’t have any space to spare to narrate this news, but Delhi Times, when contacted, said such freak accidents wouldn’t hurt their hunger to make their supplement the first pornographic-and-advertisement newspaper feature in the world, by 2015. “We are committed to make Delhi Times something which teenagers would have to read alone, away from their parents’ eyes,” said the paper.

Delhi not at all unsafe: Men unanimously declare Delhi as the safest city in India

December 3, 2010, Tanay Sukumar

Even as the nation’s capital city recovers from the shocking gangrape of a BPO employee last week, the city’s men have declared New Delhi as the “safest city in India”.

“Women’s claims about Delhi being an unsafe city are absolutely ridiculous. Very safely, I can say that this city is the safest ever, to rape a woman without being caught,” said chain-snatcher, rapist and part-time shopkeeper Pintoo Yadav.

Yadav himself is a testimony to his claim, as he has lost count of how many times he has committed the worst crimes, but is yet to open his account on the number of arrests, thus being

extraordinarily “safe”. He says he knows the person who raped the Swiss diplomat in 2003, but the case has been closed and he walks free.

In the all-gents but very democratic survey that was conducted by NTMN across major localities of the NCR, an overwhelming 97% of men have voted Delhi as the safest. However, 2% said they don’t feel the city safe after they were beaten up by women for deliberately entering the women’s coach in Metro train. The rest 1% had attended the survey with their wives.

“Just a dozen years ago,” wrote a 32-year-old man in the poll, “it was difficult to raise my voice against stupid people on roads. Use one bad word, and all the old people who preach of sanskaars would behave as if I had asked for their remaining brain parts. Today, I feel safe enough to beat up any man who does good or bad, young or old. Some friends of mine even feel safe to beat up any woman as well.”

“I don’t have any fear about going out at night. Why would I call the city unsafe? If the women say so, why to believe them? Just because they are scared of every damn thing doesn’t mean you’ll take only their opinion,” said another man during the survey.

Most men believe the ideas raised by women (about the city being unsafe) are derogatory to the ill-health of the city. “It gives the city a bad name. All the hype they create after just one rape is as if the word rape shouldn’t even be there in the dictionary,” said an autorickshaw-driver who takes up only women as passengers during his night duty.

Women have, however, slammed the survey for being men-friendly. “Such dangerous surveys are an example why Delhi is unsafe for women,” said actress Gul Panag, who was recently touched by a man during the Half Marathon here.

Boy smashes TV set after watching Comedy Circus

November 2, 2010, Prateek Bagri

A 16-year-old boy in East Delhi smashed his television set with his slipper yesterday for “senseless absurdity”.

The teenager has accused Rajeev Nigam and Manish Paul, contestants on Sony TV’s show Comedy Circus of creating senseless comedy on which he could barely laugh.

“I bet my school chemistry teacher can make our bones tickle more, by asking bizarre questions like *What is the volume of an iota litres of water?* and *Why do an electron and proton love each other?*” said the student, Ram Gopal Sharma.

The student has defended himself by saying that the TV blasted not because he smashed it, but by the laughter of the judge Archana Puran Singh.

The science student, who takes his IIT-JEE coaching from FIIT-JEE, has been unable to study recently because he always starts wondering why people like the two comedians. His recent behaviour has been described as “absurd” by his classmates and family.

“Even my coaching institute teachers are obsessed with Rajeev Nigam. I ask what is he? My friends who were once solving JEE papers, are now downloading Comedy Circus videos from YouTube. Is IIT a joke to them?” the boy yelled out in frustration. “Everyone is mad about the show, and I am not able to understand why!”

Sharma has also complained that his parents also are too fond of this “brutal non-humorous-jerkish-impostor pair” that they abandon him whenever the show is on run. “My mom adds sweetener in dal every Friday and Saturday, and my dad tries to imitate Rajeev Nigam. He often ties sarees around his waist. I am sick of this.”

When asked about this, Ram’s father said he didn’t remember his own son’s name. A sudden shock wave came when his mother also denied recalling him, even by his face. “They are suffering from multiple-personality-recognition disorder caused by the hundreds of roles these comedians play in their acts. They are too confused now,” said their son.

In third year of college, this nerd has no idea where the canteen is

October 21, 2010, Tanay Sukumar

A third-year engineering student was attacked by a bunch of youth last night for extraordinary reasons. The attackers, a group of students from another college, alleged that Suresh Sinha, 20, had told them the way to the college principal’s campus residence instead of telling the way to the canteen.

Sinha is a third-year Mechanical Engineering student of Imperial College of Engineering. His ignorance about the location of the college canteen has been described by classmates as an extreme condition of “nerdism”, locally called “ghissuism”.

What happened: During “Imperialism”, the annual college fest on Wednesday evening, a group of visiting students from another college wanted to go to the canteen, and asked Sinha the way. Not having the slightest idea, Sinha told them the way to the college principal’s residence instead. The group happened to be drunk after a severe booze session at a fest event, and were

caught but let off. The visitors then retraced the boy and beat him up. The boy escaped unhurt, but is under severe trauma since his spectacles were broken, and so he hasn't been able to start the assignments for the December winter vacation today.

