

## PERSONAL THOUGHT

### Medical facilities only for rich

One are the days when most of the doctors and people had little knowledge to treat the sick and to take health measures to prevent the spread of diseases. In olden days the doctors relied mainly on superstitious practices and herbal cures. For 300 years, the medical science has ostensibly helped the doctors understand how the body works and how it can be treated.

On the one hand, today, medical advances can save more lives than ever before, but they have become expensive to such an extent that many of the world's poorest people cannot afford it, on the other.

The legacy of early works left by European physicians is an encyclopedia to the people of world suffering from unknown diseases but sad to say that it is accruing benefits only to a limited people able to pay for treatment. A major part of the populace is deprived of medical facilities because of being impecunious. The research works of physicians from Hippocrates, Galen of Pergamum, Vesalius to William Harvey were meant to help and cure the dying poor people in different parts of the world.

At a moment, the medical profession has become a highly paid medical tourism and medical industries sector not only in India but also in other countries with keeping real poor beneficiaries away.

Besides, people succumb to their injuries and diseases while the government hospitals



procrastinate the treatment of patients. The government hospitals are losing people's faith, due to medical negligence and lack of medical facilities.

It is no real tribute to the physicians who gave first-hand studies to the doctors of next generation. The works of ancient doctors have been misused by the modern doctors as far as reaching out to the penniless people of the world is concerned. Today, doctors are dotting every nook and corner in the urban areas only to make fast buck from the pocket of the poor. Many of them have opened their own nursing homes with providing the facility of medical stores in the compound.

According to a source, the proprietors of nursing homes earn 40% commission on sub-standard medicines in addition to the other earning from the charges levied on patients.

The patients—especially agriculture labourers and daily wagers—cannot pay huge consultancy fees and medicines. As a result, they have to die unreported. A Brussels physician Andreas Vesalius-born in 1514—has to his credit for giving detailed studies of human anatomy while dissecting human corpse to discover how the body works. Vesalius wanted to study human body but he also knew he would face opposition from the Roman Catholic Church whose priests thought that the cutting up a dead body is against religion.

— Sunil Salve

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## Enriching Hindi literature, philosophy



Kashi Marnanmukti, a Hindi philosophic novel based on the spiritual journey of a Chandaal is written by Manoj Thakkar and Rashmi Chhazed. The story based on the life of its protagonist 'Maha' who in the course of his spiritual journey to find his Guru, finds enlightenment and touches the height of divinity. Today Indian generation is getting diverted towards western civilization when the west itself is looking upon Indian culture and India's spiritual teachings. The novel includes messages from Vedas, Puranas and Upanishads which seem difficult to comprehend to today's generation in their original form while here that same content is much more understandable since it is available in a simpler narrative form like a story. These epics have been in existence for ages together and this book follows the same path enriching Hindi literature and philosophy in its journey for enlightening the people through its messages and would be 'amar' in the minds of people.

It signifies aloud that you are born to realize that you and the energy that created you are inseparable. 'Guru, god and self are one'. The work is permeated by what may be called as the zenith that a man can touch during his life span, irrespective of the background to which he belongs. This book does not provide any technique of life transformation rather it is an effort to enable each one of us to understand ourselves, to realise our obscured potential by constantly learning and developing insights into one's life purely with the vision to reimburse the best back to our society.

The novel covers the philosophy of many great Philosophers like Sant Kabir, Tulsidasi, and Chanakya. It throws light on the Guru-shishya relationship which in actual sense has lost its meaning in today's material world. Guru is the wisdom light who makes our way through the inner darkness to lead our path

towards the final destiny. It is very well said "dhuup chaon ke is khel ko samajh kar uske paar jhankne wala insan hi logon ko uss paar jhankne ke liye prerit kar sakta hai". Only a Guru can lead the way of millions of students who are in their journey for the search of eternal truth finding their ultimate destiny.

Manoj Thakkar has also written 'Pran Kavya' (philosophy) which was released by 'Bharat Ratna Late Shri Bismillah Khan Saheb'. It was also appreciated by many renowned authors and artist from various sectors across the nation. Some of the eminent known authors were of the opinion that "Giving reviews on such a high level content is beyond our scope." When Pran Kavya was completed, Thakkar chose not to sell and therefore all copies till now have been presented free to all.

