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Editorial

The beauty of the Himgiri Campus is the one that surpasses any words especially as it reaches the start of the autumn season -- as not only it is surrounded by the scenic sal forest that takes to different shades of red and green, and the seasonal river of doon valley but with the fresh faces who enter the campus in the month of July and August.

This seems to be setting the mood of the semester - there is much positivity around as also the University is seeing a number of improvements in its facilities along with a steady rise in the number of students that are getting enrolled in its courses and coming from several states of India.

As the freshers seem to be well adjusted in the campus at this point of time the positive energy of the campus can be witnessed in the competitive spirit that each department is trying to show case through the several activities that are being arranged by them besides the academic part of the curriculum.

Both class room and outdoor activities become essential for the all round development of the students especially those who reach the University level as these are the years when he/she is supposed to not only learn from the books but also learn the ways of the world in an ever increasing competitive arena. The University is making an all round effort to build the mental capabilities of the students in such a manner that they be ready for any and every circumstance in life.

Though learning is a life long process but as they say that it is the foundation of the building that matters the most in case of any quakes, similar is the learning done at University level that prepares you for all that the future beholds for you.

It is this experiential learning that the University is trying to impart to its students through several in campus and outdoor activities that have been arranged by the staff of the University for its students. It is also to be applauded when the students who become a part of it go out and represent their University in several events, such as a NASA or a traffic awareness programme.

Thought of the Newsletter

*Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise. -- Maya Angelou*

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Sudhir Chaudhary Shares Lessons in Practice of Journalism with HZU



Himgiri Zee University organized a lecture on "The Future of Journalism". Chief-Editor Zee News Mr. Sudhir Chaudhary, was the main speaker on the occasion. Executive Vice President Mr. Sushil Joshi and Senior Manager HR Ms. Harpreet Kaur also addressed the gathering of students and faculty members along with him. Chief Editor Zee News Mr. Chaudhary shared his invaluable experience with young budding Journalists and Communicators. He emphasized on the importance of working on deadline in broadcast journalism in India and the world. Boldness, balance and objectivity were his main themes while expressing his views on the Future of Journalism in India. He praised the efforts of Zee Media Corporation Limited and Himgiri Zee University on coming up with B. Vocational Course in Jour-

nalism & Mass Communication. The course is starting this session onwards. He guided the students present in the conference by answering to their various queries on Journalism and media industry in India particularly. Executive Vice President Mr. Sushil Joshi highlighted the role of Professional and Industrial skills in Media industry. He pointed out at the various challenges that the industry has to face as of date and also what we should be ready to face when we are planning to join this media and journalism industry. He pointed out that earlier the students who joined Media Industry were good in academic orientation, but they always lacked the industry requirement, but now with a perfect mixture of Industry and Classroom experience students are bound to join courses like B. Vocational (Journalism & Mass Com-

munication). He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has a model and vision in imparting skill oriented education to the youth of India. Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. Ravindra Bhardwaj hailed the event as a momentous occasion as both Zee Media Corp. Ltd and Himgiri Zee University chart their way to the path of quality education. At last, a vote of thanks was given by Pro Vice Chancellor, Himgiri Zee University, Dr. Rakesh Ranjan, who thanked Mr. Sudhir Chaudhary for sharing his experiences with budding journalists, and faculty members for successful organization of the talk. The event was organized successfully due to the efforts of CFO, Mr. Anterdeep Singh, SAO Mr. Vishnu Mathur, Marketing Head Mr. Rahul Kukreti and the staff and faculty of the University.

Welcome Of Freshers @Parichay 2017

The most awaited party of 2017 at Himgiri Zee University heightened the spirit of not only the new students but also the seniors. Both the students and the staff put in a great effort in organising the event which saw a number of cultural events like lighting of the lamp, Ganesh Vandana, Ramp show and other inter state representations and of course the selection of Mr. and Ms. Freshers

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rakesh Ranjan congratulated the students and staff and also promised them a number of positive changes in the campus in the coming times such as a gym facility and many other academic and infrastructural facilities. Special efforts of the staff members were also applauded by the management of Himgiri Zee University, including the efforts of cultural committee.

