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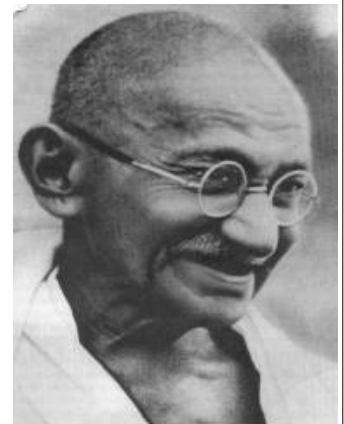
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## Remembering our Heroes....

This column is dedicated to the great souls who have brought us our independence. Today I am going to talk about Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi also known as Mahatma Gandhi, also known as "Father of our (India) Nation". I am left with no words to describe this man, so I am going to give you glimpse of his words. "The story of my Experiments with Truth" is an autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi. I present you with some of the facts from this book and this is my way of paying respect to this great man. If given a chance, I will present you with the whole book but as space is the constraint I will limit to some important facts.



**Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi also known as Mahatma Gandhi.(1869-1948)**

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born to Karamchand Gandhi *alias* Kaba Gandhi and his fourth wife Putlibai at Porbandar otherwise known as Sudamapuri, on 2nd october,1869. Pultibai gave birth to a daughter and three sons and Gandhi was the youngest. Gandhi's mother had a great influence on him both educationally and religiously. Gandhi started his schooling in Rajkot and he used to be very shy and avoided all company. Gandhi says "My daily habit was to be at school at the stroke of an hour and run back home as soon as the school closed". He goes on to tell us about an incident which occurred at an examination during his first year at the high school- "Mr Giles, the Educational inspector, has come on a visit of inspection. He had us set five words to write as a spelling exercise. One of the words was 'kettle'. I had misspelt it. The teacher tried prompt me with the point of his boot, but I would not be prompted. It was beyond me to see that he wanted me to copy the spelling from my neighbor's slate." continued on page 2.....



Nirvani Mujumdar

## Art work

Lord Krishna is an Indian deity who is worshipped mainly by Hindus. The young Krishna, drawn by Nirvani, is trying to steal butter from his own household as he was very fond of creamy butter. He is famous for his mischievous nature and always use to escape by getting others into trouble.

Krishna is a Vishnu avatar, who is the Supreme god , gives philosophical direction to Arjuna in Mahabharata and these writings are known as "Bhagavad-Gita", which is a *holy book* of the Hindus.





**Mohandas. K. Gandhi, He was 7 years old when this picture was taken.**

*"I cannot teach you violence, as I do not myself believe in it. I can only teach you not to bow your heads before any one even at the cost of your life."*  
- Mahatma Gandhi.



By: Srinivas Bajjuri

## Remembering our Heroes....cont..

Gandhi continues to tell us about his marriage, he was married to Kasturbai at an age of thirteen. If you are thinking the same as what I am thinking, then you are right. Yes, Gandhi had a child marriage and he was in high school at the time of his marriage.

Gandhi passed the matriculation examination in 1887, He then continued his college in Samaldas college for only a brief period. His long term goal was to pursue law and he fulfilled that dream by going to England, but fate had something big in store for him.

Gandhi's first appearance in public came with his involvement in Indian community's struggle for civil rights in South Africa. His return to India brought major changes in terms of untouchability, racism and other social problems which India faced then. He joined the Indian National Congress and lead the Indian Independence movement.

*Quit India Movement* (Bharat chhodo andolan) in 1942 was one of his major campaigns, it was an immediate call for Indian

Independence.

On January 30,1948,Gandhi was shot and killed in Birla house, New-Delhi by Nathuram Godse an extremist. The whole nation mourned on this fateful day and still continues to do so.

Gandhi was a simple and a disciplined man with extra ordinary thoughts. Let us all take a few moments from our life and bow to this great soul.

**-Kirthi Deshpande, Editor**

Courtesy- "Gandhi (An Autobiography.)- The Story of my Experiments with Truth".

