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From The Editors Desk..

Darshana Singh

Women's Day

Every year 8th March is celebrated as International Women's Day around the world, commemorating the achievements of women in the political, social and economic sectors. Over the decades, the objective of Women's Day celebration has evolved and embraced culture and ethnicity to emerge as a celebration of appreciation, respect and love towards women.

However, every time it starts some dialogues, on why the day is so overhyped if its equality for which it stands.

Firstly, yes, there have been many countries like ours in which the women are treated equal by the law. Some are achieving great heights with their hard work and support from the society.

However, having said the above, there is also a need to propagate the agenda of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" in the same society. It is true that men and women are treated equal by law but that doesn't imply that there is no need to execute it at the grass root level.

Equality was there if everyone in the society believed in it. And following that, there wouldn't have been a need to frame agendas or any kind of special privileges (or as we may call it) such as reservations, laws & special harassment committees and every women would have felt safe & satisfied.

There is no denying that many are rigorously working to empower women in every single setting, whether it is rural or urban, against harassment/violence or discrimination. The day when such honest efforts come to fruition is the day that marks our foray to a new society – where "Right to Equality" is ingrained & not just mandated by law.

As for now, it's still a long walk.

And for those who want to admire the beautiful creation by god every day, who believe one day is not enough to celebrate women, you are most welcome to show your care towards them but its more than just admiration for your loved ones, it's to look out for every women around and to make them feel safe, secure and satisfied.

Believe that we all are equal and work towards it to have a future where no equality agenda needs to be propagated.

Spread Awareness.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 REPUBLIC DAY

Article of the Month

On 28th August 1947, the Drafting Committee was appointed to draft a permanent constitution, with Dr. B R Ambedkar as Chairman. A draft constitution was prepared by the committee and submitted to the Assembly on 4th November 1947. The Assembly met, in sessions open to public, for 166 days, spread over a period of two years, 11 months and 18 days before adopting the Constitution. After many deliberations and some modifications, the 308 members of the Assembly signed two hand-written copies of the document (one each in Hindi and English) on 24 January 1950. Two days later, it came into effect throughout the whole nation. On this day, India was declared as the Purna Swaraj Country and thus we began celebrating this day as the anniversary of the Purna Swaraj Day. 26th January is officially celebrated every year in the national capital of India (New Delhi) at Rajpath in the presence of the Indian President. An excellent parade and salute event is held by the Military team. Besides, celebrations in various other states also take place in the presence of their respective state governors by hoisting the National Flag of the country.

On Friday, 26th January, 2018, India celebrated its 69th Republic Day. As every year India follows the great Indian culture and tradition i.e. "Atithi Devo Bhav" of welcoming the Prime Minister or President of another country as a chief guest, this year, in 2018, it happened for the first time in Indian history that 10 chief guests graced the Republic Day of India. It was very special because the Southeast Asian bloc completed its 50 years of formation (created on 8 August 1967) and India completed its 25 years of partnership (started in 1992) with the grouping in 2017. It was for the first time that ASEAN Flags were displayed through fly in the sky over Rajpath.

Below is the list of names of all Chief Guests and their Nations:

Sultan and incumbent Prime Minister *Hassanal Bolkiah* – Brunei

Prime Minister *Hun Sen* – Cambodia

President *Joko Widodo* – Indonesia

Prime Minister *Thongloun Sisoulith* – Laos

Prime Minister *Najib Razak* – Malaysia

President *Htin Kyaw* – Myanmar

President *Rodrigo Roa Duterte* – Philippines

President *Halimah Yacob* – Singapore

Prime Minister *Prayuth Chan-ocha* – Thailand

Prime Minister *Nguyễn Xuân Phúc* – Vietnam

Special Highlights of 2018 Republic Day of India in New Delhi were as follows:-

It was for the first time that one of the floats showed "All India Radio" to display Prime Minister's monthly address "Mann Ki Baat".

One of the floats from Income Tax Department displayed "Anti-Black Money Drive" (Swachh Dhan Abhiyan).

113 BSF women performed motorcycle stunts such as pyramid, shaktiman, fish riding, seema prahari, bull fighting, etc.

Aircraft Carrier (IAC) Vikrant was displayed by the Indian Navy which will be commissioned in 2020.

“Nirbhay Missile” and the “Ashwini Radar System” from The Defence Development and Research Organization were displayed.

“Airborne Early Warning and Control System (Netra) were flown over the Rajpath.

Group of students from Delhi school performed to represent Indo-ASEAN ties.

