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EDITORIAL

First of all, we welcome the timely monsoon and the much awaited relief from the heat waves that visited many parts of India.

The word Monsoon is derived from the Arabic word "mausim", meaning a shift in season or wind. With a splash of raindrops, the flora and fauna spring up to new life, giving us every reason to enjoy the rainy season to its utmost. Children love to float paper boats and jump into the puddles but what everyone of us enjoy the most is spicy, tangy, and sweet delights chaffed by our mothers and grandmothers during the monsoons and walking down memory lane drenched with drizzling rain. We have articles by Trisha D'Souza & Joan Lobo on the rains.

We are also happy that the General elections which were dragged for nearly two months over seven phases have been successfully completed with a result that is bound to please the poor, oppressed, marginalized and the minorities. We hope the new Government will take India on the path of prosperity and glory and ensure justice to all sections.

5th June is observed as World Environment Day. The colossal damage to Mother Earth has resulted in effects of climate Change which is bound to make life difficult for all of us and the future generations. This has to be contained and if possible reversed. All of us have a duty to do this individually and collectively. We have an article by Professor Jeffrey Sachs on the negative effects of Climate change. The increasing natural calamities like heat waves, dust storms, cyclones etc are all warning signs, which need to be averted in all possible ways.

14th June is observed as World Blood Donor Day. Though India has the largest youth population, the country is short of blood because people are generally reluctant to give blood for various reasons.

We have a very thought-provoking article titled Diversity, Equity & Inclusion(DEI) by Frank Islam. This applies to all countries including India. As usual there are other interesting articles too.

As informed in the May issue of "Mangalore", the CASK Centenary Trust has received a large donation from the iconic philanthropists of our community - Mr Michael D'Souza and his wife Flavy and family. In this connection, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Mr D'Souza and the CASK Trust on 29th May 2024 at the Eden Club. The report and details of the MoU are provided in this issue. With this generous donation, CASK Trust will be able to increase our annual scholarship grants as well as outlays for other charitable projects. Our profuse thanks to Mr & Mrs Michael D'Souza.

Until next time.....Patsy Lobo



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS...

June indicates that we are half way through this year. Time really flies. Schools will reopen after a long break. June brings with it the rainy season. This year the heat has been unbearable and water needs are also enormous. Weather department predicts a normal monsoon, we have to wait and see.

At CASK we are getting ready to distribute scholarships to the needy students which is our annual exercise. Applications are being distributed to the students of various institutions, schools and colleges and the response is good. This year along with the economically needy students, we have decided to include those displaced from Manipur to the scholarship list as well. The criteria required is clearly mentioned in the application form. Any queries will be clarified by our staff at the CASK office. Scholarships will be distributed on Saturday the 29th June 2024, at Bishops house, Kodialbail. This is our Pilot project where an amount of almost **Rs. 20 Lakhs** will be distributed by our Patron, his Lordship Bishop of Mangalore. NRI Philanthropist Michael D'Souza will be the Chief Guesr.

The month of June is also dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The church calendar mentions many solemn celebrations this month: Feast of Corpus Christi – 2nd June.; International day of innocent children – 4th June; World environment day – 5th June; Feast of the Scared Heart of Jesus – 7th June; Feast of Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin

Mary – 8th June; World day against child labour – 12th June; Blood donors day on the – 14th June; Father’s day on 16th June.

As per our records there are some members whose subscriptions to Mangalore Magazine are pending; we have contacted them and requested them to update their subscription. Many have responded and we are happy to say that we have collected quite a large amount.

5th June is being celebrated as World Environment Day. Sadly our environment is getting degraded even more every year. We are so self-centered that we do not give a thought about kind of environment we are passing on to our children and grandchildren. As the month progresses let us observe all the important days and strive to make the world a better place - you, me and the entire Human race.

Take care and God bless.....Capt.Vincent Pais

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WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

Philip C. Almond, NCR

The Bible tells an overall story about the history of the world: creation, fall, redemption and God's Last Judgement of the living and the dead.

The Old Testament (which dates to 300 BCE) begins with the creation of the world and of Adam and Eve, their disobedience to God and their expulsion from the garden of Eden.

The New Testament recounts the redemption of humanity brought about by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It finishes in the book of Revelation, with the end of history and God's Last Judgement.

During the first 400 years of Christianity, the church took its time deciding on the New Testament. Finally, in 367 CE, authorities confirmed the 27 books that make it up.

But who wrote the Bible?

Broadly, there are four different theories.

Theory-1 - God wrote the Bible

All Christians agree the Bible is authoritative. Many see it as the divinely revealed word of God. But there are significant disagreements about what this means.

At its most extreme, this is taken to mean the words themselves are divinely inspired – God dictated the Bible to its writers, who were merely God's musicians playing a divine composition.

As early as the second century, the Christian philosopher Justin Martyr saw it as only necessary for holy men. In other words, God dictated the words to the Biblical secretaries, who wrote everything down exactly.

This view continued with the medieval Catholic church. Catholic theologian Thomas Aquinas put it simply in the 13th century: "the

author of Holy Writ is God”. He qualified this by saying each word in Holy Writ could have several senses – in other words, it could be variously interpreted.

The religious reform movement known as Protestantism swept through Europe in the 1500s. A new group of churches formed alongside the existing Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions of Christianity.

Protestants emphasised the authority of “scripture alone” (“sola scriptura”), meaning the text of the Bible was the supreme authority over the church. This gave greater emphasis to the scriptures and the idea of “divine dictation” got more support.

So, for example, Protestant reformer John Calvin declared:

[we] are fully convinced that the prophets did not speak at their own suggestion, but that, being organs of the Holy Spirit, they only uttered what they had been commissioned from heaven to declare.

Protestant reformer John Calvin believed in ‘divine dictation’.

“Divine dictation” was linked to the idea that the Bible was without error (inerrant) – because the words were dictated by God.

Generally, over the first 1,700 years of Christian history, this was assumed, if not argued for. But from the 18th century on, both history and science began to cast doubts on the truth of the Bible. And what had once been taken as fact came to be treated as myth and legend.

The impossibility of any sort of error in the scriptures became a doctrine at the forefront of the 20th-century movement known as fundamentalism. The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy in 1978 declared:

Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God’s acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God’s saving grace in individual lives.

Theory-2 - God inspired the writers: conservative

An alternative to the theory of divine dictation is the divine inspiration of the writers. Here, both God and humans collaborated in the writing of the Bible. So, not the words, but the authors were inspired by God.

There are two versions of this theory, dating from the Reformation. The conservative version, favoured by Protestantism, was: though the Bible was written by humans, God was a dominant force in the partnership.

Protestants believed the sovereignty of God overruled human freedom. But even the Reformers, Martin Luther and John Calvin, recognised variation within the Biblical stories could be put down to human agency.

Catholics were more inclined to recognise human freedom above divine sovereignty. Some flirted with the idea human authorship was at play, with God only intervening to prevent mistakes.

For example, in 1625, Jacques Bonfrère said the Holy Spirit acts: “not by dictating or inbreathing, but as one who keeps an eye on another while he is writing, to keep him from slipping into errors”.

In the early 1620s, the Archbishop of Split, Marcantonio de Dominis, went a little further. He distinguished between those parts of the Bible revealed to the writers by God and those that weren't. In the latter, he believed, errors could occur.

His view was supported some 200 years later by John Henry Newman, who led the Oxford movement in the Church of England and later became a cardinal (and then a saint) in the Roman Catholic Church.

Newman argued the divinely inspired books of the Bible were interspersed with human additions. In other words, the Bible was inspired in matters of faith and morals – but not, say, in matters of science and history. It was hard, at times, to distinguish this conservative view from “divine dictation”.

Theory-3 - God inspired the writers: liberal

During the 19th century, in both Protestant and Catholic circles, the conservative theory was being overtaken by a more liberal view. The writers of the Bible were inspired by God, but they were “children of their time”, their writings determined by the cultural contexts in which they wrote.

This view, while recognising the special status of the Bible for Christians, allowed for errors. For example, in 1860 the Anglican theologian Benjamin Jowett declared: “any true doctrine of inspiration must conform to all well-ascertained facts of history or of science”.

For Jowett, to hold to the truth of the Bible against the discoveries of science or history was to do a disservice to religion. At times, though, it’s difficult to tell the difference between a liberal view of inspiration and there being no meaning to “inspiration” at all.

In 1868, a conservative Catholic church pushed back against the more liberal view, declaring God’s direct authorship of the Bible. The Council of the Church known as Vatican 1 declared both the Old and New Testaments were: “written under the inspiration of the holy Spirit, they have God as their author.”

Theory-4 - People wrote it, with no divine help

Within the most liberal Christian circles, by the end of the 19th century, the notion of the Bible as “divinely inspired” had lost any meaning.

Liberal Christians could join their secular colleagues in ignoring questions of the Bible’s historical or scientific accuracy or infallibility. The idea of the Bible as a human production was now accepted. And the question of who wrote it was now comparable to questions about the authorship of any other ancient text.

