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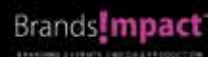
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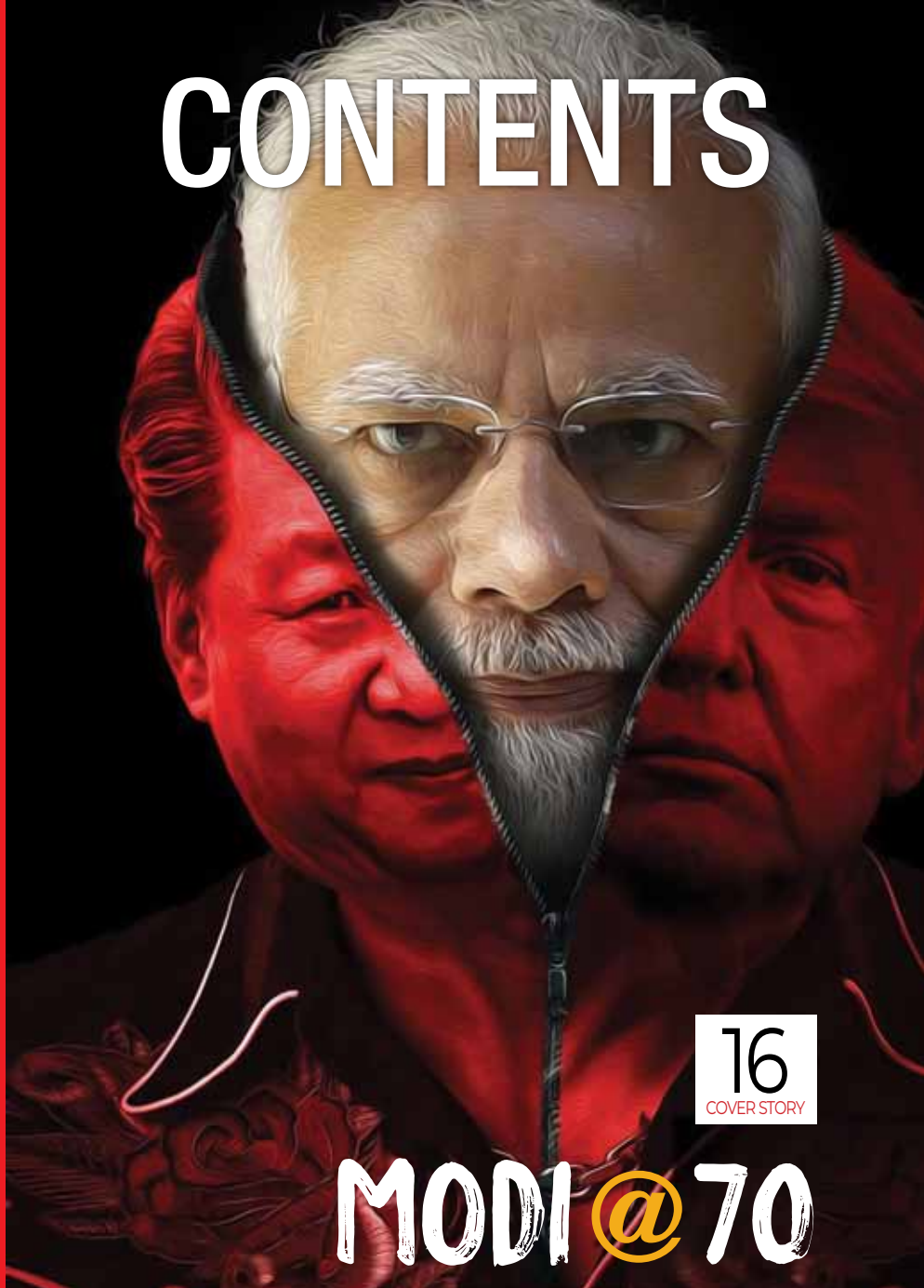
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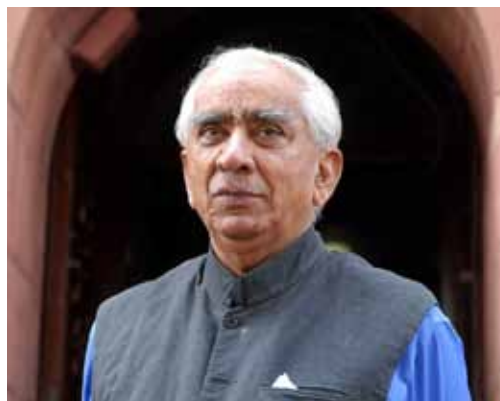
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FROM THE **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

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As I write these lines, there is a news report that the Director-General of Uttar Pradesh Police, H.C. Awasthy, will be visiting Hathras, which is the focus of entire media in the wake of the local cops' and administration's mishandling of the alleged gang rape and murder of a 19-year-old Dalit woman. She was allegedly raped by four men of a so-called upper caste. Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi will be accompanying H.C. Awasthy. It is the first time that such senior officials would be visiting the place. Importantly, the visit comes in the wake of a snub from the Allahabad High Court. The court not only summoned senior state officials but also called the incident a matter of "immense public importance... involves allegation of high-handedness by authorities resulting in violation of basic human and fundamental rights." The Yogi Adityanath government, on its part, has tried to do some damage control. It has suspended five cops, including the Superintendent of Police concerned, from Hathras district. It has also set up a special investigative team or SIT. The Chief Minister has asserted that his government is "committed to the safety and security of women."

Even recounting the incident, which took place on September 14, is horrific. The victim, who had gone to a farm to collect cattle fodder, was ruthlessly assaulted, dragged, and allegedly raped. The doctors reportedly said that the damage to the spinal cord could be permanent. Later, she was brought to the Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi but she succumbed to the injuries September 29. That was not the end of it; the police and the local administration cremated her body at midnight. The victim's brother told PTI: "The police have forcibly taken the body and my father along

with them for cremation. When my father reached Hathras, he was immediately taken (to the crematorium) by the police."

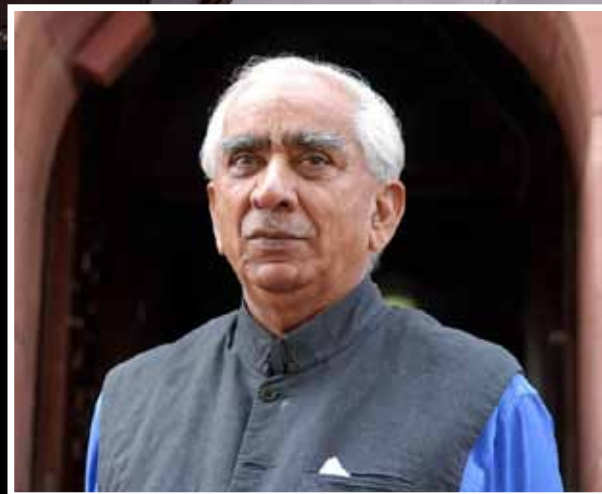
The more the powers that be in Uttar Pradesh and the Hathras authorities are trying to bury the case, the bigger it is becoming by the hour. On October 1, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was stopped going to the village to meet the victim's family. The family, indeed the entire village, has been transformed into a containment zone—not to save it from the novel coronavirus, but to check the visits by Opposition leaders and the media. But such is the monstrosity of the act that led to the death of a young lady that even in the Bharatiya Janata Party there are rumblings against the stubborn approach of the Yogi government. In a series of tweets, senior BJP leader Uma Bharti expressed her displeasure over the issue. She asked the UP Chief Minister to let politicians and media meet the family members of the victim. "We have recently laid the foundation stone of the Ram temple and claimed to bring Ram Rajya to the country, but the suspicious action of the police has dented your image, that of @UPGovt and @BJP4India," Bharti posted on Twitter. Bharti also tweeted, "To my knowledge there is no rule that the family can't meet anyone during an investigation by an SIT (special investigation team). This will only put the SIT's investigation under a cloud."

There are many others who are angry and shocked. A former chairman of the National Human Rights Commission told me that he is disappointed that the body he once headed has done nothing to check the excesses of the UP government. I think that it is time the Centre reined in the state government and directed it to give up its obstinacy, bring the guilty to book, and penalize the officials and cops responsible for the outrage. ✱

(Nandan Jha)



Jaswant Singh: A statesman who spoke his mind



Former Union minister and one of the founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jaswant Singh passed away on September 27 after a prolonged illness. Singh was a five-time Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha and had also been a member of Lok Sabha four times.

Jaswant Singh was born at Jasol village of Barmer district in Rajasthan in 1938. Educated at Mayo College in Ajmer, he later joined the Indian Army after passing out from the National Defence Academy (NDA). Quitting his position in the Central India Horse, an armored regiment, Singh went on to join politics in 1960s. He tasted success in his political career in 1980 when he was first selected for the Rajya Sabha.

In Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government, Singh held top portfolios—foreign, finance and defence. As

foreign minister, he helped to manage the national and international consequences of the nuclear tests of May 1998, which included economic and political sanctions by the US and EU, and Pakistan's retaliatory tests.

His relationship with the BJP became difficult after he did not get an election ticket in the 2014 general elections. He nonetheless contested from the Barmer constituency but lost the election. Soon after the polls, the former Union minister met with an accident in August 2014 and had remained unwell since then. He had been in and out of the hospital and was admitted on Jun 25. He was being treated for sepsis with multi-organ dysfunction syndrome and effects of severe head injury. He had a cardiac arrest on September 27. *

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Ending gender bias

Datar Security Service Group understands the need of the hour in the security and manpower industry



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Datar Security Service Group (DSSG) has been working towards becoming a major player in the security and manpower industry in India. In the past 16 years, it has fostered a culture of excellence by providing its exceptional services to both the private and government sector in the country. Part of this success is attributed to the caring approach that DSSG takes in fulfilling the responsibilities which have a positive effect on the society. DSSG recognizes the importance of diversity and inclusiveness in the society as well as the workplace which has motivated the management to take a few initiatives towards improving the presence of women in the manpower industry.

Group CEO Adel Singh Bhinder has personally recognized gender bias in the industry. He has thus made it his mission to change the situation through consistent action and effort. Most of his efforts are directed towards providing the women workforce a secured workplace with equal authorities and positions as men.

DSSG aims to make the manpower industry a level-playing field for women. It is very important for a company today to ensure transparency in its operations especially in a country like India where women are denied equal opportunities due to certain gender stereotypes. DSSG and its Group CEO Singh have started working towards creating opportunities which creates more employment for women with a secured workplace. DSSG has been actively training



and deploying women in their guarding division as well as in their tolling arm. DSSG is currently operating 12 toll plazas in which they prioritize placing women as toll collectors.