Ms. Rashmi Chhazed, a young and enthusiastic person symbolizes an ideal youth of today. An MBA by qualification, she is a great source of inspiration; encouraging people to help themselves through their own understanding and improve each day through self observations. Helping people selflessly and growing with others is another unique quality which she possesses.

The authors feels that by the grace of god and mystery of Varanasi, the character of this book has come by himself and that 'shareer rupi Kashipuri iss kitaab ke maadhyam se khulti hai'; they believes that they are only the medium and thankful to god that thou has chosen them as a medium for writing this book. 'Aatma Bhav ke sadhte hi deh rupi Kashi ka nidhan ho jata hai aur manushya mukti ko prapt ho jata hai, issi ko Kashi Marnanmukti kehte hain'. This is the basic content of the book and somewhere their colleagues feels that they are blessed that they have seen this writing at the stage of its first draft.

The book release function witnessed the presence of only close members from the author's families and the way Mrs. Jain hosted the event only authenticates her simplicity and humility. We were delighted to have great Gyanpeeth Award winner shree Kunwar Narayan Ji at the book release.

The book has been published



A boy climbs a palm tree to collect dates in an agricultural area in el-Hawamdiya, a suburb of Giza near Cairo September 19, 2010.

I'm learning each and everyday, from a young man who can hardly speak He teaches me something new each day, as I watch him mop and sweep As he struggles to open the liner, to empty the trash each night, I am reminded of how much he has, cleared vision with true insight - Ankur Kulkarni

## WATCH TOWER

### Bravery against nature — Empathy or sympathy



**First Meeting:** Few days back, in a silent night, when I was searching a friend on facebook suddenly I received a friend's request from a 34-year-old boy. It was a normal routine getting it and as per my habit without any second thought was just about to reject it but as soon as I turned my mouse pointer, I saw a person sitting on wheel chair, my natural human curiosity forced me to know about him. So started surfing id, found him as a person with lot of courage and willpower.

His name: Kedar Indurkar living in Pune, south west state of Maharashtra. He is suffering from cerebral palsy (a neural disease) in which patient cannot move his body parts. Since birth, he is continuing with this disorder, only three fingers of his right hand are working. No treatment at all. Physiotherapy can work only up to certain extent. Being a writer, I wanted to know about him - physically disabled but mentally strong person. Kedar deserves respect from us and needs the same love and affection which we generally give to others not as poor "Bechara" kind of words.

**Story From Mother's Pocket**  
In my childhood, my mother used to tell me about "Ashtavakra". When he was twelve year old, Raja Janak hosted a huge debating conference. He had one thousand cows placed at the palace gate and had the horns of the cows plated with gold and decorated with jewels. He proclaimed, "Whoever is victorious, shall take possession of these cows." It

was a great debate. Ashtavakra's father also participated. As dusk was falling, the message came to Ashtavakra that his father was losing. He had already defeated all others, but he was about to be defeated by a pundit named Vandin. Receiving this message Ashtavakra went to the palace. The debate was in its final stage and the decisive moment was fast approaching. His father's defeat was a complete for-gone conclusion - he was on the very edge of defeat.

The pundits saw Ashtavakra as he entered the royal court. They were all learned scholars. His body was bent and deformed in eight places: he had just to move and anyone would start laughing. His very movement was a laughing matter. The whole meeting broke into laughter. Ashtavakra also roared with laughter. Janak asked, "Everyone else is laughing. I can understand why they laugh, but why did you laugh, my son?" Ashtavakra said, "I am laughing because truth is being decided in this conference of butchers" - the man must have been extraordinary. "What are all these skinnners doing here?" A deep silence fell over the meeting. Butchers? Skinnners? The king asked, What do you mean?"

