

# TGIF



*Thank God it's FISSION*

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*"There are books of which the backs  
and covers are by far the best parts."*  
- Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

*"The scariest moment is always just  
before you start."*  
- Stephen King, *On Writing*

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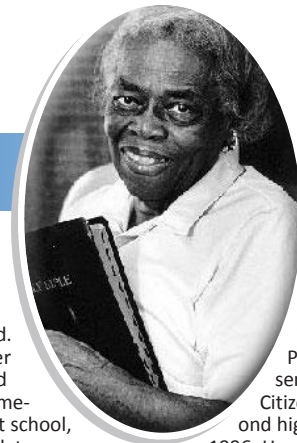


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## View from corner office

Inspiration and motivation are the two words that are often misunderstood, misinterpreted and misused. While motivation generates the sense of responsibility, inspiration is the rational factor that changes our perception about life. Motivation arises out of sacrifice and excellence. Inspiration blossoms through humility and humanity. For the maiden edition of TGIF we cannot find a better example than Oseola McCarty to help us understand the meaning of humanity and humility.

McCarty was born in Wayne County, Mississippi, USA and moved to Hattiesburg as a child. In the sixth grade, her aunt was hospitalized and later needed home-care, so McCarty quit school, never to return. She later became a washerwoman, like her grandmother, a trade she continued until arthritis forced her to quit in 1994. McCarty never owned a car. She walked everywhere she went, pushing a shopping cart nearly a mile to get groceries. She rode with friends to attend services at the Friendship Baptist Church. She did not subscribe to any newspaper, considering the expense an extravagance. Day after day, for most of her 87 years, she took in bundles of dirty clothes and made them clean and neat for parties she never attended, weddings to which she was never invited, graduations she never saw. Over the years her balance grew to nearly 250,000 USD. With some assistance, McCarty set out the future distribution of her estate. She set aside 10% for her church, 10% each for three relatives, and the remaining 60% for University of Southern Mississippi. She stipulated that the funds should be used for students, preferably those of African-American descent, who could not oth-



erwise attend due to financial hardship. She received scores of awards and other honors recognizing her unselfish spirit. President Bill Clinton presented her with a Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second highest civilian award. In June 1996, Harvard University awarded McCarty an honorary doctorate. After all this, her only wish was to attend the graduation ceremony of the first student who benefitted her donation. She died the very next day after attending the graduation ceremony. If the message you take out of the story is to live like a sage and donate all your proceedings to charity you are wrong. World doesn't have to be filled with Oseola McCartys'. But that does not absolve ourselves from the sense of morality. Even with small deeds we can be inspiring. Be appreciative of the services you receive. Next time you get your coffee or tea from Satish or Raju, say "Thank You". Be compassionate about the mistakes that are committed around you. There is no cost for saying 'please' & 'Thank you'. TGIF is not here to preach or practice. But we will help you become better because, unlike big corporates, at Fission, everyone has an opportunity to be part of something bigger. Welcome to TGIF and welcome to Fission.

## About us.....

TGIF stands for TGI Fission which in turn stands for Talented, Generous, Initiative, Fierce, Imaginative, Sincere, Suave, Iconic, Overt, Nascent which is difficult to recall when in need. So let's make it Thank God Its Fission. Here at TGIF we believe in being thought provoking, Informative, Fun, more fun and more fun. Each edition will contain selected columns among Editorials, news articles, Recent Event details, Project updates, Details of newcomers to Fission, Age old stalwarts of Fission, Puzzles, Reviews, Classifieds and whatnot. Contributions will not start and end with the team behind the newsletter. Everyone is welcome to submit their additions at: [tgif@fissionlabs.in](mailto:tgif@fissionlabs.in). Don't forget to specify the subject.