Around 700 students from the guest countries performed in the parade other than the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy.

A float by Punjab was displayed under the theme “Sangat and Pangat” (Sangat means communal harmony; Pangat means community kitchen) representing love for humanity.

Kathak and Folk dances of many countries like Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, etc were also displayed.

Around 61 tribal guests were invited to participate in the Republic Day celebration.

Regular events that take place every year on Republic Day:

Parade begins when Prime Minister of India pays tribute to the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate. It is done to commemorate the sacrifices made by our Indian Army soldiers while saving the country.

The soldiers of armed forces, common people and students from the school are honored with various national awards, such as the Maha Veer Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Param Veer Chakra and Veer Chakra along with bravery medals, for their exemplary work and performances.

A range of traditional and cultural programs are performed by the professionals from different states to focus on the history and culture of our country. During this grand celebration, Prime Minister’s rally and Lok Tarang – National Folk Dance Festival is also held from 24th to 29th of January.

Beating the Retreat Ceremony & Formal Closure of event

As we know that the celebration of Republic day, i.e. 26th January, in Delhi kick starts with the multihued parade at Rajpath. But it’s not the parade that marks the end of this glorious day because the ceremony is brought to a closure with the ‘Beating the Retreat Ceremony’ that takes place on 29th of January. The venue for this ceremony is Vijay Chowk or the victory square, Delhi, having the majestic background of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Importance of Beating Retreat Ceremony

This festival of ‘Beating the Retreat Ceremony’ is observed every year in Delhi with a view to commemorate the age-old customs and tradition, which the soldiers brought to an end while approaching a war during the sunset. The sound of the bugles can be heard and its vibrations can be felt across the battleground and the fighting is called off. This ceremony is marked as the official culmination point of the Republic Day celebrations. The whole view looks so majestic when the definite units of our military forces perform live executions. After their live performances, a hymn is being played by the group bands, which are collectively known as “Abide with Me”. On this day, during the evening the bugles are played in order to produce retreat sound and the National Flag is brought down with the singing of National Anthem in an absolutely musical harmony. There are silhouetted riders who recede into the background and with this the celebration is brought to a close.

Candid Conversation with Mr. Yogesh Pathak

Interviewer: Ms. Zinnia Sachdeva



We would like to know about your family.

My family comprises of my wife and my son. We stay in East Delhi. My wife is a homemaker and is a Post-Graduate in Analytical Chemistry. She was working before marriage. My son is preparing for JEE.

I am originally from UP. My father was a Central Govt. employee and got transferred after every 3-4 years, so I stayed at many places within India. I did my engineering from MITS Gwalior in Mechanical stream.

What three words best describe you?

Three words that best describe me are Systematic, Disciplined and Honest.

Your first on job assignment

I started my career from a small casting unit in Delhi in 1991 and worked for few months only; then joined as a GET in Punj Lloyd, Gwalior. As a GET, my first assignment was related to civil work, so I was little bit worried, but after a month only, I was shifted to welding field and completed the training in the same department. After confirmation & working as welding engineer for 1 year, I was given additional responsibilities of Quality Control. Later on, I was completely involved in QA/QC activities in the same company.

How should success be measured and by that measurement, who is the most successful person you know?

For me, success can only be measured by your Reputation in your profession, Honesty & Work-Life Balance. By that measurement, I admire Ratan Tata for his Clear Vision, Mission, Honesty and Way of Working.

What was the best time period of your life? What do you think would be the best time period of your entire life?

As far as best period of life is concerned, I consider, best period of my life is when I was studying in college i.e. from 1986 to 1991 and also from 2002 to 2006, when I was working with Bureau Veritas and stayed in Surat, Gujarat.

Where did you go last weekend? What did you do?

My wife and I went to Connaught Place in the morning itself and in afternoon returned to a mall in Noida to watch Fukrey Returns in Spice Cinemas and had dinner in Haldiram's. As my wife is a pure vegetarian, so we are left with limited options (grins).

What's your favorite way to waste time?

I like to watch news when I am free. My favorite channels are NDTV & CNBC and I mostly watch news related to Sensex & Politics. Ravish Kumar is my favorite reporter.

What is a controversial topic you have?

I am a very straight forward and honest person. There is nothing controversial about me.

What's your favorite season? Why?

My favorite season is Spring as its neither very cold nor very hot in this season. I go for family vacation in this season only.

How much time do you spend on the internet? What do you usually do?

