

Youth column Witchcraft still exists

- Kashish Sodhi -

Hi readers, don't get surprised to read this heading. I am sharing a short story with you today which is a fiction.

Puja is an educated and talent girl who belongs to a business family. She is the mother of two sweet girls. She lost her husband in a plane crash. Her in-laws threw her out of their house after her husband's death. Once again she started her life from scratch and moved to a small town. She started teaching in a village school near by her town. She became over sensitive in these years and lost interest in relationships. Pranav was teaching in the same school. Both started sharing their thoughts with each other. This happened when Pranav insisted her to open up and try to be friendly. Pranav started visiting her off and on. They started spending time with each other in free time.

After few months Puja realised that Pranav is a kind person who is always ready to help her in difficult time.

But slowly their friendship became talk of the town. Pranav's wife Anuja was an uneducated house wife. People started gossiping about Puja. Anuja started disliking Puja.

One fine day Pranav and Puja were having lunch together in free period. Suddenly Anuja entered in staffroom and in front of others started insulting Puja.

Anuja told other teachers that Puja uses some kind of tantra to control men. She told others in an abusive manner that Puja is a witch who has tamed her husband Pranav. She did not stop here. She put blames on Pranav for mistreating her.

Pranav could not utter a word and left school with his wife. Puja was shocked. Everyone was staring at her. She was humiliated in her own school.

Puja reached home and locked herself inside her bedroom. She was disturbed and decided to leave her job. Looking at her daughters she gathered her courage and try to talk to Anuja. Anuja insulted her once again on phone and threatened her to spoil her life.

Puja went to school the other day. Everyone was laughing at her. No one gave her chance to speak. Principal told her to give resign. Puja cried a lot and looked at Pranav. Pranav was quiet and refused to help her at this crucial moment. School closed and Puja started walking towards bus stop. Suddenly few villagers came and dragged her in bushes. She was brutally raped by 5 men. They took her to the village and humiliated in front of the while village. They declared her to be a witch who had superstitious powers.

Puja was insulted and burnt alive.

Pranav could not bear this and attempted suicide. Anuja was left alone with her two sons to understand the bitter truth of life. Those who polluted her mind never turned up. Her relatives scolded her for being so rude. Now Anuja is working as a Peon in same school.

This story may be a fiction but this is still happening in many parts of our country. Women are being tortured and ill treated only on the basis of rumors or some very illiterate statements. Puja was killed by some villagers after being raped which could be avoided by them if they were educated or some education was given to them regarding a women. Pranav was wrong at his part. He opted for suicide rather than speaking the right thing and standing for the right thing. He should have taken his wife to a doctor for her treatment so that such incidents can be avoided. Also no woman is harmed because of such incidents. People should never misguide uneducated people. I hope my message is delivered from a fiction though a realistic thing.



Students Master Mayank Nehra, Master Toran Raj Singh of RYAN International School won the Gold and Silver Medal in the 60 district JUDO Championship. The Management, Staff and students congratulated all the winners for the remarkable achievement.



Udaipur: The Ryan International Group of Institutions was recently recognized for its efforts for charity by none other than the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS. The Group's school in Sharjah received this accolade for participating in the world's largest charity donation for the poor. The students collected over 205,122 items of clothing for donation. This was verified by the authorities of Guinness World Records and was declared as a record. Speaking on this achievement, Madam Grace Pinto said, " We are grateful for the vision that Lord Jesus Christ has given us to nurture responsible and compassionate future citizens of the world." Ryan Schools are well-known for providing holistic education to students and undertaking large scale initiatives to reach out to the underprivileged to build social responsibility amongst them.

National Sports Day celebrated at Witty

Udaipur: The birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the Indian Hockey Legend, Witiians celebrated on National Sports Day on August 29, 2016.

The little champs of Grade-I beautifully represented themselves in the roles of great Indian players like Sachin Tendulkar, Sania Mirza etc.At last, everyone joyfully tapped their feet on the patriotic song "Chak De India" and were motivated to take keen interest in different sports and represent their country in future Olympics!!

XIII Annual Conference at Dr. K.N.Modi University, Niwai on 5-6 Nov.,2016 on

William Shakespeare through the Ages

Udaipur: The thirteenth Annual Conference of Rajasthan Association for Studies in English will be organized on 5-6 Nov,2016 at Dr.K.N.Modi University, Niwai, Tonk, Rajasthan on the topic William Shakespeare through the Ages.

