

Poetry section

# Pinch of love

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Sitting by the corner, I wonder how?  
How I grew up connecting! I temple upon illusions  
Hallucinating and dreaming; a serene mirage  
I walk far too, and I drink fantasies  
Dumb, cold and stand still; heavy like a stone  
I move not an inch; I blink not a wink  
Tired and thirsty; sleepy and drowsy  
Empty and green; all gentle, all beautiful  
Strolling and wandering; attending unnoticed  
All eyes and all consider; I lost into  
Into this world, a world of contemplation  
With no reflection; my body! I discard for a moment.

I speak of my thinking; silently observing  
I talk of my imagining language; too shapely  
I pray for all; good and welfare  
Peace! Peace!  
I wander leisurely and no shoes ever care for,  
Tired and thirsty; I long not to quenching  
Watching and rambling, all that leads to  
Cold and silent; all slow, all easy  
Nature's compassion; I bother not dying  
All lively all kindly and all gentle, as I lay  
T's sweet smooth bosom; all we destroy  
All eyes and all consider; I lost into  
Into this world, a world of contemplation  
With no reflection; my body! I discard for a moment.

Pondering dozens and thousands, this mystic senses  
Thump! Thump! You lazy gal  
You useless gal; sitting all day long  
Dreaming and murmuring; come help  
Fetch the bucket; carry these korfus  
Time's declining; T's dull and gloaming  
All Rivers' bed murking; shadowing  
Sweep the yard; wipe the manggol  
Wave the shumang; charge for the lights  
Yelling a voice, from the distance  
Gathering all my Visioning, I call upon  
How cruel this imposition? Thrusting impetus  
All eyes and all consider; I lost into  
Into this world, a world of contemplation  
With no reflection; my body! I discard for a moment.

Driving all away and defining a roar,  
I urge divinity, love and live  
Believing Sunshine and lustrous peace  
Carving a pinch, a pinch of fancy hush  
All day, all high time; death, dying and killing  
I wander inclining; how and where?  
Still yearning;  
All eyes and all consider; I lost into  
Into this world, a world of contemplation  
With no reflection; my body! I discard for a moment.

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National and International News

## After more shocking charges against AAP, Kapil Mishra faints, is rushed to hospital

**New Delhi, May 14:** Suspended AAP member Kapil Mishra today alleged that party leaders close to chief Arvind Kejriwal concealed donations from the public, lied to the Election Commission (EC) and laundered money using 16 shell companies.  
"I have the papers to prove multiple scams," Mishra said at the beginning of the press conference. Towards the end of the conference Mishra said he would "drag Kejriwal out of his chair" and "then drag him to jail." And at the end, he appeared to have fainted as he was displaying some "dodgy" cheques to the media. He was taken to hospital.  
Mishra said he has been on a hunger strike for the last four days; today is the fifth day.  
Later, Mishra's condition was said to not be serious. Doctors told TOI he was low on sugar and suffering from dehydration due to his hunger

strike. The hospital administered fluids to help Mishra recover. At the start of the media conference, the suspended Delhi minister showed a presentation - without official bank documentation - that he claimed included account information of the party.  
He alleged a huge discrepancy in 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 between the amounts AAP has in the bank, what it declared to the EC and what it made public on its website. Mishra alleged that AAP's account had Rs 45 crore in 2013 -2014, its website showed Rs 19 crore and the EC was told only about Rs 9 crore. In 2014-2015, he said AAP had Rs 65 crore in the bank, told the EC about Rs 32 crore and on its web site showed just Rs 27 crore. "I will go to CBI with the evidence. After all this is investigated, he will go straight to jail," Mishra said referring to Delhi chief minister

Kejriwal.  
The suspended AAP member also said 16 shell companies managed by AAP MLA Shiv Charan Goyal made donations to the party. "All donations were made at midnight, January 20, 2014," Mishra further alleged.  
Mishra's first shocking allegations came exactly a week ago, when he claimed to have witnessed Delhi chief minister Kejriwal accept Rs 2 crore from another party member+ in a transaction Mishra implied was questionable.  
Yesterday, he indicated he would present a new set of allegations today. "I will put some documents in front of the nation. After that, Arvind Kejriwal will not have the moral strength to continue as chief minister and people will stop having trust in him. That is why I have come here to seek blessings of Hanumanji to give me strength," he said after a visit to a temple here.

