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Multiple times in life, we are tempted to take the usual path, the one that everyone follows, hoping it will lead us to success. However, only a few ever consider going beyond the ordinary to traverse uncharted lands. The theme of this edition of The Presidential Monthly, Beyond the Path, encourages you to step off the beaten track and discover something new. History is full of examples of people who really thought outside the box. Nicolaus Copernicus challenged the 1,400-year-old geocentric model of the Solar System and led to the creation of the heliocentric model.

Scientists such as Ernest Rutherford and Niels Bohr showed that the atom—once thought indivisible—is actually made up of smaller particles. Christopher Columbus went beyond known sea routes and ended up discovering a new continent. These individuals demonstrate that breaking away from the expected path can lead to extraordinary achievements.

Let us all take this as inspiration to break free from the ordinary cycle and go
'beyond the path'

PSEUDOFEMINISM

ANVITHA PAIDI XIIB

EMPOWERMENT
OR
ENTITLEMENT



The concept of feminism revolves around establishing a socially egalitarian society. This can be achieved by empowering all genders with the courage and support to overcome traditionally stereotyped roles assigned to them. However, with the rise of self-proclaimed champions of social equality, the boundary between empowerment and entitlement has been thinning markedly. Patriarchy and matriarchy now coexist in a way that fosters imbalance rather than harmony—a pseudo-feminist's distorted vision of an ideal society. It is, in effect, replacing one tyrant with another.

Just because a segment—or indeed the whole—of society chooses to support a particular group does not entitle that group to abuse its advantages, whether its members are men or women. We must remember to reciprocate kindness, not exploit it. A woman does not need a man to kneel for her in order to stand tall, nor does a man require a woman to bow for him to shine.

The problem has never lain in the divide between men and women, but in the minds of those who promote conservatism and narrow-mindedness. It is up to each of us to decide what we practise and propagate: to empower ourselves with genuine opportunity or to succumb to the fleeting lure of entitlement that inevitably fades into nothingness.

IMAGINE YOU'RE WATCHING A 3D FILM. IT FEELS LIKE IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, BUT REALLY IT'S JUST A PROJECTION ON A FLAT SCREEN. THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND THE HOLOGRAPHIC-UNIVERSE THEORY: WHAT IF EVERYTHING WE SEE AROUND US IS A PROJECTION FROM SOMETHING TWO-DIMENSIONAL? IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING FROM A SCI-FI MOVIE, BUT PHYSICISTS TAKE IT SERIOUSLY BECAUSE OF BLACK HOLES. WHEN A BLACK HOLE SWALLOWS SOMETHING, ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT IT DOESN'T VANISH—IT'S THOUGHT TO BE STORED ON THE EVENT HORIZON, THE EDGE OF THE BLACK HOLE.

SO WHAT IF OUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE WORKS THE SAME WAY—A 3D WORLD PROJECTED FROM A 2D SURFACE, LIKE A GIANT COSMIC HOLOGRAM?

NOW IMAGINE THIS: IF WE'RE HOLOGRAMS, THE "REAL LIFE" OUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS TALK ABOUT MIGHT JUST BE PART OF THE ILLUSION. MAYBE STUDENTS PROCRASTINATE BECAUSE THE UNIVERSE IS WAITING TO LOAD THE NEXT LINE OF CODE. AND THE BIGGEST QUESTION: WHAT'S OUTSIDE THE PROJECTION? WHO OR WHAT IS WRITING THIS CODE?

COMFORT IN CODE

TANAY BUDDHARAJU XA

SUICIDE IS THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG 15-29-YEAR-OLDS WORLDWIDE AND A SERIOUS THREAT TO MENTAL HEALTH. NOT LONG AGO, A LONELY TEENAGER SANK INTO DEPRESSION AND BEGAN HAVING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS. ALL HOPE SEEMED LOST—UNTIL AN UNEXPECTED SAVIOUR APPEARED: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THROUGH SIMPLE, CARING MESSAGES, THE AI HELPED HER FEEL LESS ALONE AND SAID EXACTLY WHAT SHE NEEDED TO HEAR AT THAT TROUBLING MOMENT. AND THIS WASN'T A ONE-OFF. IN MANY CASES, LINES OF CODE HAVE OFFERED COMFORT TO HUNDREDS—OR EVEN THOUSANDS—OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. SOME NOW CALL AI A "FRONTIER IN MENTAL HEALTH."

