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Gandhi speaks of business of the day!

In his prayer speech of 16th December, 1947, Gandhi gave the audience certain figures placed before him, indicating the results of decontrol in as far as it had gone. As a result, the price of gur had fallen to eight annas a seer from one rupee. He hoped that it would fall still lower. In his youth, gur was sold at one anna. The price of sugar had fallen from Rs. 34 to Rs. 24 per maund. One rupee today brought one and a half seers of pulses instead of fourteen chhataks. The price of gram had fallen from Rs. 24 to Rs. 18 per maund. The black-market price of wheat had been Rs. 34 per maund. It had now come down to Rs. 24 per maund.



He was rightly accused of knowing nothing about the orthodox economics and the fluctuations of prices. He talked of decontrol in his ignorance, but the consequences would have to be borne by the poor. The results, however, so far had falsified these fears. The poor people seemed to be better off without the control. He had received numerous congratulations for decontrol but he could not appropriate them, for many causes and many persons had worked towards the same end. If the middleman and the grower thought more of the whole country than of themselves, then he had no doubt that decontrol all round would be an unmixed blessing. All fear about decontrol was due to the supposition that the business community would never play the game. The sceptics distrusted the producer and the middleman.

If the majority of the people were selfish and untrustworthy, how could Democracy or Panchayat Raj work? He would ask the Government to utilize the services of the non-civilians equally with those of the civilians. The difference was that the civilians were highly paid and the non-civilians were volunteers. Each was amenable to law for any fraud.

He had received several complaints about, the high salaries of the civil servants. The civil service could not be done away with all of a sudden. Their numbers had already been reduced, with the result that those remaining had to work harder. Sardar Patel had, therefore, congratulated them for their work.

The speaker did not grudge credit where it was deserved, but he could not help noting that the civil servant drew salaries which, before independence, the Congress had considered too much. The real civil services were the people. After all, the Congressmen had been working without any salaries in the past. If a Congressman becomes a parliamentary secretary today, why should he be paid a high salary? He did not know that the parliamentary secretaries were needed. The Congress party must be chary of imposing more paid secretaries on the Government. It would be wrong to tone down the high standard the Congress had set before the country. Greater care was necessary, in that they have now crores at their disposal.

It would be imprudent to let the expenditure go up when the income remained stationary. Every business concern had to see that the credit side was larger than the debit side. Could they run the business of free India by ignoring this basic fact? They had some money today and they could squander it in any way they liked. But it would not last long, unless they acted like wise business men.

Meanings of some Hindi terms: gur – jaggery | maund – 82.28 pounds | 100 annas - 1 rupee | chhatak – 50 grams

Source: Mahatma, Vol. VIII by D.G.Tendulkar

School Day of Non-violence and Peace



Logo for DENIP

Mahatma Gandhi and schools have always had an inter-connection when it comes to nonviolence, love and peace.

The School Day of Non-violence and Peace (or DENIP, acronym from Catalan-Balearic: **D**ia **E**scolar de la **N**o-violència **I** la **P**au) is observed on January 30 or thereabouts every year, on the anniversary of the death of Mahatma Gandhi in schools all over the world. In countries with a Southern Hemisphere school calendar, it has been observed on 30th of March.

Its basic and permanent message is: "Universal love, non-violence and peace. Universal love is better than egoism, non-violence is better than violence, and peace is better than war".

The School Day of Non-violence and Peace is an observance founded by the Spanish poet Llorenç Vidal Vidal in Majorca in 1964 as a starting point and support for a pacifying and non-violent education of a permanent character.

The observance is a different way of celebration as compared to the first proposal for the same by the UNESCO

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"Armistice Day" in 1948, in schools all over the world. In Navarra the slogan for the 2009 was "above all, we are friends" (Spanish: "Por encima de todo, somos amigos").

DENIP and World Association of Early Childhood Educators (AMEI-WAECE) collaborates to celebrate this event in the schools of the latter worldwide. Former Director-General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, has been promoting this day for decades saying in Global Education Magazine about the School Day of Non-violence and Peace, "We cannot achieve a sustainable development without a culture of peace".