Glimpses of the event



Below: Ganesh Vandana performance by the students



On the right can be seen Mr. and Ms. Fresher 2017, Mr. Minhaj Ali and Ms. Mahima



The officials of the University Vice Chancellor Dr. Rakesh Ranjan, CFO Mr. Anterdeep Singh, Registrar Mr. Suresh Dhyani, Senior Administrative Officer Mr. Vishnu Mathur, along with Marketing Head Mr. Kukreti opening Parichay 2017 by lighting the lamp.

National Level Workshop on Internet of Things using Arduino



Two days National Level workshop on Internet of Things Using Arduino, in collaboration with EDC – IIT Roorkee was organized by CS/IT Department and held in Himgiri Zee University, Dehradun. This event was held on 15th and 16th September 2017. The Two day workshop was organized by RoboFeast-2018 for IOT CHAMPIONSHIP-2018. The Prelims round of “IOT CHAMPIONSHIP-2018” was held just after the completion of IOT workshop and the winners of the zonal center get the wild card entry in the final of IOT Championship (RoboFeast-2018) in March 2018 at IIT Roorkee. Students of several institutions from Dehradun (JBIT, Graphic Era University, GRD IMT, KELVIN Institute of Technology, Beehive College of Management and Technology) attended the workshop which include the presentation, live demo and hand-on exercises on the IOT Projects.

Vice Chancellor, Himgiri Zee University, extended a warm welcome to the students from the various universities of Dehradun. He also extended the profound gratitude and sincere appreciation for the team work of the CS/IT Department. The main aim of the Convener Miss Manju Verma (CS/IT Department) was to introduce the basic idea behind the Internet of Things or IOT in short, is the idea of making devices and objects smarter by linking them to internet.

Mr. Sanjeet Kuhad who was the special guest from IIT Roorkee, EDC, Senior Engineer at Finland Lab, introduces the concept about Using Arduino development Board, the students can develop an electronic device that streams temperature and humidity data over the internet.

One team from GRD IMT and another team of Himgiri Zee University) were selected for the IOT CHAMPIONSHIP-2018. The HOD of CS/IT Department thanked the students, Mr Rohit Goyal, Ms Manju Verma and Ms Deepika Joshi for making the event a success.

The Future of Architecture lies in Urban Solution: VC



Zee University, Council of Architecture and National Association of Students of Architecture (NASA) organized a national level panel discussion on various cultural, biological and sociological aspects of smart cities in India. The chief guest and distinguished speaker for the event Ar. Sanjay Kanvinde emphasized on the cultural and transformational needs required for proposed smart cities in India.

Ar. Sanjay Kanvinde, son of the famous architect Padma Shri A P Kanvinde, is well renowned figure in the field of architecture and urban designing.

Ar. Amit Hajela highlighted the issue of better traffic system in Indian cities. Ar. Anand Wadwekar advocated that architectural demands and planning should be within the context of the area where work is required. Ar. Ram Satish, IIT Roorkee, shared his experiences of working in Thailand, Scandina-

vian countries & Middle East Countries.

On welcoming the renowned architects, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Rakesh Ranjan hoped that panel discussion would lead to some good solutions to our urban problems. Prof. Satish Kulkarni, Dean, Department of Architecture, Himgiri Zee University, marked the event as a corner stone in the history of the university. NASA North Zone President, Mr. Shantam Dhingra congratulated Zee University for organizing the event. Students from various institutes and universities of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Punjab participated in the various competitions such as Brick Art, Quiz, Designer Approach, Photography, Clay Modeling and LAN thraxx category. The faculty members of the department and students made the event successful.

