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Principal's Message



Dear students,

Aurora has once again stood up for its reputation. A successful academic year with outstanding growth and commendable placements. But, we can't be complacent as success means setting higher goals and reaching them.

All this is possible with a dedicated and compatible team of management, faculty and students. At the end of the day it is the responsibility of you students for your education- the responsibility to yourself.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. I welcome the new entries into the Aurora family. I believe that everyone of you has an inert talent and it is your responsibility to discover it. Aurora provides you a platform in this regard.

Education does not stop after your graduation. It actually begins. Wisdom acquisition is a moral duty. It's not just something you do to advance in life but to realize it.

Editorial Board

Dear Readers

New faces, new visions, new goals, new records - these are the challenges faced every academic year.

It is a challenge for 'AKSHARA', the college newsletter, to cater to the students' interests. We try to bring in a kaleidoscope of articles to you and that can be made possible only by your cooperation as 'AKSHARA' is yours. You can be the catalysts with your contributions. We have incorporated some new pages like - The Star of the month, Equip your vocab, theme - oriented thoughts and some more on the line.

Our earnest attempt since the initiation of 'AKSHARA' is to promote e-reading and in this process the newsletter is mailed to all students for their perusal. We look forward to your feedback.

Reading gives immense pleasure
When in leisure
Happy Reading..!

Viswanadham Bulusu (Principal)
Ms. Padmavathi S
(Associate Professor - Dept. of English)

Mr. Bhaarat Kumar Purohit
(Student, B.Com-General - 3D)

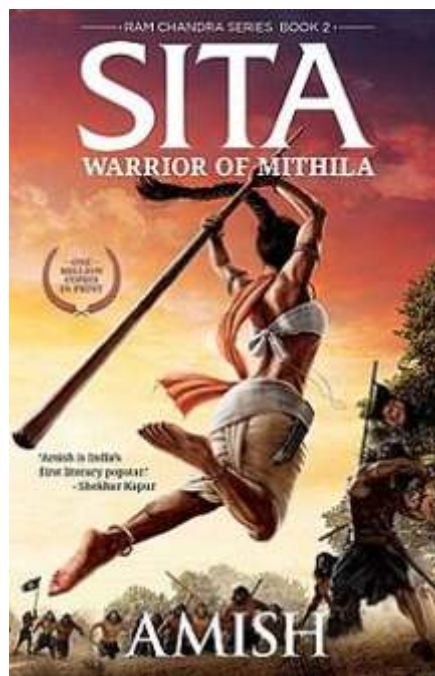
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Book Review

Sita: The Warrior of Mithila

By: Amish Tripathi

"Sita: The Warrior of Mithila" is a book written by Amish Tripathi, an ex-bank employee who has a passion for writing. Amish was ushered into limelight following a big success of his first book, *The Immortals of Meluha*. As the experts say, the rest is history. The author tries to mix the realms of religion and fiction along with a close relationship with the ancient Indian history. Although his first series was criticized a little, that criticism faded due to the effect it had on its readers. Following his massive success, Amish laid his eyes on the Ramayana or 'The story of Ram'. Amish kicked off the Ram Chandra series with his first book, *The Scion of Ikshvaku*. This book tells the tale of the childhood of Lord Ram to the point until Lady Sita was kidnapped by Ravan. This book was critically acclaimed and also made its way to the amazon bestsellers list.



The Warrior of Mithila is the second book in the Ram Chandra series. It is the story of Lady Sita's childhood, which many of us seem to care less about. The author retained his writing style as it is a book of surprising relativity to history and a killer narrative. Of course, there were some massive changes to the original Ramayana, but his outlook towards it does the book some justice.

The story begins in real time, when Lady Sita was attacked and kidnapped by Ravan. Most of the story is a flashback which talks about the mysterious birth of Lady Sita and her adoption. Sita was adopted by King Janak and Queen Sunaina when they found her as a baby on the road. Since she was found in a furrow, they named her Sita. She was sent to the ashram of Rishi Shwetketu for her studies. Her impressive skill in warfare and her intellect convinced Vishwamithra, the head of the Malayaputra tribe, that she was the next Vishnu. Vishwamitra chose to keep his opinion of her a secret. Sita also befriends a girl named Radhika and her cousin, Hanuman, who was a Vayuputra. Vayuputras were a tribe left by Lord Rudra, the previous Mahadev, to uphold justice in India. As Sita starts growing older, she begins to train with the Malayaputras for the title of Vishnu. She was named as the Prime Minister of Mithila along with her friend Samichi, who was named as the Police chief. She comes to know about a potential Vishnu

candidate, whose name was Ram, from her friend Radhika. She finds him to be more suited to the role of Vishnu as she finds him to be a man who is destined for greatness because of his attitude and his habits. She plans a marriage alliance with Ram when she manipulates Vishwamithra into selecting Ram first in her Swayamvar. She marries Ram but the