This was decided in a meeting at Dr.K.N.Modi University, Niwai, Tonk. Vice Chancellor of the University Prof.Devendra Pathak offered to host the conference and provide all logistic support. Prof. H.S. Chandalia, Vice President of the Association told that since 2016 is the 400th year of William Shakespeare's death, this year's conference is dedicated to him. Saikat Bannerjee ,Assistant Professor and Head , Department of English at Dr.K.N.Modi University shall be the Organizing Secretary of the conference. The theme of the conference is "William Shakespeare through the Ages".

William Shakespeare was born in April 1564 and passed away on May 3, 1616. The year 2016 marks the 400th year of his death. Four hundred years after his death William Shakespeare does not remain a poet and dramatist of Britain alone. He is present in almost

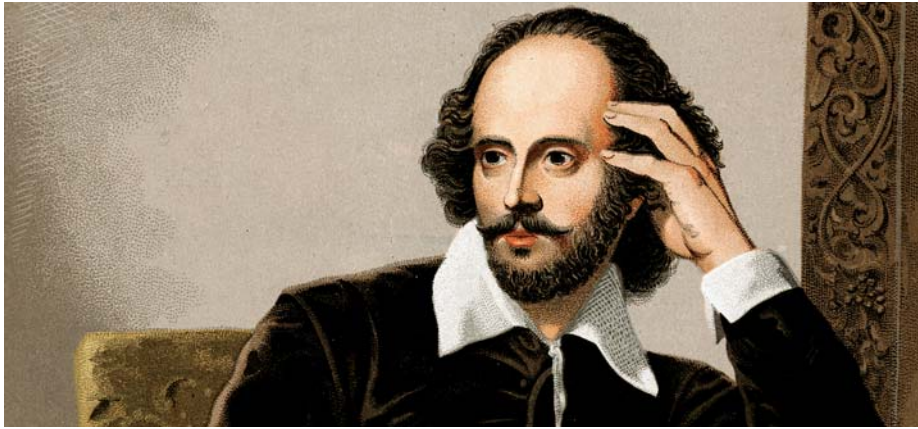
every country in the world. He is liked, adored, criticized and imitated but "The Bard" as people in England call him cannot be ignored in the history of letters. Ben Jonson called him:

Soul of the age!
The applause! Delight! The wonder of our stage!

It is difficult to find much detail about Shakespeare, the man. Many of the biographical details including the date of birth are shrouded in mystery. Nevertheless his character is perfectly well known. His personality emerges exquisitely through his writings, as is rightly said about him, "The book is the man". It is through his writings that Shakespeare has drawn millions of readers and scholars to admire him. He comes out as a lovable person, full of a deep understanding of human nature and capable of imagining characters that are not just British but universal beings in their affections and conduct.

The plays of Shakespeare are examples of English drama at its best. He took the British drama from the old styled morality plays to the great tradition of Greek tragedies and surpassing them in many ways like breaking the bound of the

three unities of drama, creating characters who are not just British but Roman , Moroccan and even indigenous like Caliban. His range is vast extending from the famous tragedies to comedies and tragic-comedies also known as romances. Equally vast is the range of the language used in his plays. The highly poetic speeches and soliloquies, wild and wanton mysteriousness of the supernatural and prosaic utterances of the plebian characters are but a few examples of the variety of language used in his plays. The plays of Shakespeare attract the audience today also because they are, despite all the fantasy involved, real in the true sense of the term. The characters are life-like characters who exhibit essential human traits which are convincing even today, after so many years. He has created a vast variety of characters including passionate lovers, robust kings, treacherous witches, dotting wives, cruel conspirators, devoted commanders, comic clowns and even mad people. Even His plays highlight the deep seated moral wisdom of the dramatist which gets reflected through the characters. His characters may be heroic or



anti-heroic but are valued for the high moral ground of their conduct and thought. Shakespeare began his career in theatre as an actor. He later assumed several other roles including that of a manager. This made him fully acquainted with the stagecraft. In fact, one major rich attribute of Shakespeare is his knowledge of stagecraft. His command over the various facets of theatre made his company a very popular company. Under the patronage of Lord Chamberlain, it rose to be the best in England and was most frequently commanded to play before the queen. When King James came to the throne he took this company under royal patronage, attaching them to

his household and increased the frequency of their performances. The stage of Shakespearean theatre used to be a high rectangular platform with audience all around it.

It was not like modern stage where the front is occupied by the audience and many things can be hidden by curtains. In Shakespeare's time the audience could see everything happening on the stage. Therefore, besides other things like music and costume, poetry was used richly to suspend any disbelief that could have emerged in the minds of the audience. His poetry is also illuminated in more than a hundred sonnets which have a stanza- pattern known after

him.

