

INDEPENDENCE... OR IN DEPENDENCE?



HE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.

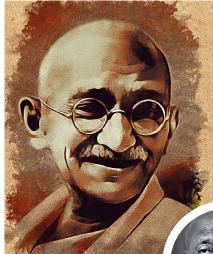
ue to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, this year also we are advised to celebrate our Independence Day in spirit. Let us maintain the social distance and all precautions recommended. As we salute our national flag and thank our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, it is appropriate to talk about freedom and to learn a lesson from the 200-year British Rule in India.

A brief history. First, the British landed in Surat on August 24, 1608 primarily to trade. But slowly, they took control of India as a strategy to expand their territory in 1757, and eventually, they established the British Rule in 1857 to suppress the freedom fighters who challenged their greed of money, resources, and power. This is world politics. But if this happens in one's spiritual life, it becomes selfdestructive.

Be on your high alert, lest you be enslaved slowly by your own evil actions. For Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin." And because there is no limit to one's selfishness, greed, and power, you will soon begin to exploit and enslave your environment in a cycle of corruption and bad governance. Whether you govern your family or a business, minister a state or country, if you are not free from sin, you will enslave nations and everybody else to your arrogance and exploitation of every kind. And if there are many such individuals, the

entire world will stand in need of liberation again, spiritually, and politically.

Thanks to our freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad Subhas



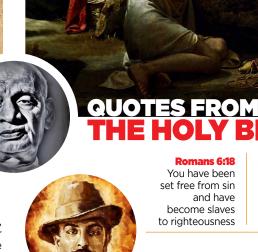
Chandra Bose, and many more, we have political freedom from British Rule to celebrate. And for those who believe in Jesus Christ have spiritual freedom to relish. For Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." And in another place, he said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the

May the 75th Independence Day beacon us to a life of holiness that brings peace and harmony to everyone in the world, not just for a nation.

I wish you all peace and freedom in truth.



Fr. P T Joseph sdb A friend of SIGA



You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the fruit you reap leads to holiness, and the outcome is eternal life.

1 Corinthians 7:22

For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman. Conversely, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave.

Romans 8:2

For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

editor's desk



S. Joseph Mohanrai (editor - THE POST)

Sir... Post...! **WHO HERE** HAS INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM?

child being born on this Earth is in itself a decision that is made by its parents, which is more or less becomes the only freedom of the child. Right after birth starting from what to eat, drink, wear, what to study as a student, how to play, what job to take up after education, how to establish the institution of marriage, and then follows another child, society, politics, responsibility, duties, restrictions.... And it keeps going on and on and on with too many chains and walls. In all of this, where does one find individual freedom?

As we think on those lines, are we able to find for ourselves in this day and age, the concept of individual freedom? Though we have the rights to free speech, occupation, property and our nation, are we ever able to receive in full freedom these rights? Who are we? Where are we and what exactly are we doing? How should



we behave? What do we need, and when do we need it? When will we get what we need?

Deciding the answers to all of these questions is not something that is in our own hands at all times. Someone else influences and runs us, and we in turn chain the little freedom we have and hold it in our fingers and spend our freedom on it the whole time.

We as human beings have lost our freedom in the space between those who create money and keep making more of it and those who have no money and constantly run to acquire it. Only the arrival of a time when we become free from the iron cages of religion, race, caste, language, politics, medicine, education, literate, illiterate, poor, rich and many more... do we realize that we can grow wings and truly feel individual freedom.

This is just a small thought for you to deeply ponder on... At the end of it are answers and a revolution.



ight from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed, each of us go through our day ticking off a checklist that is expected from us to be done by the end of the day. To eat breakfast, start getting ready for work or school, report on time, do all that is needed to be done, come back home and spend time with the family, stay connected with those we don't see every day... and the list just keeps going on and on. Though many do state that these are needed for us to sustain, have a healthy and good life and be respected amongst many, aren't we also 'expected' to be doing all these. You are expected to work and study to prove yourself, to hold reputation for yourself and the establishment that you belong to. You are expected to always be an active member of the family in order for everyone to love you and partake of you. Some would argue that one need not have to care about these or rather, it comes down to each person's choice to fulfil these duties... but even if that is the case, are we ever free from expectations? Forget the

