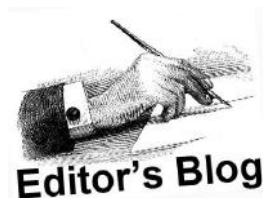




Budgeting blues!



Being part of the Indian Peacekeeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka in 1989, I had the onerous task of “looking after” the Town of Jaffna and for which a princely sum of Rs. 10 Crores (only) was earmarked. Frankly speaking I didn't know who made the budget, the various heads under which this money was to be spent and didn't care either. In that inimical environment when the LTTE was reigning supreme and being antagonistic to IPKF, no contractor was willing to risk his life by participating in any nation building activities. The only suggestion I could make to our hierarchy was to invest in the

Northern Peninsula's infrastructure development like restoration of surface transportation system, revival of electrical plants, improvement of water supply, increasing forest cover, agriculture and so on; all having gone to seed in the continuing strife. However, these suggestions sank without a trace in the byzantine corridors of red tape and uncertain political atmosphere.

The more I think of the budgetary process in the Foundation, the more I am convinced that we could add a dash of foresight and sprinkle pragmatism in preparation of our annual budgets that gets presented to the Annual General Body Meeting in September. This exercise is primarily undertaken by the Accounts after ascertaining anticipated income from Courses and from some other sources based on historical data. The Accounts thereafter puts all these strands together and makes a budget relying on anticipated expenses under various heads such as 'Salaries', 'Maintenance', 'Transportation', 'Diesel', 'Laundry', 'Housekeeping' and 'Overtime' etc. The whole process is standardised so to say.

It would be more pragmatic that each training establishment independently determines activities and programmes that will advance their cause and mission. It is axiomatic that development plans of the Colleges should be clearly enunciated particularly with regard to new acquisitions. The training budgets thereafter are to be dovetailed with administration forecasts of budgetary demands. The latter should include budgetary allocation separately for the new projects; routine maintenance of buildings, plant and equipment which actually escalates every year with ageing of the buildings, plant and equipment. It also encompasses expenses related to maintenance of existing training as well as administrative assets, allocation for 'fuel', 'promotional activities', 'transportation', 'medical expenses', 'library', 'welfare activities', renewal of Insurance policies, software and hardware, 'tele communications', 'Pest Control' and now, 'tea service'; the list is endless! Each item of 'major' and 'minor' head must be accounted for. There ought to be a budget for “sports” too that should include expenditure on maintenance of sports infrastructure and equipment. Actually its absence explains why we have such decrepit sports facilities. If an item is not budgeted for then financial allocation cannot be guaranteed. Separate provision needs to be made for “unplanned expenditure” – that too is part of “planning process”! Simultaneously, there has to be midterm 'review' of the budgets by the Department Heads to verify whether any revised allocations are necessary.

What is of paramount importance is the accuracy of the expenditure estimates and its schedule planning has to be on “conservative” side.

Its time for more proactive budgetary management !

Epilogue!

Till the time we were de-inducted from Sri Lanka, we never spent this amount! That much for budgeting.

Brig A S Adhikari
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Training Ship Rahaman

New batch of 120 of GP Ratings - Batch 60 commenced training on 1st July.

New Batch of 40 Three Years Degree in B.Sc. Nautical Science (University of Mumbai) Cadets Batch No.13 commenced on 17th July 2017.

New Batch of 85 DNS cadets (leading to BSc Applied Nautical Science) Batch no.17 commenced their training on 17th. Names of the Shipping companies sponsoring these cadets are as mentioned below:-

MSC Shipping Company
V Ships
Fleet Ship Management
Wilhelmsen
Doris
Synergy Maritime Recruitment Services
MSI Shipping
Pratistha Marine Services
Dockendale Ship Management
Asia Marine

Capt (Dr) Ashutosh Apandkar visited MASSA Maritime Academy, Belapur for a discussion on MSC (NS) on 3rd July.

Mr Yogesh Pawar from "Digital EDU" visited campus for developing "Students profile" software on 8th July in consultation with the Principal.

Mr Ajay Condra from CDC India conducted workshop for faculty on "Conflict Management" on 10th July.

Mr Sandesh Malekar from Carnival Support Services India Private Limited visited campus for discussing cadet programme for cadets on Cruise Ships on 12th July.

'Send off' function was organised for Capt J B Verma who was retiring on 13th July.

Capt (Dr) Ashutosh Apandkar, Capt Prakash Joag & Mr Pratap Jadhav visited workshop in Bhivandi for Hydro Blast machine on 15th July. They also visited workshop of HDC Enterprises, Rabale on 24th July. Half yearly details of all teaching faculty, professors and instructors for the duration January to June have been submitted to DG Shipping on 11th July. Half Yearly Returns for Pre-Sea, Post-Sea and STCW Modular Courses conducted in the Institution during the same period was also submitted to DG Shipping on 11th July.

