

## WOMAN V/S MAN

Since childhood we have been taught to follow certain rules and regulations and once we grow up we realize that these rules are simply our culture. Every society has the same set of rules and values, yet there are differences. These values are different for each group of people, caste, creed, religion and gender too. Women have always been portrayed as weaker than men and the latter has tried many a times to prove it.

There was a time when women were treated and respected and were considered powerful but with the passage of time, men has taken over. Slowly and gradually it has become a men dominated society and women are subjected to violence and are being tortured. There are numerous incidents which has been taking place in an around the world, which describes sheer violence against women. Endless number of rapes, murder and female infanticide etc. has been taking place for ages now.

India is called the land of values and this is where the crime against women is the highest. In India every two minutes a woman is being raped and the crime rate is being increasing day by day. Not every crime is being

reported by the victims neither any legal action is being taken by the police.

Every day in the newspaper there are reports of crime against women happening in different parts of the world, masses filling in the streets with candles and protesting against violence caused against women, but these protests and marches are they helping? Has the crime rates gone down? The answer is a big NO. The questions which pops up again is that why these crime take place? What make people commit these crimes? Is there any way to stop this form of discrimination?

Men and women are not equal and it is true. Men are more powerful in strength while women become mature early. But women are more thoughtful and logical. There are women running countries, ruling the world and still taking care of their household. Women are to be love and respected, not raped and discarded. Imagine a world without women, it is not even possible.

Save women before they are extinct.

-Marilyn Sultana T

## AFSPA in Full Force



The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, or AFSPA, as it is commonly known, has been a subject of intense discussion and debate. AFSPA has been in force in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir, and the 'draconian' law has been the reason of wide protests.

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) was preceded by the Armed Forces (Assam and Manipur) Special Powers Ordinance 1958. The Ordinance gave the armed forces certain special powers in the 'disturbed areas' of Manipur and Assam. It was replaced by AFSPA on September 11, 1958. Currently, AFSPA is applicable to the seven states of the North-East, i.e. Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir. AFSPA empowers the governor of the state, or the central government to declare any part of the state as a 'disturbed area',

if in its opinion there exists a dangerous situation in the said area which makes it necessary to deploy armed forces in the region.

A few years into Indian independence, Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister, faced his first insurgency in Naga districts of Assam, along the Burmese border. In 1954, the Nagas began an insurgency for independence. India responded by sending in thousands of Indian army soldiers and paramilitary men from the Assam Rifles to crush the rebellion. An intense cycle of violence followed. The longest fast from Sharmila is protesting the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which gives Indian soldiers impunity in the insurgent northeastern states. She has been fasting and in solitary confinement for about 15 years. The discontent in the borderlands of Nehru's India wasn't limited to the Naga areas. Signs of trouble and

disillusionment with being ruled by a bureaucrat from New Delhi were growing in the former princely state of Manipur, which had merged with India in 1949. In 1964, the year of Nehru's death, a separatist militant group seeking independence from India, the United National Liberation Front, was formed in Manipur. India reacted to the centrifugal force by granting statehood to Manipur in 1972, which brought an elected local government and greater financial resources. A few years later, inspired by Maoist ideas, some Manipuri rebels traveled to Lhasa and, with Chinese support, formed an insurgent group, the People's Liberation Army, which sought Manipuri independence. Several smaller insurgent groups came into being. The number of persons killed in acts of violence went up from two in 1978 to 51 in 1981, according to the South Asian Terrorism Portal. India responded by declaring Manipur a "disturbed area" and imposed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in late 1980. A brutal cycle of insurgency and counterinsurgency has continued ever since, claiming several thousand lives.