Source: Wikipedia

Nature and Natural Resources Photo Series – XXVII

Sky is the limit...The color and purity of the sky determines the way we've kept our things on the planet earth. It is the only gift of nature that changes its color, darkness during nights and bright during daytimes. Skies all over the world are not the same as we think. Most of the times, it is my sky.. your sky.. his sky... their sky...



Sannyasis and bhakths

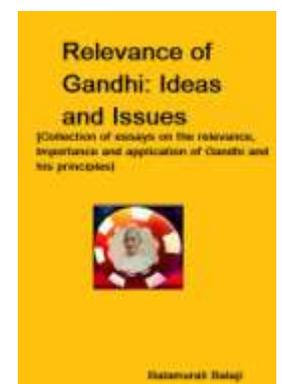
Written by Balamurali Balaji



Suddenly it feels like the world is buzzing around spirituality and theologies creating a number of *Sannyasis* and *Sannyasinis* in this country. Even as the modernity and tech-savvy lifestyles gaining momentum in everyday's routine, the rate of growth of these *Sannyasis* and *Sannyasinis* is really unstoppable. While tuning in to a TV channel, one could watch a *Sannyasi* or *Sannyasini* preaching their part of spiritual knowledge or experience giving us a riveting moment for a while. And, it is surprisingly natural for those who caught some kind of attraction to the programme goes naively for continually watching the same and begin to put them into practice in their day-to-day life.

Putting some thought into how so rapidly this *sannyasa* become so much popular is worth contemplation. At least for the last couple of decades, the world of spirituality has boomed and penetrated into almost everyone's life. The rich or the poor, the professional or jobless, everyone knocks at the door of a spiritual man or woman, falling onto their feet and getting blessed by their meager touch or gaze and merrily experience the exalt they bestowed upon.

People who were visiting temples and worshipping idolized Gods in the past have began visiting spiritual gurus' men or women with a ascetic outfit these days. Most of the times, the so-called spiritual gurus make a call to the public through posh advertisements to woo their would-be "followers" and "bhakts". Obviously they do have certain powers to do this kind of marketing their image. What is interesting here is that there develops a binding relationship between the Guru-Shishya on the first meeting itself as it continues to grow on further visits, the strength of such a bond relies on how much the "heal" and "feel" the latter is bestowed with.



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Saints and *Sannyasis* of the past have worn out their bodies and laid their lives in order to explore the secrets of soul by the means of penance, austerity and other hardships facing the wild nature. *Gandhi believed that sannyasis are made of a sterner stuff. Comparing himself with the Sannyasis, he regarded himself as a householder, leading a humble life of service and, in common with the fellow-workers, living upon the charity of friends.* During the yesteryears, *Sanniyasis* are not found as vastly as they are seen so scattered today from the Northern states of Himachal to the down south. They were found only in Varanasi, Haridwar, Badrinath, Pasupathnath and in certain other holy places in North India. They are scarcely found in the southern states except a few in Shiva, Vishnu temples and mutts. They seemed to lead a more Spartan, religious life without disturbing the rest of the people who lives nearby. People too, were conscious enough to not disturb them and offer some alms or money only while visiting temples and mutts.

Such a serene atmosphere doesn't exist these days. Spirituality and *Dheekshas* offered by *Sannyasis* have become trendier with bustling and exciting ways of action-filled events and practices. Spiritual directions have mesmerized people with lots of promises and premonitions from where people find their way of living as prescribed by their Gurus. Spiritual Gurus are also no longer living in temples and mutts. While a few religious *Sannyasis* lead a nasty living, some others live in bungalows and star hotels to bless their followers.

Spiritual enlightenment has become nothing but transforming one's self in to a well-off, lavish way of life; man wants to get promotion in his career, son to a foreign job, another wants to buy a sports car or flat, girl to marry a rich man and so on. The spiritual blessing is never a course of inner peace and happiness that heals the soul and transforms the mind to a sober life.

