

MANOGAT

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

Editorial

Long ago, there was a masonry worker, Ganu living in a small village. After spending few years in the business he lost his interest in his work. He used to work as per the instructions of his employer without having interest in his work. Days past and Ganu got older.

One day he decided to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go & asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The Ganu said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials.

When the Ganu finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to Ganu and said, "This is your house... my gift to you."

Ganu was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently.

But, you cannot go back. You are the builder of your own life, So resolve to put your best in your job.

Manogat is with you as a friend.

We hope that you all would like this new issue of Mangat.

(Harba is stitching in his tailoring shop)

Kerba : May I come in?

Harba : Ofcourse, why do you ask?

Kerba : I want to get a shirt stitched today.

Harba : Why not, let's begin at once.

Kerba : This is the cloth and take my measurements.

Harba : (feeling the cloth) Nice cloth. Did you get it from your in-laws?

Kerba : (smiling) You guessed right!

Harba : I am experienced enough to know my customers now.

Kerba : Hmn...you seem to have settled well in your business now.

Harba : Yes. Ok, do you want a full-shirt or a half-shirt?

Kerba : Summer is on the threshold. So, half is better.

Harba : The cloth is quite big. Some of it may be wasted. (Saying so, he starts taking Kerba's measurements)

Kerba : There's a new tailoring shop round the corner, isn't it?

Harba : What do I tell? It's an extremely posh shop.

Kerba : I have heard that if you buy cloth from there, one shirt is stitched free on the first shirt's stitching!

Harba : May be. These are the times of sale and free gifts.

Kerba : I have an idea. You too give free gifts to your customers.

Harba : What?

Kerba : Didn't you say that this cloth is quite big and if I stitch a half-shirt, some of it would be wasted?

Harba : Yes, a lot of cloth remains like that everyday.

Kerba : So, can't you make something out of the remaining cloth?

Harba : What can I make from it?

Kerba : For eg. Pillow-cover, T.V. cover, small bag or atleast handkerchiefs!

Harba : What will be the outcome of all this?

Kerba : When a customer gets two half-shirts stitched, give me a free gift like this.

Harba : This is a nice idea. Giving gifts from their own left-over cloth.

Kerba : Remember that your customer will use these gifts at home. People visiting him will inquire about it and you will be automatically advertised, isn't it?

Harba : Wow, I will implement this idea immediately.

Kerba : So will I get T.V. cover on a half-shirt?

Harba : Ofcourse. You will get it when you stitch a half-shirt and a full-pant together. So, shall I stitch a full-pant too?

Kerba : Yes, take measurements. (Harba and Kerba both start laughing heartily)



Gifts : A new avenue of advertising

Tuberculosis

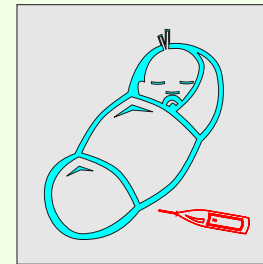
Tuberculosis is a transmittable disease.

Human beings are infected with T.B. due to the *Micobacterium Tuberculum* bacteria.

Spread and transmission :

The bacteria *Micobacterium Tuberculum* transmits through air as follows :

- When T.B. affected patients cough, laugh, sneeze , talk etc., T.B. germs spread through air.
- If another person is near-by at that time, he may get infected.
- T.B. is not transmitted by meeting the infected person once /twice or for 2-3 minutes. T.B. is transmitted by continuous close contact. For eg : People living in crowded areas, one family, working together in office, etc.



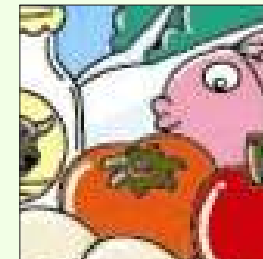
Vaccinate a new-born baby with BCG vaccine within three hours of birth or within one



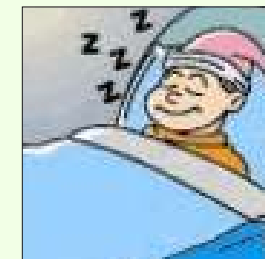
•Never keep spitting on the road. Turn sideways or cover your mouth with a handkerchief while coughing.



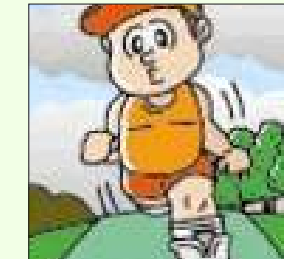
•Keep your house and surroundings clean. It should be airy and avoid dampness.



•Avoid over-cooked, stale or oily food. Have a nutritious diet. Accommodate seasonal fruits in your diet.



•Take sufficient rest and sleep.



•Exercise in some way for minimum 15 minutes everyday.

Some or all of these symptoms are seen in a person infected by T.B.

- Dry cough lasting for 2-3 weeks and cough accompanied by blood-emission later.
- Feeling of tiredness or drowsiness
- Weight-loss
- Loss of appetite
- Fever
- Sweating at night
- Chest pain while coughing.

Medical examination :

- National Health Programmes – DOTS came into implementation since 1993.
- In this programme, T.B. patients are called on alternate days in the DOTS centre and pills are administered to them. The duration of this medication is determined according to the stage of the disease for two, six or nine months.
- This T.B. medication is provided free of cost in all government health centres under the National Health Programme.

