



# Road rage

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Three persons including a class XII student of a renowned private school, who is said to be the son of a well known businessman; his private bodyguard, Anil Kumar and driver RP Pandey were involved in shooting a man in Gurgaon, when he refused to let their car overtake his. The incident occurred when an Indica and a BMW began to race each other. The driver of the BMW repeatedly honked asking for a pass. Finally he overtook the Indica and forced its driver Vikram Singh to stop. Soon the class XII student and his private guard got down from their car and started thrashing the Indica driver. The body guard shot

thrice at Vikram from his pistol but missed the target. According to the student, he was sitting in the car when the fight erupted. Soon drivers from a nearby taxi stand gathered and started stoning the BMW. The bodyguard Anil Kumar shot in the air and then at the Indica. He said that he did not want to kill anybody but fired only to scare the enraged lot. A criminal case has been registered against the trio. The bodyguard has been booked for misuse of firearm under Indian Arms Act.

The increasing incidents of this kind, forces us to ponder on the nation's future? If the youth today are so impatient, the nation is in trouble. The youth are becoming more and more intolerant nowadays.

Vaibhavi Thakur of AIS Gur-46

opines, "This incident reflects the hopeless law and order scenario of the national capital region of India. The hooligans go scot free through their political and money power. Public, at large, should at least not allow such daylight crimes to happen and must protect the interest and rights of all fellow citizens." Aastha Sareen of AIS Gur-46 agrees that the boys shouldn't have acted in such a reckless manner. Lamenting the failure of the government machinery, she questions, "What were the traffic policemen doing? If they were not there, then the government should take strict action against them. The rules should be enforced strictly."

Its high time people learnt to control their rage on the road. ●

## Transforming aggression into compassion

Vira Sharma

The road rage cited alongside needs to be viewed deeply before dismissing it as just another case of rash driving. According to a study (2008), Delhi/NCR reported 7548 lives claimed in road accidents and road rage. The National figure amounted to 1,50,000. And if that is to be converted to daily figures, road rage and aggression claims one victim every 6 minutes. We all experience it and yet we do not do anything about it. Who should be held responsible? Vipin Suri, father of Aryan (III A), a student of AIS Noida, believed that the constant increase in the accidents on

scious cycle which comes back to us. So the community Road Pe Rahi Bhai Bhai was born out of a strong stand to spare our fellow travelers from the pain of losing their family members in the road rage prevalent."

The modus operandi followed is simple and effective – holding talks in corporate communities, RWA's, Taxi stands, schools, colleges as well as through newspapers, Radio and TV channels. Besides, they also invite people to volunteer and carry the message through a special sticker designed by them on their vehicle saying 'Road Pe Raahi Bhai Bhai.' By spreading this message around, Vipin is convinced of transforming aggression into

### Road Pe Raahi Bhai Bhai

the roads could not be attributed to the mere failure of the government machinery. "We keep talking of terrorists claiming the lives of people sitting in our drawing room comforts. If I continue to sit on the chair and watch one person dying every 6 minutes in road accident, I am a bigger terrorist," argues Vipin. It was this concern that gave rise to the establishment of the NGO 'Road Pe Raahi Bhai Bhai'.

Says Vipin, "Studies have confirmed that 95% of road accidents are caused due to human error which could have been easily averted. They happen because we are not bothered about the other person on the road who could also be 'one of our family.' It is a vi-

compassion. He calls it a small wonder on your vehicle which creates big effects and saves lives. He explains, "Don't you bow every time you cross a temple? The sticker has the same effect. Every time you read it, the message of responsibility registers in your mind. And as time passes, the aggression gets converted into compassion." A successful businessman, Vipin draws his strength from the accounts of people narrating how their effort not only helped them resolve fights on roads but also improve the soured relationships at home. That's the reward which keeps the *bhai* on road continue making more *bhais* on the road.

Join the effort. ●



## The Last Plea

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An ode to 14 year old Arushi who was brutally murdered in her own house on 16th May 2008; it's a year hence and the culprit is still at

large. Who is to blame?

Days I wake up in the mornings,  
Wonder if I'll see the next light,  
Happiness and sadness life brings,  
Friends all smiling, are in my sight.  
Tell me papa, did you leave me?  
Tell my God, did you believe me?  
Sorry baby, I failed to save you,  
It was me, who didn't believe you,  
Let me drink this poison for you,  
Poison is my pain, I'll drink it for you,  
Little bunny please do forgive me,  
Don't you close your eyes,  
my baby,  
High will fly your soul tonight.  
I said, NO one can save you,  
I know, your soul won't be free,  
Don't you run little bunny,  
Close your eyes,  
Don't you see my blade,  
on your neck sliding with glee.  
Goodbye mother, Goodbye father,  
I hope you had listened to me,  
My dreams and my prayers,  
are all gone forever,  
along with me.

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Shoes are being used not just as an accessory to protect the feet, but also to 'express' our views. It all started with shoe-attack on George Bush by Muntazer al-Zaidi last December. Chinese PM Wen Jiabo had a shoe hurled at him by a German student at Cambridge in February. In March, the Iranian President, Ahmadinejad was targeted during a motorcade procession in Urumiye. On March 21, a sandal was hurled at SC judge, Arijit Pasayat in court. And most recently, a shoe chucked at P. Chidambaram by a journalist Jarnail Singh and the latest being hurled at L K Advani and PM Manmohan Singh.

## New medium to protest: Shoes



After lobbying his shoe towards the minister, Jarnail made no attempt to escape. Having 'registered' his protest, he sat down calmly, and seemed ready to con-

tinue taking down further notes.

The minister just raised his hand to protect himself, but regained his composure when he saw the footwear sail by. Jarnail was heard saying, "I do not think it (throwing the shoe) was the right way but the issue (the 1984 riots) was right." While its still debatable, Archit Bansal (IX-A) AIS-46 comments, "Jarnail was absolutely right in doing so. One must keep in mind the suffering he or his relatives might have gone through." However Sushant Raghav (IX-C) AIS-46 condemns the act, "I do not think Jarnail was right in doing so because, to live in a society, one has to stay within limits. That limit was crossed by him. Strict disciplinary action should be initiated against him." ●

## Election Gimmicks

Bhuvan Ravindran, IX-J  
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Unveiling his manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls, Samajwadi supremo, Mulayam Singh Yadav vowed action against English medium education and the use of computers if voted to power. Later, clarifying the party's stand, he said that he was not against the use of computers and teaching of English in schools, but concerned about their accessibility to the unemployed rural poor of the country who cannot afford both.

Comments Anantdeep Singh, Class XI, AIS,

Noida: "Some may call it a manifesto. But most identify it as a joke. In this era of rampant globalisation and the dire need to keep pace with a fast moving world, the proposal to 'ban' computers and English only sheds poor light on the bird-sized vision of Samajwadi Party."

Avers Kanchan Joneja, IX, AIS, Noida: "To make English an optional language in schools, specially in rural areas, would lead to differences in a nation with a diverse social and cultural fabric. Again, to restrict the use of computers and agricultural machines which have contributed to India's development on the global front would undoubtedly make Indians look retrogressive, not progressive. So much for election gimmicks! ●

## Pledge



Let's all take a pledge of driving in the space of brotherhood on our roads and carry the message in our head and stickers on our cars, saying 'ROAD PE RAAHI Bhai Bhai' to convert our roads into peace zones, so that none of us loses our dear ones. To get stickers: Sms BHAI name & Address to 59994.

