

SPIRITUAL POLITICS

-Tiara Warjari, XII

The argument around spiritual politics that spirituality and religion must be separated from the public and political sphere, is one we can call a musty bygone. Spirituality has come a long way in molding the societal and political form of a state; it would be funny to think we can separate religion from politics when religion too is a social institution. For a lot of people religious faith becomes a surrogate for morality. While many don't believe you have to be religious to be moral most would agree that you would have a slightly better shot at it if you are religious. We love it when religious traditions engage on our side of politics but find it skirting the unthinkable when they are on the other side. In a pluralistic country we begin to develop conflict when people assume that religious sentiments alone suffice in a secular Democratic public sphere. Setting spiritual politics as a target cannot be ridiculed as an impossible goal or an utopian view. Joe Biden is very much in the wing of Catholicism which we describe as "social justice Catholics." There are Catholics who are strongly opposed to abortion and are in the social justice camp the prime electoral base of Biden. The division within American Catholicism is conspicuous between those who embrace the policies of Pope Francis, and are on the progressive side of the church, and those of the conservatives who remain very critical of him. Many

argue that spiritual politics tend to offend the public when ethics contradicting their belief is applied and imposed on them. In the recent times a tremor of excitement passed through Tamil Nadu when the cult actor Rajnikanth declared that he was considering setting up his own political party on the principles of spiritual politics. Although his age prevented him from putting his idea to test, the viability of the concept has made many reconsider this form of politics. The public may interpret spiritual politics as a step towards anti secularism when in fact it means no harm except to implement ethics in public service. The influence of USA as India's 2nd largest trade partner on its youth through academics and cultural practices cannot be denied nor its interest in India's internal political setup. In the words of the popular American political commentator Mark Shield's words, who believed that in politics, as in religion, the world is divided between those who are heretic hunters and those who are convert seekers. I think therefore that both politics and religion tend to be better off when we privilege convert-seeking over heretic-hunting. This theorizes that human minds like thoughts can be changed and it puts a particular burden on the convert-seeker, to try to understand the person they are seeking to draw into the fold. Politics or spirituality, peace should be the effort and the pursuit.

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KNOW YOUR LAUREATE



Dmitry Muratov- Muratov (aged 59) is a Russian journalist, television presenter and the editor-in-chief of the Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for “efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace.”

Maria Ressa- Ressa (aged 58) is a Filipino-American journalist and author, the co-founder and CEO of Rappler, and spent two decades working as a lead investigative reporter in Southeast Asia. She was also jointly awarded the Peace Prize with Muratov with the same statement issued as recognition. She is the first Filipino Nobel Prize laureate.



Klaus Hasselmann- Aged 89, he is a leading German oceanographer, climate modeler, and is Professor Emeritus at the University of Hamburg. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics jointly with Manabe “for the physical modelling of Earth’s climate and reliably predicting global warming.”

Syukuro Manabe- Manabe is a Japanese-educated American (aged 90) meteorologist and climatologist who pioneered the use of computers to simulate global climate change and natural climate variations. He was awarded the Prize in Physics with Hasselmann.



Benjamin List- List (aged 53) is a German chemist and professor at the University of Cologne. He co-developed organocatalysis, a method of accelerating chemical reactions and making them more efficient. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry with David MacMillan “for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis.”

Giorgio Parisi- Parisi (aged 73) is an Italian theoretical physicist, whose research has focused on quantum field theory, statistical mechanics, and complex systems. He was awarded one half of the Nobel Peace Prize in Physics (along with Manabe and Hasselmann awarded the other half jointly) “for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales.”



David Julius- Julius (aged 65) is an American physiologist who is known for his work on molecular mechanisms of pain sensation and heat, like characterization of receptors of different types of sensations humans get. He was jointly awarded the Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Patapoutian “for discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch.”



Ardem Patapoutian- He is a Lebanese-born American (aged 54) molecular biologist and neuroscientist. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2021 jointly with Julius with the same statement of recognition.

Guido Imbens- Imbens (aged 58) is a Dutch-American economist and is a Professor at Stanford. He was awarded half of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences jointly with Angrist “for the methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.” Essentially, the work of Angrist and Imbens has revolutionized economics and is the reason the subject has moved away from philosophical thinking and theory, more to now an empirical, study-and-evidence-based practical subject.