SCIENCE OR SCI-FI?

NYSHITHA REDDY XA

THERE ARE ENDLESS QUESTIONS AND VERY FEW ANSWERS. IT ALL SOUNDS MIND-BLOWING, BUT IT RELIES ON REALLY COMPLICATED MATHS, AND THERE'S NO DIRECT PROOF YET—SCIENCE ALWAYS WANTS EVIDENCE. EVEN THOUGH IT'S UNCONFIRMED, THE THEORY REMAINS POSSIBLE. WHO KNOWS WHAT WE'LL DISCOVER ONE DAY? MAYBE I'LL FIND OUT I'M NOT JUST WRITING THIS ARTICLE... I'M WRITING THE CODE OF THE UNIVERSE.

BUT THERE'S A CATCH: AI DOESN'T ACTUALLY FEEL EMOTIONS. IT ONLY MIMICS THEM. WE HUMANS KNOW SADNESS, JOY, FEAR AND HOPE—AND WE RESPOND TO THOSE FEELINGS. **AI IS NOT SENTIENT.** IT CANNOT CARE, REMEMBER PAST CONVERSATIONS OR FEEL PRIDE OR GUILT. EVERY CHAT STARTS FRESH, **WITHOUT ANY REAL UNDERSTANDING OR MEMORY.**

CAN WE REALLY DEPEND ON SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER TRULY UNDERSTAND OUR PAIN? HOW LONG SHOULD WE TRUST A SYSTEM BLIND TO THE WEIGHT OF OUR STRUGGLES? IN THE END, PERHAPS IT ISN'T THE MACHINE THAT SAVES US, BUT WHAT IT REVEALS ABOUT OURSELVES—OUR DESPERATE NEED TO BE HEARD, TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND TO BE CARED FOR.

cricket MANIA

SHALOM RAPAKA XA

CRICKET IS MORE THAN JUST A GAME; IT IS A PASSION, AN EMOTION, A PRIDE OF THE COUNTRY ITS PLAYERS REPRESENT. FROM PACKED STADIUMS TO PEOPLE GLUED TO TELEVISIONS, THE CRAZE FOR CRICKET KNOWS NO AGE, CLASS, GENDER OR COLOUR. CRICKET HAS SOME LEGENDARY PLAYERS LIKE OUR VERY OWN SACHIN TENDULKAR, M.S. DHONI AND VIRAT KOHLI. THEY ARE NOT JUST ATHLETES; THEY ARE ROLE MODELS! THEY HAVE DEDICATED FANS. YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS GROW UP MIMICKING THEIR FAVOURITE CRICKETERS, HOPING TO SOON BE ON THE FIELD, SMASHING SIXES, CELEBRATING VICTORIES AND MORE.

TOURNAMENTS LIKE THE INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE (IPL) AND THE T20 WORLD CUP HAVE SERVED TO PROMOTE CRICKET LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY PROVIDING REAL ENTERTAINMENT VALUE.

FAMILIES WATCH TOGETHER, FRIENDS GATHER IN LARGE PUBLIC PLACES TO CHEER FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS, CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CRICKET OFTEN DOMINATE WORKPLACES AND STUDENTS DEBATE WHICH TEAM WILL WIN INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO CLASSES.

IT UNITES PEOPLE AND EVEN CULTIVATES FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS OUR ENEMIES. CRICKET TEACHES DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, CRITICAL THINKING, EXERCISE, AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, RESILIENCE. THE CRAZE FOR CRICKET IS NOT ONLY IN THE RUNS SCORED AND WICKETS TAKEN—IT LIES IN THE FEELINGS. SO LONG AS THE CHEERS ECHO THROUGHOUT THE STADIUMS AND HEARTS BEAT FOR EVERY WIN, CRICKET WILL CONTINUE TO BE MORE THAN JUST A SPORT; IT WILL BE A WAY TO FOSTER UNITY. SO, WHETHER YOU WANT TO DREAM ABOUT HITTING A WINNING SIX OR JUST HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS, CRICKET WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF YOU.