think about the fact that we are in full liberty to make a choice, express a rightful opinion and are free to be who we want to is an adventure on its own. Can we begin to fathom the possibilities when we are not bound by expectations, and can we begin to understand how scary it can also get? Beyond these questions lies individual freedom. Let me bring some perspective... the world's idea of freedom lies in different things. Money, luxury, materialistic objects, fame, power and more. And one can't deny that having some or all of these gives a person a sense of freedom. To buy what they want, to eat, wear, travel and live life however they want to. But even there lies a question. A question of 'Alright, what next?'. Some fight the hard way to reach this sense of freedom that the world has to offer, and some have it easy. But at every step of the way there is something or the other expected out of you. An expectation that asks you not to be too proud when you have it all, and an expectation to not be too kind with everyone when you have it all. The hypocrisy hurts, doesn't it? After all, we always strive, run and do everything we can to attain all these only for someone to say "You know, you have to stop to smell the roses sometimes"

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and when you do, "You know, the world is competitive and time too precious for you to be doing that".

In the run for a freedom that is defined by the world, we lose the power of appreciating the freedom that we have caged within ourselves. Individual freedom is you. Not what you seek and run after, but you and what you have within. Love, peace, happiness and humanity. In a world that tells you gaining money gives you happiness, believe that gaining happiness brings you true freedom. A freedom that is not dependent on anyone or anything. Let me give you some food for thought... How often have you sat down for just a minute or two, just by yourself doing nothing and thought, 'I'm free. Free, and at peace with myself'? Many attribute this freedom to spirituality, transcending into another dimension, travelling to places unknown and more. Of course, to each their own. But true independence is inside us. And to find that independence we need to know the answer to this - In the time when we are all alone, what are we? Are we using that time to be truly grateful





many parts of the world think is non - existent or do we depend on our mobile phones to keep us occupied, gadgets that are restricting us from a freedom that we can enjoy with ourselves? Neglecting what little independence we have, to instead depend, expect, be expected of. What joy does materialistic freedom bring to one.. when one is

free within the self, isn't that so? I'd like to talk about a particular Netflix show that I am invested in, one that has highly piqued my curiosity recently. The crux of the show is, if karma where to ever come to visit you would you come out of the meeting unscathed, or would you fall prey to the evil that you once inflicted on others? And let me tell you about this one take away from a particular episode

that stuck with me which is, 'If I had the power where everything I write comes true, what will I write?' And I want to put that out here as a question and let you think about the answer to what would you wish for, if you knew it would come true. The ending of that episode was twisted wherein everyone wished harm for another and it becomes a loop until the one who started it in a moment of anger wishes for everyone to disappear, in order to end the chaos and for her to live peacefully. And so, everyone disappears. Everyone in this world, including herself. That kind of freedom tends to be scarv though it could give you the world. On the other hand, if that freedom was used to bring peace, love and humanity then the show would've had a happy ending. Its not very different in reality you see... In everyone lies a freedom, where we are at peace with ourselves, knowing we are better than to only run after the world. Where we can use the freedom of self, to change the dependence of the world. If you feel like this piece leaves you with more questions than answers, then let me tell you. No one and nothing besides oneself can give a human their ultimate freedom - A freedom where they know they need no dependency. A freedom from which stems love and a freedom from which stems change.





POLITICAL LANDSLIDE

hen Fr. Stan Swamy's plea for bail came to the Mumbai High court and the ad-vocate announced the death of Fr. Stan, Justice Shinde said, "We are speechless outside (of the court)." He then added, "Father Stan Swamy was such a wonderful person and had rendered services to the society. We have too much of respect for his work for the society." The words of the Judge indicates even the Justice system in India is losing its weight. When a court is opting to grant bail to an aged man who is allegedly imprisoned, the State crushes the neck of the court. However, the real face of the State comes back again. Now the Judge is compelled to withdraw his statement. Where are we heading? Do we have freedom really? Every year we celebrate Independence Day on August 15, to remind ourselves that we had been under the rule of England, and now we are set free to rule ourselves. However, the question of Independence remains wide open as to what sort of independence did we receive from the British people.

The American President, Abraham Lincoln, in his great Gettysburg Address, while describing the details of independence, declared that "these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." The great declaration of democracy, which is now in



question in India, has to be reanalysed today. The freedom fighters under the leadership of many, including Mahatma Gandhi sacrificed their lives visualizing one day the people of India would be freed from all these entangles of colonial occupations. Their vision is slowly being drowned in political landslide. Earlier it was colonial occupation and now it is capital occupation.