## Friendship Element Method (FEM).

**Aim:** To analyze "Friendship" and its elements using concepts of Mechanical Engineering.

**Tools:** Clarity of mind, Purity in thoughts.

**Principles used:** Basic principles of Mechatronics, Flexible Manufacturing Systems (FMS), Theory of Metal Cutting (TMC), Finite Element Method (FEM) and Industrial Management (IM).

**Procedure:**

- Using concept of Mechatronics, the Basic Building blocks of Friendship are : **Trust; Truthfulness; Transparency; Right Attitude (positive attitude).**
- Using TMC, to define life of a friend,

$$VT^n = \text{constant, Implies } T = (\text{constant} \setminus V)^{1/n}$$

Where T= life of a friend

V=Jealousy

$1/n$ = positive or negative attitude

**T increases when Jealousy decreases and attitude is positive.**

**T decreases when Jealousy increases and attitude is negative.**

- Using concept of FMS, for qualitative analysis, (of a friend)

$$\text{Efficiency} = h = \{(\text{output} \setminus \text{input}) * 100\} \%$$

if Input= love, care etc

# FEM ...

Then, Output= more love, more care

i.e.,  $h = [(L+dL)/L] * 100 = \text{always greater than 100\%}$

4. Using concept of FEM, to know the conditions for equilibrium in Friendship,

Always “FRIENDSHIP” is in equilibrium strictly between some boundary conditions which are not to be crossed i.e., always certain limits must be there between two, which are not to be crossed at any cost, for **Equilibrium**.

5. At last, value of a friend (using concept of IM),

Value = utility/cost-----> equation 1

We never invest anything to have friends ,i.e., cost = 0 (zero) -----> equation 2

Using equations (2) and (1), we have,

**Value = utility/0 = a (infinity).** i.e.,

**“A Friend is Priceless”.**

*“A good Friend will tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling.”*

*- Arthur Brisbane .*

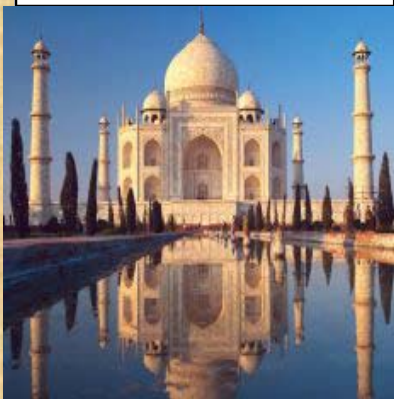
## Did you know???

- ◆ The name 'India' is derived from the River Indus, the valleys around which were the home of the early settlers. The Aryan worshippers referred to the river Indus as the Sindhu.
- ◆ The Persian invaders converted it into Hindu. The name 'Hindustan' combines Sindhu and Hindus

and thus refers to the land of the Hindus.

- ◆ Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus are studies which originated in India.
- ◆ Chess was invented in India.
- ◆ The “place value system' and the 'decimal system' were developed in 100 BC in India.

*Courtesy:indianchild.com*



Taj Mahal located at Agra, India, is one of the eight wonders of the world. It was built by emperor Shahjahan of Mughal dynasty in the memory of his wife and queen, Arjumand Banu, who was later known as “Mumtaz”.

## Arindam's Achievement !!!!

**Arindam Mazumdar says....** “It really feels great to be elected as a Senator, Graduate School in the Student Government Association (SGA) election 2007. I thank all who voted for me and supported me during the phase of the election. I have been associated with SGA from 2005 onwards when I got selected as a member of the advisory committee for the Internal Vice President. I was a member of their legal committee the following year. I liked both the jobs and started taking interest in the type of work SGA does. This instigated me to join SGA as a frontline worker which would give me the scope and opportunity to act as a connecting link between the students and the SGA.



Having won the position, my aim is not only to put up the issues of the graduate students via SGA to the appropriate higher authorities but also to pursue it till its materialization. To begin with I plan to raise the issue of health insurance and ask for its reconsideration. Also in my agenda are issues like on-campus parking, timely dispatch of error-free I-20 to international students and so on. These are just a few to begin with.