All the necessary services are provided to their women workforce as per the guidance of NHAI and the government. DSSG also provides them with guarded cab service for their female workforce on each toll. In the span of the last six months, DSSG has created employment for more than 400 women as trained toll collectors only.

How training can create awareness and more employment Adel Singh has always looked up to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and actively aligned with his vision. STEP (Support to Training and Employment Program for Women) is one of the government initiatives that has helped create a direction for him and DSSG. DSSG does not only train women for the physical job requirements but also provide them with the technical education and training to improve communication skills that contribute to their overall growth.

DSSG has set up a separate training centre for women that are on par with the ones given to their male

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counterparts as it helps in making them more open about the challenges and difficulties during training which the trainer is able to address immediately.

To help secure the work environment DSSG has a strict zero-tolerance sexual harassment policy in their workplace which makes women feel secure and safe in the organization. It is implemented throughout the organization from the corporate office to the ground level wherever the workforce is stationed. DSSG also conducts multiple audits to check employee behavior and see that there is no violation of the sexual harassment

policy.

DSSG has also created a dedicated section to help the women on ground with their grievances and assisting them with the right process to find a solution. The committee is led by Sheetal Goel in their corporate office in Bhikaji Cama. Meenakshi Gautam, who is leading the business development for DSSG is also on-board of that special committee.

DSSG helping sustain opportunities in society

During the Covid-19 crisis, the Group CEO Adel Singh collaborated with iVillage, a social enterprise for women empowerment to acquire and distribute masks to the underprivileged and needy.

The reason behind this collaboration was influenced by two major factors: the first being empowerment of iVillage workers who live in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and want to achieve financial freedom, and the second being help of underprivileged people in the society who were the ones most impacted by the virus and were in dire need of assistance.

During the crisis, DSSG has also set up a scholarship fund for students who do not have the means to complete their education online. DSSG, through the scholarship, is providing the necessary things like laptops to young girls to help them continue their education online.

DSSG is driven by the Gandhian values when it comes to both personal and professional approach which is why they indulge in moral and ethical practices that help them make honest and positive decisions, for inconsiderate or biased actions can do more harm than good.

Their strict adherence to these principles has set them on a path which is not only bringing economic development in the society but bridging the gap between social and gender inequality to create a better social system. *

I am influenced by PM Modi's work ethic

Dr. P.C. Rayulu

Despite being one of the biggest entrepreneurs in South India, the philanthropic businessman is humble and generous, always focused on the uplift of the poor



Aclaimed philanthropist and renowned entrepreneur from Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. P.C. Rayulu symbolizes the sublime transit from the humble to the honorable. Born into a family of agriculturists, Dr. Rayulu, with limited education, started as a petty trader in 1983, at just 17, but accomplished so much in life.

Despite being one of the biggest entrepreneurs in South India, he is humble and generous. His penchant for charity and helping the weaker sections of the community is commendable.

The founder of value-based, multi-dimensional logistics services, the PCR Group, Dr. Rayulu believes in working for social welfare. Apart from being a successful



businessman, he also distributes a decent amount of his earnings among his employees; he is also involved in social work. Even casual employees and laborers are enlisted as partners in his business.

He founded the Kasturba Gandhi Trust (sponsored by Gandhi Smriti, Delhi), Tirupati, in 2004 for rendering services to the poor, the handicapped and the suffering. The Trust is working in various areas of social service such as providing basic necessities like food and clothing to the poor people, tree plantation, providing medical help to the needy, blood unit distribution, palliative care services, providing free telemedicine services and working in the field of women empowerment.

Hugely influenced by the ideals of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Dr. Rayulu is the one emulating the path shown by the PM. After PM Modi called upon the nation to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in the most eminent manner, Dr. Rayulu sponsored and organized a Guinness World Record fetching largest drawing of the Father of the Nation, measuring an incredible 4,416 square feet (70 feet X 65 feet), climaxing a fortnight long celebration of the memorable event on October 2, 2019.

Dr. Rayulu is the recipient of numerous accolades, some of which are: the "Champions of Change" Award 2019, by Former President, Dr. Pranab Mukherjee; 'Champions of Change National Award' from the Vice-President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu; "Pride of the Nation" award from Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh; the 'Nelson Mandela World Peace Award' from His Excellency Karicho Samuel, Minister Counselor Kenya High Commission; 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from Konijeti Rosaiah, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and former Governor of Tami Nadu; Lifetime Achievement Award by Sri N. Venkataswamy IAS(Rtd) Member of parliament Tirupati in 2001; Rashtriya Ratan Award from Shri Karia Munda, Union Minister for Agro & Rural industry, in 2002; International Gold Star Millennium Award from the Govt. of Thailand in 2002; and the Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award by Govt. of Karnataka in 2003. *



All you need to know about the new farming laws

The new legislations are enabling provisions, providing farmers with a choice to sell their produce without intermediaries



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In the ongoing monsoon session, Parliament passed two major bills related to agriculture that has resulted in an eruption of debates and protests all over the country. Unfortunately, there is a great lack of clarity and understanding regarding the new laws themselves and the concerns of farmers. Although a state subject, the Centre seems to have taken recourse to its power under the First Schedule to regulate interstate trade and commerce to bring in these reforms.

Which laws are in contention

The two Bills that became a hot topic of debate throughout the country were the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill,

2020, and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price (Assurance and Farm Services) Bill, 2020. It should also be noted that the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, had already been passed.

Farmers' concerns

Restricting trade practices to identified agricultural market yards has not led to fair price framework. Rather, it led to different market yard operations in different states. While one state has an elected body to supervise functioning of the yards, most other states are nominated and carry heavy administrative expenditures, establishment charges financed by the market fee. Every transaction that happens outside the yard has a fee collection at check posts. Lack of price discovery



mechanism, post-harvest facilities and legislative measures have not worked in to the farmer's advantage. The agent commission system prevalent in most markets has also not empowered them.

What seems to be agitating the minds of farmers, therefore, is the fact that the Central government is doing away with the present minimum support price (MSP) system of procurement of food-grains. Over-dependence on middlemen, commission agents and bureaucratic controls are some of the common issues of the existing MSP system of procurement.

Although not more than 6 per cent farmers have access to the MSP-based procurement system, it is a highly balanced system. In addition to the MSP, the Centre pays 6 per cent as market fee and another 2.5 per cent as agent commission in some states like Punjab, incurring approximately Rs 3,000 crore annually.

This indicates that certain states where maximum agricultural procurement is done benefit from a rent-seeking system at no added value. The government tries to convince farmers that the new laws would ease deregulation of agricultural markets, increase their incomes by opening by private investment in the sector and benefit them. Broadly, farmers demand that the mandi system stays, their loans are cleared, a law is put in place that guarantees payment from the buyers through middlemen, and that banks do not deduct money in the name of loan recovery.

Trade Areas

Definition of the Trade Areas is "as any area or location, place of production, collection, and aggregation including (a) farm gates; (b) factory premises; (c) warehouses; (d) silos; (e) cold storages; or (f) any other structures or places, from where the trade of farmers' produce may be undertaken in the territory of India."

The definition does not, however, include "the premises, enclosures, and structures constituting (i) physical boundaries of principal market yards, sub-market yards, and market sub-

yards managed and run by the market committees formed under each state APMC (Agricultural Produce Market Committee) Act."

In effect, the existing mandis established under APMC Acts have been excluded from the definition of trade area under the new legislation.

The protesters say this provision will confine APMC mandis to their physical boundaries and give a free hand to big corporate buyers.

Notably, the APMC system was abolished in Bihar in the year 2006, which has resulted in increased participation from the private sector. Consequently, the farmers have also benefitted.



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Traders

According to the Ministry of the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, "Any trader with a PAN card can buy the farmers' produce in the trade area."

As per the new legislation, a trader can operate in both an APMC mandi and a trade area. However, for trading in the mandi, the trader would require a license/registration as provided for in the State APMC Act. In the present mandi system, Arhatiyas (commission agents) have to get a license to trade in a mandi.

The protesters say Arhatiyas have credibility as their financial status is verified during the license approval process. But it will not be easy for a farmer

to trust a trader under the new law. But it is also true that the registered companies are, by default, more credible.

This also explains why the protests have mostly been concentrated in Punjab and Haryana. The Arhatiya system is more prevalent in these two states than in other states.

Market fees

Section 6 states that "no market fee or cess or levy, by whatever name called, under any State APMC Act or any other State law, shall be levied on any farmer or trader or electronic trading and transaction platform for trade and commerce in scheduled farmers' produces in a trade area."

This provision will reduce the income of the State and will benefit both the farmers and the traders. The capital that used to go to the state would now go to the farmers.

Dispute resolution mechanism

According to the section 8, in case of a dispute arising out of a transaction between a farmer and a trader, the parties may seek a mutually acceptable solution through conciliation by filing an application to the sub-divisional magistrate or SDM.

The protesters, however, fear that the proposed system of conciliation can be misused against them as the ordinance does not allow farmers to approach a civil court.

What the government says

According to the government, the private sector's investment and other amendments in legislations will bring significant positive changes in the agriculture sector. Also, the government maintained that the farmers will continue to receive MSP despite these amendments and there will be no change in mandis established under the state laws.

The way forward

While the new laws seem to be in the favor of the farmers, there are certain things that we need to keep in mind:

- * Farming contractors or their associates should not be allowed to purchase the farmer's land. There shall be a restricted provision on it because section 8 of the Act is not sufficient.
- * Farming contracts/agreements drafting must be in the local language of that area so that the farmers can understand the terms of contract.
- * There should be a farmers' association on every district level and the association should be part of the dispute resolution authority.
- * Mandi and MSP must be continued as it is being another options to farmers.
- * In case of any dispute government should provide legal help to farmers free of cost.
- * Government shall provide farming contract/agreement terms draft on each and every language.
- * Recovery proceedings should be strictly up to the farm crops only and not against the farmers' personal assets/land/house/bank account. Government recovery agencies should not arrest farmers.
- * Farmers allowed to use Kisan credit cards even after farming contracts.
- * Inter/intra state toll tax/road tax should not be applicable on farmers.

Conclusion

There are no easy answers to support any one view. Federation of All India Farmer's Association believes that the new farm laws ensure sustainable, profitable future for farming community. The Centre feels that crucial steps it has taken envisioning a fair market for farmers will help them, empowering them to be in control of the prices of their produce. These laws are enabling provisions, providing farmers with a choice to sell their produce without intermediaries. The new laws will discourage monopolization of their produce by large-scale buyers, hoarders, and corporations. *



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Prime Minister Modi and 'stars in action'

Today, the whole world is going through a phase of massive change politically, socially and economically. In India a man is redefining democracy, and he is none other than Narendra Damodar Das Modi, the Hon'le Prime Minister of India.