Reactions: College officials expressed shock, and have suspended Suresh for a week for misguiding visitors, instead of putting him in the canteen for few days. Sinha has been described as a very poor type of nerd by his classmates. "I've never been to the canteen," he defended himself, "I bring the lunch box my mother gives, and eat it quietly in the library. I never even wondered where the canteen was. People usually take my notebooks to copy and complete assignments. So, in a way, my notebooks have been to the canteen more than I have."

"Just like he didn't know where the canteen is, we didn't know he was in our class until a few days back. We decided to have a mass bunk that day, but later on a guy saw him trying to enter the classroom by hiding away from us. He was creeping towards the class like a cat. We beat him up badly then as well," said the class representative Mayank Chandra. A student who knew Suresh better, told us, "It seems all the teachers are his close friends, but still the loser failed three of his papers last semester."

The Ghissu Psychology: As more people got to know about his three backlogs despite being a seemingly-studious nerd, Sinha's mother told NTMN, "My son goes to college to maintain 100% attendance. He spends time being in the library, because I have told him to do so. I do that so that he doesn't get into bad company. Whenever he gets a phone call, I pick it up, to keep him away from girls."

Nerds all across colleges were under ridicule all Thursday, without they themselves knowing anything about it. "With the new system of studies, modern-day nerds are more enthusiastic about just their attendance and impression on teachers. They might not be so brainy," said a psychologist.

Govt officer caught taking bribe from son to sign on his poor report card

July 25, 2010, Ketan Katira

An electricity board officer was today arrested for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 500 from his son to sign on his school's annual report card.

A spokesperson for the investigation bureau told reporters that they had received a complaint from the principal of the school where the officer's son studies. The accused officer had allegedly demanded money from his son after his mid-term exam results when he did not score good grades.

Principal Reeta Gupta said, “We had called Mr. Waghmare (the accused) a couple of times to our school to discuss his son’s low grades. Although he was worried about the same, he didn’t turn up at all. Then I got suspicious when Mr. Waghware signed on his son’s report card without writing anything in the comments column which we encourage the parents to do. Then I called his son to me, took him into confidence and asked him about it. I was aghast when I came to know about the truth and I immediately called the police.”

India asks UK to return Koh-i-noor, UK asks India to return the English language

June 3, 2010, Kartik Anand

The United Kingdom has asked India to return the English language in the same condition they took it from them, before it can demand the Koh-i-noor diamond.

A spokesperson for the British Embassy said that India should treat the Koh-i-noor as compensation for the damages they inflicted upon their language.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had [asked UK yesterday](#) to return the Koh-i-noor diamond which was taken away during the British rule.

The British government has alleged that India stole their great language and has made a mess out of it.

“India had a motive behind holding the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Their aim was to hire their thieves to steal the Koh-i-noor diamond out of the Queen’s crown as she visited them but now that the Queen has decided not to attend the Games, they have come out openly to ask for it back,” suggested a British MP.

“The main reason we left India was not Gandhi, Nehru and their other ‘freedom fighters’, as they teach their kids at school. Actually we could not bear any more humiliation of our great language. So we thought it was time to leave,” said a British historian.

“In fact they call a tribal language called ‘Hinglish’ as ‘English’! Look at their [roadsigns](#). They think quality begins with a K, they ‘thank all of you all’, they ‘hardly work’. Their TV show producers use two Ks when a single one can serve the purpose. After the partition, Pakistanis turned out to be even bigger comedians at speaking English,” he continued.

“India should be grateful that we gave them the English language, by means of which they have reached every corner of the world now and taking away all the jobs,” said Prime Minister David Cameron. “The least they can do in return is to let us keep the diamond. The most they can do is to get beaten by our cricket team always.”

Child becomes youngest to climb Everest, refuses to come down

May 31, 2010, Tanay Sukumar

The 13-year-old American boy who recently became the [youngest](#) to climb Mount Everest is still atop the peak, as he has refused to come down.

Jordan Romero from California has complained that his school sucks and he doesn't want to return.

A helicopter, sent to bring the boy back, has come back without him. Romero has been there for a week, and is said to still be consuming the food he took for his expedition. The food is expected to run out in two weeks.

The search party inside the helicopter recorded Romero's voice when he talked to them:

"I don't want to go back to that school of mine. It SUCKS! It's far better to be sitting at the top of the world than to always be at the bottom in tests at school."

The boy also said he was okay with parent-teacher meets now, if his parents and teachers agreed to come on the Everest to have the meeting.

The child's parents are mighty worried, and refused to talk to the media. The principal of the school where Romero studies said, "We are more worried about why he tried to climb the Everest in the first place, than why he refuses to come down. The boy seemed quite normal and was in his senses the day before he took the flight to Nepal. But I can't understand what went wrong then. I mean, can you just figure out, what a 13-year-old kid would want to do by climbing the Everest? Seriously, it is of no use except to get famous, but then, what does a kid do by being famous! And now, this urge to stay atop there. The boy's gone mad."