Principal TSR & course in charges of BSc (NS) & IMU (DNS) conducted parents' meeting on 17th July. The Principal conducted Faculty meeting for the new academic session on 18th July.

Eight cadets of BSc Nautical Science Batch 10 were interviewed for placement by Chellaram Shipping Private Limited on 18th & 19th July. Results are awaited. Five cadets of this Batch were also selected by MSI Shipping Company; six cadets were selected by Campbell Shipping Company. AZA Shipping also interviewed cadets from this Batch who have yet to convey their decision.

Mumbai University officials visited campus for confirming Online Screen Marking Programme.

Capt Murali Vepa attended a meeting at the Mumbai University for 'online correction' on 21st July.

We have procured BEST text books for GP Ratings (Seamanship, Marine Engineering and Human Relations Volume - I & II and practical record books) and CCMC Rating (Catering and Housekeeping for Merchant Ships Volume-I & II and practical record books). These have been distributed to all students. STCW courses for CCMC Ratings commenced from 31st July.

We have received CDCs of Three Years Degree in BSc Nautical Science Cadets Batch 10 from Shipping Master.

Mr Sibaram Sahu visited TS Chanakya for verification of documents of IMU DNS on 12th & 24th July. List of students for BSc (NS), IMU (DNS), GP Rating & CCMC courses has been forwarded to the concerned authorities viz DG Shipping, Shipping Master, University of Mumbai, Indian Maritime University, INDoS Cell and BEST for their information.

Faculty of Nautical Science working on Saturday/Sunday finished corrections of papers before 31st July, the deadline set by Mumbai University.

Bridge simulator work is in progress, in Sagardweep hostel.

Mr Amol Markute from "24 Hour Studio.Net" visited campus to understand our certification process with

a view to developing new course booking software.

Capt (Dr) Ashutosh Apandkar attended Board of University Teaching & Research Meeting in Fort campus on 25th July.

Capt Pradip Dandekar attended paper setter meeting in Kalina campus on 25th July.

We have uploaded data for Institutional Swachhta Ranking details through AISHE (All India Survey on Higher Education) portal and acknowledgement no.C-33614-2017-362 received. The shortlisted Institutions will be physically inspected in August 2017.

Candidates trained in various courses for the month of July 2017 were as follows:

REGULAR STCW & REFRESHER COURSES

| Courses | Total no. of Candidates |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| PSCRB | 33 |
| MFA | 31 |
| PST | 41 |
| PSSR | 01 |
| EFA | 16 |
| ROC & ARPA | 08 |
| ECDIS | 08 |
| GTFC | 54 |
| OCTA | 60 |
| STR | 33 |
| Ref. PSCRB | 16 |
| Ref. MFA | 02 |

Status of Distance Learning programme (DLP) as in July 2017.

SSTP Certificate issued - 5 Candidates

On Going DLP - 437 Candidates

Foundation for Davit for the New (fully) enclosed boat has been completed and installation of the new Davit will be undertaken shortly.

GP Ratings workshop practical training is in progress.

Rahaman College of Advanced Maritime Studies and Research

GME cadets attended their regular classes till 8th July and thereafter attended STCW courses- PST and FPFF with Augmentation courses from 10th to 15th July and the last one STR was attended on 24th and 25th July.

GME cadets proceeded on Industrial visit to Goa for the period 16th to 22nd July in which they visited Goa Shipyard on 18th and Chowgule Shipyard on 20th July to understand shipbuilding activities, Large Marine engines, ship's engine room layouts and similar practical aspects of marine engineering.

Other activities:

On 8th July, all GME cadets attended written test for M/ S Synergy Maritime.

Six GME cadets attended placement interviews with M/s AZA Shipping Private Limited on 12th & 13th July. After first round of personal interviews, they went



through skill test of welding and fitting/turning at a specified engineering workshop suggested by M/S AZA Shipping. All six cleared personal interview as well as skill tests and were reportedly approved by the Shipping Company. Their formal communication in this regard is awaited.

Other 13 cadets are preparing for their interviews to be conducted by MOLTA Shipping. These are expected to take place in August. Based on the advertisement appearing in some newspapers, GME Cadets were also counseled to apply for DCI –Engineer trainee Jobs.

Preliminaries for design and development of High Voltage course for Operational as well as management level engineers such as industry requirements, prospective students, costing including for simulators.

Installation of Full Mission Engine Room Simulator (FMES) which was procured from K line is in progress.

