

## CHIMNEY CHATTERS

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND INDIA ON SALE :

The frequent stories of human trafficking in which children and girls being illegally taken to other countries and are abused is that way not a new phenomenon, given the fact that in most of the cases criminal elements and mafias are involved. However, when you get to hear such things happening at the instance of law makers or law protectors, it reflects the saddest situation, the country is faced with. It is inconceivable to accept the fact that DIG of the state is involved in fake encounter murdering a man and eliminating his wife also. After the hue and cry finally the state(Gujarat) gave such an undertaking in Supreme Court accepting such happening. Nithari killings in which dozens of children were killed one after the other was also due to killers were hand in gloves with the police. In such a situation if police are viewed as criminals and doubted, who should be blamed?

Although no political party can claim to have its cleanest image now a days, BJP used to call itself as the party of difference or the one responsible for India Shining. However, when it came to pre payments for query in Parliament, almost every party had a share in this corrupt practices. Years together we have been witnessing such corrupt practices followed at the highest levels of Corridors of Power.

The latest among all which put all of us to shame is the episode of Babubhai Katara, a BJP M.P. from Gujarat, who was caught at the IGI Airport, New Delhi accompanying Paramjeet Kaur and another boy Amarjit Singh, both traveling with him on his wife's and son's passport. Babubhai as per his own confession has been involved in trafficking of more than 12 people and it is a nation wide net work in which travel agents and other MPs (some from TDP) are involved. Could we imagine the value these MPs have for the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to get our Country freed from the shackles of British Rule? How can they ever enter in the Parliament and honour the oath when they are involved in such corrupt practices. Upon all this is the admission of Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs who said that their officers being in hand in gloves with such MPs is not ruled out. Actually those who attacked the parliament with the help of Terrorist outfit and those who are involved in attacking the image and prestige of this great institution are one and the same kind of people. Although no one can justify the terrorist attack on parliament, but these corrupt MPs using their position and immunity for checking, play with the Image and prestige of this country and thus they too should be severely punished. Every party should disown them irrespective of which party they belong to. Babubhai Katara's admission that he got only Rs. 8 lakhs out of Rs. 30 collected from that lady only indicates his shameless attitude.

Its time Election Commission takes the steps in deciding the eligibility criterion for those who contest Lok Sabha elections. Observance of minimum ethical standard must be the qualifying criterion for contesting Parliamentary elections. Otherwise, given the fact that any body having a clout can contest the elections, we shall have Parliament where majority of its members will have mafia links and no one will know when these people will put the Country for sale.

### MUMBAIKAR, TRAIN YOURSELF TO MILK THE COW!

The quality of life which we live in the country's commercial capital – Mumbai requires thorough evaluation. It is agreed that there has been exodus of people coming from Rural India to Mumbai in search of living. Naturally the number of people living without a proper house is increasing enormously and now we find more than 55% of the inhabitants of this city are living in Shanties and hutments. While this is the story of those on or below the poverty line, what about those who are the employment generators and owners of big industry. How is their life style. They too have to breath in the filthiest of polluted air, contaminated water and what not? Where is the guarantee that the medicine they take in is not fake? The food they eat is not adulterated? For that matter in this kind of corrupt surrounding, there is no guarantee of purity of your daily necessities which you buy from outside. We hear repeated stories of Bisleri water or Cola's having higher degree of pesticides, Cadbury having germs in it, Milk being adulterated with Urea and baking soda and so on.