Results Par Excellence

unexpected happened when Ravan attacked Mithila along with 10000 soldiers and Ram was forced to fire a weapon of mass destruction. As a result, Ram chose to lead 14 years in the forest. Sita accompanies Ram along with Ram's brother Lakshman. After a series of events and on one fateful day, Ravan attacked Sita's campsite in the forest and took her hostage by killing every last one of her soldiers while Ram and Lakshman were hunting for a deer.

When the Scion of Ikshvaku ended, many enthusiasts were left hanging as there wasn't a book released for another two years. Although this book was the narration of the same story, it provided a newer perspective and a newer understanding on Lady Sita's character in the series. Lady Sita's character in the book can be relatable to the importance of women in the contemporary society as in the olden days, women were thought to be as not capable of doing the "Manly work" like working in the fields or getting a job. Women were even prohibited from attending schools and it is a reality in several backward areas. The character of Lady Sita in the book is a testament of what women are truly capable of as in the recent times, the importance of women in the corporate world or the political world has increased drastically over a period of time. The author seemed to share his views on gender equality with this book and also a lesson for us, Indians to respect the laws of the state and also have insight on the importance of women in society.



- Sriram Lalith Kumar
B.Com - General - 3D

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."

Robert Frost

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled"

- Plutarch

These two great writers have aptly interpreted the role of a teacher--a facilitator who does not teach a student a lesson a day, but teaches to learn by creating a curiosity so that the student continues the learning process as long he/she lives.

The true reward that a dedicated teacher asks for is the students 'excellent performance in his exams.

With the facilitation of the following faculty of the Department of English, it was possible to achieve cent percent results in their subjects taught in the 2nd year UG FINAL EXAMS 2016-17.

Dr. Maithry Shinde, Head of the Dept. of English

Dr. Rachel, Associate Professor, Dept. of English

Ms. Padmavathi S, Assoc. Prof. Dept. of English

Ms. LeelaKaushalya

Ms. Poornima V

Ms. Sravana Durga

The college congratulates and appreciates their efforts expecting students to perform their best in the respective subjects of all streams with a mindset to – LEARN AS IF YOU WERE TO LIVE FOREVER

Alumni Desk

Rohit Bodas
B.Com - Computers
Batch 2006-2009



1. How was life at Aurora?
It was great. I had fun time with classmates. I was the only one from my group who used to go to the library frequently, not to read course books but Tech Magazines (still a gamer). And, I miss the English theatre festival. The experiences helped me learn and mould my personality. I am and will always be thankful to Rachel Ma'am for the support she provided all the time.
2. How did Aurora contribute to what you are today?
After joining the corporate, I realized that only Computers and English subjects were relevant to the field I am in right now. Rest of the subjects were just sidekicks. Extracurricular activities, career-related sessions, inter-college competitions and classroom sessions conducted by the English Department helped me learn and build a strong personality.
3. What was the turning point in your life?
A year in the United States changed my life. I took the opportunity that the company had provided- to pursue PG in International Business Practice while working as an intern for the leading Investment Bank. There were 150 candidates from around the world who were pursuing this course. Living in Newport, working in Connecticut, meeting the traders, round table conferences, presentations, partying in New York City, travelling to different places and many more contributed in crafting my personal & professional personality. I've become more entrepreneurial and independent.
4. Could you share one of your best memories at Aurora?
This will definitely be participating in the English Theatre Festival in my first year. We had taken up 'A lost child' by Mulk Raj Anand. I won the best actor/director and the best moral of the story awards. I still cherish those moments.
5. Tell us something about the work you do.
Currently, I am working as a Team Lead for the US Listed Options team/ middle office. The role is to handle an 8-member team and the responsibilities include managing risk, point of escalation, knowledge sharing, dealing in post-trade activities and providing the highest client service.
6. How has life changed after you started working?
Well, my life has transformed and I've become an independent, responsible person. Now, I can support my family monetarily, pay my own expenses and deal with life situations. I have become more confident and a responsible citizen.
7. Your message to us Aurorians.
Enjoy your college life to the fullest. Focus on the subjects, which will help you in the career you want to pursue, while giving due importance to the other subjects. Believe in yourself and take decisions. If you fall, then make sure to rise. You only lose when you give up. It's a survival game and no matter what, don't lose hope and don't stop believing in yourself. Respect your parents, thank God and enjoy every moment of life. I know it's easy to say, but trust me, it works when you implement.

