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Thank You
Happy Teacher's Day



Remembering My Teacher

Our society has become a battleground for success. From a very young age, the kids are made to compete for a goal that is beyond their reach. There is a lot of pressure and stress both from the parents and the peers. The teaching fraternity is having to face challenges in teaching due to technological advancements and competition. The younger students are made to confine themselves in a room and achieve the sketched goals.

Parents and the academic faculty have to find a middle path in which the students are exposed to a lot more inclusive learning environment.

When I look back of my childhood the gushing memories make me feel happy. The teaching that I received from my teachers and parents have laid a strong foundation. Even when the whole world was competing to make profits, teachers I admired drew my attention to subjects like Constitution, Society, Psychology, Social and Economic Justice, Politics etc..

We need to understand that these are also crucial aspects that will mould our lives. We should encourage the students to say, 'I wish to contribute something back to society'. I was taught a small and beautiful lesson by my teachers.

This article is a thankful note for my teachers.

Accountability needed in Media Platforms



N.V. Ramana, Hon'ble C.J.I.

'Certain sections of the media have communalised everything.

This would ultimately result in giving the country a bad name. Everything in the country is shown with a communal angle by a section of media'.

This remark by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana came while hearing petitions highlighting how some media outlets aired communal content linking the spread of the novel coronavirus to a Tablighi Jamaat meeting in Delhi.

He reprimanded social media platforms for a lack of accountability. He also asked the Government whether there is any regulatory mechanism in place.

Talking to Readers

We are very happy to bring to your notice that best response is received for our attempt. It is because of you all.

Our efforts will continue to our level best, and it is once again requested to extend assistance in making this magazine a success.

See that this 'VoY' reaches your friends too.

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Letters from the Readers

Dear Editor

I am given to understand that there are 62 Government and 34 Private institutions for engineering and non-engineering diploma courses in our State. I assume, then, there must be not less than 9600 students pursuing various courses.

Can we get the necessary information about the employability of these candidates? Based on this, we can either urge the Government to start new Institutions (or to support new private institutions) for providing education to the interested.

Nagamani V.

Dear Editor

I read in the newspaper that four IAS officers were fined and sentenced to jail in Andhra Pradesh.

They were involved in a contempt case. One Mrs. Savithramma of Nellore District whose land (in the name of her husband) was taken by the Government to give the same to the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped for the construction of its regional centre.

She was not given any compensation. While the case was brought to the Court, an order had been passed to pay the compensation as per rules.

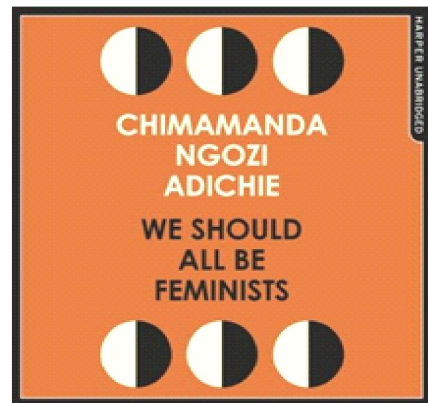
When the issue was once again brought to the Court, the negligence on the part of four concerned IAS officers came to light. Hence the Court passed the orders.

Raju M.S.

We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – A Review

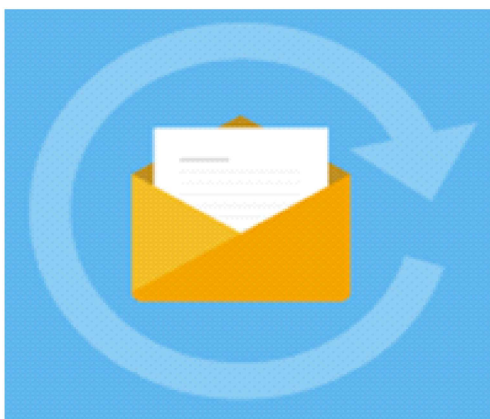
Presenting yet another book which caught my attention. This book is an adaptation of a TED talk by the author. Adichie brings in the concept of feminism which can be easily understood by anyone. She brings into light her own experience of sexism in Nigeria. She beautifully puts forward the inequality between the sexes which has been in the society for centuries. She articulates clearly and powerfully in this book the patriarchy and the male ego.