Road Safety Message Spread By SP Traffic Mr. Gunjyal

Himgiri Zee University in association with Uttarakhand Police organized a session on Road Safety for its students and employees. On this occasion presentations were made by S.P. Traffic (Dehradun) Mr. Dharendra Gunjyal and Dr. Himanshu Kochar, Senior Consultant at Max hospital, Dehradun. They addressed the meeting and made various points on how to be safe on road and in case of accidents how a life could be saved. For last two months the in house community Radio Station of the University, 107.8FM Himgiri Ki Awaaz has been airing the program of Road Safety in collaboration with Dehradun Police. S.P Traffic Mr. Gunjyal while addressing the students said “it is in a blink of an eye that one loses his or her life on road and thus we should be very careful while travelling on the

roads. It is one and all’s” responsibility. He further addressed the students and staff on how to be safe on the road by following various traffic rules and signage on the roads. He further stressed on many areas of road safety like usage of seat belts, helmets and drunken driving etc. Dr. Kochar, Senior Orthopedics, Max Hospital made the presentation on the medical ways and solutions in case of a fatal injury. Both the presentations left the students, staff and the faculty members in a somber and thinking mood. On the occasion Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rakesh Ranjan welcomed the SP Traffic and Dr. Kochar by acknowledging the efforts of Uttarakhand Police in creating awareness amongst the masses. The programme was arranged and coordinated by the University and Mass Communication Department.

Swachhta Pakhwada Competitions Held



On the Occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada which was celebrated all over the Country and also in campus various competition were held in the campus of Himgiri Zee University to increase awareness amongst the students of the University.

Dr. Rakesh Ranjan Vice Chancellor encouraged the students on the occasion and asked them to emulate the principles of cleanliness in their lives as cleanliness is close to godliness. He further asked them to keep the University and the surroundings clean.

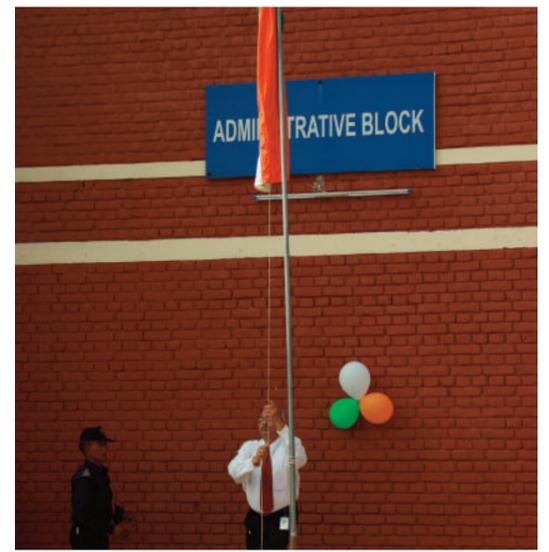
A Tribute to Bharat Ratna M.

Visheswaraya on Engineers’ Day

The Department of Engineering celebrated Engineers’ day on 15th September 2017 in the campus. It was a remarkable tribute to the greatest Indian engineer Bharat Ratna Shri Mokshgundam Vishveswaraya. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Rakesh Ranjan, Vice Chancellor, Himgiri Zee University. The department organized various technical and non technical events such as Model Exhibition, Skit, Dance on Engineers’ life cycle and Live experiment of working models. More than 30 students participated in various events. Prof. Rakesh Ranjan met with all the students individually and interacted with them on their project ideas. The working models of Tahang Nabum (Earthquake Resistance Building), Ravindra Kandari, Shubham Kandari, Navdeep Uniyal (Digital India Model) and Ankit Singh Gaur (Computer Programming on Photon Emission) received appreciation and awards from the Vice Chancellor. Head, Department of Engineering, Mr. Amit Kumar thanked all the faculty members of the department for their efforts and successful organization of the event. Registrar Dr. Suresh Dhyani, CFO Mr. Anterdeep Singh, and other staff of the University were also present in the event.