Joshua Angrist- Angrist (aged 61) is an Israeli-American economist and a Professor at the renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He was awarded the Prize in Economic Sciences with Imbens. Their work of natural experiments in social sciences showed what conclusions about cause and effect can be drawn, revolutionizing how we study economics today.

David Card- Card (aged 65) is a Canadian American labour economist and Professor at the UC Berkeley. While Imbens and Angrist shared one half of the Prize in Economic Sciences, the other half was awarded to Card “for his empirical contributions to labour economics.” His famous experiments include studying minimum wage and its effect on jobs, and the effect of immigration on native jobs; which challenged decades-long notions in economics.



Abdulrazak Gurnah- Gurnah (aged 72) is a novelist and academic born in Zanzibar and now based in the UK. He moved to the UK in the 1960s as a refugee during the Zanzibar Revolution. He is a Professor at the University of Kent. His novels Paradise, Desertion, By the Sea, among others reflect his experiences of being a refugee, and the feeling of being displaced. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature “for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fates of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.”

CAMPUS NEWS

World Mental Health Day:

To celebrate World Mental Health Day on October 10, the Staff met for an Awareness Programme at the WMH on the 9th of Oct. The session was conducted by the SEN Center

Inter House Volleyball Tournament 2021

"The most important contribution of sports in children's life is the enhancement of physical and mental development of children."

The Inter-House Volleyball Competition was held from the October 8th to 9th. The games saw skill, perseverance and grit on the court and after a series of great games Namdang/Subansiri lifted the trophy followed by Bhoroli/Lohit in the second place, Jinari/Manas & Kopili/Dhansiri bagged the third and fourth position respectively.



Upper School Inter-House Football Competition

The Inter-House Football Competition was held from the October 5th to 7th saw the Houses take to the grounds with a fervour and after a series of nail biting matches Kopili- Dhansiri emerged winners.



Invitational Talk:

On the 9th of Oct (Saturday) 2021, on the occasion of Assam Week being celebrated in School, the Department of Mathematics had organised an Invitational Talk by Prof. Khanindra Chandra Chowdhury for the students of Class-5, 6, 7 and 8 over the digital platform.

During the session, Prof Chowdhury spoke about the relation and necessity of Mathematics in everyday life. He also taught the students some interesting tricks for easy and fast calculation. It was an enriching experience as well as entertaining session for all.



THE OUTPOST

The Indian government has stepped up on its foreign policies with S. Jaishanker making a series of visits in the subcontinent while FM Nirmla Sitharaman attends the G20 meet with the World bank. With the death of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, the father of Pakistan's Nuclear Bomb known more famously as the Bomb Man, comes to the fore an era of sabotage, theft and glory of turning Pakistan into the first Islamic nuclear power. The return of Air India to the Tatas is celebrated throughout the country as Homecoming while the question of Vir Savarkar continues to generate a storm.

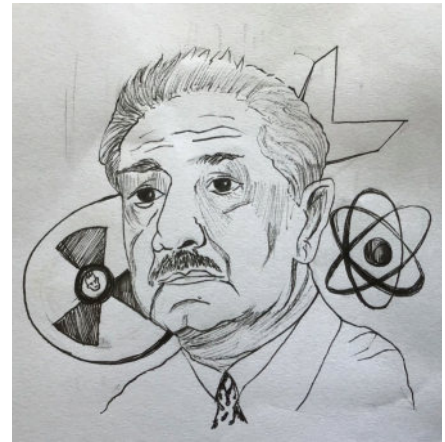


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Happy Puja!



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*Painting mosaics with my
insecurities*

Puzzled with my doubts.

*You see, I'm my strongest
enemy*

*Gun under the table pointing
straight at me*

*A never ending chain of
overthinking and me.*

The Watchlist

Feeling sick and tired of the same four walls at home? Well grab your popcorn and immerse yourself in the world of media, here is a list of some of our suggestions:

The Witches: Based on a Roald Dahl's novel, the movie revolves around a group of witches who are on a mission to wipe out every child from the face of the earth by turning them into mice.

The Theory of Everything: It is a biographical movie that showcases Stephen Hawking's life as he gets diagnosed with ASL and has only two more years to live.

My Neighbor Totoro: It follows the story of two sisters who move in with their father to the countryside where they meet forest spirits. This movies shows what adventures could follow just by the wonders of life.

Aspirants: An engaging web series produced by TVF. It covers about the struggles of UPSC aspirants, importance of people in our life on how a true IAS should be.

Keep It Reel!

All for one. One for all



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