Chimamanda stresses that the problem lies with the men not recognizing women's contribution in the society. The mere acknowledgement of women's contribution can solve the major problems according to the author. I thoroughly enjoyed each word of this book. It can be read by anyone who is interested in the subject or otherwise.



This book provides a new insight on injustice and inequality between the sexes. It will provoke for a newer conversation among the youths. It is a very short read and I recommend it to be read by everyone or just listen to the TED talk. Happy Reading. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg3umXU_qWc

-Sushmitha, Bangalore



YOUR RESPONSE PLEASE

We, recently, have been hearing and reading a new word 'monetisation'. The Government of India has released a document 'National Monetisation Pipeline'. It lists the various public assets that will be leased out to private companies over the next four years.

The Government, by this way, thinks to get around Rs. 6 lakh crore and to utilise the same in building new infrastructure. A voice has also been raised questioning the selling off the valuable national assets to 'crony capitalists'. What can we say?

Your responses are welcome.



(Picture Credit – Arpitha P)

GORKHA WAR MEMORIAL

The war memorial is located at the Centre of the Batasia Loop Garden in Darjeeling, which attracts people with a beautiful view of Mt. Kanchenjunga and Himalayan Peaks. The War Memorial has been created to honour and to serve as a memorial for Gorkha soldiers of Darjeeling who sacrificed their lives in various operations and wars after India's independence. The Gorkha Regiment as. Been a strong force in the Indian Army where numerous go. Gorkha soldiers from Darjeeling hills have served the nation. Over 75 soldiers have died in wars.

The Memorial was constructed by the District Sainik board in Darjeeling and was inaugurated on 22 March 1995.

Arpitha P. Bengaluru

DID YOU KNOW?

Indian Constitution is a Handwritten document. It is one of the Longest Handwritten documents.

There are total 1,17,369 words in English version of the Constitution of India

The original Constitution document was signed by 283 members of the Parliament

The Constituent Assembly of India was Established in 1946. It took 166 days over 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is regarded as Father of Indian Constitution

Drawing attention towards:

Social Science Talent Search Scheme

It is a scheme that fosters social science education among the young students for knowledge and career building. This scheme aims to identify talented students to get into social science education after 12th standard (plus-two level) and to motivate them to opt for social science subjects in their degree courses.

Through this scheme the students are being provided with appropriate capacity building, coaching and financial support so as to produce bright torchbearers from social science backgrounds for future policy making – both at state and national levels. The scheme is open for those students studying in the Pre-University Colleges coming in the Jurisdiction of Bangalore Division of Department of Pre-University Education in Karnataka. With the shifting changes in the technology and science in our society it leaves equal responsibility for the social scientists to analyze the rapid changes in humanity at large. This is one such fellowship which is helping students find interest in courses like social science and make this a wonderful place to live.

For more information visit: <http://www.isec.ac.in/ISECSSTSS-ss.htm>

Oh Love! Thou Art Queer Sometimes



We've grown up in a binary world
Where girls like boys, and boys like girls;
Any other possibility is deemed absurd...
But - Love sometimes can be queer
And that shouldn't be a basis for fear
Sexual orientation is not a choice;
It's innate, and that's factual.
Not everyone is a boy or a girl,
And that's perfectly natural.
Some folks don't experience sexual attraction
That doesn't mean 'they're broken and can't find satisfaction'.
Let's break the taboos and make it evident
That it's not a crime to explore or experiment.

