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## Editorial

### Colors of Life

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

--Winston Churchill

In the month of March, we celebrate our very special festival-'HOLI' which indirectly indicates that life is full of colors. From birth till death we paint every single day with different colors. We have not been asked to be born in this world and we are here, we will not be asked to die and we will leave this world. So the remaining middle what we call life that's the only thing which remains in our hands so why not to live it fully. Life itself is a gift given

to us by almighty. Now it is up to us how much do we care for this gift. One day it gives pains, another day it gives pleasures and the mixture of all these makes the juice of life. Never complaint for what you are not having

Thread of sadness interwoven with thread of happiness along with the design of ups and downs and border of various situations and crisis make the warm cloth of life. So wear it, feel it and enjoy it: that's the mantra of life.

—Nikhil Joshi

(Chief Editor, 'e-patra')



## Happy Holi!

From the entire GLC and  
e-patra team

in your life but always think and feel that what you already have, many are not having that. Then you would feel your life full of fullness.

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## News

- Electrical Engineering Students Associations Presents —  
**Vidhyutadbhutam (08)**  
Spark your imagination  
Date: 25th and 26th March'08.  
Date of intimation: 22nd March'08
- **Surgeon 2k8**  
-where imagination meets reality  
Last date of registration: 2nd April'08.

Date of intimation: 4th April'08.

- **IMAZE '08**  
Event to be held on 11th – 13th April.  
Online registration: 3rd March -30th March'08.  
Website: [www.imaze08.com](http://www.imaze08.com)
- C.K.Pithawalla College Of Engineering & Technology (Surat)

### Prarambh-08

A state level techfest to be held on 27th -28th March'08.

- MESA Presents  
**Ingenium (2008)**  
Events to be held on 17th and 18th March at Nirma University.
- **Mindbend'08**  
A national level technical fiesta to be held on 29-31st March.

## Budget 2008

### Highlights

- Gross budgetary support to be Rs 243,386 cr about Rs 38,286 cr more than 2007-08.
- Keeping inflation under check to be the focus
- Agriculture disappointing at average annual growth of 2.6%
- Total agriculture production to be 219.32 million tons at all time high
- Agriculture credit to touch 2, 40,000 cr in 2008.
- Education & health to get 20% more from Rs 28,674 cr to Rs 34,4000
- Bharat Nirman allocation to go up from Rs 31,280 cr from Rs 24,603 cr .
- About 6,000 high quality schools to be built by 2009.
- 16 new Central universities to be built.
- IT industry gets Rs 100 cr for connecting knowledge institutions
- NREGS to be extended to 596 rural districts with an outlay of Rs 16,000cr.
- Rs 3,966 cr for SC/STs schemes.
- Schemes for woman to get Rs 11,460 cr this fiscal.
- Child related schemes to get Rs 33,434 cr.
- Allocation for ministry of minorities doubled to Rs 1,000 cr.
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- Agriculture shares in total investment up from 10.2% in 2003-04 to 16% during the 11th Plan.
- Agri credit target to be Rs 2, 80,000 cr for 2008-09.
- LIC to cover all woman SHGs linked to the bank.
- GDP Growth rate will be at 8.8%.
- National Horticulture Mission to get Rs 1,100 cr.
- Micro irrigation scheme gets Rs 500 cr to cover 4, 00,000 additional hectares.

Nandan Mankad

Source: - DNA, Economic Times, [blanknetin-](#)

## tête-à-tête

### Microsoft – Yahoo Deal

There are a number of ways to view the proposed Microsoft takeover of Yahoo. Now it is obviously going to overtake Google in the market rates. When it comes to online advertisement, Google is the biggest competitor. Microsoft has proposed \$45 billion for the hostile bid\* to takeover yahoo. Now the figures itself suggest that yahoo is in a huge financial crisis and Microsoft is taking an advantage of it. Microsoft wishes to defeat Google in the race of online advertisements and market value when it comes to internet share. As a lay man one would think that it's better that the deal gets finalized. But what about the employees working day and night to do wonders to their companies and what about the users(you) who have kept trust in the company since years. When it comes to internet, the deal will result into a great threat to online advertisement. Microsoft and Yahoo together control an estimated 20-24 percent of the global search advertising market and 30 per cent of the online display market, according to an FT source. Google, in turn, controls an estimated 70 percent of search advertising and as much as 45 percent of online display advertising. According to the steps which Microsoft is taking, firstly they have achieved a stable monopoly when it comes to operating system (PCs). Now after this deal the Microsoft-Yahoo and Google will almost cover the entire online advertisement firm. Then what about the small dotcom companies? Then one day will come when Microsoft will try to takeover the internet. Though readers will feel that the previous line was an exaggeration, but just give it a thought. There is some thing called ethics in business, one can not just take advantage of other's loss. I myself feel deal should not be finalized.

