

In quotes

"The important multilateral institutions like FATF must be strengthened so that financing for terror and other illegal activities can be curbed."

- PM Modi at G20 Summit

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AMITE poll

Do you think that changing the names of prominent cities is a right thing to do?

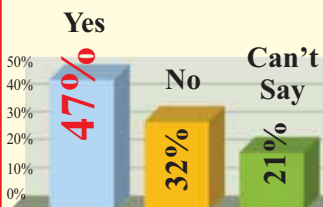
- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Can't say

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Would waiving off the loans of Tamil Nadu farmers be fruitful for Indian economy?



Results as on December 6, 2018

Coming Next

AIMUN is coming!

An abundance of junk

The Time Has Come To Clean Out The Closet Before It Is Too Late

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'Human society sustains itself by transforming nature into garbage.' - Mason Cooley

On rare occasions, we summon courage to embark on a mission to sort through a messy drawer. Inevitably, we end up putting half of the belongings back. These are the objects we may not have even known we owned, yet we feel possessive of them. Honestly, who knows when you might need that neon inflatable pool for toddlers which hasn't seen the light of the day in years? However, the real problem arises when the macrocosm mimics the microcosm. The result is an entire world gradually being inundated in our junk while we turn a blind eye towards the Earth's deteriorating dystopian landscape.

Garbage patch of the Great Pacific

Also described as the Pacific trash vortex, this galaxy of garbage stretches across 1.6 million sq km of North Pacific Ocean, forming a floating junkyard about three times the size of France. If you've never heard of it, then you've probably been sucked into it. Tens of thousands of tonnes of generated plastics, from rubber duckies to Nike sneakers, form the marine debris. This isn't even the only one:



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there are similar vortexes in Indian and Atlantic oceans that have contributed to the disappearance of half the marine life over the last 40 years.

A little dent to our cars is enough for us to rage fury, but what about when we ravage homes of millions of aquatic creatures for our own gains. Is that truly justified? It's time we contemplate.

A traffic jam of speeding space junk

In 2017, India launched a single rocket which put 104 smaller rockets in space. Thousands of small crafts are being launched into a narrow band of space around Earth, where they are

coupled with other objects like wreckage and discarded rocket parts, leading to a celestial traffic jam. Hurling around the earth at up to 17,000 miles per hour, 20,000+ human-made objects could crash and ruin equipments used to run phones, national security, weather forecasting, as well as our dearly beloved International Space Station.

We scream in frustration at the thought of traffic jams, and yet we are inducing a similar one in space. Is this the mark humanity would like to leave on the grand vastness of the universe? Think.

Unimportant emotions on the internet

In 2010, the Library of Congress in USA started archiving every public tweet posted to Twitter to document 21st century culture and conversations. Fortunately, they gave up their project—narrowing down to only 'significant tweets' in 2017— as an epiphany dawned on them: most of Twitter is, to put it crudely, junk. The same can be argued about most of the Internet. So much effort for something that will eventually go waste. Is pressing 'like' on Facebook 4 million times a minute truly the best utilisation of our limited time and energy? It's time to press pause and ponder.

Once you realise the consequences of unthinking human actions, you may ask, 'What do I do now?' Although you can't transform humanity singlehandedly, there are certain things you can do to save this macrocosm called earth. You can always not buy that thing you don't need and not throw that thing where you know you shouldn't. And if you really can't transform your thinking, blame your genes: 75 per cent of human DNA has been proven useless junk after all!

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The Aphorisms Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai Swears To Live By

Tripti Rani, ASCO, AUUP

Popularly known as Chanakya of management, a motivational speaker, trainer, author and consultant, there is nothing about the business world that has evaded the eye of Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai, Deputy Director, Masters in Leadership Science, University of Mumbai and Founder-Director, Chanakya Institute of Public leadership. He has more than 200

Award. During his visit to AUUP as a panelist on the occasion of Lit-O-Fest, he shared the various aphorisms of his take on *Chanakyaneeeti* that made him successful.

Aphorism #1: "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may."

People are always running after one thing or another, so much so that their entire life becomes a race. When they are young, they have their heart set on one thing; when they grow up, they have their heart set on another thing, and they are constantly running towards it. But what is all of that worth when you have never stopped to spend time with your loved ones? I think people need to remember that whilst it is good to have ambitions, they need not forget the things that truly matter. For me, success means living a content life with my family.

Aphorism #2: "Take the bitter with the sweet."

Modern world has an abundance of resources, and that comes with negative as well as positive aspects. Even in education sector, the student-teacher dynamic we see today is different from what it used to be. The



Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai with GT reporter

availability of internet has made students rely more on it rather than their teachers. But these new resources have also created a million opportunities. The education sector now offers courses that you could not even dream of in the past. People now learn directly from internet, and it helps the ones who cannot afford school.

Aphorism #3: "Know thyself, at the first place"

In life, there is not much you can achieve if you don't achieve self-knowledge first. You should know what you want and only then can you turn your dream into reality. If you

don't know yourself, or are not completely devoted to what you want, you will never achieve it. Today's generation stays in a state of flux. They never want to settle down; they are always running from one place to another, whether it is regarding where they live or where they work. The students today need to be more sincere and research-oriented to expand their horizons. You cannot just sit in a classroom, taking notes and call that real education. You have to go out on your own, ask relevant questions and then look for answers. Know yourself and that is the only way you can seek knowledge about this world.



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