

Poetry section

# Unconditional

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How sweet! When I see through  
How lovely! When I feel life  
All uncertain and all freedom;  
All quintessence and all unknown;  
All colorful and all manifested;  
All young and all beautiful;  
No doubt, how far I travel the space  
All good and all embodiments;  
I noticed none; I care none  
I listen a little and I express more;  
All of self, spirit and lone  
I fancy my representation,  
I oblige self service; I am one  
And I smiles and smiles, a thousand smiles  
Loved and spirited; wanted and solo.

I see all Beautiful, the nature's truth  
I walk tall with time and I sense it, uniquely  
I pray bravely and abandon all the unholy;  
How cozy! The ungodly  
How bravely! The unusual  
All surprising and all differently;  
All carefree and all unexpectedly;  
All unfamiliar and all outstanding;  
All unbalancing and still perfect;  
I wonder striking, still strong  
A soul; silently I carry along undoubtedly  
Less fearful and all dominantly;  
I oblige self service; I am one  
And I smiles and smiles, a thousand smiles  
Loved and spirited; wanted and solo.

I play heartily and I bounce back knocking  
I peer through, all I could  
This strength; strength of my will  
I embrace peacefully and I look forward to conjoin;  
Finding all life's good and all is loved;  
How mysterious!  
How unconditional! And  
How grateful! I to him  
He's all I need;  
He's all that give; so resourceful  
All's an accomplish;  
My bounty knows no boundary,  
So touchy and so graceful;  
I oblige self service; I am one  
And I smiles and smiles, a thousand smiles  
Loved and spirited; wanted and solo.

I built phantom appreciations,  
I long for mirage, unconditional fantasies  
All possessive and all daring  
All fearless and all heroic;  
All powerful and all courageous;  
All musing and all alluring,  
Oh! What a lot life is?  
I fear the shrinking;  
One glance, two glance  
Mesmerizing and bewitching; I let go  
Time, tide and love, all in the air;  
I oblige self service; I am one  
And I smiles and smiles, a thousand smiles  
Loved and spirited; wanted and solo.

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# UDDAN to make flights cheaper and spur economic activity

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With the launch of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN—"Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik") on 27<sup>th</sup> April, the aviation sector is set to get a big boost and tap huge market of middle class flyers living in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. This is the first-of-its-kind scheme globally which harnesses the power of the markets to provide a public good.

Apart from spurring the economic growth in hinterland, the affordable air services will ensure that the monopoly of elite on air services comes to an end. The UDAN will usher in a new era in fast growing aviation sector by providing low cost air connectivity to untapped routes and connecting un-served and under-served airports. The UDAN will also boost regional connectivity by bringing smaller cities and towns on air map of the country through a market-based mechanism and open this sector to young professionals, small businessmen and students belonging mainly to the vast middle class populations living in these cities and towns.

The primary objective of RCS - UDAN is to facilitate regional air connectivity by making it affordable as stated in the RCS document released by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The document says that promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting airline operators through concessions by Central or State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and other support measures. It also envisages financial viability gap

funding (VGF) support to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such routes.

The RCS document also points out that consumption-led growth in populated metros is expected to spill over to the hinterland areas with the Indian economy expanding. The dearer land and labour in the metro cities is likely to lead to shifting of economic activities in smaller cities. Needless to say that air connectivity will provide required impetus to the economic growth of such towns and cities in the years to come.

The UDAN Scheme is a key component of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) which was released by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in June last year. One of the key objectives of NCAP-2016 is to "establish an integrated ecosystem which will lead to significant growth of civil aviation sector, which in turn would promote tourism, increase employment and lead to a balanced regional growth". Though it seeks to sustain and nurture a competitive market environment in the civil aviation sector, it was felt that encouraging regional air connectivity would be desirable from a public policy perspective and may need financial support, at least in the initial period, to trigger participation of players. It is in this context that NCAP 2016 provided for a Regional Air Connectivity Scheme.

The UDAN Scheme was developed through extensive consideration of various issues and consultations with stakeholders. UDAN recognizes the challenge of high costs faced by regional operators.

Accordingly, the scheme brings down the operating cost for an airline by reducing taxes on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and airport and other charges. The winning bidder gets three year exclusivity on the route so that the route can be matured and made profitable. The scheme uses the power of markets to find out the lowest subsidy on the route.

It is being executed by the Airport Authority of India (AAI), the implementing agency, through a market mechanism where operators assess demand on routes; submit proposals for providing connectivity on such routes; while committing to certain minimum operating conditions. During the first round of bidding, AAI followed a transparent process by inviting interested bidders and airline operators to submit their Initial Proposals under the provisions of Regional Connectivity Scheme and subsequently inviting counter proposals against such Initial Proposals. The routes and networks were awarded to bidders who submitted valid proposals and quoted the lowest viability gap funding (VGF) from the government for such routes and networks.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off UDAN at picturesque table top airport Jubbarhatti in Himachal Pradesh around 25 kms from the state capital Shimla. The first Alliance airlines aircraft landed at Jubbarhatti airport from Delhi after a gap of around five years. The Prime Minister also inaugurated flights on the Kadapa-Hyderabad and the Nanded-Hyderabad sectors through a video

conference. Trujet, a regional airline started air services between Nanded-Hyderabad and Kadapa-Hyderabad sectors. Announcing the launch in a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said the airfare for a one-hour journey of 500 km will be capped at Rs. 2,500, which will be an all-inclusive charge. For longer routes and flight duration, the pricing may vary. The Prime Minister rightly said that aviation was once considered the domain of a select few, but that has changed now with the advent of UDAN.