The simple answer to “who wrote the Bible?” became: the authors named in the Bible (for example, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – the authors of the four Gospels). But the idea of the Bible’s authorship

is complex and problematic. So are historical studies of ancient texts more generally. This is partly because it's hard to identify particular authors.

The content of the 39 books of the Old Testament is the same as the 24 books of the Jewish Hebrew Bible. Within modern Old Testament studies, it's now generally accepted that the books were not the production of a single author, but the result of long and changing histories of the stories' transmission.

The question of authorship, then, is not about an individual writer, but multiple authors, editors, scribes and redactors – along with multiple different versions of the texts.

It's much the same with the New Testament. While 13 Letters are attributed to Saint Paul, there are doubts about his authorship of seven of them (Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Hebrews). There are also disputes over the traditional authorship of a number of the remaining Letters. The book of Revelation was traditionally ascribed to Jesus's disciple John. But it is now generally agreed he was not its author.

Traditionally, the authors of the four Gospels were thought to be the apostles Matthew and John, Mark (the companion of Jesus's disciple Peter), and Luke (the companion of Paul, who spread Christianity to the Greco-Roman world in the first century). But the anonymously written Gospels weren't attributed to these figures until the second and third centuries.

The dates of the Gospels' creation also suggests they were not written by eyewitnesses to Jesus's life. The earliest Gospel, Mark (65-70 CE) was written some 30 years after the death of Jesus (from 29-34 CE). The last Gospel, John (90-100 CE) was written some 60-90 years after the death of Jesus.

It's clear the author of the Gospel of Mark drew on traditions circulating in the early church about the life and teaching of Jesus and brought them together in the form of ancient biography.

In turn, the Gospel of Mark served as the principal source for the authors of Matthew and Luke. Each of these authors had access to a common source (known as "Q") of the sayings of Jesus, along with material unique to each of them.

In short, there were many (unknown) authors of the Gospels.

Interestingly, another group of texts, known as the Apocrypha, were written during the time between the Old and New Testaments (400 BCE to the first century CE). The Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Christian traditions consider them part of the Bible, but Protestant churches don't consider them authoritative.

Divine or human: why does it matter?

The question of who wrote the Bible matters because the christian quarter of the world's population believe the Bible is a not merely a human production.

Divinely inspired, it has a transcendent significance. As such, it provides for christians an ultimate understanding of how the world is, what history means and how human life should be lived.

It matters because the Biblical world view is the hidden (and often not-so-hidden) cause of economic, social and personal practices. It remains, as it has always been, a major source of both peace and conflict.

It matters, too, because the Bible remains the most important collection of books in Western civilisation. Regardless of our religious beliefs, it has formed, informed and shaped all of us – whether consciously or unconsciously, for good or ill.

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MoU BETWEEN MICHAEL D'SOUZA & CASK CENTENARY TRUST on 29-05-2024

– by *Joan Lobo*

“WHEN WE GIVE CHEERFULLY AND ACCEPT GRATEFULLY, EVERYONE IS BLESSED BECAUSE GREATNESS COMES WITH NOT WHAT YOU HAVE BUT WHAT YOU GIVE.”

It was a historical day for CASK/CASK Trust-May 29th, 2024. A milestone with the new association between CASK Centenary Trust and Renowned Philanthropists Mr. Micheal and Flavia Dsouza who have been very magnanimous in their donation to the CASK CENTENARY TRUST which will support the last, lost and least that CASK Trust reaches out to perpetually.

The evening began with our ever charming MC Nayana Fernandes welcoming the gathering Patsy Lobo led the Prayer, acknowledging God's bountiful blessings on the CASK Trust through the many donors. The Managing Trustee Capt. Vincent Pais welcomed Michael/Flavy and all guests to the signing of the MOU with CASK Trust.

Mr. Stephen Pinto read the salient features of the MOU to be signed in a concise manner. Mr Norbert Shenoy - Our Treasurer in his inimitable style gave brief details of the MOU and its implementation. On behalf of the CASK Trust, Norbert paid a tribute to Micheal and Flavia recalling the prayer of Ignatius Loyola: **To fight and not to heed the wounds to give and not to count the cost.** He acknowledged the focused and purposeful discussions with Stephen Pinto and Oswald Rodrigues which facilitated a smooth interaction of plans and drafting of MoU. He credited Dr. Derek Lobo who has been the soul of CASK/CASK Trust and thanked him for being the initiator of this gift from Michael DSouza.

This was followed by the formal signing of the MoU by Michael and Capt Vincent Pais with Mr Stephen Pinto and Norbert Shenoy as witnesses. Dr. Derek Lobo raised a heartening toast to the entrepreneur couple in his unique style. He commended their large heartedness and commitment to serve the community and said that this generous donation will make many more underprivileged realise their dreams.

He highlighted the fact that CASK Scholarships are granted to the most marginalised and needy.

Mr Micheal D'Souza was very inspiring and motivational in his address. He greatly appreciated the work done by CASK/CASK Trust and mentioned it was no small task keeping a 100+ year organisation working and alive. He was confident that his new association with CASK Trust will only blossom, grow and be more fruitful with every passing year. He believed that with the wealth God gives us, we become just custodians and need to judiciously contribute to worthy causes during our lifetime and through donations like this, the legacy will continue for years to come.

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks and Ratna Pinto just excelled doing it. She expressed her gratitude to the altruistic Couple and the other endowment donors present for their large heartedness and to all who made the evening significant. The evening ended singing Showers of Blessings followed by a fellowship meal.

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We are grateful to all members who responded to our appeal to settle pending dues and further renewed their subscription to the Mangalore Magazine.

TOAST TO MICHAEL & FLAVY D'SOUZA

By Dr Derek Lobo

THIS is a historic Day, a Red Letter day for CASK/CASK TRUST, thanks to the benevolence and magnanimous donation offered by the iconic philanthropist of our community – Michael D'Souza and his wife Flavy. I will elaborate on the significance and benefits of this large donation to our community shortly but first, I wish to go 10 years back to the CASK Centenary year 2013-14. We decided to have a separate centenary fund and initially aimed at a modest target of Rs. Fifty Lakhs with a goal to have an Office of our own and implement some impactful charitable projects. We crossed Rs.Fifty Lakhs quite easily because the Rosedale Pinto family offered to contribute 50% of the 550 sq.ft office we purchased in Pio Mall from the Capuchin fathers for Rs.25 lakhs and the Pinto family gave 12.5 lakhs in memory of their parents-Jerry & Iris Pinto. Since we crossed the 50 lakh target, we decided to target one crore. About a month before the valedictory function in Sept 2014, we had just about touched 90 lakhs, so I told John Prasad Menezes our Secretary that we will not touch one crore. He ask me to contact a few more people and one of those people I contacted was Michael D'Souza. I had not met him yet but we knew each other; I requested our common friend Hubert Goveas to put in a word and I sent an email to Michael and **he promptly sent Rs.Ten Lakhs and we crossed the One crore target.** We are grateful to Michael, the Pinto family and a few others like Ronald Colaco and Vivek Aranha, for helping us cross Rs.One Crore which today may not sound big but considering that for 99 years, the CASK budget never crossed Rs.two lakhs, it was a giant leap.

We were then advised to establish a Trust because many donors wanted to have the benefit of 80G exemption. So we soon established the **CASK Centenary Trust** as an independent entity and decided to

support all our charitable projects through the Trust. From 2005 until the formation of the Trust, we had only one Endowment donor-Franklin Mathias who bequeathed Rs.6 lakhs in his Will to CASK. Franklin was the brother-in-law of Capt Hugh Vas who was one of the Executors of his Will. After the Trust was formed, we got more endowments to perpetuate memories of – Judith Brown, Bertie & Juliet Pinto, Ladislaus Aranha, Benedicta Morris, the Joe Pereira Fund and one from Gulobi Fernandes and then came **a bumper from the Rosedale Pinto family – Rs.ONE CRORE**-that's the second crore we received and now through this donation Michael has challenged us to **aim at Rs.One Crore in annual disbursements** for charitable activities specially to enhance our Annual Scholarships. **Michael said “you disburse one Crore and I will give 20% of that, each year for the next 5 years”**. A challenge we cannot meet this year but I am confident we will meet in two years.

I want to elaborate on our scholarships. **I think we are the only organization that does not consider marks or merit to grant scholarships**-how can the child do well in school if every meal at home is a struggle. How can the child do well if there is daily turmoil in the house with an alcoholic father, so the **main Criteria for our scholarships is the low financial status of the family**. Then in 2020 when COVID struck, we did something unique-we contacted all 125 parishes in Mangalore, 52 parishes in Udupi and 44 parishes in Chikmagalur to find out on Covid deaths or its negative consequences. There were **96** covid deaths in the three dioceses and we listed **34** families who had school or college-going children and who were marginalized and we supported the education of those students for the last three years. I'll tell you three stories related to our Covid fund;

Story-1 – D'souza family in Shirvase-Chikmagalur. He owned 2 acres of coffee and husband and wife worked as daily workers in the neighboring large estate. He got covid and got admitted in a nursing home in Mangalore; after many anxious days, he recovered in about 4

weeks-**the hospital bill-Rs.4.6 lakhs**, which completely crippled the family. The parish priest contacted us and asked if CASK could support the education of their two children-a boy in St Aloysius PUC at that time and a girl in a convent school in Balehonnur. We have supported their education for the last three years. This year the boy completed BA at St Aloysius and was declared the most Excellent student of the year for his achievements in studies & extracurricular activities. He now wants to appear for UPSC and I hope he succeeds.

