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## Disposable Desires

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### Editorial

#### Disposable Desires

In this rapidly developing world, we are always running in short of time to catch the early morning train to reach our destinations, to have our meals and to go to bed at the end of the day but walking through the footpath our eyes see only at the time moving faster in the watch on our wrists and our feet have to cope with that speed of time and we forget to give a look to the life on the edge of this footpath where many lives take their breath under the roofless sun. Our ears

can hear only the blows of horns and not the sighs of this life being lived by the side of the roads.

We have our very own desires which make us run faster and faster day by day, moment by moment and we cannot see the desires being disposed every moment beneath the noise of the city. Many children wearing dust only play with garbage thrown by us seeking for their hunger to be fulfilled into that. Everyday their dozens of desires are getting melt down with the ris-

ing heat of the sun. Have you ever tried to peep into their eyes? There is an ocean of dreams and desires which has never seen tide to come out with all happiness of life. Draught is the only language that has been taught to their tears. They are used to trying to sleep with half empty stomach hiding half of the hunger behind the torn clothes and we are used to daring not to look at those disposable desires of these living creatures.

--NIKHIL JOSHI  
(Chief Editor, 'e-patra.')

## News

# Internet service has completed 20 years in March 2009

# Most awaited car TATA'S NANO is launched on March 23, 2009.

# 22nd March is celebrated as world water day.

Brahmastra -tech fest is to be organized at BVM engineering college-V.V.Nagar.

# Mr.Nikhil Joshi presented a paper on

'Technology Integration in Teaching Learning' at a National Conference at SRM University-Chennai on March 12-13, 2009.

#GCET Language Club is going to organize an event in the month of April.

## Review on an Article by Kaustav Basu

--NIKHIL JOSHI

‘A Fashionable Calling’

by Kaustav Basu

(An article on environmental awareness)

### Summary:

It really seems fash-



ionable to people to be called as environmental activist. Poor villagers of Uttaranchal hugged trees and prevented them from being cut. Environmental activism doesn't mean merely raising a debate in the media but tragically that is what a lot of people claiming to be environmental activists do. It needs expert guidance. Gradual loss of Bikramgarh Jheel in South Kolkata under the name of expansion of urbanity is an example of our casual attitude towards environmental issues. It caused a loss of an array of biodiversity, which resides in the lake or near by the lake. It also affected recharging of depleting ground water levels of the area. A petition was filed against the encroachments of the lake, which is still pending while Chief Minister of West Bengal has inaugurated the housing complex. Even the media was less interested or rather unin-

terested in coverage of such issues considering it much trivialized matter. Almost everyone can claim to be environmentalist because environment has become an easy catch to be in lime light in the media. Moreover the casual attitude has pervaded even the teaching of environmental studies. The subject itself presupposes knowledge of environment but how many of those who teach the subject can claim to have such knowledge that is the biggest question of the time.

### Review:

This article by Kaustav Basu, a research student, seems to have a long lasting impression of irrelevance of being environmentalist without understanding the relevance of environmental awareness. It provides glimpse of our non-caring attitude towards environmental issues. Once we read this article, it surely lasts an impact of being earnest towards the environmental issues.

Basu here focuses on our casual approach to environmental activism and he adds it needs expert guidance. But at the same time, he blames that the casual attitude has pervaded even the teaching of environment studies and it is not

mandatory to have specialization in this subject. This purely indicates a catastrophic situation in the area of environmental studies even. Author talks about a case of Bikramgarh Jheel in South Kolkata, which may be called as the residence of an array of biodiversity. But the fact is that this lake is lost under the urban sprawl. Moreover author sympathizes that media response for such an issue is also melancholic. Environment has turned to be much trivialized matter. Environment is an easy catch to get into lime light in the media. Basu ends up with a curious question that the subject of environment presupposes knowledge of environment and how many of those who teach the subject can claim to have such knowledge?

*(‘It seems a fashionable calling’ by Kaustav Basu (a research student at the School of Environmental Sciences in Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) in CROSS CURRENTS, DOWN TO EARTH, (Science and Environment Fortnightly) October 15, 2007 - page no. 53)*

## *Indians better than British in English usage*

London: Indians must be proud as academics say that the students from India who are studying in British universities possess high potential in using English language perfectly. While many British students usually come up with wrong usage of spelling, punctuation and grammar, Indian students are often showing high standards in the basic English grammar and other usages.

## Verse

## Among the Rocks

Oh, good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth,  
 This autumn morning! How he sets his bones  
 To bask i' the sun, and thrusts out knees and feet  
 For the ripple to run over in its mirth;  
 Listening the while, where on the heap of stones  
 The white breast of the sea-lark twitters sweet.  
 That is the doctrine, simple, ancient, true;  
 Such is life's trial, as old earth smiles and knows.  
 If you loved only what were worth your love,  
 Love were clear gain, and wholly well for you:  
 Make the low nature better by your throes!  
 Give earth yourself, go up for gain above!

