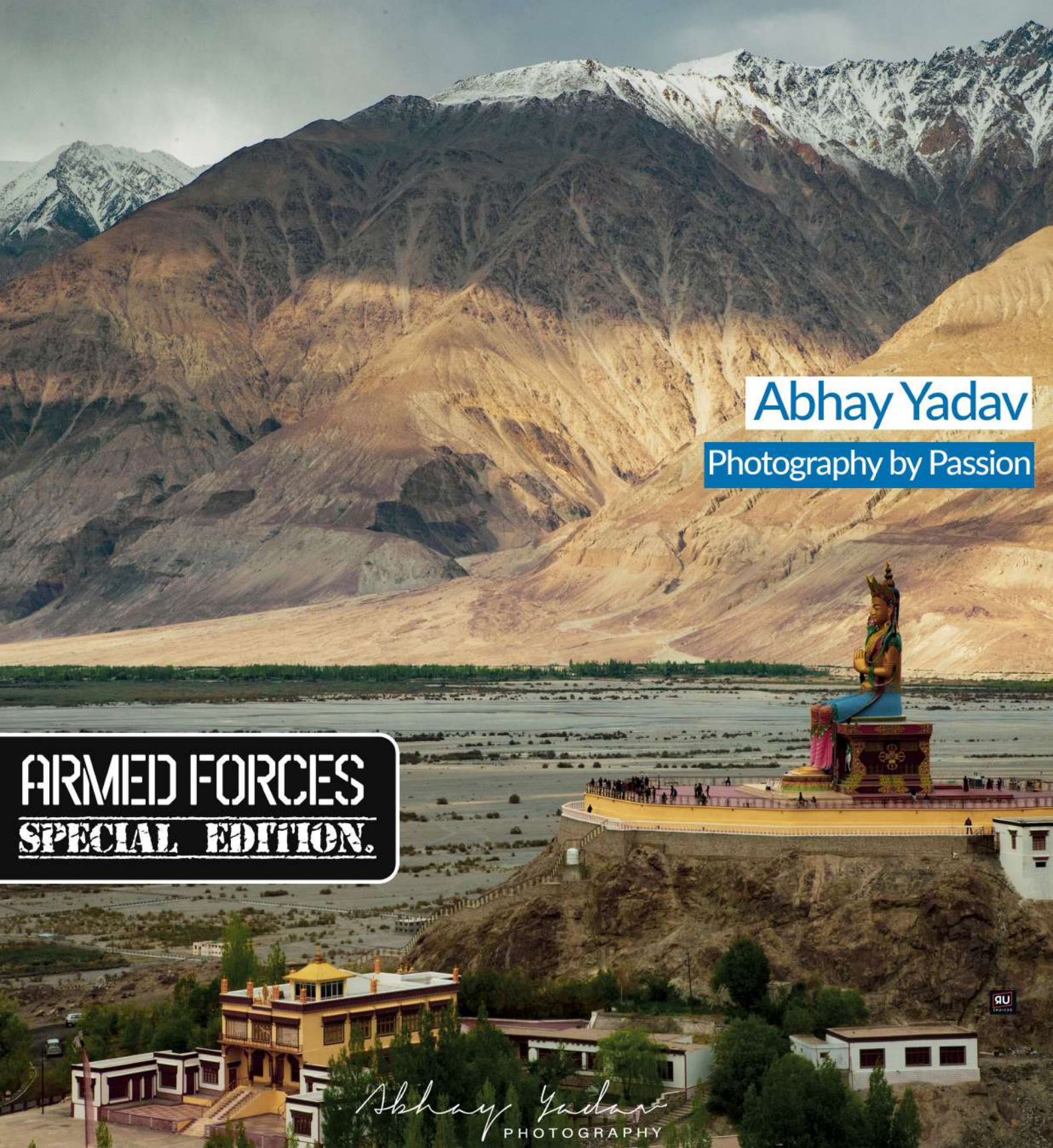


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The Dragon in the Asian continent