He is a child of Destiny and Grand Master of international politics. A combo of action and reaction with some sort of perfection and imperfection. We would discuss further what Planets has in store for him.

He is running under Chandra-Sukra period. Chandra is positioned with Mars which will create havoc among negative forces, and Sukra, in its own constellation situated with Saturn, will produce gradual victory.

Transit of three Major Planets—Jupiter, Saturn and Rahu—not only effect Mr. Modi but also the entire world. **The whole world will see a metamorphosis till February 2022. And Mr. Modi will emerge as a Global Leader.**

The transit of Rahu gives a life-threatening situation for many of famous leaders of the world, and the stars. India needs to be on high-intelligence alert; there may be some violence, riots and civil war and a world war-like situation, for Mr. Modi's Rahu and Saturn transit will see some unseen challenges, issues and problems on domestic and international fronts.

Mr. Modi will need to tackle intricate and delicate matters with great care. He may have to face utter outrage and accusations with respect to the economy, agriculture and foreign policy. Many Bills in Parliament will see protests. Neighboring countries would give trouble not known earlier—militant attacks, violence in some region; many evil forces will try to tarnish Mr. Modi's image but ultimately he will come out with flying colors, defeating all enemies inside or outside.

Planet support and his will power made him a self-made individual; his confidence remains strong despite some bad influences. Mars Dasa will see the zenith of Narendra Modi's career. He will win the 2024 election along with his allies. *



Predictions

FOR OCTOBER 2020

BY DR. SOHINI SASTRI



ARIES

This is your time for taking decisive action and setting professional goals. Persistence, courage, and uncompromising attitude will ensure success. Your income or property may suffer a slowdown. Your boss will recognize your self-starter attitude. You will have opportunities to expand jointly owned property. Political career will be smooth if you can handle the stress.

TAURUS

You will be very busy, and feel kind of tired due to your work schedule. There will be chances of spending holidays and travelling to your relatives after a long break. As an effect of Jupiter, close relations may prove beneficial in business and statesmanship. Start exercising, it will loosen up your mind and help stay positive.

GEMINI

You will get a chance to iron out the differences with your business partner; don't miss it. Your position in workplace will improve. Your health will improve with new coming mental peace. The new moon is very good time to start new ventures.

CANCER

Your relationship with loved ones will become healthy. It is time for harmony. Starting a political alliance will help you grow further. You will be able to express your emotions more easily. There will be a few chances of starting new creative ventures, though you should be careful before investing a lot. You will get recognition, even your work can be published in popular media.

LEO

You may not achieve the rank you deserve despite all your hard work. Don't get frustrated, play along. Your dedication will not go unnoticed for long. Improve your relation with your fellow workers. Work related matter will improve eventually. There is chance of new beginning in your home and family.

VIRGO

Your relationships with family and closed ones will be smoothening. It's time you go for a change, you really have a golden opportunity to start new things, like business investment, political career, real estate. You will be involving in foreign matters, like managing delegates, travel for business setup etc. You have to be patient with court cases and legal issues.

LIBRA

You should avoid investment in joint venture or you have to ready for complications. Focus on your personal income and spend time where you are already comfortable, this will increase your income and fame. As your bank balance grows, your tendency to overspend grows too; manage carefully. There might be a chance of health-related problems, especially gastroenterological.

SCORPIO

You have the biggest chance of personal growth and self-development. Anything from business and political alliances to a relationship decision, decide carefully. If the decision is taken carefully this time, this could set you on the right path for the next 12 years. It is a time for learning and gaining new experiences. Tension may arise but you have to overcome it for the sake of your bright future.

SAGITTARIUS

You may continue to suffer from tension. Be careful with your communication, it may create misunderstanding with your colleagues. You should take a break and go for recreational vacation; this will help you calm your mind. Control your night life as it may affect your health and relationships.

CAPRICORN

You have the perfect age to lead if you are in your fifties. Your personality will be warmer and more open; this will help you make followers around you. You will feel a need to relate well with others and compromise things to keep harmony. Group activity and discussion will help you achieve your goal. Don't ignore your health and family; you have to make time for them and for yourself in spite of your busy schedule.

AQUARIUS

Your plans for home or family seem to be on hold. You will discover new ways in business, career or professional life. You will get public recognition, fame and promotion at work. Your financial position will improve. Medical complications may arise; try to maintain a healthy life.

PISCES

This is time for uplift in every way, be it political, business, career or spiritual. You will discover opportunity to try something new in the form of travel, languages, education or even philosophy. Restrain your spending to secure a better financial position, this will help you convert your thoughts into reality.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who turned 70 on September 17, has had an eventful life which has hugely impacted the nation



Narendra Damodar Das Modi's story is too well-known to be recounted in our cover story. Yet, we do that to highlight the importance of the man who has redefined Indian politics

as well as politicking, the politician who just a couple of decades ago was known to only Bharatiya Janata Party leaders and a handful of political journalists, the icon who is both loved and loathed with an equal intensity.

Born on September 17, 1950, into a Gujarati family in Vadnagar, Narendra Modi's early years were very difficult. "The family belonged to the marginalized sections of society and had to struggle to make ends meet," says narendramodi.in. "The entire family lived in a small single storey house (approximately 40 feet by 12 feet). His father sold tea at the tea stall he set up in the local railway station. In his early years, Narendra Modi too lent a hand to his father at the tea stall."





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These years left an abiding mark on him. As a child, he “balanced his studies, non-academic life and his contribution at the family tea stall. His schoolmates recall Narendra as a diligent student with a penchant for debating and reading. He would spend hours and hours reading in the school library. Among the sports, he was very fond of swimming.”

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Modi reportedly dreamt of serving in the Army but it couldn’t be realized, for his family was against the idea. “Narendra Modi was very keen to study in Sainik School located in nearby Jamnagar but when the time came to pay the fees, there was no money at home.”

So, the course of his life took a different turn. “He wanted to go out there and make a difference to society... to wipe tears and suffering among people. At a young age, he developed an inclination towards renunciation and asceticism. He gave up eating salt, chilies, oil and jaggery. Reading the works of Swami Vivekananda cover to cover took Narendra Modi to a journey of spiritualism and laid the foundation for his own mission to fulfill Swami Vivekananda’s dream of a Jagad Guru Bharat,” says narendramodi.in.

At the age of eight, he joined the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS). He set up a unit of the RSS’ students’ wing, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, in his area. There he met Lakshmanrao Inamdar, popularly known as Vakil



Saheb, who later became his political mentor. Modi rose steadily in the RSS hierarchy, and his association with the organization significantly benefited his subsequent political career.

While Modi was training with the RSS, he also met Vasant Gajendragadkar and Nathalal Jaghda, Bhartiya Jana Sangh leaders who became founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Gujarat unit in 1980.

During the political crisis of the mid-1970s, prime minister Indira Gandhi declared a state of Emergency, banning political organizations such as the RSS. Modi went underground and wrote a book, *Sangharsh ma Gujarat (Gujarat in Emergency)*, which chronicles his experiences as a political fugitive.

He graduated from Delhi University with a degree in political science in 1978, and completed his master's work at Gujarat University in 1983. Modi became an RSS sambhag pracharak (regional organizer) in 1978, overseeing RSS activities in the areas of Surat and Vadodra, and in 1979 he went to work for the RSS in Delhi, where he was put to work researching and writing the RSS's version of the history of the Emergency.

Modi joined the BJP in 1987, and a year later he was made the general secretary of the Gujarat branch of the party. He was instrumental in greatly strengthening the party's presence in the state in succeeding years. Modi rose within the party

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and was named a member of the BJP's National Election Committee in 1990, helping organize L.K. Advani's Ram Rath Yatra in 1990 and Murli Manohar Joshi's 1991-92 Ekta Yatra (Journey for Unity).

However, he decided to take a brief break from politics in 1992. He established a school in Ahmedabad. He had a fight with Shankersingh Vaghela, a BJP MP from Gujarat at the time; this also played a part in this decision. Modi returned to electoral politics in 1994, partly at the insistence of Advani, and as party secretary, Modi's electoral strategy was considered central to the BJP victory in the 1995 state assembly elections. His rise through the ranks was rapid, as he wisely chose mentors to further his career. He favored privatization of businesses and small government, and promoted Hindu values.

In October 2001 he replaced the incumbent Gujarat chief minister, fellow BJP member Keshubhai Patel, after Patel was held responsible for the state government's poor response to the massive Bhuj Earthquake in the state earlier that year that had killed more than 20,000 people. Modi entered his first-ever electoral contest in a February 2002 by-election that won him a seat in the Gujarat state Assembly.

In February 2002, while Modi serving as chief minister of Gujarat, a train was attacked allegedly by radicalized Muslims. Violence began in retaliation, and it spread like wildfire. Modi



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imposed a curfew, granting police shoot-to-kill orders. After peace was restored, the Modi government was criticized for not stopping the riots in which more than 1,000 Muslims died. His administration and police were blamed for being unable and unwilling to check the killings of Muslims.

Quite apart from political allegations, he was also legally challenged. Most of it happened when the Congress was in power (2004-14). The Supreme Court, however, found no evidence against Modi.

Politically too, Modi went from strength to strength, getting elected as chief minister of Gujarat in 2002, 2007, and 2012—and then as Prime Minister, in 2014 and again in 2019. In fact, it was Modi's repeated political success in Gujarat that made him an indispensable leader within the BJP.

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Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister on May 26, 2014. Since then, Modi has encouraged foreign businesses to invest in India. He has lifted various regulations—permits and inspections—so that businesses could grow more easily. Under him, India has climbed steeply in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business ranking.

In 2014, he launched a "Clean India" campaign, which focused on sanitation and the construction of millions of toilets in rural areas. In terms of foreign policy, Modi has taken on a multilateral approach.

He has participated in the BRICS, Asean and G20 summits, and has aligned himself with the United States, Japan, and Australia to improve economic and political ties.

In 2016, Modi won the reader's poll as TIME's Person of the Year. In previous years, he had received top ranking as one of the most influential political figures in the world in both TIME and Forbes Magazine.

It has been more than six years since Narendra Modi has been India's Prime Minister. His tenure has been full of surprises, some of which the result of controversial decisions. While Modi has attempted to improve efficiency in the bureaucracy, he has also been accused of centralizing power by, among other things, abolishing the Planning Commission.

He began a high-profile sanitation campaign and initiated a controversial demonetization of high-denomination banknotes. The demonetization policy drew a lot of flak for its unpleasant consequences for peasants, petty traders, micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs, and laborers. Former prime minister Manmohan Singh highlighted its deleterious effect on economic growth and development.

Eight months after demonetization came the goods and services tax (GST). The one-step rollout of the GST created panic in the businesses. Though GST largely eased the burden of taxation, business owners, particularly, the smaller ones, complained about the cumbersome process of tax filing, making the biggest indirect tax reform an impediment in business.