We encourage you to send us the updates that you want to be published preferably along with pictures, reviews of the movies you recently watched, restaurants or places you recently visited. Any member of the editorial team of TGIF mentioned here would be helping you in coming up with the content. All you have to do is ask. You could also win exciting prizes if you can complete the all the puzzles correctly and submit them to [tgif@fissionlabs.in](mailto:tgif@fissionlabs.in). Only the first few to submit the maximum correct solutions will be eligible for the prizes, so make it fast.

All in all, if you have constructive criticism, We will heed to it. If you have a question, we have an answer. If you have a photo and any news, we have the space to deliver. If you have a solution, we have a prize.





# Fission Labs - Building a Thriving Company...

*It is very tempting for me to say that we have set out to build a company that will change the world in some form or shape with very specific goals in mind. Nothing can be farthest from the truth. We have evolved along the way and what we have realized during the course of this journey is that it is important for us to not only realize our dreams but help those who want to build their careers at Fission Labs to realize their dreams. Whatever we do, it is important that we have fun doing it and that is only possible when you are working with like-minded people who are bought into the Company Vision. We would like this to be a final destination for many if not all of you but if it doesn't happen that way, we want your stint at Fission Labs to be a defining moment in your career.*

A thriving and growing company is defined by its Vision and Values. These are what will bind all of us together and we can build a great company with singular focus in executing the vision and by living the values.

## Vision for Fission

A place for building great products - for partners, for Fission Labs. Fission Labs will be a place where great ideas are conceived, conceptualized, use complex technologies to implement simplified solutions and bring them to market. We work with like-minded partners who want to build great products that create impact. We are high-performing people who work together as a team to achieve great things. We embrace challenges, adversity to drive personal growth and development. We value diversity & teamwork. Fission Labs is a 'We' Company.

Finally, we want to create a world class company that embodies Silicon Valley culture in the heart of Deccan plateau.

**Fission Values:** A company's value system evolves over time in response to a changing world. Having said that it is imperative that we have a value system that is well understood, bought into by all employees. Such a value system becomes self-sustaining and has the potential to create a thriving company for a long time to come. Existing resources should live by this value system and articulate these values to those that are new to the company.

Here is our attempt at defining this value system for Fission Labs. This value system will evolve along the way to collectively make Fission Labs a better place and a world class organization.

**Integrity :** Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is noticing you. Integrity is non-negotiable at Fission Labs and violations are grounds for immediate dismissal. There is no way in life or business to succeed without the highest of ethical standards. Each time we step over the ethical line and come back, the line will move a little further and that much easier for you to cross over the next time.

Overall integrity of a company depends on all the employees exhibiting continuous commitment to all the employees. No written code of conduct can take the place of personal integrity and good judgment. Each of us are expected to exhibit the highest levels of personal integrity when making decisions on behalf of the Company, as well as in our personal or individual activities.

**Passion :** Passion about what we do should border on Obsession. Being

passionate about something requires strong work ethic. It is easy to do what you love, it is never a chore. I'm a strong believer that passion drives great results. We (should) hire for Passion first and experience/expertise later. Passion cannot be instilled whereas a passionate person can easily overcome experience/expertise barriers.

The secret to high performance isn't always external rewards like money. The newness of getting more money will fade in a month or two, what will make you strive is your passion and drive for excellence. You have to stand for bigger things, money will follow.

A culture of passion can easily be compromised by wrong set of people. The most destructive people in a Company can be the 'Whiner'. Whiners are not public with their comments, they do not have the courage of conviction to standup and publicly talk about what is wrong with the Company. Their modus operandi is to silently move through the organization, sowing doubt and strangling passion in others. Constructive criticism is healthy, but relentless complaining is toxic. It is our duty to identify these people and replace them as quickly as possible.

**Accountability/Commitment:** Accountability is towards outcomes for the challenges we take on. Even big companies will fail when they lose a culture of accountability. Smaller companies won't even have a chance to making it when accountability is not taken seriously. And we must deliver positive outcomes for our customers, investors, and most importantly, to each other. As we grow, we have to build processes that drive speed, accountability.

