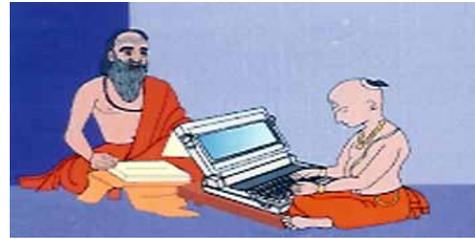


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163-year-old telegram service closed forever at 9pm on 4th July, 2013



The 163-year old telegram service in the country - the harbinger of good and bad news for generations of Indians - is dead.
On the backdrop of the fastest means of communication for millions of people, the humble telegram was today buried without any requirement but for the promise of preserving the last telegram as a museum piece.

Face of the issue



**Ms. Urmila Wagh
(Purchase)**

Dear Friends,
Today I am very happy to share few things about me on this platform.

About Urmila as a person:

If I have to define myself, I can say I am helpful, a good listener, honest, mature & naughty. But at the same time I am a very short tempered person also. My hobbies are dancing, reading novels, listening to songs, watching comedy serials (even repeat telecast).

For any lady there are three major stages in her life 1) Being a Daughter, 2) Being a Wife, 3) Being a Mother

About my Child hood & Upbringing

I was born & brought up in Prabhadevi, Mumbai & I have 2 sisters & 1 brother. My father retired from govt. service & my mother is housewife. I have completed my schooling in Shardashram Vidya Mandir & graduation (B. Sc. Chemistry) from D. G. Ruparel College. I belong to typical middle class family but the only difference I would like to mention is that I saw always big dreams & had high objectives.

1) Married Life

At the age of 23, I got married to Sunil, a very enthusiastic & a very good human being .He is in an IT Professional & at present working with IBM. He changed me a lot. He encouraged me to develop my hobbies & my education as well. My husband plays an important role in our relationship. He is my friend, philosopher & guide. He is very supportive, a very warm person, I always feels comfortable with him, that is the reason I am proud to say that after 12 years of our marriage we both feel that we are newly married.

2) My Motherhood

We have been blessed with one son, Kaustubh, who is 10 years old. He is studying in 5th STD in Sinhagad Spring Dale School, Pune. I have seen most of the parents imposing burden of their dreams on their child. But from

the very beginning we had decided that we are not going to do this. We are going to support our child in achieving his own goals in his life. We always try to be his good friends rather than just parents. That is the reason, three of us have a very good bonding, and still we all are keen on giving space to each other. At the age of 10 he has decided that he is going to have his own business and not a job.

My Future Plans:

I am planning to pursue MBA in Supply Chain Management. This is again because of my husband's motivation.

Some more information about her:

Here are a couple of questions which we asked her and the replies received-

1) How do you keep yourself updated in your own field?

I prefer to keep myself updated by reading newspapers & through electronic Media. At the same time my husband encourages me to visit Exhibitions followed by discussions in the family.

2) If we happen to meet your friends, what do you think, they will tell us about you?

First of all they will tell you about my joyful and enthusiastic nature. We had lot of fun during collage days.

3) How do you face tensions in your life?

My simple Philosophy – There is no one on this earth without tensions, and there is no 'life' without tensions. I have learnt to face tensions. If you run away from them they will fortify. Keeping mum does not solve problems, facing those does. Have high dreams, develop competency, confidence and success will follow you. Normally whenever I feel there is a problem or crisis or tension I start meditation, which I believe helps me to face that problem courageously. Meditation has got tremendous power. I always prefer to take help of it.

4) Apart from husband, do you have any role model in life?

Yes, apart from my husband, there are two ideal figures, which I respect & wish to follow even in future as well. One of them is my mother & another is my Aunty. I discuss with them & take their suggestions whenever needed. This has proved to be very helpful to me as well as my family.

Ownership

I am sure most of you think about an ownership flat, what with the skyrocketing prices of residential spaces today. But I am referring to an ownership that we should invest in every sphere of our life- be it household, education, relationships or workplace. This attribute makes life easier and smoother, though it requires grit and determination to imbibe the quality in ourselves.