TASCO course no. 27 was conducted from 10th July to 21st July 2017 with two candidates.

Alumni visit: TSR Alumni from GME batch no. 03 Mr. Dhandhaliya Vivek, Mr. Pradeepkumar & Mr. Madhukumar visited TSR and this opportunity was taken to arrange a meet with present GME batch.

Alumni, explained and elaborated their first hand experience on ships, their seniors' expectation, their job routine and "DOs" and "DON'Ts".

Mr. Pratap Bhosle, Deputy Chief Surveyor, (Retd D G Shipping) (Second from left in photo) visited Fire fighting complex, for renewal of his STCW course certificates. FFC employees took the opportunity to take a photo with him.



Number of candidates who attended fire fighting courses in month of July 2017 were as follows:-

| | | |
|--------------|---|----|
| AFF | - | 67 |
| AFF REF | - | 13 |
| FPFF | - | 35 |
| FPFFREF | - | 01 |
| AUGMENTATION | - | 13 |

Maintenance work undertaken in the Fire Fighting Complex.

Fire water tank RCAMSAR building cleaned, submersible fire pump cleaned - painted, water filled up in tank and fire pump put in service.

Maintenance of SCBA sets

General maintenance and upkeep of fire fighting units and equipment

Abdul Rashid Academy of Culinary Arts & Maritime Hospitality (ARACAMH)

Our consistent efforts to promote Catering and Hospitality Courses being conducted during this academic session included News paper ads and Career Seminars held at Campus Nhava and cities outside Mumbai have fetched excellent results.

Both BSc MHS and CCMC course seats are full with 60 and 80 students respectively, BA in Culinary Arts admissions are in progress, so far 26 students have confirmed admissions. BSc MHS started their course from 07th July and BA in Culinary Arts from 17th July onwards. CCMC batch 23 students along with their parents, attended the first day of College on 01st July in



ARACAMH College. After the Principal's address to parents and students, the students were taken on a campus familiarization and a safety tour of the college and the galley by the faculty.

8th batch of "Culinary Skills Enhancement Programme" with 13 candidates commenced from 03rd July. It is a value added two months duration course for Anglo Eastern that was started in April 2016.

On 12th July, Delegates of P & O Cruise and Carnival Cruise lines visited ARACAMH College to see the training facility and conducted a career seminar for students for job opportunities on cruise ships. They will be

considering our CCMC, BSc MHS and BA in Culinary Arts students for placements. Among them were Mr John Scaria- Recruitment Manager, Mr Sandesh Malekar- Manager offshore services, Carnival Cruise Lines and Mr Mahesh Swaminathan, Training Manager.

Mr Sandesh Malekar called on Capt Apandkar and discussed the possibility of recruiting our cadets and ratings for their ships.

The students of BSc MHS and BA in culinary Arts eagerly heard the presentation and asked searching questions related to jobs on cruise liners.

A 10 days course on Continental Cuisine for nine candidates of Northern Marine was held from 17th to 27th July.

Students of BSc MHS batch 9 along with their parents, attended the first day of College on 07th July in ARACAMH College. Mr Pankaj Deshmukh addressed the attendees and introduced all the college faculty and staff. Mr Cletus Paul addressed the students and their parents and explained the rules, regulations and policies of the Foundation. Mr Paul Koshy gave a vote of thanks to all parents and students who were present at the Pitale hall.

Mr Pankaj Deshmukh and Mr Cletus Paul addressing the Freshers and Parents at the College



Mr Paul Koshy, Principal giving vote of thanks to Parents.



Dr. Hemant Mehta, RMO conducted a class on “Food Safety and Hygiene” for our catering staff in Hasham Mess on 14th July.



On 17th July, students of BA in Culinary Arts batch 2 along with their parents, attended the first day of College in ARACAMH. Mr Paul Koshy addressed the gathering by introducing the College faculty,



staff. Mr Anupam Dhondiyal explained the rules, regulations and policies of the Foundation.

On 17th July, Mr Silas Hiwale along with Mr Haresh conducted Career counselling session at DAV Public school, Thane for admission to BA in Culinary Arts. Students were handed out the brochures and explained about their career prospects in hospitality industry.

Lady Khatun Marium School & Junior College

English Handwriting competition for the students of classes I to V, and Essay Writing Competition for the students of classes VI to XII was conducted on 8th July.

A special assembly was conducted on the occasion of Guru Purnima on 8th July.

10 projects from the School have been registered

for NCSC (National Children's Science Congress) under the theme of "Sustainable Development". A workshop was conducted for the students and teachers on 4th July by Dr Rutwik Thengodkar and Mr Vishwas Korade who guided the students for these projects.

