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Introduction

This book presents my views on various issues ranging from contemporary events to personal philosophy. The views have been accumulated over more than a decade through a continuous process of contemplation, acceptance, abandonment, re-acceptance and so on and so forth, and the process continues...on my website ankurmutreja.com. This book is, in fact, a consolidation of my views concretized on my blogs over years ☐ which can be accessed from my website ☐ and is divided into four sections: **Satire, Reviews, Opinions** and **Philosophy**.

To be very frank, this is my selfish attempt to influence you towards my worldview, but, trust me, I have a sense of humor; so, there is a strong possibility that some of my writings may entertain you; I would recommend anybody who has laid his hands on this book to at least check out the first section entitled Satire ☐ it is a very small section of just 14 pages and a pretty light reading. Then, you may move onto the Reviews section ☐ as a natural transition from ultra-light to light ☐where I have reviewed **Travel Locales, Books, Movies** and more.

If you like the Reviews section, you will also enjoy reading my Opinions. I am an Advocate by profession, so I have written extensively on legal issues ☐ those with legal background may like to directly hop on to the **Legal** sub-sections ☐ however, I am oriented towards Human Rights, especially **Privacy (Liberty), Equality (Non-Arbitrariness),** and **Women Rights**; so, my opinions on **Rights** precede any other opinions; other than this, I have good knowledge of economics and finance as well, for I hold management degree with major in finance, so my views on **Economy** are credible enough ☐ if you are not pre-occupied, why not read my opinions on **Politics** and **International** issues as well.

Last but not the least, the Philosophy; this section is divided into six sub-sections: **Privacy, Relations, Women, Abstract, Social** and **Political**. Well, this section is purely selfish. The only reasons I see you reading my philosophical views would be if either you immensely liked my other writings or you badly hated them. In either case, contact me from my website: ankurmutreja.com.

Enjoy Reading! Ankur Mutreja

Note: This book was published in May 2015, but I have added a comment dt. 25.09.2015 in the Chapter 3.5.1: Aarushi Murder Case Judgment: A Critique – an advantage of Indie Authorship.

Chapter 1: Satire

Chapter 1.1.1: Hurry Up! Entries Invited for Obama Latrine Clean Up

In a diplomatic coup, Modi has convinced Obama to clean up Indian latrines as part of his □ Clean India Campaign□ . Entries are invited from ordinary Indian citizens to send their stool sample for mandatory testing at the PMO. Lucky winners will get a chance to shake Obama's latrine-clean hands in their own latrines. Hurry up! Only limited entries will be entertained! Twenty five percent reservations for the families of the US based NRIs/PIOs. Tentative date for the event has been fixed on 26.01.2015.

Note: Credibility of the above information is subject to the credulity of the readers.

Chapter 1.1.2: SC on Activism Spree

SC replaces Srini with Gavaskar, NaMo with Swaraj, SRK with Sallu, Baba with Bips, AK49 with CBI, Butter Chicken with Green Salad, MMS with□ oops, that's my right!

Chapter 1.1.3: CEC Crisis

All Election Commissioners put in their papers in protest against the SMS poll of the Aam Aadmi Party. The Aam Aadmi Party nominates Prashant Bhushan, Manish Sisodia and Yogendra Yadav as the new CEC team. Parliament proposes to debate whether it's constitutional. The Aam Aadmi Party snubs the proposal terming it anti-people. The Team Anna terms CECC's move as a conspiracy to sabotage Lokpal Bill.

Chapter 1.1.4: Result of Opinion Poll for Indian Army: Just Ignore BJP

Ms. Sushma Swaraj, BJP: Get ten Pakistani soldiers□ heads for one Indian soldier's head.

Mr. Yashwant Sinha, BJP: Indian Army can retaliate without crossing the LOC. Ramification: Get ten Pakistani soldiers□heads without crossing the LOC.

I propose the following opinion poll to help Indian Army.

1. Seek divine powers from Shri Ram of Ramayana.
2. Learn black magic from *Baba Bengali*.
3. Just ignore BJP.

Opinion poll result: Just Ignore BJP.