College Events

Workshop on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

The UGC has come up with a unique CBCS in which the students have a choice to choose from the prescribed courses, which are referred as core, elective or minor or soft skill courses and learn at their own pace. The entire assessment is grade-based on a credit system.

A workshop was conducted in this regard on 7th June 2017. The faculty Coordinator was Hari Prasada Rao J. Head, Dept. of Computer Science and the speaker for the event was Ms. P Sarada. Head, Dept. of Mathematics, AMS.

The main objective of the workshop was to create awareness among faculty about the various parameters used in evaluating the credits of a student in the CBCS system.

The lecture was very academic and informative as Faculty could learn how to give credit points to every student based on their skills.



Faculty can provide liberty to students by applying this system since they can choose their own pace.

The feedback was obtained from the attending faculties on the knowledge of the instructor and the overall assessment.

International Yoga Day - NSS EVENT

The more intense the nature of man, the more readily will he find meditation and the more successfully will he practice it. In this regard, International Yoga Day was celebrated at LB Stadium on 21st June 2017. The event was conducted by (Heart fullness institute) Ram Chandra Mission in collaboration with OU & JNTU NSS volunteers.

The objectives of this event were to enable the students - to have good health, to maintain



mental hygiene and to possess emotional stability. Swami of Ram Chandra mission taught the audience how to meditate and gave a few tips on how to practice it. Several other yoga trainers demonstrated how to overcome stress and made everyone practise in the event. Around 100 Aurora NSS volunteers took part in the program. Video DVDs which had information on yoga and meditation and its practices were distributed to the audience. More than 20000 volunteers participated in the program with enthusiasm. Kamlesh D Patel (CEO) interacted with the audience online from USA and explained the public about the importance of meditation and how it helps in relaxing oneself.

Students of III year B.Sc., and B.Com celebrated the international yoga day in the college. Mr. Sridhar from the Heartfulness organization conducted a workshop on the Importance of



meditation to create awareness about Yoga and meditation and adapting it to one's life style. 200 students attended the workshop. Students felt very relaxed after the workshop. The workshop was very interesting and methods taught were simple.

Late Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis
124th Birth Anniversary Celebrations

National Statistics Day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Late Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a renowned and eminent statistician. The Government of India, in 2007 decided to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by Late Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis in the fields of economic planning and statistical development and hence designated 29th June as the National Statistics Day to celebrate Prof. P. C Mahalanobis's birth anniversary. The very first National Statistics Day was celebrated on 29th June, 2007 and this year 29th June 2017, marks its 11th anniversary. The department of statistics, Aurora's Degree & PG College, has celebrated the 124th Birth anniversary of Late Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis. Students of MSCs 3A, 3B & 3C had prepared wall posters and displayed on the notice boards of



blocks 1 & VI. Power Point Presentation was given by S. Divya Shree of MSCs 3A, PPT prepared by G.V. Karthik of MSCs 3A gave a brief description about the great man's life and contributions.

Article

Evolution...

We live in an era where information is available at the tip of our fingers, where Google is trusted more than a living person and where the modern education system has been the largest producer of robots. Yes, you read it right ,the "Robots."

From the beginning of 21st century, man has been so busy that he forgot to look back from where he started. With each passing day man is inventing something or the other for his own benefit in future, but in this process he is forgetting a very important thing and that is 'life.'Man is forgetting to live. There are many important factors that shape a man's mentality and the key factor is Education.

In ancient India there existed Gurukuls. The word gurukulam is a combination of the guru (Sanskrit meaning teacher or master) and Kulam (extended family). At Gurukul a student was taught Vedas which contains a treasure of knowledge even today. A Gurukul had its own rules and regulations. In a gurukula, shishyas (Students) living together are equals, irrespective of their social standing. This laid the foundation for the modern day education system.