The highest ever, 92 students registered for Elementary and Intermediate Art Examination organised the Art Directorate of the State Government of Maharashtra.

Two teachers – Ms Anita David and Ms Nisha Patil attended a three day workshop organised at Worli and Mumbai Central on 'Early childhood education – curriculum enhancement and pedagogy' on 19th to 21st Jul. The workshop was a joint venture of the Singapore International Foundation- Paragon Charitable Trust and Muktangan, Mumbai. The purpose of the programme is to enhance the quality of early childhood education (ECE), to enhance curriculum, pedagogy and assessment skills of teachers and trainers. The teachers got to learn a quality framework module aligned with International standard that encompasses the entire early years of education from nursery to grade 2. This will really help us to upgrade our knowledge base and the curriculum of the ECE.

As per the new assessment pattern promulgated by the CBSE, Periodic Test I began from 24th July for the students of the Middle School.

Important Visitors

July, 2017

8th - Mr. Yogesh Pawar, Digital EDU

10th

Mr Ajay Condra, CDC India + Com.

12th

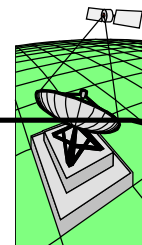
Mr. Sandesh Malekar, Carnival Support Services India Pvt. Ltd.

20th to 22nd

Mr Amol Markute, 24 Hour Studio. Net

Fatma Banu Hospital

A total of 547 Patients were treated in FB Hospital in the month of July. Seven children were given Pulse Polio shots and 10 children attended well baby clinic.



Future Watch - August, 2017

5th & 19th August - Well Baby clinic
15th - Independence Day Celebrations
Pulse Polio - No Fixed Date

Infrastructure, Repairs and Maintenance

Maintenance staffs have carried out repairs to the furniture, painting of Cabins, electrical and plumbing jobs and mattresses replacements in Serang Hostel. Certain repairs in Classrooms of Barnes Academy were also undertaken.

Welders have completed the roof work of new toilet block at Samander Mahal building and compost pits at Dairy Farm, fabricated writing desks for classrooms of Catering College. Plumbers also worked on the fixtures of staff quarter at Dairy Farm and drainage and water lines of new bathroom block in the Samander Mahal building. Painting of staff quarters and cabins in Sagarika Hostel has been completed. Painting and polishing of desks for class rooms was also undertaken. Carpenters attended to the repairs to the furniture in the class rooms of Barnes Academy and hostels. Carpenters also added false ceiling of the Catering College class rooms in Sagardweep.

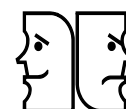
Masons were employed in the Sagaresh Suite Annexe for laying down fresh flooring, demolished partitioning walls in the Catering College, water proofing in the Anchorage bungalow, Sagarika and Sagaresh hostel and The 'Heights'.

Wiring and installation of lights and fans of class rooms for Catering College, and provision of electrical connection

for water heating solar hot water system of Sagardweep Hostel was completed.

Pillows and Mattresses and sofa sets of Serang and Sagarika hostel have been repaired. Repairs to sofa sets of Sagaresh hostel and blinds for simulator room at Sagardweep is also in hand.

Team of maintenance workers have been deployed in the simulator room at Sagardweep hostel to complete equipping of the Simulator lab.



NEW FACES



Chef Siraj M Shaikh

Mr Shaikh, 51, has been recently appointed as Chef Bakery and Patisserie in ARACAMH. He has wide experience of serving as the Head of the Department and Associate Professor with D Y Patil

University, Pastry Chef with Costa Cruise, Chief Baker with Delight Food and Baker Commi II with Oberoi Flight Services.



Mrs Archana Yendarkar

Mrs Archana has been a familiar face in the Campus faculty and has been taking lectures as Visiting Faculty in ARACAMH from 2014 onwards. She has since been permanently absorbed in the College as Faculty

for Accounts and Management Studies.



Mr Rajesh Pathak

Mr Pathak, 49, is a Indian Navy Veteran having wide ranging experience in Administration and Logistics as Stores Chief for over 28 years. He is also qualified in the subject of Office Management.

Work is in progress of fabricating 'I' beam structure and shutters of the School hostel 'D', False ceiling and electrification of class rooms at Sagardweep, fabricating weld mesh for compost pits, tiling in Sagaresh suite cabins, modification and renovation of second floor cabins in Sagaresh hostel, modification of poultry cages, floor tiling in the anchorage bungalow verandah, painting of staff quarters in the Dairy Farm complex, and internal painting of Enid's terrace and F B hospital quarters.