Chapter 1.1.5: Being Gender Sensitive

I feel ashamed of myself today. It's abhorrent that I am out rightly callous to the sensitivities of the fairer gender. For how long I have been living in this make believe world of mine thinking they like me the way I am: dirty and wild, almost beastly. I make the New Year resolution today that I will shave every day in the New Year □shaved just yesterday, no mood to shave tomorrow. Kudos to Gillette's **Shave or Crave** movement

for making me gender sensitive. I really enjoy this new status of Being Gender Sensitive.

Chapter 1.1.6: Let's Make This World a Better Place

I am fed up of this inequality; therefore, I have decided to take a plunge in the democratic process. I intend to stand for the next general election as an independent candidate. However, I don't have the funds to manage my election expenses. Therefore, I plan to launch a public issue of my prospective candidature. I intend to become an MP by 2014 and a minister by 2020. The public issue of my candidature comprises 10,000,000 shares of Rs. 10 face value each □ Rs. 100 MN is the minimum start up capital I need. Once I become minister in 2020, I intend to do a big scam of the scale of Rs. 1,000 MN, of which I shall garner at least 50% of the amount, i.e. Rs. 500 MN, which will then be the new value of my capital. Thus, the share of Rs. 10 face value today should carry a market value of at least Rs. 50 in 2022, which would give a return of 500% in ten years. There can be no better opportunity to earn big money. Come invest in your future; let's together make this world a better place by distributing the fruits of democratic process to all.

Chapter 1.1.7: A Golden RTI Opportunity to Earn US Dollars

To,

The PIO,

Ministry of Home Affairs,

India

Subject: Request for information under the RTI Act

Sir,

Please provide the following information under the RTI Act:

- Residential address of Hafeez Saeed.

The above information is solicited for obtaining US Dollars 10 MN from the USA. The Rs. 10 RTI fees may be demanded from the US Government adjustable against the bounty to be received by me.

Sincerely,

Note: 10 year old kids are especially encouraged to file the above RTI application.

Chapter 1.1.8: Breaking News

Breaking News: Majnu Bengali of Lal Kothi, accused of theft, moves the Trial Court to make the Finance Minister a co-accused for following anti-poor economic policies.

Breaking News: Pappu Firangi of Bihari Jhuggi, accused of criminal trespass, moves the Trial Court to make the Urban Affairs Minister and the Lt. Governor of Delhi co-accused for not building enough houses for the poor.

Breaking News: Roomi Gloomy of Kailash Manjil, accused of obscene display on public

street, moves the Trial Court to make the Minister for Women Empowerment a co-accused for not empowering the women enough to not to take up prostitution.

No more Breaking News: Samy Supari of Saffron Towers, for no good reason, moves the Supreme Court to make the Home Minister a co-accused in the 2G Case for choosing □First Come First Serve□ over □Auction□ .

Note: For those who are extremely naive, all the news mentioned above is FAKE.

Chapter 1.1.9: India Is Now Less Corrupt than Singapore

The 40-year-old clerk dumped his 27-year-old wife merely two months later because she refused to wear a skirt and have sex with him but the wife returned to his side in May, agreeing to do all he wanted.

a I promised to give her S\$100 (RM247) on the first night, and S\$300 (RM740) every month after that,□ he said.

Sadly, she still failed to meet his □ skirt sex□ demand and was again chased out of the house two weeks later.

Singapore is the most corrupt country of the world. Girls marry with the promise of wearing skirts during sex, and then breach their promises! Thanks goodness, every man in India has now become Anna (*Main bhi Anna Tu bhi Anna, Ab to Sara Desh hai Anna!*). We can never have this kind of corruption in India.

Chapter 1.1.10: I Support the Call for Referendum

The agitation of Anna has brought a very important question of great constitutional dimension before the citizens of Delhi. Anna is agitating at Ramlila Maidan. Anna has already declared that he will end his fast but continue his agitation at the Maidan till the time a strong Lok Pal Act is passed. Now, the question before the citizens: **Once the navratri starts, should Ramlila Maidan be used for ramlila or for Anna's agitation?** A referendum is a must on this question. This is a golden opportunity to experiment referendum. Delhi should snatch it.

