

## Editorial

(Fictional)

Like every year, this year was no exception to the prize-distribution ceremony of the Ganpati decoration competition organized by Daruwala Trust. The topic for decoration this year was 'Sick Ganesh Festival' ! The local groups (Mandals) had presented attractive tabloids. We are giving the information of prize-winning tabloids and groups:

Sick Ganesh Festival competition 2007 – Result (Courtesy : Daruwala Trust)

### 'Suddenly' Friends' Mandal

The group had depicted the ill-effects of loudspeakers on the body. The tabloid was very attractive : A doctor comes for offering his prayers to Ganpati and deposits an Ambai Hearing Aid in the donation-box.

### Badshah Youth Mandal

This group made a Ganpati idol out of 10,000 packets of Gutkha.

### All India Mythological Meet

The group maintained its tradition of displaying mythological tabloids. They showed that 'Narad' along with 'Yama' is forcefully collecting contribution for Ganpati from Lord Brahma, Vishnu and Shankar.

### Invisible Friends' Mandal

There was a long queue like every year to view this Ganpati. There is no idol in the temple but people believe only pious can see the Lord. Thousands claimed this year to have seen the Lord.

### Huge Friends' Mandal

A huge idol of Ganpati is the speciality of this group. This year the group made a 100 ft. tall idol with a 'worried face'. The group head said that Ganpati is worried because he doesn't know how he can be immersed in the small bucket kept before him!

### Dhulla Friends' Mandal

The group had played the remix of Ganpati's prayer. The Lord is irritated by the over-enthusiasm of his devotees and sings a prayer himself. Following is a verse of the same:

Oh over-enthusiastic people of Pune,  
Your devotion is limited to song and dance  
And throwing colours around  
Speakers yelling after midnight  
Intoxicated feet dancing on the day of immersion  
Traffic-jams for 2-3 days at a stretch  
Small and large coloured plaster of Paris idols  
Spoiling the river-bed of the Mutha-river  
Dear over-enthusiastic people of Pune  
I am better off in the heaven than coming down to you!

The prize-distribution ended with the concluding address of the president of the trust Mr.Daruwala. He said that the message had been passed to the people that the Ganesh Festival is sick today. He challenged the groups to present their decorations on the topic, 'Healthy Ganesh Festival' next year.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous Ganesh Festival!!!

## Keep money liquid!



Kerba : Hello Harba, how's your business?

Harba: Hello Kerba, Rakhi was not fruitful this time.

Kerba : What?

Harba : Wares worth Rs. 5000 are lying useless. I don't have any money to arrange for Ganpati-goods sale.

Kerba : Oh no, but how did so many Rakhis remain unsold?

Harba: Last year I sold rakhis worth 3-4 thousand and so I invested Rs. 10,000 this time but they were not sold.

Kerba : That means you trapped yourself with your money. Now you cannot use the wares till next Rakhi-season.

Harba :Yes. That's true.

Kerba : It is very important to estimate how much ware would be sold. It should be neither more nor less.

Harba : Yes, if the wares are less, there is a loss and if they are more, money remains locked and you can't invest in further transactions.

Kerba : It is definitely a tough task.

Harba : But how should I raise capital now? I am totally lost.

Kerba : The sea is before you but you don't have a drop to drink, not because you did a bad business but because you didn't plan your wares well.

Harba : Yes, that's true.

Kerba : Only proper planning of wares can keep money liquid. It is very important for seasonal business.

Harba : So true, if wares get locked, money is locked too.

Kerba : (handing over some money), Here, take these two thousand rupees and return it from your profit but remember....

Harba : (interrupting) Don't lock this money, right? Now just see, I will excel so much in business in Ganpati season that I will lock the profit and not the capital.

Kerba : That's the spirit! This is called learning from experience. But remember, we should learn without getting hurt.

Harba : Yes Sir!

# Our Health is in our hands! (Mental health- Part 3)

(It's 11 o'clock at night. A tired rickshaw-driver Mahesh returns home. His wife Asha opens the door with immense anger.)

Asha : Is this the time to come home?

Mahesh : (sitting on the chair) Get me water first.

Asha : You take it yourselves. You have no sense of time. You come almost anytime everyday!

Mahesh ( angrily) What do you mean by that? Do you think driving a rickshaw is as easy as cooking?

Asha : It is easy to drive a rickshaw than run a house. Right from the morning, I have to do everything alone from cooking, making the kids study to getting provisions! Have you ever come early and inquired about us?

Mahesh : Have you too ever inquired about your tired husband?

Asha : You should be present in the house to inquire about you. Why are you chatting with friends till so late on the streets? All of your friends are idle!

Mahesh : Shut up! Dare you say anything to my friends. Come on, serve my dinner.

Asha : I have already served the plate. Take it yourselves.

(I have lost my appetite waiting for you. I won't eat now. Murmuring something like this, Asha goes to sleep.)

(Next day morning. Asha is supervising the kids' study. A reporter knocks the door. Mahesh opens the door.)

Reporter : Hello, does Mahesh stay here?

Mahesh : Yes, I am Mahesh. Who are you?

Reporter : I am a reporter with a newspaper. We heard that you returned a forgotten bag of a passenger to the police yesterday?

Mahesh : Yes, that's true.

(Asha looks at Mahesh with a surprise).

Reporter : Can you tell me what happened yesterday?