On national defence and security, however, the Modi regime has fared better. On September 29, 2016, the Indian Army announced that it had conducted a surgical strike on terror launch-pads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The media claimed that up to 50 terrorists and Pakistani soldiers had been killed in the strike. Against the Pulwama outrage too, the Modi government's response—Indian Air Force aircraft entering the



It needed a strong leader to take on the might of entrenched interests within the system and the resistance of not just Opposition leaders but also of allies over the issue of new farm laws. Narendra Modi had the courage to do that.



Pakistani air space for the first time after 1971—was robust.

Following BJP's victory in the 2019 General Elections, his administration revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. His administration also introduced the Citizenship Amendment Act, which resulted in widespread protests across the country.

The Modi government's recent move—three new farm laws—is a bold move which has the potential of revolutionizing agriculture. It is unfortunate that Opposition leaders, vested interests, and ill-informed farmer leaders are opposing the three laws which empower the farmer to sell his produce to his choice of buyers anywhere.

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Social service gives me immense pleasure: **Ajay Harinath Singh**

Owing to his great lineage, Singh has not just the ardor to make his business successful but also the zeal to serve society

Ajay Harinath Singh is an individual who is known for his great business skills and creative ideas. At a young age, he has managed to achieve a lot in his career. He is known as the heir of one of the most powerful and influential families in India. As President of Singh and Sons Holding PLC, Ajay has been involved in a lot of businesses such as Mining, Airline, Shipping, Farming, Finance, Winery and Mass Media Industries.

Ajay was born on November 6, 1980, into a business family that specialized in mining, shipping, agriculture, and finance. He was hugely motivated by his great family legacy during early childhood. Always determined to do bigger things in the same field, Ajay started to learn the technicalities of the trade since a very young age. After graduating from K.M. Doongursee College in Dadar in 1997, he went to London for his masters.

After completing his formal education, he worked for various businesses including Kraftos London, Cobra plc, Aviva Life Insurance, MetLife Insurance and Bharti Axa Life Insurance. Eventually, he joined his family business and proved to be key factor in the meteoric rise of the Singh family's empire. In his next step to further his quest to greater things, he established Darwin Platform Group, taking 96 per cent of the ownership from his family, which expanded quickly under his able guidance, making the family one of the wealthiest ones in India.

Ajay has a royal lineage, which goes back to Lord Rama's son Luv. Ajay is a firm believer of his family principles and takes immense pleasure in his family background as well. Ramayana, the great Indian epic, says Luv belongs to the Ikshvaku clan or Suryavansha Dynasty of Kshatriyas in ancient India. Ajay's caste, Suryavanshi Rajkumar Rajputs, claims descent from him (Luv). Ajay is all set to spearhead a

new age Ashwamedh Yagna with dominant business connotations. With such a glorious lineage, Singh is passionate about nation building through strong business models.


Ajay has always believed in serving the society to the best of his capabilities. In recent years, he has devoted his time to numerous philanthropic endeavors, expanding his charitable activities across continents. "It takes a considerable amount of wealth to make a man more than comfortable. The same amount of wealth can be used to uplift the society," says Ajay. Owing to his great lineage, he has zeal to serve society, which runs in his blood.

Through the Darwin Platform's CSR activities, he has successfully built low-cost hospitals in Latur (Maharashtra) and Bhuj (Gujarat), thereby providing sufficient medical facilities for low-income families in these areas focusing on providing quality and affordable health services. Apart from this, he believes in the quest for removing the world hunger. The AHS Food Charity was set up in his native nation, India, to provide food to homeless and needy and has now opened food kitchens in London (UK) and Philadelphia (US), providing vegetarian meals to the needy.

For working extensively for the uplift and wellbeing of the less privileged strata of society, he has

been felicitated with several awards such as the Mid-day Iconic Showbiz Role Model Entrepreneur Award, The Times Power Men Award, Asia One Global Indian of the Year Award, Global Excellence Award for Topmost Brand, Bharat Gaurav Award, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Prerna Samman Award.

Ajay Harinath Singh scaled new heights of achievement with the Champions of Change Award 2019, presented by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy (IFIE), a non-profit recognized by Govt. of India, for his exemplary social welfare initiatives and philanthropic work. ✨


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Being Atmanirbhar Ayushman

Microfinance institutions can play a key role in the success of the ambitious government programmes Atmanirbhar Bharat and Ayushman Bharat



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Mens sana in corpore sano is the timeless phrase that the Roman poet Juvenal coined—a healthy mind in a healthy body. Every government's topmost priority is to enable its citizens to maintain a healthy mind in a healthy body. We can hardly expect the people at the grassroots to think business successfully unless they can stop worrying about health care spending.

Among all the achievements from which the current government may collect brownie points, there would be two that shine the most: Atmanirbhar Bharat and Ayushman Bharat. These two together take the development challenges by the horns.

Indeed the strength of a government lies in the efficacy of its policies in taking development challenges head-on and resolving them. And health is one of the major issues that have negatively and hugely impacted earlier poverty alleviation and development programmes. A look at a few sets of data clarifies the point here. The per capita expenditure on health care has increased from Rs 61 in 2009-10 to Rs 1,677 in 2017-18! If we factor in healthcare inflation at 7 per cent, we can well imagine the galloping

cost of household healthcare expenditure and its consequent impact at the lowest strata of the economic pyramid.

The government has remained concerned about it.

In 14.4 per cent of households, the annual expenditure on healthcare exceeds per capita overall expenditure. The situation is dire. On the other hand, given the tough battle that the government had to fight to meet its budgetary allocation for so many other sectors, it couldn't find enough resources to address the issues of health care. The National Health Profile 2019 admitted that spending 1.28 per cent of the GDP on healthcare was not enough to meet the demand.

In this context, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, popularly referred to as Ayushman Bharat scheme, must rate as a policy masterstroke to address the issues related to healthcare that have remained the bane of development efforts. Aimed at the poor, covering nearly 50 crore people, it provides healthcare coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family per year.

The strategy here is simple. Instead of focusing on creating physical infrastructure,



What needs to be noted here is that the Atmanirbhar Bharat programme focuses on ease of doing business. The government has taken note of the fact that MSMEs cannot raise or deploy resources as easily as a large unit can. Similarly, market access is relatively more difficult for this sector. Yet, this is the sector that creates the greatest chunk of employment, also having a substantial contribution to the export earnings of the country. The nimbleness in addressing market needs is also a great trait of this sector. It would be relevant to remember in this context that this was the sector that turned us from a country that hardly made any personal protective equipment or PPE to one that now manufactures enough for local demand and exports.

Other interesting figures can be read with such successes. Most of the jobs created in the last three years were by MSMEs. And of all the jobs created, more than 70 per cent were in the micro-units.

Realizing the potential of this sector, the Atmanirbhar Bharat paves the path for MSMEs towards opportunity by creating access to both market and funds. MSMEs are now expected to ramp up production and create further net employment. This, in other words, is an answer to the curse of unemployment.

On this note, it might be worth mentioning that, with government support, microfinance will also have an important role to play. The new-unemployed, with little or no capital to invest, need finance to start a business. Microfinance institutions (MFIs), with their experience in the sector, already have the core processes and may be the key facilitators for these self-employed. The fact that MFIs don't just provide credit but also train their customers in the productive use of money will be a great differentiator in the journey.

These two projects together could yield the solution to the poverty alleviation question. While the first takes care of the healthcare needs of the poor, the other seeks to generate employment and thereby put them on the prosperity cycle.

This is the reason why I am optimistic and look forward to a healthy country with economic independence in its truest sense. *

which takes time, it gives the poor immediate access to the existing infrastructure by providing them with medical insurance. Put into effect in September 2018, the scheme should merit as one of the jewels of this government led by the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This scheme unshackles the poor from the compulsion of out-of-pocket expenditure in medical emergencies, frees them from the compulsion of spending while already bankrupt and selling whatever asset they have, to meet the cost.

The other jewel is the Atmanirbhar Bharat. While healthcare cost has tended to undermine the poverty alleviation programmes, lack of continued employment generation mechanism has hamstrung attempts to give the poor an adequate income. The failed attempts to break the vicious cycle of poverty and create the virtuous cycle of prosperity and well-being have been blamed on policy-makers' failure to be innovative. With this programme, the analysts are seeing a new positive direction in creating jobs.

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micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs. Keeping in mind that this sector is the largest employment generator in the country, stressing on self-reliance, efficiency and equity and with such a long rope given to MSMEs, a quick turnaround is foretold and the lost jobs will be regained as soon as the demand starts picking up.



Modi Govt begins new green revolution

The new laws have the potential of revolutionizing agriculture and dramatically increasing the incomes of farmers, but a politically-motivated and ill-informed agitation is creating problems



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It is saddening to see so much resistance to the Narendra Modi government's move to introduce reforms in agriculture and emancipate the farmer from the clutches of vested interests. The silver lining is that the powers that be are not in a mood to bow to the opposition to the new farm laws.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's oldest allies, the Akalis, have parted ways; a number of political and thought leaders are up in arms against the new farm

laws; and in various parts of the country farmers are agitating against the new, liberalized regime of trading and storing of agricultural produce.

A few weeks earlier, Union minister Harsimrat Badal had quit the cabinet, protesting against the government decision to bring three liberalizing ordinances which later were cleared by Parliament. The proposed ordinances intended to undo some of the most regressive socialist era laws, free the farmer from hoarding regulations, and

give him the choice to sell to the buyers who pay him the best price.

The new laws have the potential of revolutionizing agriculture and dramatically increasing the incomes of farmers. In no way the three new laws could be construed as anti-farmer. These are enabling provisions, not debilitating measures. Resistance to them is politics pure and simple; indeed it is dirty politics.

The three ordinances were the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement; and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.

Harsimrat Badal tweeted later, “I have resigned from Union Cabinet in protest against anti-farmer ordinances and legislation. Proud to stand with farmers as their daughter & sister.”

But the ordinances, as we mentioned earlier, were not anti-farmer; protests against them are, rooted in politics and stupidity. In fact, her party, Shiromani Akali Dal, had been supporting the ordinances till a month before her resignation; its position changed 180 degrees when a stir, organized by doctrinaire and ill-informed activists, gathered momentum.

“Farm Bills clearing Lok Sabha is a historic moment for the farmers in the country and the agricultural sector. These Bills, in true sense, will eliminate bottlenecks and middlemen,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted in Hindi. He also rightly said in a tweet, “A lot of people are trying to mislead the farmers. I want to assure my brothers that MSP and government purchase will continue. These bills, in true sense, are meant to empower the farmers.”

