

MANOGAT

[A monthly info-letter for slum dwellers|Pune edition]

Editorial

The scorching heat of October suddenly gives way to cool dawns and heralds the arrival of Diwali. Everyone must have experienced that there is a sudden change in the weather around Diwali and we are tempted to call it 'Diwali weather'. This cool Diwali breeze that follows the burning heat soothes our weary mind.

Have we ever pondered about why these festivals are celebrated? You might say, for God, for Religion! But a stronger motivation to celebrate these festivals is; our mind! Bringing pleasant environment in one's house! A human mind always yearns for something new. Therefore these festivals give us new energy.

Diwali is the queen of festivals. What does this Diwali, full of lamps, crackers and eatables tell us? Abandon darkness and proceed towards light, abandon ignorance and proceed towards knowledge, abandon grief and proceed towards happiness, abandon unemployment and proceed towards business, abandon poverty and proceed towards prosperity, abandon sickness and proceed towards health...and for all this get rid of body-fatigue and mental lethargy...get up early in the morning, be refreshed and light lamps. Destroy all the calamities and design a picture of happiness and prosperity.

Wishing all our readers a happy and prosperous Diwali.

Some suggestions are given overleaf. Follow them surely and make your Diwali happier.

One must retain regular customers.

(Harba is cleaning his vegetable-shop.)

Customer : What is the price of brinjals?

Harba : Wait a minute, let me first set the shop.

Customer : And what's the price of fenugreek?

Harba : Please don't put it upside down. Vegetable spoils. If you want, take the upper one. Five rupees per bunch.

Customer : What's the price of lady's finger?

Harba : Rs.7 for 250 gms. Don't choose. It's fresh.

Customer : It's for Rs. 6 in the neighbouring shop.

Harba : Then buy it there. Why did you come here?

Customer : Give me coriander worth Re.1.

Harba : Nothing can be given in Re.1.

Customer : Ok, then give ginger worth Rs. 2.

(Kerba peeps into Harba's shop while passing by)

Harba(gives ginger and looks at Kerba and murmurs): What a customer!

Customer : Only so much ginger for Rs. 2?

Harba : Then should I give the whole field in Rs. 2?

Customer : Here is the money. Who will come back to see your field?

Harba : Give change.(Looks at Kerba and murmurs) Ten rupee note for two rupee ginger!

Customer : Don't you want to sell these vegetables?

Harba : If you want take it or leave it. Don't argue in the morning.

(The customer leaves the ginger and goes away.)

Kerba : Hey Harba, why did you do this?

Harba : Then why did she unnecessarily ask things if she wanted things worth only Re. 1?

Kerba : So what? Your vegetables are kept for the customer. Now you have lost this customer forever.

Harba : Let it be. There is no shortage of customers.

Kerba : Remember Harba, if you behave like this, your regular customer will go next door and you will become jobless. See, the rush in the next shop has started increasing.

Harba: Oh yes, I didn't realize this.

Kerba : So remember. Your regular customers are your wealth. Don't lose them. Welcome them with a smile. Inquire about your common acquaintances. Help them choose vegetables. If you don't have stock, try to procure it immediately. Then you will see how your shop gets crowded and even if it gets crowded don't let anyone return.

Harba : Thanks Kerba. I will surely try.



Harba
and
Kerba

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The story of Balbeer's family...

One night out



Balbeer spends one night with some women and forgets to use Nirodh due to intoxication.

Balbeer doesn't tell anyone.



After a few days he experiences itching and irritation on the private parts. He doesn't tell anybody about it.

Balbeer's wife also suffers



Balbeer's wife also experiences discharge from private parts and irritation. She tells this to Balbeer.

Advice by a good friend



Balbeer tells his old friend about his suffering. The friend advises him to consult a doctor.

Danger to the baby too.



Balbeer's child also can face the danger of H.I.V. through his pregnant wife.

Balbeer and his wife become preys of H.I.V.



H.I.V. spreads like other sexually transmitted diseases. There is no medicine for H.I.V. but the doctor comforts Balbeer and his wife that if they take proper care, they can live a good life for a few years.

Doctor advises to take a H.I.V. test.



Doctors diagnoses sexual disease and calls his wife for examination too. He also advises to take a H.I.V. test.

Balbeer's enjoyment for one night destroyed the happiness of his entire family. Observe the following restrictions for your and your family's security :

Nirodh is a safe measure to get protection from H.I.V.
But, remaining loyal to your loyal partner is the right way.

For queries and doubts regarding H.I.V. contact on the following number

Mukta Helpline :

25460102.

