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A Clarion Call for **Community Christmas**



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We live in a wonderful world with varieties of life on earth, such as humans, plants, animals and microorganisms, otherwise called biodiversity which is considered the most beautiful creation of God. In the order of creation, man is given supremacy 'for he is fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and allowed His divine presence to prevail in each of His creations to become aware of the fact that God is the master of the universe and creator of the world, not man. God desired an uncanny space for all his creatures to live in close harmony with love, respect and mutual dependency.

The greed, desire for power and opulence never left a man undaunted from ransacking and destroying the goodness and benevolence of God that resulted in man falling into the pit of sin and moving away from God.

In this context, different prophets, angels, and God-fearing men made a clarion call foretelling the birth of a saviour who would redeem the world. What is a clarion call? It is a request for immediate action for a reasonable cause prophesied by great personalities of political, social and religious for accelerated action to restore peace and serenity in the world. For Eg: Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation's clarion call had adjured the people of India to be united during the fight against the Britishers for freedom. Swami Vivekananda's clarion call was to the youth to focus their collective energies towards building the nation. ' "My faith is in the younger generation." says Swami Vivekananda. Martin Luther King Jr's clarion call was for all races in the U.S. "to live together in peace and harmony."

A Prophetic Clarion Call: A prophetic clarion call was made by Isaiah "For to us a child is born; he will be called the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace" (Is:9:6.) The second clarion call was by Prophet Micha "You Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be the ruler over Israel" (Mic 5:2).



Merry Christmas

The third clarion call was by Zachariah who through his song announced that God has raised up a 'horn of Salvation' from the 'house of David.' The fourth clarion call was by John the Baptist "who cried out in the wilderness to prepare the way for the lord. The fifth clarion call was by Angel Gabriel to Mary, who said "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." (Lk 1: 31-33) As it was prophesied, Mother Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ and thus, the promise of God was fulfilled by sending his only son down to earth to be like human beings in all things but sin. This day is commemorated as Christmas and celebrated all over the world.

I believe that the above paragraphs helped us profoundly to understand that Christmas is the season to recognize the Son of God born amidst humanity in the universe. If Jesus were born again, will he choose to be born again in the simple manger? What would be his clarion call for humanity in today's context? How does this Christmas become meaningful? We live in a world of atheism, consumerism, industrialism, materialism, globalism and artificial intelligence. Human relationships are paralyzed, and emotions and sentiments have evaporated into the realm of air with a stifled and bottled-up heart. The fundamental qualities of human beings slither away and become more cynical

in their attitude. For instance, we live under the same roof but do not meet each other, dine at the same table but do not talk to each other, and share the same bed yet do not look at each other. In this situation, if Jesus were born again in this world, he would probably be born again in simple circumstances, perhaps he may find a place worse than the manger because that is the place where no gates would be bared, no ring of guards would prevent him, no security check for protection and no surveillance camera to monitor operation. Though, He is the king of Kings came humbly and His first bed was a simple manger. God is like any one of us, easily approachable, accessible and available to all.

Second question, what would be the clarion call of Jesus in today's context? There is an apprehension among the people that the world will come to an end soon. The unprecedented natural calamities, the arrival of an unidentifiable sickness, genocide in the name of religion, and the political system deeply imbalance humanity and do not let them live peaceful life. The deceptive and conspiracy theory of the destruction of the world is only a nightmare, as the God of love will not harm his creation. The clarion call of Jesus would invite us to have deep faith in God, repent and believe in the Gospel. Besides, God expects every human being to respect and love one another. The Bible, considered the rule of life given by God to humanity, determines the theoretical and practical life of human beings. Human beings are summoned to follow the



teachings of Christ and imbibe them in our day-to-day life without any compromise.

The answer to the third question seeks a pragmatic approach to dealing with humanity. The world is an amalgamation of justice vs. infinite injustice, poverty vs. opulence, and fortunes vs. misery that deliberately crept into the system of society ravaging humanity. The powerful speech on social injustice and equality by influential personalities remains only a nightmare for the mediocre who go hungry at the end of the day. The real Christmas will be more meaningful only when people feel the virtue of humanity in them. Christmas will be more meaningful when barriers are broken and we accept everyone as our brothers and sisters. Christmas can become a meaningful celebration when we accept others too as people of God; for He is our creator and we are all his creatures.