Bharatiya Janata Party president J.P. Nadda also resolutely defended the new laws. “First, peasants were in slavery. Prime Minister Modi gave a call to liberate farmers. This Bill gives them the freedom to choose whether the farmer sells his crop in mandi or sells it in any corner of the country,” said Nadda.

Political rhetoric apart, the BJP chief’s statement is not without merit. The extant

laws practically tie down agriculturists to the mandis and the rich middlemen running them.

Nadda also raised an important point: “The Congress party had said in its manifesto that we will bring the farmers out from APMC, the Essential Commodities Act has rusted, we will change it. Modiji has shown the way today by doing it.”



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The opponents of the proposed agricultural rules are also being economical with the truth when they say that the minimum support price (MSP) is being done away with. The Modi government has flatly denied this charge. Further, no decision has been taken to end MSPs; there is not even a move in that direction.

But the Opposition propaganda continues. For instance, senior Congress leader and former finance minister P.

Chidambaram wrote in The Indian Express (September 27) that “what the Modi government has done is to weaken the safety net (of MSP) and dilute public procurement. Farmers are protesting on the streets because they fear that the MSP will be done away with. State governments are worried that Public Procurement and PDS will be jeopardized. Once the three pillars of food security are undermined, the food security system that is being created under the National Food Security Act, 2013, will collapse.”

Further, Chidambaram wrote, “The Modi government’s laws do not create thousands of alternative markets. Instead, they will allow contract farming and open the door for the entry of corporates and, eventually, cartels.”

But Mr. Chidambaram, didn’t you too wanted to do the same thing? Economic Survey 2012-13, for example, said, “In order to bring about reforms in the [organized marketing] sector, a model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) (APMC) Act was prepared in 2003. Though the process of market reforms has been initiated by different state governments through amendments in the present APMC Act on the lines of Model Act, many of the states are yet to adopt the Model Act uniformly. It is therefore necessary to complete the process of market reforms early in order to provide farmers an alternative competitive marketing channel for transaction of their agricultural produce at remunerative prices. Development of an agricultural marketing infrastructure is the foremost requirement for the growth of a comprehensive and integrated agricultural marketing system in the country.”

The Modi government has done which none of its predecessors could do, though the experts advising them wanted to liberalize the farm sector.

In a nutshell, the entire resistance to the new farm laws is politically motivated and ideologically inspired. Thankfully, the government has not buckled under pressure from the opponents of the Bills and the agitating farmers in different parts of the country. ✱



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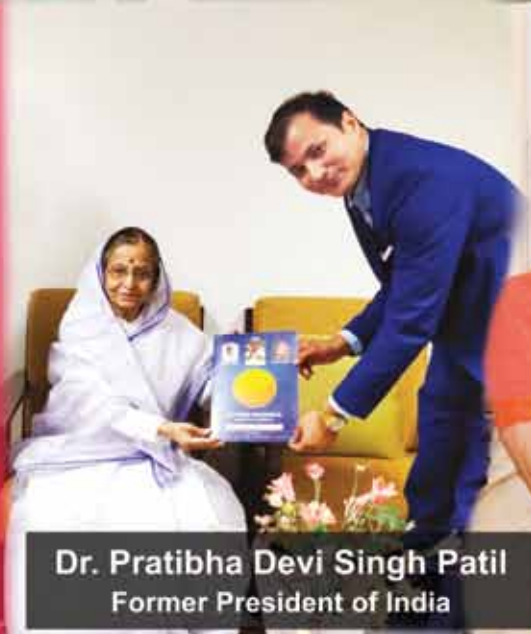


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On every metric, US President Donald Trump has performed well. The economy was never as good as during his term. He has succeeded to some extent in checking illegal immigration. Foreign policy gains include withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan and normalizing ties between the UAE and Israel, earning him nomination Nobel Peace nomination. He has made American interests safer abroad by getting rid of the barbaric Islamic State and the targeted killing of Iranian top gun Qasem Soleimani. He has saved hundreds of thousands,



Donald Trump

perhaps millions, of American lives by imposing a ban on travel from China to check the spread of the coronavirus.

“Real median household income increased by \$4,400 in 2019, reaching an all-time record high of \$68,700. This represents a 6.8 percent one-year increase, which is the largest one-year increase in median income on record. Since 2016, real median household income has increased by 9.7 percent (after adjusting for a Census survey redesign in 2017),” the White House website said on September 15.

That is not all: “Income gains in 2019 were largest for minority groups. Real median income grew by 7.9 percent for black Americans, 7.1 percent for Hispanic Americans, and 10.6 percent for Asian Americans (see Figure 1). These one-year increases were all record highs, and the new income levels reached in 2019 were all record highs, as well.”

These are the facts that the rabidly anti-Trump ‘factcheck’ websites have been unable to trash, though they have tried their best to suggest that these good numbers are the result of the policies of his predecessor, Barack Obama. They keep vilifying Trump, saying that he promotes something that doesn’t exist—‘systemic racism’ in American society.

In fact, right from Day One, the mainstream media and (mostly Left-libber-dominated) intellectuals have been maligning President Trump. Worse, they have been lying, equivocating, and using every form of dissembling to defame him.

Their criticism of every Trump remark and action is littered with such terms as ‘Islamophobia,’ ‘populism,’ and ‘nationalism.’ Needless to say, the lords and masters of public discourse have not noticed, or refused to recognize, the elements of libertarian thought and the essence of Americanism in his decisions and speeches.

In his inaugural address, Trump said that his ascension “has very

special meaning because today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another—but transferring it from Washington DC and giving it back to you the people.”

Now this may sound like one of the many Arvind Kejriwal fulminations, but it was not; it was his disdain for the political, business, and intellectual elites in liberal democracies who fatten each other at the expense of the man in the street and small entrepreneurs. It is an incestuous coterie that plays revolving-door games. They could be Davos men and women, or the tycoons, academics, politicians, and media Brahmins who pontificate at



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the unending conclaves organized by various event managers in India.

Trump challenged all of them: “For too long, a small group in our nation’s Capital has reaped the rewards of government, while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished—but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered—but the jobs left, and the factories closed.”

The elites in the US, and elsewhere, are terrified by such anti-statist ideas. For the elites are comfortable with the doctrines conjured up to combat ‘market failures,’ the theories that

increase government regulation, and the notions that seek to curtail free speech in the name of countering a fictitious entity called ‘hate speech.’

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He responded: “It’s not racist at all, no, not at all. It comes from China, that’s why. I want to be accurate... I have great love for all of the people from our country, but as you know China tried to say at one point... that it was caused by American soldiers. That can’t happen, it’s not gonna happen, not as long as I’m president. It comes from China.”

He is taking on China in every possible manner—economically, politically, militarily—because he realizes that the dragon has gone rogue. Other world leaders also know this simple truth; but it is only Trump who not just has the gumption to speak the truth but also react accordingly. This is also the reason that he is actively promoting relations with India; he is indeed building a coalition of democracies against China, the world’s biggest and most dangerous rogue state. Hence his emphasis on the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad, an informal strategic alliance between the United States, Japan, Australia and India.

President Trump is the greatest political leader of the 21st century—not only for he has done, which is stupendous, but also what he is capable of doing further: bringing in more prosperity for the Americans, making them safer within and without, re-establishing the ideas and ideals on which brought the United States into being and made it great, and checking the rise of China. ✱

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Wrinkling out old age



 **Pooja Nagarrsheth**

A little bit of care and balanced diet will keep wrinkles away from your face

This article is all about what are wrinkles, what causes them, and what increases their appearance. It also looks at some methods that people use to reduce wrinkles.

First wrinkles tend to appear on a person's face, in areas where the skin naturally folds during facial expressions. They develop due to the skin becoming thinner and less elastic over time, for as you age your skin produces less of proteins collagen and elastin, which form the connective tissue that supports the skin. As this layer breaks down, the skin becomes weaker and less flexible. Also, the UV rays break down the collagen and elastin fibers in the skin.

Wrinkles are a natural part of getting old, and there is no reason to dread getting them. However, there are a few natural and medical treatments to slow the signs of aging:

- 1) The most important of all is limiting the sugar intake, as it sets off a process of glycation, and advanced glycation end products break down the collagen in your skin;
 - 2) Smoking is bad for your health for lots of reasons but many people don't know that it also can age your face prematurely;
 - 3) Showing your skin some love with coconut oil, aloe vera, egg whites, banana mask, olive oil, vaseline, cucumber mask, etc. They don't just make it smoother but also help skin retain moisture which makes your face appear fuller;
 - 4) Beta carotene and retinol (vitamin A) are often ingredients in the cosmetic anti-wrinkle creams but it's not necessary to buy a product to get access to beta carotene. Eating a balanced diet is the best way to get any micronutrients like beta carotene (vitamin A) which is found amply in dark leafy greens such as kale and spinach, sweet potatoes, broccoli, peas, carrots, and Roman lettuce (you can add a little oil to help the body absorb the nutrients);
 - 5) Applying a topical gel containing vitamin C can help improve the appearance of wrinkles and other signs of sun damage on the skin;
 - 6) Using a topical cream containing zinc and selenium can block some UV radiation that causes wrinkles. It is also beneficial for inflammatory acne and related scarring. Your body can absorb zinc more efficiently from the foods (beans, dairy products, fortified cereals) that you eat than from supplements;
 - 7) Niacinamide (vitamin B3) has great benefits. It helps build keratin (a type of protein) that keeps the skin firm and healthy, retain moisture, reduce inflammation and dark spots after acne, and pigmentation after pregnancy. It also minimizes pore appearance. Vitamin B3 is found in egg, cereals, green veggies, beans, fish etc.
- Lastly, I would like to emphasize on peptides which work miraculously on your skin by boosting your collagen production. With age, collagen production declines. As a result, your skin sags and loses its elasticity, and you get wrinkles. Incorporating peptides into your skin care routine can help to a great extent. You can use both topical and oral peptides the natural source of peptides are milk, egg, soybeans, fish, and meat. *

How to live happily

Epictetus (55–c.135) was a Greek philosopher belonging to the school of Stoicism. He was a slave who later became free. Though he wrote nothing, his pupil Arrian compiled his teachings. Influenced by Socrates and Diogenes, his main interest was in ethics. Epictetus saw philosophy as learning “how it is possible to employ desire and aversion without hindrance.” There are things which are under our control, and those which are not; the latter are directed by God. We should try to focus on the things like the will, and all voluntary actions—that is, the things in our own power. For the rest, we should not torment our minds and hearts, for they are under God’s control. This is the Stoic attitude. Excerpts from Epictetus’ writings:



 **Byline: Epictetus**

The same general principles are common to all men, nor does one such principle contradict another. For which of us does not admit that good is advantageous and eligible, and in all cases to be pursued and followed? Who does not admit that justice is fair and becoming? Where, then, arises the dispute? In adapting these principles to particular cases. As, when one cries, “Such a person has acted well; he is a gallant man”; and another, “No; he has acted like a fool.” Hence arises dispute among men. This is the dispute between Jews, and Syrians, and Egyptians, and Romans; not whether the right be preferable to all things, and in every instance to be sought; but whether the eating swine’s flesh be consistent with right, or not. This, too, you will find to

have been the dispute between Achilles and Agamemnon. For call them forth. What say you, Agamemnon. Ought not that to be done, which is fit and right? — “Yes, surely.” — Achilles, what say you? Is it not agreeable to you, that what is right should be done? — “Yes; I desire it beyond everything.” Apply your principles then. Here begins the dispute. One says, “It is not fit that I should restore Chryseis to her father.” The other says, “Yes; but it is.” One or the other of them, certainly, makes a wrong conception of the principle of fitness. Again, the one says: “If it be fit that I should give up Chryseis, it is fit, too, that I should take some of your prizes.” The other answers, [65] “What, that you should take my mistress?” — “Ay; yours.” — “What, mine only? Must I only, then, lose my prize?”