I spend approximately an hour a day on internet and it's mostly Facebook or Web Surfing. Like everyone, I extensively use Google to learn about technical matters.

Which is your favorite song?

My all-time favorite singers are Mukesh and Yesudas . My favorite songs are "Mera juta hai japani" and "Jeena Yahan Marna Yahan" by Mukesh and "Jab Deep Jale Aana" by Yesudas.

RAPID



FIRE

Your hobbies: Reading, Badminton

Favorite Cuisine: Gujarati – Pure Vegetarian

Last movie you saw in multiplex: Fukrey Returns

Favorite holiday destination: Mauritius

Favorite actor: From Bollywood – Sanjeev Kumar, Smita Patil, Nutan

Favorite sports: Badminton

We are not yet done. We want to know your favorite song on which you would like to dance.

(Grinning) Khaike Paan Benaras Vaala. This is the only dance type song from our time.

PNB SCAM DECODED

About a month ago, Punjab National Bank detected fraudulent transactions worth Rs 11,300 crore at its Brady House branch in Mumbai. The PNB in its cautionary note to other public and private sector banks said that the suspected fraud was carried out by the perpetrators in collusion with the staff. It went on to explain the modus operandi of the scam and said: "It was found through SWIFT trail that one junior level branch official unauthorized and fraudulently issued Letters of Undertaking (LoU) on behalf of some companies belonging to Nirav Modi Group for availing buyers' credit from overseas branches of Indian Banks." It further said that none of the transactions were routed through the Core Banking Solution or CBS system, thus avoiding early detection of fraudulent activity. So, what is the CBS that the bank official bypassed to issue fake LoU by using SWIFT:

What is LoU?

Letter of Undertaking is a bank guarantee and is issued for overseas import payments. A bank, while issuing LoUs for a client (here Nirav Modi), agrees to repay the principal and interest on the client's loan unconditionally. When an LoU is issued it involves an issuing bank, a receiving bank, an importer and a beneficiary entity overseas. PNB officials allegedly used their access to SWIFT messaging system (used for overseas transaction) and verified guarantees given on LoUs without taking necessary sanctions. As a result, overseas branches of many Indian banks gave forex credit.

What is SWIFT?

When an LoU is issued, the message of credit transfer is conveyed to overseas banks through the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) System. This is a significant information as it gives the bank's consent and guarantee. To issue SWIFT, an official has to log in and fill up confidential information such as the account number and SWIFT code. It generally has three layers of security – a maker, a checker and a verifier within the core banking system before it is issued.

What is CBS?

CBS refers to Core Banking System where all branches are inter-connected to ensure that the bank customers – regardless of their home branch – are able to operate their account and transact in any of the member branch located anywhere in the world. After the advent of this system, a customer is no more customer of a branch, but s/he becomes customer of bank. All the transactions are updated real-time. So, if you are wondering why the PNB couldn't detect the fraud earlier, it is because the PNB official did not route the transactions through CBS, which would have given real-time data on transacted business.

How did the scam come to light?

In January, when a couple of LoUs matured but the banks did not receive their payments, they approached PNB for repayment of the loans. Also, one fraudulent LoU was issued on January 16, 2018, for and on behalf of Modi's firms. The bank officials asked the firms to submit 100% cash margin for the LoU, to which the firms said that they had availed similar facility in the past. An internal inquiry by PNB found that fake LoUs were issued, opening the can of worms.



Zinnia Sachdeva

SPOTLIGHT

CAPROLACTUM QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Simon India Limited and Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. have successfully commissioned the Caprolactam Quality Improvement Project in Vadodara, Gujarat; which was inaugurated on 28th February 2018.

This event marked a triumphant moment for Simon India Limited, as the Plant started producing excellent, International Grade-level Caprolactam from the very first day of its commissioning, underlining Simon India's eminent Project Execution as well as GSFC's operational capabilities.

Rakesh Verma, CEO of Simon India Limited says that, "Simon India Limited completed the project as the sole EPC Contractor on Turnkey; with its scope of work comprising of extended Basic Engineering, Detailed Engineering, Procurement, Erection & Construction, Pre-commissioning & Commissioning and Project Management. With the commissioning of this Project, Simon India has helped GSFC's bottom-line to improve by approximately Rs 15 Crore annually."

Meanwhile A.M. Tiwari, Managing Director of M/s. GSFC stated that, "The initial results are much encouraging than our own expectations. It has been a beautiful example of team efforts by GSFC and Simon India Limited to replicate foreign technology in India, for own production."