Crackers...with some care!



Accompany children



Don't play with crackers



Don't light the wicker of the cracker with a match-stick



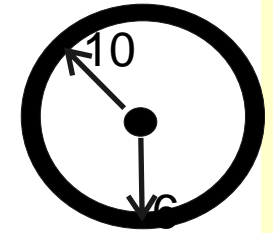
Keep a bucketful of water outside your house



Burst small crackers with less noise.



Burst crackers on empty grounds, away from electric cables.



Don't burst crackers after 10 at night and before 6 in the morning.

Conversation with kids:

Everyone is fond of small children. If there is a kid in your house or neighbourhood, time flies away happily while playing or talking with it. Gradually children start becoming more and more inquisitive. They start demanding and the same mother who gave him sweets everyday starts giving it a bash or two. Taking care of children starts getting more and more difficult.

Therefore it is necessary to converse with kids and teach them discipline. How can one teach to children? By beating, scolding or scaring them? Psychologists suggest that one should use reward and punishment method to teach children discipline. In order to properly converse with kids and use this method, think over the following points:

Take care while rewarding children:



If good behaviour gets good response from everyone the child is motivated to repeat the behaviour. For eg: Helping mother, finishing food, reciting prayers etc.

Family matters



One should praise children but should not commit a prize or else they are depressed if they can't achieve it. The prize shouldn't be materialistic or else the child gets immersed in that thing itself.

Take care while punishing too :



When children do wrong things like jumping on the new sofa, breaking toys, being stubborn etc, show resentment. Also, distract their attention elsewhere. For eg., if the child is jumping on the sofa, it can be told that you will take him to a park in the evening where he can jump on the lawns.

While teaching discipline, apply rules which they can understand and encourage them to obey rules.



Punishment should be continuous. Sometimes when the mother is angry punishment is harsh and other times if mistakes are ignored, children don't understand where they exactly go wrong.

Children should not be punished physically for their mistakes like beating them, starving them or giving them a burn. This can never improve their behavior. They become violent, scary or shy instead.

Children should be punished immediately for their mistake or they won't understand why they were punished.

Children grow under our supervision. Their behaviour depends on our behaviour and conversation with them, isn't it?

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Our Government

schemes implemented by the Pune corporation for slum- dwellers

Smart service centre: (Smart Seva Kendra)							
Urban Development Planning Department has set up centres at 14 places since the year 2000 to provide skilled service at reasonable prices for common people and also provide employment to skilled and unskilled labour.							
Specialities	For whom	Age-limit	Educational qualification	Annual income of the family	Documents	Place to get and submit the applications	Contact
<p>These service centres provide citizens with services like plumbing, wiremen, house-painting, T.V and fridge repairs, masonry, carpentry, data-entry, tank-cleaning, gardening, courier-service etc.</p> <p>Citizens can call the centre between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and file their demand for the required service. Skilled labour is sent accordingly. This skilled labour is provided with a tool-kit, i-card and uniform.</p> <p>The labourer provides service at the fixed price and gives the receipt. 5% of the amount is given to the service-centre. Unemployed get business in this way and citizens get services at reasonable prices</p>	For skilled and unskilled labour from weak sections.	18 to 45	<p>Pune corporation conducts a trade-test and one gets the i-card on qualification.</p> <p>Other skilled labourers get a chance if they fulfill the conditions.</p>	Below Rs. 80,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ration-card within Pune Corporation limits 2. Age-proof. For eg. Voter's card, school certificate etc. 3. Certificate of the course if the skilled labourer has some education. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ghole road Regional Office: 25513467 2. Aundh Regional Office: 25896901 3. Karve road Regional Office: 25458680 4. Kasba Peth Regional Office : 24435451 5. Dhole-patil Road Regional Office : 26145993 6. Hadapsar Regional Office: 26824300 7. Sangamwadi Regional Office: 26687702 8. Vishrambaugwada Regional Office: 24435443 9. Sahkarnagar and Bibwewadi Regional Office: 24231140 10. Warje-Karvenagar Regional Office: 25458681 11. Bhavani Peth Regional Office : 26438149 12. Tilak Road Regional Office : 24423495 13. Dhankavdi Regional Office: 24319917 14. Yeravda : Not available 	<p>Smart Service Co-operative Society Ltd Saint Dnyaneshwar Samaj Mandir Near Bharat Talkies, Bhavani Peth, Pune: 411042</p> <p>Time: 10: 30 a.m to 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: blue;">Written by: Vijaya Bhosge Snehdeep</p>