Independence Day Celebrations



The day of new vision and light for India that is 15th August was celebrated in its full spirit by the students and staff at Himgiri Zee University. While celebrating the day Senior Administrative Officer Mr. Vishnu Mathur said, “This is a day which no Indian should forget as we achieved independence from the years of slavery under the Britishers.”

Workshop By Amber Sohail

On 7th September, a workshop by international voice over artist Amber Sohail was organized by School of Media, Journalism & Film Making. Her name is registered for more than a thousand commercials nationally & internationally. Amber interacted with the media students and attempted to remove fear from the hearts and mind of the students. She introduced elevation speech among students and suggested them some short term courses to enhance confidence, positivity and for improvement of accent of students.

Mock Interview For Students



To train the students for the interviews to be held by companies in the future training and placement department held a mock interview process for the students of Mass Communication and Management Department.

5th Sept Teachers’ Day Celebrated



The students of various departments came together to celebrate Teachers’ Day in the Campus. During the Celebration they presented several cultural programmes and also presented gifts and titles to the teachers as their token of love. Special dances and songs were performed as a tribute to all the teachers who help them excel in life.

Students Win At State level

Students of Mass Communication won Photography Competition organized by Uttarakhand News Cameraman’s Association and Abhivyakti Karyashala. Shri Nishank Pokhriyal, Former CM & present MP Haridwar awarded First, Second & Consolation prizes respectively to our students. The event was held in Press Club Dehradun on 24 September, 2017.

HZU Tastes Recipes of Different States



HZU celebrated World Tourism Day on 27 September, 2017 on the theme of Sustainable Tourism - A tool for Development. In fact for the whole year the idea of Sustainable Tourism is popularized throughout the world.

On this occasion, Students of the Hotel Management, Himgiri Zee University arranged the food stalls of Gujarati, Marathi and Garhwali cuisine. Moreover, the guests present sipped mocktail prepared by the students.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Rakesh Ranjan appreciated the efforts of students and said that India can become a world tourist hub only

A Study on female employees in hotels of Mussoorie, Uttarakhand

Hospitality industry has always been considered of paramount importance to national economic growth. Uttarakhand is no exception. To boost the state's attractions for tourists, the government has been endeavouring to attract more tourists. Hotels and restaurants sector faces a number of employment and labour related challenges such as high staff turnover, skills shortages, lack of training, and a growing demand for flexibility and multi-skilling. Also, global trends such as the increased awareness of healthy lifestyle, individualisation in customer demands, environmental concerns and digitalization of information and communication systems will challenge the Hotels and restaurants sector, making the discussion of skills needs and emerging competencies even more relevant than ever. Competency mapping process is designed to consistently measure and assess individual and group performance as it relates to the expectations of the organization and its customers. It is used to identify key attributes (knowledge, skills, and behaviour attributes) that are required to perform effectively in a job classification or an identified process. The value of competency mapping and identifying emotional strengths is that many employers now purposefully screen employees to hire people with specific competencies. (Shruti Ahuja, 2012)

In view of the expected increasing demand of capacity to accommodate the growing number of tourists, there emerges a need for qualified hotel employees with required proficiency

when the power of the youth is with the country. Registrar Dr. Suresh Dhyani heaped praise on the efforts of the students.

On the occasion competitions were organized in cuisine, essay writing and poster making categories. Students gave importance to tourism by their speeches and Skits. All Dean and Head of the Departments were present on the occasion. The program was made successful by Associate Dean, Hotel Management & Tourism Mr. Subodh Chaudhary, Mr. Pradeep Bhatt, Mr. Ashish Dhyani, Mr. Suraj Negi, Ms. Megha Sharma, Mr. Rajesh Kumar and Mr. Pritam Singh.

to handle guests and provide best accommodation experience. As such, hotel employee's competence becomes an essential and specific job requirement to ensure that hotel guests enjoy a satisfying stay and experience service. As the demand for hospitality personnel trained to deliver high-quality guest service continues to grow, such proficiency cannot be promoted without first analyzing carefully what are the needs for workplace. Further and unavoidably linked questions are whether or not these perceived needs mesh with actual performance and whether or not there are gaps between performance and needs. (Wenyuh Shieh, 2012)