George Campbell Library

Library was able to collect the required study material for IMU Batch 17 with 85 candidates and all BSc Nautical Science (Mumbai University) candidates (40 each of I, II and III year) and distributed in time. Nautical Science past question papers have been added and available in library for the candidates to facilitate better preparation of their examination. Five navigation books have been donated by late Shri S. Ranadive and the details of the books will be published in forthcoming library bulletin. Reference books for the year 2017 for library have been ordered and are expected shortly. Study material for GP Rating has also collected and distributed to 120 candidates prior at the beginning of the term.

Marine Museum

During the month of July, the museum saw a steady stream of visitors from in and around Nhava. During this month measures for Preventive Conservation of Museum Exhibits were undertaken prior to the onset of monsoon.



Vegetable Garden in bloom!



Security Guards cleaning Composting pits



“Conflict Management Programme for faculty by Mr. Ajay Condra from CDC India +com.



“Send off” of Capt. J.B. Verma on 13th July 2017



Parents Meeting on 17th July 2017.





Engine room Simulator work is in progress in Sagardweep



ROSE IS A ROSE!



SENTINEL OF OUR FREEDOM

Sonia Chauhan in 'Stolen Diaries' on 19 March 2017

"Attrey ko bulaaoo," Vic motioned frantically. He was lying flat on his belly. He crawled into the small clearing in the thicket of trees, and peered through the binoculars. (Two bearded men constantly looked out of the third-storey window of a wood-and-stone bungalow, as if waiting for something. They were armed with modern assault rifles and hand grenades. One of them turned and beckoned somebody from the back. A smallish man came into view, carrying a sack awash in blood. Together, the three men heaved the sack out of the window. It hit the ground with a sickening soft thud.)

"Shit", Vic muttered through clenched teeth. Attrey tapped him on the shoulder. "Bloody man, where did you wander off?" Vic asked impatiently. If he weren't whispering, he would be shouting. Immediately, Vic began adjusting the younger man's bullet-proof vest. "We have spotted six civilians inside till now, three men and three teenagers. Till now, I have counted four insurgents, but there could be more..." Vic trailed off, as he fished in his pockets. He took out a spare pistol and attached it to the holder fastened to Attrey's belt.

Finally, Captain Vikramjeet Singh Sodhi stood before Lieutenant Mriganka Attrey. Both men looked each other in the eye.

"One, we bomb the house and achieve hundred percent fatality. Two, we go in and engage them in combat; we get a chance to rescue the civilians. What do you think?" he asked his junior officer, and buddy since Academy days.

Attrey turned to the six men watching the exchange between the two officers. "Bhai log, kya bolte ho? Saab, aap batao?" he asked Subedar Raghavendar, a burly gentleman with half an ear blown away.

"Jaayenge, Saab," the Subedar replied without missing a beat.

Vic stared at each man in the dark-green huddle they made, under the massive blue Pine. Calmly, he briefed his men about the plan of action and positioning, and checked each man's bullet-proofing, helmet and ammunition. The men closed their eyes and remembered their Gods. Sita's face flashed behind Vic's eyes for a moment. A miniature bolt of lightning struck him in the chest. The men took their initial positions as Vic had ordered. He jerked his arm at them, and the men disappeared into the forest to circle the bungalow.

Vic remained standing at the spot where the eight men had been a minute ago. He had decided to lead, attacking the north-east wing of the building where they had spotted the maximum activity. He looked up at the sky, for it had begun to snow.

They say when a person is faced with a life-and-death situation, all dormant senses of the body are set in motion, strengthening periphery vision, bodily reflexes, and slowing time.

Vic now felt the sweat collecting between his shoulder blades. His heart rate had slowed. He could feel every single frozen breath entering his nostrils, leading to his lungs and the ensuing blood that rushed through his heart. He swung his weapon to the front, and it dangled over his chest. He clutched a pistol in both hands. He frowned at the clear garden patch ahead of him, and prepared to run across the longest six point five metres patch that he had ever run.

Recently, there are many opinions floating around that since the Indian Army is a voluntary organisation, it is the same as 'doing a job' like the rest of us are doing. People have begun to think that being in the Army is similar to being a banker, or a financial analyst, or a software engineer. This post is an attempt to alter this flawed perception. That the pressure of running late for a Monday meeting is the same as that of running to carry out a rescue operation. That the anxiety of walking into a room full of Board of Directors is the same as walking into a clear patch of grass exposing yourself to a certain spray of bullets.

He asks you:

What would you do if you were in Vic's position? Would you have bombed the house full of militants from a safe distance, costing innocent lives? Or would you take it by the balls and do what Vic did? And, would you be okay if he chose not to go in at all?

