

Short story

The lesson learnt on meeting a self style leftist

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Recently while searching for a short story on the internet, I came across a precious short story called "The brave little parrot". The story reads as follows:

Long ago, Lord Buddha was born as a little parrot in a forest. One day the forest was caught on fire on a storm. All the animals in that forest ran in search of safe place however most of the animals were trapped as the fire was growing strong. On seeing it the little parrot dipped in the nearby river and then sprinkle the little water caught in its feather trying to extinguish the fire. However, the little water it sprinkled vanished before reaching the ground. The parrot without bothering the effect tried again and again to extinguish the fire until its body was finally burn by the heat of the fire.

Some gods, watching the act of the parrot from the heaven laugh considering the parrot a foolish. But one god was worried about the parrot. So he converted himself as a golden eagle and advice the parrot to stop the foolish act but the little parrot did not listen as it was not important.

The god then angrily shouted, "Foolish little parrot stop doing such act you can't stop the fire! Run away and Save yourself! Save yourself."

The parrot answer, "I don't need advice I just need someone to help".

The golden eagle felt ashamed and began to weep. But then when the eagle wept, the tears streams from its eyes finally put off the fire. Going through the story remind me of a professor from Imphal. The professor is well known for his good speech regarding the welfare of the workers and poor people in public gathering. Few days back he was seen interacting with many farmers on an awareness program. I saw him in numerous programs attending as chief guest or guest of honor. He earned popularity amongst peoples. Heeds shown by farmers, workers and intellectual is citable one.

The popularity of this professor was heard way back when I was in Delhi. I was enthusiastic to meet him. During the month of August in 2014 when I was in Imphal, I went to his residence and meet him. He was taking rest as he has just arrived from the university in that evening. Seeing him enthralled me on speculation that I am talking with a leader of my community.

We almost spent 2 hours discussing current issues of the state, government policy, importance of regionalism to nationalism, life of the famer, their struggle and urgent need for providing assistance to them. But unfortunately he doesn't take interested in ILPS demand in Manipur; because he says there should not be any caste, religion or colour of the people race. He said that there should be only one country where the workers of the world unite. And one thing I forget to mention is that ideologically he considered himself as a communist. After listening his priceless ideological and philosophical speeches, I was driven by his ocean of words that I wanted to swim into his ocean of philosophical speech.

Later, I asked him why he is not involving himself in making a framework or some kind of policy to find a solution to the problems being faced by the farmers and working community by challenging the present system.

On asking that he reply that he is like the Karna of Mahabarat where he work for Duryadhone even after he knows that Duryadhone was not a good person.

I was shocked on listening his word and I asked again "why do you said like that" he said that they (government) are providing for his survival, food, income and everything he had these day. He also said that he was just a servant and servant work to please the owner. Then my respect for him seems to lost and I said, "sir enjoy to be a servant for your survival, but please don't act like a farmer or people servant." After saying the word I return back home.

Jokes of the Day!!!

The doctor to the patient: 'you are very sick.'
The patient to the doctor: 'can I get a second opinion?'
The doctor again: 'yes, you are very ugly too.....'

Headmaster: I've had complaints about you, Johnny, from all your teachers.

What have you been doing?
Johnny: Nothing, Sir.
Headmaster: Exactly.

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National & International News

Bihar elections: Do-or-die for Modi, Nitish as polling begins tomorrow

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Patna, Oct. 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi faces a key test when Bihar begins voting on Monday in a high-stakes election that is crucial for the Bharatiya Janata Party's reform programme and the political future of a regional secular alliance led by chief minister Nitish Kumar. Modi launched a relentless campaign ahead of the first day of the five-phase election as the BJP looks to edge out Kumar and his ally, RJD chief Lalu Prasad, and maintain the momentum of its Lok Sabha win to shore up its position in the Rajya Sabha where it lacks a majority.