On June 15th, in the Galwan Valley along the "Line of Actual Control" (LAC), the Chinese and Indian troops engaged in a deadly clash resulting in 20 casualties on the Indian side. The numbers from China are still unclear. On July 1st, the national security law passed by mainland China gave sweeping powers to China over the city of Hong Kong. Beijing defended the bill as a tool to prevent "secessionism, subversion of the central government, terrorism, and collusion with foreign or external forces." China has made territorial claims in the South-China Sea, Taiwan, Russia, Japan, Tibet, and Bhutan. The dragon has played its expansionist policy in the Asian continent and beyond primarily in two ways: Economic and Military. China is luring developing countries into a debt trap for its own political and strategic gains. Be it the belt and road initiative, China's presence on Sri Lankan ports or loans to poor African countries like Cuba, strategic presence in Iran, Bangladesh, Pakistan, China has sought to intensify its economic presence. Where economic presence is not possible, the dragon has played its expansionist policy through hegemony, and belligerent attitude through military actions. One such example is the South-China sea conflict. China's claim over the island of Taiwan is another apotheosis for the fascism of China.

Whenever instances like these happen, the international community reacts. The enactment of National security law has drawn condemn from various western countries, including the United Kingdom and the United States. The visa ban for Chinese officials from the United States or ban on buying Huawei products (a Chinese tech giant) by the digital Secretary of the United Kingdom is an example. The presence of US

warships in the South-China is an explicit declaration of censure of the expansionist game Beijing is playing. The support by the senators and the Secretary of state (Mike Pompeo) towards India for the Sino-Indian border clash in the Galwan valley is another instance of diplomacy. The banning of 59 Chinese applications by New Delhi is an example of subtle retaliation against the dragon's bellicose attitude. Another reaction, which is perhaps a favourite of Donald Trump, is to impose sanctions. Sanctions are punishments imposed as a consequence of a violation of international law or human rights, waging war, or endangering international peace and security. They can range from an arms embargo to trade and visa restrictions. Countries also build relations on trades, may it be of arms or other assets. A recent deal on supply of spare parts and additional weapons like fighter aircraft by Russia is crucial to India in perilous times when it faces a military threat from its neighbours China and Pakistan. The United States, France, and the United Kingdom are other major defence partners of India, to name a few. Nonetheless, as China opts for expansionism, India should aptly redeploy its long-cherished realist wisdom and adaptability strategy- the hallmark of its diplomacy.

Proactive diplomacy, together with more considerable attention to soft developmental needs of the neighbours like connectivity, education, finance, and healthcare, is the need of the hour for India's foreign policy mandarins. As much our nationalistic sentiment boils over the martyrdom of 20 Jawans in the Sino-Indian feud, war is never a solution. It is definitely not when our country and the world is grappling with healthcare and economic crisis. Patriotism should never turn into jingoism.

Gaurang sharma has been on of our regular writers and has written for us on topics ranging from mental health to international affairs.

TRENDING TWEETS

Other bacteria and viruses these days 😊



Prime Minister's Office

PM to attend public function on Laying of Foundation Stone of 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir' tomorrow

Posted On: 04 AUG 2020 6:36PM by PIB Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will attend the public function on laying of the Foundation Stone of 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir' at Ayodhya tomorrow.

Prior to the function, Prime Minister will take part in Pooja and Darshan at Hanumangarhi. He will then travel to Shree Ram Janmabhoomi where he will take part in Pooja and Darshan of 'Bhagwan Shree Ramlala Virajman'. He will then plant a Parijat sapling and subsequently perform Bhoomi Pujan.

Prime Minister will unveil a plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone and also release Commemorative Postage Stamp on 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir'.

Kirron Kher retweeted



Narendra Modi @narendramodi

The National Education Policy, 2020 reflects India's aspirations and will contribute to improving the education sector.