Are we indeed free? Answering such a question is the most difficult endeavour. For, the concept freedom or independence is a relative term. However, in a democracy, this concept signifies people doing the right thing. Throughout history, the desire to be free inspired countless marginalized groups to challenge the rule of political and economic elites. The move towards freedom is expressed to enhance people's voice in the government.

The 20th Century witnessed the dawn of democracies for the purpose of the majority being released from the rule of monarchs or minority. People favoured leaders from them with the belief that the selected leadership understands the pain of the people and acts accordingly. However, as the years passed, this elected leadership moved towards favouring capitalism, trying to prove that the capitals alone sustain the growth of the country and least bothered the common people. The fear was expressed by Plato even before 2000 years ago. He said that unbridled freedom could result in the loss of democracy.

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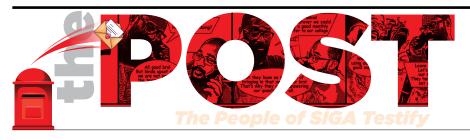
As we celebrate the Independence Day, the strangled voice of freedom echoes everywhere. In recent years, freedom of expression is being crushed. The government, being supported by a few capital individuals, is leaning towards them and consequently, it is intolerant on those who are critical of its shortcomings. For the past 10 years,

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intellectuals, farmers, activists are being arrested with sole aim of strangling their voices which otherwise a threat to growing capitalism. For instance, the accusation levied upon Fr. Stan and others is that they have links with the Maoists groups. Indeed, they have been fighting against the looting of the minerals by the capitals from the forests, for which the tribal people were also protesting. The exploitation of the minerals in the forests causes the eviction of the tribals from the vicinity. Hence, the activists are against such looting and consequently the State christens them as anti-nationals and puts them behind the bars.

as anti-nationals and puts them behind the bars. India is a secular country. People follow the faith of their own. In such a democracy, if the ruling authority leads towards one religion, it hacks the secularism of the country and as such the right of the people. A few days back, the Hindutva groups targeted the Haj House being built in Delhi. It's a clear indication that the country is losing its secular sanctum. Moreover, a nine year old girl was allegedly raped, murdered and forcibly cremated by Radhey Shyam, a Brahmin priest at a crematorium in Delhi's Purana Nangal area (The



Wire, Aug. 5). Neha Dixit, in "The Prisoner's Wife in a Jailed Republic" writes how the social activists are broken by the State (The Wire). This is tip of the iceberg. Everyday instances are on the screen, which cry aloud that the rights of the common people are being strangled.

In such a situation, reflecting on the individual freedom or individual independence causes apprehensive. No one is free to express his or her own views and especially when one is critical of the authority and it strangles the neck of the freedom of expression. The constitution of India provides freedom of expression. Sourabh Yadav writes, "Article 19(1) of the Constitution of India guarantees freedom of speech, although this right is not absolute and comes with some reasonable restrictions outlined under Article 19(2). In recent times, however, the ruling party has gone beyond



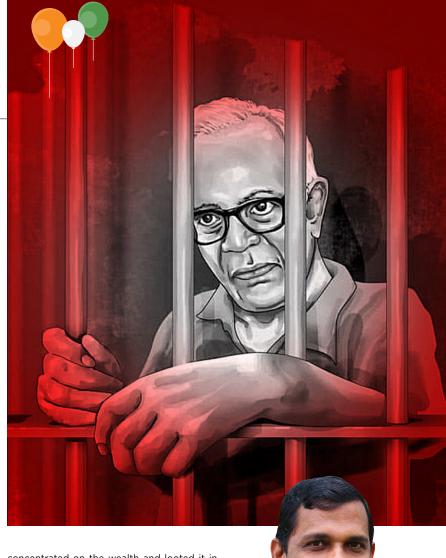
all semblance of reason and regularly used the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the National Security Act (NSA) to crush dissent. These draconian laws allow them to detain those who oppose the government without charges, as has been the case with many of those who protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act" (2 Dec. 2020, The Print).