-Nandan Mankad

### The Other Side Of the Coin

Microsoft Corp. has made an unsolicited bid to buy Yahoo! Inc. for exactly \$44.6 billion . And Yahoo has said it will consider the offer, which would unite two companies looking to increase their Internet search traffic and advertising revenues in the shadow of Google Inc.'s dominance. This deal is targeted to increase Microsoft's share in online search engine and to compete against Google which is the undisputed leader in this area. There is benefit for both Yahoo! as well as Microsoft in this deal If we drop this financial aspects related to the three web giants, Microsoft, Yahoo and Google; common people aren't largely to be affected by this deal even if it turns out either ways. I believe that this deal cannot in any way disrupt the web users. While a surprise bid from another quarter is always possible, any company would find it difficult to compete with Microsoft's vast resources. In the end I would like to say that in spite of anyone one owning Yahoo we will be able to access our accounts search for things and everything will be same. So what difference does it make to you if Microsoft takeover Yahoo!, the world perhaps will be a better place to live in.

-Jait Dixit



## Poem

They are rattling breakfast plates in basement kitchens,  
 And along the trampled edges of the street  
 I am aware of the damp souls of housemaids  
 Sprouting despondently at area gates.  
 The brown waves of fog toss up to me  
 Twisted faces from the bottom of the street,  
 And tear from a passer-by with muddy skirts  
 An aimless smile that hovers in the air  
 And vanishes along the level of the roofs.

(By T.S.Elliot)

## Poem

Be patient with life, despite its cruelty.  
 Often it seems careless of our pain,  
 But just as often brings us hope again.  
 Remember, I wanted happiness for you.  
 Under every foolish word this still was true.  
 Be happy, then, without, as you would with me.  
 In your life many sweet events remain.  
 Not in anguish, but in joy remember me.

(By Turlough O'Carolan)

## Trivia

- "Asthma" and "isthmi" are the only six-letter words that begin and end with a vowel and have no other vowels between.
- "Fortnight" is a contraction of "fourteen nights." In the US "two weeks" is more commonly used.
- "Forty" is the only number which has its letters in alphabetical order. "One" is the only number with its letters in reverse alphabetical order.
- "Four" is the only number whose number of letters in the name equals the number.
- "Taxi" is spelled exactly the same in English, French, German, Swedish, Portuguese, and Dutch.
- 1 kg (2.2 pounds) of lemons contain more sugar than 1 kg of strawberries.
- 259200 people die every day.
- In Disney's Fantasia, the Sorcerer to whom Mickey played an apprentice was named Yensid, which is Disney spelled backward.

—Rahul Parikh

## Words of the Month

*When you  
 come to the end  
 of your rope,  
 tie a knot and  
 hang on.*

~ F. D.  
 Roosevelt

## Language Corner

**Give the synonyms of the following:**

- agog —
- precipice —
- perennial —

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The car was parked directly \_\_\_\_\_ the diner.

- before
- ahead of

- in front of
- Preceding

2. The ski resorts are usually crowded. There are many people \_\_\_\_\_ skiing.

- Enjoy
- that enjoying
- who enjoy
- who enjoying

3. It is already 3 o'clock. Can

you \_\_\_\_\_ time to catch the bus?

- Enough
- have it in
- make in



## Feedback

- **Krunal said...**

This one is a good online magazine, a type of informative pamphlet. Its all about Language & Communication and all about GCET, etc.. etc.. It leads us to take inspiration for us to have some such innovative idea and up bring ourselves with some new ideas and views.. What else to say? Rest the e-Patra itself speaks. Just read and take it to heart.. My best wishes are always with GLC and its team.. Lets ROCKIN...!!

- **Nandan Mankad said...**

To Nikhil Sir

I am very thankful to you as you gave an opportunity to the 07It batch to come out of the bookish language education and bring out language in practical life. Language Club gives us a chance to improve upon language (various communication strategies, basic skills in listening, speaking and presenting) in a playful manner.

Once again sir I thank you to make the language club and sir we all students will surely make a good use of it. GCET Language club rocks!!

- **ravi\_dobariya said...**

It is our pleasure that we got an active and enthusiastic sir like you who not only give us knowledge of language but also give inspiration to our wings of imagination and help us to think about us and inspire our inner potential.

Really it is a brilliant idea to make us innovative by means of heart and soul

and mind. GLC has starts from you and remembered and works and do its work forever.

Your column about name is also much impressive so that I can say that "I am Bharatiya".

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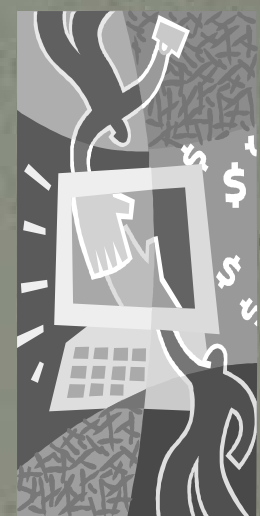
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## Answers

### Language Corner:

- Berate-Praise
- Laud-allay
- Pragmatic-idealistic



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