SIL HIGHLIGHTS

Exhibition at Mumbai for *Oil & Gas Expo & Conference 2018*



Simon India Limited participated as a 'Support Partner' at Chemtech's Oil & Gas World Expo 2018 from 21st February to 23rd February 2018 at CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi in Navi Mumbai. Being a Support Partner entitled SIL to set up its very own stall at the Exhibition; (i.e. Stall No. A-14) along with other industry names such as Swan LNG, Outokumpu, TechnipFMC, Aveva, Siemens, Aaditya Stainless Pvt Ltd, Mahanagar Gas, and so on.

With over **200 exhibitors** (including Participants, Collaborators & Joint Venture Partners) - both from India and overseas, the three-day International event was a grand show across Western India. The exhibition and conferences was attended by Foreign Trade Commissions, Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations & Professional bodies.

The main objective of this Oil & Gas World Expo 2018 was to bring the stakeholders from the E&P, Hydrocarbon Processing and Refining & Petrochemicals industry along with the allied services to a common platform.

The overall footfall of visitors at our stall was 300+; averaging upto 95-100 visitors per day. The Visitors to our Stall were professionals from varied business background/verticals such as Vendors, EPC Contractors, EPC Consultants, Logistics, Media firms etc.

Given the short time frame, making preparations for the stall, designing and coordinating with the Stall Vendor was not easy. The long hours, the hard work and persistence of the Team finally paid off. A special shout out to Mr. Vikas Dhiman, who stayed back post office hours to help design the SIL Pamphlet which was needed to be distributed to the Stall Visitors at the Exhibition.

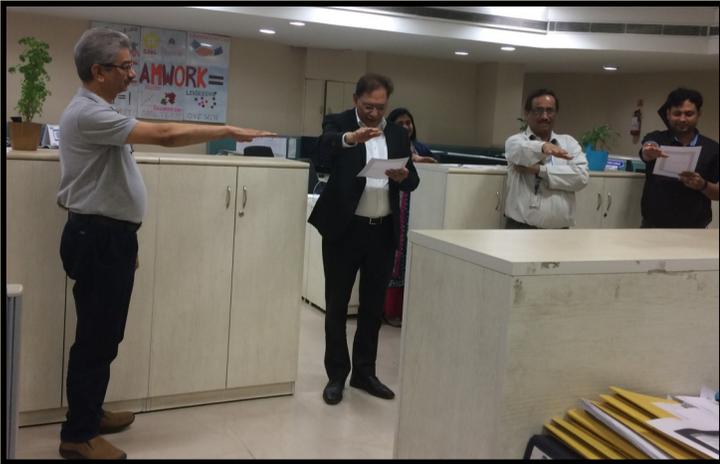
Overall, the event was a grand success enabling Simon India to enhance its brand visibility and penetrability in the industry.

Women's Day Celebration @ SIL—8th March 2018



National Safety Week Celebration 2018

At Head Office, Delhi



At OCL, Rajgangpur Site



At LPG Adani, Mundra Site



SIL FAMILY MOMENTS



Manav Mahato - Annaprasan Celebration

Son of Mr. Raj Narayan Mahato



Anusha 1st Birthday Celebration

Daughter of Mr. Deepak Varshney



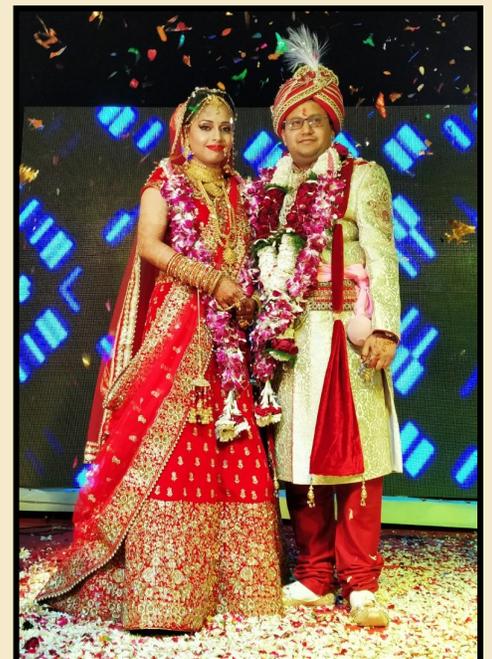
Shreyan Annaprasan Celebration

Son of Mr. Soumya Prakas Sarkar



Jayesh Ready For Dance at School

Son of Mr. Raj Narayan Mahato



Mr. Pankaj Jain married Ms. Lisha Goel on 6th March 2018.