Story-2 –father was working in Dubai as a supervisor in a hotel. Covid came and he lost his job-hotels had no occupancy during Covid. Came back to Mangalore and within a month suffered a severe bilateral stroke and was bedridden. The wife had a small job earning Rs.12,000/- a month. While in Dubai, they had admitted their son to the Pharmacy College in Nitte-annual fees Rs.1,75,000/-. The option was to withdraw the boy from the pharmacy course and admit him in a Govt Arts college. At this point, she contacted CASK to seek support for the boy. We told her to first take a medical report of the husband and request the Nitte top management for a concession. It worked-they reduced the fees by Rs.50,000/-. In CASK we had limitations and decided the maximum we could give is 50,000/-. She somehow managed the rest. We supported them for the last three years. The boy is completing the pharmacy course this year and I hope he will do well in life.

STORY-3 – The Milagres Parish priest phones Patsy and says “Madam, we have two orphan boys in your neighborhood; father who was a rikshaw driver died a few months ago and the mother died of covid now. CAN CASK support this family? Yes of course. We met the boys aged 10 & 9 –they were looked after by a step sister 22 years, who was working in D Mart-opposite our house.Salary-Rs.13,000/- house rent-Rs.8,000/-. How can this family survive on Rs.5000/- a month? We first moved them from Kannada medium to Milagres school-English medium CBSC. CASK Trust paid the fees; the Parish priest gave a substantial concession. We decided to pay the house-rent and arranged

a caterer to supply them one meal a day; Dr Anand Pereira and his wife Geeta were moved by the plight of this family and started a separate fund under CASK Trust called Family Support fund and assured Rs.Ten lakhs and some other members to be contributing for their miscellaneous requirements-clothes, shoes etc. Milagres teachers and Principal called us one day and said these boys cannot cope with English medium-CBSC which was a tough syllabus, let us transfer them to kannada medium-State Board-easy! WE said NO-we will arrange tuitions for them and now they are doing well, Dr Anand has a dream that they should join professional courses and CASK Trust should support them until then. With Michael's donation, I believe Anand's dream will be fulfilled!

Last year, we gave scholarships to the children of 24 single parents; only one was male; 23 were women; **out of these 23, nine were women abandoned by their husbands**-not an uncommon phenomena in our community.

I'm narrating all this to inform you that we are really supporting the most marginalized; the most needy and with Michael's donation, we will be able to support more such students/families through our Scholarships and other impactful charitable projects like footwear for barefoot students.

SO Michael and Flavy, thank you for your generosity;, May your tribe increase and many other people from our community take your good example. Thank you Stephen Pinto and Oswald Rodrigues for your guidance and support. Thank you all our Endowment and other donors. LET us do more for the welfare and prosperity of our community.

Friends, I request you to please stand and give a STANDING OVATION to our iconic philanthropists – Michael & Flavy D'Souza

THE CLIMATE CRISIS CHALLENGE BELONGS TO ALL OF US

Jeffrey D. Sachs

The new report by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change summarizes the current state of scientific knowledge regarding the global climate crisis, including the urgent steps needed to keep global warming below 1.5°C — a threshold the report said the planet is likely to hit — or exceed — within 20 years if no steps are taken. Together with other recent reports, it provides a critical basis for policymaking in the crucial months ahead. Decisions taken by the US government and the rest of the world during the remainder of 2021 will be among the most important of our generation.

Even as the world grapples with the Delta variant of COVID-19, climate crises are exposing our fragility. Floods, droughts, heatwaves, extreme storms, and mega-fires are ravaging the planet. The IPCC report explains that these events reflect a climate system profoundly destabilized by the rise of atmospheric carbon dioxide caused by fossil fuels. Only rapid decarbonization — the shift to wind, solar, and other zero-emission energy technologies — can save us from intensifying disasters.

Yet this is not all. Last month's report "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World," issued by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and partner institutions, documented the dire state of food insecurity. No fewer than 3 billion people on the planet, 40% of the global population, cannot afford a healthy diet. Climate change threatens to worsen the food crisis. The IPCC report shows that much of the world faces the prospect of intensifying agricultural and ecological droughts as a result of climate change.

A farmer walked back to his car between two barren fields on July 23 in California's drought-stricken Central Valley. Before the drought the fields were sown with hemp or garlic crops, but as a result of California's water restrictions the farmer decided not to plant.

Yet another recent report — "Biodiversity and Climate Change," co-sponsored by the IPCC and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services — documents the profound decline of biodiversity and the risks that climate change poses to biodiversity. The collapse of biodiversity in turn further threatens global food supplies and countless other ecosystem functions on which we utterly depend.

Thus, even as some hopelessly puerile and demagogic politicians waste our time and squander the lives of their citizens with cruel rants regarding face masks and vaccines, the real work of rescuing the world from human folly has become more urgent than ever. There is a way out of the current morass — and even a diplomatic and political timetable in the coming months.

The solutions to our growing crisis lie in two overriding transformations — the first to sustainable energy and land use, and the second to a fairer society.

In the spring, the International Energy Agency published an essential roadmap, Net Zero by 2050, showing how the global energy system can be converted to net-zero CO₂ emissions with technologies already in hand or within reach. Solar and wind power, electric vehicles, green hydrogen (produced from water with zero-carbon electricity), and other technologies can support a rapid, low-cost energy transformation by mid-century.

Ventilation fan units beside the hydrogen electrolysis plant at the Wesseling green hydrogen refinery, operated by Royal Dutch Shell Plc, in Wesseling, Germany. Europe is pinning its green hopes on hydrogen in an unprecedented economic overhaul that aims for the region to reach climate neutrality by 2050. Alex Kraus/Bloomberg

The path to a fairer society is also within reach. The key is more taxes on corporations and the super-rich, to enable governments to ensure health care, nutrition, education, and other basic needs to every citizen. This too is not complicated. Many societies (notably in Northern Europe) already achieve this kind of basic fairness. The United States could as well by adopting basic tax reforms.

The present USA government the opportunity to pass historic legislation outlined in a proposed budget resolution to the FY2022 Budget Reconciliation bill that Senate Democrats launched. The legislation targets environmental sustainability and a fairer society paid for with higher taxes on corporations and the rich. The Democratic proposals are strongly backed by public opinion. The real political battle is not with the public but with the corporate lobbies and the mega-rich campaign donors who still fight for their tax breaks and protection against IRS audits. Key votes will take place in September and October.

The US political drama will unfold against a backdrop of unprecedented global diplomacy, a make-or-break period for the world as a whole to set a course toward sustainability and fairness after the shocking dislocations of the pandemic. No less than four major diplomatic events are on the calendar, a series of meetings that can redirect the world towards sanity and safety.

First, at the UN in September, leaders will meet in a UN Food Systems Summit to chart a path toward food security. In mid October, the world's nations will hold a UN Biodiversity Conference in Kunming, China, with the goal of setting urgent new guardrails against the collapse of biodiversity and ecosystems. In late October, the world's leaders will meet at the G20 in Rome, where they can agree on global tax reform and a revamp of global finances needed to direct more resources to low-income countries. In November, all 193 UN member states will convene in Glasgow, Scotland, for the UN Climate Change Conference. That should be the occasion for all nations to commit to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, and to do so cooperatively.

The most basic challenge for global survival and well-being is to turn our knowledge into action. The world's scientists are clear on the dangers. The technologists are clear on the solutions. The challenges are therefore political and ethical, to use our knowledge wisely, for the common good. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and the International Energy Agency have done their part to inform us of what needs to be done. The challenge is now ours and our governments to act for the common good.

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EDITOR'S NOTE – THIS article was published in 'Boston Globe' in August 2021 but is still very relevant as we observe World Environment Day on 5th June 2024.

AN AGRICULTURE REVOLUTION AT BORIMAR PARISH



ST Joseph's Church in Borimar is a rural parish in Bantwal Taluk of Mangalore Diocese. The Church has four acres of land adjoining it. There were only Rubber trees in the land that belonged to the church. Fr Gregory Pereira, who was deputed as the parish priest on June 3, 2018 decided to turn this into a green land. Various kinds of vegetables like papaya, drum sticks, spinach, sweet potato and pumpkin adorn the land around the church now. In addition cashew trees are also coming up in the property of the church, which is making this a source of income. 'Thotava Nodiranna...Gurugala Aatava Nodiranna' (see the farmland...see the game of the priest) is the song written by Saint Shishunala Sharif, social reformer of Karnataka. But in the case of Borimar St Joseph's Church near Soorikumeru, this has become literally true. Fr Gregory Pereira, parish priest of Borimar Church, which is on the threshold of celebrating its silver jubilee, has changed the whole look of the church in the last few years through an agricultural revolution.