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Capt. Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder

Deaths caused by illicit alcohol are extremely sad & unfortunate. Punjab Police & Excise Depts have been tasked to nab all those responsible, irrespective of their affiliations & position. Assure you as CM that no one will be spared and guilty will be punished to ensure justice.

Amit Shah @AmitShah

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Kirron Kher @KirronKherBJP

#Unlock3 #Chandigarh

Sukhna Lake to remain closed on weekends. Entry of visitors will remain banned.

Eating outlets may remain open till 9 pm, Other shops to close by 8 pm.

Odd-even system to be reintroduced in the congested markets.

Night curfew to continue 10 pm to 5 am

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Filmfare @filmfare

#KareenaKapoorKhan shares a glimpse of the Kapoor Khandaan's **#RakshaBandhan** celebrations. **#HappyRakshaBandhan**



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PM SIGNALS STRATEGIC RE-CALIBRATION ON LAC



PM made electrifying, surprise visit to formation HQs in Ladakh, engaged in ongoing prolonged face-off with PLA. Notable effects of this foray are apparent. Firstly, with his commendable oration and ability to connect, high morale of troops, have got further boost. Secondly, like all his visits, surprise was inherent, to heighten the messaging. Without naming China, enough was stated to communicate resolve and refusal to bow to bullying. Having given China reasonable six week window to de-escalate there is marked shift in strategy. Significantly, PM highlighted power, as an instrument to usher peace, signalling long term commitment to capability building and infrastructure development. It is well crafted counter to Chinese diabolic psychological manoeuvres, pretending to even ignore this issue. China has been jolted to react, advising India to exercise restraint. It will be more appropriate for Dragon to recalibrate, its creeping expansionist strategy. Thirdly, interaction with troops recharged Galwan spirit, which has etched an unforgettable lesson for PLA. In addition, it may trigger some rumbblings in China, on wide disparity in honouring soldiers, killed in action.

While visit has generated many positives, yet it has to be followed up with sustained concrete measures, as Chinese are unlikely to heed easily. Our options are limited and we have to be prepared for protracted long haul. The main problem is that delay enables PLA to consolidate and makes it more difficult to evict them. In fact, clearance like Kargil has severe penalties

and is near impossible. Recent study by Dan Altman has catalogued 59 land grabs in various global conflicts and in overwhelming 47 incursions, aggressors have managed to hold on to grabbed territory. It also logically postulates that window for restoring status-quo is function of early response, like effecting localised Chumar quid-pro-quo (QPQ) during Depsang face-off in 2013. PLA's staying power will face real test, in face of General Winter, when forces have to transit from broadcasting to sustenance mode. Our commanders are capable of formulating suitable response strategy including QPQ and winter options. In the interim, it is axiomatic that all our vulnerabilities, going beyond so called agreed areas of dispute are well guarded, as more surprises can't be ruled out.

The unfortunate reality is that ongoing crisis has reinforced observation of George Tenham, about lack of Indian strategic culture, notwithstanding, our frequent invoking of Kautilya. It is baffling to see channels engaged in TRP generating meaningless competition in China bashing, going overboard in coining synonyms for deceit and deception. The harsh truth is that harping on ethics and fair play sounds hypocritical.

We apply 'Saam-Daam-Dand-Bhed' in ample measure, in resort politics. Unfortunately, we act naive, where it matters the most, in geo-strategy and force projection, function of modernisation and funding. Another, worrying trend is over reliance on alliances and friends. Non alignment, strategic autonomy and balancing are meaningless,



without backing it up with an appropriate arsenal. External expression of solidarity is pouring but we have to fight our own battles. Economic measures though laudable, entail long gestation and may be difficult due to our economy having become so dependent on Chinese. Options in maritime domain are complex and will certainly enlarge spectrum of conflict. Hence, we need to utilise slew of measures.