Shakespeare has a global presence also through numerous translations and film adaptations of his plays. Almost every country has adopted Shakespeare in her own way. These translations make his name a household name even in those countries which hate England for political reasons. The Empire of Great Britain has left behind a legacy of Shakespeare studies which the people relish.

He is present in courses and public discourses. Dramatists of the world learn from his plays even more than from the legendary Greek playwrights. In the twenty first century William Shakespeare is present in several avtaars.

Paryushan Parva is festival of World Friendship - Acharya Lokesh

Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni will address Paryushan Mahaparva celebrations at famous Atlanta city organized by Jain Society Atlanta. Devotees in large numbers including youth gather with great enthusiasm to listen to the spiritual and enlightening pravachan of Acharya Lokesh Muni Ji every morning and evening. Devotes are also taking part in Tapasya with the blessings of Acharya ji. Till now many people have taken Athai Tap pledge. It is noteworthy that Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni has addressed Paryusha Mahaparv at London, Singapore, Malaysia, United States of America many times before this.

Acharya Lokesh Muni's lecture on different spiritual aspects like Tap, Jaap, Maun, Dhyan, Swadhyay is attended



by people of all age groups, young and old in the large hall of Jain Society Atlanta.

The enthusiasm of youth towards dhyana, yoga, spiritual pravachan and tapasya in famous Atlanta city of USA is really appreciable. Looking at the devotion of Indian-Americans towards spirituality Acharya Lokesh said that attraction towards Indian Culture which is based on sacrifice and self control proves that materialistic development can provide resources for happiness but not peace of mind.

The only way to achieve peace of mind is to follow spiritual path. Lifestyle shown by Bhagwan Mahavir based on self control people can live healthy, happy and joyful life.

Acharya Lokesh said that Paryushan Mahaparva is a special festival of Spiritual Worship. On this sacred occasion we can make effort to achieve spiritual growth by making our spirit free from worldly deeds. On the occasion President of Jain Society Atlanta Mr. Jignesh Shah also expressed his views.

Saint Teresa bags 23 medals for first position

Udaipur: The second district level inter school and district open championship of 2016 for Kudo Martial Attended in Rockwood school at Chitrakoot Nagar. In the competition, the Saint Teresa Titardi school won 23 medals and general championship and stood numero uno. The first runner up was Ryan International School with 13 medals. MMPS and MMVM school jointly shared the third position.

Chief guest of the program was Devendra Agrawal of Mahesh Ashram, special guest was Dr. Deependra Singh Chauhan, the chairman of MLSU sports board, director

of Rockwoods Deepak Sharma. International trainer of martial arts and Rajasthan Kudo Chairman Rajkumar Menaria presided over the program.

Vipash Menaria, the president of district Kudo Association said that guests presented various belts for 110 students of Kudo. He added that 200 players contested for 100 medals.

Best boys fighter award went to Tukshit Talani of Saint Paul's School while Shubh Bala Radha Swami was given the best girl fighter award.

Devendra Agrawal while addressing said that the future

of the country is in hands of these players. He added that secondary level school kids should be given military training. Deependra Chauhan congratulated on having Kudo added to the School Games of Federation of India. He said that the kids who spent mornings and evenings in grounds create history.

Rajkumar Menaria who is a famous Kudo trainer said that Kudo is not just a martial art. It has been added to the SGFI list of games as well.

He said that Kudo has been proved to be the best self defence technique, especially for women.

Greetings : Ganesh Chaturthy & Teacher's Day, To Readers

200 year old, Dust Bin Well ,Recharged

Udaipur: In the Lokmanya Tilak B.Ed.College Dabok this well became a DUST BIN filled with rough, waste papers ,some plastic bags ,paper covers, folders. Whenever I used to go there to give my presentation either on Addition or Rain water harvesting & used to see the pathetic condition of this well I used feel very bad about it .So decided that once I would like to see this DUST BIN WELL into WATER WELL.

