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The Mission of the Club

The mission of a toastmaster's club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment, in which every member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth..

The Toastmasters Mission

Toastmaster's International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a world-wide reality. Through its member clubs, toastmaster's International helps men & women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking - vital skills that promote self-actualisation, enhance leadership, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmaster's international continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opporutnity to benefit from its programmes.



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District Governor Speaks...

Dear Fellow Members,

Toastmasters throughout Dist 79, including your District Officers, wish you all the best on the occasion of the release of Inner Universe Toastmasters News letter.



One of the greatest things that originated in this world is "Team Work" and then man ceased to think of himself as an individual but as a part of a group. Inner Universe Toastmasters is a shining example for it. Even though Inner Universe Toastmasters is a very young club, its performance from the inception is very commendable. We are indebted to all your members who have helped and assisted in bringing the club to an enviable status. One person alone cannot do anything. What we see today is the combined effort of all members. It is certainly because of their "Commitment to Achieve". They have proved that "Excellence is a Reality".

There is no magic wand for success. In the real world, success comes to doers and not observers. Those successful doers are called Leaders. Leadership is not a rank or a title. It is a responsibility towards others and a commitment to serve. True leaders are those who work relentlessly for the betterment of others and help others to achieve their goals. When such leaders leave, they leave a legacy for others to follow.



Best of luck!

Sonny Varghese DTM

District Governor

Division Governor's Message...

Dear President & Members of Inner UniverseToastmasters Club,

Indeed it is a great pleasure for me to hear that you are releasing your first News Letter "I-U TALK".



Hereby I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to each and every member of this wondeful Club.

Also my gratitude to those who contributed for the release of this I-U TALK.

I pledge my humble service & support to I-U TALK and to the all the members of the Club. Please feel free to call me any time.

With warm regards, AL(B) Abraham Raju, Division 'H' Governor, District - 79.

Tel.: 050-6123164.

Together we make wonders...

Area Governor's Message...

It is delightful to hear that Inner Universe Toast Master's Club is releasing thier first Newletter.



It is common for Toastmasters clubs/Chapters to publish Newsletters periodically. This gives an insight into the club's strength, culture and vision. But there is something uncommon in case of Inner Universe. It is publishing it's first Newsletter within first three months of chartering the club. This shows the strength and culture of the club. And more so of the dedication of it's Executive Body. This is possible only when the club has a leader with a clear vision. This was evident in the club meeting I attended in July which was second meeting of the club. The leader of the club President CTM Sudha Datta in his inimitable style clearly explained his vision that included publishing the first newsletter in three months time. He kept his words. And I too had no doubt because the club atmosphere was pulsating. The office bearers and members were eager to learn. This is an indication of club's culture and sign of bright future.

I congratulate Inner Universe members, office bearers on their first Newsletter. Your club has a bright future.

Syed Farrukh Ali Area Governor

Professor Pon Elango's congratulatory message



"Success depends on relationships; And relationships depend on communication."

The ability to communicate effectively is one of the secrets of success. Communications skills is a high-speed elevator that helps one to reach the top floor of the career tower faster. Great leaders are greatcommunicators. I strongly believe that excellent communication skills can help one to become an excellent leader.

I congratulate the Inner Universe team for their initiative and efforts to provide a platform for the members to excel in communication skills. I am confident that more and more people will utilise this golden opportunity and become great leaders."

Best Wishes Pon Elango

From the Editor's pen....



Founder - Inner Universe

(End of June 2006), whilst the mercury was rising, some of the Inner Universe members still in a cool mood ventured out to climb one more rung in the "ladder of success" and formed the "Inner Universe Toastmaster's club."



To add to the gusto, our enterprising newly elected Founder President CTM Sudha Datta, with his usual enthusiasm and innovative ideas, put forth a string of objectives before the committee, one of which was to produce our club's inhouse newsletter within three months of its inception.

Vice President - Public Relations, that's me, in an exciting aura, said "yes of course" willingly, not knowing the repercussions -the nagging hurdles and the teething troubles of the job! But CL J. Krishnamurthy of the Abu Dhabi Chapter - a Dentist to heal the teething trouble - came to my rescue by ensuring to render his expertise. In addition to this, due to the courtesy of most of the members of this new found club, I was able to accomplish the mission within the given time frame. As a result of our commitment, today this first issue of our Newsletter termed "I U Talk" which means "Inner Universe Talks" or simply "I and You talk" is proudly getting ready to be released by the caring hands of our Divison H Governor, AL(B) Abraham Raju.