He asks you:

What if you were inside that house, getting kicked around, desperately clinging to any shred of hope that someone will come save you? What would you like Vic to do, then? If you were asked to be Vic even once in your lifetime, how much would you like to be paid? How would you react if someone questioned your salary? How would you feel if someone asked you why should you be entitled to canteen services or a government house? Or that why should you be allowed benefits under a Government Scheme?

In the moment where Vic is braced to break-in, what if he starts to calculate his Counter-Insurgency allowance and compare it to the risk he is putting himself into? It's ridiculous, right? Well, we are ridiculous. Our apathy and lack of emotion is ridiculous. This culture of comparing valour, compassion and sacrifice to a few thousand bucks is ridiculous. We have become so self-involved and uncaring, wrapped up like little spiders in our webs of online-purchasing and getting-the-look so much so that nothing affects us anymore.

We couldn't care less if some young man puts his life at stake out there, on some Godforsaken hill at some Godforsaken area, bracing himself to get killed.

When the soldier is not putting a cost to his life, then why are you?

Imagine: If, in that moment, he begins to think like we do?

Imagine: If every young man in the country starts thinking like us, what sort of nation would be left to protect you?

Disruptive Technology

When TV came to my house.

I forgot how to read books.

When the car came to my doorstep,

I forgot how to walk.

When I got the mobile in my hand,

I forgot how to write letters.

When computer came to my house,

I forgot spellings

When the AC came to my house,

I stopped going under the tree for cool breeze

When I stayed in the city,

I forgot the smell of mud.

By dealing with banks and cards,

I forgot the value of money.

With the smell of perfume,

I forgot the fragrance of fresh flowers.

With the coming of fast food, I forgot to cook traditional cuisines .

Always running around, I forgot how to stop.

And lastly when I got whatsapp,

I forgot how to talk.

Why was a school in Poland named after Jamsaheb Digvijay Singh Jadeja, who once ruled Nawanagar?



During the years preceding World War II, a huge number of Poles were taken away by the Red Army to work at the Soviet-run labour camps in remote parts of North-Eastern USSR and Siberia. When Hitler's army invaded the Soviet Union in 1941, the USSR announced a general amnesty leading to the release of Polish exiles from labour camps. This was also done with a view to encourage forming a Polish Army unit to fight the German army that was fast advancing into the USSR.

Thus began a great exodus — from the cold parts of the Soviet Union to warmer southern regions of Central Asia. The long and arduous journey stretched over hundreds of kilometres. It was a test of human endurance and suffering in the most difficult situations. Many travellers lost their loved ones en route owing to the cold, hunger, malnutrition and dehydration. The journey stretched across many lands and transit points — Ashkhabad in Turkmenistan, Mashhad, Isfahan and Tehran in Iran, Afghanistan, Quetta, Zahedau and Karachi in present day Pakistan and to India's western coast.

However, it is known that they were turned away from every country they approached for help.

The first batch of the 500 severely malnourished and exhausted orphans had a surprise welcome, when they arrived in Nawanagar, from the Maharaja himself. "Don't consider yourselves orphans.

You are now Nawanagaris and I am Bapu, the father of all Nawanagaris, including yourselves," he said. Digvijay Singh was the Chancellor of the Council of Princes and member of the Imperial War Cabinet in British India (1939-1945) who opened his province to Polish refugees threatened with annihilation. He knew the officials of the Polish government in exile that operated from London owing to his position in the Imperial War Cabinet.

Kind heart

Digvijay Singh not only welcomed the refugees, but also ensured that they had special



accommodation, schools, medical facilities and opportunities for rest and recuperation at Balachadi, near Jamnagar. Singh also opened a camp at Chela and involved the rulers of Patiala and Baroda, with whom he had a good rapport in the Chamber of Princes, to help the refugees. Business houses like Tata and other individuals raised over Rs. 6,00,000 between 1942 -1945 (a huge amount in those days) to maintain the first batch of 500 refugees.

The board outside the main gate of a school in Warsaw mentioning the school named after the Maharaja Jam Saheb Digvijay Sinhji

Other camps were also set up at Balachadi, Valivade (Kolhapur), Bandra (Mumbai) and Panchgani. Singh coordinated with the Polish Government in exile and took steps to impart education in Polish language apart from arranging for catholic priests to follow the religious mores of the refugees. Between 1942 and 1948, about 20,000 refugees stayed and transited through the then undivided India for a duration ranging from six months to six years. About 6,000 of them were granted war-duration domicile that stretched till March 1948, according to Prof. Anuradha Bhattacharya, whose doctoral thesis submitted to the University of Pune in 2006 documents the comprehensive history of Polish Refugees in India.