The modern day education system emphasises more on gaining cent percent marks than practical application of the knowledge gained by a student, the overall development of a student is ignored and the repetitive revisions begin which transforms the student into a robot. There are very few institutions left which work for the betterment of the society they function in and not just for self-promotion.

It is easier to find a pearl in the ocean than finding a student with proper notes and text books and nowhere the students are to be

blamed. It is a fact that students buy and study from study materials which have answers to all the textbook questions and pass out the examination with flying colours. This kills the creativity of the students. (In my personal opinion all such material publishers should be banned forever.) Whenever there is a social evil prevailing in the society we need to arm ourselves against it and it is our education that helps.

Don't be afraid of the change, be the change.
"A good decision is based on knowledge and not on numbers." - Plato



- Bhaarat Purohit
B.Com - Generals - 3D

FUTURE of JOBS

Can a robot do your job?

Millions of people who don't see automation coming up will soon find out in the most painful way. The answer is a resounding yes. As per The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs study predicts that 5 million jobs will be lost before 2020 as artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology and other socio-economic factors replace the need for human workers. The good news is that those same technological advances will also create 2.1 million new jobs. But the manual and clerical workers who find themselves out of work are unlikely to have the required skills to compete for the new roles. Most of the new jobs will be in more specialized areas such as computing, mathematics, architecture and engineering. The challenge now is for educators to complement their teaching of technical skills like mathematics and computer science, with a focus on making sure the workers of the future have the soft skills to compete in the new jobs market.

- Ashish Kesarwani
B.Com - Computers - 3C

Secret of Success

"The sweetest victory is the one that's most difficult". Since eons, we have been told that, success depends on an individual and not on circumstances which is also proven right till date. For instance, Sir Thomas Edison, whose most memorable invention was the 'Light Bulb,' probably tried a thousand times before he developed a successful prototype. "How did it feel to fail thousand times?" a reporter asked. "I didn't fail thousand times," Edison responded. "The light bulb was an invention with thousand steps". Edison here, taught us a lesson of being positive and never giving up, with great simplicity.

"Success is a lousy teacher, It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose", said Bill Gates, the very owner of Microsoft. He cleverly



mentions over-confidence as a leading path to failure. But many of us are so focused on not failing that we don't aim for success instead settling for a life of mediocrity.

Motivation, hard work, dedication, efforts, smartness and confidence are all synonymous to success. Its better if we work hard in silence and let our success make the noise. Only then the world will respect us and remember us.

- Pratibha Modi
BBA II

The Star of the Month

Chris
- BA II year



Mozart of Aurora - Chris of BA II

With 3 Music Albums released and popular worldwide, and one soon to be released for the awaiting fans, Chris's dream is to become a DJ/Producer, singer and perform shows all over India to make his parents proud.

Pavan Kumar was the first name given to him by his parents Sanjeevi and Jyothi Lakshmi and later he was christened as Chris. A darling of his parents Chris would get all that he asked for except for the one thing that was dear to his heart--music. His parents hate music and want him to make a profession as a Software-engineer.

Chris dreamt as a child to become a football player and took coaching for a year but soon music caught his interest. His love and passion for music drove him to mix and create music by using the software F1studio. He worked for more than 10 hours a day and started his career by giving music classes for kids.

His first break was in the year 2015. Until then he was making music and releasing them unofficially on Youtube and Sound cloud but this was not getting him anywhere. One day his friend suggested him to send his music to a music label to get it released officially worldwide in 130+ stores.

'Feel it', his first song release on Empire Records made his dream come true and from then on there was no turning back. Music companies sent mails asking him to work with them. Fans

texted on his social pages. Soon his second song 'Musicbox' was released on Analogic Records and it is his best song ever. It was followed by 'Blastoff' on Wormore Records which got many views. He was overjoyed when he got an email that his song was approved in Big Label, one of the biggest labels called "Different Record". The best achievement of his life is that his 3 songs are played by DJs in radio and podcast from Spain and Netherlands.

His fans are looking forward to his next album called 'Welcome to the Jungle' to be released on 7th July, 2017. The latest achievement is that he is marked as an artist and got the blue tick in the social networking sites.

We wish him success in all his future endeavours.



Wonder Woman - a Masterpiece of Subversive Feminism

Wonder Woman
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A perfect super hero movie of its genre visually stunning piece of action which shows beauty, strength and bravery. First ever movie with a superwoman in a leading role by Warner Brothers. The real superwoman features in this movie are that the heroine Gal Gadot has learned 4 different types of fighting skills and did most of her stunts without any stunt double. All this she did being five months pregnant. One should not miss this epic masterpiece.