I take this opportunity to thank the committee members, and all those who contributed directly or indirectly to make our first step a firm one!

Let's keep up the good work for together we can "Explore, Experience, Excel."

Sylvia D'Silva

From the President's Desk ...



Welcome to the first issue of the newsletter of our club: Inner Universe Toastmasters Club- aptly titled I-U Talk. (Like I, You, Talk). And that is what it is really all about, namely, opening up the channels of communication between us all, regardless of who we are.

Life is a combination of rhythms and harmony. There is a rhythm in the seasons, in the ebb and flow of the tides in the sea. Births and deaths are also expressions of rhythms in the population and the expressions of human, animal and plant existence. There is joy and sorrow. Also called happiness and sadness.

Our club is also subject to rhythms. Let it be good. We have a good array of speakers and I am happy and honored to be president of such a club. The rhythms let them take over. The vibes of a good speech. The anxiety of someone who is new and about to take the floor of his first speech. The contentment of having a sumptuous dinner after a night of stimulating talks. Finding out your strengths. Having the courage to accept your weaknesses. Speaking. Listening. All of these are expressions and colors in the canvas of the Toastmasters.

Of course, we have just started, the aim is to continue and grow. Expand unto the farthest possible reaches of the public speaking universe. And that is not all. As human beings, our responsibility is to sublimate our lower natures and make ourselves into better people, day by day, moment by moment. We have been given a body, a mind and an intellect. We need to keep the body fit and healthy by ingesting appropriate and nutritious food. We need to keep the mind pure and occupied by taking part in stimulating activities such as Toastmasters. And finally, the intellect must be rendered sharp by introspection, discussion with different people and self-analysis.

I don't own this club. I am just serving you as your President. It is your club and your platform. We often like to think of each other as strangers. How would it be different if we regarded each other, and the members of all our society as our family? It would be refreshing, wouldn't it? **Together, we are going to explore experience and excel.** Toastmasters are not about winning or losing. It is not about paying a fee and being a member, so you can call yourself Toastmaster. It is not about impressing others or humiliating yourself. It is about finding out who you really are inside.

You have made the right decision by being part of this great experience. I thank all of you who have contributed very positively in bringing out this news letter. We need not be a "Pulitzer Prize" winner accomplished writer to be a contributor to this newsletter!! It is our own newsletter!!

It is stage time, please.

Sincerely yours,

Communication Behaviour Mapping

By Anil Kumar

To be effective in things done, in convincing others, in making others believe in what we believe, we need to learn an easy art of earning endorsements. It is easy because it doesn't require any thorough training to learn these skills or a super intelligent analytical mind. It just needs an appreciation of the fact that all of us have our own characteristic communication behavior preferences and that we need to respect the same.

The communication Behavior Preferences Mapping is based on the categorization of individual preferences on two key dimensions of communication to make things simpler and easy to comprehend. The first dimension is that of Persuasiveness-the tendency and ability of individuals to present thoughts in an assertive, convincing manner, often with the use of power of position, expertise, actions, legitimacy or otherwise. The second dimension is that expressiveness-the tendency and ability to control or express emotions during communication. The dimensions range from high to low and thereby create four distinct styles of communication behavior preferences.

People with high Persuasiveness and high Expressiveness are the Thespians. These people prefer an action-oriented communication liberally using gestures, expressions, and movements while communicating. These people have a natural persuasiveness and thus their voice modulation and their stress on the key words while communicating. They are almost as convincing as a film or a theatre actor and hence the name Thespians. Thespians are also characterized by a preference for an informal way of communication. In business ,thespians prefer first to build relations and then communicate other considerations.

People with high Persuasiveness and low Expressiveness are the Stern-Face. They are characterized by a no-nonsense attitude and in almost all occasions prefer carrying a stern face while they communicate, and hence the name. They might show an indifferent attitude at times and are quite likely to liberally use power as they communicate. In business, the stern face prefers talking straight and strictly about his business and work.

Poised are people with low Persuasiveness and low Expressiveness. These people are poised, calm, and are extremely formal. They are careful about the words they use and would generally communicate very slowly. Poised prefer orderliness and seem relatively calm. They are usually formally dressed and have a natural tendency to reflect on issues before commenting. In business poised are usually concerned about talking work.

Explore, Experience, Excel

Communication Behaviour Mapping (contd.)

Please note and it is extremely important, that no style is right or wrong. In fact, this is the central idea of this classification and this would help you to appreciate the differences and respect the same.