After the World War II and the recognition of Poland's government by Great Britain, the refugees were asked to return to Poland. However, many chose to be repatriated to the UK, the US, Australia and other Commonwealth nations while just a few returned to Poland. Today, many of the survivors still recall with emotion and tears, the Maharaja's personal send-off at the railway station. Starczewska says that the legacy of kindness experienced in India continues. The school provides free education to the children of refugees in Poland from Chechnya, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Tibet and African countries.

Full article in the link below

<http://www.thehindu.com/features/magazine/a-maharaja-in-warsaw/article3360283.ece>



Each answer is absolutely grammatically correct, and funny too!

Q1.. In which battle did Napoleon die?

*His last battle

Q2.. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

*At the bottom of the page

Q3.. River Ravi flows in which state?

*Liquid

Q4.. What is the main reason for divorce?

*Marriage

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?

*Exams

Q6.. What can you never eat for breakfast?

*Lunch & dinner

Q7.. What looks like half an apple?

*The other half

Q8.. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea, what will it become?

*Wet

Q9.. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

*No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

*You will never find an elephant that has one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

*Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

*No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

*Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

PS

Please do not attempt such answers in LKM School or other exams.

FAMOUS ONE LINERS !

Regular naps prevent old age,
especially if you take them while driving.

Having one child makes you a parent;
having two you are a referee.

Marriage is a relationship
in which one person is always right
and the other is the husband!

I believe we should all pay our tax with a
smile.

I tried - but they wanted cash.

A child's greatest period of growth is the
month after
you've purchased new school uniforms.

Don't feel bad.

A lot of people have no talent.

Don't marry the person you want to live
with, marry the one you cannot live without,
but whatever you do, you'll regret it later.

You can't buy love, but you pay heavily for
it.

Bad officials are elected by
good citizens who do not vote.

Laziness is nothing more than the habit
of resting before you get tired.

Marriage is give and take.

You'd better give it to her or she'll take it anyway.

My wife and I always compromise.

I admit I'm wrong and she agrees with me.

A successful marriage
requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

It doesn't matter how often

TEST YOUR IQ

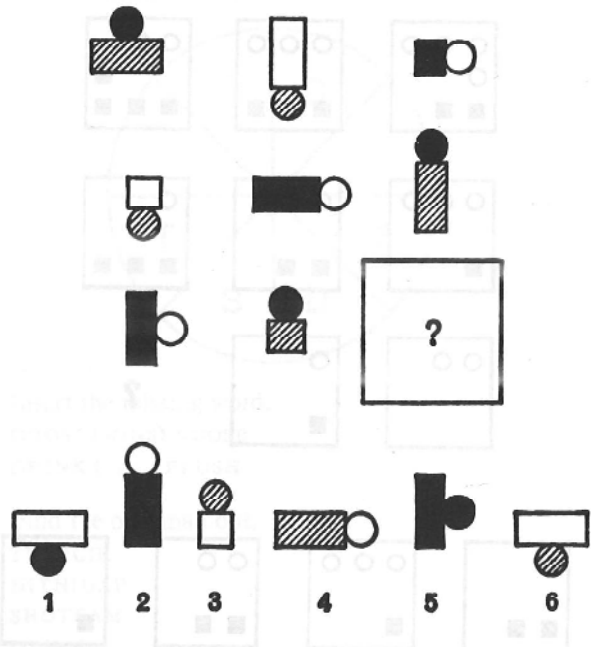
39. 6. (There are three kinds of rectangle, and three positions for the circle; in addition, circle and rectangle can be either white, black, or shaded. None of these four characteristics is repeated in any row or column.)

40. GLAD. (The first letter of the word in the brackets is the first letter of the first word, the second is the second letter of the second word, the third is the fourth letter of the first word, the fourth is the fifth letter of the second word.)

Answer-test two

Test Yourself..... continue

39. Select the correct figure from the six numbered ones.



40. Insert the missing word.

STING (SONS) ROOFS

GROAN (...) ALOUD

a married man changes his job,
he still ends up with the same boss.

Real friends are the ones who survive transitions between address books.

Saving is the best thing.
Especially when your parents have done it for you.

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something.

They call our language the mother tongue because the father seldom gets to speak!

Man: Is there any way for long life?
Dr: Get married.
Man: Will it help?
Dr: No, but then the thought of long life will never come!

Why do couples hold hands during their wedding?
It's a formality just like two boxers shaking hands before the fight begins!

Wife: Darling today is our anniversary, what should we do?
Husband: Let us stand in silence for 2 minutes.

It's funny when people discuss
Love Marriage vs Arranged.
It's like asking someone,
if suicide is better or being murdered.