We need to rework our information strategy as initial hesitation has resulted in vitiation and hijacking of debate. Information domain abhors vacuum and legitimises available players. Currently, official narrative is being articulated through selected veterans and journalists, dubbed as 'Sarkaris'. Now that PM has signalled 'gloves off' approach, Kargil type arrangements of regular briefings by designated senior military and MEA spokespersons can restore sanity in info-sphere. It was heartening that PM emphasised composite nature of Galwan fight back. Hopefully, it will cap tendency of leaders and channels to misuse it for impending elections.

The most distressing is trading of accusations and tirades, stretching back to 50s. Some, like obfuscation of LAC as fuzzy formulation, as also abdicating claims on buffer zone in Galwan valley need flagging. It is grossly unfair to Army, who have followed diktats of China Study Group, always going much beyond call of duty, despite being given short shrift in equipment. We can do without daily icon busting TV debates (in hind sight), ignoring integration of princely states, Puducherry,

Goa, merger of Sikkim and creation of Bangladesh. Incidentally, Brave heart Gurtej's battalion participated in Hyderabad action and 1971 operations. Let immediate, tactical gains not destroy strategic story of our resilience, even though frayed at edges. More importantly, nay-sayers need to defer meaningless twitter spats to more appropriate time, standing with the government through current crisis.

China is testing our resolve and patience through filibustering in negotiations. We need to unequivocally communicate that unlike PLA, our Army is highly de-centralised, evidenced during stand-offs at Nathu La in 1967 and recently in Galwan. These surgical counter raids are spontaneous, self-motivated and uncontrolled with strategic reverberations. They signify resilience of our troops, initiative of junior leaders and capability to subdue even killer squads.

There is possibly some offer of withdrawal to Finger-2 and Finger-6 by India and China respectively. This would not only legitimise salami-slicing but whet PLA appetite further. It will be appropriate to recount that from patrolling right up to Chinese base-Srijap in 80s to Finger-8 and now boxed in, at Finger-4, has been sad litany of appeasement and yielding territory, as documented in Shyam Saran report. It is high time to call the bluff off and communicate to Dragon in only language that he understands. The real challenge lies in crafting face saving exit for PLA, yet sticking to our red lines of restoration of status quo. PM has set the ball rolling.

POSSIBLE OPTIONS

1. All out war-Most Unlikely.
 2. Localised War (Ladakh)-Highly Unlikely.
 3. Eviction Ops- Pangong Tso etc- Unlikely.
 4. QPQ-Possible, ideal window was early reaction.
 5. Negotiated De-escalation-Most Likely. Seems to have commenced with disengagement commencing in Galwan valley.
- ++ Coercive deployment, Economic actions & International pressure are part of slew of complementary measures. Winter will be key indicator of PLA intentions & resilience.



LT. GEN (RETD) K.J. SINGH

PRATIGYA ABHIYAN

IGNITING MINDS AND WARMING HEARTS

Set up in 2005, Pratigya is one of the most active societies at TIET Patiala. They collectively teach underprivileged children from various schools in Patiala and children of fourth-class employees at TIET.

Classes are held everyday for the benefit of these kids. The children are also provided with various resources such as books, stationary etc. Many diverse events such as art and dance competitions, sports day and so on, are organized from time to time. Udaan is their flagship annual event. In Udaan, parents are invited to see their children perform plays, dances, and music on stage after a few months of practice.

A very empathetic and dedicated society at its core, all the members help the children selflessly through any problems that they face. This Abhiyan is an effort towards eradicating illiteracy and ultimately, poverty in the society as a whole, and to nurture the dreams of the future generations of this country.



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Make it yourself!

Recipe:

Chicken Filling

- Take 500 gms boneless chicken chopped into fine pieces.
- Add 1 cup yogurt, 2 Tbs cumin powder, 2Tbs coriander powder, 2 Tbs Red Chili powder, 2 Tbs lemon juice and 2 Tbs ginger and garlic paste into a bowl.
- Add salt to taste.
- Then mix chicken well into it and poke holes in the chicken using fork.
- Leave it for 30 minutes.
- Take a pan and add generous amount of cooking oil and prepare the chicken.