Chapter 1.1.11: Free Legal Advice to □Lord□ Brahma

Lord Brahma, who has only one temple in the world at Pushkar in Rajasthan, has approached a local court in temple jurisdiction area through the mahant (priest) of the temple, seeking maintenance from his consort Savitri. Lord Brahma has demanded offerings of five days every month as maintenance. The mahant of Goddess Savitri temple, however, has been opposing the petition on the ground that it is the husband, who should pay heed to maintenance of his wife.

Free Legal Advice to □Lord□ Brahma

As per the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, only wife can seek maintenance; so, in the above litigation, g Lord□ Brahma is bound to lose. However, if he files for divorce, he can seek maintenance on passing of the divorce decree under Sec 25, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. However, he should first give a chance to reconciliation.

Note: All pray for the happy married life of Lord Brahma.

Chapter 1.1.12: Don't Rape Girls; Either Pay Them or Marry Them

Hearing a plea seeking a pre-arrest bail to a man, who had sex with a woman and later refused to marry her, the Delhi High Court established that getting a girl into bed on the promise of marriage and later refusing to tie the knot amounted to rape. If a girl surrenders herself to a boy who comes in contact with her for the first time only in connection with a proposal for her marriage and then enters into a formal ceremony of engagement she does it not because she loves him or wants to have pleasure with him, but because she doesn't want to disappoint her future husband, the High Court stated.

The Delhi High Court has hit it bang on this time. These kinds of losers should be dealt with like this only. Neither can they make enough efforts to find a loose character girlfriend nor can they earn enough to employ a prostitute. I agree there are many thinkers who have considered marriage as institutionalized prostitution, but that doesn't mean you will start having free lunches. If the guy has sex before marriage, he should either pay the girl or marry her. If the sex with a prostitute with a reneged promise of payment can be termed as rape, then why not the sex with a potential bride with a reneged promise of marriage be termed as rape too! It's high time we started respecting girls. Don't rape girls. Either pay them or marry them.

Chapter 1.1.13: Muthalik Kahin WOH to Nahin?

Pramod Muthalik was participating in a television discussion on Valentine's Day, when a man ran towards him with an ink bottle and threw it in his face. I will find him, whichever corner he is in. I will reply in the same way, said Muthalik.

This is completely unfair towards girls. When they sent him their pink *chaddis*, he didn't offer them his saffron *langot*. Now, when some guy has played Holi with him, he wants to return the favor in kind. **Muthalik kahin WOH to nahin?**

Chapter 1.1.14: Mr. Singh Wants Size Zero Ministers

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's novel scheme of grading each ministry's performance and giving a zero to those ministries who have failed to achieve even 60 per cent of their targets has not gone down well with the ministers in his Cabinet.

Put your ministers on a strict diet and an aerobic routine. That's a better way to get size zero. Anyways, being the monitor of the class, you can do whatever you want.

Chapter 1.1.15: In Re: Cop v. Dog

It was two men in khaki versus a woman and her dog at district's Bhagwanpura village. Head Constable Gulab Thakur and Constable Karan were in the village searching for an absconder. They got into a dispute with Buddhu Korku and his wife Rukmini. Rukmini

first bit the head constable and then made her dog bite him. She then tore their uniforms. A case was registered against the couple.

What about the Dog? No case against it! I'm sure it must have also acted in territorial self-interest!

Chapter 1.1.16: No Dogs in Major's House Please

Kerala Chief Minister V S Achuthanandan's controversial remark against the family of slain NSG Commando Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan has evoked widespread condemnation.

He had said "is there any rule that both the Karnataka Chief Minister and Kerala Chief Minister should go together to his (Sandeep's) home? Not even a dog would have visited the house had it not been the martyr."

Mr. Achuthanandan is wrong. If Major Unnikrishnan were alive, no dog would have dared go to his house or barked on being shoed away.