Dear friends in Christ! Before we decorate our houses, our rooms, and our workplaces; let us prepare ourselves wholly with the bubbling force of love, hope and peace that would bring everlasting happiness. May this Christmas be a Community Celebration across the globe joining hands with our brothers and sisters irrespective of the religion, ethnicity, colour and creed they belong to. Let us not be crippled, but share the joy and happiness of Christmas with one another. Wishing you all to experience God's abundant love and blessings throughout this Season and the New Year 2023.



Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2023.



**- Bro. Antony Raj CSC
Director**

The feast of Christmas is celebrated every year on 25th Dec to commemorate the birth of Jesus our saviour. Every year Christmas is celebrated in a great manner and brings joy to Christians and the whole world. The people decorate their houses with lights and stars, prepare sweets, new dresses are purchased, greeting cards are sent to convey messages to each other, a crib is made and so on. The poem Jingle bell is sung to celebrate the coming of Santa Clouse.

Now let us think for a while and ask ourselves whether this Christmas feast is only for our external preparation or internal preparation? Does this feast tell me anything about God's infinite love on humanity or just a mere celebration? By celebrating this feast what changes do I foresee in my day-to-day life? What newness that I adopt in my life? Though, Jesus was God and came down on earth to be like us in all things but sin. That is the love of God for humanity which has to be celebrated.



Christmas



Christmas is a season of forgiveness; we should forgive everyone who has trespassed against us and live with peace and harmony. Then only it gives true meaning to Christmas. The manger (Crib) teaches us to be humble as our Savior is humble. The star teaches us to walk in the path of light. The decorated Christmas tree teaches us to be always active and to be in happiness and one in Jesus Christ let the Christmas carols take away all our worries, sadness and burden of our life and always be happy with our Savior praising and thanking him.

Christmas hold the essence of unity and harmony among the people. It promotes peace love and friendship. Christmas is a season of sharing love and peace, let us help those who are in need and make this Christmas a meaningful one. During Christmas let us purify our souls and mind to welcome baby Jesus in our hearts and in our families. May this Christmas bring Joy and Happiness to everyone across the world.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2023



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- ▶ Christmas tree decoration is an important ritual in celebrating Christmas festivity.
- ▶ The evergreen coniferous trees like fir, pine or spruce is decorated as Christmas tree.
- ▶ The tradition of decorating Christmas trees is said to be originated in Germany.
- ▶ Roses made of paper, apples, wafers, tinsel and sweetmeats were used to decorate Christmas trees in the olden days.
- ▶ People use candles to lit Christmas trees in the olden days.
- ▶ Christmas trees nowadays are decorated with electric lights and different modern ornaments
- ▶ The Christmas presents are kept hidden under the Christmas tree
- ▶ The star decorated at the top of the Christmas tree is stated as the star of Bethlehem
- ▶ Christmas tree is decorated on the Fourth Sunday before Christmas
- ▶ It symbolizes new life and is removed after twelve days of Christmas Eve.



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Conflict Management & Transformation