The parish priest, who took a vow to do organic farming in the four acres of land, removed all the rubber trees and started growing papaya trees. In addition, other root vegetables like pumpkin, yam, sweet potato, pumpkin were also started sprouting on the land. Now there are more than 100 papaya plants, 120 drum sticks trees and more than 1000 yam plants, which have increased the beauty of the surroundings of the church. This year 160 Cashew plants are planted newly and the parish priest has the intention of widening the agriculture farming further.

Now Fr Gregory Pereira is called as 'Papayi Father' by all the parishioners. His interest in farming and agriculture increased the awareness and love of the parishioners towards agriculture. Fr Gregory

is known to have a green revolution in all the churches where he has served as a priest in the past also.

Fr Gregory was born on November 17, 1953 in an agricultural family of Meremajalu village. He was ordained in 1981. Then he served 2 years in Modankap church, 7 years in Narampady church, 7 years in Venur church, 14 years in Belve Estate church of Udupi and seven years at Allipade church. In total he has served as a priest for 37 years now. He is serving as the 25th priest of the Borimar church from June 18, 2018, which is on the verge of celebrating silver jubilee.

Fr Gregory, who offers masses and conducts all activities related to the church, gets down to work in the farm during his leisure time. Like a cassock, while offering mass, Fr Gregory has his own attire while working in the farm. He believes that the work of agricultural work is as sacred as that of the work of God. Fr Gregory works with mud, fertilizer along with eleven farm labourers.

The organic vegetables grown in the Borimar church compound have great demand. Apart from local customers these agricultural products are also sold to Fr Muller's hospital of Mangaluru, Jeppu Seminary and main office of Bajjodi Christian educational institutions. As these vegetables are sold at a cheaper price than the market and also the fact that they are produced through organic farming, they are in great demand. In addition, these vegetables are used to prepare free breakfast for primary to PUC students who attend catechism classes on Sunday after the mass.

The church has made a profit of more than one and a half lakhs in the past one year due to organic farming. The parish council committee is also supporting the work for society of the parish priest. The parishioners have high respect and regards for Fr Gregory for his fashion for agricultural farming, which has not only turned the church surroundings into a lush green area but also has brought considerable revenue to the church.

CASK PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT CAPITANIO COMPOSITE PU COLLEGE, 6TH JUNE 2024

Under the auspices of the CASK Centenary Trust, a Personality Development Programme was organised at Capitanio Composite PU College on Thursday, 6th June 2024. 120 students of the 11th Standard participated in the programme. The following Topics were covered.

1. Importance of strengthening English language skills by Patsy Lobo
 2. Communications skills using English Language by Ms Vidya Shenoy.
 3. Career Guidance and seven important soft skills by Dr Derek Lobo.
- Practical Sessions were held on team building and English conversations. Each Student was given a CASK folder along with training material and a certificate of participation. CASK Trust is grateful to the Principal Sr Harriet and Mrs Anita Frank who ably conducted the programme.



Resource person Patsy Lobo



**Resource person
Vidya Shenoy**



Vidya Shenoy with participants

MoU BETWEEN MICHAEL D'SOUZA & CASK CENTENARY TRUST on 29-05-2024



Exchange of MoU



Michael & Flavy D'Souza with Trustees of CASK Trust



MC - Nayana Fernandes



Toast - Dr Derek Lobo



Vote of thanks - Ratna Pinto



Guests at MoU signing Ceremony



Michael & Flavy D'Souza with Guests at the function

SALIENT FEATURES OF MoU BETWEEN MICHAEL D'SOUZA & CASK CENTENARY TRUST

By Norbert Shenoy, Treasurer, CASK Trust

Mr Michael D'Souza has given CASK Trust a gift that comes with some unique features. It's the first time that we have an MOU under which the support extended to the Trust is linked to the annual disbursements made by it. Higher the disbursements, greater the level of support. This certainly would motivate us to increase our efforts to reach out to more of the poor and marginalized.



Designing a gift to ensure its efficacy and optimize its impact, takes thinking, experience and effort backed by commitment. CASK Trust is a beneficiary of the wisdom, experience and commitment of Michael and his able team;

CASK Trust is challenged to substantially increase our disbursements from the current level. All Trustees of CASK Trust have to support this effort. We don't have to worry because one of our Trustees is Dr. Derek Lobo-every time we find ourselves in a corner, he whips out his magic wand and waves it across his worldwide network of committed souls and bails us out.

The scheme as delineated in the MOU has adequate checks and balances to ensure integrity of accounting and transparency of the disbursement process. This is sought to be achieved through a robust reporting system at predefined regular intervals, based on verifiable data, validated by annual statutory audit.

Under the MOU, Michael has generously committed to support the Trust over a long term. It is comforting that it covers, to begin with, a period of 5 years. It gives us enough time to go up the learning curve.

The maximum threshold of support is Rs 20 lacs per year, which is indeed generous. It is also challenging. Michael knows how to motivate those who are involved with him in charitable activities.

We had the benefit of guidance in drafting the MoU from Michael's advisers - Stephen Pinto and Oswald Rodrigues. It was a pleasant experience, both online and in person and also a learning experience. The professional and business like approach of the team was helpful in keeping discussions focused and purposeful. They would welcome any worthwhile suggestion to improve the design of the scheme and its implementation. Thank you Stephen and Oswald.

Dear Michael & Flavy, we from the Cask Centenary Trust pay this tribute to you by recalling Ignatius Loyola's prayer:

**To fight and not to heed the wounds
To give and not to count the cost
May God bless you and your family abundantly**

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA
(CASK) & CASK CENTENARY TRUST**

*Deeply mourns the passing
away of our beloved*



WILMA RODRIGUES

(Wife of Richard C. Rodrigues)

Past President CASK, Ex Managing Trustee - CASK Trust 2016-2018

Passed away on 03-06-2024

*We convey our heartfelt condolences to her husband
Richie & sons Ratan/Jasmine, Nikhil/Divya
and Santosh/Leanne and the rest of the family
May Wilma enjoy eternal bliss.*

**FROM:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
CASK & TRUSTEES OF CASK TRUST**



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) MUST NOT DIE

Frank Islam

The civil rights movement of the 1960's, in conjunction with the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, led to the creation of **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (DEI) initiatives. These DEI initiatives are intended to ensure appropriate representation and participation of diverse individuals and groups in various types of organizations.

For more than one-half century, DEI initiatives were implemented without much interference. Then, as we moved into the 2020's, some conservative activists put together plans and a process into place to attack and eliminate DEI.

Then was a major part of the anti-DEI movement nationally, when in June 2023, the Supreme Court stuck a dagger in DEI with its ruling that race-based affirmative action admissions in higher education violated the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, in a section titled "The Assault on DEI", tracks what states have been doing before the Supreme Court affirmative action ruling and the impact after the ruling. The changes have been substantial, including: new legislation, axing diversity programs, censoring certain types of classroom instruction, and eliminating diversity-related titles and/or positions.

Given all of this, DEI is definitely in a regressive mode and it appears that it could be on its deathbed. The questions become: What has been the impact of DEI? Why is it being attacked? Should it die? And, if not, what can be done to save it?

The Impact of DEI Initiatives

To the best of our knowledge, there is no definitive study or research on the across-the-board impact that DEI initiatives have had on higher education or in the workplace.

The most comprehensive and informative data that we have reviewed comes from three sources: a 2016 report from the U.S. Department of Education; a 2023 report from the Pew Research Center; and a 2023 article by authors from Bain & Company published in the *Harvard Business Review*.

Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education

The Department of Education report titled *Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education* was issued in November 2016.

The report “shows the continuing education inequities and opportunity gaps in accessing and completing a quality postsecondary education”. Key findings include:

- a) During the past 50 years, while the share of the population with a high school diploma has risen over time for Hispanic, Black, white and Asian adult U.S. residents, the gap in bachelor’s degree attainment has widened between Black and Hispanics compared to white adults.
- b) For those students in college, more than 80% of Hispanic, Black, and Asian students have a gap between their financial needs and grant and scholarships, compared to 71% for white undergraduate students.
- c) Nearly half of Asian students who enrolled in postsecondary education complete a bachelor’s degree, compared with fewer than one in five Hispanic and about one in five Black students.
- d) The report identifies areas of focus that “research suggests can help advance diversity and inclusion on college campuses.”

Those areas include e) Institutional commitment to promoting student diversity and inclusion on campus: f) Diversity across all levels of an institution: g) Outreach and recruitment of prospective students h) Support services for students i) Inclusive campus climate

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace.

The Pew Research Center survey report titled *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace*, authored by Rachel Minkin, was released

in May 2023 before the Supreme Court’s affirmative action decision. The report was based upon responses of nearly 5,000 workers to an online survey conducted in February.