The independence given by England to rule ourselves is now moving towards autocracy. Preventive Detention Laws enacted in India are used to detain the people who either protest for social justice or do some petty crimes. In 2019,

Tamil Nadu detained 1883 person on NSA (The Wire). Today if people protest for some social issues or causes, they are probed and being detained. In order to avoid this, however, they had to go for anticipatory bail. Freedom House's Freedom in the World report has downgraded India's status from a 'Free' country to a 'Partly Free' country, giving it 'global freedom score' of 67/100 after judging it on various political rights and civil liberties (The Print). The reason for being cracked down to such status is the "rising violence and discriminatory policies affecting the Muslim population" and "crackdown on expressions of dissent by the media, academics, civil society groups, and protesters." It said criminal charges were filed against journalists, students, and others under "colonial-era sedition laws" and the Information Technology (IT) Act in response to "speech perceived as critical of the government, notably including expressions of opposition to the new citizenship legislation and discussion of the official response to the COVID-19 pandemic." The report said the authorities have used security, defamation, sedition, and hate speech laws, as well as contempt of court charges, to "quiet critical voices in the media" (The Print).

The celebrations and slogans of independence do not infer freedom to common people. Power and Economy determine individual freedom. Those who have power are able to be free even when they go against laws. Those who are economically strong can be potentially free even if they exploit the ordinary people. How ironical it is when an ordinary thief gets imprisonment and the looters freely wander in the society. If ordinary hate speeches incur imprisonment, something is missing its lot. Therefore, we are living in a "so-called" independent society or country, where it is presumed we can be free to express our ideas. In reality, it is not. The ordinary voices are under the powerful, political landslide.

On the day of independent celebration, it may be proud to say that we have been liberated from the colonialism. Nevertheless, the internal colonialism continues and that is cruel than the external colonialism. External colonialism



concentrated on the wealth and looted it in whichever way possible. The Internal colonialism concentrates on the power and economy to safeguard its permanence. Consequently, the secularism of the country is in its threats. The country will be free when power and economy work together for all the people of the country. The individual is free when he or she is free to question the power and the economy go wrong. Until then, the question remains the same: Am I indeed free?

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தடுத்தாலும், தனித்து மட்டுமே நில்லாமல், அறிஞரின் கருத்தும் ஏற்று, நோக, துணிவாக, நிலையாக, உறுதியுடன், எவருக்கும் செயலில், எண்ணத்தில் கூட, தீங்கு விளைவிக்காது, தன் எண்ணம் நிறைவேற்றுவதே, தனிமனித சுதந்திரம்..







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ith the increasing competition across the world, the millennial generation has begun to prepare themselves for their futures. Although the pandemic has imposed various restrictions in terms of education and careers, these young minds have seemed to come up with alternatives.

As we all know, the growth and power of social media can bring anything from the scratch to flourish in days. While the early generations showed hesitation to start their own financial accounts or businesses, the millennials tend to differ. Popular sites like Instagram, Facebook and e-finance applications like Google Pay and Paytm has made it easier for any individual to set up sources for income.

Up until 2019, an average of 8 out of 10 Indian youngsters depended on their parents or adults to manage their finances. Almost 28% of the youth eyed on gaining experiences and jobs at top companies. But, all of this has slowly started to erode with the concept of 'independence'.

Being financially independent and establishing oneself has become the next trend of the millennials. From starting a small business online to investing in cryptocurrency, the youth seem to have figured a way to sustain in this world.

Personally, I have seen various individuals use tools like social media and marketing strategies to blow up their smaller ideas. More than the concept of going huge, now it is possible for anyone to initiate new and macro business models.

#SmallBusiness has become the buzz word of 21st century. With 70M posts on Instagram alone, it shows the power and growth of individuality and independence in young minds across the world.

"When I was 18, I decided that being idle and relying on my parents' money will not take me to places. I need to know the financial hardships, and if not now, when will I start to secure my finances?", says Taarinie Sen, a small b u s i n e s s owner.

She began her business in pre-COVID world and she deals with all sorts of crafts and gifting ideas. Taarinie's monthly income rounds up to Rs.8000 to Rs.10000, depending on the number of customers. "I used to have no clues about investment and savings.

But as I have slowly started to grow my business, I understood the need for future savings. I am very proud to see how I am capable of saving up for my future. It feels so content," Taarinie added.

Apart from starting businesses, another sharp increase in independent methods would be in the finance sectors. The newer generations are welcoming the concept of stock trading, investing and cryptocurrency. A lot of people belonging to the ages of 18-30 are highly engrossed in the market trends. "Stock trading is an art that anyone can learn. But it takes time for you to really understand the flow of the money," says Rahul, a 21-year-old student and trader. He picked up stock trading as a hobby. Currently, he is affiliated to a firm that specialises in trading.