Chapter 1.1.17: NASA's Softdrink

NASA is launching a machine aboard the space shuttle Endeavour, which will recycle astronauts' urine for consumption as water.

"We did blind taste tests of the water. Nobody had any strong objections. Other than a faint taste of iodine, it is just as refreshing as any other kind of water," the Telegraph quoted NASA's Bob Bagdikian, the system's lead engineer, as saying.

e "I've got some in my fridge. It tastes fine to me," he added.

What an ENDEAVOUR! NASA can very soon start a soft drink business in competition to Pepsi/Coke. But don't export anything to India, please.

Chapter 1.1.18: Is RBI Acting as Banker to India Inc Also!

India Inc gave a thumbs up to the Central Bank's decision to undertake another round of drastic measures to ease liquidity in the financial system, including reducing repo rate by 0.5 per cent, CRR further by one percentage point and SLR by one per cent, saying this will have a positive impact on growth at a time when early signs of a global recession are on the horizon.

I don't understand where all this money goes on easing liquidity; it must be going in the pockets of India Inc. I feel the pinch in my pocket even more with the increased liquidity because of the growing inflation. The Central Bank seems to be complying diligently with the demands of India Inc, but isn't it supposed to be the banker to the Govt. of India! Is India Inc the proxy Government of India, for whom RBI generates money not by printing currency, but by easing liquidity!

Chapter 1.1.19: Riznawur Committed Suicide by Marrying a Rich HINDU Girl

The CBI has secured suspension of passports of Ashok Todi and his brother for their

alleged role in inciting Rizwanur Rehman to suicide last year, a month after his marriage to the industrialist's daughter.

Has CBI gone nuts? As far as I remember, Rizwanur committed suicide at the first place by marrying the daughter of a rich HINDU industrialist. How can Todis be held responsible for it! Ya, OK, he was adamant not to die and wanted to save his marriage, and, thereafter, he died under mysterious circumstances. So, are you saying the mysterious death of Rizwanur was suicide, and the pressure of the Todis on Rizwanur to annul the marriage was an incitement! Come on! Why would powerful people like Todis incite him to suicide when they can so very easily kill him, with all state machinery also expected to help them in first murdering him and then saving them from getting charge sheeted for any murder charges.

Chapter 1.1.20: Thackerays Should only Warn Each Other for Humanity Sake

Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray today warned all the industries not to retrench the people in the name of economic recession worldwide or else they will have to face severe repercussions. He lashed out at his estranged nephew, Raj, for staking claim over the reinstatement issue and questioned his childish ways, describing him as the newly born bird on the political horizon.

Bal Thackeray goes a step further and warns not only the Aviation but all industries. Now, what is Raj Thackeray gonna do? Best warn your uncle: Given he is so powerful, you will become even more powerful by warning him. This way so many less powerful people of the corporate world like Tatas, Ambanis, Birlas, etc, who are so scared of the Thackerays, will also feel safe and secured -- and the kids of the political horizon will also carry on.

Chapter 1.1.21: Side Effects of US Subprime Crisis: Bail-Out Package for IT Professionals

The global recessionary trends have affected the young employees of the Indian software industry in Hyderabad in more than one-way. While on one hand it has spelt job loss fear, on the other hand, the parents of brides-to-be are no longer in search of IT grooms for their daughters.

A mother of a would-be bride said she would prefer non-IT professionals for her daughter seeing the latest trend.

It fluctuates. Day-to-day it can change. What is happening now could be a short phase, said Sharda Singh, mother of a would-be bride.

A father of a would-be bride expressed his concern too saying these ups and downs are bound to take place in any economy.

There will be some ups and downs in anybody's life like that any sector in a country or the world can also have its ups and downs, said Rama Rao, father of a would-be bride.

Some parents said they did not want to take interest in the marriage proposals of IT professionals any more as they were too scared of recessionary trends. □ I am very afraid of its effects, □ said S Krishna, father of a would- be bride.

After bailout packages for banks, airlines, industries, etc, we need a bailout package for IT professionals. The US Sub-Prime Crisis is affecting India more than it is affecting the US.