("Health is wealth") Part -3

Problem	Probable Cause	New Thought pattern (a treatment that relieves or cures a disease)
Grey Hair	Stress. A belief in pressure and strain. The hair represents strength. When we are tense and afraid, we often create those bands of steel that originate in the shoulder muscles and come up over the top of the head and some times even down around the eyes. The Hair shaft grows up through the hair follicle. When there is a lot of tension in the scalp, the hair shaft can be squeezed so tightly that the hair can no longer breath, and it dies and falls out. If this tension is continued , and the scalp is not relaxed , then the follicle remains so tight that the new hair cannot grow through. The result is baldness. The female baldness has been on the increase ever since women have begun entering the "business world" with all its tensions and frustrations. We are not aware of baldness in women because women's wigs are so natural and attractive. Tension is not being strong. Tension is weakness. It would be good for us to relax our bodies more, and many of us need to relax our scalps too.	I am at peace and comfortable in every area of my life. I am strong and capable. Try it now. Tell your scalp to relax, and feel if there is a difference. If you notice that your scalp visibly relaxed, then I would suggest you do this little exercise often.
Arthritis	Feeling unloved. Criticism. Resentment. Arthritis is a disease that comes from a constant pattern of criticism. First of all, criticism of the self, and then criticism of other people. Arthritic people often attract a lot of criticism because it is their pattern to criticize. They are cursed with "perfectionism" the need to be perfect at all times in every situation.	I am love. I now choose to love and approve of myself. I see others with love.
Tumors	Nursing old hurts and shocks. Building remorse. Tumors are false growths. An oyster takes a tiny grain of sand and to protect itself, grows a hard and shiny shell around it. We call it a pearl and think it is beautiful. We take on old hurt and nurse it and keep pulling the scab off it, and in time we have a tumor. I call this running the old movie. I believe the reason women have so many tumors in the uterus area is that they take an emotional hurt, a blow to their femininity, and nurse it. I call this the "He done me wrong" syndrome. Just because a relationship ends does not mean there is something wrong with us, nor does it lesson our self-worth. It is not what happens, it is how we react to it. We are each responsible for all our experiences.	I lovingly release the past and turn my attention to this new day. All is well.

Part -3 is the continuation of part -1 & 2. in order to understand part -3 meaningful way , you need to understand the back ground of part-1.



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Christmas Festival

Christmas is a big festival celebrated by the people in the winter season. Everybody enjoys the cultural holiday on this day. People celebrate this festival with great enthusiasm and a lot of preparations and decorations. It is celebrated every year on 25th December. It is known as the feast day of Christ and is celebrated in the honor of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a day of great significance for Christians.

It is a festival of joy and happiness which commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. People brightly lit up their homes and churches symbolizing Christ who triumphed over the darkness of sin and spread light in the world.

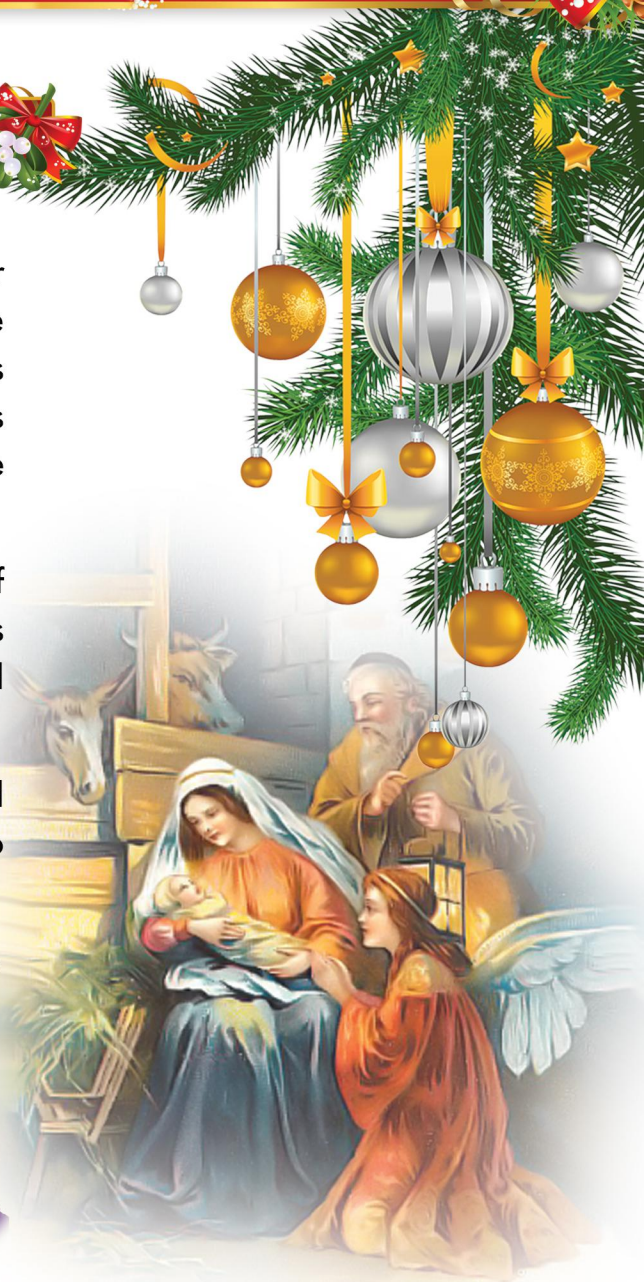
On this occasion, every green tree is used as a x-mas tree and decorated with ornaments, tensils, and gifts. On Christmas, people go to church at midnight & offer prayer to Christ Jesus.