We all need to appreciate that we are most comfortable when others communicate with us in our own preferences. Comfort usually leads to trust and thus makes the attempt to communicate effective. This flexibility can be achieved by "flexing", that is talking to others in their own language.

Here are some ready references that would help you develop flexibility and aid your "flexing" attempts.

- When communicating to Thespians, don't be too formal. Avoid placing an overemphasis on details of every thing. Thespians enjoy speed, and details hamper the same. And do remember to take some time out for socializing.
- When communicating to the Stern-Face, be direct, specific and to the point. Be formal and present your facts logically. Use figures even if you are emotionally convinced about every thing. Remember you have to convince the Stern Face.
- For the Poised, try to be properly organized. The fact of the matter is find out what they appreciate. They would reciprocate nicely if you appreciate their preference for orderliness.
- While communicating to the Friendly, avoid the use of power. Friendly people get threatened by power. Take time to socialize and to listen to his/her view with attention.

Try this simple exercise. Observe people carefully and try to understand their preferences. Respect their preferences and communicate in their own language. You would observe a significant difference in your communication effectiveness. And yes, also a significant difference in your relationships. Remember, you are comforting others.

(Source: Count your Chickens Before They Hatch - By Arindam Chaudhuri)

Memorize your speech

By Omana Kallarakal (VP-Education)

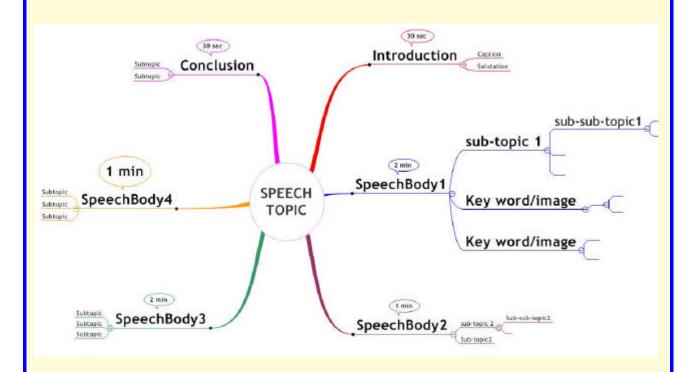


The biggest challenge for a Toastmaster is to memorize his speech. What if there is a tool to enhance your memory. Originated by Tony Buzan in 1970s Mind Map® comes to the utlimate rescue of a Toastmaster. Mind Map® is a graphical method to analyse thoughts, making use of your left and right brain skills - word, image, number, logic, rhythm, colour and spatial awareness - in a single, uniquely powerful manner.. Mind mapping your speech helps you to store information in your knowledge database with many associations or hooks. This makes it easier to recall later without losing the associations and links.

- Take an unlined blank white paper. Any writing, line or heading on the paper restricts your flow of thinking.
- Turn the paper to land scape orientation. You will not be limited by space. Brain gets ready to expand its thinking.
- Start in the center. This gives your brain 360° creative freedom to think and write in all directions.
- Draw an image of your Speech topic in the center. An image is worth 1000 words. It makes you focus on the subject. Start from the top right side.
- Draw a curved ranch from the right top edge of the center topic towards right & outside. This is Introduction of the speech.
- The susequent branches will be drawn in clockwise direction for Speech Body, Conclusion etc. Use key words. They trigger new ideas than sentences.
- Use the key word of your Introduction on the first branch, key words of your speech body on the 2nd,3rd,4th ..branch etc. On the last branch, put key word of conclusion.
- Use colors throughout. Colors stimulate our Right brain thus more ideas are generated. Connect Main Idea to the Sub-Idea with curved branches.
- Your brain works by association and if the branches are connected on the page the ideas will be connected in your brain.
- Use images throughout. Each image makes another 1000 association. Memory works best when things stand out.
- Radiant colours attract the eye & Brain. Allows photographic memory capturing and retention.
- While learning the speech by heart, make a circular connection in your mind for the Introduction to Speech Body1 to Speech Body2 to Speech body3.. to Conclusion.
- The whole speech will stay connected in your mind as shown in the figure....



Memorize your speech (contd.)



With Mind Maps speeches are clear, relaxed and alive. Acomplex topic can be put on one piece of paper. In case you need to refer to the notes during speech or presentation, there is no embarrassment of fliping through notes. At a glance you can catch the Key word and all the associations will follow. From preparation to presentation Mind Map® makes your job easier.



What is Relationshp?