A win in Bihar will give the BJP more seats in the Rajya Sabha, making it easier to pass key reformist legislation such as the controversial Goods and Services Tax bill which have been stuck because the ruling alliance doesn't have the numbers in the upper house. A loss in Bihar, on the other hand, will give the opposition an upper hand and may foment dissent in the party against Modi, who began to look less invincible after the BJP's spectacular defeat in the Delhi assembly election in February. An unprecedented number of alliances are vying for power in the Bihar assembly election. Apart from the grand alliance, or Mahagathbandhan,

between the ruling Janata Dal (United), the Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress, there is the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, the Samajwadi Party-led Third Front and a never-before united Left Front. Top leaders from the grand alliance and the NDA launched a no-holds barred campaign in the first phase with Prime Minister Modi addressing eight rallies after the election dates were announced and four before the announcement. Congress president Sonia Gandhi and vice-president Rahul Gandhi also addressed a rally each. Chief minister Nitish Kumar touched 46 out of 49 assembly seats while Prasad addressed election meetings in 39 assembly constituencies.

It has been a bitterly-fought campaign so far. All the parties in the fray have focused on development in the backward state, but have not shied away from caste and communal politics as well. The BJP is looking to consolidate its upper caste vote and is pinning its hopes on driving the Mahadalit vote away from the Janata Dal (United) by joining hands with former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi. Nitish Kumar's secular alliance is banking on Muslims, who account for 17% of Bihar's electorate, and is also hoping

to win a chunk of the Yadav and Kurmi votes, a key constituency in the caste-ridden state.

It's a do-or-die election for Nitish Kumar whose soaring popularity over kick-starting development in the state has been dented by his decision to join hands with Lalu Yadav, who critics accused of running a "jungle raj" in the 15 years he and his wife were in power. For Lalu Prasad, it's a question of political rehabilitation and continuance of family in politics while maintaining some relevance. Should he fail to muster enough numbers, he faces political oblivion.

Political opponents traded barbs in the run-up to the election with the beef controversy and Delhi's alleged bid to scrap the reservation policy becoming key campaign issues. Lalu Prasad stoked controversy with his comment that Hindus also ate beef, prompting Modi to say the former chief minister had insulted the Yadav community.

As the election campaign reached fever pitch, Modi hit out at his political rally in Gaya by saying RJD stood for "Rojana Jungle raj ka Dar", or fear of jungle raj daily, and its ally JD-U was "Janata ka Daman aur Utpidan", oppression and suppression of people. Nitish Kumar shot back

by saying BJP means Badka Jhootha Party, or party of big liars, and Bharatiya Jumla Party.

The campaign was peppered with abusive terms such as chaara chor (fodder thief), narbhakshi (cannibal), jallad (executioner) and shaitan (demon).

Security will be tight for the first phase as six of the nine districts going to the polls on the first day are affected by left-wing extremism. With the fear of a Maoist attack looming large, the Election Commission has decided to deploy 87,600 paramilitary personnel for the poll.

The results will be announced on November 8. Pre-poll surveys predict the election will go down to the wire.

A CNN-IBN and Axis survey projected a big victory for the JD(U)-RJD-Congress alliance. It predicted the grand alliance will win 129-145 seats in the 243-member state assembly with a 46% vote-share. It pegged the BJP-led NDA, just 87-103 seats with a 38% vote-share.

On the other hand, an India TV C-Voter survey has given 116 seats to the JD (U)-RJD combine with an edge to the BJP with 119 seats amidst reports that anxiety has gripped the BJP following an internal assessment that the Bihar election may end in a photo finish.

Remember emergency to fortify democratic framework: PM

PTI

New Delhi, Oct. 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday termed the Emergency, imposed in 1975, as the biggest blow to democracy and said its memories should be kept alive to draw lessons to further fortify the democratic framework and values in the country.

"Emergency was the biggest blow to democracy. The kind of crisis that hit the country during that period had tempered the Indian democracy which came out stronger. I am grateful to those who struggled and fought against it. ...