Chapter 1.1.22: Shiv Sena Focuses Its Attention on More Vital Issues

Taking a serious note of cricketer Harbhajan Singh's dance as □Ravana□ on a TV show, Shiv Sena (Hindustan) raised anti-Bhaji slogans and burnt his posters in front of his residence in Daulat Puri area demanding an unconditional apology.

Lord Shiva would be happy today. At least there is one political party which is not selfish enough to waste its time on trivial issues like Global Financial Crisis, Inflation, Nuke Deal, Global Warming, Poverty, etc, but, rather, focuses its attention on the more vital issue of checking Ravana from becoming popular.

Chapter 1.1.23: India Marrying a Dead Corpse

The elation among members of the US business lobby and Indian American community leaders after President Bush signed the US-India civilian nuclear deal legislation into law in the East Room of the White House was almost uncontrollable. Swadesh Chatterjee, the founder and coordinator of the US-India Friendship Council, said: □ Such things don't happen very often. This is absolutely our greatest moment as I said before after the Senate vote, in the US-India relationship and I am so proud to be an Indian American and to be part of this great history-making event. □

History is definitely going to be made. India will become the first country ever to marry a dead corpse and then set herself afire in the old Indian Sati tradition.

Chapter 1.1.24: Hooda Is Innovative

Maharashtra offers Tatas red carpet for Nano plant

Andhra Pradesh offers free land for Nano project

Gujarat joins race to get Nano project

Punjab to approach Tata for Nano project

Khanduri offers Tatas to bring Nano to Uttarakhand

Yeddyurappa woos Tata for housing Nano project in K□taka

Rajasthan joins bid to woo Tata's Nano project

Naveen Patnaik invites Tata to set up Nano project in Orissa

Jharkhand government criticised for not enticing Tatas enough

Madhya Pradesh invites Tata to set up Nano plant

Hooda invites Swami Ramdev to set up Yoga University

HOODA IS INNOVATIVE

Chapter 1.1.25: Definition of Patriot

VHP General Secretary Prof Venkatesh Abdeo ridiculed the demand of a ban on the VHP and Bajarang Dal. Talking to mediapersons, Mr Abdeo said □ the people who are demanding this ban are going and meeting the terrorists and even demanding that the ban on SIMI should be lifted. □ He said these people will never understand the difference between traitors and patriots.

VHP is to be blamed. They never defined a patriot in clear terms. Anyways, **I will try to define a patriot** without prejudice to the definition of a terrorist:

- 1) Those who take state machinery like police, administration, ministers, etc, into confidence before launching terror attacks are patriots.
- 2) Those who can buy media into presenting a better picture for themselves are patriots.
- 3) Those who kill openly and brutally with swords & daggers without caring about planting bombs are patriots.
- 4) Those who justify killing as mass upheaval or as any other fancy term are patriots.
- 5) Those who are democratically elected killers oops politicians are patriots.
- 6) Those who help intelligence agencies in identifying terrorists and are never identified as terrorists themselves are patriots.

Chapter 1.1.26: Navratra in White

People in Rajkot have started booking colourful dresses for the Garba on the occasion of Navratra. I will wear nine different dresses during the next ten days. I have come to make a selection for that purpose so that judges look at me and elect me the prince during the festive dance, K said Malai Kotak, a child.

The toll in the Chamunda Mata temple stampede, has risen to 224, an official spokesman said.

Colorful dresses! But, unfortunately, no color can takeover white this time.

Chapter 1.1.27: Stampedes v. Terror Attacks

Stampedes are bigger killers in India than bomb blasts that so dramatically capture our mindspace. In 2008 alone so far, over 360 people lost their life in major stampedes compared to 156 killed by bomb blasts.

But, there is a difference: Stampedes are suicidal deaths, which are not crime under the IPC; whereas, terror attacks are murders, which carry the maximum punishment under the IPC. Of course, instigation to commit suicide is a crime, but no one ever gets booked for instigating religious suicides.