What then is it to be properly educated? To learn how to apply the principles of natural right to particular cases, and, for the rest, to distinguish that some things are in our power, while others are not. In our own power are the will, and all voluntary actions; out of our power, the body and its parts, property, parents, brothers, children, country; and, in short, all our fellow-beings. Where, then, shall we place good? In what shall we define it to consist? In things within our own power. “But are not health, and strength, and life, good? And are not children, parents, country? You talk unreasonably.”

Let us, then, try another point of view. Can he who suffers evil, and is disappointed of good, be happy? He cannot. And can he preserve a right behavior with regard to society? How is it possible that he should? For I am naturally led to seek my own highest good. If, therefore, it is my highest good to have an estate, it is for my good likewise to take it away from my neighbor. If it is my highest good to have a suit of clothes, it is for my good likewise to steal it wherever I find it. Hence wars, seditions, tyranny, unjust invasions. How shall I, if this be the case, be able, any longer, to do my duty towards Zeus? If I

suffer evil, and am disappointed, he takes no care of me. And, what is he to me, if he cannot help me; or, again, what is he to me, if he chooses I should be in the condition that I am? Then I begin to hate him. What, then, do we build temples, do we raise statues, to Zeus, as to evil demons, as to the goddess Fever? How then is he the preserver; and how the dispenser of rain and plenty? If we place the essence of good on any such



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ground, all this will follow. What, then, shall we do?

This is the inquiry which interests him who philosophizes in earnest, and to some result. Do I not now see what is good, and what is evil, or am I mad? Suppose I place good only in things dependent on my own will? Why, everyone will laugh at me. Some gray-headed old fellow will come, with his fingers covered with gold rings, and will shake his head, and say; “Hark ye, child, it is fit you should learn philosophy; but it is fit, too, you should have commonsense. All this is nonsense. You learn syllogisms from philosophers; but how you are to act, you know better than they.” Then, what displeases you if I do know? What can I say to this unfortunate? If I make no answer, he will burst; so I must answer thus: “Bear with me, as with lovers. Granted; I am not myself. I have lost my senses.”

Against Epicurus

Even Epicurus is sensible that we are by nature sociable beings; but having once placed our good in the mere outward shell, he can say nothing afterwards inconsistent with that. For again, he strenuously maintains, that we ought not to admire, or accept, anything separated from the nature of good. And he is in the right to maintain it. But how, then, arise any affectionate anxieties, unless there be such a thing as natural affection towards our offspring? Then why do you, Epicurus, dissuade a wise man from bringing up children? Why are you afraid, that, upon their account, he may fall into anxieties? Does he fall into any for a mouse, that feeds within his house? What is it to him, if a little mouse bewails itself there? But Epicurus knew that if once a child is born, it is no longer in our power not to love and be solicitous for it. On the same grounds he says that a wise man will not engage himself in public business, knowing very well what must follow. If men are only so many flies, why should he not engage in it?

And does he, who knows all this, dare to forbid us to bring up children?

Not even a sheep, or a wolf, deserts its offspring; and shall man? What would you have? That we should be as silly as sheep? Yet even these do not desert their offspring. Or as savage as wolves? Neither do these desert them. Pray, who would mind you, if he saw his child fallen upon the ground and crying? For my part, I am of opinion, that your father and mother, even if they could have foreseen that you would have been the author of such doctrines, would not have thrown you away.

How we ought to struggle with difficulties

Difficulties are things that show what men are. For the future, in case of any difficulty, remember, that God, like a gymnastic trainer, has pitted you against a rough antagonist. For what end? That you may be an Olympic conqueror; and this cannot be without toil. No man, in my opinion, has a more profitable difficulty on his hands than you have; provided you will but use it, as an athletic champion uses his antagonist.

Suppose we were to send you as a scout to Rome. But no one ever sends a timorous scout, who, when he only hears a noise, or sees a shadow, runs back frightened, and says, "The enemy is at hand." So now, if you should come and tell us: "Things are in a fearful way at Rome; death is terrible, banishment terrible, calumny terrible, poverty terrible; run, good people, the enemy is at hand"; — we will answer: Get you gone, and prophesy for yourself; our only fault is, that we have sent such a scout.

Diogenes was sent a scout before you, but he told us other tidings. He says that death is no evil, for it is nothing base; that calumny is only the noise of madmen. And what account did this spy give us of pain, of pleasure, of poverty? He says, that to be naked is better than a purple robe; to sleep upon the bare ground, the softest bed; and gives a proof of all he says by his own courage, tranquility, and

freedom; and, moreover, by a healthy and robust body. "There is no enemy near," he says. "All is profound peace." How so, Diogenes? "Look upon me," he says. "Am I hurt? Am I wounded? Have I run away from any one?" This is a scout worth having. But you come, and tell us one thing after another. Go back and look more carefully, and without fear.



If I prize my body first, I have surrendered myself as a slave; if my estate, the same; for I at once betray where I am vulnerable



"What shall I do, then?"

What do you do when you come out of a ship? Do you take away with you the rudder, or the oars? What do you take, then? Your own, your bundle and your flask. So, in the present case, if you will but remember what is your own, you will not covet what belongs to others. If some tyrant bids you put off your consular robe? "Well, I am in my equestrian robe." Put off that too. "I have only my coat." Put off that too. "Well, I am naked." I am not yet satisfied. "Then e'en take my whole body. If I can throw off a paltry body, am I any longer afraid of a tyrant?"

"But such a one will not leave me his heir." What, then, have I forgotten, that such things are never really mine? How then do we call them ours? As with a bed, in an inn. If the landlord, when he dies, leaves you the bed, well and good; but if to another, it will be his, and you will seek one elsewhere; and, consequently, if you do not find one, you will sleep



upon the ground; only sleep fearlessly and profoundly, and remember, that tragedies find their theme among the rich, and kings, and tyrants. No poor man fills any other place in one, than as part of the chorus; whereas kings begin, indeed, with prosperity: "Crown the palace"; — but continue about the third and fourth act: "Alas, Citheron! Why didst thou receive me!" Where are thy crowns, wretch; where is thy diadem? Cannot thy guards help thee?

Whenever you are brought into any such society, think then that you meet a tragic actor, or rather, not an actor, but Œdipus himself. "But such a one is happy. He walks with a numerous train." Well; I too walk with a numerous train.

But remember the principal thing; that the door is open. Do not be more fearful than children; but as they, when the play does not please them, say, "I will play no longer"; so do you, in the same case, say, "I will play no longer"; and go; but, if you stay, do not complain.

I betray where I am vulnerable

If these things are true; and if we are not stupid, or insincere, when we say, that the good or ill of man lies within his own will, and that all beside is nothing to us; why are we still troubled? Why do we still fear? What truly concerns us is in no one's power: what is in the power of others concerns not us. What embarrassment have we left?...

Moreover, some are peevish and fastidious, and say, I cannot dine with such a fellow, to be obliged to hear him all day recounting how he fought in Mysia. "I told you, my friend, how I gained the eminence." There I begin to



Stand by a stone, and revile it; and what will you get by it? If you, therefore, would listen only as a stone, what would your reviler gain?



suffer another siege. But another says, "I had rather get a dinner, and hear him prate as much as he pleases."

Do you decide between these opinions; but do not let it be with depression and anxiety, and the assumption that you are miserable; for no one compels you to that. Is there smoke in my house? If it be moderate, I will stay; if very great, I will go out. For you must always remember, and hold to this, that the door is open. "You are forbidden to live at Nicopolis." I will not live there. "Nor at Athens." Well, nor at Athens. "Nor at Rome." Nor at Rome. "But you shall live at Gyaros." I will live there. But suppose that living at Gyaros seems to me like living in a great smoke. I can then retire where no one can forbid me to live, for it is an abode open to all; and put off my last garment, this

poor body of mine; beyond this, no one has any power over me.

Thus Demetrius said to Nero: "You sentence me to death; and Nature you." If I prize my body first, I have surrendered myself as a slave; if my estate, the same; for I at once betray where I am vulnerable. Just as when a reptile pulls in his head, I bid you strike that part of him which he guards; and be you assured, that wherever you show a desire to guard yourself, there your master will attack you. Remember but this, and whom will you any longer flatter or fear?

"But I want to sit where the senators do."

Do not you see, that by this you incommode and torment yourself?

"Why, how else shall I see the show in the Amphitheatre advantageously?"

Do not insist on seeing it, O man! and you will not be incommoded. Why do you vex yourself? Or wait a little while; and when the show is over, go sit in the senators' places, and sun yourself. For remember, that this holds universally; we incommode and torment ourselves; that is, our own preconceived notions do it for us. What is it to be reviled, for instance? Stand by a stone, and revile it; and what will you get by it? If you, therefore, would listen only as a stone, what would your reviler gain? But, if the reviler has the weakness of the reviled for a vantage-ground, then he carries his point.

"Strip him," [bids the tyrant]. What mean you by him? Take my clothes, strip them, at your pleasure. "I meant only to insult you." Much good may it do you.

These things were the study of Socrates; and, by these means, he always preserved the same countenance. Yet we had rather exercise and study anything, than how to become unrestrained and free. "But the philosophers talk paradoxes." And are there not paradoxes in other arts? What is more paradoxical than to prick anyone's eye that he may see? Should one tell this to one ignorant of surgery, would not he laugh at him? What wonder then if, in philosophy also, many truths appear paradoxes to the ignorant? ✱



Human beings
as well as
beasts care for
their families

It may sound like a conspiracy theory but there seems to be a thread joining the public health mafia (with the World Health Organization being its nucleus), the Western mainstream media, Big Tech, and China. For, more often than not, all of them are on the same page.