<mark>By Bharat Kathri</mark>



To keep this ship of life afloat.... You can exercise the following gearing Techniques!

TRUST is a very important factor for all relationships. When trust is broken, it is the end of the relationship. Lack of trust leads to suspicion, suspicion generates anger, anger causes enmity and enmity may result in separation.

A telephone operator told me that one day she received a phone call. She answered, "Public Utilities Board." There was silence. She repeated, "PUB." There was still no answer. When she was going to cut off the line, she heard a lady's voice, "Oh, so this is PUB. Sorry, I got the number from my Husband's pocket but I do not know whose number it is."

Without mutual trust, just imagine what will happen to the couple if the telephone operator answered with just "hello" instead of "PUB!"

NO POINTING FINGERS - A man asked his father-in-law, "Many people praised you for a successful marriage. Could you please share with me your secret?"

The father-in-law answered with a smile, "Never criticize your wife for her shortcomings or when she does something wrong. Always bear in mind that because of her shortcomings and weaknesses, she could not find a better husband than you!"

CREATING PERFECT RELATIONSHIPS? A person visited the government matchmaker for marriage, for an eligible spinster. The officer said, "Your requirements, please." "Oh, good looking, polite, humorous, sporty, knowledgeable, good in singing and dancing. Willing to accompany me the whole day at home during my leisure hour, if I don't go out. Telling me interesting stories when I need companion for conversation and be silent when I want to rest."

The officer listened carefully and replied, "I understand you need television!"

RIGHT SPEECH...There is a Chinese saying, which carries the meaning that "A speech will either prosper or ruin a nation." Many relationships break off because of wrong speech. When a couple is too close with each other, we always forget mutual respect and courtesy. We may say anything without considering if it would hurt the other party.

A friend and her millionaire husband visited their construction site. A worker who wore a helmet saw her and shouted, "Hi, Emily! Remember me? We used to date in the secondary school." On the way home, her millionaire husband teased her, "Luckily you married me. Otherwise you will be the wife of a construction worker." She answered, "You should be grateful that I married you. Otherwise, he would have been the millionaire instead of you."

Do You Know By Raj Kumar Iyer



Vegetables are still alive after harvest But conventionally, nourishment is decreased because vegetables are stored under the low temperature and darkness.

So...

Install a Small SUN (LED) in the vegetable compartment. Then LED light promotes photosynthesis and increases vitamins.

An orange colored LED light is fitted in the vegetable compartment 10 years. LED also works as a room light. Vegetables will have a delicious look!!! Increases vitamin C about 1.5 times.

So next time when you buy a refrigerator check out for this option.

Effective Communication Compiled by Sylvia D'Silva

Jack & Max are walking from religious service. Jack wonders whether it would be all right to smoke while praying. Max replies, "Why don't you ask the Priest?"

So Jack goes up to the Priest and asks, "Priest, may I smoke while I pray?"

But the Priest says, "No, my son, you may not. That's utter disrespect to our religion."

Jack goes back to his friend and tells him what the good Priest told him. Max says, "I'm not surprised. You asked the wrong question. Let me try."

And so Max goes up to the Priest and asks, "Priest, may I pray while I smoke?" To which the Priest eagerly replies, "By all means, my son. By all, means."

Moral: The answer you get depends on the question you ask!

Parenting Tips By Sudha Mathai

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Raising kids today is arguably harder than ever before. But, there are some ways to help ease the stress and strain of raising your little ones and prevent behavior problems through good parenting.

- Establish "together time" a regular weekly routine for doing something special with your child even if it's just going out for an ice cream
- Don't be afraid to ask where your kids are going and who they'll be with. Get to know your kid's friends and their parents -- so you're familiar with their activities.
- Try to be there after school when your child gets home.
- Eat together often. Meals are a great time to talk about the day and bond.
- Be a better listener. Ask and encourage questions. Showing your willingness to listen will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you.
- Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion. If your child says things that challenge or shock you, turn them into a calm discussion.
- Be a living, day to day, example of your value system. Show the compassion, honesty, generosity and openness you want your child to have.
- Know that there is no such thing as "do as I say, not as I do" when it comes to your kids.
- Examine your own behavior. Reward good behavior consistently and immediately. Expressions of love, appreciation, and thanks go a long way even for kids who think themselves too old for hugs.
- Be positive. Emphasize what your kid does right. Restrain the urge to be critical. Affection and respect will reinforce good (and change bad) behavior. Embarrassment or neasiness won't.
- Create rules. Discuss in advance the consequences of breaking them. Don't make empty threats or let the rule-breaker off easy. Don't impose harsh or unexpected new punishments.
- Set a curfew. Enforce it strictly, but be ready to negotiate on special occasions.
- Have kids check in at regular times. Give them a phone card, change or even a pager, with clear rules for using it.
- Listen to your instincts. Don't be afraid to intervene if your gut reaction tells you something's wrong.
- Let your children know how much you care in every situation you can, and especially when they are having problems.