Robert Browning

## Prose

He did not know how wide a country, arid and precipitous, must be crossed before the traveller through life comes to an acceptance of reality. It is an illusion that youth is happy, an illusion of those who have lost it; but the young know they are wretched, for they are full of the truthless ideals which have been instilled into them, and each time they come in contact with the real they are bruised and wounded.--Ch. 29

**William Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)**, English playwright and author wrote *Of Human Bondage* (1915)

## DO YOUR BEST AND LET LIFE DO THE REST -Sanket Karnik

You already are everything that you always wanted to become. As infants, we possess incredible fearlessness, broad mind, innocence, aptitude to learn. But as time elapses, our mindset become ruder, we prone to negativism. *We are not what we are but what the world wants us to be.* We want to do well, we know what we are doing is wrong, but still we continue to do that. It's because we have been conditioned right from our infancy to act like that. As our age progresses, our dark sides evolve, fears cultivate. It is, in a way, good, because nature uses such type of weapons to amend a human in its best form.

All courtesy, good deeds that we do are noticed at an unknown level-call it higher intellect, life or god. And we perceive back from that unknown level. Everybody is purposed to do something. Everybody's destinies are scripted. It's like there can be many ways to go home, some may be long bumpier roads and some like express ways. It all depends on us which road to choose. Similarly destiny offers us many routes, various choices. We have to select the routes and choose these choices according to our own conscience.

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Life will throw at us many difficulties which may engender fears in our guts. Our approach decides whether to dare difficulties and fears or to let them dare us. You get what you give. *Give good get good*, the converse also implies. The rules of life are such simple. It's just that our heart and mind is not able to understand these simple facts.

"*The heart and mind should be in perfect harmony*" says Robin Sharma. The mind knows only two extremities of all the facts in the world-'yes' or 'no'. Either you do it or you don't.

Either you are true or you are false. Either you succeed or you fail. The mind doesn't know the intermediates parts of these extremities. The heart, on the other hand, uses potential of the mind to explore the intermediate ingredient. Use just mind and there will be no aggression, no emotions, and no life. Use just heart and you are like love struck fool without planning, management and logic. The heart and mind should deal a life long companionship.

This world would be such a beautiful place to live if all humans be '*humans*' again. It's sad to see the drift of humans from their own natural self which is leading to so many inhuman acts. The innocent infant in today's human is lost. It's not about *self-awakening*, it's all about self-remembering. Somebody rightly said "does your best, let life do the rest".

—Sanket Karnik (A student of GCET)



Words of the Month

**Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.**

**-Winston Churchill**

## Call for the contribution

Dear readers of 'e-patra',

We are glad to inform you that last November 'e-patra' has completed its one year of successful online publication and we have got a very good feedback from our readers.

Hereby we invite the authors to contribute creative stuff for 'e-patra'. You can send your articles, news, poems, short stories, research paper etc. for the publication in 'e-patra'.

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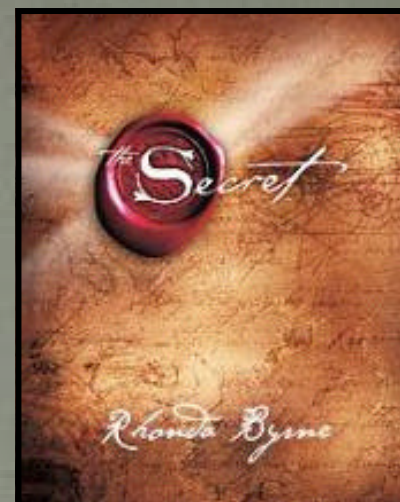


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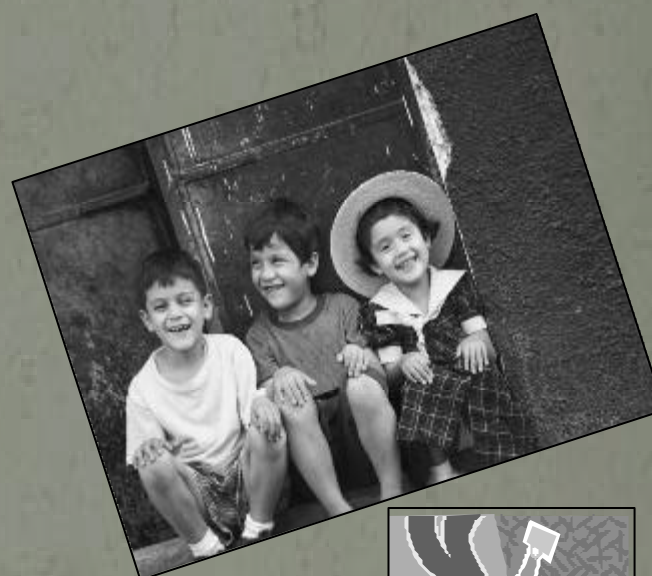
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