It appears that Big Tech bosses like Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Microsoft chief Bill Gates are hand in glove with the global public health mafia to end all freedoms that crystallized in the Age of Enlightenment, including free speech and the right to live as people want to live. Xi Jinping's China is also against these ideals; recently, Xi actually said that human rights are not universal in nature.

Being in league with China, tech tyrants leave no stone unturned to shield China from condemnation that it deserves. Anybody exposing the machinations of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is lambasted and marginalized, the suspension of the profile of Chinese virologist Li-Meng Yan by Twitter being a recent example.

Dr. Yan's crime? She had the courage to assert publicly that China had "manufactured" the coronavirus in a Wuhan lab. This assertion undermines the narrative the tech tyrants have been peddling for quite some time. In their (and the media's) scheme of things, US President Donald Trump is the progenitor of all the problems the world is facing. Used to genuflecting to the diktats of Beijing, the likes of Dorsey couldn't allow the scientist to air her views because it did not conform to the dogmas they uphold, one of them being that the coronavirus is natural.

A large number of scientists are of the view that the coronavirus is natural, but there is no certainty about it, just as there is no certainty about it being manmade. Therefore, Twitter has no business to suspend Yan's account just by saying that her



Big Tech, media, WHO shield China

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tweets make “disputed claims on coronavirus.”

A few hundred years ago, the claims about the spherical shape of the earth were also “disputed.” In more recent times, the findings of S. Chandrasekhar, the Nobel laureate of Indian origin, were also disputed by top authorities; the findings included what later came to be known as the Chandrasekhar Limit. A leading English astronomer, Sir Arthur Eddington, called young researcher’s “mathematical game playing.”

Thankfully, there was no Twitter in the days of Copernicus, Galileo, Chandrasekhar, and other great scientists; otherwise, they too would have become the victims of the ‘cancel culture’ and ‘de-platforming’ that the radical Left is promoting and Bolshevik billionaires are enforcing.

Like the medieval church, with its claims of infallibility, the contemporary tech tyrants are convinced that they are divinely ordained to know the truth. They also have the power of money and digital might, so they have arrogated to themselves the authority to sit in judgment over the veracity of the statements of science. And not just science; they also spell out the digital norms of decency, propriety, etc.

Just like the Inquisition suppressed any views offensive to the church and dogma, the digital Inquisition squashes any heresy. Yan is clearly a heretic—and should be burnt at the Big Tech stake.

But Yan’s courage is boundless. Days after claiming that the novel coronavirus, that causes Covid-19, was “manufactured” in a Wuhan lab, she fired another salvo, asserting that the WHO was very much “part of the cover up.”

She has hit the nail on the head. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has acted like Chinese President Xi Jinping’s lackey since the beginning of the corona crisis. The WHO played an



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unconscionable role in spreading Covid-19; the world body deliberately kept other countries in the dark about the transmissibility and deadliness of the novel coronavirus.

The WHO shamelessly tweeted on January 14, “Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the novel #coronavirus (2019-nCoV) identified in #Wuhan, #China.”

This was despite the fact that

long before January 14 the WHO knew about the coronavirus. Clearly, Tedros has blood of a million people on his hands—and the number is rising. Besides, the economic loss that Covid-19 has caused is incalculable.

It is a shame that he is still allowed to head the global health body. The man who should be rotting in some prison cell is pontificating about “leadership and solidarity at the global and national levels.”

The unholy nexus between China, the WHO, Big Tech, and the mainstream media has ensured that only one theory about the origin of the novel coronavirus remains in circulation: that it originated from the wet market at Wuhan. But the Wuhan wet market, Yan told an Indian news channel Wion, is “is just a smokescreen from the Chinese Communist Party.”

According to the Wion website, “Dr. Li-Meng Yan, who was a post-doctoral fellow in virology and immunology at Hong Kong School of Public Health said that she was muzzled by her supervisors.”

She also alleged that the Chinese government is now trying to tarnish her reputation through social media, conduct cyber-attacks on her and intimidate her family in China. “Yan, who was associated with the Hong Kong School of Public Health, had been researching on the coronavirus for a long time. The Chinese virologist claimed that during her research she came across that coronavirus was developed in a laboratory in China.”

Unsurprisingly, the ‘factchecks’ of several mainstream media organizations have trashed Yan’s thesis that the coronavirus was manufactured at the Wuhan lab.

Make no mistake about it, the mainstream media, Big Tech, and the WHO (along with other organizations of the public health mafia) are determined to shield China in any possible manner. The jihad against Yan is an example. ✱



Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States (1923-29)

 **Byline: Calvin Coolidge**

The press under a free government

US President Donald Trump has many a time denounced the mainstream media as “fake news”—not incorrectly, given the pathological hatred against Trump the likes of CNN and The New York Times have exhibited. But there was a time, about a century ago, when the press was doing a good job. One of Trump’s predecessors, Calvin Coolidge (1923–29) addressed the American Society of Newspaper Editors Washington, on January 17, 1925, underlined the importance of free press. We publish the speech

The relationship between governments and the press has always been recognized as a matter of large importance. Wherever despotism abounds, the sources of public information are the first to be brought under its control. Wherever the cause of liberty is making its way,

one of its highest accomplishments is the guarantee of the freedom of the press. It has always been realized, sometimes instinctively, oftentimes expressly, that truth and freedom are inseparable.

An absolutism could never rest upon anything, save a perverted and distorted view of human relationships and upon

false standards set up and maintained by force. It has always found it necessary to attempt to dominate the entire field of education and instruction. It has thrived on ignorance. While it has sought to train the minds of a few, it has been largely with the purpose of attempting to give them a superior facility for misleading the many. Men

have been educated under absolutism, not that they might bear witness to the truth, but that they might be the more ingenious advocates and defenders of false standards and hollow pretenses. This has always been the method of privilege, the method of class and caste, the method of master and slave.

When a community has sufficiently advanced so that its government begins to take on that of the nature of a republic, the processes of education become even more important, but the method is necessarily reversed. It is all the more necessary under a system of free government that the people should be enlightened, that they should be correctly informed, than it is under an absolute government that they should be ignorant. Under a republic, the institutions of learning, while bound by the constitution and laws, are in no way subservient to the government. The principles which they enunciate do not depend for their authority upon whether they square with the wish of the ruling dynasty, but whether they square with the everlasting truth. Under these conditions the press, which had before been made an instrument for concealing or perverting the facts, must be made an instrument for their true representation and their sound and logical interpretation. From the position of a mere organ, constantly bound to servitude, public prints rise to a dignity, not only of independence, but of a great educational and enlightening factor. They attain new powers, which it is almost impossible to measure, and become charged with commensurate responsibilities.

The public press under an autocracy is necessarily a true agency of propaganda. Under a free government it must be the very reverse. Propaganda seeks to present a part of the facts, to distort their relations, and to force conclusions which could not be drawn from a complete and candid survey of all the facts. It has been observed that propaganda seeks to close the mind, while education seeks to open it. This



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has become one of the dangers of the present day.

The great difficulty in combating unfair propaganda, or even in recognizing it, arises from the fact that

at the present time we confront so many new and technical problems that it is an enormous task to keep ourselves accurately informed concerning them. In this respect, you gentlemen of the press face the same perplexities that are encountered by legislators and government administrators. Whoever deals with current public questions is compelled to rely greatly upon the information and judgments of experts and specialists.

Unfortunately, not all experts are to be trusted as entirely disinterested. Not all specialists are completely without guile. In our increasing dependence on specialized authority, we tend to become easier victims for the propagandists, and need to cultivate sedulously the habit of the open mind. No doubt every generation feels that its problems are the most intricate and baffling that have ever been presented for solution. But with all recognition of the disposition to exaggerate in this respect, I think we can fairly say that our times in all their social and economic aspects are more complex than any past

period. We need to keep our minds free from prejudice and bias. Of education, and of real information we cannot get too much. But of propaganda, which is tainted or perverted information, we cannot have too little.

Newspaper men, therefore, endlessly discuss the question of what is news. I judge that they will go on discussing it as long as there are newspapers. It has seemed to me that quite obviously the news giving function of a newspaper cannot possibly require that it give a photographic presentation of everything that happens in the community. That is an obvious impossibility.

It seems fair to say that the proper presentation of the news bears about the same relation to the whole field of happenings that a painting does to a photograph. The photograph might give the more accurate presentation of details, but in doing so it might sacrifice the opportunity the more clearly to delineate character. My college professor was wont to tell us a good many years ago that if a painting of a tree was only the exact representation of the original, so that it looked just like the tree, there would be no reason for making it; we might as well look at the tree itself. But the painting, if it is of the right sort, gives something that neither a photograph nor a view of the tree conveys. It emphasizes something of character, quality, individuality. We are not lost in looking at thorns and defects; we catch a vision of the grandeur and beauty of a king of the forest.

And so I have conceived that the news, properly presented, should be a sort of cross section of the character of current human experience. It should delineate character, quality, tendencies and implications. In this way the reporter exercises his genius. Out of the current events he does not make a drab and sordid story, but rather an informing and enlightened epic. His work becomes no longer imitative, but rises to an original art.

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and information to their readers, and at the same time they play a most important part in connection with the business interests of the community, both through their news and advertising departments. Probably there is no rule of your profession to which you gentlemen are more devoted than that which prescribes that the editorial and the business policies of the paper are to be conducted by strictly separate departments. Editorial policy and news policy must not be influenced by business consideration; business policies must not be affected by editorial programs. Such a dictum strikes the outsider as involving a good deal of difficulty in the practical adjustments of every day management. Yet, in fact, I



Calvin Coolidge with his ebullient wife Grace

doubt if those adjustments are any more difficult than have to be made in every other department of human effort. Life is a long succession of compromises and adjustments, and it may be doubted whether the press is compelled to make them more frequently than others do.

When I have contemplated these adjustments of business and editorial policy, it has always seemed to me that American newspapers are peculiarly representative of the practical idealism of our country. Quite recently, the construction of a revenue statute resulted in giving publicity to some highly interesting facts about incomes. It must have been observed that nearly all the newspapers published these interesting facts in their news columns,



while very many of them protested in their editorial columns that such publicity was a bad policy. Yet this was not inconsistent. I am referring to the incident by way of illustrating what I just said about the newspapers representing the practical idealism of America. As practical newsmen they printed the facts. As editorial idealists they protested that there ought to be no such facts available.

Some people feel concerned about the commercialism of the press. They note that great newspapers are great business enterprises earning large



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profits and controlled by men of wealth. So they fear that in such control the press may tend to support the private interests of those who own the papers, rather than the general interest of the whole people. It seems to me, however, that the real test is not whether the newspapers are controlled by men of wealth, but whether they are sincerely trying to serve the public interests. There will be little occasion for worry about who owns a newspaper, so long as its attitudes on public questions are such as to promote the general

welfare. A press which is actuated by the purpose of genuine usefulness to the public interest can never be too strong financially, so long as its strength is used for the support of popular government.