## Donald Trump calls for tougher sanctions after North Korea missile

**Seoul, May 14:** President Donald Trump called for tougher sanctions against North Korea after it fired a ballistic missile Sunday in an apparent bid to test the South's new liberal president and the US.  
"Let this latest provocation serve as a call for all nations to implement far stronger sanctions against North Korea," the White House said in a brief statement.  
The missile flew more than 700 kilometres (435 miles) before landing in the Sea of Japan (East Sea) surrounded by the Korean peninsula, Japan and the Russian far east.  
It impacted "so close to Russian soil ... the president cannot imagine that Russia is pleased," the White House said.  
North Korea "has been a flagrant menace for far too long," it said.  
Multiple sets of UN and US sanctions against North Korea have done little to deter Pyongyang from pursuing its nuclear and missile ambitions.  
Trump has threatened military action against the North but recently appeared to have softened his stance, saying he would be "honoured" to meet leader Kim Jong-Un under the right conditions.  
New South Korean President Moon Jae-In, who was inaugurated on Wednesday, slammed the missile test as a "reckless provocation" after holding an emergency meeting with national security advisors.  
He said the government strongly condemned this "grave challenge to the peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the international community," his spokesman Yoon Young-Chan said.

## Nepal votes in first local election in 20 years

**Kathmandu, May 14:** Voting began in Nepal on Sunday in its first local elections in two decades, a landmark moment in the country's fraught transition to democracy.  
Polls opened in three provinces at 7:00 am (0115 GMT) with nearly 50,000 candidates vying for the position of mayor, deputy mayor, ward chairman and ward member in 283 local municipalities.  
The ballot paper in the capital Kathmandu — one of the largest constituencies — was around one metre long (3 feet) to accommodate the 878 candidates.  
"It is difficult to expect much from our politicians — they have always been selfish and not worked for the people — but I hope that with this election things will change," housewife Shova Maharjan, 41, told AFP after casting her vote in the capital.  
A bomb was found early Sunday morning outside the house of a mayoral candidate for the main opposition CPN-UML party in Bhaktapur, 15 kilometres (nine miles) east of Kathmandu.  
"A team has already disposed of it and no one was injured," senior local police officer Shyam Oliya told AFP. The vote has been split into two phases because of unrest in the southern plains bordering India, where the minority Madhesi ethnic group is refusing to participate until an amendment to the constitution is passed.  
The remaining four provinces, considered potential flashpoints for election-related violence, will vote in the second phase due to be held on June 14.

Around 231,000 security personnel have been deployed for the two phases of the election, including 75,000 temporary police officers hired to boost manpower, according to the home ministry.  
Local government representatives were last elected in 1997. Their five-year terms expired in 2002, at the height of the country's civil war, and their mandate was allowed to lapse.  
Bureaucrats have since filled those positions, many appointed on the basis of allegiance to the main political parties.  
Corruption has flourished, hampering the delivery of basic services — from healthcare to the appointment of teachers at government schools.  
The peace deal that ended the decade-long Maoist insurgency in 2006 began the impoverished Himalayan nation's transition from a Hindu monarchy to a secular republic.  
As part of the accord, a new constitution was written and finally adopted in September 2015, nearly a decade after the end of the conflict.  
The charter mandated that local elections, followed by provincial and then national elections, be held by January 2018 — the final step in the draw-out peace process.  
But the constitution sparked protests by the minority Madhesi community — who say the document leaves them politically marginalised — and led to a months-long blockade of the India-Nepal border that caused a crippling shortage of goods across the country.

The Madhesi community threatened to boycott the local polls unless the constitution is rewritten and forced the government to split the vote into two phases.  
The government has promised a vote on an amendment to the constitution after Sunday's election, but the fragile ruling coalition is struggling to get the necessary majority in parliament to pass the bill.