The tourism industry is one of the world's largest employers. This industry has a major impact on the economy of most countries, generates close to nine percent of the world's employment (WTTC, 2012) and accounts for nine percent of the world's GDP (WTTC, 2012). The hospitality industry is one of the oldest branches of tourism, yet despite its modernization and technical developments, its main resource remains the human resource, and high employee turnover remains one of the industry's major problems (Shosh Shahrabani et al, 2015)

All organizations are talking about competencies. Some have truly worked the concept into several of their processes.

This article has been sourced from Paper written by Mr. Ashish Dhyani of the Department of Hotel Management.

MIC Organised By Dept Of Management

The Managerial Interactive Cloister (MIC) was organized by the Department of Management, Himgiri Zee University. The main objective of this program was to give students of Undergraduate (BCOM/BBA) and Postgraduate (MBA) courses a common platform to discuss, debate and deliberate with each other on the given topic "Reservation given on the basis of Caste System in India".

Students gave different opinions about the given topic. Some of the speakers spoke in favour of this topic, other set of speakers spoke against the Reservation system prevailing in our society. The students provided viable data and statistics to support their notion. Each student was given approximately 2 to 3 minutes to deliver their talk



on the given topic by the department. Certificates were given to the top three students out of the group who performed exceptionally well in the event. In the event Rohit of B.Com secured first position while Subham Singh of MBA secured second position and Priya Rana of BBA won secured third position in the event.

The Challenge of Employee Retention

Employee retention is one of the main challenges faced by any organisation. In today's growing competitive global economy, retaining the intellectual assets is one of major concern encountered by most of the industries. However, it still remains one of the understudied issues by the Human Resource and the large organisations. Employee retention is the most overlooked aspect of the organisations which are growth oriented. Generally the employees leave the organisation because of the job dissatisfaction, lack of supervisor assistant and feedback, lack of training and development and also ineffective pay (Kemelgor & Meek, 2008). According to Johnson (2000), employee retention is reliant on management/ leadership skills and Human resource strategies for example, if the manager/ supervisor are not well trained and have poor people skills than the employees will leave the organisation in less period of time.

Employee retention is a critical task for the organizations because employees are the driving force to achieve the development and accomplishment of the organization's goals and objectives. Retention starts at the very early stages of the recruitment process. It is a never ending process as retention is affected by almost all aspects of the business (Canada, 2011) and directly affecting the employee/employer relationships around the world.

Regardless of the region, recruitment process and retention seem to take the biggest hits (Forgaces, 2009).

Employee retention is basically a technique adopted by businesses to maintain an effective workforce and at the same time meet operational requirements. People related issues for example-compensation and benefits, hiring, administration, organisation development, employee motivation, wellness, benefits, safety, communication, performance management, and training are dealt by it.

HR practices in an organisation are used for talent acquisition i.e. recruitment, selection, training and development, reward management, performance appraisal etc. Human Resource

Students Perform To spread Awareness



Students of Himgiri Zee University in an initiative taken by the Mass Communication department and traffic police of Dehradun perform nukkad natak at several locations in Dehradun to create awareness among the masses. The effort of these students have been applauded by SP Traffic Mr. Gunjyal and also by the University administration.

Social Work students perform Nukkad Natak

Students of Social Work department also performed a nukkad natak on campus to spread awareness among the students against drug abuse.

Infrastructure added on Campus

To enhance the facilities on the campus two new additions were made on the campus recently. Where earlier looking into the convenience of the students the canteen was made fully air conditioned. Also a parking facility was added for the benefit of both the faculties and the students who commute on their own.

Management handles people, work place environment and culture in a strategic manner. Smith (2001) suggests that there may be several factors involved in why employees leave their job.