There does not seem to be cause for alarm in the dual relationship of the press to the public, whereby it is on one side a purveyor of information and opinion and on the other side a purely business enterprise. Rather, it is probable that a press which maintains an intimate touch with the business currents of the nation is likely to be more reliable than it would be if it were a stranger to these influences. After all, the chief business of the American people is business. They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing and prospering in the world. I am strongly of opinion that the great majority of people will always find these are moving impulses of our life. The opposite view was oracularly and poetically set forth in those lines of Goldsmith which everybody repeats, but few really believe: Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, / Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.

Excellent poetry, but not a good working philosophy. Goldsmith would have been right, if, in fact, the accumulation of wealth meant the decay of men. It is rare indeed that the men who are accumulating wealth decay. It is only when they cease production, when accumulation stops, that an irreparable decay begins. Wealth is the product of industry, ambition, character and untiring effort. In all experience, the accumulation of wealth means the multiplication of schools, the increase of knowledge, the dissemination of intelligence, the encouragement of science, the broadening of outlook, the expansion of liberties, the widening of culture.

Of course, the accumulation of wealth cannot be justified as the chief end of existence. But we are compelled to recognize it as a means to well-nigh every desirable achievement. So long as wealth is made the means and not

the end, we need not greatly fear it. And there never was a time when wealth was so generally regarded as a means, or so little regarded as an end, as today. Just a little time ago we read in your newspapers that two leaders of American business, whose efforts at accumulation had been most astonishingly successful, had given fifty or sixty million dollars as endowments to educational works. That was real news. It was characteristic of our American experience with men of large resources. They use their power to serve, not themselves and their own families, but the public. I feel sure that the coming generations, which will benefit by those endowments, will not be easily convinced that they have suffered greatly because of these particular accumulations of wealth.

So, there is little cause for the fear that our journalism, merely because it is prosperous, is likely to betray us. But it calls for additional effort to avoid even the appearance of the evil of selfishness. In every worthy profession, of course, there will always be a minority who will appeal to the baser instinct. There always have been, and probably always will be, some who will feel that their own temporary interest may be furthered by betraying the interest of others. But these are becoming constantly a less numerous and less potential element in the community. Their influence, whatever it may seem at a particular moment, is always ephemeral. They will not long interfere with the progress of the race which is determined to go its own forward and upward way. They may at times somewhat retard and delay its progress, but in the end their opposition will be overcome. They have no permanent effect. They accomplish no permanent result. The race is not traveling in that direction. The power of the spirit always prevails over the power of the flesh. These furnish us no justification for interfering with the freedom of the press, because all freedom, though it may sometime tend toward excesses, bears within it those



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remedies which will finally effect a cure for its own disorders.

American newspapers have seemed to me to be particularly representative of this practical idealism of our people. Therefore, I feel secure in saying that they are the best newspapers in the world. I believe that they print more real news and more reliable and

characteristic news than any other newspaper. I believe their editorial opinions are less colored in influence by mere partisanship or selfish interest than are those of any other country. Moreover, I believe that our American press is more independent, more reliable and less partisan today than at any other time in its history. I believe this of our press, precisely as I believe it of those who manage our public affairs. Both are cleaner, finer, less influenced by improper considerations than ever before. Whoever disagrees with this judgment must take the chance of marking himself as ignorant of conditions which notoriously affected our public life, thoughts and methods, even within the memory of many men who are still among us.

It can safely be assumed that self-interest will always place sufficient emphasis on the business side of newspapers, so that they do not need any outside encouragement for that part of their activities. Important, however, as this factor is, it is not the main element which appeals to the American people. It is only those who do not understand our people, who believe that our national life is entirely absorbed by material motives. We make no concealment of the fact that we want wealth, but there are many other things that we want very much more. We want peace and honor, and that charity which is so strong an element of all civilization. The chief ideal of the American people is idealism.

I cannot repeat too often that America is a nation of idealists. That is the only motive to which they ever give any strong and lasting reaction. No newspaper can be a success which fails to appeal to that element of our national life. It is in this direction that the public press can lend its strongest support to our government. I could not truly criticize the vast importance of the counting room, but my ultimate faith I would place in the high idealism of the editorial room of the American newspaper. ✱



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IPL in Gulf: Will it come out clean?

Organizing IPL in the Gulf, and that too without proper measures to check sharp practice, is a very bad decision that BCCI took

Indian Premier League 2020 in the Gulf may be a gift for Cricket-crazy expats in region but is a boon for those who are on dark side of the game. It is a paradise for match-fixing; it got chance by default as Covid-19 pandemic forced the BCCI to move away from India. For match fixers and those involved in other malpractices, no situation could be better than this one. It's not a statement but true feeling of every cricket lover. This could have been avoided.


2 superovers in first 10 days?

IPL 2020 was scheduled between September 19 and November 10 in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah. The very first match of IPL 2020, played between Mumbai Indians (MI) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has raised many eyebrows. In first 10 days, there have been two superover matches. As many as 60 T20 matches will be played in IPL 2020. Will there be more superovers?

Matches in Epicentre

Fixers and bookies operate simply and smoothly to make it big in the IPL. When it comes to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a known epicentre for match-fixing and other





corrupt practices, buying a cricketer is not difficult for bookies. The Indian government used to consider the UAE an unholy place for cricket; it was averse to sending its national team over there. Why this change of heart?

UAE's dirty past

This time around, no objections were raised when the BCCI, under former cricket captain Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah, decided to take the Indian Premier League to the UAE, which was viewed as the best venue to host the multi-million dollar event during the ongoing pandemic.

Over the last 10 months, the ICC has banned six UAE international cricketers for their involvement in match-fixing. In September alone, the international cricketing body punished two UAE players—Ashfaq Ahmed and Aamir Hayat—for accepting large cash and expensive gifts from fixers. According to an ICC investigation report, Ashfaq and Hayat had UAE Dirhams 15,000 (about Rs 300,623) each from a known corrupter in exchange of fixing aspects of an international match. So, when the IPL is already underway, a big question arises: will the shadow of corruption and match-fixing reach the tournament?

Dhoni's snail pace raise eyebrow

Chennai Super Kings captain M.S. Dhoni's way of playing and some unexpected turns in the game have occasioned many questions. Interestingly, the BCCI will not be availing the services of the ICC's anti-corruption and security unit for this IPL; the partnership was dissolved last year, reportedly over cost concerns. It means IPL 2020 will be without vigilance. ESPN Cricinfo has reported that the board's position "raised

a few eyebrows" over what many saw as effectively putting a price tag on the fight against corruption and ensuring the integrity of the sport.

Sports integrity at risk!

This time, the BCCI's own anti-corruption and security unit, headed by Ajit Singh, will be on the job. As international mafia and betting syndicates reportedly have a huge presence in the UAE, it may be a tough task for the board to keep their glamorous tournament corruption-free. "There are nearly 80 foreign players involved from across the world along with Bollywood stars, their staff and supporters. No one is saying that there is corruption in the IPL; we are confident that there isn't. But are they doing enough to keep it that way?" a media report said, quoting an anonymous state cricketing association official. The BCCI has inked an agreement with Sportradar, a sports integrity solutions and sports data products company, to support the board's anti-corruption unit in monitoring and checking the integrity of matches during the IPL this season.

Chor bana kotwal!

This decision is the BCCI's biggest folly, for the involvement of Sportradar is a potential case of conflict of interest as the entity and its parent company, Betratar, provides services to bookmakers across the world. It means the BCCI has appointed a body with questionable credentials to check corruption! According to the Sportradar website, "We provide all the necessary services to run a bookmaker operation, such as pre-match odds services, live odds and live data services, risk & liability management services, betting stimulation tools (including statistics and live scores), live streaming services, innovative gaming solutions and e-sports betting services." *

Sushmita Sen's Daughter Renée Makes Acting Debut

Amid the debate on nepotism and favouritism, yet another star daughter is Bollywood-bound. Sushmita Sen's daughter Renée makes her acting debut in Kabeer Khurana's *Suttaabaazi*. The relationship drama sees Renée play a rebellious daughter, while Komal Chhabria and Rahul Vohra essay her parents. ✨



Esha Gupta turns up the heat with yet another sexy avatar

One of the hottest girls in the B-Town, Esha Gupta has once again set the mercury soaring with her latest photoshoot. The actress was seen in Casual Denim Wear and Leather Jacket. From her bold pictures to flaunting her sexy curves, she raises temperatures with her hot looks. Her sultry and bold pictures often go viral on social media leaving fans heart aflutter. ✨

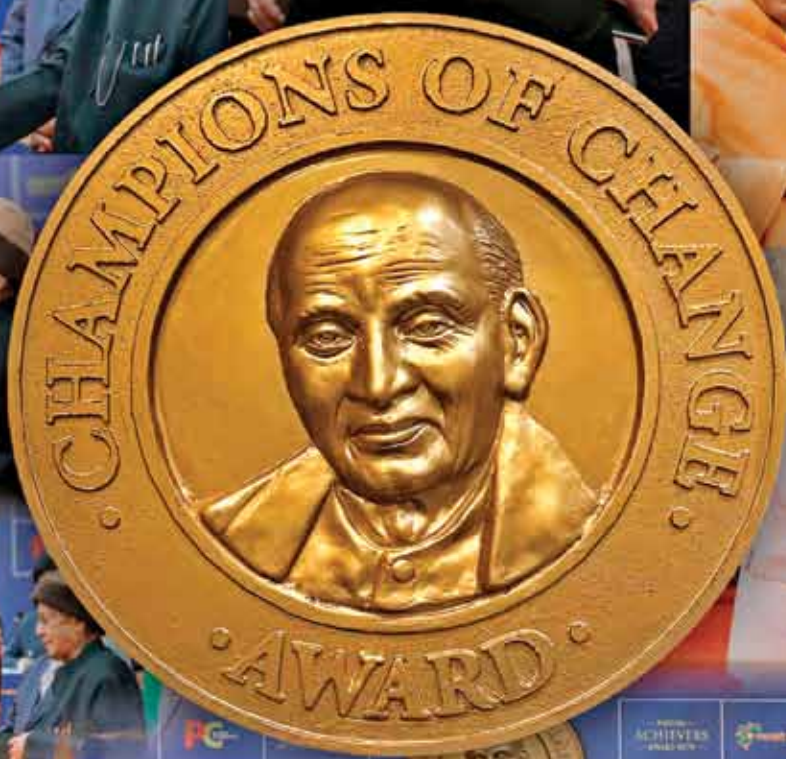




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