Incident 1: A typical scenario of a school kid - A particular child simply doesn't apply herself to studies, despite several reminders of the approaching exam by her parents. She is grown up enough to know and understand the meaning and importance of self-study. Well, the results are out and as expected, her grades plummet. Now the most important question: how do the parents as well as the child react to the low grades? If the parents resort to false excuses, the child follows suit. However, this is the time for the child to learn the real meaning of ownership. I didn't study and that is why my grades went down. Now I have learnt my lesson; I will be more sincere next year. **THIS IS OWNERSHIP. OF A MISTAKE, YOU MADE.**

Incident 2: An office scenario - All

organizations have projects and all projects have deadlines. Usually someone is given the charge of the project, though he might not always be the boss or a senior member.

That someone has to rigorously follow up with the parties concerned, people involved in the job and gently remind them of the deadlines. It is his job to see to it that the job is approaching completeness around the deadline. This is where the blame-game may creep in. The person in-charge is the owner of the task- the project deadline. Therefore, he is ultimately answerable to the management. He cannot point a finger to another colleague and blame him for falling short of the deadline. **YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE TASK. IF THE DEADLINE CANNOT BE MET, YOU WILL FACE THE MANAGEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, IF YOU COMPLETE THE TASK, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE ACCOLADES. THE ONUS IS ON YOU.** Surely these two incidents will remind you of something similar you have observed or even done. It is so common, we fail to see the message written bold therein.



And what do you get out of this ownership, you ask? The answer is unfortunately clichéd but true - wisdom. When you own up your mistake, you register it and consciously avoid that mistake in future; you grow wiser. If you don't, your

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mind does not consider it as a mistake and you are prone to repeat it in the future. Alternatively, when you own up your success, you are encouraged to take up further responsibilities; your confidence is boosted.

Do you now have a different perception of ownership? Do you own up your jobs? Your success? Your failures? Would you think twice before resorting to the blame game next time? Do you take up ownership of your life, as you have it today? Or do you play the blame game there as well?

Finally, it is the time for some quick self-analysis. No tick marking, no calculations, no grade scales. Just ask yourself how often you utter or hear one or many of these expressions (in personal as well as in public life) and connect them to the ownership concept:

- I deserve a better job/salary/partner. → Go ahead and grab that better one.
- I don't like this work. → Then don't do it!
- I have sacrificed so much to get this job. → It was your choice, right?
- I should have accepted that other offer I had got. → Why didn't you, then?
- I curse the moment I joined this place/ met you. → Well, it's never too late!
- I can leave this job any minute, actually. → Please go ahead.

- My previous company is after me; they are calling almost every day! → Why don't you go back to them?
- I could have easily got an admission to that foreign university. → Why didn't you take it then?

At the same time, there are numerous other factors that keep us away from what we deserve, and I am sure everybody is aware of luck, politics and so on. However, within the framework that you control,

would it be impossible to take ownership of what you do? Hope you got the point, friends!

**- Deepashri Karandikar
Academics-Editorial Team**

***SVJC-INDUCTION PROGRAMME**

Induction of new 11th standard batch of SVJC took place on July 22nd, 2013. Padma Bhushan, Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, (Founder & President of Symbiosis Society) presided over the function. Mr. S. K. Jain, President, MCCIA Pune was the chief guest.

The function started by lighting of traditional lamp at the hands of dignitaries. Principal Director, SOES, Dr. Swati Mujumdar welcomed the guests and gave brief of SOES activities.

Mujumdar Sir advised the staff of SVJC to make various efforts for multi skill tasking of the students. He underlined the importance of English language and how the students should acquire various skills, which SVJC is offering. Mr. S. K. Jain in his speech highlighted details of vocational courses and its increasing need in Industry. He also informed that the courses are job oriented and the students can get job in both Private and Public sector organizations.

Ms. Shobha Supekar, Principal SVJC proposed vote of thanks.



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*** In the month of July, Ms. Padmini S. conducted six training sessions on “Selling Skills & Grooming “for employees of Call Centre, Enrollment, Student Support & Corporate departments.**



***On 12th July 2013, Our fresh Batch of Internal Quality Auditors, got their certificates at the hands of our Honorable Principal Director Madam .**





***On 31st July , on occasion of International Student’s day , SCHC has organized a Blood Donation Camp . Our Staff members donated blood on this occasion our staff member donated blood.**

FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES

On 7th July 2013,Dr. Sameer Anandrao Delivered a session on “ **Naturopathy**”



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On 19th July 2013, Mr. Kishor Joshi, delivered a session on "**Aarogya-Sampada**"



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