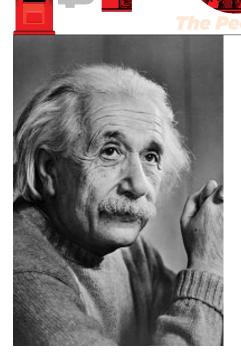
Some individuals would like to say that Indian youth are entirely falling into the western culture of self-independence. I would personally say that the pandemic, the financial backgrounds of a family and the growing platforms to grow income, has led people believe in self-finances. I mean, isn't it great if you can make a few thousand rupees before you land a job?

There are minimal risks in these type of money models, as the investment rate is almost 0.5% in the beginning. Across the globe, there are plenty of resources for anyone to begin their financial independent journey. You will recognize your own path when you come upon it. The only requirement to build your path is to research and to be consistent.









"For everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labour in freedom"

says Albert Einstein

o begin with this August thoughts I am privileged to pen down my thoughts on this particular topic individual independence, yes, the yesteryear's struggle of the social reformers have resulted in the society's independence on areas like casteism, education. education for women, economic independence and so on and so forth.

In terms of social independence we the people of Tamilnadu were the pioneers, to see the finest side of the individual independence it is worth mentioning "thanthai Periyar"

Had it not been his dedication.... The social independence would have been a million dollar

PARENTING

Parenting has a major role in the growth and the character of an individual, a child which is respected; made to believe in him/ herself: appreciated for its individuality; accepted with all its flaws; had guidance for corrections: Made to understand its responsibility... Will grow to be an indipendent individual.

MISINTERPRETATION

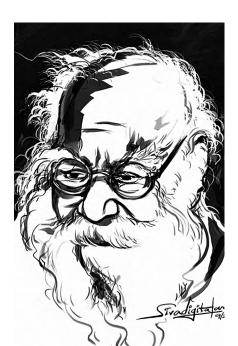
Freedom or independence is widely misunderstood by the young generation of this era.

Just doing what a person likes at all time is not independence, so what is independence? Independence is handling freedom with responsibility; knowing the do's and don'ts; being one's own master; a good critic for one's own self; knowing to self evaluate; if these are



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taught then individual independence is good at its best

Single parenting, single child and nuclear families have paved the way to this misinterpretation which resulted in allowing children to do things according to their likes. this is like helping a child to hold a sharp knife and handle it the way it likes without realising the danger of it. So here I would like to give a wake up call to such practices.

HUMAN BEINGS-THE DEPENDENTS

Nature has put human beings as the longest dependents as newborns where as most of the animals and birds are designed to be independent right from birth.

AS A MULTI FACED NATION

Freedom and democracy are two sides of a coin, The co -existence of the above two are essential for a nation like India which is multi linguistic, multi culture, extreme climatic conditions, great socio and economical differences, individual independence also calls for tolerance, acceptance and a great mind frame for appreciation. Yes on the eve of 1947



witness the independence of the country also eagerly awaited to see this multiphased nation to be broken sooner or later, but it was the result of the great tolerance which each individual practised ,while eating the fruit of individual independence. We as a nation proudly stand witnessing beyond all differences to reach this Pinnacle of 75th independence.

A FRIENDLY NOTE TO THE TECHIES

Right now the pandemic has brought in the technology into everybodys' life. Each of us is called to be at our best in practicing individual independence. Internal moral policing is necessary irrespective of the age. Those who can be true to your inner self are the ones who can enjoy individual independence.



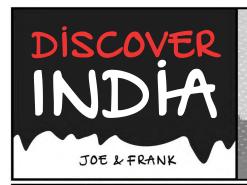




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Republic of Congo, North Korea, South Korea, Bahrain, and Liechtenstein also share their Independence Day with us.

India had No National Anthem on our First Independence Day,
Jana Gana Mana was
written in 1911 but it
was officially adopted
as the National Anthen
on 24th January 1950



Do you know where our National Flag came from?

It was designed in 1921 by Pingali Venkayya who was a freedom fighter and revolutionary agriculturist from the port city of Machilipatnam.





Only the Khadi Development and village industries have the license to produce and/or supply the national flag.

Mahatma Gandhi didn't participate in the celebrations of our first Independence Day



He didn't take part in any events as he was fasting at that time in Bengal; as a part of protests against Hindu-Muslim riots which followed which followed the partition.





Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had won the elections for being the Prime Minister earlier. He was pulled down and Nehru was elected the first PM. Imagine how different the political dimensions of our country could have been, had he been elected the Prime Minister!



It was Sir Cyril
Radcliffe after whom
is named as well.
Even though he had
never visited India,
he was assigned to
do such a historic
task of the division
of our country.



India has a population of more than 1.33 Billion which is far more than the entire Western 70% of all spices in the



Indian Rupee Indian Rupee
was equal to
a dollar at
the time of
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1₹= 1\$; where
now a Dollar is around 75 Rupees

India gets its name from the River Indus which was the home of the Indus Valley

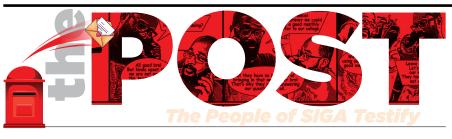


And is considered to be one of the first civilizations. On the other hand our country's name in Sanskrit is Bhartiya Ganarjya.



Certainly, the history speaks of it! India has never invaded any country in her last 1,00,000

This JOE & FRANK Comic strip will continue every month with a new storyline! Watch this space for more...



It is for FREEDOM that CHRIST has set us FREE.

(Galatians 5:1.)

he Holy Scriptures remind us "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Galatians 5:1. What does this mean? When a person is freed from their captors, they don't go back to the captors, but flee. not looking back. Most of us have freedom, but our habits, behaviors, and mentality keep throwing us back into captivity. No freedom is absolute, unless that freedom is from an absolute be-

ing - God Himself through

Christ Jesus! In my life, personally, God in His mercy, has given me a second chance at life, after several traumatizing experiences. I am at a point, where not too many things surprise me; the evilness of people don't surprise me; corruption does not surprise, nothing really does, because we are living in a fallen world, run by fallen leaders, with failed ideas that are selfserving. We live in a world that is so fragmented, that people are willing to break up their home, to purchase a second house,

Citizens of democratic countries do not enjoy absolute freedom, as such citizen's desire for security. In order to provide security to all citizens against enemies, both foreign and domestic, all citizens must come under the scanner and scrutiny. Unfortunately, such modalities can be used as weapons of

surveillance against its own citizens by special actors who have ulterior motives, or to silence voices of dissent. The head of state may not be responsible for such an act, but officials with misplaced freedom, weaponize the very mechanism that were designed to keep us safe.

l've seen people go on a rampage of debauchery and from one illicit relationship to another, right after a marital separation; thinking that they are finally free. Really? Perhaps, it is this mentality of their distorted view of freedom that has ended in a divorce.

It's about introspection. God has given us the freedom to do what is right and to make our own choices. How many times have we abused such freedom, and ended up in bondages and living with the consequences of our bad choices? I've come to realize that even if we live in the most calmest environment, and yet we are troubled emotionally or mentally, the calmest environment would do very little to help. If you are struggling with your emotions, speak to someone whom you could trust, so that you could walk in freedom.

When a person betrays you, it is not your fault for you to hurt yourself and be thrown in depression; as some people have wired themselves where evil comes naturally, because they have been severed from their conscience. But you, be of godly conscience and do what is right, you will reap in righteousness.

Freedom means something to each individual. A man with ten million dollars worth in assets could be in bondage of his addictions, or a woman with the world under her belt, could be reaping the bitterness of the choices that she has made in the past. On the other hand, I've come across people who have been thrown in jail, unjustly, but are the most peaceful, and free-souls I've come across. This is because they have learned to diffuse the hostility of this chaotic world and fill their lives with God.

Wars around the world were first conceived in the hearts and minds of disturbed men and women. Countries that boast about being democracies have proven to be human rights violators involved in ethnic cleansing and pogrom, racism and anti-Semitism, because such countries are ruled by restless souls, simply exuding that which is going on in their disturbed hearts and minds, sans morality. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the nation of India said this, "Morality is the basis of things and truth is the substance of all morality."

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts and minds and keep you safe!

Wishing my fellow Indians a

HAPPY 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY.



INDEPENDENCE - ARE WE REALLY FREE?







CONERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY

A Democracy is like a botanical garden dedicated to the collection, cultivation, preservation and display of a wide variety of plants, labelled with their botanical names. Imagine a botanical garden that is spread across over 200 acres, with just one type of flower - the Marigold, and that too, only with the colour orange? What would that botanical garden look like, and why would anyone want to enjoy such a space? Inasmuch the same way, a democracy is celebrated by the comprising of all of its citizens, regardless of caste or creed.