Chapter 1.1.28: Advice for India: Atleast Don't Get the Virus

India on Wednesday sought to downplay the controversial provisions of a bill cleared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the India-United States nuclear agreement with a rider that will prevent the transfer of nuclear equipment, materials or technology from the Nuclear Suppliers Group countries or any other source in the event of New Delhi conducting a test.

I would not like to comment on their internal process, Foreign Secretary Shiv Shanker Menon told reporters when asked for the Indian government's reaction to the Senate Committee's clearance of a bill with a rider. We are not going to comment on what they (Congress) do internally, he said.

I must appreciate the US. They are brashly truthful about their intentions to f___ India. And, India is also brashly shameless about its pathetic status in the relationship. Pleasure, for some, can come from complete domination; but, for others, from complete submission to sadism. But, an advice for India: **At least don't get the virus.**

Chapter 1.1.29: Balapur Ganesh Laddu Shouldn't Be Auctioned

The famous Balapur Ganesh Laddu fetched Rs 5.07 lakh in an auction held in the final stages of the Vinayaka Chaturdhi and Ganesh idols immersion today. The devotees believe that their families would prosper and possess abundant wealth, if they spray the laddu in their agricultural field.

I strongly condemn this practice of auctioning national treasure like Balapur Ganesh Laddu. This is the filthiest form of Capitalism. Such precious articles should be declared public property, and no one person should be allowed to garner extraordinary profits out of it. The Government should immediately confiscate this Laddu and make a billion exact replica of it with the sincere services of the modern Godmen like Ravishankar, Ramdev, Shankaracharya, Sathya Saibaba, etc. Each Indian has a right to spray this Laddu where ever he wants, whenever he wants, and become rich and prosperous.

Chapter 1.1.30: Rules of Survival in Bombay oops Mumbai

Continuing their protests against the Bachchan family even after Jaya Bachchan apologised for speaking in Hindi at a function on September 6, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) activists pelted stones at the PVR theatre in Juhu in north-west Mumbai, where the premiere of Amitabh Bachchan's latest movie 'The Last Lear' was scheduled.

I am surprised that after living for so many years in Bombay oops Mumbai, Jaya Bachchan could make such a mistake! For the benefit of the Bachchans, there are certain other rules which they need to follow at all times for survival in Bombay oops Mumbai:

- 1) Give seat to a Marathi lady in preference to any other lady (if ever Bachchans travel in any public transport) and apply this rule intelligently in other similar situations.
- 2) Never ever in your wildest dream make fun of Shivaji.

- 3) Thackerays are the self acclaimed representatives of Bombayites oops Mumbaikars, and give them respect for this very reason, out of fear, of course.
- 4) Learn to accept that a non-Marathi is always wrong in Bombay oops Mumbai, whatever may be the dispute.
- 5) It is Mumbai, not Bombay
- 6) And, most importantly, always remember that the color of soil in Maharashtra is RED.

Chapter 1.1.31: De-Facto Nuclear Power Status of India

The Congress on Saturday hailed the NSG decision to provide a waiver to India stating that it is a unique development that confers de facto nuclear power status to the country.

Terming it as the "greatest event in the 20th-21st century," party chief spokesperson M. Veerappa Moily said countries that were hostile to India after New Delhi conducted nuclear tests and the P-5 (permanent five members of the U.N. Security Council) had agreed to the waiver. "We have become P-6. It is a historical event," he said.

We have really reached a landmark. This de-facto nuclear power status of India is nothing less than the Government-in-Exile status of the Tibetan Government.

Chapter 1.1.32: Increase Police Budget for Better Results

Arun Kumar (22) was arrested by T Nagar Police on charges of stealing 40 sovereigns of gold from his friend's house. He lost nine fingers allegedly due to torture by police. He moved Madras High Court seeking a compensation of Rs ten lakh.