-Dhanabir Singh

## BANGALORE UNIVERSITY NEWS

-Dhanabir Singh



Bangalore University to hold 50th convocation

In what could be the last convocation to be held at the place where its 50-year-old history started, Bangalore University (BU) will hold its 50th annual convocation at the Central College here on Saturday. As many as 199 gold medals and 77 cash prizes will be distributed to 92 rank holders. In all, 47,202 students are eligible for degree certificates this year, of which 519 have secured distinction,

24,332 first class, 16,399 second class and 5,784 have cleared with pass class marks, university officials said on Friday. While until 2012, students were given gold medals, this time, they will receive gold medals containing 20 grams of silver coated with 1.3 grams of gold. As for the contentious issue of trifurcation, BU Vice-Chancellor B. Thimme Gowda said he would meet Higher Education Minister R.V. Deshpande next week

## GRADUATION DAY- Celebrating Success

-Janet Montaut

The Oxford College of Arts recently conducted Graduation day for the students of post graduation department (Mass Communication, Social Work and English).

The formal function was graced by Mr. TAPAL DULAH BABU and the chief guest was Dr. Sharda Ajit, principal of the college. The show began with a beautiful classical song sung by Chaitra (student of mass communication).

The Principal then emphasized, on the achievements of the students of the college. She took pride in announcing the rank holders of the university from the department of arts. She also requested the college authority to give importance on the placements of the students. She concluded by wishing luck to all the students passing out from the college. The students were also advised on how to make the perfect



career choices and lead a successful life. Joy of the social work department cherished the moments she had while studying in this college and gave a big shout out to her fellow classmates for their achievements.

Akshay Arambam, of the mass communication department thanked the faculty members and the management of the college for making the students well trained and making them ready to face the challenges in

students were given graduation certificates and as the function came to an end, the teacher announced Renita Mendosa (Mass Communication), (Social Work) and (English) as the best outstanding students of the year 2014-15.

The formal function ended on a very happy note but the photo session of the students continued amidst laughter and happiness.

## Comic Sense



Marilyn Sultana



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The Oxford College of Arts recently celebrated its two-day inter-collegiate cultural fest at its HSR Layout campus. 9th and 10th March 2015 saw number of colleges around Bangalore taking part in the cultural fest with full vigour and excitement.

Everyone got to experience the colours and creativity of the students on those two days of the fest. There was an active participation from students of various colleges in variety of activities, events, and competitions showcasing their talents and creativity. The first day of the fest saw the students competing in events like Mane Art (Hair Styling), Wordsworth (Poetry), Frame it (Photography), Director's Cut (Documentary), Espresso (Cartooning), Re-craft it (Best out of Waste). Desi Raaga (Folk songs) and Trendy Tunez (Western Music) were the main attraction on the first day of the fest. Renita Mendonsa, a student of Mass Communication thanked the college management for helping out in organizing this fest. She said, "It is very important to have some extra-

## SRUJANA



curricular activities apart from the regular syllabus. Srjana has helped us understand the principles of managing such a big fest." The judges who were invited specially to judge the events had a tough time selecting the winners from the sea of talents. Only stage events took place on the second day of the fest. The auditorium was full packed right from the morning. The crowd swayed to the tunes and melodious voice of

the participants of Medley Melody (Semi-Classical music). The amazing performance from the participants of Footloose (Contemporary Dance) and Nimble Toes (Bollywood Dance) kept the crowd amazed throughout. RJ Beat Raja of Red FM 93.5 was the star attraction on the 2nd day with his antics and gift of the gab. He even conducted his show from the college itself, Ningthoujam Punshiba, a B.A 2nd Semester student was all

excited and said, "Srjana has given a platform to showcase our talents, creativity and diverse culture. It has given us chance to interact with various students".

The Valedictory function of the fest was graced by Prof. Narayana Swamy as the Chief Guest. Renowned Bengali singer, Mrs. Srumona Chakraborty was the Guest of Honour. Major Muddhe Gowda and Principal of the Oxford College of Arts, Sharda Ajith also graced the dais as dignitaries of the function. Prizes were also distributed and the deserving students were acknowledged with certificates and trophies. Among all the colleges, the Oxford College of Science was adjudged the best performing college. The cultural performances by the students of the host college followed till 7 in the evening. Altogether, Srjana 2015 was a successful cultural fest and the curtains closed with the hope of even more successful and exciting Srjana 2016.

