



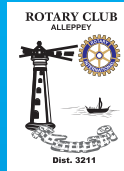
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Indian's conscience is dead or dying- need to act

A question often I ask myself. Why should we live after India is dead? We have been reading news paper reports on a regular basis and this last six months were no exception. We read news about terror attacks in our air base, avalanche in Siachen, terror attack in Kashmir along with news on intolerance, people returning awards, politicians crisscrossing the length and breadth of this state wooing voters by washing their dirty linen in public, riots in the name of caste and patriotism in the temples of knowledge etc.

Among all those headline grabbing news was a small news item and picture of our martyr Sudeesh who was killed in the land slide in Siachen along with 16 other brave soldiers of the Indian Army. His body was shown to his six month old daughter he has not seen as yet. There was another soldier Hanumanthai who was battling for his life. All of us are aware he succumbed to the frost bite.

I like many others have been trapped in traffic chaos and blocks that we experience frequently in our roads. This is in addition to the complete close down of business due to declaration of hartals and bandhs. These are created by un-mindful

political parties and its supporters, religious groups or groups of different temples and other places of worship. The amount of hardship people who use the road have to go through to reach from point A to point B during these times is beyond explanation. Some miss their flights, trains; some lose their life due to the delay in getting medical help on time. Yet these road blocks happen all the time. My only request to these thoughtless people is to bear in mind that there are other people in this world have different pressing and urgent things to do or take care of and a little empathy from their side will go a long way. Our arterial roads are small and few in number, if these are blocked by supporters for one reason or the other with limited

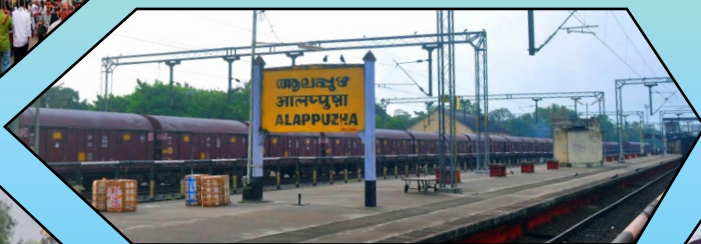
A good conscience is to the soul what health is to the body; it preserves constant ease and serenity within us; and more than countervails all the calamities and afflictions which can befall us from without.

Joseph Addison

Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life.

Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

George Washington.



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or no movement for hours together then the purpose of the agitation, or religious procession, or conferences that take place in the background in whatever name it is called will have no meaning. All these are essential and important to the cultural fabric of our society but with minimum invasiveness and less hardships to the common man.

I happened to read other news items also like the ruckus in the state assembly, fights and atrocities in universities citing patriotism, pandemonium in the parliament, political murders, bar scam, solar scam, parties and politicians actively planning and scheming novel ways and means to win the next elections etc.

After reading this I felt sad and ashamed at the same time and asked myself, where are we heading? Where does this insanity end? Here is a picture of the dead body of a brave soldier who was on duty at heights where life just barely survives, who was not able to even see his own daughter and is in a coffin in front of his house. People like him brave all odds and live in conditions of extreme weather, sacrifice their lives to guard our nation and protect our freedom. And what we do is play petty politics, mock, manipulate, gamble and insult this hard earned freedom. We all define patriotism and fight over it. News channels both visual and print carry baseless debates and counter arguments and adds more insult to the already insulted nation by our thoughtless and unruly behaviour.

What is more shameful than this in this in this world? Our inhuman and thoughtless acts, the manipulative politics etc. are beamed by our irresponsible press across the globe on satellite channels just to increase their TRP ratings thereby bringing the nation to shame. What is further more shameful and insulting than not paying respects to the martyred soldier who gave his life to protect your freedom? Siachen is not a holiday resort or a tourist attraction, yet people like Sudeesh and Hanumanthai live and work there braving extreme conditions sacrificing their personal life and happiness and in the end giving up their lives for us.

We are a set of unscrupulous and thoughtless people who in winter months with the slightest advent of chillness take it as an opportunity to tug ourselves into the comfortable woollen blankets and sleep for an extra hour. We live in houses, hotels and apartments which provide hot water for performing all your morning rituals. It is only after all this and after a sumptuous breakfast we leave our house and reach the Universities, assembly, parliament, party offices and public places. It is only after reaching here we start various meetings, discuss patriotism, plan strikes and hartals, throw stones and destroy public property, abuse the Indian democracy and the country in general. We treat terrorists and traitors with awe and portray them as messiahs of the revolutionised scientific modern free world. We need a fireplace or a shot of whiskey or brandy to get over the chillness at night. During this time we join together and regale and vociferously discuss patriotism and other burning issues to which we neither can contribute nor provide a solution, plan for tomorrow and part ways have a sumptuous dinner and go to sleep peacefully.