GEO-LOL-GRAPHY — LAND OVER LOGIC

KRISH SHARMA XIIA

THE TERM 'GEOGRAPHY' WAS FIRST COINED BY ERATOSTHENES – THE ANCIENT GREEK SCHOLAR. THE SUBJECT IS FASCINATING BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH THE STUDY OF THE UNIVERSE, EARTH'S PHYSICAL FEATURES, PEOPLE AND THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT WHAT MAKES IT MORE SPECIAL? THE ANSWER IS THE THEORIES AND CONSPIRACIES RELATED TO IT. ONE OF THESE IS THE CONTINENTAL DRIFT THEORY, AND ANOTHER IS THE GIRAFFE CONSPIRACY.

PANGAEA – THE SUPERCONTINENT THAT ONCE RESEMBLED A GIANT JIGSAW PUZZLE – WAS A SINGLE LANDMASS WHERE ALL THE CONTINENTS WERE JOINED. ANIMALS ROAMED FREELY AND DEER EVEN HUNG OUT WITH DINOSAURS (WELL, PROBABLY). ROUGHLY 200 MILLION YEARS AGO, PANGAEA BROKE UP AND THE CONTINENTS BEGAN TO DRIFT. SCIENTISTS CALL THIS THE CONTINENTAL DRIFT THEORY, FIRST PROPOSED BY ALFRED WEGENER.

NOW FOR THE GIRAFFE CONSPIRACY. IMAGINE A HERD OF ORDINARY DEER GRAZING PEACEFULLY, AND THEN, BOOM – TECTONIC PLATES SAID "WE'RE DONE," AND EVERYTHING STARTED MOVING. THE DEER REFUSED TO LEAVE THE GRASS THEY WERE EATING, AND AS THE LAND PULLED APART THEIR NECKS STRETCHED UNTIL THEY BECAME A NEW CREATURE CALLED A GIRAFFE – A PREHISTORIC ACCIDENT!

THAT'S HOW PEOPLE MAKE THEIR OWN HILARIOUS CONSPIRACIES RELATING TO GEOGRAPHY AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS SUBJECT THE BEST SINCE WE SIMPLY DO NOT GET BORED WITH ANY OF THEM.

YOUNG MINDS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.....!!!

MRS SAI SHRAVANI - STAFF

EACH OF YOU IS A MARVEL, POSSESSING A HUNDRED LANGUAGES, A HUNDRED HANDS, AND A HUNDRED THOUGHTS. YOU CAN'T IMAGINE YOUR DIVERSE LEARNING JOURNEY THAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. IT REMINDS US ABOUT YOUR UNIQUE ABILITIES AND PERSPECTIVES. TO, ALL THE FUTURE DOCTORS, SCIENTISTS, ARCHITECTS, ARTISTS, GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, AND ALL THE INCREDIBLE YOUNG MINDS, HERE'S A PROBLEM FOR YOU TO SOLVE..

NOT LONG AGO, FEW YOUNGSTERS SPOTTED A BUTTERFLY AND WANTED A CLOSER LOOK AT IT. BUT IT WAS SITTING TOO HIGH FOR THEM TO REACH IT. THIS WAS THE PROBLEM THEY NEEDED TO SOLVE. HOW TO GET TO IT? ONE OF THE STUDENT SAID, "IT'S TOO HIGH, I COULDN'T REACH IT." HE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW A BALANCING BEAM. COULD HE REACH THE BUTTERFLY IF HE STOOD ON IT? THE STUDENT ASSESSED THE SITUATION AND CAME UP WITH A PLAUSIBLE SOLUTION. DID IT WORK? THINK AND ANSWER!

YOU WILL KNOW YOUR CALIBRE NOW! YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND GET ADAPTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT BY UTILIZING THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES AROUND YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL.