Above all keep a positive attitude about your ability to be a parent. Trust your own instincts.

Be + ve

By Godwin Monteiro



Once upon a time there was a group of baby frogs.... participating in a competition.

The target was to get to the top of a high tower. A crowd of people had gathered to observe the race and encourage the participants.....

The "start shot" rang out......

Quite honestly:...

None of the onlookers believed that the baby frogs could actually accomplish getting to the top of the tower. Words like:"Åh, it's too difficult!!! They'll never reach the top." or:"Not a chance... the tower is too high!" were in the air, instead of encouragement.

One by one the baby frogs fell off... except a few who tried to climb faster and faster so that they could reach higher and higher.

The crowd kept on yelling: "It's too difficult. Nobody is going to make it!" More baby frogs became tired and gave up... ...But one kept going higher and higher..... He was not giving up! At the end, everybody had given up, except the one determined to reach the top! All the other participants naturally wanted to know how he had managed to do what none of the others had been able to do!

One competitor asked the winner, what was his secret? The truth was. "The winner was deaf" !!!

So.....Don't ever listen to people who are negative and pessimistic... ...they will deprive you of your loveliest dreams and wishes that you carry in your heart! Always be aware of the power of words, as everyting you hear and read, will interfere with your actions! Turn a deaf ear to people who neither encoruage nor help you to achieve your dreams!

REMAIN POSITIVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN DREAMS TRUE!

?? Quotes & Tips...

By Syed Jaffar



"Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none."
- Benjamin Franklin, Statesman

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.

- William Artherward

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can't change,

The courage to change the things I can, The wisdom to know the difference

- Reinhold Niebuhr

"Remember, a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.
- W. C. Fields, Actor and

Comedian



IU - TM Quiz Corner ... By Raj Sekhar



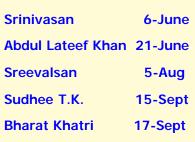
- 1) How long was the 100 year war?
- 2) In which country are the Panama hats made?
- 3) In which month do the Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 4) Which of these was King George VI first name?
- 5) The Canary Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, has its name based on which animal?

For answers refer page No. 19

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined!

Birthdays





30-Sept

Sudha Dutta





Johny & Rose	16-June
Sreevalsan & Smitha	12-July
Sudha & Shukla	19-July
Titus & Mariama	27-Aug
George & Shiny	22- Sept

Unity in Diversity...



Name: Abdul Latif Khan (Secretary)

Profession : IT Support Engineer
Company : Petroleum Institute
Family status : Eligible Bachelor



Name: Anil Kumar

Profession : Snr. Procurement Engineer
Company : Gulfa Engg. & Contracting Co.

Family status: Married - Blessed with 2 children, Son & Daughter



Name: Beena Profession: Secretary

Company: National Bank of Abu Dhabi

Family status: Happily Married

Motto: 'To excel in Public speaking'



Name : Bharat Khatri
Profession : Civil Engineer

Company: Conseco International

Family status: Married

Motto: 'Passion for designing beautiful structures'



Name: Chandrakant Ambekar Profession: Project Manager

Company: ETA-ASCON

Family status: Married and blessed with a dughter,,Priyanka

Motto: 'To make his dreams come true'



Name: Chandrashekar (Sergeant at Arms)

Profession : Systems Engineer

Company: ADCO

Family status: Married - Blessed with 2 children, Son Daughter

Motto:



Name : George Abraham
Profession : Mechanical Engineer

Company: ADMA-OPCO

Family status: Married - Blessed with 2 children, Sneha & Ansu

Motto: 'Count one's blessings daily '



Name: Godwyn Rajesh Monteiro

Profession : Accountant
Company : White Aluminium

Family status: Married - Blessed with one son

Motto: To learn new things



Name: Jayamohan

Profession: Mechanical Engineer

Company: Lahmeyer International Consultants
Family status: Happily Married - Blessed with a son



Name: Johny V. V.