People dressed up in Santa Claus costumes and distribute gifts to the children. Christmas festival is to promote happiness, prosperity and brotherhood with friends. The celebration of Christmas in the Holy Vatican city is very mesmerizing and refreshing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR -2023



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History Of Santa Claus

Santa Claus – otherwise known as Saint Nicholas or Kris Kringle – has a long History steeped in Christmas Traditions.

Today, he is thought of mainly as the jolly man in red who brings Toys to children on Christmas Eve, but his story stretches all the back to the 3rd century, when Saint Nicholas walked the Earth and became the Patron Saint of children.

The Legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a Monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around A.D. 208 in Patora, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas become the subject of many Legends. He gave away all of his inherited wealth and travelled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the



best-known St. Nicholas stories is about the time he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married.

Over many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His Feast Day is celebrated on the Anniversary of his Death, December 6th. This was traditionally considered a lucky date to make large purchases or get married. By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular Saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of Saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

St. Nicholas made his first inroads into American Popular Culture towards the end of the 18th century. In December 1773, and again in 1774, a New York Newspaper reported that groups of Dutch families had gathered to honour the anniversary of his death.

The Name Santa Claus evolved from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinister Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nicholas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas). In 1804, John Pintard, a New York Historical Society member, distributed Woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the Society's annual meeting. The background of the engraving now contains popular now Santa Claus images including stockings filled with toys and fruits hung over a Fireplace.



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ಬಾಲ ಯೇಸು

ದೇವರ ಏಕೈಕ ಪುತ್ರರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುಯೇಸು ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮರಿಯಳ ಮಗನಾಗಿ ಬೆತ್ಲೆಹೆಮಿನ ನಜರೆತ್ ಎಂಬ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದನದ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದರು. ಯೇಸು ಜನಿಸಿದ್ದು ಪವಿತ್ರ ಆತ್ಮರ ಪ್ರಭಾವದಿಂದಲೇ "ಯೇಸು" ಎಂದರೆ ಪಾಪಗಳಿಂದ ರಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ಉದ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡುವವನು ಎಂದರ್ಥ. ದೇವದೂತರ ಸಂದೇಶದಂತೆ

“ಇಮ್ಮಾನುವೆಲ್” ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರು ಯೇಸು ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದೆ. “ಇಮ್ಮಾನುವೆಲ್” ಎಂದರೆ ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮೊಡನೆ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದರ್ಥ.