We are committed to long-term thinking - the decisions we are making today will shape the Company for years to come - . We want to become a company that can execute on a scale that few others can match (w.r.t what we do). I hope, as a fellow traveler in this journey, you are fully onboard with pride and determination to make this a reality.

**Teamwork :** Great companies are built only through teamwork, not just on the shoulders of one or few individuals. Fostering teamwork is about creating culture of collaboration. Teamwork involves a group of people who bring together their different skills, ideas and work styles for a common greater goal. Good teamwork enhances each person's abilities and encourage all members to grow personally and professionally. Team members support one another

through challenging tasks and difficult periods.

Everybody at Fission should recognize that sum of all our efforts together is much bigger than any and all of our individual accomplishments. This is not to say that individual accomplishments don't matter. Efforts of an individual are even more valued when they improve the collective performance of a team. Here are what I see as few important steps to foster good teamwork:

- + Good communication is essential for teamwork - Team members need to communicate effectively



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with each other, and with the company's management.

- + Conflicts are common in any group setting. Nothing can kill team spirit faster than constant infighting. Conflicts should be resolved as quickly as possible and can actually strengthen the bond.

- + Every team member should strive to build a foundation of trust and mutual respect.

- + Each team member should be made to feel integral part of the team's decision making and activities. It is crucial that they feel they are part of the integral part of team's success for its morale.

**Excellence :** Excellence is when we demand more of ourselves than others do. It is something that happens when you make right choices over and over again, especially when no one is looking. Excelling in the little things is important as it will always add up to excellence in the big things. Excellence is achieved by relentlessly pursuing continuous incremental improvement - never be satisfied with what you have accomplished - things can always be improved. Idea should be to leave everything you touched a little better every time -.

Every Fission Labs team member should be committed to standards of high quality and excellence in everything that we set out to do. Commitment to excellence calls on all

of us to achieve the very best of our capabilities and help exceed our own expectations.

**Leadership :** Fission Labs' culture and leadership should have a lasting effect on the company and its employees. Each individual in the company should internalize the idea of leadership and act like one. Each individual in the company should be burdened by the thought of what lasting impact and legacy he or she has created at the company.

Leadership encompasses several attributes: skills, behaviors, attitude, personal effectiveness, technical competence in your functional area and business knowledge. An effective leader requires to have expertise across all these areas - Personal Effectiveness, Positive Influence, Performance culture, Meritocracy.

We have the freedom to dream and the power to make it real. We have the opportunity to tackle some of the world's toughest problems using some of the coolest of technologies - not many companies can do what we accomplish here at Fission.

**Leadership Practices :** Here are some of the leadership practices that I see as important at all levels of the organization.

## Lead:

- + Leads by example
- + Shares information with others
- + Open and candid with others
- + Demonstrates high standards of personal conduct in all interactions
- + Takes responsibility for own mistakes and puts into practice lessons learned
- + Makes good decisions when information is scarce
- + Deals effectively with complex, ambiguous, and contradictory alternatives
- + Quickly sort relevant from irrelevant information
- + Confronts conflict constructively
- + Changes plan when situations warrants it
- + Welcomes feedback on own performance

## Energize:

- + Encourages others to make strong contributions
- + Gives team members the authority to choose the best way to perform their own jobs
- + Recognizes the team contributions (rewards, visibility)
- + Listens effectively and asks questions to understand what others think
- + Encourages vigorous debate among team members
- + Provides clear direction to the team
- + Helps team members learn from mistakes
- + Uses language, writing, and actions to inspire others to do well
- + Addresses performance problems with reports/team members
- + Provides feedback that improves team members' performance
- + Coaches effectively to improve team members' performance

## Perform:

- + Emphasizes the importance of satisfying the customer
- + Initiates change
- + Challenges the status quo
- + Sets and meets aggressive commitments
- + Selects talented high-performing team members
- + Allocates resources appropriately - people, materials, time, and budget.