There is only one perfect child in the world and every mother has it.

There is only one perfect wife in the world and every neighbour has it!

Quote of the Day: Your body is the baggage you must carry through life. The more excess the baggage, the shorter the trip. -- Arnold H. Glasgow

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Conversation between Joseph of Arimathea & Pontius Pilate.

Pilate: "Joseph, I don't understand. You're the richest man in the region; you have made this brand new tomb for you and your family; and, you're going to give it to lay Jesus?"

Joseph responded "It's just for the weekend"

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A mathematician, a physicist, and an engineer were traveling through Scotland when they saw a black sheep through the window of the train...

"Aha," says the engineer, "I see that Scottish sheep are black."
"Hmm," says the physicist, "You mean that some Scottish sheep are black."
"No," says the mathematician, "All we know is that there is at least one sheep in Scotland, and that at least one side of that one sheep is black!"

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....me & my PC...



Sleeping Road Crew

A man worked for a road crew. One day he woke up ill with a touch of laryngitis, but being a dedicated employee, he went to work. The boss felt rather sorry for the worker and didn't want him to do any physical labor, as they were repairing a part of the freeway.

He says, "Why don't you go down the road and tell people to slow down going through the construction?"

The worker is glad for the easy day. He stops the first vehicle. "Sir," he whispers, his throat feeling worse, "please slow down, there's a road crew up ahead."

"Okay," the driver whispers back, "I'll try not to wake them."

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Patient: "I ran into my ex-husband the other day."

Psychiatrist: "How did that make you feel?"

Patient: "Good.....I was in my car at the time."

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Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

I had a neck brace fitted years ago and I've never looked back since.

Say what you want about deaf people...

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"Dad, I want to become a politician," said Jim.

His father asked, "And what are you doing to become one?"

"Nothing, dad."

"Good, you're halfway there already."

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I'll call it a smart phone the day I yell "Where's my phone?", and it yells back "Down here....under the cushions!"

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Today I picked up my mother-in-law at the airport. She's getting a little up there. She's at the age where she doesn't remember things too well. So when I saw her I said, "Thanks for coming. Have a nice flight!"

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WE ARE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Since the past decades and centuries we have seen many leaders who stood against society, with their magnanimously different ideology and ended up changing the mindset of people regardless of what challenges they had to face. These people became immortal in world history.

Leadership has different ideologies and meanings. For some, leadership is all about commanding their subordinates and getting their work done whereas for others, it is an attitude where one person leads by not just guiding people but being a part of the task.

Different eras have encountered different leaders and today at this point of time we are the leaders of tomorrow. We have the craving to attain something ravishingly good and magnanimously huge. We all have some dream in us of being extremely successful one day in our endeavors, no matter what it takes to fulfill our dream.

In my opinion, most people are unaware that they are a leader and fail to take responsibility of certain things. All they appreciate is the fame and public attention but shirk their responsibilities towards a progressive society.

“Leadership is not a habit, it's an attitude.”

We need to understand the actual meaning of leadership in order to be good leaders. Our attitude plays a major role in setting an example for others to follow. If we believe this era is ours and we need to make a difference in the world, we can accomplish our dreams. This is the time to prove to society that we exist and can make a change for the good of humankind.

Attain the tag of being a leader of your own life. It will bring respect and glory, for we are the leaders of tomorrow and are going to change the world.

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TODAY'S YOUTH

“Youth is the key to the development of a country.”

The youth of a nation has the power to change the future of their motherland if they wish to do so, and work in accordance to it. Today's youth have forgotten their power and importance. They have been engulfed by social networking sites, like Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, etc. Most of their time is consumed in chatting on useless topics that don't make a difference to society or forwarding fake, useless messages and greetings. This is the biggest distraction causing our youth to deviate from their goals and ambition in life.

Today's youth are intelligent and fortunate to have technology at their fingertips. Within seconds they can turn up any information by just browsing the internet. This technological power can take them to any level of success and glory, only if used justly; or it could lead them down the wrong path. Most important duty of the today's youth is that they must learn the good ethical habits and conduct from experienced elders. Not only learn but also practice good, human principles taught by great personalities like Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam and Mahatma Gandhi. They must be very clear about what is good and what is not. They must not cross any limit if it is against social human values. In simple words, they must first try to be tagged as good human beings before acquiring a professional tag.

Aspiration and underlying spirit of today's younger generation is the driving force for a nation's growth and pride. We, the youth must not dampen the reputation of our country. Let's resolve to be the pride of the nation by discharging our hidden potential. We must take our duties to its logical conclusion so that the future generation can share and cite our exemplary activities for their glory and ultimate happiness.

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