This just doesn't make sense. For 40 sovereigns, nine fingers! And compensation of ten Lakhs for nine fingers! It is again the mistake of the police. They didn't do their job well. If, instead of nine, they had cut ten fingers, all the figures would have matched: 1 finger for 4 sovereigns each, and 1 Lakh for every finger. I think the TN police work on a tight budget; the TN Government should increase the budget of the police so that they can perform their duty of torturing people fully and satisfactorily, without worrying about the prospective costs. And, also the court, while awarding compensation, should take into account the annual budget for torture duty related expenses minus the hard-earned private money received by the police for inflicting torture and should accordingly award compensation.

Chapter 1.1.33: White Clad Civilian Nuclear India

As the second meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group draws near, it would appear that India is ready to make some concessions. It has downgraded its demand from an "unconditional" to a "clean" waiver. "We have made it quite clear that we are interested in clean waiver from the NSG. We have presented our case. We have made our position clear to interlocutors," said external affairs minister Pranab Mukherjee.

The word *clean* means bleaching to make it all white as liked by the "White House". And, rightly so: The Civil Nuclear India should only wear white clothes after losing the Strategic Nuclear India in the Indo-US nuke deal. This is in sync with the long standing Indian tradition. However, courtesy the movie "WATER", I know that the

White Clad Indian Widows are often forced into prostitution. But, the US wouldn't do this to India; will it?

Chapter 1.1.34: Marathi Soil is RED

Bal Thackeray's Shiv Sena is vying with the Raj Thackeray led Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) to get political space on the issue of Marathi signboards.

While the MNS deadline for Mumbai shop owners to change their signboards from English to Marathi has ended, the Shiv Sena has asked Brihanmumbai Municipal Committee (BMC) to enforce Marathi signboards on traders and shopkeepers.

The Thackerays are the sons of the Marathi soil, and, therefore, they want to color the English soil (Bombay) into the color of the Marathi soil (Mumbai); however, it is just unfortunate that the color of soil in Maharashtra is RED.

Chapter 1.1.35: Territory Expansion by Men Is Easy, Courtesy Police

A new study has revealed that a Jamaican lizard called the Anolis engages in impressive displays of reptilian strength — push ups, head bobs, and threatening extension of a colourful neck flap called a dewlap — to defend its territory at dawn and dusk. While female anoles establish small territories allowing access to food and other resources, while males stake out larger territories allowing them access to several females. The dawn chorus may be a way of communicating having survived the night. If in the morning a bird doesn't hear its neighbour, or an anole doesn't see its neighbour, it may be an opportunity for the animal to expand its territory.

For men, it is so easy: They just need to earn lots of money and give a part of it to Police, to defend and to expand territory (including access to several women).

Chapter 1.1.36: Mia Bibi Razi to Kya Karega (Strictly Male) Quazi

Muslim clerics have questioned the sanctity of a marriage of a Sunni couple under the Shariat law which was solomonised by a Shia women Quazi

I used to think that at least in Muslims it doesn't matter what the Quazi thinks, and that's what the law also states (Muslim marriage is an agreement, not a sacrament). But, no, it seems I was wrong: Muslim couples can marry sans a male Quazi but not in the presence of a female Quazi. Come on, at least make an exception for a **Burqa-Clad Female Quazi**.

Chapter 1.1.37: Mukesh Ambani does it Again

The tree-lined Altamount Road is a favourite of India's —very rich—, Wealth-Bulletin said, and added that it was —catapulted into the ranks of the world's most expensive when India's wealthiest individual Mukesh Ambani unveiled plans last year to build a

residential apartment block on the street at a cost of around \$1 billion .

Proud-to-be-an-Indian Mukesh Ambani has added another feather to his cap by getting Altamount Road included in the Wealth-Bulletin's world's most expensive streets in the world, courtesy the extraordinary 27-floor building, called 'Antilia', to be built by Mukesh Ambani on Altamount Road, Mumbai. His patriotism has no bounds!