It could be voluntary, where the employee chooses to leave. It could also be for reasons that may include better career opportunities, increased compensation and broadening of current tasks and responsibilities and boredom with current task. Involuntary turnover occurs when employees are asked to leave for reasons including poor performance or inappropriate behavior. Company benefits, employee attitude and job performance are all factors which play an important role in employee retention. When a company replaces a worker the company incurs direct and indirect expenses. These expenses include the cost of advertising, headhunting fees, human resources fee and new hiring cost.

In today's business scenario only high salary and designation is not significant for employees to retain them in the organization, but others factors also play important role in their retention. The intent of this research is to how the organizations retain the talented employees in the organization focusing on the factors i.e. career development, leave policy, leadership style, work environment, remuneration & rewards, Organization Justice, and performance appraisal, and this research also helpful to know the deterrent that why employees leave the organization. Given the growing needs for organisations to retain its best employees in the face of competition, the findings of the study suggest that certain variables are crucial in influencing employees' decision to either leave or remain in an organisation. Such variables include training and development, recognition/reward for good performance, a competitive salary package, physical facility and job security

This article has been sourced from a paper written by Mr. Praddep Bhatt of the Department of Hotel Management.

Take A Detour To Chakrata

Picture Courtesy: Devyanshu



Devanshu

Have you ever witnessed the blowing wind that is so cold that it froze your hands on the bike, the ways too difficult to traverse and the scenic beauty too picturesque to capture in your heart? Well Kashmir may be the first choice for the heaven of the modern world but the foothills of Himalaya towards the west of Uttarakhand lies a serene town of Chakrata. This location offers fantastic geographical and demographical views. Chakrata is also known for its relations with the military. The first platoon to be deployed in this military town was done by Colonel Hume in 1869 now it is the base of operations for Indian Tibetan Spe-

cial Force specially named Section 22 after the Indian Sino war in 1962.

The only way to reach it is by a road too much dusty for it, surrounded by steep rising hills on the one side deep gorges on the other side. This road offers some of the best landscapes and some of the turns offer you shops of locals selling tea, Maggi and some light foods.

After a drive of about 110km from the capital city of Uttarakhand, Dehradun taking the route of National Highway 14 and heading towards Vikasnagar you can get a glimpse of how the locals live. The most remarkable thing about it is

that it still offers the idea of living in solitude and close to nature, my destination here was Lal Kurti, this place is at the hill top and is very scenic for sunsets, Switzerland offer's the red winter line and the other place which gives you such a sight is Chakrata, Lal Kurti is accessible only through two routes one by off road and the other by a dense forest only by foot, on the way you find a natural waterfall and the sounds of nature completely freshens your mind. Do pack lots of warm clothes and bring couple of jackets too. More than the much-needed peace and tranquility this place also offers teeth freezing temperature, and odd times of rain, a boon for a trekker.

A short coming of here is that it's a no photography zone because of Indian Military. The feeling of warmth in its chilled fog is what only adds to the flavor of it, it seems like Mother Nature is welcoming you.

Of all the places I have been to Chakrata is a must visit by each person who likes a long bike ride or just want to get relaxed. Do visit the place from where the mighty Himalayas start. This will provide you with a complete detoxification.

On A Lighter Note : English Maharani

Ankita Uniyal

Have you heard that a temple has been made in UP for English Maharani? Sounds weird doesn't it a temple for a language. But ours is an English crazy country and I have experimented it.

Our dad send us to an English medium school, probably he knew the power of English speaking. In my childhood as I did not realize a lot of things, similarly I did not realize the power of English.

However, when I was in College one of my teachers told me to get some work done and the most useful advice came from my dad – 'Beta talk in english' – I did not realize what he meant and why should I do that, when the person I was going to meet was very much from the Hindi Heatland and understood Hindi very well.

But I did as my dad told me and though this was my first assignment I was successful in my venture. Here also, I really did not understand how I got the work done.

