



### From the Editor's desk: - "India - a buoyant force in making "

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India is too complex a country clobbered in a matrix of myriad beliefs and culture. Yet she never halts to surprise the world! For the critics who predicted global stagnation of economy were sent in for a surprise to see the RBI report of real GDP leaping a whopping 8.9% for the first quarter! India still remains one of the hottest destinations for the investors. The Asian Tiger is shrewdly unlocking its talent claws. India had remained a learning centre to the world needs no endorsement. Our sense of understanding of outerspace to internal philosophical contemplation have awed many scholars worldwide. During the medieval period changes began to creep in due to various factors!

Today India is back on track to reassert her intellectual supremacy! But the challenge would lie in tapping the intellect and integrating it with national development! A good point from RBI report is that major factor for GDP growth has been the industrial sector! Fundamentals of economics would accept this to be a strong and actual growth and no mirages in horizon !

PM was busy hearing the proposal of Dr.Madhavan Nair (Chairman ISRO) for a manned space mission! In spite of various social disparities, space technologies continue to benefit the

nation in multiple dimensions. Who does not have disparities? Even the Chinese dragon is facing the issues of disparities. But whole world knows its growth is 10% and still growing!

Recent reports cite both India and China as fastest growing economies and would be so for years to come. Each of our instincts should believe so. Because each and every individual contributes in one way or other to the growth.

India vision group stands to salute the father of nation whose centenary event of sahyagraha from South Africa is being celebrated this year! Dr.kalam turning 75, continues to inspire confidence of our glorious days ahead! Our respected wishes to President of India! Our group stands behind this great human being who stands testimony for hardwork!

Existence of rough weather is inevitable in the developmental waters, but Indian growth has buoyancy enough to sail the ship through it smoothly!! India is definitely a buyout force in the making.

Vande Mataram!

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## India of my Dreams – Yamini Karunakaran

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More awareness need to be spread by all the literates as a lead to "Clean India". We have read from our 1<sup>st</sup> standard that we have to keep our place clean and neat.



The place not only means our house. It also means our nation- the roads and streets in India. Just ask yourself whether you really put any efforts to keep the roads clean. We may think our contribution alone doesn't make difference so why should we alone try? But it makes a little difference at least. Every one of us is aware about the railway stations and bus stops conditions. Whom do you think is responsible for this? Is it government's fault? We blame the government that they don't take efforts to keep the roads clean. But we are not perfect either. I have seen many literates spitting, putting bits of papers, plastic cups and so on. This

doesn't exclude me either. But I am trying to be on the right track. Let me share my experience with you. Once I boarded a train. There was a foreigner sitting next to me. I had tea and after having the tea I threw the plastic cup out of the train. Rest of the people was also doing the same. The foreigner alone was putting the cups and other wastes in a plastic bag and he was having it till his destination. Finally he discarded the bag to a dustbin in the station. When a foreigner has concern for our country why don't we have? This made me think and I m trying to keep it clean to my best. Now my friends and family are also trying to keep it clean. Now all of us take up a plastic bag when we are outing. I think this would make you certainly think. So lets all try to keep our nation clean and beautiful.

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## Youngsters should unearth their potential and achieve

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Excerpt form the exclusive interview of Mr S C Jaini, Commissioner of Income tax, Mumbai

**Joining the civil services:** I joined the Income Tax Department in the year 1976 as a Direct Recruit officer, selected through the UPSC Exam.



IAS and Allied Services have always been a dream of many bright college students. The prestige, to be a member of an elite service and the desire to serve the nation, has guided millions of young minds, to compete in the examination. The same has been true in my case also. Most of us in the services shared a common idealism, to be true to ourselves and to the service traditions of being fair, just and impartial.

**Inspiration for development:**

Honesty and intelligence were the two virtues which were the hallmark of a civil servant. The Service Rules were so framed, so as to provide the necessary environment for a competent, honest and fearless civil service. The interest of the nation and the welfare of the people were the twin principles, which guided a civil servant in the discharge of his duties.

**India , feel good factor a must :**

India is geographically a vast country with tremendous resources of men and material. What we lack, perhaps, is pride in ourselves and in the achievements of our country. When you visit some of the developed countries and talk to the people there, you would invariably find them speaking something good of their city and their achievements, however insignificant it may be. To feel good about your own country and it's achievement is noble.

**Message to youth :** We must remember that we have been under a foreign rule for almost 150 years. not only did we lose our economic independence but we lost our self respect and self esteem. The new generation of today would never experience the humiliation of seeing notice boards saying "Here, Indians and dogs are not allowed". I would strongly advise my young friends to read the biographies of great men of yesterday and especially the autobiography of Gandhiji. We must read the history of Modern India and the story of its freedom movement. The real stories of the sacrifices of our forefathers during the freedom movement would move your minds and hearts and inspire you to great heights.

**Interaction with youth :** I have been teaching small little things to the students of Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences at Goa Campus, which helps them to grow into robust personalities. The teachers in the institute have taken a lot of interest to conduct this course. I do get an impression through my interaction with the students they do not lack idealism but they do not find role models in the society and therefore feel that 'values' are irrelevant in the present times. They are not to be faulted. They form their impressions from what they see or hear .We are conducting this course to show the students the good things, happening around them, which often go unnoticed. We try to make them aware of their potentials and the great things they can achieve, with dedication and sincerity of purpose. Before concluding, let me quote President John F. Kennedy of USA, "Ask not what your country can do for you, But ask what you can do for your country".

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## Our Call of Duty to nation – S C Jaini

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It is good to dream but dreams alone do not make things happen. As President Dr Abdul Kalam repeatedly says in his books vision along with determination can only make our country strong. Let us first do our duty before we preach.