Chapter 1.1.38: Xbox 360 | the Modi's Gujarat

The game is 'Xbox 360 | the Modi's Gujarat'. Modi is the champion, and Gujarat is the battle field. The first round went to the Mujahideens: Damage 50 and counting. Modi stages a come back in the second round: 21 bombs recovered and defused in Surat with one of them 20 meters away from the site where Modi was 1 hr ago; damage zero! Modi's spirits are high, and he is all set to triumph in the other rounds in Rajkot, Vadodra, Gandhi Nagar, etc. Modi is already a champion in the Xbox 2008 championship and all set for the next; **but, are the people of Gujarat ready for it because it is just not a game for them after all.**

Chapter 1.1.39: The Shiv Sena's Taj Mahal

The Shiv Sena claims **Taj Mahal** as an ancient Shiva temple. Now this is some disillusionment. I have been thinking that Taj Mahal was built by Shahjahan in the fond memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. I feel pity for the sorry state of our educational system: What all nonsense is put into the innocent minds in the name of historical proofs and evidence! Is there no credibility of the divine knowledge which the Shiv Sena possesses!

We need more political parties like the Shiv Sena so that we can rightfully claim **Jama Masjid** as an ancient preaching centre of Lord Krishna; **Qutab Minar** as an ancient helipad of Shri Hanuman; **Charminar** as an ancient secret hiding place of the *pandavas* during their *banwas*; **Red Fort** as Prithvi Raj Chauhan's ancient holiday resort; and each and every neighborhood mosque as an ancient Vedic library or an ancient old-age home or an ancient Shri Hanuman *akhara* or an ancient *guli-danda* club or

Chapter 2: Reviews

Chapter 2.1: Travel Locales

Chapter 2.1.1: Shillong, the Beauty

I visited Shillong, which is the capital of Meghalaya, in August 2014. In fact, it was a side-visit to kill time, but it was indeed time well-spent. It was a Sunday afternoon when I reached the main city centre; the striking feature of the place was exuberance of well-dressed young guys and gals; it looked some kind of a dating feast, but, all I can remember, the day was that of *Rakshabandhan*; however, in Meghalaya, unlike in Gujarat, people don't suffix names with *Bhai* and *Behan*; so, it must have been a dating feast only because at least I thought so and immediately bought a deo without realizing I have grown passed that age. Nevertheless, the beauty of Shillong is not limited to its pretty girls; the place itself is pretty-pretty.

The day being Sunday, all tourist attractions were closed, and I didn't have time and energy to visit the off-city places; so, I just started wandering in the city on-foot and soon realized it was a decision well made. On the way, I also ended up meeting some tech-savvy, young *Bengali* students, who had been wandering with the help of GPS for more than a week then; so, they became my natural companions. Nonetheless, I have a liking for the Tech-Savvy Youth. Our mutual goal was to reach the Golf Course from the Raj Bhavan, which was some 4-5 KMs distance. To be very frank, after some time, I felt out of place with them: first, they were taller than me; secondly, they were not sharing their GPS with me; thirdly, they were speaking an alien language; and fourthly, I think, they were also making fun of me in their alien language. Nevertheless, I persisted and tried ignoring them for the beauty of the place; and, *voila*, it worked.

Shillong is an extremely beautiful place. The distances are small and scenic; therefore, most people traverse them walking. I didn't intrude into the neighborhoods, but, from a distance, the houses looked cozy and cute, well-knit into the whole with an identity; and, the big houses, like those of the Chief Justice and the Chief Secretary, were alluring. The pathways were decorated with plantation, and the litter was conspicuous by its absence. The Golf Course is at a depression to the Raj Bhavan, so most of the distance traversed was downhill, and therefore, the view was clear and penetrative, giving an impression of dominance over the landscape; and thus the feeling was king-size — many a times I just felt like jumping and roaring into the slopes like a tiger, but the GPS brought back sanity. However, as soon as I reached the Golf Course, I did run a lap but more elegantly like a stud — by then I had obviously forgotten about the deo, but, I think, the elegant run did impress some virgin mares.

Finally, after some running and sauntering on the Golf Course and some chit-chat on Aurobindo, we returned to the city centre again this time in a Taxi — exchanged pleasantries and moved on. Movement is the key; the pretty halts are sexy, but the eagerness to run together brings people/things/places close, with or without Deos. © 2014-2015 Ankur Mutreja

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