SIL family wish them a very happy married life & many congratulations.

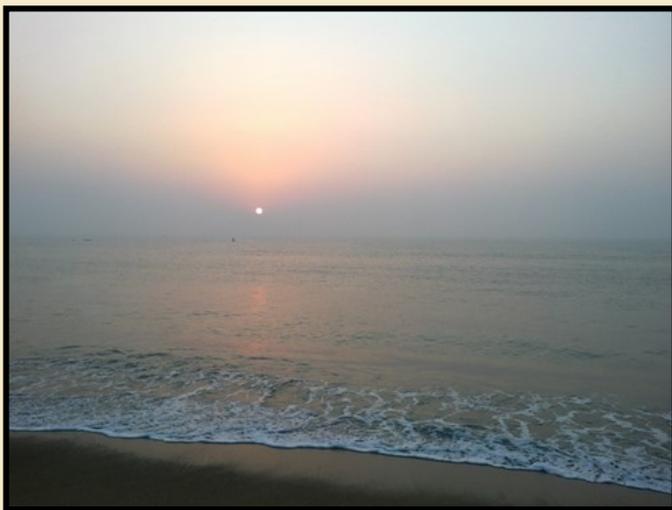
RIVIERA OF THE EAST- PUDUCHERRY

TRAVEL DIARIES

Under the shadow of the fame of the party state Goa, there is a union territory of India, Puducherry, which has not gained the fame it deserves. If you love beach and the calmness, this is the place for you to be. Formerly known as Pondicherry, its name was changed to Puduchery in 2006. I love the former name though. May be because the way it sounds and I call it "Pondy" in short.

Located in the southern part of the Indian state Tamilnadu, Puducherry can be reached directly by train or air from Delhi. However, I visited this place during my college years from Vellore. Direct State Buses are also available from Vellore.

I visited this place with a couple of friends. Upon reaching by bus in the evening we checked into pre-booked cottages at the side of Auroville Beach. We were thoughtful and wanted to start the day fresh after a night's proper rest. But we ended up having late night chats under the magnificent moonlight on the glittering white sand at the beachside. Gentle sea breeze gave sporadic mild shivers which was cherry of the Pondy. The tranquility of that time is still embedded in my mind. There were sounds of only our chatter and the congregation of waves from the Bay of Bengal and the shore. After we were done talking, we shouted on top of our lungs, just randomly, shading out frustration of monotonicity of daily life. It went on for a few minutes before we drained our energy. No one was around to hear and object. Best way to call off the night. You should try it some time, its fun. There was something magical about the cottage and sound from the waves, when I went to bed, I fell into a peaceful slumber instantly.



Our alarms hurled one after another at 5:30 AM. Yes, we did not want to miss the sunrise on the horizon of sea. We walked to the beach and waited. And when the sun started to show itself, I just fell in awe of the view. I forgot the science of colors. The red sun, its reflection from waters, calmness of sun, joyful waves as if they were celebrating the warmth of the sun and amidst the mix of all of it; I don't know if I was breathing, for the time stood still. Watching the sun rise is one of the underrated but most satisfying

pleasures that we can experience on earth; which most of us have forgotten. We have become ants of this jungle of concrete.

The sun climbed. We hired motor bikes for the day. Motorbikes are easily available if you like riding.



We wandered through the streets of the town and had breakfast at a French Styled restaurant. Pondy had been colony of France and the French part of town has still got its touch. There are many architectures that can be seen in French style. Few churches are worth your time.

Paradise Beach, which we visited later that day, is very aptly named. It is an island like beach, surrounded by water from all sides and can be reached by boat from the town, which takes half hour. It has shallow and blue waters and golden shiny sand. We enjoyed the beach for the rest of the day.

For the next day, we had random places, old temples, and a Church Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the itinerary.

For evenings, Rock Beach is best place to be at Pondicherry. Along the 1 KM stretch of this beach there is a walking front, a big Gandhi's statue, lots of fast food & ice cream vendors, souvenir shops, lovely street lighting and lots of people strolling. It has beautiful environment. Pondicherry sleeps early so you can return to your respective hotels by 10:00 PM.

Nevertheless, our weekend was over and we had to catch the late night bus back to Vellore. We were happy, content and had long lasting memories.

And I had lecture of Turbo Machinery at 8:00 in the morning of which I was not bothered at the moment.



Deepak Kumar