The survey found that a majority (56%) of the respondents felt that DEI at work was a good thing, but a much smaller percentage (around 30%) “place a lot of importance” on diversity workforce in their workplace.

Key findings from the Pew survey include the following:

In sum, while the Pew survey results tilt slightly toward supporting DEI and its impact, examined within the total context and broken out by the characteristics of the respondents, the results are mixed and variable.

How Investing in DEI Helps Companies Become More Adaptable

David Michels, Kevin Murphy and Karthik Venkataraman of Bain & Company’s article “How Investing in DEI Helps Companies Become More Adaptable” was posted in *HBR* on May 5, 2023. In this article, the three authors assert that high DEI scores correlate positively with a company’s “change power.”

They introduced the “change power” concept in their 2021 *HBR* article as a company’s ability to change, writing that their analysis disclosed that “companies with high change power had better financial performance, stronger culture and leadership, and more engaged and inspired employees.”

The authors found a high positive correlation between DEI and change power on three elements:

- *Purpose* (75%) — which guides decisions and information action while creating a sense of belonging
- *Choreography* (70%) — which helps an organization to be more dynamic, adjusting change priorities and sequencing action
- *Development* (63%) — which prepares a company and builds both learning and change capability

The All-out Attack on DEI

As the foregoing material suggests, in general DEI appears to have had a somewhat positive effect in both higher education and in the workplace, but there are still a significant number of institutions, organizations, and individuals that it hasn't touched. In spite of this, there is a concerted effort to close the glass door on DEI, and to eliminate its contribution to change power.

DEI and Equal Protection Rights

The Pew DEI survey revealed that in their workplaces more respondents say that “being a man and being white makes it easier than say this makes it harder for someone to be successful. In contrast, “by double digit margins, more say being a woman, being Black, or being Hispanic makes it harder than say it makes it easier to be successful in the workplaces.

Could it be that striking out at and speaking out against DEI is designed by those who are advantaged and want to maintain that advantage? Aarti Iyer, currently a social scientist at the Environmental Protection Agency, provides insights on that in her April 2022 *Social and Personality Psychology* Compass article, “Understanding advantaged groups’ opposition to diversity, equity and inclusion policies: The role of perceived threat”

In her article, Iyer discusses three types of threats that can explain advantaged groups’ opposition to DEI:

- *Resource threat* — concern about losing access to outcomes and opportunities
- *Symbolic threat* — concern about the introduction of new values, culture, and expectations
- *In-group morality threat* — concern about their group’s role in perpetuating inequality

She also mentions two other types of threats:

- *Distinctiveness threat* — concern about losing feeling of value and distinctiveness of your group

- *Existential threat* — concern that another group presents a risk to safety or pre-eminence of your groups

DEI and Misinformation/Disinformation

The Future of DEI

Given all of this, what is the future of DEI. Must it die as Elon Musk declared in a posting to X on December 15 saying, “The point was to end discrimination, not replace it with different discrimination?”

We disagree with Musk’s point of view, but there should be no recrimination against him for his discrimination against DEI. We can state unequivocally that unlike Elon Musk, who thinks DEI must die and would put his own X (formerly Twitter) on its tombstone, we do not believe DEI must die.

Quite the contrary, we do not believe that DEI should be allowed to die. In fact, idealistically we believe DEI should be reborn in the fullness of its original intentions and construction.

Realistically — and we would add unfortunately — given today’s politically polarized environment and our divided country, that will not be possible. What will be possible is to put a less egalitarian and ambitious version of DEI in place.

Thoughts are already being put forward for keeping DEI alive. For example, after the Supreme Court rendered its affirmative action decision in June, the U.S. Department of Education issued a report in September outlining “strategies to increase diversity and opportunity in higher education.”

The press release announcing the report states “The report provides evidence for steps leaders can take to enhance socio-economic and racial diversity in colleges,” including:

- Investing in targeted recruitment, outreach, and pathway programs...
- Giving meaningful consideration in admissions to the adversity students have faced...

- Increasing affordability, including through need-based aid...
- Cultivating welcoming and supportive environments for students and providing comprehensive support programs...

In terms of DEI workplace programs, in July the *Harvard Business Review* published an article by Tina Opie and Ella F. Washington (two professors and experts in this area) titled “Why Companies Can — and Should — Recommit to DEI in the wake of the SCOTUS Decision.” Opie and Washington provide some recommendations on how to recommit, and conclude by recommending, “We believe corporate leaders should resist the urge or pressure to backpedal on commitments. Instead, they should enhance DEI in a manner that complies with the law, aligns with their organizational values, and benefits their businesses.”

Lyndon Baines Johnson, in his remarks delivered on July 2, when he was to sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (just two days before the 188th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence), said:

We believe that all men have certain unalienable rights. Yet many Americans do not enjoy those rights. We believe that all men are entitled to the blessings of liberty. Yet millions are being deprived of those blessings. Not because of their own failures, but because of the color of their skin. The reasons are deeply embedded in history and tradition and the nature of man. We can understand without rancor or hatred, how this all happened, but it cannot continue. Our Constitution, the foundation of our republic forbids it. The principles of our freedom forbid it. Morality forbids it. And the law I will sign tonight forbids it.

The Civil Rights Act provided the platform for giving birth to DEI initiatives, and concerned citizens brought them to life to make this nation a fairer and better place. Concerned citizens will keep DEI initiatives alive during these trying and troubling times. Together they will say:

DEI MUST NOT DIE

Editor’s Note – DEI must not DIE in USA or INDIA or any other country in the world

JUST ANOTHER RAINY DAY IN MANGALORE

-John Lobo

An invitation to A Rain Party !!! Could not have sounded more exhilarating and I just could not wait for the day..With the sweltering heat taking its toll on me, a rain party was the best thing to happen. Promising us an enjoyable evening with a lot of gaiety, it sure was plenty of fun and frolic, ladies in varied shades of blue, decor in rainbow colours ,as we pelted rain songs and rain danced without a care. Back in the confines of my home .the rain party was the only thing on my mind for a few days to come, in the background of the pre monsoon showers that had made an early entry. The curtains having opened with strong winds, claps of thunder and streaks of lightning illuminating the skies.The wind blowing from the west, slowly pushing the mammoth clouds getting deeper, thicker, more menacing every minute and with the sudden cloudburst muddy water was seen struggling on its journey softly singing its gurgling tune; the frogs croaking like double bass - a musical thrill. The waves thundered on the shore. The trees welcomed the rain shaking their heads from side to side, as if dancing the rock-n-roll. Oh! What a majestic entry of the pre monsoon showers and it is just another rainy day in Mangalore.

A rainy day in Mangalore always invites a lot of excitement with people scrambling all over looking for cover, women rushing about pulling clothes from clotheslines, shopkeepers trying to push their display wares as far away from rain's path as possible, children playing even more frantically and the air filled with a kind of electrifying anticipation. And suddenly in the blink of an eye , the first raindrop falls hesitantly . Those out on the street cover their heads with whatever they have in hand – umbrella, bag, file, plastic cover – anything. The drops start falling faster. Then suddenly the tempo increases as if the inhibition has ended. The rain just pours. If you are near a field or an open space, you get to see the curtain of rain moving with the wind. In seconds the first puddle gets formed. The thirsty, parched earth is gone. The drains swell and the road starts filling up with muddy water. The first flow washes everything it finds. Wind accompanies rain in the heavenly symphony. The tempo increases still and the rain lashes out holding hands with the crazy wind. Then, slowly, the rain stops. The last notes of drizzle are heard. A clear, golden yellow sunlight fills every place. The air feels washed, clean. The leaves are burdened with

diamond-like drops. The water is still flowing on the road, and a faint rainbow appears on the sky, like a new bride's blush. Vehicles are splashing water everywhere. People are discarding the safety of buildings and coming out. Umbrellas get folded. The dust is gone. Dirt is washed away. The monsoon has majestically arrived. As I stand taking it all in, another cloud moves in, a drizzle begins, and the whole cycle starts over and it is just another rainy day in Mangalore.

The sound of rain is so relaxing, it's like curling up with a warm blanket and watching your favorite movie. Rain soothes the soul. Rain is comforting. Rain is fun. Meanwhile commercialism throws its own little charm in the rainy season. While walking one evening, I was jolted by the tagline 'Monsoon Dhamaka'; an advertisement on a billboard showing the sale of air conditioners with an insane discount. A little ahead, a telecom company advertised its exclusive talk-time as 'Monsoon Bonanza' to its privileged customers. Well! the monsoons also offer their share of excitement. For me memories of monsoon are intricately laced with memories of school. We could 'predict' the onset accurately. The smell of new uniforms, new books and bags mingled with dampness took away a lot of the thrill. As a child, listening to Doordarshan with the family we eagerly awaited the rain forecast while heavier the rain more the merrier a rain holiday imperative and dancing in the rain a must and it is just another rainy day in Mangalore.