Labels matter a lot to some,
But are – by no means – a necessity;
They shouldn't be another reason
To stereotype sexualities.
Let's not assume that everyone's straight,
And not respond to coming out with hate.
Let's believe our friends when they tell us how they feel;
It's not 'just a phase', It's very much real.
There is no one way to love or be loved...
The magic of love, and kisses of splendor,
And companionships so blissfully tender;
Why should anyone have to surrender
Any of these because of their gender?
When queer love is still seen as a sin
How can we say that love wins?
Why must some of us love in silence
Or else risk being a victim to violence?
All genders and sexualities are valid,
Hate can't change the power of truth.
The world needs more acceptance,
And that acceptance starts with you!
Let's free love from cruel confines.
Oh Love! Thou art Queer Sometimes

C M Ramitha
Student, Bangalore

IMPORTANT POINTS RELATED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, was elected as the President of the Constituent Assembly.

Ambedkar was the head of the drafting committee.

The basic structure of the Indian Constitution stands on the Government of India Act, 1935

The word Socialist was added to the preamble of the Indian Constitution during Emergency, by the 42nd Amendment act of 1976.

The Constitution Was originally written in Hindi and English

The Original Constitution of India was Handwritten by Prem Behari Narain Raizada

Two Letters from Elders

Dear Voice of the Youth,

It is a good attempt to educate youngsters about some of the concepts, the little newsletter has dealt.

It would be fruitful if the newsletter is able to make the readers go beyond reading, viz, indulging in conversation with others about it and if possible to go deep into the political and social meanings of freedom and try to find out the causes of such meanings.

The examples given in the article are good ones. However, as per Wikipedia Freedom, generally, has the ability to act or change without constraint. In philosophy and religion, it is associated with having free will and being without undue or unjust constraints, or enslavement, and is an idea closely tied with the concept of liberty.

Free will is the capacity for agents to choose between different possible courses of action unimpeded. It is also closely linked to the concepts of moral responsibility, praise, guilt, sin, and other judgements which apply only to actions that are freely chosen.

The reference made about exploitation by capitalism is purely a point of political economy which none other than communism can bring. Thus, the advocates of democracy and free speech forget and do not appreciate communism sufficiently.

The dropout of dalits from the IITs is a product of harassment by professors and upper caste students.

Dear VoY team,

I trust anybody who joins hands with you in your endeavours is a youth though counts more agewise.

I am one such admirer of VoY. I am happy to share my views.

Congratulations to the Editorial Team of 'Voice of Youth'.

Article on Freedom is apt and timely. Information about the major composition of dropouts in institutions of eminence is a sad story reflecting ugly face of the society. To be remedied for societal good.

The write up on "A must read book" is truly a must read.

I liked the quotes, poems, all others and most importantly the "preamble of our constitution".

I shall share this with youth in my family and friends. I wish others in the group would also do the same.

Best wishes

Ananthapadmanabhan, Bluru

I wish the 'Voice of the Youth' all success in their endeavour and suggest that they open a page on Facebook or form a group on Whatsapp for interaction amongst its readers.

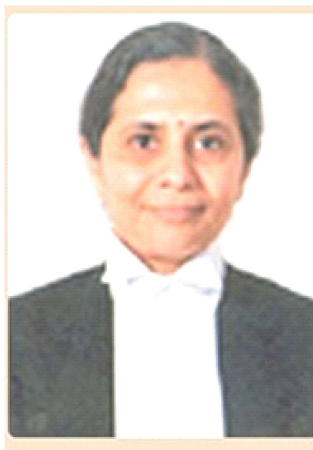
Chidananda B, Bluru

An Attempt to Minimise the Gender Gap in the Judiciary

We could see the Supreme Court responded pleasantly.

Three women judges took oath on August 31, 2021 making it a historic achievement. Though Supreme Court of India has been having highest number of sitting judges in the history, the number of women representation has always been low.

According to the data by the Union Ministry of Labour and Justice there are 12% representation in both the apex and the high courts. Out of the total 677 sitting Judges both in Supreme Court and the High Courts there are only 81 women Judges. With the induction of the three new women Judges in the Supreme Court, there are now four



Justice Bela Trivedi

sitting women Judges – the highest ever in the history.

This is a great start, we have long way to reach in terms of breaking the gender gap in such higher posts.