The film starts with princess Diana who grows up in the island of Themyscira. After American pilot Steve Trevors crashes on the island and is rescued by Diana and she learns about the on-going war outside in the world. She then leaves her home in order to end the conflict, becoming wonder woman learning about her powers and her true destiny in the process.

The movie is so fascinating and amazing that you will be exhilarated sitting on the edge of your seat as the movie goes on. The movie has got a lot of humor, amazing action scenes and thrilling elements and wonderful cast.

Gal Gadot is simply amazing as wonder woman and beautiful as princess Diana. I wonder if any other actress could play the character as Gal did. Chris Pine (of star trek fame) did a good job as Steve Trevor. The chemistry between the lead

pair has worked out pretty good. Credits should go to Patty Jenkins for the way she handled this big budget project. Rupert Gregson-Williams' music is the backbone of the film and will give you goosebumps during the movie especially during the NO MAN'S LAND scene. The comedy in the movie has worked out pretty well. Robin Wright as General Antiope and Connie Neilson as Queen Hippolyta did a good job and the whole cast is perfect in their way.



The visuals of Island Themyscira and the action sequences need a very special mention.

Princess Diana revealing as wonder woman in the NO MAN'S LAND is the best part of the film and will be remembered for a very long time and the beach fight are my favourite scenes.

"I am Diana of Themyscira, daughter of Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons. In the name of all that is good, your wrath upon the world is over." - Wonder Woman

- Bijaam Poornachandra Reddy
B.Com - Computers - 3D



Poets' Way

WITH LOVE, TO DAD

26th of August, 1998..
 I open my eyes and find you right beside me,
 With a smile way beyond your face could hold
 And a joy more than your heart could carry,
 You lift me up and kiss me on my forehead.
 And there I lay with a shield of warmth
 around me, in your ARMS!
 You were just so unconditional,
 Snubbing all those who told to go for another
 child,
 Probably expecting a son this time.
 But you wanted ONLY ME.
 Your love to be showered beyond limits only
 on me.

Thank you,
 For not letting me share you with anyone else
 And fixing all your priority only upon me!
 For emphasising my education so much so
 That your own carrier didn't seem to matter!
 For all the unrequited sacrifices you made
 Without uttering a least sigh!
 For all those pains you undertook,
 Just to see one big smile upon my face!

Thank you,
 For being there, before I even realised that I
 needed you!
 For all the times you scolded me, With heart
 Full of love and affection rather than rage!
 For everything you had given me, without
 Having the need of asking for!
 And most importantly,
 For believing in your DAUGHTER being
 Equally capable to those sons you have
 foregone!

Promising you,
 That all your sacrifices weren't in vain!

With Love,
 Your Princess.
 (Who'll soon build an empire for her KING!)

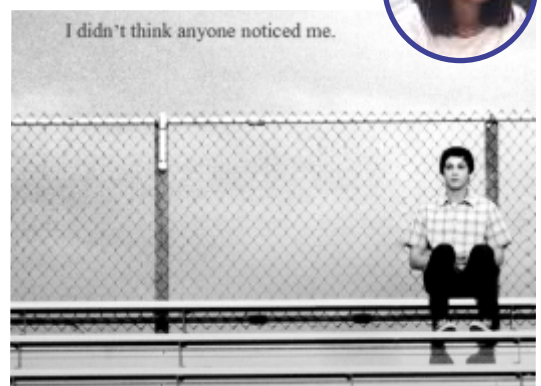


- G Sahithi
 B.Com - General - 2A

THE WALLFLOWER

A Coward to the outspoken,
 Annoying to the hyperactive,
 A creep to the extrovert.
 Let me tell you a secret before you wry,
 I'm a normal human something you'll
 probably deny.
 But unlike you,
 I say words very few.
 After framing a sentence for the
 hundredth time,
 I'm still confused if I'm doing it right .
 And when I do what I do,
 You say " oh she speaks too",
 Oh yes I do.
 And for this sin , You have already been
 killed in my head,
 And there goes my courage lying dead.
 I'm a tiny wallflower,
 Among these huge sunflowers.
 Too shy to look at the sun and smile,
 My confidence is a little fragile.
 But one day I'll get my words right,
 You'll see me shine a little more bright.
 And I'll rise very high,
 For considering me weak, you'll sigh.