A democratic nation is meant to nurture and uphold the honour and dignity of all of its people, and not just cultivate the well being of one segment of society. India, since it's independence, has always strived to exude the beauty of a cultural diversity, unified with the allegiance of one flag







ights of an individual are coloured by mascara mostly in one nation two rules. They are darkened by the de-jure government as national security and de-facto government as uprising patriotism. Personal rights have no value in the former states of Eritrea, East Timor and South Sudan, Srilanka. Now it is caged in Gaza, South Ossetia, Somaliland and Puntland. The countries darkness is darkened by the countries brutal dictators

Even in the so-called civilized nations peoples are discriminated on the basis of Religion, Caste, Creed, Clan, Language, Colour, ideology, political system, economic status, cultural variations and Demographical superiority. The Communist ideologists killed thousands of religious practitioners, where in many countries including India provides Right to practise the Religion as a fundamental right. Thousands of Jehovah witnesses were arrested even in the pandemic situation in Russia and their properties were seized by the government. In India propagation of Christianity is banned in many states even its written constitution provides right for religious propagation. Censoring the practise of religion in many socialist and religious countries is common around world, even the so called liberal countries such as Australia and United Kingdom has restrictions in the practise of some religions which are minority in their countries.

Personal liberty is denied on the basis of languages. Even though Tamil, Telegu, Kannada, Bengali, Odiya, are spoken by several crores of people, they are denied to have a court language in their own high courts. To have an official language of the native people in their own soil is dead against the personal liberty of the countries own people. Russia dominates over 3000 languages in their land. Hindi is forcefully

languages in their land. Hindi is forcefully penetrating in India's 140 crores peoples. Britany domination on the entire hemisphere is the Norman sponsored linguistic imperialism. Today almost in all parts of world education is denied in their own language, is the greatest betrayal of the nation sates to their citizens.

In United states communist are untouchables and in the adjacent Cuba Capitalists are



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untouchables. Ideologies makes a greater Berlin wall which is boned with the unbreakable China Wall. In such ideological countries no person has right to expression. Expressing a person's own views of the nation owned ideology is sedition according to the laws enacted in a democratic way in their aristocratic execution. This not happen in the Babylonian dictatorship but also from the liberty preachers of France.

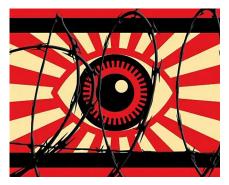
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The top most of the Big brother who owns the Manhattan Island was colour blinded, they see everything in Black and White. Minneapolis murdered George Floyd that he was Black in Skin. A nine-year-old girl belonging to India's marginalised Dalit community has been gangraped, murdered and forcibly cremated in capital New Delhi. In India Honour Killings are engaged through India on the basis of caste purity. Right to

marry a person of choice is almost denied from top to bottom of the Indian Sub-continent. Young girls are forcibly married in the civilised nations such as Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The conventions held in Geneva, Vienna and conference papers written at New York has not even read by the law executing peoples and their leadership. In the state of Tamilnadu the people pledged themselves for the Patta Sarayam (Local liquor) finally hanged in the cross in the process of democracy.











தன்மன்த சுதந்திரம்

சுதந்திர தலைவர்களை வாய்ப்பந்தல் பொய் நிழலில்

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INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE

he most difficult face of a lifetime in human being is being a teenager, yes we are neither adults nor children, we neither like advice nor being treated as a kid, every breath of a teenager is wanting to breathe independence, unfortunately it leads to a lot of misunderstandings if it is not given, on the other hand we do not know to exercise our freedom because in the dictionary of a teenager freedom means just doing whatever heart desires, irrespective of its results and the impacts on oneself and in the family, in a larger scale in the society.

According to me e- freedom is important, I should have freedom to play all the games that I like rather my friends play, I should be able to watch any uploads without being questioned, most importantly there shouldn't be a time frame for the use of internet, wait what if I go on a water rafting without proper precautions and practice, that would be exactly the state of my e-freedom.

Oh yes now I understand, independence means added responsibility, added accountability, more self discipline. This is total individual independence. Thank you for provoking such thoughts by letting me pen down on this platform.