There is a long way to go and I will thrive to be honest and sincere to my job and do the best I can.

I request all the readers of “Bharathi” to forward me any issues related to graduate school that they might have faced or think should be raised to [arindam.mazumdar@ttu.edu](mailto:arindam.mazumdar@ttu.edu).”

# Rang Barse....



**“Democracy is good, I say this because other systems are worse”**

**- Jawaharlal Nehru**

Spring is here, so is the much awaited “Holi” festival. In India we welcome spring with colors and it is usually done on *phalguna purnima*, which comes in February or in early March. This time Holi was celebrated here in Lubbock by the Indian community at Maxey park. ISA team members *Pooja* and *Chaitanya* have kindly obliged to share their exhilarating experience with us.

**Pooja Says....** As the brief spring warmed the landscape of Lubbock on a pleasant afternoon of March 4th the spirit of *holi* filled the atmosphere. For the students of ISA, it was not just an excuse to escape from the daily routine but was a splendid afternoon to spend with people whom we call family away from home.



Pooja Krishnan  
Activity coordinator,  
ISA.

The day started with a warm match of cricket followed by throw-ball. After a round of snacks and laughter we gathered around to listen to the origin of the festival of colors followed by the very popular song “*Rang Barse*” and also some other famous holi beats. After the music stopped, within seconds we found everyone running to grab some *gulal* (pink color), Water balloons, and all the colors of the rainbow to throw at each other, with the true spirit of *holi* coming alive. Some screamed, some chased, some rolled with laughter, it was a complete circle of fun!

The evening came to an end with delicious food from the Indian Restaurant, Maharaja here in Lubbock. As the time came to bid good bye we realized, we ain't that far away from home... home is here in Lubbock, thanks to everyone who made us feel so special. I wish everyone a very colorful year ahead filled with luck and laughter and extend my special thanks to the Lubbock community for making us students

feel home and giving us such a memorable day.

**Chaitanya says.....** Spring has arrived bathing the world with the rich and varied colors of nature symbolizing rebirth, renewed energy and hope. What better way than to welcome the season than the Indian way; the colorful Holi festival. That is exactly what the members of the Indian community did along with the active participation of the students of the ISA.

People started pouring in at Maxey Park at 1 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and instantly, a spirit of bonhomie was created with the warm exchange of Holi greetings. As Pooja said, Soon the place was a riot of colors with the sprinkling of *gulal* and water. To further enhance the festive spirit of Holi celebrations, the youth and the elderly decided to get a kick with the tradition of *bhanga*. Then there was a total wildness as people danced to the rhythm of a *dholak* and sang traditional folk songs in the loudest possible pitch. Thus good food, colors, music, dance and laughter created a wonderful atmosphere of oneness and made everyone feel that they were at home with their loved ones.

## **Aapki yaad mein....**

*Bahut dihue wo tufan nahi aaya..*

*us pyare dost ka koi paigam nahi aaya*

*socha meinhi kalam likh deti hu*

*usee apna haaledil tamam likh deti hu*

*zamana hua muskaraye hue*

*aapka haal sune..apna haal sunaye hue..*

*aaj aapki yaad aai toh socha aawaz dedu.*

*apne dost ki salamti ki kuch khabar le lu...*



Lalitha Dandipalli,  
Computer science

*"In religion, India is the only millionaire .... The One land that all men desire to see and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not give that glimpse for all the shows of all the rest of the globe combine."*

*-Mark Twain*



Sumitra Rao, Senior tech support associate, Dell International services, Hyderabad, India.

## Latest updates from India....

{One of my closest friend, *Sumitra Rao*, has kindly obliged to give us the latest information from India in every edition of "Bharathi", I personally thank her on behalf of the ISA - *Kirthi Deshpande* }

This is Sumitra Rao , bringing to all you Indians out there, flashes of the latest happenings from *Apna Bharat mahaan* (needless to say).