It so happens to someone who gets what he believed to get from the blessings of a *Sannyasi* deemed to be a bestowment from today's "avatar" or near equal to God's incarnation. People live by the faith they put on their Gurus and continue to live a normal life with the sanctions approved by their master.

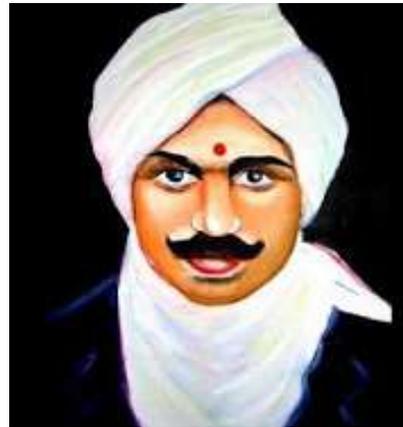
The craze for approaching *Sannyasis* and spiritual gurus for seeking a solution to their worries and problems has become part of the life for many. Despite the accusations of molestation, slaughter, illicit money deals and other criminal acts, *Sannyasis* continue to influence people, both ordinary and the top officials in the government. Politicians do support such practice as they want to know their fortunes and publicize themselves at times of inconsistencies in their career.

It is becoming undue culture to promote and patronize the Saints and *Sannyasis* of these days which gives India a different impression in rest of the world. The rising use of modern science and technology has given the nation another image of we people, our knowledge and capabilities. Imagine that we have a physical balance which has computers, smart phones and innovative gadgets on one pan and a cult of *Sannyasis*, credulous beliefs and non-ideological spiritual practices on another. This weighing scale, though not really weighed by any of us, runs the affairs of the life.

Aduvome, Pallu Paduvome- Freedom song

Chinnaswami Subramania Bharathi (11 December 1882 – 11 September 1921) was an Indian writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist and social reformer from Tamil Nadu. Popularly known as "Maha Kavi" (Great Poet), he was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry and is considered one of the greatest Tamil literary figures of all time. His numerous works were fiery songs kindling patriotism and nationalism during the Indian Independence movement.

This Tamil song on freedom is one of his exemplary works that portrays the social, national conditions of Independent India. The highlight of this poem is that he wrote this song around three decades before India got independence on 15th August 1947.



Song: Aduvome, Pallu paduvome

Lyrics: Mahakavi Bharathiyar

Translated by: R.Ramachander (www.sometranslationsofcarnaticmusic.com)

Aduvome pallu paduvome,
Ananda suthanthiram adinthu vittomendru

1.Parppanai iyar yendra kalamum poche-Vellai,
Parangiyai durai endra kalamum poche,-Pichai,
Yerparai panigindra kalamum poche-Nammai
Yepporkku eval cheyyum kalamum poche.

2.Yengum sudandiram yenpathe pechu-Naam,
Yellorum samam yenpathu uruthiyachu,
Sangu konde vetri oodhuvome-ithai,
Daranikkellam yeduthu odhuvome

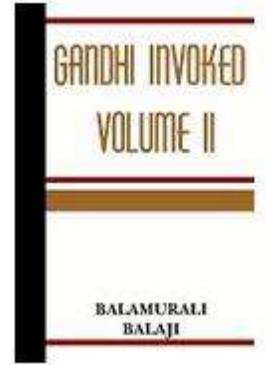
3.Ellorum ondrennum kalam vandathe-Poyyum,
Emathum tholaigindra kalam vandathe-ini,
Nallor periyar yenum kalam vandathe- ketta,
Naya vanchakkararukku nasam vandathe

4.Uzhavakkum thozhilukkum vandana cheyvom –
veenil,
Undu kalithirupporai nindana cheyvom,
Vizhalukku neer paychi maya mattom-Verum,
Veenaruku uzhaithu udalum oya mattom.