**Some final thoughts :** At Fission Labs, we are always looking forward into the future with confidence because we have a clear vision for where we want to go. We want you to feel the same level of confidence - it is going to be fun, exciting, and best of all - we are going to accomplish this together. We are not by any means promising this to be a smooth and easy ride - it'll get bumpy at times. Nothing meaningful can be done easily.

Every Fission employee should be mission-based, a mission to search for a better way, to drive solutions for our customers. We want Fission Labs to be a "We Company." Being a "We Company" is about driving accountability for outcomes. It is fostering smart risk-taking paired with better judgment as to what is right for our customers.

Finding the right people is the biggest limitation to our growth. Our ability to get the right partners or deals right now outstrips our ability to bring the right people onboard to accomplish what we need to do. That does not mean that we can bring people onboard that do not share in our vision, values and cannot deliver. Doing so will ensure that the partnerships/deals will die down soon. Our reputation to deliver on promises made is our biggest selling point today. We have to overcome this hiring limitation as soon as we can.

Finally, Entrepreneurs simplify everything. They are purpose-driven, focus on customers, people and solving problems. Entrepreneurs do fewer things, but with bigger impact. Each of us at Fission Labs should be an entrepreneur-in-residence. We use our best judgment to move fast, and hold each of accountable for better outcomes. Always be on the lookout for keeping things simple. We should never allow to have too many "checkers" and not enough "doers."

We are vested in success of each and every one of you at Fission. We are passionate about creating a company where every Fission employee is more successful in their career, technical growth, financial growth here at Fission than anywhere else. Any other business metric pales in comparison to the importance we give to this one.

One final thought that I want to share with you that has been coursing through my mind over the past few weeks - You don't have control over much of anything else - economy, weather, traffic ... but you do have control over how it affects you. Always be mindful of that.



## Events.....

1. Decision makers from the first ever Fission Conclave  
(Top) - Eswar, Sunil, Bhanu, Sekhar, Pradeep, Ashish, Anuteja, Ravi, Naveed, Rahul, Sri Ranga, Uday, Viddu  
(Bottom) - Raghuveer, Sravya, Swetha, Meenakshi, Pavani, Nishita, Mamta, Avinash, Srini, Kishore
2. Round table conference at First Fission conclave
3. QA team's flashmob at PEEL invitational lunch.
4. Harika from QA & her family
5. Nanda & Swathi's Engagement.
- 6,7,8. Cusines are more important at MERIDIAN potluck.
9. Happy Married Life  
Srikanth Anireddy
10. Sunil & Bhanu at the First Fission conclave. We wonder where the communication team is headed in the coming months under their direction.



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## Power of Words.....

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit.

All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit.

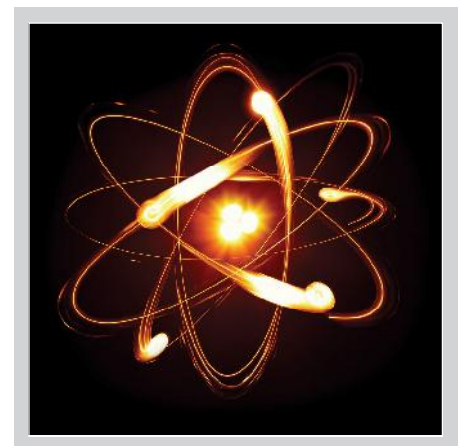
The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died.

The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.





## Old @ Fission.....

## Chit Chat.....

## 1) What do you miss most about being a kid?

**Vamshi:** video games

**Amith:** Sports and Games

## 2) What is your first memory of being really excited?

**Vamshi:** My First Job.

**Amith:** When I got a seat in University.  
(Note: We, the editorial team really do not have any idea why these guys were so depressed before that.)