**Holi ayi re.....**2007 seems to have so far turned out a pretty good year, with the Holi celebrations welcoming spring/summer in a riot of color, song and festivities. As the romantic excitement of February died down, it was the per-



Holi celebrated by *Lord Krishna and Radha* along with Gopikas at Vrindavan (Mathura).  
(Pic courtesy: delhiplanet.com)

fect time for the young at age and heart to live it up to the hues and rhythm of this vibrant day, marking the triumph of good over evil.

**Samjhauta Express tragedy.....**On a not-so-happy note, the nation experienced disappointment, loss and tragedy in the form of blasts on the Samjhauta express, when several innocent lives were sacrificed due to a cowardly act. 68 of the Pakistan-bound passengers were charred to death, while 60 were injured when two of the coaches caught fire, following the explosions. The ghastly event occurred towards the end of February and investigations are currently in progress.

**Bollywood News....**Good old Bollywood is dazzling as ever, now buzzing with the excitement of the latest *Ash-Abhishek* engagement and the soon-approaching wedding on April 20 (Quite a few broken hearts there). Latest addition to the silver screen is Ram Gopal Verma's *Nishabd*, boldly tackling the concept of an older man-younger woman romance, inspired by an American film, "Lolita". Reactions of the Indian audience to the subject are expected to be diversified, yet unanimous in vouching for the Big B's simply superb performance. Other releases include "1971", a story of war-prisoners who break free and set out on a journey across the border to their motherland and Deepa Mehta's "Water" (nominated for Oscars in the Best foreign film category) noted as a remarkable piece of cinema by critics.

That's about a gist of the major happenings from homeland. Apart from these, everything's about as much the same back here, with the cool, lazy mornings, loudspeaker blaring bhajans round the corner of the street, fresh filter coffee, fighting through crazy traffic, murderous riskshaw-wallas and nonchalant cycle folks, cursing the leaders, sucking up to the boss, haggling over onions at crowded market place, reaching home in the evenings to a hot plate of pakodas and more coffee... Yup, life's still the same in good old India...

Until next time people...**Namaste!!!**

**Sumitra Rao**

To visit the Texas Tech University Newsletter go to : <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/communications/newsletter/> (If you cannot click on the link, copy and paste in the browser)



**“Satyameva Jayathe” - Truth always wins**

**India Student Organization (ISA) at Texas Tech University is a non-profit organization. The main objective of the organization is to promote International understanding and good will among the people in and around Lubbock.**

**Visit our website at : <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/indiastudentassociation/index.html>**

*Editor's Note.. I personally thank each and everyone who contributed to the first edition of Bharathi for the year 2007-08, I again thank Sumitra Rao on behalf of the ISA.*

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## International Student in need !!!!

**Rolla, Missouri, March 12 2007:**

Sujith Kumar Venkatramolla, a 22-year-old graduate student at UMR from Nizambad, India, is charged with one count of making terrorist threats, one count of making a false report of a bomb threat, one count of armed criminal action, one count of resisting arrest and two counts of first degree assault on a law enforcement officer.

The incident began when Venkatramolla threatened to destroy the Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering Building at UMR. When Rolla and campus police officers responded to a call at 2:32 a.m., they confronted

Venkatramolla who brandished a



Sujith Kumar Venkatramolla an international student who was charged with terrorist attacks.

knife and claimed to have a bomb in a bag he was holding. Police managed to quickly subdue Venkatramolla and determined there was no bomb and the white substance was powdered sugar.

Venkatramolla has been suspended from UMR and now awaits his 9 a.m. Friday, March 23, court date. Public defender Chad Picker will represent him.

Meanwhile, much more has been learned about Venkatramolla, who is described as a distraught and depressed student. The Internet appeal on Venkatramolla's behalf ask members of the Indian community “to assist us in presenting his case so as to plead for a minimal sentence- Help is also sought from the governor of Missouri, the mayor of Rolla, the attorney general of Missouri , the Indian ambassador to the United States and the U.S. attorney general.

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Online petition can be found at: <http://new.petitiononline.com/SUJITH/petition.html>

For a detailed report visit: [www.therolladailynews.com](http://www.therolladailynews.com)

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