My thrill on a rainy day is looking outside my glass window; watching the rain pouring down, splashing everywhere and seeing the puddles. In the grey of the day, the greens of the surroundings are unbelievable and all-pervading. The insistent hiss of gently falling rain, the sound of rain drops hitting the leaves of the myriad plant species surrounding my apartment punctuated regularly by the tinkle-tinkle of drops is a delight. Creepy crawlies everywhere, from slugs and bugs to centipedes and millipedes in such vivid colours and patterns. With a cup of hot coffee in hand. before I know the morning has blended with the afternoon and tinted with evening. The rain slows down to a drizzle and then a mizzle, and its time to venture out. The ground, all slippery, grabs my shoes each time I put my foot down. Not a happy outing but just another rainy day in Mangalore.

Right now, while I write this, the sun is mercilessly glaring outside, with no sign of rain. The air looks dusty and dry. My new umbrella and I are waiting... hopefully, by the time you read this, we would have gone out in the first showers of the monsoon season this year.

EULOGY TO THE LATE CELINE REBELLO

By Her daughter Marina Rebello



Our mother was born Celine Mercia Saldanha – the 5th of 9 children. She entered ‘Glenmore’ as a bride at the tender age of 19 and for the next 80 years, this beautiful princess devoted her life to taking care of our father – Edwin, us her seven children and many grandchildren. Along the years, she also played the role of mother to many of her nieces and nephews who lived with her for their studies.

If I have to describe the essence of our Mum, I would say she was gentle, caring, kind, compassionate and extremely generous yet stoic and strong at the same time. Her strength and gentleness combined made her uniquely who she was.

She shared everything she had with her siblings – mangoes, marzipan, chocolates or even tiger balm. If anyone, be it relative, friend or a stranger came by at meal time, she told them to stay without checking with our cook-Fula, if there was sufficient food. If there wasn’t, she pretended not to be hungry so that the other person could eat. Mummy was beautiful inside and out.

She was always immaculately turned out and kept her home neat and tidy. She was passionate about gardening and embroidery. She was full of wit and humour and kept our family happy and joyous.

Her heart has known the quiet love of her husband, the joy of us her children the warmth of her friendships, the celebrations of many weddings and the heartbreak of the tragic loss of our brother Peter and her first grandson Ajay. Who can count the meals she prepared, the birthday gifts she wrapped, the bedtime stories she read, the excuses she heard, the mistakes she forgave and the prayers she whispered to God for us?

Her arms rocked generations of babies, her back has bent in her garden gathering flowers to decorate our plates for our birthdays. Someone once asked Mummy “How do you divide your love amongst 7 children?” She replied “ I don’t divide my love, I multiply it “

We thank you all for being part of our mother Celine's long journey of 99.5 years-almost a century-she has watched yesterdays sunsets, become tomorrows sunrises of hopes and promises because of her and Papa's family life and love for us through generations.

As she took her last few breaths, she looked into the eyes of each one surrounding her and lifted her feeble hand to bless us and say goodbye. We are grateful that her life ended surrounded by family love and peace. Mama Celine, we will miss your sweet smile and loving caress always.

I can go on and on until the wee hours of the morning but its time to bid farewell. Goodbye Mummy until we meet again

On behalf of my siblings – Tony, Michael, Leila, Sheila, Larry and their spouses and families, We thank Rev Fr Bonaventure and other concelebrants for offering the mass this evening. We would also like to thank Rev Sisters and all our relatives and friends for being with us today and sharing in our grief and joining us in celebrating her life. We thank Mum's caretakers- Vidya, Pinky and Sukmeet for their love and commitment in taking care of her. They affectionately called her 'Mamma' and she was very fond of them. Special thanks to Yvette for her exquisite flowers, Nayana Fernandes for all the help extended and to Neville, the undertaker.

**EULOGY TO CELINE REBELLO BY HER
GRANDSON**

– Dr Lehaan Rebello

Today, as we gather to honour and celebrate the remarkable life of my beloved grandma-Celine Rebello, I'm reminded of the extraordinary woman she was. She exceeded her reputation, kindness and gentleness surpassing everybody's expectations. Unlike many of my friends, I've had the pleasure of having the company of both my grandmothers, being the pillars of strength and support, reminding me of where my roots lie. Nana was a woman of substance, who lived to a ripe old age of 99,5, leaving behind a big void in our hearts.

Endearing in her own unique way and blessed with a wonderful family, she was the glue that bound us Glenmore Rebellos together, with her descendents who will carry her legacy in different corners of the world. I'll always cherish the times, we her grandchildren spent together, laughing at her witty jokes and soaking up her wisdom.

Having known Nana only in her old age, I remember her as the always smiling, gentle, childlike soul that used to melt our hearts. I'm sure everyone here would be in unison when I say Nana possessed ethereal beauty and her light green eyes enchanted us all, whether in her radiant youth or graceful old age. We'll miss the blessings she bestowed on us every time we visited her, especially at every milestone she reached and her memory will live on in all the little things she did that made our family special even in her old age. Our family's matriarch is gone but her spirit lives on, watching over us from above.

Nana was the epitome of love and support, attending most of her grandchildren's celebrations, even if it meant travelling to other cities. She loved and adored children and they reciprocated her love. Her care knew no bounds as she looked after many of us in sickness and on health, from rubbing neem leaves on Aditi during her bouts of measles and chicken-pox to providing a nurturing home to Preethika and Preetham who grew up in Glenmore.

Preetika who is not here this evening was lucky enough to live with Nana right from her birth until she said "I do". Kids had a way of making her forget all her aches and pains, filling her days with mischief, laughter and playfulness. I fondly recall the memories we shared in her last years-she called me 'Doctor; when I was barely in my first or second year MBBS, calling Lyle by any of the cities he was living and asking Lara for a new saree which inferred that she was looking forward to seeing her married.

I have made peace with God that it was time to take one of its angels back to his kingdom, as only the most beautiful flowers are chosen for his garden.

Nana-we will keep your legacy alive by being the best versions of ourselves, just as you have so perfectly taught us by being the embodiment of a pure soul. Rest easy – We'll love you and always miss you

RHYTHM OF THE FALLING RAIN

Trisha Lara D'souza

They never believed me when I said, 'I can smell it, it has rained somewhere!' I ran into the breeze on the balcony and stuck my head out under the night sky. Mother didn't move, hubby wondered whether he's married a crazy person. There's no doubt that he surely has but it was one of the rare times I was right! Yup, in my twisted case, it's usually hubby who's always right.

The rain Gods have been merciful these days and I think we breathed a sigh of cravings that suddenly hit so hard! Like that first cup of filter coffee or a shot of kadak chai. And suddenly, my mother's gone out and bought some Parle G biscuits to dunk into her coffee. And it didn't end just there. It went into the warm and crispy on the outside, gentle and airy on the inside, the most delicious Mangalore Buns. I mean, that with some coconut chutney or plain even is just like a savory doughnut.

My friend spoke of her random drive into the embrace of a thuppa dosa. The chit chat at work was only about the various podi dishes served as an evening snack at nearby restaurants. Capsium podi, bale hannu podi, jee gujje podi and even the laziest of all, potato podi. And that's when I understood that practically anything can be sliced and fried in thick podi batter and it's a perfect match for the rains.

And of course, how can I forget my friend in Bangalore who said she parked herself on the couch with some lemon tea and flaky croissants on one day and her craving wasn't fully satiated till she stirred herself some creamy hot chocolate.

While my special one in the land of soaring skyscrapers shared her gloomy days with me accompanied by a piping hot bowl of soup on one day and spicy noodles on the next.

Late on one of these gloomy evenings, I came home to the aroma of pepper and coriander ready to be added into a spicy mutton broth for dinner. That and a romantic comedy on Netflix is all he needs to unwind, said hubby dearest.

As for me, my cravings took me to my seafood fiesta of fried fish and masala prawns and turns out I inherit these cravings from Dad who also shared these seafood desires with me. But he ended up getting all the more nostalgic and started sniffing around for the green shiny fragrance of pathrade.

From mornings of our family favorite Kalgreen estate coffee to these joyful calories, I still went back to my light and fluffy, my very own south Indian marshmallow buddies, crunchy goli baje!

Oh I just can't resist these chubby fritters and each time I eat them, I dedicate it to a dear friend who always came back to Mangalore and announced, 'Maka goli baje zai, it's my favorite.'

POINTS TO PONDER, JUNE 2024

Norbert Shenoy

Environment & Elections 24; A Missed Opportunity

Even as he spearheaded India's freedom struggle, the Mahatma, by early 20th century had realized that the unbridled pursuit of "development" would reduce every village in India to poverty stricken shell with all its natural resources relentlessly exploited with hardly any thought to the sustainability of such "development". But it was only in the 1970s when the Club of Rome drove home the point that anthropocentric development was rapidly approaching the Limits to Growth as the pace of exploitation of our fragile but little understood environment was on the verge of surpassing the carrying capacity of Mother Earth.