Our Government

schemes implemented by the Pune corporation for slum- dwellers

Grant-scheme for electricity connection (Only for backward classes)

UCD is implementing this scheme under Pune Municipal Corporation to encourage the development of backward class families in the locality. Under this scheme, economically and socially weak (backward and other backward classes) families are given grants for electricity connection

Specialties	For whom	Age-limit	Educational Qualification	Annual income of the family	Documents	Place to get and submit the application-forms	Contact
Under this scheme, backward class families get a grant upto Rs. 2000 for repairing their shackles.	Backward class families within the Corporation boundaries	No	Newly literate	Below Rs. 1,00,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ration-card within Pune corporation boundaries. 2. Income-related agreement of the neighbourhood society group 3. Caste certificate issued by Maharashtra Govt. 4. No objection certificate from Regional office of corporation for electricity-connection. 5. Tax receipt 6. Estimate regarding electricity connection from Maharashtra State Electricity Board. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group-organization in the locality. 2. S.M.Joshi hall, Daruwala Bridge, Pune. Ph : 26336249 	S.M.Joshi hall, Daruwala Bridge, Pune. Ph : 26336249

Written by :
Mrs. Vijaya Bhosge,
Snehadeep.

Family-matters

Written by: Neha Ghanekar,
Swabhimaan

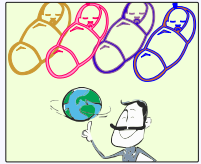


Once all the women on the earth went to God and asked for a boon that all of them be blessed with a baby-boy. God was surprised to hear this request. He asked them why they wanted such a boon. One by one the women started speaking of their agonies.

Shanta said, "day before yesterday my neighbour was burned alive by her husband and mother-in-law because she couldn't deliver a boy."

Kamla said, "my husband remarried because I can't deliver a boy.

Nirmala said, "I have six daughters and yet I will be compelled to take another chance for a boy. God was moved by these agonies and in a fit of emotion he blessed that every woman would bear a boy.



The world was overjoyed. Every pregnant lady started delivering a boy in every hospital. All fathers, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, grandmas, grandpas started rejoicing. Sweets graced in price.

Some days were full of happiness. Gradually the women started ageing. They started worrying about their sons' marriages. But there were no girls to marry these boys on the earth. There were no weddings. Children in households disappeared. Men felt this life without women boring. The

happiness on the earth started declining. Humanity realized its mistake.

Some days were full of happiness. Gradually the women started ageing. They started worrying about their sons' marriages. But there were no girls to marry these boys on the earth. There were no weddings. Children in households disappeared. Men felt this life without women boring. The happiness on the earth started declining. Humanity realized its

mistake.

Finally all men went to God and requested him to take back the boon bestowed on women. God agreed willingly and advised humans that they shouldn't go against nature.

So folks, how did you like the story? The story which is apparently imaginary is soon going to be true. Do you know that the proportion of women against every 1000 men is 933? Due to advanced science, the baby's sex can be identified in the womb itself. Though this test is illegal, several families abort the female fetus. The crime of female-

feticide is on the rise.

Nature regulates the proportion of men and women. But man tried to interfere in that. If we don't take timely steps, it will lead to a calamity as narrated in the story above. So let us take the right step, beginning from our own household, isn't it?



Success Story

Savita Govind Kumbhar



India knows many festivals like Diwali or Ganpati, where people celebrate together. In the centre there stand the different gods and goodness like Ganesha, Krishna or Lakshmi.

Also some businesses sectors are profitable in those days, like for example selling pot figures of the worshiped gods during the festival season.

Also Sangita Govind Kumbhar and her husband, who live in the village Manjazi near Pune with their two school going sons, were making, painting and selling pot figures since 2000. First they produced only Ganpati-figures, which they sold at the local market in Hadapsar time before and during the Ganpati-festival days. In this time they sold less than 200 figures and the business was quiet small. Only her husband had a regular income of 3000 Rupies per month, which was not sufficient.

As Sangita Kumbhar recognized the IGP-program through a door to door promotion of Annapurna Parivar in 2006, she decided to become a member of Annapurna, because the pottery-business was still only small and seasonal. In August 2006 she got a first loan of Rs. 7000 /-.

She bought a painting machine and more raw material to start producing more than 250 Ganpati figures. After some months, when again one of the biggest Ganpati Festivals in India was celebrated in Pune, Mrs. Kumbhar earned the success of her work.



Now she is in the second cycle of loans of Rs. 10.000 /-, with whom she could continue to increase the business and produce more different figures of the Indian mythology, like Durga or Krishna.

With her business now she is quite independent from seasonal festivals and produce different kinds of pot figures the whole year. Sometimes she makes contracts with companies, which order a specific number of figures or she sells them self on markets in the festival seasons.

Through the increasing of the business she reached now a turnover of ca. Rs. 5000/- with a margin of 35 %. The family income grew up to ca. Rs. 6000/- per month. Another result of increasing the business was, that her brother in law and his wife could join the family business.

While the small "team" of Sangita Kumbhar could produce 500 figures in the year 2007, they plan for 2008 to produce 1500 figures. The two little sons of Sangita Kumbhar are also happy, since specially children love to play with the little figures and of them the a lot in the home of Sangita Kumbhar.