Profession: Senior Certified Inspector

Company : National Petroleum Construction Company Family status : Married and blessed with two children



Name: Kirthi Kumar

Profession : Electrical Engineer Company : ADWEA-ITM -O&M

Family status: Mariied - Blessed with two children



Name: Nikhil Dev (Vice President - Membership)

Profession: IT Consultant

Company: International Turnkey Systems

Family status: Married and Blessed with a charming daughter, Isha



Name: Omana Kallarakal (Vice President - Education)

Profession : Software Engineer Company : ADMA-OPCO

Family status : Married and Blessed with two daughters
Interests : Swimming, Star gazing, Bird watching



Name: Praveen Paldewar

Profession: Project Prodcution Engineer

Company: GSME

Motto: Upgrade his knowledge and beat the competition



Name: Raj Sekhar

Profession: Instrument Engineer

Company: ZADCO

Family status : Married and blessed with two lovely daughters

Hobbies: Keen follower of Sports



Name : Raj Kumar S. I.
Profession : Mechanical Engineer

Company: UNITCO (Mitsubishi)
Family status: Married - Blessed with 2 children

Name: Sreevalsan (Treasurer)

Profession : Account Manager Company : Jacobs Gibb Ltd.

Family status: Married -Blessed with three children

Motto: To excel in Public speaking



Name: Srinivasan V.

Profession : Snr. Electrical Engineer Company : Mott Mac Donald Ltd.

Family status: Married -Blessed with two daughters

Hobbies: Poems, Photography, Travel



Name: CTM Sudha Dutta (President)

Profession: Senior Manager (Fellow Chartered Accountant)

Company: ADIA

Family status : Married and blessed with two sons Hobbies : Socialising and community acitivity



Name : Sudha Mathai

Profession : Sales Co-ordinator
Company : Beta Information Technology

Family status: Married - Blessed with a Daughter and Son



Name: Sudhee .T

Profession : Department Manager

Company: TEBODIN Consulting Engineers
Family status: Married - Blessed with two sons

Motto: 'Work Hard and enjoy life without hurting others'



Name : Sylvia D'Silva (Vice President - Public Relations)
Profession : Senior Assistant to Head of International Advances

Company: National Bank of Abu Dhabi

Family status: Married -Blessed with a daughter and two sons

Motto: 'Daily to be of some help, to someone, somewhere'



Name: Titus V. I.

Profession : Asst. Accountant Company : Allied Enterprises

Family status : Married - Blessed with three sons

Motto : To develop speaking skills through TM

Welcome Aboard...I UTM

Meet our new members.....



Name: Ashenafi Abunie Alemie

Profession: Proprietor

Company: Ethipian Foodstuff Co.,

Family status: Married - Blessed with three children

Motto: To help fellow human beings by sharing their problems



Name: Hakim

Profession: Senior Contracts Manager

Company: SIBCA

Family status: Married - Blessed with a son and daughter



Name: Seyed Jaffer

Profession: Records Management Analyst

Company: ADIA

Family status: Blessed with a son and two daughters

Motto: To follow his mother's golden words 'Be Loyal & Sincere'



Name: K. V. Gopi

Profession : Development Manager Company : Alliance Insurance Co.

Family status: Married - Blessed with a daughter and a son

Motto: "To esnure safety of every life, thru insurance policy".

Gift to the new Millenium...





Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen (APJ) Abdul Kalam, the Visionary Dream Man of India and a Gift to the new Millennium.

This is the slogan he is trying to inculcate in to the minds of millions of school going children of India for the last four years since he became the President.

Dr. Kalam who was conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc. Honoris Causa) by 30 universities/academic institutions and also the recipient of BHARAT RATNA (1997) the highest civilian award of India for his leadership in Science and Technology, strongly believes that by 2020 India can also become a developed country, if all the citizens especially the children start dreaming with a positive vision.

The official site of The President of India (http://presidentofindia.nic.in/) with tonnes of motivational information is now considered to be the Resource Centre for the whole Universe.

In the early nineties, when I was working for ONGC in its Corporate Headquarters, Dehradun, I got the rare privilege of accompanying interacting with this rare personality during the technology meet of ONGC. At that time Dr. Kalam was Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary (DRDO) with MOS rank. His simplicity, humility, down to earth approach and moreover his sheer love for his motherland has really touched me and I consider him a true role model for the humanity.

We can be rest assured that with such exceptional personalities like Dr. Kalam and Dr. Manmohan Singh at the helm of affairs of the country, the vision of a Developed India (2020) will not remain a dream, but a reality.





We Meet on alternate Sundays At Foodlands Restaurant, Airport Road, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. at 08:00 pm.

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