The Nepalese government, which had sent the helicopter, has expressed concern on the potential hazards the tough weather poses to the boy. The search party reported that Romero was listening to his iPod when they spotted him. He also expressed wish for an internet connection and asked for some girls at the peak. "I want someone to become the youngest girl to climb Mount Everest. Go send someone," he told the search party.

The Indian 16-year-old boy, Arjun Bajpayee, who became the youngest Indian to achieve the same feat as Romero, on the same day as him, reacted to the news, "Everest is cool. But not cool enough to eat and shit at the same place everyday."

The Ministry of Women and Child Development in India has banned children from trying to break Romero's record. "If any child wishes to get the record, we shall give them a fake

certificate, and some media coverage through fake channels like India TV. But we forbid them to try to go there,” said the minister Renuka Chowdhary.

Study finds Paris Hilton's dog leads a life way better than 98% of human population

May 17, 2010, Sugandha

A study has found that Tinkerbelle, Paris Hilton's chihuahua, is not only the luckiest among dogs and animals across the globe, but is also leading a life way better than at least 98% of human population.

The magazine that conducted the study has presented a detailed report comparing a common human's life with that of Tinkerbelle. The magazine spent “all their resources and time” studying the daily life of Tinkerbelle and compared the fetched data with the corresponding data for ordinary human beings, as released by the other minor organizations like WHO, World Bank, and UNICEF.

One of the interesting results was that while more than 1.5 billion people all over the world live in extreme poverty, with barely hands-in-mouth existence, Tinkerbelle alone gets beauty treatments including spa, branded make-up kits and make-up artists, especially when she has to attend red-carpet events with Hilton – all worth more than \$5000 every day, on an average.

Another result states that while no less than 4,000 people die every hour in the world due to extreme malnutrition, Tinkerbelle gets to choose from more than 4,000 different flavours of dog food for every meal.

When we tried to contact Hilton for her comments, her representative denied us access citing health issues with the hotel heiress. He said that the dumb lady would faint on hearing all these survey data as her brain is not accustomed to knowing or thinking about anything other than boyfriends, cosmetics, surgeries, Tinkerbelle, and her lavish lifestyle.

We also tried to reach The Tinkerbelle herself but we were told by her personal secretary and media representatives that she is being prepared by special artists, called especially from Paris so that “Tinkerbelle adorns Paris Hilton well” as she carries this favorite accessory of hers in her hands to an entirely unimportant fashion event in Timbuktu. An inside source revealed that Hilton is spending \$5,400 for two hours of this grooming session. At the time of reporting, Tinkerbelle was out with her multiple dog-friends (human equivalent being ‘boyfriends’) in her private limousine.

NTMN astrologer Pandit Bhavishya Anjaan predicts that at least 90% of the people on Earth, including many minor celebs will now start enchanting spells and adopting astrological

techniques to pray to be Tinkerbell in their next life, since it is now clear that 98% of us are worse than a dog.



If you don't believe that Tinkerbell is more famous than Paris Hilton, try searching them on Google. Google doesn't suggest "Paris Hilton" even after you have typed till "Paris Hil...!!" People search for her dog more than herself.

86-year-old woman accuses Baba Ramdev of winking at her during yoga camp

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Just when everyone thought that [Nityananda](#), the young sex-starved Baba from South India had shown that he had more mettle than others of his breed, a woman has accused Baba Ramdev of winking at her.

The incident happened at a yoga camp in Ayogyapur, Uttar Pradesh. However, regular viewers of Ramdev's shows claim that the Baba suffers from the [problem of a blinking eye](#), and he can always be seen doing so on TV.

The woman, 86 years of age, caught the blinking eye when the yoga guru was teaching the *mal-mootra pranayama*. However, a 20-year-old girl sitting adjacent to the lady, has claimed, "He was blinking at me, how can that old hag claim such a thing! The man is such a pervert, he had been winking at me for half an hour, and I didn't know what to do!" Pundits consider it to be potentially a big setback for Ramdev's political dreams.



Baba Ramdev winks his left eye

Even as Aastha channel tried to conceal the videos from this camp, several news channels have caught Ramdev blinking indeed. Channels have shown the blinking eye with big red circles used to highlight them in the footage. India TV showed the footage 56 times in a span of 5 minutes, replaying hysterically.

Swami Ramdev's assistants at the Patanjali Chikitsalaya, Haridwar, however laughed off the news. "Everyone knows of Swamiji's eye problem. His own pranayamas for eye-cure have repeatedly failed to cure his blinking-eye problem, much the same way as his other severe diseases of piles, sleepwalking, gas trouble and political mindset remain even after using his best pranayamas. It's not a big deal, as long as he is curing others well," said Baba Kamdev, a quack doctor at the Chikitsalaya.

"In fact Swamiji has chosen an animation of his blinking eye as his election symbol. This will be the first political party to have an animated election symbol, instead of a silent elephant or a motionless bicycle," said a close aide of Ramdev.