Mahesh : It was around 10:30 at night. A passenger took my rickshaw opposite Citibank. He got down at station. I realized in the next square that he had left his bag in the rickshaw. I immediately returned the bag to the police.

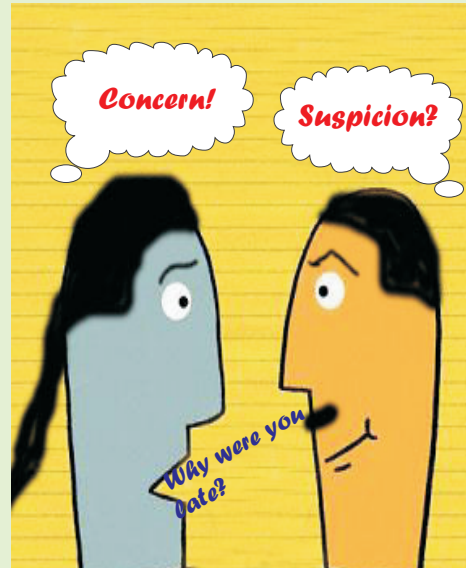
Reporter : According to the police, there was an amount of one lakh in the bag.

Mahesh : Oh my god!

Reporter : His money remained safe due to you. He has announced a prize for you. I am giving this news in the newspaper. Read tomorrow's paper surely.

(The reporter goes away. Mahesh looks at Asha angrily and starts his rickshaw.)

## Dialogue in husband and wife



Look folks, had Asha asked Mahesh why he was late and had Mahesh inquired whether Asha had eaten her food? If Asha had spoken openly rather than murmuring? What if both had not insulted each other's work? There are several questions like these!

Quarrels between husband and wife start with such small issues. Sometimes they perish but other times they also get converted to bigger quarrels. Sometimes both forget what the origin of the quarrel was and keep fighting. One thing is for sure, this spoils the atmosphere in the house. It has a bad effect on children as well as one's health. The main reason for such fights is mis-communication. In order to ensure proper communication between husband and wife, following things should be thought over :

How should a dialogue be:

1. Listen to what the other person is saying carefully. For eg. Many a times we apprehend what the other person would speak and keep speaking.
2. It is important to consider the physical state of the other person. For eg : Mahesh was tired when he came home.
3. Both husband and wife should think of each other's likes and dislikes.
4. Complaints should be made in a better way than only accusing. For eg: Asha could have asked why Mahesh was late rather than saying 'Is this the time to return?' and Mahesh should have asked if Asha had eaten. This could have avoided the further quarrel.
5. Instead of accusing each other one should clearly specify what one wants.
6. Both should respect each other's work and views.
7. One should quietly think what the reason for anger was.
8. Instead of taking any decision hurriedly in anger, husband and wife should discuss properly.

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# Our Government

## Plans implemented by the Pune corporation for slum- dwellers

<b>Earn and Learn Scheme:</b> Under this scheme, students can support their own education. Working in different fields, boosts the confidence of the students, Last date : <b>September 10, 2007</b> . inspires them to study and also develops their personality.							
Specialities	Beneficiary	Age limit	Educational Qualification	Annual income of the family	Documents	Place to get and submit the form	Contact
It is expected that the person works in the area for education, entertainment or health for two hours everyday according to the guidance of the Commissioner. A honorarium of Rs. 500 is given each month for the job.	For young men and women from all castes.	For open group till Age of 18. (For other groups no age restriction)	Minimum 50% in tenth std. exam and pursuing college education. (External students cannot take the benefit of the plan.)	Income from all sources of the entire family for the last financial year should be below Rs. 80,000 (If the applicant is living in a slum, neighbourhood group income agreement is essential)	1. Photocopy of ration card. 2. Bonafide from school. 3. Photocopy of mark -list of tenth exam. 4. Neighbourhood group income agreement 5. Minimum one photograph 6. Caste certificate for backward classes.	1. Group organization in your locality. 2. S.M. Joshi hall, Daruwala bridge, Pune Ph:26336249. 3. Poverty eradication cell. Ph:25501284	Concerned Social worker, S. M. Joshi hall, Daruwala Bridge, Pune. Ph. 26336249

<b>Women-empowerment Scheme no. 3</b> The person taking the benefit of this scheme can utilize the grant received after death of the head of the family for training or self-employment and bear one's expenses.								
Conditions	Specialities	For whom	Age-limit	Educational qualification	Annual income of the family	Documents	Place to get and submit the form	Contacts
It is compulsory to apply within two years of death. (Applicable for the families of those dead after 13.02.2007)	Grant of Rs. 10,000	For widows	The dead person's age should be within 18 to 65.	No	Income from all sources of the entire family for the last financial year should be below Rs. 80,000 (If the applicant is living in a slum, neighbourhood group income agreement is essential)	1. Photocopy of ration-card 2. Death certificate from the corporation 3. Age certificate of the dead person 4. If the applicant stays in a slum, Neighbourhood group income agreement 5. Certification that the dead person was the family-head. (Certification from Neighbourhood group or Tahsildar of the area) 6. Minimum one photograph	1. Group organization in your locality. 2. S.M. Joshi hall, Daruwala bridge, Pune Ph:26336249 3. .Poverty eradication cell. Ph:25501284	Concerned Social worker, S.M. Joshi hall , Daruwala Bridge, Pune. Ph. 26336249

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