Sandwich Preparation

- Pre-Heat oven or microwave to 170 degrees celsius for 10 minutes
- Take a small pan and add 2 Tbs of butter. Then add 2 Tbs of ginger, garlic paste into it and cook it on a slow flame for 5 mins or till the butter imbibes all the flavours from ginger garlic paste.
- Apply sauces on the bread.
- Then put in the chicken. Grate some mozzarella cheese on the top of it and garnish it with oregano.
- After that put some butter that you have already prepared on both sides of your sandwich.
- Toast it in the oven for 3 minutes, then flip it. Toast it for another 3 and your delicious sandwich is ready.

You can even toast it on gas using a pan and a lid. Just do it on a low flame.

CHICKEN SANDWICH



INGREDIENTS:

1. Chicken/Sausage/Salami
2. Hot Sauce (eg Tandoori Sauce)
3. Creamy Sauce (eg Mayo)
4. Mozzarella Cheese (Grated)
5. Ginger
6. Garlic
7. Butter
8. Oregano

Jaskaran is an engineering student, cooking is his favourite hobby. He is a genuine foodie and has a list of the best places to eat in Chandigarh, Patiala and Mumbai. Looks like we have something there for the next issue!

The Rajasthani Rhathymia -

A Broader National picture

And another one goes to the pavilion..... INC seems to be in a tough spot now. Rahul Dravid once said that my equanimity has been praised far and wide, but I do understand that when it gets tough, I have to press on the accelerator and relinquish my traditional style.

Well many seemed to have imbued the great advice of the legendary cricketer. However, it is disappointing that his namesake, Mr Rahul Gandhi, does not consider this as sound advice. The grand old party considers itself tantamount to the Maratha Icon, Veer Chhatrapati Shivaji. They ascribe the falling of their forts to frantic efforts and 'horse trading' which stems from Delhi Nonetheless, an ignorant attitude, sticking to their so called 'principles' and a continuous calumny coupled with a fight for the throne has debilitated the Indian National Congress. Senior leaders like Kapil Sibal, Dr Shashi Tharoor and Ahmed Patel have expressed concern over the situation. Sibal, in a tweet, wrote "Will we wake up when horses have bolted from our stables?"

Well he should acknowledge the fact that in the due process of bridling the horses, the equerry has lost hostlers and postilions. If they do not dismiss the equerry, it would be inexorable to prevent the acreage from being ransacked.

At this point of time, when Indian National Congress is at its nadir, the hardcore Gujarati men have transformed politics into something at which they are really dexterous - Business. The Home minister has indeed sent many people to their

respective homes and has quite ferociously pillaged the democracy, stripping the soul off its scruples. On one hand INC considers itself as the formidable Maratha king Shivaji, the BJP on the other has its own Bajirao in the form of Amit Shah. Quite evidently, if you would fit Irffan's monologue introducing Bajirao in SLB's film, which goes like

“ Chehre pe chamak, bejod raajniiti aur aklpriya yuddha kaushal se Bajirao ne kucch hi saalon mein Hindustaan ka naksha badal diya tha “

It would deem fit to describe the Chanakya of modern day politics. Directly or indirectly, this man has shaped the national and state politics to his master's convenience. He has taken upon himself to deliver what Modi promised - congress mukta bharat. Being the modern day Chanakya, he knows his policies of "Sam Daam Dand Bhed" quite right.