## 3) Using two words, Describe yourself.

**Vamshi:** Mischievously dignified.

**Amith:** Hard worker.

## 4) Would Mahatma Gandhi have made a good Software Engineer?

**Vamshi:** Yes. When he can drive a nation together, team of 10-15 people should not be a problem.

**Amith:** Yes.

## 5) Zombies have invaded earth who would be your fighting team (From Fission Labs)?

**Vamshi:** Anuteja, Seshu, Venu

**Amith:** Peel Team

## 6) What is the best /Worst Gift you've ever given/Received?

**Vamshi:** Mini giant wheel with 4 angels sitting (4 girls presented to me).

**Amith:** Sunglasses. My flat mates presented me on my birthday.

## 7) What is one of your favorite quotes?

**Vamshi:** Every action has equal and opposite reaction

**Amith:** The earth is enjoyed by heroes.  
- Vivekananda.

## 8) One Funny experience you had at FCL.

**Vamshi:** It's fun daily here. There are many. Anuteja and Seshu's conversations. Rajasekhar's English etc.

**Amith:** You know it is with Sunil.

## 9) Best song that describes your work ethic.

**Vamshi:** Sambhavaami song from Arjun movie.

**Amith:** aadutu paduthu panichestunte alupu salupu emunnadi.

## 10) Favorite childhood memory.

**Vamshi:** Night classes in 7th standard.

**Amith:** When I went for fishing.

## Amith



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## Vamshi



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Viddu graduated from MBCE, Latur in 1992 with BE in Mechanical. He started his career as Quality Engineer and as of now he is a living legend among Fission Labs (For detail intro contact Jithin from Editorial team). He likes to play Badminton and watch movies.

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## Vidhyadhar

- + If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?  
**True Leo.**
- + What was your first interview question?  
**Are you Vidyadhar? Are you an Engineering Guy?**
- + When you were a teenager, what did you do for fun? Did you have a favorite spot to "hang out"?  
**Play badminton and gymnastics, Yes College ground (which was in outskirts of the town, I would go there to watch sun set).**
- + What time did you have to be home at night?  
**Before 7:30PM - Which I never made it**
- + Did you ever get into any trouble?

I got pinched by the police on the pretext of eve-teasing while I was following my fiancée around.. !!  
+ If you could have three wishes, what would they be?

- 1) go back 20 years from now,
- 2) to be the President of US or PM / CM of India,
- 3) To become a Pilot.
- + What's the highest honor or award you've ever received?  
**@Cisco an award Named Globie for Team Work**
- + Describe a person or situation from your childhood that had a profound effect on the way you look at life  
**My Father, he taught me to "Live in the present and enjoy the moment."**
- + What would you like your children and grandchildren to remember about you?  
**Like how I remember my father, More like a friend.**
- + What kind of people do you dislike?  
**I hate people who are not honest and hypocrites.**
- + Tell us about the worst boss you ever had.  
**@ Cisco (No names)**
- + When have you been most satisfied in your life?  
**Being at fission and building a team of 35+.**

+ One Favorite childhood memory?

**When I was in my High school received a certificate in Gymnastics from District sports council for performing at district level.**

+ What song best describes you?  
**I never thought of it but I like Comedy songs of Kishore Kumar ("Zindagi ek safar hi suhana")**  
+ One unusual hobby you have?

**I don't know if this is strange hobby but I watch at least 1 movie every week.**



While the previous pages were for your amusement, Here's your chance to make something out of nothing.....Find the solutions asap for the following puzzles and grab your chance to win exciting prizes.Send the completed solutions to [tgif@fissionlabs.in](mailto:tgif@fissionlabs.in), the sooner the better...!!