- Vidhi Bomb
 BBA -3



The Saviour

There were thoughts running on her
mind all day long
But she had no human to share them
with.
Apparently, she did share her thoughts
with someone special, indeed really
special.
Not a girl, not a boy, but that special
one was her only toy.
She spoke her heart out and hugged it
everyday for a while
While no one else could know what's
going on through her mind
That cute little toy had the privilege to
know exactly what's going on and why
Expectations were set aside, because
there was a time when she needed
answers- why
But what could a toy say, it only heard
and kept the secrets safe
Insanity made her wild
As keeping quiet wasn't something she
really liked
She tried trusting humans
But she had miserably failed
Because in today's world there was no
one
Who would listen to her and share her
fellings
Broken apart she cries for attention
Which no human gave
At last came the saviour
The only toy she trusted and who really
promised and stayed.



- Ritika Bhattacharaya
B.Com - General - 2 C

"हँसना सीखा और हँसाना भी सीखा"

हँसना सीखा और हँसाना भी सीखा,
अकेला हूँ, पर साथ देना भी सीखा।
रोना सीखा, पर दूसरों के आँसू पोछना सीखा,
अकेला चला हूँ, पर साथ चलना भी सीखा।
गरि गरि कर उठा हूँ, पर सहारा देना भी सीखा,
समझलमहँ हूँ मैं, पर सबको समझालनसीखा।
हौसला तो है, और उड़ान भरना भी सीखा,
हहममम तो है, और हहमममदलानाभी सीखा।
हारना तो सीखा, और जीताना भी सीखा,
दददसहा, मरहम लाना भी सीखा।
सोना सीखा, और जगिना भी सीखा,
हँसना सीखा, और हँसना भी सीखा।



- Harsh Agarwal
B.Com - General - 2A

" यारा "

यारा तू ना होता तो मेरा कायहोता?
तू ना होता तो साथ ककसीका ना होता,
तू जो है तो साथ सबका है।
तू ना होता तो ककनारना ममलता
तू जो है तो नइया पार है।
तू ना होता तो खुमियाँ ना होती,
तू जो है तो सारे मि बेकार है
तू ना होता तो रासतमा ममलता
तू जो है तो मीजलिममलई।
तू ना होता तो सब कुछ मुजकलहोता,
तू जो है तो सब आसान है।

-हरागवाल।
(बी.कॉम 1a जनरल)

जीले ज़रा।

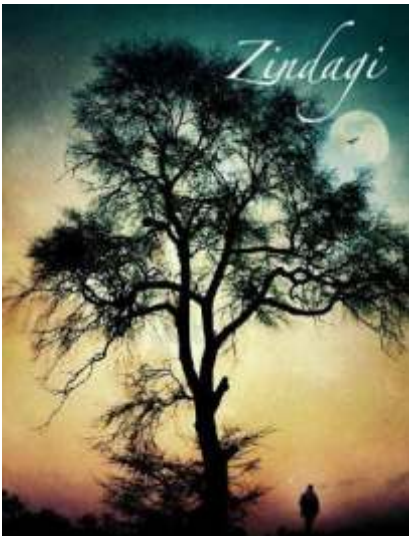
मिलते हैं चंद लहो के लिए ऐसे पल, इसे जीले ज़रा,
इसी पल पे टिका हैं कल तेरा,
इसे खुशनुमा बना।
अफसोस, ज़िदगी देती नह हज़ारो मौके किसी को,
हैं हाथ मे जो मौका उसे तू हतियार बना।

ज़िदगी लंबी हो या छोटी किसे पता,
पास हैं आज तेरे जो लहा,
उसे जीले ज़रा।
खाली किताब ह ये ज़िदगी तेरी,
ह शु आत और अंत तेह हैं तेरा,
पर इन् खाली पनो म तू तेरा आशिय बना,
यकि इस किताब पे हक़ ह बस एक तेरा।

ह सामने ही तेरे किमत का दरवाजा,
इसे तू खोल ज़रा।
जो कभी टूटने लगे हिमत,
तो थोड़ा हौसला बढ़ा।
खुदा ने चाहा तो छुएगा आसम,
बस थोड़ी हिमत जगा।

हैं सामने जो पल इससे जीले ज़रा।

इस ज़िदगी को ऐसे जीले,
की मरते व न रहे कोई शिकवा खुदसे,
लोग भी करे दुआ की तेरी जैसी ज़िदगी हर किसी को मिले।
मिलते हैं चंद लहो के लिए ऐसे पल
इसे जीले ज़रा।