Of all the things which are adulterated and sold, it is very difficult to accept the fact that, early morning when you open the door for the milk man while you are in half sleep, some body is pushing Milk bags in your hand which contain adulterated Milk, having Urea and Sodium bicarbonate. Is it this milk your dear most children are going to have it? What a deadening thought? But it is not out of place as in Mumbai many places this has been found by FDA officials and civic authorities, that such practices are quite common. In one of their recent raids, some 20,000 liters adulterated Milk was confiscated. To counter these malpractices and to be doubly sure what you are drinking is a pure Milk, some industry Owners, have bought Cows and started rearing them, just to solve this problem of adulterated Milk. The people from Juhu and Pali Hill area, as reported in Mumbai Mirror, such as Mr.Jagdish Bansal has six cows and he is planning to start a Milk Co-operatives. Hinduja's, exporter Goenka and industrialist Chordia have also got cows in their farm houses at Panvel and Madh only for getting pure Milk for their house hold.

Now the Modern man can atleast take it how important is the "GoMata". Laloo Prasad has one more tips to offer to the Harvard School of Business and IIMs that having the cattle around your house not only make you successful Politician, but it also makes a great business sense as indicated by these Mumbaikar Businessmen. And upon all that bullshit (to be precise cow shit) around, your move is labeled as Ecofriendly.

However, can we all manage to have our cows around, when there is no place for over 5 million people to live in Mumbai. We need to be more vigilant and see that the corrupt practices are removed from the bud. Wherever, we smell a rat, we need to take immediate steps so that atleast our children and ailing parents do not have to consume such adulterated items. If we can not do it, future will not forgive us for not taking timely steps.

### KABHI KABHI I LOVE YOU INDIA!

ABHI-ASH Wedding: Almost for a year, over 1 billion people of this country were waiting for the D-day i.e. wedding of much publicized stars. Abhishek Bachhan and Aishwarya Rai. Since Aishwarya Rai was known to be Manglik, there have been number of Yagnyas and Poojas all over the temples in the country to avoid evil spirit and have smooth married life for the couple and good health for the family. As Hindus believe, it was all about doing "Grah shanty... making the stars shower peace on the family. Naturally it was not the decision where in some where at the back of the mind, due to the belief system, one could say that suspicion about the future of the married couple did not exist. For all those who believed in such astrological predictions, it was definitely a point of worry and thus may it be Varanasi, Tirupati, Siddhivinayak or other deities, Aishwarya-Abhishek and many a times Amitabh and Jaya did make special visits to get blessings from all these Gods and Goddesses. Although these were some of the family initiatives, there were hundreds of places where in such Poojas were held just to see their star couple in the happiness. These fans of almost all the members of their family did this on their own accord spending thousands of Rupees and their valuable time getting emotionally involved in it. Their love and affection was simply overwhelming.

Every one remembers when Amitabh Bachhan met an accident on the sets of Coolie, the whole country was praying for him for days together. Then more recently when he was again hospitalized after the first version of KBC, once again the nation went in to prayer mode. Prayers in Temples, Churches and Mosques were regularly held for his speedy recovery. Having had all this kind of love and affection from the remotest corner of the country, Amitabh has become greatest icon-super star of this age. While all this times of tests these people of India remained steadfast with him, they wanted to have the glimpse of Millennium Wedding of Abhishek-Aishwarya. They wanted to see the "bahurani entering the House, garlanding Abhishek and happiness on the countenance of Amitabh and Jaya Bachhan". Surely they were not expecting to be fed on that occasion nor were they expecting to be invited. However, the eyes and ears of this India-family was the "Media" and if not for any thing, but to respect the right of their fellow country men, Amitabh should have made arrangements from a particular spot, for specific period, so that media could catch these glimpses and took to the masses who were waiting to see the couple getting married and to bless them and to pray for them.

Amitabh, should have been acted with more sensitivity and commitment to the people who made him what he is worth to day. It is understandable that he was worried due to ill health of his mother. However, the wedding took place with whatever, level of celebration agreed upon. Media did not need that level to be affected. It would only beam what was happening and totally disregarding media, depriving the people of India, who infact are real Gods, whose blessing and prayers have made Bachhan family, is definitely not fare. I am not going to trivialize the issue by saying media was manhandled by security men of Amar Singh. That is though an issue, not necessary as big as that of the right of People of India who have been part and parcel of his life.

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