-Raj Shekar



# And now I rise - NIRBHAYA

Who am I?  
What am I?  
Questions rising in my mind

Where to go?  
Where to shine?  
Is this the world mine?

I was killed before i was born  
I was raped, before I was married  
I was abused when I was a child  
I was burnt because I protested  
Against what!  
Because I protested for my 'birth'  
Now, can you guess!  
Who am I?

I am a daughter, who is beaten  
I am a wife, who is abused  
I am a mother, who don't have  
enough to raise her child  
I am a woman, who is looked  
down upon always  
By whom?  
By my protectors  
I am weak

I am small  
I cry when I am alone

Because I am a woman  
A woman who is weak, yet  
strong  
A woman who is sick, yet sur-  
vives  
A woman who is alone, but is  
never gone

You can hit me  
Burn me  
Rape me  
Or  
Kill me

I will rise  
I will rise like a wave  
No matter how far you chase  
I will fight for my right  
And hold my mother tight  
She is a beautiful sight  
And if only you might  
Come and embrace me  
I would wait patiently  
But, once you shot me down



I will rise again  
Leaving behind the pain  
The time has come  
For a change...

I don't believe in names  
I don't believe you and your  
games  
A woman is equal, as equal as a  
man  
This is my belief  
And by it I will stand

You are a part of me  
Coz I gave you life  
Without me, you wouldn't have  
a sight  
A sight to see this hell, in para-  
dise

What have you done to this  
mother!  
Mother earth and nature  
What have you done to the race!  
It has become a horrible place

For my mother and thee

A woman is equal  
As equal as a man  
I can prove it in this land

Treat her right  
Treat her fine  
Coz I will rise and I will reign

And now i rise  
With virtue and pride

Revenge is bleeding out of my  
soul

I can feel the despair within  
You have mocked me  
Now you have evoked me  
And now I rise  
To make everything right...

Entering into a new saga  
This is my Maya  
I am NIRBHAYA

-Marilyn Sultana

## Glimpses of North East India

Culturally rich, bio-diverse and endowed with natural resources, North-East India forms a distinct region with its language and customs. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura and the Himalayan state of Sikkim form the Seven Sister States. Connected to mainland India by a narrow strip of land, Northeast India is the eastern-most region of the country. The Siliguri Corridor in West Bengal, with an average width of 21 km to 40 km, connects the North Eastern region with the mainland Indian sub-continent. North Eastern states share more than 4500 km of border with Bhutan to the northwest, Myanmar in the east, South Tibet in the north and Bangladesh in the southwest. Most North Eastern states have over 60 per cent of geographical area under forest cover. No wonder then



that the region supports some of the highest floral and faunal diversities. As many as 51 forest types are found which are broadly classified into six major types. It boasts of as many as 850 bird species and about 8000 species of flowering plants. The region is also known for its great ethnic and religious diversity. As many as 220 languages in three different language groups are spo-

ken in the region. A large number of tribes – from the Nagas to the Mishmis – are found in North East. Though it attracts less number of tourists as compared to mainland India, the region is known for its natural beauty and healthy climate. The region also attracts a lot of adventure enthusiasts too.

-Dhanabir Singh

### 19 FACTS ABOUT INCREDIBLE INDIA

- India is the world's largest and oldest, continuous civilization.
- India never invaded any country in her last 1000 years of history.
- India invented the number system. Zero was invented by Aryabhata.
- When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus Valley Civilization).
- There are 300,000 active mosques in India, more than in any other country, including the Muslim world.
- Sanskrit is the mother of all the European Languages. Sanskrit is the most suitable language for computer software - a report in Forbes magazine July 1987.
- Chess (Shataranja or AshtaPada) was invented in India.
- India has the second largest pool of Scientist and Engineers in the World.
- India is the largest English speaking nation in the world.
- India is the only country other than US and Japan, to have built a super computer indigenously.
- India has the largest number of Post Offices in the world.