I shall narrate a small incident, which happened many years ago but the memory of which remains alive in my mind. I was in Switzerland staying with my nephew. My nephew would go to his office at 7 AM in the morning. On a particular morning the weather was extremely cold, since it rained that night. While I was seeing him off at the doorstep, I noticed the landing, wet. I assumed that from some broken window, a little rain might have trickled in.

I closed the door and was about to forget the rains in the superheated comfortable indoors, when curiosity again made me open the door. Swiss are known to be very meticulous people and it would have been difficult to believe that the window would have been left unrepaired, to allow the rains to come in.

I noticed that the water on the landing was not from any broken window; the landing was freshly swept by someone. I took a step forward and what did I see? An old lady aged around seventy, who was the concierge of the building, sweeping the staircase with a standing mop. I was amazed, to say the least. Just then a young woman opened the door of her apartment and invited the old lady inside for a hot cup of tea/coffee.

The old lady did not go inside but accepted the hot beverage at the door. She drank the cup with gratitude, while standing out in the extreme chill and returned back to her work. I was more than a bit curious by this time and continued to watch the proceeding from a distance. The old lady could not have noticed me being there. She went back with her sweeping exactly to the same point,

where she had left off and began mopping. She had left a marker where she had stopped work earlier and resumed from the same spot, where she had stopped. The building is ten storeys high and she would have been mopping for a long time. I returned to my apartment with misty eyed, feeling for her old age but nonetheless with great respect and admiration for her devotion to her work. I quietly saluted her in my mind and wished that I could say the same for myself and my countrymen.

In the evening, I narrated the incident to my nephew. I expected him to tell me that the old lady is an exception etc. but he calmly looked at me and said, But Mama, in Switzerland, all do the same. There are no supervisors in our work place to see whether we are doing our assigned jobs. The supervisors only guide; they are not to prompt us to our work.

Well gentlemen, this is all I have to say in my first address, to all the members of this group. Vision cannot be achieved by dreaming alone, but yes, through commitment to our jobs. Do not worry about the nation; let us think whether we are truthful to our jobs and our commitments. If we are true to ourselves, the nation would take care of itself for as Lord Nelson (who defeated the mighty Spanish Armada) said England expects every man to do his duty (and honestly). A nation of one billion is on the march but let us look into ourselves honestly.. ARE WE, BY ANY CHANCE, THE STUMBLING BLOCKS?

Friends, let me hear from you, what you have to say. Since I also teach in institutions, I would be greatly benefited, and could use your example, if you could write your own story, on how your commitment did change the work culture in your own organization. You may be having a role model for yourselves but you too can be a role model for someone else

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## Right to Information Act (Anand S)

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### What is RTI?

RTI stands for Right to Information. Right to Information is a part of fundamental rights under Article 19(1) of the Constitution. Article 19 (1) says that every citizen has freedom of speech and expression. People have right to know how the governments, meant to serve them, are functioning. Further, every citizen pays taxes.



### When did RTI Act come into force?

The Central Right to Information Act came into force on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2005. However, before that 9 state Governments had passed state Acts. These were J & K, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Assam & Goa.

### What rights are available under RTI Act 2005?

Right to Information Act 2005 empowers every citizen to

- § Ask any questions from the Government or seek any information
- § Take copies of any government documents
- § Inspect any government documents.
- § Inspect any Government works
- § Take samples of materials of any Government work.

### Who is covered under RTI?

The Central RTI Act extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir. All bodies, which are constituted under the Constitution

or under any law or under any Government notification or all bodies, including NGOs, which are owned, controlled or substantially financed by the Government are covered.

### How do I locate the full Act?

The full Act in Hindi and English is available on the website of Department of Personnel and Training [www.persmin.nic.in](http://www.persmin.nic.in). It is also available on this website.

### Who will give me information?

One or more existing officers in every Government Department have been designated as Public Information Officers (PIO). These PIOs act like nodal officers. You have to file your applications with them. They are responsible for collecting information sought by you from various wings of that Department and providing that information to you. In addition, several officers have been appointed as Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs). Their job is only to accept applications from the public and forward it to the right PIO.

### Where do I submit application?

You can do that with the PIO or with APIO. In the case of all Central Government Departments, 629 post offices have been designated as APIOs. This means that you can go to any of these post offices and submit your fee and application at the RTI counter in these post offices. They will issue you a receipt and acknowledgement and it is the responsibility of that post office to deliver it to the right PIO.

[ According to experts RTI Act 2005 is one of the most forward looking bills today among many countries. Ofcourse Act's annexure also lists exceptions to classified documents on grounds of national security ]

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## Kadeesh Happy home – Home for Manipur children

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Distance from their home state does not deter these young boys and girls from pursuing their dream - Education. *Kadeesh* Happy home at Bangalore has been the home for nearly 60 boys & girls from Manipur. Some are orphaned or from underprivileged background. Few children from other states are also there.

Dr. Victor has been running this home for past 8 yrs. He does not have regular committed donors, but yet many have been kind hearted to him to run the institutes. how does he manage? He runs a school called "Presidency High school" in which all these boys upto 10th study. In addition outsiders also study. So he

gets some funds from that and of course from donors.

The children are staying in 2 different locations. In one home the boys above age of 8 stay and in other the girls & boys below age 7.

The main aim of Mr. Victor is to give these children their basic needs empowered with basic education. Recently "India Sudar Trust" had donated study materials to all these kids. Was a memorable experience for all of us ! When we interacted with them, their childish enthusiasm excited us. Many have big dreams to pursue higher education like medicine, others pastors, pilots , even IAS & IPS officers ! We have also arranged for spoken English and communication to be honed.

The confidence displayed by them mainly goes to Mr. Victor & Team who have been relentlessly working for the betterment of these children. India Sudar would continue to monitor the progress of these children and help to the extent possible.

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