ಯೇಸುವಿನ ಜನನ ಆಗಿರುವುದು ಹೆರೋದ ಅರಸನ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷ್ಯಗಳು ಜೆರುಜಲೇಮಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ಯಹೂದ್ಯರ ಅರಸ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲವೇ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿದರು. ಅವರನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸುವ ನಕ್ಷತ್ರ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಉದಯಿಸಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಅವರನ್ನು ಆರಾಧಿಸಲು ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದರು. ಇದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ ಹೆರೋದನು ತಳಮಳಗೊಂಡನು. ಜೆರುಜಲೇಮಿಗೆ ತಾನೇ ರಾಜನಾಗಿರುವಾಗ ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬ ರಾಜ ಹುಟ್ಟುವುದಾದರೂ ಹೇಗೆ? ಹುಟ್ಟುವಾಗಲೇ ಅರಸನಾಗಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದರು ಯೇಸು ಇಡೀ ಜಗತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಯೇಸು ಜನಿಸುವ ಮೊದಲೇ ದೇವರು ಪ್ರವಾದಿಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪ್ರವಾದನೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಹೆರೋದ ಅರಸನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾರ್ಥ ತುಂಬಿರುವ ಕಾರಣ ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷ್ಯಯರಿಗೆ ಆತ ನುಡಿದ ನೀವು ಹೋಗಿ ಮಗುವಿನ ಜನನದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಿರಿ ಕಂಡಕೂಡಲೇ ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರಿ. ನಾನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಆರಾಧಿಸಬೇಕು. ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷ್ಯಗಳು ಅರಸನ ಮಾತಿಗೆ ತಲೆಬಾಗಿ ಹೊರಟರು. ನಕ್ಷತ್ರವನ್ನು ಹಿಂಬಾಲಿಸಿದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷ್ಯಗಳು ತಾಯಿ ಮರಿಯಳ ಬಳಿ ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಸಾಷ್ಟಾಂಗವಾಗಿ ಆರಾಧಿಸಿದರು ತಾವು ತಂದಿರುವ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಕಾಣಿಕೆಗಳಾದ ಚಿನ್ನ, ಪರಿಣಾಮಕ ದ್ರವ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ರಕ್ತ ಬೋಳ, ಮಗುವಿನ ಪಾದ ಕಾಣಿಕೆಯಾಗಿ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಿದರು.

ಹೆರೋದ ಅರಸನ ಬಳಿಗೆ ಮರಳಿ ಹೋಗದಂತೆ ಕನಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆಜ್ಞಾಪಿಸಿದರು. ಆದ ಕಾರಣ ಅವರು ಬೇರೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಊರಿಗೆ ತೆರಳಿದರು.

ದೇವರು ಜೋಸೆಫನ ಕನಸಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾಣಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೆರೋದನ ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಕೊಲ್ಲಲು ಹವಣಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಮಗುವನ್ನು ತಾಯಿಯನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನೀನು ಇಜಿಪ್ಟ್ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗು ನಾನು ಪುನಃ ಹೇಳುವ ತನಕ ನೀನು ಈ ಊರಿಗೆ ಬರಬೇಡ. ಜೋಸೆಫನು ಕೂಡಲೇ ಎದ್ದು ಮಗುವನ್ನು ತಾಯಿಯನ್ನು ರಾತ್ರಿ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಇಜಿಪ್ಟ್ಗೆ ತೆರಳಿದನು.

ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷಿಗಳಿಂದ ತಾನು ವಂಚಿತನಾದೆ ಎಂದು ಅರಿತ ಹೆರೋದ ಅರಸ ಕೋಪದಿಂದ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದ ಮೀರಿದ ಎಲ್ಲ ಗಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಕೊಲ್ಲುವಂತೆ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ ಎಲ್ಲ ಗಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಕೊಂದು ಹಾಕಿದ. ಹೆರೋದ ಅರಸ ಸಾವನ್ನಪ್ಪಿದ ನಂತರ ಜೋಸೆಫನಿಗೆ ಮರಳಿ ಮಗುವಿಗೆ ತಾಯಿ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬರುವಂತೆ ದೇವರು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ. ಯೇಸು 'ಜರೇತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕಾರಣ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನಜರೆತನವೆಂದು ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯಲ್ಪಟ್ಟರು.