What INC has failed to understand is that the infightings have not only led to them relinquishing control of several important states, but this has also deprived them of good and thoughtful 'young guns', the coterie of the Gandhi scion, without which the dream of resurgence of Rahul Gandhi and his ascendancy to apogee seems delusional. Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot are not mere ambitious individuals. They are representative of the collective consciousness of a state cadre. The Janpath and Safdarjung hegemony needs to end so that Ashoka Road regains its eminence and

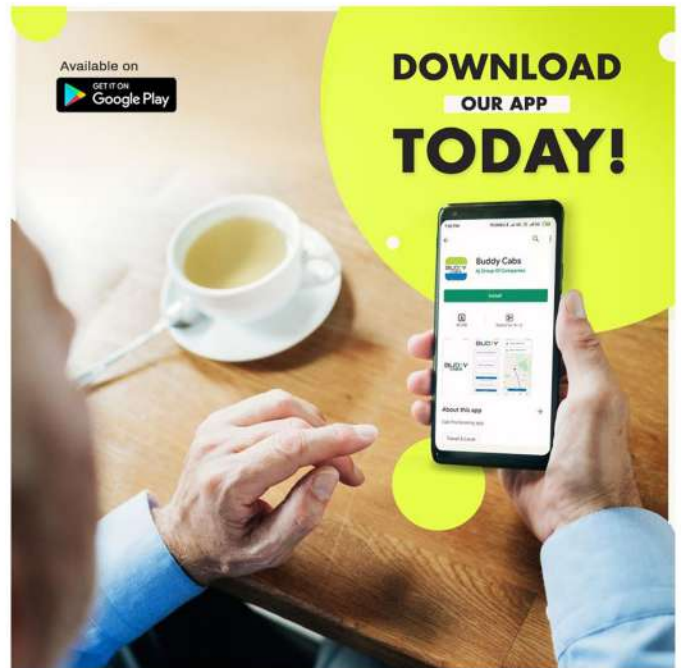
patina. As lord Krishna said in Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta,

“ Parivartanamev Sthiramasti

“ - change is the only constant

It is time for the congress leadership to ponder upon the Kamraj plan and enact it suitably. They have to immaculate the roots, unclutter the pond and jettison the mud so that the lotus does not bloom.

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What's on your mind?

I'm no psychologist but I surely can predict what's on the mind of my fellow students at various colleges/schools/universities. COVID-19 has brought along with a lot of uncertainty in the minds of people. Things like will I get placed, will I get admission to a good college, will I pass the exam have started to bother young minds more than before. All this causes additional anxiety and stress which is not at all welcomed well by our mind. The way I look at it is that if I am able to generate skills that can create/enable/attract an audience, surely I will have an edge. The number of exams you sit for, pass or fail does not matter as much as what you learn or gain from the preparation. Any UPSC/CDS/NDA aspirant would second the opinion that whatever they study during their preparation gives them wholesome knowledge of different fields in the country and even if they don't join government services, they now know a plethora of opportunities that they are made for. Any software engineer would agree that the skills he attains while preparing for his dream company have more than many applications elsewhere. There is no lack of opportunities for those who have a keen eye. Once you get a strong hold on whatever you want to do in life, you will rise even if you didn't start from your dream job. Therefore I believe that the process of preparation is much more important than the exam itself. Preparation and practice gives confidence. We all can write code if we are confident enough, we all can walk a ramp if we are confident enough and all of us can crack exams if we are confident enough and the source of this confidence is practice and dedication. The attitude should always be if there is a spot for one, that's enough for me. Passion is a whole different level of dedication. So many people advise us to follow our passion, but the way it is with me I'm 21 and I still can't say for sure that this is my passion. I think the best way to steer through that is to try everything that comes your way, and if there is nothing coming your way, move out of your comfort zone and gain experience. Work on an internship even if it's for free, attend lectures, speak to different people, learn what they have done in their life in the hope that one day someone's words/experience or even your experience will help you find your passion, until then keep hustling with a can do attitude to survive in this competitive world with spirits high saying "Mainu ni lainge te fer kinu lenge". I'll tell you if it works for me. Till then stay happy, stay strong!

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Helpful links

Information about various government guidelines on Covid-19 can be obtained at: <https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/>

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