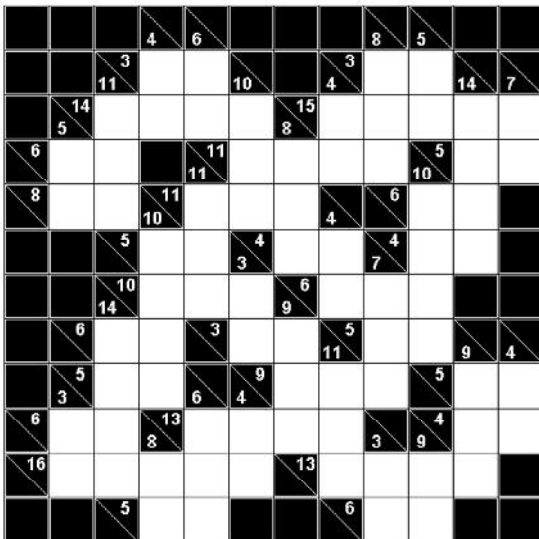
## The King and his problems....

Not so long ago, there was this king who was just a normal king. Nothing spectacular about him. His resources were already dwindling because of the drought. Just when he thought it couldn't get any worse, one night a band of 7 thieves broke into his vault and stole the last remaining pile of diamonds. The guards saw the thieves leaving and gave them a chase. The thieves arrived at cross-roads and decided to bury the treasure under a tree and made a pact to be back after three months and then split the loot and go in separate ways.

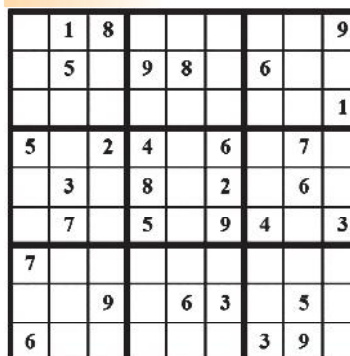
The king on his trusted prime minister's advice invited the neighboring kings and queens for a banquet to be held in 7 days to request a loan. His treacherous brother saw this as an opportunity to gain control over the entire region and decided to poison the 1000-bottle wine collection that was intended to be used for the party. He gained access to the wine cellar next night and started to drop a powerful poison into the wine bottles. However he was caught in his act and apprehended just after poisoning one random bottle. He was brought before the king, but he refused to identify the bottle which was laced with poison. The doctors reported the poison to be untraceable, deadly and incurable and any amount of it would kill a person within 4 days of consumption. 10 of his loyal soldiers volunteered to taste the wine to check which bottle was poisoned. How can the king figure out which bottle was poisoned in time for the party?

Meanwhile coming to our band of robbers, the first one being none the wiser, decided to keep all the loot for himself, returned after a couple of days to the tree where the diamonds were buried and dug out the diamonds. Just when he was leaving, the second one arrived and they both decided to share the diamonds equally and found that 1 remained. While they were arguing, the third robber came to the tree and they decided to make 3 shares and again found 1 diamond was left at the end. The fourth robber arrived and dividing into 4 shares again left 1 diamond. The same happened for fifth share and sixth share with 1 diamond being left at the end. Finally after seventh robber came back they were able to divide them into equal shares. How many diamonds were there in the pile?

## Kakuro...



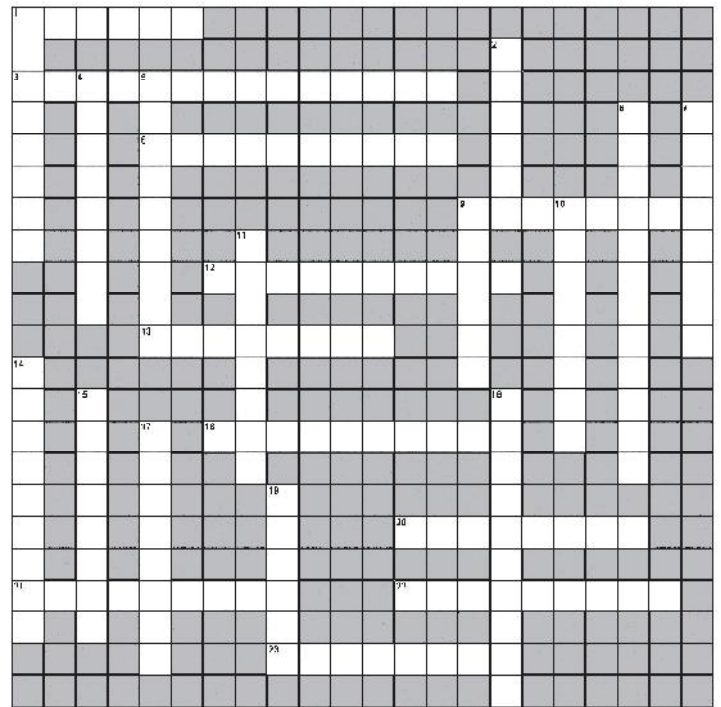
## Sudoku..