After the first round of bidding, five airlines have been awarded 128 routes. The initially chosen airports spread across more than 20 states and Union Territories including Karnataka, Puducherry, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Madhya Pradesh will be connected under the UDAN. The airports that will be connected to each other under the scheme include Shimla, Bhatinda, Neyveli, Bilaspur, Cooch Behar, Nanded and Kadapa. Of the total 70 airports selected under the scheme, 24 airports are in the western region, 17 in the north, 11 in the south, 12 in the east and 6 in regions of the northeast. Under the scheme 27 currently served airports, 12 currently under served airports and 31 currently unserved airports (total of 70 airports) will resume air services. Several more sectors are likely to get the flights under UDAN scheme in the next rounds of bidding.

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## How Well Are We Caring and Protecting Our Younger.....

Under various statute of the country juveniles who are in conflict with law enjoy a number of confidentiality protections of their identity. This is because the state has responsibility in rehabilitating juvenile delinquents under law of the land and this special interest would be complicated by reporting names of the juveniles involved in crimes. If the identity of the juvenile including even the parents name, address or other information are found disclosed, then it is punishable under section 74 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and also by POC SO act. Journalist are adhered for special cautious while identifying juvenile suspects or victims of sexual assaults. However in the recent gang-rape case, the details of juveniles were published on the day of its reporting to the newspaper before the court had a chance to rule. In the state where "mob justice" becomes a popular tradition among the people, the juveniles are under threat from various sections of the population. In fact people protesting against the alleged gang rape have been raising slogans to hang those juvenile culprits. Also one underground party has directed to punish the alleged rapists through newspapers. Though this is an exceptional case, one must also question the logical coherence of the 'public interest' factors in the said alleged gang rape case. The public interest factor is due to the involvement of major Meitei community as accused and minority Tribal as victims. Under statutory law, case law and tort law of India, the identities of rape victims are protected and hence not only prohibit just the disclosure of the names of rape victims but of information potentially leading to the identification of rape victims. However the disclosure of victims as from Hill and accused from Meitei community by an NGO woman in the discussion programme of a local TV channel and

subsequent engagements to the case led to identify the victims as from Kuki-Chin-Mizo tribe of the state. In the state where a selective silence is a culture of protest, the present alleged gang rape case provides an opportunity for sloganeering hills and valley unity by a section of the middle class dominant Meetei population. This has further led to a strong public interest in open justice and in the public knowing as much as possible including the identity of the alleged juvenile perpetrators. This is not to say that the rape by juvenile is justifiable, but the worrying erosion of the distinction between children and adults in the present alleged gang rape within the existing justice system.

The seven youths committed a horrific crime which is highly condemnable by all sections of the society, but a civilised society should distinguish between the moral capacity of children and adults. At the very least this requires more robust reasoning before we permit our teenagers to be 'named and shamed' in the way it is projected by our media, non-governmental organizations and various social groups. The youths of the state owing to diverse reasons are more susceptible to negative influences and peer pressures which predispose them to make poor decisions. Also it is non deniable fact that there exist strong correlation between anti-social criminal behaviour of our youths and the culture of violence and unrest perpetuated in the state for decades. So, it will be very hard to see the positive outcome by victimizing our youths unless ways are found to address the deeper long-term problems our younger generations are facing in the society. Hence it is our collective concern to ensure that our younger generations who are in conflict with law survive and thrive through a proper rehabilitation mechanism.

## National and International News

### CRPF personnel in Chhatisgarh also fighting inherent issues

**PTI New Delhi, April 30:** The CRPF personnel fighting Naxalites in Chhatisgarh are up against not only the ultras but also inherent impediments — lack of potable water, hot temperatures and poor mobile networks. Officials who visited some of the interior camps of the CRPF in Bastar region, where the force lost 25 personnel in an ambush last Monday, have found that quality of water is very inferior resulting in many of them falling sick. "We take various steps to purify the drinking water. But that is not enough as when the boys go on patrolling they some time have to drink water from open sources which leads to illness," an officer said. The temperature of Bastar region during summers

go up to 45 degrees Celsius and such hot and humid conditions make the security personnel tired soon, leading to frustration, officials said.

To boost the morale of the paramilitary personnel, nutritious food, including non-vegetarian variety, are being supplied to all camps. Home Ministry officials feel that there is an urgent need to improve the condition of CRPF camps as well as facilities offered to them.

"Camps of the CRPF need to be upgraded," Senior Security Adviser in the Home Ministry K Vijay Kumar told PTI. Poor mobile network also is a big hindrance for the CRPF men to be in touch with their family members back home and this lowers their morale.

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