## Pakistan shells LoC areas again

**Jammu, May 14:** Pakistani troops heavily shelled areas along the LoC in Rajouri district for the second consecutive day today, causing heavy damage to buildings and forcing evacuation of 1000 border dwellers.  
The Indian Army effectively retaliated.  
Pakistan Army had yesterday pounded civilian areas and forward posts along the LoC in Nowshera area with mortars, killing two civilians and injuring three.  
"Pakistani Army has resorted to indiscriminate firing of small arms, 82 mm and 120 mm mortars from 0645 hours along the Line of Control in Rajouri sector", a Defence Spokesman said.  
"The Indian Army posts are retaliating strongly and effectively. The firing is presently on", he said.  
Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Shahid Iqbal Choudgury said fresh ceasefire violation has been reported in "chitibakri" area of Chingus in Rajouri today.

## Haryana 10-year-old pregnant after rape, critically ill

**Rohtak, May 14:** In another shocking case from Haryana's Rohtak, a 10-year-old has been found to be five months pregnant after being raped repeatedly allegedly by her stepfather. Her condition is serious, say doctors.  
The girl's mother, a migrant labourer from Bihar, took her to a doctor when she discovered her daughter's condition. The doctor confirmed her pregnancy. The girl reportedly told her mother that the accused, who is also her paternal uncle, had been sexually assaulting her and had threatened her against talking about it. The woman then took her daughter to the women's police station. The police have arrested the accused and registered a case.  
The medical board of PGIMS, Rohtak will meet tomorrow to decide on her condition and the steps forward.  
The shocking incident comes to light after a 23-year-old woman was brutally gang-raped earlier this week, and her body found from a vacant plot in Rohtak's Industrial Model Township (IMT). The woman's head was smashed with a brick and a vehicle run over her before the body was dumped in Rohtak. She lay in the vacant plot for four days before someone spotted her; the skull was in pieces and stray dogs had bitten off parts of her body. The police said the victim's head had been smashed to hide her identity.  
Two men have been arrested for the brutality. Haryana Chief Minister ML Khattar called the crime "unfortunate". Congress president Sonia Gandhi said the "savagery and bone chilling incident had shocked the conscience of the nation, reminding each one of us about the crying need of revisiting the important issue of women's safety and security".

## HIV-positive women give birth to healthy babies

**PTI Raipur, May 14:** At least 213 HIV-infected women have given birth to healthy babies in the government-run hospitals of Chhattisgarh in 2016-17, a State health official has said.  
"The health department is committed to secure the child from infection in the womb of a HIV-positive mother," Chhattisgarh's health services director R. Prasanna told PTI.  
The multi-medicine treatment process has yielded better results, with 213 HIV-infected women having given birth to healthy babies, he said.  
In 2016-17, the HIV examination were conducted on as many as 3,93,475 pregnant women and of them, 232 tested positive.  
Around 219 HIV positive pregnant women were provided treatment under the multi-medicine process at government hospitals, he said.  
After their deliveries, the babies of 213 women were detected uninfected

and healthy, Mr. Prasanna said. However, the infection was found in the remaining six children who are being given medicines through the anti-retroviral therapy (ART) centres, he said.  
ART is the combination of several anti-retroviral medicines used to slow the rate at which HIV makes copies of itself (multiplies) in the body.  
Mr. Prasanna said the State has 26,000 HIV positive people and of them, 10,289 were being provided medicines through five ART and 12 link ART centres (which work like sub-centres of ART), according to the set guidelines.  
Keeping in view the shortage of supply of HIV drugs from the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) at New Delhi in January this year, a new guideline was issued by the State, he said.  
"The medicines for adults were broken into a standard dose to feed the children. All the ART and link ART centres had followed the

directive.  
"Neither the child patients, nor their parents had to face trouble (during shortage of medicines)," he said.  
As per the new guidelines of NACO, it is mandatory for all the HIV patients to take medicines of ART. For the purpose, the State recently received as many as 2.54 lakh medicines (of different compositions) from the Central government for its ART centres, the director said.  
He said the ART centres have also been allocated a budget to procure medicines on their own as per the requirement.  
Besides, the Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society (CGSACS) has devised an action plan to maintain a regular supply of medicines.  
The Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation has been directed to procure medicines for a period of three months if the situation of shortage in supply arises in future, he said.