## Puzzles for Sure-Prizes ...!!

### CROSSWORD

Your chance to test English vocab...



### Across

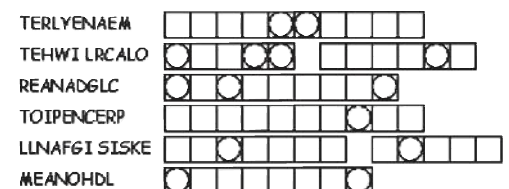
1. to beat or thrash with the fists (6)
3. survey of the general geological characteristics of a region (14)
8. dumbfounded (10)
9. a strong inclination, taste, or liking for something (8)
12. feeling or showing profound hopelessness, dejection, discouragement, or gloom (10)
13. Surroundings (8)
18. a person who abstains totally from intoxicating drink (10)
20. a merging of efforts or interests by persons, families, organizations etc (8)
21. orange (9)
22. springing back; rebounding (9)
23. to make bold or bolder; hearten; encourage (8)

### Down

1. to become aware of, know, or identify by means of the senses (8)
2. a dirty mark or smear (6)
4. deduce (8)
5. a sentimental yearning for the happiness of a former place or time (9)
6. exercising control over the freedom, will, or thought of others (12)
7. full of malice (8)
9. to consider something deeply and thoroughly (6)
10. to translate, especially orally (8)
11. to confuse or puzzle completely (9)
14. maze (9)
15. to deceive or trick (8)
16. well-advanced or competent in any art, science, or subject (10)
17. highly infective; malignant or deadly (8)
19. to give way to superior force (6)

## MIND BENDER

Identify the popular TV Shows





## Reviews.....

Been There  
Done That...

- Raghuvveer



In life we come across lots of advices. One of such many advices is about planning. Planning in anything we do. Whether it is for important things like career or simple things like organizing an event, everything requires planning. When there are a bunch of buddies who doesn't agree with the great Theory of Planning, that's when crazy things tend to happen. This is one such story of our last road trip which happened out of nowhere and was possible only because we four believed that experiencing true joy involves exploring the unknown.

It was during last October that we four Raju, Nanda, Jithin and myself felt it's been too long since we took a vacation and decided that Dusshera weekend was an excellent opportunity and planned a vacation around it. All of us agreed on Kerala. But what would the fun travelling in train or bus? That's when the idea of a road trip popped into our minds. Driving a car was too mainstream for us adrenaline junkies, so we chose bikes.

Despite the rush we were experiencing, Kerala was still too far from Hyderabad, so we decided that we would travel by bus till Bangalore and we would rent bikes from there. In the week leading to our journey, we haven't spent a moment on planning the trip. We neither accounted for rains, nor for the routes. We were so adamant about our technology acumen that we failed to detect the early warning signals about what awaited us ahead when it started raining as soon as we entered Bangalore.