"Emergency should be remembered not to brood over what had happened then, but to strengthen our resolve to fortify and further strengthen the democratic values and framework in our country," Modi said at the programme 'Loktantra Ke Prahari' where he also felicitated many of those who fought against Emergency and went to jail in 1975-76.

Paying glowing tributes to the Loknayak on his 113th birth anniversary at the function, he said Narayan was "an institution, he was a light house and a role model" and "a new political generation was born during the Emergency that was fully dedicated to democratic values, inspired by JP."

"The biggest message that came out of the anti-Emergency struggle was the inspiration to fight repression. So many people in politics today owe their initial days to those days of Emergency, JP Movement, Navnirman Movement ... they gave birth to a new kind of politics in the nation," the Prime Minister said.

Observing that the struggle by Jayaprakash Narayan for democracy should be taken as a benchmark, he said his speeches reflected the "deep anguish" of the people who suffered during Emergency. "Even though he was a soft-spoken man, his speeches were

like the boiling lava." Earlier, the Prime Minister also visited the residences of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former NDA Convenor George Fernandes who had played a significant role in the fight for democracy in those days.

Among those who were felicitated at the function were veteran BJP leader LK Advani, Shiromani Akali Dal chief Parkash Singh Badal, four governors — Kalyan Singh, OP

Kohli, Balram Dass Tandon and Valubhai Vala, former deputy Speaker Kariya Munda, besides BJP leaders V K Malhotra, Jaywantiben Mehta and Subramanian Swamy. NCP leader DP Tripathi, journalists Virender Kapoor and K Vikram Rao, Prof Ramji Singh, Kameshwar Paswan and Arif Baig were also honoured by Modi.

Ji, JP, Nanaji (Deshmukh), we always think about integrating the villages of India".

4-Year-Old Girl Raped in Delhi, Injuries Horrifying, Say Doctors

NDTV

New Delhi, Oct. 11: A four-year-old raped in Delhi has sustained injuries reminiscent of the December 16, 2012, rape case, doctors have said. With extensive damages in her intestines and private parts, apart from bruises and bites all over her body, she will need a series of surgeries over six months to completely recover, they said.

"She was brought to our hospital at around 8 pm Thursday night," said medical superintendent of Safdarjung hospital, AK Rai. The child has undergone an emergency surgery and is out of danger.

The child - who is from a low income family - had been lured away from outside her house with chowmein and Rs. 10 on Thursday, her father had said. Within an hour, she had crawled back, bleeding and in terrible pain. The accused has been identified — the child has named him — but

is yet to be traced, the police said. The girl's father - a resident of northwest Delhi's Keshavpuram — claims he had planned the assault. "He had taken her to a jungle nearby where another man was waiting and she was raped there. They had planned it that way," he said.

"They wanted to kill her but heard some woman approaching so ran away, leaving her bleeding profusely on the tracks. She somehow managed to crawl back," he added.

The chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), Swati Malwani, who visited the child at the hospital, also described her injuries as "horrific".

Comparing the assault to the December 2012 rape of a medical student in Delhi that led to countryside protests, she had added, "Everyday we have a Nirbhaya in Delhi n Nirbhaya Fund is lying unused. Pathetic."

Sunday Quiz

1. What does the abbreviation PIO stands for?
2. For which animal is Kaziranga National Park famous for?
3. Won is the currency of which country?
4. A genius, one of the master of high renaissance and man of multiple talents. He was a painter, architect, philosopher, poet, composer, sculptor, mathematician, inventor and anatomist. Famous for the painting of 'The Last Supper'. Name him.
5. Which country of Southeast Asia changed from military to civilian government?

Answers:
1) Pearson (O) Indian Origin (PIO).
2) Rhino.
3) South Korea
4) Leonardo Da Vinci.
5) Myanmar.

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