YOUR JOURNEY IS LIKE CRICKET..SOME PLAYERS HIT BOUNDARIES RIGHT FROM THE FIRST BALL, WHILE OTHERS TAKE THEIR TIME TO SETTLE IN. BUT REMEMBER, EVERY PLAYER HAS THEIR OWN PACE, AND EVERY MATCH HAS ITS TURNING POINT.

YOU ARE BORN TO WIN. BUT IN ORDER TO BE THE WINNER, YOU WERE BORN TO BE, YOU MUST PLAN TO WIN. EFFECTIVE CRICKET INVOLVES CAREFUL PLANNING, WHETHER IT'S SETTING A FIELD OR DEVISING A BATTING STRATEGY. IN LIFE, HAVING GOALS AND A PLAN TO ACHIEVE THEM IS CRUCIAL FOR SUCCESS. YOU'VE GOT TO PREPARE TO WIN AND YOU MUST EXPECT TO WIN. IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO WIN, THEN YOU HAVE NO LEGITIMATE REASON FOR EXPECTING TO WIN.

YOU CAN CHANGE WHAT YOU ARE, BY PLANNING WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MIND. EMPHASIZING THIS, BECAUSE, IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR JOURNEY WHAT WE GO THROUGH. LIFE IS A LONG SERIES OF CHOICES AND, AND IF WE MAKE ENOUGH OF THE RIGHT CHOICES, WE WILL END UP WITH RIGHT RESULTS.

WE ARE YOUNGSTERS, WE DO HAVE LOTS OF EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN MY TEACHER ASKED ME, 'DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS?'. I WAS HONEST ENOUGH TO TELL "I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES SIBLING MEAN..". THEY MADE FUN OF ME. THIS IS AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO DOES THIS TO YOU, OR HUMILIATES YOU BY TELLING.. YOU ALWAYS FAIL !!!! TO, THOSE WHO LAUGH AT YOUR LANGUAGE AND BULLY YOU, LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO STAND IN YOUR FUTURE! CHALLENGE THEM! CHALLENGE YOURSELF! BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. BE THE AUTHOR OF YOUR DESTINY. LET THE WORLD KNOW YOUR GLORY! PROVE EVERYONE WRONG AND THE FEELING YOU'LL GET AFTER DOING SO HAS NO COMPARISON. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF YOUR MILESTONES! THERE COULD BE MANY MORE YOU MUST GO THROUGH! BUT, IN SPITE OF GOING THROUGH THE HARDSHIPS IN YOUR LIFE, THE CUTE CHARMING SMILE ON YOUR FACE SHOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU. YOU MAY BE FADED WITH AGE, ONE DAY YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME GRANDPAS AND GRANDMAS. BUT GIVING UP YOUR LIFE IS NOT THE SOLUTION FOR EVERYTHING.

"DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE IT, FACE IT AND DEAL WITH IT. "

REASONS DRIVE EVERYONE OF YOU. WEAK REASONS WILL HAVE A WEAK IMPACT, STRONG REASONS DRIVE YOU LONGER AND FARTHER. THE PAIN WHICH YOU FEEL WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU, "YOU CAN'T DO IT" WILL BE THE SOLE REASON FOR YOUR UNIMAGINABLE BETTER FUTURE.

WHEN PLAY HAPPENS "IN NATURE", IT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BENEFITS. IT FACILITATES GREAT EXPLORATION, IMAGINATION AND INTERACTION WITH NATURE, PLANTS AND ANIMALS. ONE DAY, LORD BUDDHA ASKED HIS DISCIPLE TO FETCH SOME WATER FROM THE POND.. BUT AS HE WALKED NEAR THE POND, SOME ANIMALS HAD WALKED ACROSS IT AND THE WATER WAS MUDDY. BUDDHA ASKED HIM TO FETCH IT AFTER SOMETIME, WHEN THE DISCIPLE GOT THE WATER, SURPRISINGLY, IT WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR. THINK AND ANSWER, HOW???

HMMMMMM!!! WHEN THE ANIMALS WALKED ACROSS THE WATER, THEY HAD MADE THE WATER MUDDY. BUT JUST GIVING IT SOMETIME, THE MUD SETTLED AND THE WATER BECAME CRYSTAL CLEAR AGAIN....