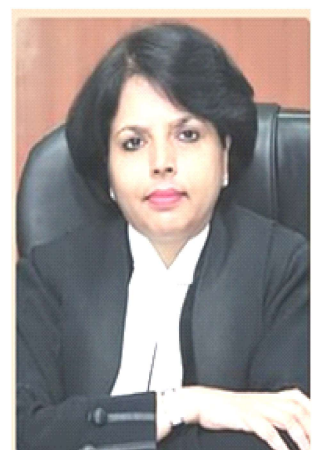
Attorney General of India K.K. Venugopal, some time



Justice Nagarathna

ago, had made some important observations about the representation to be given to women in the Supreme Court of India.

Speaking on the occasion to recommend ways to gender sensitize the

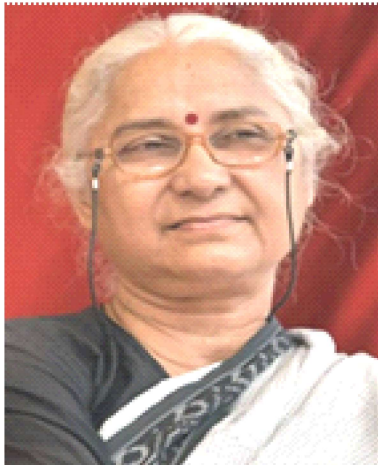


Justice Hima Kohli

Judges, the AG had remarked that more women judges in Constitutional Courts need to be appointed to fulfill the aspiration our Constitution has envisaged.



We had asked our readers to guess the below placed personalities and write 200 words on their contributions and send it to us.

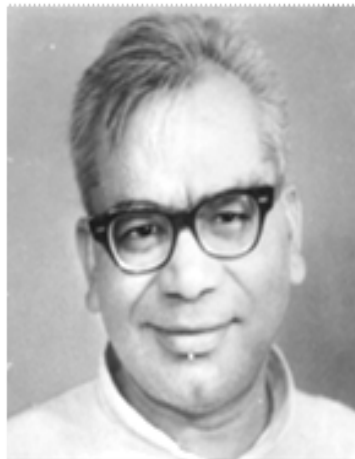


Medha Patkar

Medha Patkar born in 1954 in Mumbai, Maharashtra is a social activist working towards crucial issues like tribals, dalits, farmers, laborers and women facing injustice in India.

Patkar is a force herself, with Narmada Bachao Andolan she has influenced people in three states – Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. She has been active in demanding justice for the people affected by the dam projects, mainly related to the Sardar Sarovar dam project.

Under the banner of NAPM (National Alliance of People's Movements) she voices through mass struggles across India against inequity, non-sustainability, displacement and injustice in the name of development.



Ram Manohar Lohia

Ram Manohar Lohia, a prominent activist during Indian Independence is a democratic socialist leader. He was born in 1910 at Akbarpur, Uttar Pradesh.

He was one of the founders of Congress Socialist Party and was editor of 'Congress Socialist' a paper by the party. Dr. Lohia was one of the leading figures who organized the 'Quit India' struggle in 1942.

Lohia developed his own political viewpoints by critically examining positions held by Gandhian leadership of Congress and the Communists. He has written many books to mention of few – 'The Caste System', 'Marx, Gandhi and Socialism', 'Guilty Men of India's Partition' etc., Academicians across the country study his contributions.



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Popularly known by her initials AOC, American politician and activist Ocasio-Cortez drew national recognition when she won the Democratic party's primary election for New York's 14th congressional district on June 26, 2018. She defeated Democratic Caucus Chair Joe Crowley, a 10-term office-bearer. She was re-elected in 2020 election after she defeated John Cummings.

She was a young lady of only 29 years when she first took office, and became the youngest woman ever to serve the US congress. Advocating for many progressive platforms like Support for workplace democracy, Medicare for All, Tuition-free public college, Federal jobs guarantee, Green New Deal she is considered to be voice of the common people.

We are here publishing the entries, received from Meghana, Mysuru

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