- M. Deeksha
B.Com - Generals - 3D

Faculty Column

Baffling Language:

The English is a complex language in which a single word can have many nuances - subtle and delicate shades - which gives beauty and a shroud of mystery to the language. Take for example the word 'recital'. It has three meanings-a long description or list of many things, a dance or musical performance and reading a poem or something from memory in front of an audience. These meanings again have several variations or nuances like: a recital of names and dates, a colourful recital of a night on the town, a concert given by a musician or dancer or by a dance troupe, a public exhibition of skill by music or dance pupils and so on.

By adding 'small not so important words' (appearances can be deceiving) a word can acquire several meanings.

Call on/upon-ask for help

Call in-demand payment of a loan

Call for-require

Call off-cancel

Call up-summon to serve in the army/play in a team

On call-available to provide a service

Such are the oddities of the English language. Though it is a universal language and widely used, it is not easy to learn (forget the 'learning in 30 days' gimmicks) but easy to misunderstand. Read this: One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. The sentence can mean- the man shot an elephant when he was in his pajamas (or) the man shot an elephant that was wearing his pajamas. English may appear a weird

language for a 'fat chance' and 'a slim chance' mean the same. It is also funny and crazy with 'noses that run' and 'feet that smell'.

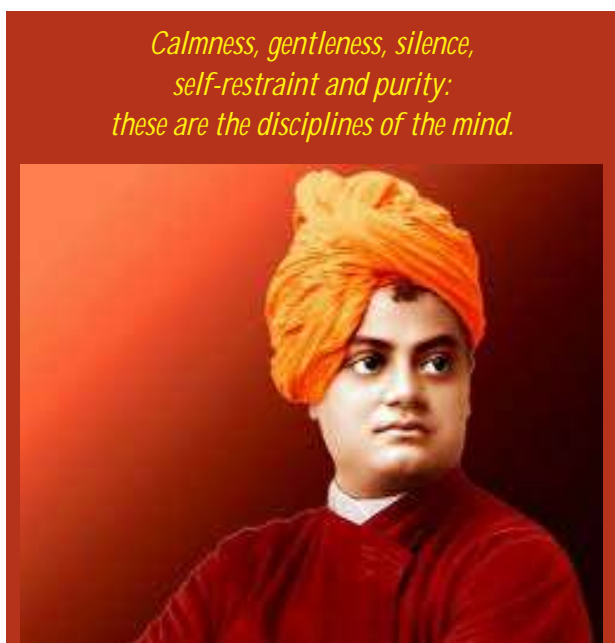
In spite of all these eccentricities, English is strangely a beautiful language.

Equip Your VOCAB:

1. Midas touch-if someone is successful in his business undertakings we say he's got 'the Midas touch' (from the story of King Midas who got the golden touch)
Ex: *Bill Gates has got the Midas touch.*
2. Achilles heel-meaning weak point or weakness. Achilles the Greek hero was dipped in the river Styx by his mother to make him invulnerable and his heel was his weak point as it was not dipped in the river and he died when an arrow hit him there.
Ex: His love for sweets was his 'Achilles heel'.
3. A sitting duck-meaning an easy target
Ex: The audience at the concert were like sitting ducks for the terrorists.
4. A chip on your shoulder- meaning holding a grudge
Ex: Duryodhana always carried a chip on his shoulders for the Pandavas.
5. Get your act together-meaning to organize oneself to do things effectively
Ex: He has to get his act together or he'll be sacked.
6. At the drop of a hat-meaning instantly, without any hesitation.
Ex: We were always ready to go shopping at the drop of a hat.

7. Let the cat out of the bag-meaning to reveal a secret.
Ex: It was supposed to be a surprise party but Sonu let the cat out of the bag.
8. Take a grain of salt – meaning not to take someone's words seriously.
Ex: The news on TV seemed to be blown up. We should not take such news with a grain of salt.
9. Judas kiss – meaning betrayal
Judas the favourite disciple of Jesus Christ betrayed him to the Roman soldiers who didn't know Christ by kissing him.
Ex: Inviting the king for dinner and murdering him was an act of Judas kiss by Macbeth.
10. To keep the wolf from the door – meaning to keep away hunger
Ex: The poorly paid man tried to keep the wolf from his door by making both ends meet.

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