And today, we live in polluted cities, with scarce water supply even as we confront record breaking heat waves on land and in the oceans, severe floods, prolonged multiyear droughts, uncontrollable wild fires, and pandemics caused by increasing human-animal conflict due to habitat loss, all of which have become more frequent and intense. The influential and wealthy can cover, at least for now, some of the losses resulting from natural calamities. But as insurers and their

actuaries find it increasingly difficult to predict and price such risks and the premiums skyrocket, large swathes of the population are faced with an uninsurable future. And should we continue to be myopic as hitherto, our coming generations are sure to be consumed by uninsurable apocalypse.

Yet the shrill election campaign that is drawing to a close has hardly found any mention of the misery of countless citizens whose lives and livelihoods are devastated by climate related disasters even as every political leader swears to better the lot of poor and the marginalized. In the midst of this election cacophony, noted environmentalist Sonam Wangchuck held a 21 day fast and slept outdoors in -10°C temperature of Ladakh, demanding statutory measures to protect the fragile ecology of the Himalayas. The fast ended on Mar26. But there was no response from the Government. Yet while reporting at international climate negotiations, India is projected as a leader and the rollout of ambitious green energy projects and the focus on electric mobility are touted as great success stories of climate action. This, however, masks slow or no action on other fronts. Even the landmark judgment by the Supreme Court of March 21 which declared that people have a right to protection from the impacts of climate change was drowned in the din of electioneering while our myopic netas were selling “development” dreams to the masses already inundated with misinformation, not ever realizing that development is likely to crumble sooner than later in face of environmental collapse.

It is not that government or politicians are not aware of the problems posed by deteriorating environment. The Lancet’s 2023 Report of the Countdown on Health and Climate Change has warned that heat related deaths have increased by 85% between 1997 and 2022 and set to increase by over 370% by 2050. The Union Government’s own report on India’s climate vulnerability has warned that 29 states are staring at imminent climate crisis. Arunachal Pradesh faces devastation that is likely to be caused by hydroelectric projects in the fragile ecology of the Himalayas. Disruptive floods have become a regular feature in Assam. People of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh suffer the deleterious consequences of poorly regulated or illegal mining and

concomitant degradation of biodiversity along with landslides, cyclonic storms and deaths caused by heat waves with temperature soaring to 49°C in some places. In Kerala no party has bothered to discuss the plight of residents of coastal areas affected by rising sea levels or saline water incursion or even 1040 day stir against illegal mining. The encroachment of water bodies and degradation of lakes in Bangaluru and Hyderabad are conveniently ignored if not abetted by netas in connivance with babus with itching palms.

Several factors are responsible for this situation. Climate change is a complex issue and there will be few leaders who understand it and are willing and able to break it down for voters and offer tangible solutions. Even where environmental issues are gathering space, their links to food security, health and livelihood are not well understood or explained and voters are still unclear if extreme weather events are random manifestations of the wrath of nature or a result of damage caused by man's mindless pursuit of growth and wrong policies. Addressing climate change needs a long term horizon whereas political parties work on a five year cycle. Even in constituencies, where urban flooding, landslides, deforestation, groundwater depletion, or crop loss due to extreme weather are major problems, climate change does not become a poll issue as people in the absence of appropriate information, consider them to be 'local issues' to be addressed by the municipal or panchayat elections. How climate change is framed in voters' minds through public discourse, civil society activism as also media participation matters and this needs a push at the political level from visionary and committed leadership. In the US, Al Gore, a former Vice President was awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for making climate change a significant political issue. His iconic Oscar winning documentary *The Inconvenient Truth* reached out to audiences across countries and social segments. India too can boast of its galaxy of environmental activists. We had Sunderlal Bahuguna who led the "Chipko" forest conservation movement and the decade long anti-Tehri dam protests, Medha Patkar who led the Narmada Bachao Andolan, the celebrated ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali, M. C. Mehta, a public interest attorney responsible for several landmark judgments in the area of environmental law and the indefatigable M. S.

Swaminathan, an abiding friend of the farmers and a world famous scientist who spearheaded the green revolution. The powers that be always found it expedient to praise and honour these men & women and then quietly bury their advice and recommendations along with them! And there have been many other lesser known climate warriors who might have lost steam or have been silenced. This is because in India environment hasn't become a politically important issue with the masses. India still lacks a national level "green party", a political entity dedicated to environmental concerns.

While climate change needs to be an urgent political issue at the global, national and local levels, powerful lobbies are working to derail the movement that is gathering momentum though at a far slower pace than warranted. Industries across the globe and in India constantly seek to influence climate science, negotiations, adaptation and mitigation actions and transition to non-fossil energy. Most of our community leaders are still blinded by the development logic. In the sweltering heat of every summer, religious leaders in temples, mosques and churches exhort people to pray for timely and adequate rains. But seldom do they exhort them to take care of trees and surrounding forests. This is so, may be because they will be the first ones to mow down the green cover without the slightest hesitation when they have to implement their expansion plans in the name of progress and "service" to community.

Maybe we need the Mahatma to visit us again to ensure that our development plans are guided by the principle of material minima to enable mankind achieve spiritual maxima and the notion of trusteeship. Or, may be we need one more environmental saint a la Francis of Assisi with his Canticle of the Sun and the wolf of Gubbio! But, alas, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si" which takes its name and inspiration from Saint Francis' work seems to have fallen on deaf years among most of his followers.

NEWS & NOTES

CARLO ACUTIS – THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager and computer prodigy who earned the nickname “God’s influencer,” is set to become the Catholic Church’s first millennial saint.



Pope Francis has recognized a second miracle attributed to Acutis, a gamer and computer programmer who died from leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Many attended the beatification ceremony of Carlo Acutis at the St. Francis Basilica on October 10, 2020 in Assisi, Italy.

During his life, Acutis used his technological skills to spread awareness of the Catholic faith, including setting up a website documenting miracles.

Born in London in 1991, he later moved to Milan, Italy with his family. Although Acutis’ parents were not religious, the young boy’s faith was nurtured by his Polish nanny. After his death, his body was moved to the Italian town of Assisi, where it is now displayed in a shrine, alongside other relics linked to him.

Prospective candidates for sainthood normally need to have two miracles attributed to them before they can be canonized. The latest miracle attributed to Acutis relates to the reported healing of a girl from Costa Rica who had suffered a head trauma after falling from her bicycle in Florence, Italy, where she was studying. Her mother said she prayed for her daughter’s recovery at the tomb of Acutis in Assisi.

Acutis was beatified and declared “blessed” after his first miracle in 2020, when he reportedly healed a Brazilian boy who had a birth defect in his pancreas that left him unable to eat food normally.

Following the attribution of two miracles, the next step is for the Pope to convene a meeting of cardinals to agree on Acutis’ sainthood and decide on a date for the canonization.

His story is seen as helpful for the Catholic Church as it seeks to connect better with younger generations in a digital age.

UNIQUE EXHIBITION OF VINTAGE MANGALOREAN WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

A remarkable journey through time, celebrating the rich heritage of Mangalore's matrimonial traditions was held in Mangalore. This meticulously curated exhibition of vintage wedding photographs opened its doors to the public, offering a rare glimpse into the matrimonial history of families rooted in Mangalore.

The Exhibition was held at 'Camelot', Bejai Church Road, Mangalore, Residence of Dr Micheal Lobo from 20th - 31st May.

Curated by Dr Michael Lobo, a renowned Indian writer, genealogist, the exhibition showcases a collection of vintage images that capture the essence of traditional Mangalore weddings. Each photograph is complemented by captions that detail the names of the bride and groom, their marriage date, and other relevant historical notes.

Dr Michael is an esteemed academic and literary community member, with several self-published books on the history and genealogy of Mangalore's Catholic community. His expertise and dedication to preserving and sharing the rich stories of this region make him a respected figure in cultural circles.

Dr Michael, who has dedicated decades of his life to studying the Catholic community in Mangalore, offered visitors a unique opportunity to explore the cultural depth and emotional resonance of these images.

The exhibition was open to the public it was a fascinating experience for anyone interested in photography, history, or the socio-cultural fabric of Mangalore.

MAHIMA THERESA RASQUINHA OBTAINS PhD in INTEGRATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



Mahima Rasquinha, graduated from the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA** with a **PhD in Integrative Biomedical Sciences**.

She received her PhD under the guidance of **Jay Reddy, MVSc. PhD.**, She researched the effects of **a vaccine for viral myocarditis** in different mouse models, in addition

to evaluating the antibody repertoire in mice with Coxsackievirus B-induced myocarditis.

She was also the recipient of the **Dean's Fellowship** for exemplary progress in graduate education and the **Outstanding Student Senator Award** for her meritorious contributions to student government.

She will be moving to New York City to pursue a career in laboratory management at the **Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital**.

Prior to pursuing her PhD, Mahima received her bachelor's in biotechnology from St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, and her master's in biotechnology from Mount Carmel College, Bangalore

Mahima is the daughter of Ulhas & Shanthi Rasquina, an active member of the CASK Governing Council.

CASK congratulates Mahima on securing a PhD and the Student Senator Award and wishes her a bright future.