When the state Government allotted in year 1950 , this land to Honorable late shri Jannu Bhai (Shri Janardan Rai Nagar) this well was there quenching the thirst of whole Dabok village .This was in existence during the times of the colonel Jems Tad when he used this building .After his death this Bangla was known as BHOOT BANGLA so people stopped going to this site .In the year 2000 this well dried up & gradually it became a DUST BIN by dumping the waste material mentioned above. This lead to my constant persuasion to the Principal of the college to get it cleaned & recharged by the Roof Top rain Water. This work was of cleaning & removing the debris from well was entrusted to the staff of the college Dr.Balidan Jain who sincerely got this cleaned in the year 2008 .With this this the well was deepened by digging more up to 170 feet. Now it was attached to the Roof top rain water harvesting system on which I am working since last two decades so I along with Dr.B.L.Shirmali a staff of the college went up on the roof to see the feasibility of installing the pipes for the collection of rain water from roof top .It is a old building so the collecting pipe was passed from one of the class room wall. Meanwhile the V.C.of the University Prof.S.S.Sarangdewot happen to visit the campus also requested me to do this work done before going to U.S.A. &NACC inspection .Dr Shashi Chittora the principal took very keen interest in this matter & got this work done soon under my guidance .Dr B.L.Shirmali called the local plumber whom I guided & this work of joining this well from this roof top rain water harvesting system completed in year 2015.Now we were waiting for this year 2016 rain & finally it filled this well up to the brim ,my dream came true .I hope many will follow this than there will be no shortage of water if this kind of defunct water sources(Well,Hand Pump,Borewell) are recharged .This way we saved the 200 year old heritage well which all can also do.Dr.Shashi Chittora Mob,9414785706, Dr Balidan Jain 9414272672,Dr B.L.Shirmali 9460693771

I received 2015 Dalmiya Pani Parvayaran Puruskar from Enviroment Minister shri Raj Kumar Rinwa

(As mailed by Dr. Jain)

Interventions requires improve the nutrition in State

Udaipur: India has one of the highest rates of under nutrition in the world . While stunting (children who are short for their age) has declined from 51% to 38.7% in the past 15 years (1999-2014), we still have more than 45 million stunted children in the country. At this rate of decline, it would take close to 50 years to eradicate stunting.

Sixty percent of India's burden of under nutrition is found in six low-income States (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh) . In Rajasthan, 36.5% of children under five are stunted, and 14.2 % are wasted , with the malnutrition burden much higher in the tribal districts.

"On the barometer of nutritional deprivation, tribal children fare the worst among all social groups in the country. Stunting (low height for age) and wasting (low weight for height) is most common among tribal children," said Dr.Pavitra Mohan, Founder, Basic Health Care Services Trust and Director, Health Services, Aajeevika Bureau.

"In Southern Rajasthan, which has a relatively high tribal population, 61% of households are tribal (belonging to Bhil and Meena communities),



The average human development index (HDI) score of the region is 0.5, the lowest in Rajasthan,"he added.

Districts in Southern Rajasthan such as Dungarpur and Banswara have the highest burden of malnutrition. In Dungarpur, 53.48% of children below 5 years of age are stunted, while 58.67% of children below 5 years of age are stunted in Banswara .

Stunting remains more prevalent form of growth failure due to malnutrition, which results from low birth weight or chronic malnutrition and is irreversible after two years of age. Delay in paying attention to stunting not only threatens to entrap a child in a vicious intergenerational cycle of malnutrition but also manifests in lower productivity of the nation as a whole.

The other type of malnutrition - 'Micronutrient Deficiency' (including vitamin

A, iron, iodine, zinc and folic acid) - is a major factor contributing to malnutrition. Ensuring adequate micronutrient status in women of reproductive age, pregnant women and children is essential in order to maintain the health of mothers as well as the growth, development and survival of their children.

Malnutrition is not only the result of too little food, but is caused by a combination of factors: insufficient nutrition - protein and micronutrients; frequent infections or disease; poor care and infant feeding practices; inadequate health services; unsafe water and sanitation; adolescent pregnancy, lack of family planning and low social status of women.

"Preventing and treating malnutrition is complex. There are barriers presented by social and cultural norms; gender bias, availability and access to services and poverty.

Compounding these barriers is a lack of awareness about appropriate and adequate nutrition," said Ashok Alexander, Founder and Director of Antara Foundation.

Undernutrition is preventable through proven intervention.

Parents cannot improve the nutrition of their children by themselves - they need support from communities, civil society, businesses and governments, particularly in the first 1,000 days.

Focus on the right nutrients for both mother and baby in the first 1,000 days from conception to the second birthday set the stage for physical, emotional and intellectual development for a child's entire life.

In an effort to forge greater commitment to focus on nutrition, Antara Foundation is conducting a series of knowledge sharing workshops for journalists in Rajasthan, under the theme

"PoshanKePehredaar". The workshop aims to enable media to de-mystify malnutrition - its causes and prevention strategies, building public awareness and mobilize the stakeholders to be engaged in decision-making processes, and promote accountability.