AS A YOUNGSTER, SOMETIMES, OUR ANGER IS EXACTLY LIKE THE ANIMALS RUNNING IN WATER AND MAKING IT MUDDY. IF WE GIVE SOMETIME, THE ANGER DISPERSES AND WE TURN AS THE CLEAR WATER.

WE HIDE OUR SADNESS FROM EACH OTHER. WE SIT, TALK AND LAUGH AS IF NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN OUR LIFE, BUT GO TO THE RESTROOM AND CRY. WE COME IN THIS LIFE WITH A PURPOSE. I SWEAR, ONE DAY, YOU ARE GOING TO BE A GREAT INSPIRATION FOR EVERYONE AND A REAL HERO...

"YOUTH COMES, BUT JUST ONCE IN A LIFE TIME"

FUN

jokes, riddles and more!

ANSWER THESE!

1. I'm as light as a feather, yet the strongest person cannot hold me for longer than five minutes. What am I?
2. What starts with an E, ends with an E, yet contains only a single letter?
3. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

TRICKY QUESTIONS!

4. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?
5. How can four be the half of five?
6. What disappears as soon as you say its name?
7. How many letters are in the alphabet? (No, its not 26)
8. What are the next three letters in this combination? OTTFSS

LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

1. With five billion viewers, over half the world's population watched the 2022 FIFA World Cup. This exceeds the total viewers of the 2024 Summer Olympics.
2. What's inside a Kit Kat? Broken Kit Kats that are damaged during production—they get ground up and go between the wafers inside, along with cocoa and sugar. That way, nothing goes to waste!
3. The longest place name in the world, at 85 letters, is "Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu," New Zealand. Locals just call it Taumata Hill.
4. Each year, 16 million thunderstorms happen around the world, and at any given moment, there are about 2,000 thunderstorms in progress.
5. Play-Doh started out as a wallpaper cleaner before the head of the struggling company realized the non-toxic material made a good modeling clay for children and rebranded it.
6. Days on Venus are longer than its years. Due to its slow axis rotation, it takes 243 Earth days to spin once; but it only takes 225 Earth days to go around the sun.
7. Our modern interpretation of Santa Claus with a red outfit and white beard is due in large part to holiday Coca-Cola ads that began in 1931.
8. Hawaiian pizza was not actually created in Hawaii, but was created in Ontario, Canada, by Greek immigrant Sam Panopoulos in 1962.

DEATH of a STAR

C. UDITAA NAIDU

A supernova is a rare but violent astronomical event in which a star suddenly brightens dramatically and releases an enormous amount of energy. It occurs once a star has exhausted its nuclear fuel and its core collapses under its own gravity. There are two main varieties:

1. Type II, when massive stars (at least eight times the mass of the Sun) run out of fuel in their cores and explode.
2. Type I, when a white dwarf in a binary system accretes material from its companion until it reaches critical mass, triggering a thermonuclear detonation that completely unbinds the star.

Supernovae can be seen from millions of light-years away and can briefly outshine an entire galaxy. They emit vast quantities of light (even visible in daylight if close enough), radiation and cosmic rays.

Supernovae play a crucial role in the cosmic cycle of matter by ejecting heavy elements into interstellar space and providing the raw materials for the formation of new stars and planets.

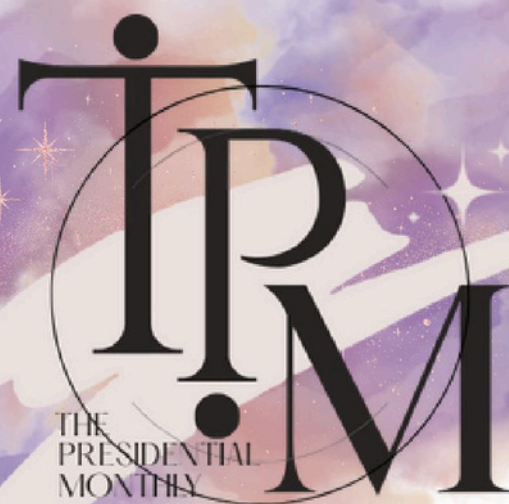
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