Ashtavakra said, "It is simple and straightforward: They only see skin, they don't see me. It is difficult to find a man more pure and simple than me, but they don't see this; they see a bent and deformed body. They are skinnners, they judge by the skin. Your Majesty, in the curve of a temple is the sky curved? When a pot is smashed, is the sky also smashed? The sky is beyond change. My body is twisted, but I am not. Look at the one within. You can't find anything more straight and pure." Undoubtedly Ashtavakra won the competition.

**An Inspirational Personality**  
One surprise waiting for



me - being physically disabled Kedar never gives up; he is working for the blinds. He translated some books of Mrs. Sudha Murthy, wife of Mr. K Narayana Murthy (founder of Infosys) into Braille for his work. Mrs Murthy awarded him with "Rajashri Shahu Modak Award" in 2007. This is what which attracted me more to him and I accepted his request and we became good friends. His will power always motivates him for work. After short period of our friendship, again he surprised me by saying kindly visit this site... <http://sites.google.com/site/keदारindurkar>. Beautifully designed and yet impressive indeed.

**Conclusion**  
I am not butchers not skinnners, really from bottom of my guts owing his work, In my perception, Kedar is the perfect person who wins hearts, who gives colour and vision to those who cannot see, a man of dignity, a man of courage, a man of will-power, a man who lives life without asking any questions, always accepts what destiny gave him, hats off to you dear....

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I am reminded of how much he has, cleared vision with true insight He has no degrees or education, but he is wiser than most I've met. God bless!

## View point

### India Football — A lot of 'Air'



Believe it or not there was a time when Indian football had a "golden age" It played in the Olympics, qualified for the World Cup (did not play though) and won the Asian Games crown twice in addition to making an impression at the Asian Championship level and the Merdeka among other competitions. Most importantly Indian football had a great following on the domestic front and even today attracts more crowds at competitions held in India than any other sport.

Despite a plus 100 (it was 117 at one stage) rating in world football it had a huge status, particularly among Asian countries and was once considered a leader in the continent. But whereas other countries continue to slide in the world rankings, the latest of 160th on the Fifa rating being the worst ever. And the fact that even at the Asian stage the country stands slightly above Pakistan but lower than all other South Asian nations speaks volumes of the decline in the standard of the game.

One thought things would improve when the international Federation (Fifa) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) started taking interest in Indian football. There was a concentrated effort to build up the game with four centres being chosen for Academies in the Vision India plan by Fifa and AFC. Well know personalities visited the country and

coaches from abroad gave their views. But there was no discernible progress and Delhi, chosen as one of the centres, was given up because there had been no follow up action by the local body and of course the All India Football Federation. Manipur, which should have been a popular centre is also reportedly a non-starter

The National Coach, Bob Houghton, is optimistic when he says India probably can make it to the World Cup in 2022. Obviously he needs to be encouraging in his outlook but he is rather optimistic. A country, which has steadily gone down since the 70s, cannot improve between 2010 and 2022. There is no logic.

Mohammed bin Hammam, the President of the Asian Football Confederation has blamed the lack of reform in India on the clubs. He has squarely blamed them for resisting the National Federation's efforts to make them wear a more professional look. That is an old complaint though. Most Indian clubs are professionals only in name but not in their outlook They were professionals even when Indian football was totally amateur but now when complete professionalism is the need, they are found wanting.

He is right in some ways. India has to improve if Asian football has to make a mark in the world. "The development of football Asian cannot be complete without India" he says.

— Ramu Sharma

### From God's own country

RS Pillai reporting from Kollam

**Bhopal boy's wedding:** One Manoj of Neendakara Kollam, residing at Windsor Park, Bhopal married Anita of Vavvakavu on 12th at Prince auditorium, Karunagapally. That Sunday witnessed thousands of weddings, Guruvayoor temple alone recording 224.



## Hum nahin sudharenge

The ex-Mayor of Kollam, Padmalochanan (Lotus-eyed man who lost his post due to his eye on the Lotus -Sangh Parivar-) is alleged to have used abusive language against the media at a public function and during a Corporation meeting last Tuesday. Another comrade, Cooperation minister G Sudhakaran accused the media persons of not seeing any virtue in the development works of the LDF government. He added that, 'let the media persons write anything till their hands ache but we won't be deterred!'