But not being the bunch accustomed to pegging back from adventure, we started the second leg of the journey with just two bikes, two backpacks and 4 helmets. We loved the trip till Mysore as the weather was

## One of the finest Khan Sama's.....



<b>Ambience</b>	♦♦♦♦♦
<b>Price</b>	♦♦♦♦♦
<b>Service</b>	♦♦♦♦♦
<b>Taste</b>	♦♦♦♦♦
<b>Overall</b>	♦♦♦♦♦

## RECOMMENDATIONS :

## Soup

Veg	Dal Shorba
Non-veg	Paya Shorba

## Starters

Veg	Karara Paneer Kabab, Dahi Ki Galouti, Nukkad Di Tikki
Non-veg	Tandoori whole betki, Raan-e-Khan Saab, Gosht Ke Gappe, Laal Mirch Ka Teeka Tikka

## Main Course

Veg	Lasooni Palak Paneer, Dal Khaan Saab, Hing Jeera Aloo
Non-veg	Makhani Chooza, Murgh Kandahar
Others	Garlic Naan, Ghost Dum Biryani

Name : Khan Saab

Location : GVK One Mall, Banjara Hills

Contact info : (040) 49643688

Reservation recommended.

*I have been to this restaurant quite a few times and this is one of the best Moghalai cuisine that I have ever had. Restaurant itself is quite difficult to access. You won't even know it's there unless you have been there. Taste is only 4 star because they do not serve Chicken-dum-biryani which is the most famous delicacy of Hyderabad and the alternative of Pan-fried Chicken biryani tastes like crap. Service is 4-star because of occasional delays when the restaurant gets crowded. Although this is normal, we tend to expect more with the way the staff usually carry about themselves. And the price is 1-star because the restaurant is extremely pricy.*



cool and the roads were empty. It didn't take much time for our speedometers to rev up to the maximum. We reached Mysore much earlier than we expected. Just akin to the hare and tortoise story, we relaxed in Mysore and started taking pictures and what not. If only we had any idea about the circumstances lurking around the corner!! In retrospect, we should have planned on reaching Kerala before sunset, but who would have guessed the combination of bad

roads through Bandipur forest with thunderstorms and lightnings? Of course anyone other than the four of us would have thought about it. But that's a different story. It was as if we have entered a horror movie set. Our smart phones were useless-without signal in the dense forest. It was a 30 km stretch and only after jetting off did we realize it's a Tiger reserve.

As soon as we read one of the sign boards which read "Please be silent. Do not disturb the crossing Tigers", our worlds went black and yellow. Once fear strikes, I think no other emotion can overcome it. And out of the fear, our hallucinations started. Every few hundred meters we were slowing down because we were sure that we have seen a Tiger. Just imagine the feeling when we have to pass through a small gorge where a tiger can pounce upon you from the top any minute. We didn't want to talk with each other as we didn't want to admit our fear but each one of us knew what the others were thinking. We were so chilled down to the bone that we didn't stop for the entire stretch of 30 kms even when we had a blown tyre on one of our bikes. By the time we reached the borders of Kerala, I am

sure all of us had our entire lives flash in front of us - the good, the bad and the ugly and I am sure all of us realized what matters the most, as we escaped the claws of Tiger/Death.

We have traveled a total of 1400 km over span of 5 days. The plan was to visit Waynad, Alleppey and Munnar, but had to miss out on Munnar because of time constraints. We had seen the best of the roads and we had seen the worst of them. We came across persistent rain, morning fog and drove through the clouds. There were times we felt glad that we decided to go on bikes like the Coimbatore-Bangalore Highway which was superb for riding and also cursed ourselves for the same, while riding from Waynad to Alleppey and missed a turn which made us drench in the rain and travel across a highway which was worse than an average street lane.

At some point we even thought of giving up the return journey and come back in a lorry. The trip was definitely dangerous and I wouldn't suggest anyone to take it up. But we had our moments which made us feel that it was worth it. Good or worse the entire experience remains close to our hearts. The sense of accomplishment we had when we returned to our starting point in Bangalore was unexplainable. When we grow older and look back on our lives, we will have something crazy to talk about. We have to agree, we faced all emotions in the journey - joy, fun, pain, anger, fear and frustration. But as the saying goes "All's well that ends well".