ಯೇಸು ಜನಿಸಿದ ಉದ್ದೇಶವೊಂದೇ ಮಾನವ ಕುಲಕ್ಕೆ ಶಾಂತಿ ಸಮಾಧಾನದಿಂದ ಬಾಳಲು ಒಬ್ಬರೊನ್ನೊಬ್ಬರು ಪ್ರೀತಿಸಿ ಸ್ನೇಹದಿಂದ ಜೀವಿಸಲು ನಾವು ಯಾರು ಶತ್ರುಗಳಲ್ಲ ಏಕ ದೇವರ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಎಂಬುವುದನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಬದುಕಿನ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಾರಿದರು. ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ಬಾಳುವುದೇ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಯಾದ ಜೀವನ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಿದರು. ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತ ಜಯಂತಿ ಎಂದರೆ ಕೇವಲ ಸಿಹಿ ಕಷ್ಟಾಯ ಹಂಚುವುದಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರೀತಿ , ಮಮತೆ, ಶಾಂತಿ,ನಮ್ಮದಿ,ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ,ಭರವಸೆ ಹಂಚುವ ತಮ್ಮ ಜನನ ಎಂದು ಇಡೀ ಜಗತ್ತಿಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಏಕೈಕ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತನೆಂದರೆ ಯೇಸು.

ಶುಭವಾಗಲಿ

ಧೀ: ಒಜ್ಜುತಿಖಿ ಂಟಜಜಜಿ

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The Education Sector



“Reformation is another name for transformation. it is a sign of development.” So, is education in India slowly and steadily truly reforming society? The education system in India has seen rapid changes in the last decade. The emergence of blended learning, online classes and experiential learning has changed, how students interact with educational content.

There has been a dramatic shift in the education ecosystem as a whole, and now online education and blended classes have become a norm at all levels of education. Experiential and project-based learning is the need of the hour. These changes have impacted India’s education system. The new education policy 2020 has made specific policy inputs to make online education a part of all education efforts in the country.

Changes in the education system in the last decade.

1. Chalkboards replaced by a smart screen

Remember when the teachers would write all the critical notes on the blackboard and rub them for the next topic, within a decade there has been a dramatic shift from blackboard to SmartScreen. This has attracted the student’s community to learn effectively and decreased dropouts.

2. Online classes

online classes started with the adoption of technology and showed how online education can be effective tool to personalize education and at the same time resolves the issue of delivery of quality education to the masses.

3. Free availability of content

one of the significant changes that took place in the last decade is the free availability of content. Various YouTube channels have come up with free content for all the courses. No one should be deprived of basic education and so all of our educational content is free for all. The Minister of Education NCERT, CBSE and other government bodies have made educational content available free for all to access.

4. Short-term skill-based online courses

This is again a significant change where top educational institutes are using the online medium to provide skill-based online courses at the fraction of the cost that was charged earlier also the market is recognizing these skills and helping students to take up these skill-based courses and become a part of job market.

5. Experiential and project-based learning

The experiential and project-based approach has become an important part of the curriculum. At the university level internship has been made mandatory in almost all the occasional and professional courses.



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World Soil Day also highlight the growing problem due to population expansion. Therefore, it is necessary to take a step to reduce soil erosion and maintain fertility so that food safety can be ensured.

Soil is made up of different proportions of minerals, organic matter, and air. It is important for life as it provides the medium for the growth of a plant, a habitat for several insects and other organisms. It also acts as a filtration system for surface water and in the maintenance of atmospheric gases. It is the source of four essential 'living' factors including food, clothes, shelter, and medicine. Therefore, the conservation of soil is necessary. So, to raise awareness about soil loss, World Soil Day is celebrated on 5 December.

World Soil Day: History

In 2002, the International Union of Soil Sciences recommended celebrating World Soil Day annually on 5 December. Also, FAO supported the formal establishment of World Soil Day as a global awareness-raising platform under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand and within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership. The conference of FAO unanimously endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013 and requested its official adoption at the 68th UN



General Assembly. In December 2013, UN General Assembly at the 68th session declared 5 December as World Soil Day. The first World Soil Day was celebrated on 5 December 2014.

Do you know why is 5 December chosen as World Soil Day?

Because this date corresponds to the birthday of the late H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand. He was one of the main proponents of this initiative.

What is Soil Conservation and its methods?

Soil conservation is the method to preserve soil. Several reasons for the loss in soil fertility include over-use, erosion, salinisation and chemical contamination. Soil erosion is when topsoil is removed which is important for nutrients, and micro-organisms that are necessary for plant growth and its shine. Let us tell you that soil conservation is one such step that protects the soil from being washed away. There are various ways to conserve the soil.



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And Happy New Year!