FKCA - BANGALORE ANNUAL AWARDS

We are pleased to know that the Federation of Konkani Catholic Associations(FKCA)-Bangalore have conferred Awards to the following eminent stalwarts of our community :

- 1 Lifetime Achievement Award – Mrs Margaret Alva, Former Union Minister & Governor – Uttarakhand & Rajasthan.
- 2 Ms Faye D'Souza – Renowned Journalist & Founder/Editor – Beatroot News.
- 3 Entrepreneur of the year – Mr Rohan Monteiro, Founder & Chairman – Rohan Corporation India Pvt Ltd
- 4 Special Community Service Recognition – Dr Anthony S.L.



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The awards were presented at glittering ceremony at the Palace Grounds-Bangalore on 26th May 2024. Justice Santhosh Hegde was the Chief Guest.

CASK offers congratulations to all the four stalwarts of our community on being the recipients of the prestigious awards and wishes them further success.

CAPT. JOHN PRASAD MENEZES NOMINATED MEMBER OF DIAC ARBITRATOR LIST



**Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) East India
Chairman Capt. John Prasad Menezes becomes
member of the prestigious DIAC Arbitrator List**

Capt. Menezes is Chairman. The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) East India Branch. Chennai has made it to the prestigious. Dubai international Arbitration Centre (DIAC) Arbitrator List with effect from 21st May 2024.

The Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) is the region's largest alternative dispute resolution centre. As a non-profit organization. DIAC allows parties from all nationalities and jurisdictions to settle commercial disputes outside judicial courts.

Capt. Menezes is a Master Mariner with sea going experience and Expert Witness and Maritime Arbitrator. He is a Law Graduate from Mangalore University and has a Master in Maritime Law from London Metropolitan University UK. Presently a member of the ICS controlling Council (International) and member of the Education and Training Committee. ICS (International).

CASK Congratulates Capt. Menezes on his nominations and wishes him continued success.

VISION & MISSION OF CASK

VISION

Striving to create and enrich a connected community that cares, of all those with roots in this beautiful corner of the globe, called Konkan Karaval

MISSION

Reaching out to the marginalized by extending support for their education, health care and housing needs. Preserving and promoting the unique culture of this region and joining hands with all those committed to the preservation of environment.

OBITUARIES - MAY 2024

CASK offers its sincere condolences to the families of the following members of our community, who passed away recently:

- ❖ Ronald J Noronha (87), Bejai, Retired Income Tax Inspector, husband of the late Molly Noronha, father of Neville/Lolita, Cheryl/Derick, on May 1, 2024.
- ❖ Sr Shalini Kamath SHM (92), Mumbai on Thursday, May 2, 2024.
- ❖ Sr M Carmencita (85), Kinnigoli. nee Monthi Mary Cutinha of the Bethany Congregation daughter of the late Piad Cutinha and the late Paskine D'Costa of Kirem Parsih on May 2, 2024.
- ❖ Gilbert Mendonsa (62), Kulshekar, husband of Bridget Mendonsa, father of Gilmour Mendonsa and Chrysel Glenita Mendonsa, on May 2, 2024.
- ❖ Cecelia D'Silva (78), Kulshekar, wife of SA Vincent, mother of Naveen Stany D'Silva / Viola Castelino, on May 3, 2024.
- ❖ Valerine D'Souza (84), Milagres, Retd Port conservator - Old Mangalore Port, Honorary former Adjutant of Home Guards Mangalore, Recipient of President's Gold Medal, husband of Alice D'Souza, father of Anil Vernon, Ajit John, Amrit Teresa, father-in-law of Heera Kiran, Molly D'Souza & Franklyn Lobo, on May 4, 2024.
- ❖ Reshma Castelino nee Rodrigues (46), Bangalore, wife of Rodney Castelino, daughter of Raphael & Precilla Rodrigues (Bendoor Parish), sister of Denson Rodrigues, mother of Daniel & Dominic on May 6, 2024.
- ❖ Sr Geraldine (Celine D'Souza) (80) Chickmangalur, (Sister of St Joseph of Tarbes), sister of the late Eliza D'Souza, the late Fr Gregory D'Souza, the late Elizabeth D'Souza, the late Roman D'Souza, the late Aloysius D'Souza, the late Josephine D'Souza, the late Marceline D'Souza, the late Dulcine D'Souza, the late Irene D'Souza and Sr James, on May 6, 2024.
- ❖ Edwin Leo D'Souza (78), Des plaines, Illinois, USA, husband of Mable D'Souza nee Roche, father of Anil/Elena D'Souza, on May 9, 2024.
- ❖ Louis Ferrao (76), Milagres, husband of Mary Ferrao, father of Rajesh, Reshma & Rekha Ferrao, father-in-law of Philomena Ferrao, Vincent Madtha and Rayan Crasta, on May 10, 2024.
- ❖ Joseph Cutinha (89), Urwa, husband of the late Benedicta Cutinha, father of Melwyn/Anita, Alwyn/Deena and Sylvia/Vinod, on May 10, 2024.

- ❖ Sylvia Jude D'Souza (66), Milagres, wife of Wilfred Austin D'Souza, mother of Wilbur/Livya, Sabata/Jackson, sister of Ronald/Emiliana sister-in-law of Titus, Rita, late Theo, Judy and Neena, on May 11, 2024.
- ❖ Adeep Panicker Pais Prabhu, Bendoor, husband of Aparna Rao Pais Prabhu, son of Dr K S Prasad Panicker & Jacintha P Panicker/Janet Jacintha Goveas, brother of Sanjed/Aliena on May 12, 2024.
- ❖ Brian Martin Saldanha (44), Bendoor, husband of Blanche Saldanha, son of Victor & the late Charlotte Saldanha, son-in-law of Celine and the late Harry D'Souza, brother of Benita/Sylvester Rodrigues, brother-in-law of Brendan D'Souza on May 15, 2024.
- ❖ Dorothy Rebello nee Dsouza (97), Delhi, wife of late Stany Rebello, mother of late Casilda/Mervyn, Lawrence/Geetha, Francis/Manavi, and late Anthony, on 15 May 2024.
- ❖ Sylvia D'Costa (55), Kulshekar, wife of the late Vincent D'Costa, mother of Vivian Antony D'Costa, Vishwas Victor D'Costa and Vinod D'Costa, on May 18, 2024.
- ❖ Francis D'Cunha (73), Urwa, husband of Juliet D'Cunha, father of Julian/Priya D'Cunha & Jovita/Pradeep Albuquerque, on May 20, 2024.
- ❖ Denis D Souza (72), Bendur, husband of Grace D Souza, father of Rupesh/Celia D Souza & Rakesh D Souza, brother of the late Helen D Souza, the late Maurice D Souza, John Lancy D Souza, Naveen D Souza, on May 19, 2024.
- ❖ Pascal Monteiro (68), Milagres, husband of Christine Monteiro, father of Carol/Robin Sequeira and Sharol Monteiro, on May 24, 2024.
- ❖ Maxim D'Souza (57), Bejai, husband of Clara D'Souza, father of Maclean D'Souza, on May 26, 2024.
- ❖ Dileep DSouza (56), Bangalore, husband of Fiona, Father of Sereno, Brother of Sanjay/Rashmi, Vijay/Rowena, Arun/Reshma, S/o law of FM Lobo, Bejai on May 27, 2024.
- ❖ Greta Albuquerque (98), Rosario, Mangalore, wife of the late Noel Albuquerque, mother of the late Reginald/Jyothi, the late Felix/Louella and Edward/Muriel, on May 30, 2024.

TARCY D'SILVA KAMATH(92) Bangalore, husband of Norma, father of Rohan, Geetha/Peter Fernandes & Fr Vinay Kamath, brother of Flavy/Chev.Clarence Pais, Fr Aeldred & late Desmond D'Silva on 24 January 2024



LOVING REMEMBRANCE BIRTH CENTENARY - JOHN A PERIS



Dear JOHN - Your memorable BIRTH CENTENARY is lovingly celebrated in spirit. My dear precious husband JOHN A. PERIS Celebrates 100 years of his Birth - June 12, 1924 - The LORD has kept us both always close to HIM in reality and spirit. Thirteen years have passed since John went to Christ Jesus on July 23, 2011 and said bye to me on earth; , still with each day we have grown closer.

Dear JOHN You are the only true person to me always, till we meet up there, you my loving husband are always all to me. Dearest John I always miss you. I love you and know that there was only ONE like you for me. I have tears of joy, but no pain as Jesus has given me the strength to bear our separation for now and make it useful for others. John's life on earth was a loving mission of true generosity, even John's body he donated to benefit others.

We were together for fifty three years, celebrating our silver and golden weddings, the memories ever fresh. Our joint love for Jesus and each and every one is something that now keeps me happy all the time. You were a diabetic for more than fifty years and not one day did you complain. Your deep love, patience and goodness uplifted my life too and even now keeps me in Joy and will always be so till we meet. Awaiting the day we will be together in heaven...

*Yours always beloved and loving
Tilly-(Tilliola Peris)*

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