- One of the largest employers in the world is the Indian Railways, employing over a million people.
- India was one of the richest countries till the time of British rule in the early 17th Century. Christopher Columbus, attracted by India's wealth, had come looking for a sea route to India when he discovered America by mistake.
- The Vishnu Temple in the city of Tirupathi built in the 10th century, is the world's largest religious pilgrimage destination. Larger than either Rome or Mecca, an average of 30,000 visitors donate \$6 million (US) to the temple every day.
- Varanasi, also known as Banaras, was called "the Ancient City" when Lord Buddha visited it in 500 B.C., and is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world today.
- Martial Arts were first created in India, and later spread to Asia by Buddhist missionaries.
- Yoga has its origins in India and has existed for over 5,000 years.
- Indian Railways employs more than 1.3 million people. That's more than the population of many nations.
- India has the largest English speaking population in the world.

- Raj Shekar

**Amazing Fact:**  
People with autism are less likely to catch yawns. The more severe their condition, the less common the behavior gets.



We all love fast food. Its fast and its affordable. Here are some fast food joints in Bangalore that are budget friendly and won't leave a hole in the pocket. 100rs is the price to pay to have a full tummy and leaving your taste buds satisfied. These places also, make it a good place to hang out with your friends and have long chats. So here's the list of seven fast food joints in Bangalore that might interest you:

- Sandwich N Chain:**  
Rating: 3.9/5  
Location: Koramangala.  
Address: 199, Near Sai Baba Temple, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore.

## Style it Up



Summer is here and it's time to style up the heat with some cool trends to make this summer breezy. Each and everything which we wear is fashion. It all depends on the way we carry out our creations in style. More than celebrity fashion, it is the street style which will dictate the kind of style that might be prevalent on the runway!

To keep up with the summer heat here are some 10 steps to go glam this summer  
Go for minimal clothing; don't cover yourself up with endless number of clothes  
Choose light fabrics and avoid darker shades.  
Black can be teamed out any other light colored accessories  
Choose your shoes carefully; canvas

and gladiators are in now. You can always team up your whites or blacks with a bright colored bag or clutch, even shoes  
Long skirts are trending, you can team up your skirt with any denim jacket  
Get the retro look with round frames or glassy aviators  
Go for a hair style that makes u look cool, bun it up or plait it up. Fringe is in.  
Girls don't overdo your make up, keep it simple and just add color to your lips  
Go floral, team up your denim or neutrals with a floral bag or accessories.  
Beat the heat with your smile and glam it up with a positive attitude.

- Marilyn Sultana

## Fast Food Joints in Bangalore

- Just Fresh Point:**  
Rating: 3.3  
Location: Electronic  
Address: Club House, Concorde Manhattan Apartment, Near Wipro Gate-16, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100.  
Cuisines: Fast Food, Street Food, Beverages, Ice Cream.  
Opening hours: 7 AM to 10:30 PM  
Cost: Rs. 200 for two people (approx.)
- Muruga Bhavan:**  
Rating: 3.6  
Location: Banaswadi  
Address: 4th Cross, OMBR Layout, Opposite CMR Law College, Banaswadi, Bangalore.  
Cuisines: South Indian, Fast Food.  
Opening hours: 7AM to 10 PM  
Cost: Rs. 100 for two people (approx.)
- Ande Ka Funda:**  
Rating: 3.5  
Location: Kumaraswamy Layout  
Address: 173, Teachers colony, 1st Stage, Near Dayanand Sagar College, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore.  
Cuisines: North Indian, Fast Food  
Opening hours: 7 AM to 11 PM  
Cost: Rs. 100 for two people
- Disney Bakery:**  
Rating: 4.1  
Location: BTM  
Address: 305, Near HDFC ATM, 7th Cross, 2nd Stage, BTM, Bangalore.  
Cuisines: veg and non-veg Bakery stuff, Fast Food.  
Opening hours: 10 AM to 10 PM  
Cost: Rs. 150 for two people (approx.)
- Albert Bakery:**  
Rating: 4.2  
Location: Frazer Town  
Address: #93, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore.  
Cuisines: Bakery, Fast Food.  
Opening hours: 3 PM to 9 PM  
Cost: Rs. 150 for two people (approx.)

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