**ISAAC ASKED FOR IT:** There is a raging controversy in the State in respect of the frauds committed by outside State lotteries, the Finance Minister putting all the blame on the Centre. Opposition leader Oommen Chandy questioned the veracity of all such allegations to which Thomas Isaac challenged him for a public debate which many considered as a call for a wrestling bout. When Chandy responded by agreeing to send a representative, the Finance Minister also said that he too would send only a representative. But on the appointed date he himself turned up to meet Congress MLA VD Satheesan.

As per media reports, the Finance Minister had to eat humble pie as Satheesan went on demolishing the former's claims. Finally Isaac blamed the media as having an unholy nexus with lottery agents. Beaten at the market place, take it upon your mother sitting at home! Incidentally, it now transpires that the minister was advised to take part in the debate by his party. Whoever it is, it can't be his friend.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The digits that we know as Arabic numerals are Indian in origin. After Ptolemy's visit a traveler from India arrived at Baghdad in AD 773 taking with him a new way of writing figures. The Arabs took the method to Europe. Arabic: 1,2,3,4 5 etc. Roman: I, II, III, IV, V etc.

**MUCH ADO:** PJ Thomas who has been appointed as chief of



Vigilance Commission is the target of not only BJP but elements from his home state too. Making observations on the notorious Palmolien case, the then CVC has noted that the officer had acted in accordance with the Cabi-net decision. The CVC had also observed that the case may not be held against the officer for the purpose of empanelment for higher posts. But as per records of the State, he is still an accused in the case and is alleged to be on bail.

**PRANAB'S BABY IN DANCE FESTIVAL:** Sharmishta Mukherjee, daughter of Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee participated in the Mudra Festival at Thiruvananthapuram by performing a scintillating Kathak dance. Indians should thank Pranab for not pushing his daughter in to politics.

**ISLAMIC (VOTE) BANK:** At a time when Pakistan is unwilling to accept any help from India, the Kerala Cabinet has decided to donate six crore to Pakistan from the State's exchequer. How many votes this would earn for LDF in the coming local bodies' elections?

**TID BITS:** The metre gauge rail line from Punalur to Shenkotta commissioned in 1901 will be decommissioned immediately. The last train chugged out of Punalur Sunday evening on its last journey through the breath-takingly beautiful hilly path.

79 medical students on their third year studying in self financing colleges face dismissal as they had not obtained the minimum qualifying marks (50%), as per a High Court order. Singer KJ Jesudas has been honoured with the Sree Chittira Titunal National Award for this year.

**NO OFFENCE MEANT:** Know the mythical monkeys who see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil? Here comes an addition: "smell no evil". Absolving Excise Minister Gurudasan of any complicity in the hooch tragedy, a colleague said that the minister does not even smell toddy. Seen hesitant tippers downing the stuff by holding their nostrils to ward off the foul smell? How's it Bhai Saab?

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### What happened today ?

368 Emperor Valentinianus visits Nijmegen	NY shut banks for 10 days due to a bank scandal
622 Prophet Mohammed/Abu Bakr arrives in Jathrib (Medina)	1876 Ottawa Football Club forms
1187 Saladin begins the Siege of Jerusalem.	1877 - Chase National Bank opens in NYC (later merges into Chase Manhattan)
1674 2nd West Indie Company forms	1884 - 6.2 mile Arlberg railroad tunnel completed in Austria
1833 Charles Darwin rides horse to Buenos Aires	1884 - Equal Rights Party nominates female candidates for Pres & VP
1848 The American Association for the Advancement of Science is created.	1891 - The first gasoline-powered car debuts in Springfield, Massachusetts, United States.
1854 British & French defeat Russians at Alma, in Crimea	1904 - Orville & Wilbur Wright fly a circle in their Flyer II
1859 George Simpson patents electric range	1913 - 19th US Golf Open: Francis Ouimet shoots a 304 at The Country Club MA
1860 1st British royalty to visit US, Prince of Wales (King Edward VII)	1932 - Gandhiji begins hunger strike against treatment of untouchables
1870 Italian army under Victor Emmanuel II seizes Rome from the French	1946 - Churchill argues for a "US of Europe"