Andrew Jones A

Vth std Union Christian Public School Chetpet

> S/o J Albert Francis 1999-2002 batch



WHAT QUESTION HAVE YOU ASKED YOURSELF LATELY THAT HELPED YOU DEVELOPE A NEW IDEA/INNOVATION?

Adults will ask questions when they gather information through sources of media like newspapers and the internet. But there's nothing like the process of asking questions to a real person and getting their perspective on things. Here are a few reasons why you might want to ask questions:

YOU DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

Often, when you ask questions, whether they're related to something within the company or not, you discover something new. This may not automatically lead you in a new direction but it's possible that, in the future, it will benefit you in some way.

YOU REMEMBER THINGS

Asking questions is likely to jog your memory. You might remember something that helped you in the past that you had forgotten. Or you might remember someone else who had a similar experience and how they dealt with it.

YOU PUT THINGS TOGETHER

Often, by asking questions that are unrelated to the topic, you will discover new ideas and perspectives you had never considered. For example, when it comes to selling a product, it might benefit you to know more about the mindset of your customer rather than just what steps you can take to increase







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YOU RESOLVE ISSUES

You can also resolve issues by asking questions that seem to have nothing to do with the topic at hand. If two people are arguing about something, it might help to know more about them and where they're coming from before the issue can be resolved.



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YOU UNDERSTAND PEOPLE BETTER

Most people love to answer questions about themselves. We're all hungry to be understood, not just because we want to get our way but because we want to feel important. So instead of talking at a person, it's important to talk with them

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நிதியை பாதுகாக்க ஒரு பொறுப்பாளர் உண்டு. ஆனால் அவன் அந்த நிறுவனத்தின் கூடனாவி.

ஆனால் கேள்விகள் கேட்டால் வெளியேற்றப்படுகிறோம். ! ண்டர்களால் உண்மையைச் சொல்லுங்கள்,

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உரிமையை நிலைநாட்டுங்கள்..!

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அல்ல. !

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You have set a bench mark for us. The rich content and format variety always makes reading so refreshing. The design is bold and loud driving the message home in the most luring way. I pass it on to Journalism and Mass Communication students and faculty to learn from. Keep up the great work. You are on right

- Fr. C. M. Paul SDB, Darjeeling

Fantastic – Maran

Awesome — Maanasi

Super design Mohan, very trendy and creative! The content is excellent I like your picture in

the editorial page **Chandran Paul Martin**

Sir tamil translate varuamah?

— Vinod, OSOP

Very good Mohan
— Rayan

I searched for words to appreciate, but. Every month 15th morning, as i woke up my hands are searching for mobile to see The Post, once I open the POST, it swollows my morning of 15th day of the month untill i complete all 18 pages in full. An request please carry on the articles of Mr. Lourdu on his life at Sacread heart college. I hope he has written as series. I have read his other articles, instersting, please continue.

- Fr. Domnic

Very nice and creative.. congrats both of you for hard-work...

— Sam Anna

Machi u r very dedicating in this post da, really really happy to see .. as far keep Sticky hard in one is difficult many diversion will occur but this time u made, concentrating more is resembling ur hard work Machi ... keep rocking mamaeeee. Wooow mind blowing creativity da especially 6th page content is admired one ... u rocking da... Content is good too .. month by month showings the varies upgraded.. Really awesome and congrats for arikai & the post kaniyakumari Machi

This is very beautiful! I always like how you are bringing freshness to the stories with

— Smrithi

Congratulations. Very impressive and lots of new information. Great work frank

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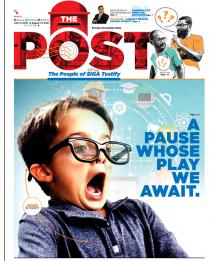
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Read Annette's piece on "Give and take? Are we sure?". Quite thought provoking and conviction for leaders to read ans act upon. Great article. Good Job, Bro. Begin as a social worker I like the articles in "THE POST". I like your garden and for your kind information, I am also planning for a farm land in around Chennai. All the very best, May God bless you. Special blessings to Haveela.

- Dominic Dixon

highly commendable.

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— Elakiya

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— Vijayaraj, UK

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— Albert Francis, THE HINDU

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— Arokia Kanish

Will take a look man, Good morning

- Debayan Tiwari

As always, Wonderful work put together. Thanks for the inspiration in being creative.

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Dear Franklin Bro, You design is always rocking. Great work

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