5.Namirukkum nadu namadhu yenpadarinthom-ithu,
Namakke urimayam yenpadarinthom-indha,
Bhoomiyil yevarkum ini adimai cheyyom- Pari-
Poorananukke yadimai cheythu vazhvom.

The spirit of Gandhi invokes you again!

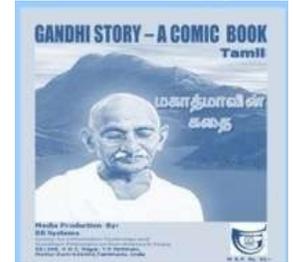
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We will dance joyfully and sing,
That we have achieved joyful independence

1. The time when we used to call Brahmins as “Sir” has gone,
The time when we used to call the white men as “lord” has gone,
The time when we saluted those who took alms from us has gone,
The time when we serve people who made fun of us has gone.

2. In all places the only talk is about freedom,
Now it is sure that everyone is equal,
Let us herald the victory by conch,
And tell the entire world about this.

3. The time when everyone is equal has come,
The time when lie and deceit is not there has come,
The time when good people are great people has come,
And the time for destruction of great deceivers has come.

4. We would salute farming and labour- we would,
Berate those who spend time by doing nothing,
We would not die by irrigating our salty lands,
We would not work and get tired by working for snobs.

5. We understand that the land we stay is ours,
We understood that we only have rights here,
We would not become slaves to anyone in the world,
But we would live as slaves to the almighty.



Technology in a loop!

Written by Balamurali Balaji

After all, man is human. He is aware of the fact that morality and ethics has been declining swiftly as he advances more and more in science and technology. Technology ethics is already a subject matter of concern for those who develop and innovate tools for use, and those who apply them in day-to-day life, as well. And now, Artificial Intelligence and Drones are becoming the target. The world of technology is gearing up to find ways to bring ethics once again in the arena of AI, robots and drones to solve social problems and address concerns that put technology more ethical.

Social Innovation serves and enables technology in a better way to develop solutions in the field of education, health, environment and community development. It is more of a help when it comes to meet challenging conditions during disasters and distress in the society. Even as social innovation is seen as a process for handling social and environmental issues, innovators need to first look into the ethical part of their technological innovations to minimize last time surprises and maximize the effect in its use, experts say.

“If a technology is non-ethical and socially not rightful, it is not a valid technology.” – Techno-Gandhian Philosophy. AI and Internet of things still need moral guidance of Mahatma Gandhi to keep human values at the essential threshold of everyday’s life.

Ethics in technology is a sub-field of ethics addressing the moral implications of the Technology Age. The intend and implementation of any technology must carefully be examined to meet the tenets of ethics. While Social Innovation addresses the practices and methods of developing solutions to meet the social needs, ethics in technology addresses the “validity-context” of technologies in general. It is becoming increasingly important to have a check on ethics while providing social-innovative solutions.

The success and failure of innovative products and their use in society rely mostly on the basis of ethics upon which it is built. For instance, there exists a situation where we have a problem of identification crisis for homeless people which is promptly addressed by “Digital Passports”, providing a secure, time-saving, innovative way to go through the process of authentication. The question is: How many of homeless people have been benefited out of it in real-time and has the motive behind building “digital passports” been achieved?

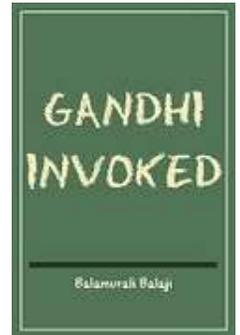
Many social innovations suffer a similar jolt as they are used and practiced barely in the social environment. Now, imagine how AI, robots and drones come into this circle of ethics and social-innovation. It requires a great deal of effort and moralistic thought on how these things are built and used besides tackling the implications created upon their use and channelizing new set of guidelines for infrastructure and usage into the social, environmental, legal and administrative levels.

Ethics in technology and social innovation must go together to have a check both in technical domains and much greater domain that surrounds outside technology. **Do AI, robots and drones aware of this?**

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