Yet we forget that during our times of creating all the above disturbances and night regalement there are a few people like Sudeesh and Hanumanthai who if they raise their hand will touch the sky, live in extreme conditions without timely food and sleep, unable even to answer daily nature's calls, unable to meet their loved ones, live in loneliness, thinking of their loved ones (wife, parents, children, new borns) who brave all odds to lead a life without their husbands, sons guarding our country and our freedom so that you and me can sleep in peace after abusing it profusely. It is on these vulnerable human thoughts and their souls we ruthlessly dissect add salt and insult and define patriotism and glorify perpetrators' of crime. Will time ever forgive us for this heinous act? When soldiers in Siachen perished in the avalanche, when soldiers died in the attack on the air base and in Kashmir, what did we do other than spending time on futile discussions? Media reported that Pakistan army offered to send rescue teams. We as a humanitarian organisation did not even act. We went on in with our lives in our casual way celebrating personal milestones as if nothing bothered us.

A citizen's patriotism is like a mother and child relationship. Very sacred and very pure. We should have the same feeling, love and respect to our land of birth. When children disown and discard their mother who spent all her life raising and bringing them up - how does society view and react to that particular person? What respect do we have for that person? We must always remember that first and foremost we are Indians then role plays come into effect - a Father, Mother, Brother, sister, Manager, MLA, MP, Minister, Rotarian etc.

Our country is the place we stand on, the sky above our head, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the nature, rain, sunshine, cold. In the end when our life ends we are laid to rest in this land and we disintegrate and dissolve into her depths. To protect this land is not the job, duty of our soldiers in Siachen, Kashmir and or Ladakh. It is the bounden duty of each one of us to protect this land. The defence force of this country protects with arms and ammunitions'. We can protect our land with ammunitions such as love, compassion, help and support and if needed the willingness to die for our country. If we discard this thought we might become smart and intelligent people but not good sons of our country. I am not perturbed in the discussion going on in and around the country but the attitude of very many really bother me. The solution I feel is that we should teach our younger generation, our children the value of this great country, its culture, the thought process of our ancestors, the great civilisation, the wonderful country India of which we are all a part. If we get this concept into our younger minds and help them synergise, then I believe no single person will then shout anti Indian slogans staying in this land. In an event a soldier dies in the line of duty and if our children stand in silence for one minute and shed a drop of tear then we have achieved tremendous success. We should educate our children in the universities of culture and civilisation and when they graduate out of these universities they will be a fully grown cultured and responsible Indian we all will be proud of. GOD BLESSES THIS GREAT COUNTRY INDIA.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. Dr. Abraham Thayyil invoked the blessing of Almighty. In Presidential address Rtn. Adv. Deepak informed about the annual Family Picnic for the year on April 30 – May 1st, the venue has changed to Kodaikanal from Vandanmedu on mass request remaining details will be furnished later. President requested member to extend full cooperation for making picnic a memorable one.

President informed that our club along with MES Educational society will be conducting career guidance seminar on 24th April at our club hall, Mr. Jaleel will be conducting the session. The details of the seminar will be published in coming bulletins. Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries for the coming week, and thanked Rotarians for attending the meeting. Finally thanked Rtn. Sibi George host for the day.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal

RI News

RI President's Message - April 2016

Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known – because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion – knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.

K R Ravindran, President 2015 - 16



There is a higher court than courts of justice and that is the court of conscience. It supercedes all other courts.

~Mohandas Gandhi



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Host for Regular meeting on 06/04/2016 Rtn. Jacob Neroth

Calender of event: April 24, 2016 Career guidance seminar at our club hall, April 30-May 01, 2016 Family Picnic, Munnar June 19, 2016 Awards Night, Trivandrum Club, Trivandrum

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The four Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

- ☀ Is it the truth?
- ☀ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ☀ Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?
- ☀ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Family Gallery

Baba Ramdev launching new shoes for TEAM INDIA



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Thank you for 100 years of competition.
The previous 30 years were actually a bit boring.

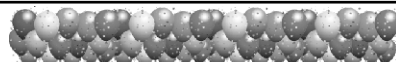


Brilliant Quote after the West Indies Win:
"A former colony defeated the former coloniser at a former colonial capital at a colonial game." This is history in action.

A Russian went for an eye check up.

The doctor showed the letters on the board: CZWXNQSTAZKY

Doctor: can you read this Russian: Read?? I even know the guy... he is my friend and stays next door.



Happy Birthday

Lakshmi D/O. Dr. Parameswaran	09.04.2016
Maria D/O. V.J. Alexander	10.04.2016
Karthika Devi Sasidharan	11.04.2016
Roy Raj	14.04.2016
Dhanya Vivek Venugopal	17.04.2016

Wedding Anniversary

George Thomas	02.04.2016
George Samuel	07.04.2016
Mohammed Sali	14.04.2016
Subramanya Iyer	16.04.2016
Yamuna Arun	24.04.2016
Thapassu D/O. Mohammed Kunju	25.04.2016
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