Now it is almost three years later and I am in Dehradun again working as a faculty for a Private University and one of my colleague needs to get his work done from a sleepy government university. He has been trying since days but to his dismay is unable

to get the number. Then he asked me to call and suddenly my dad's words were ringing in my ear. I decided with this friend of mine that I will do an experiment and try to get his work done. So I started

Namaste

Kya aap Vishwasidyalaya sai bol rahe hai?

Reply: Haan

Mere naam Priya hai ?

Reply: batao

Mujhe yeh pata karne hai?

Reply: Baad mai phone karna.

Hanged the phone

Again I called in the evening and spoke in Hindi and no success. The other day I called the same person and spoke with him in English.

Hello is this University, I am Ankita calling from Dehradun and I need to speak with the person who looks after the NET Exam.

The Reply: Madam, this is his mobile number can you please call him. I could not stop from smiling: for two reasons a) my dad knew the thing so long back and b) English Maharani can get your work if nothing else works.

This is a real incident narrated out of the humour derived from it. No offence meant.

Thought Process

देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहें हैं
देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहें हैं
और जल रहें हैं उस जंगल के देवता भी।
देखो वो धू धू कर उठती लपटों को
जैसे उस जंगल की आछरियों के खुले बाल आसमान में
उड़ रहें हो..

देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहें हैं
और जल रही है मेरे बचपन की पर्योली की कहानी भी।
देखो वो बिखरे हुए बुरांश के लाल जले फूल
जैसे जंगल का रक्त बहता हुआ
सूख गया हो..

देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहें हैं
और जल रहें हैं माओं के फुर्सत के पल।
देखो वो काफल के जले पेड़
जैसे समाधी में बैठे दधीचि की हड्डियां
फैली पड़ी हो..

देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहे हैं
और जल रहीं हैं हजारों आत्माएं भी।
देखो भूमि पर जले गुलदार को
जैसे किसी माँ ने अपने मरे बच्चे को
खुद में समेटा हो..

देखो मेरे गांव के जंगल जल रहे हैं
और अब वो जलाएंगे तुम्हे और मुझे भी।
फैलेंगे वो कंक्रीट के जंगलों तक
धू धू करके जलोगे तुम और मैं।
आखिर एक माँ कब तक अपने बच्चों का कत्ल
माफ करती रहेगी।
— प्रियंका, आर जे

सलामत रहें,
सबके इंद्रधनुष,
जिनके छोर चाहे कभी हाथ ना आएंगे, फिर भी.
सबके खाने के बाद, बची हुई एक रोटी,
ताकि भूखी ना लौटे, दरवाजे तक आई बिल्ली और चिड़िया,
सलामत रहे, मां की आंखों की रौशनी,
क्योंकि मां ही देख पाती है, सूखे हुए आंसू और बारिश में
गीले बाल.
सलामत रहें, बेटियों के हाथों कढ़े मेजपोश,
और बहुओं के हल्दी भरे हाथों की थाप,
क्योंकि उनके होने के निशान, छोटे ही सही, होने जरूरी हैं.
सलामत रहें,
बच्चों की किताबों में दबे मोरपंख, इंद्रगोप (पास फेल वाला
कीड़ा)
ताकि कहानियों पर उनका यकीन बना रहे.
सलामत रहें,
सबकी दोपहर की नींदे,
चाहे साल में एक बार मिले.

दीपिका घिल्डियाल, एडमिशन काउंसलर

The photo that says a million words



Photo: Navdeep

On A Lighter Note

Reading first few pages of books are difficult,
As a stranger reluctant to indulge in
Conversation.
But as the time passes between you two,
He open up himself, and let you see him
through.
Once a stranger now control your emotion
and Shakes your soul,
Hold your hands and takes you to beyond
shores.

time,
Read Frankenstein, see beyond the horrors of his crime,
lies a need of acceptance, of which we all
somewhere been denied,
As I turn the last page of my book and out
I came,
The hug of my book can no longer hide
me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me,
I will never be the same.

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Fools are those, who say fiction is waste of