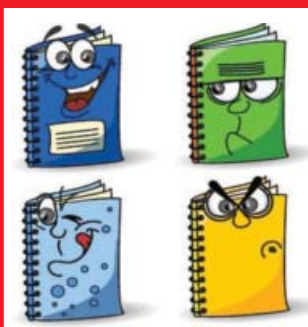


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— Miki Schmidt, Coastal Officer, NOAA, United States of America

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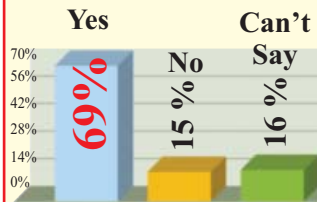
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We're out of SPACE

The World Lacks Land But Worry Not! We Have Found The Solution

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As the millennial shouts "I need space", it seems to be the 'it' thing that we have run out of. Starting with bungalows and forests, all that is in our palms now are apartments and tiny lawns. But where to go from here? The humans have the answer even though they are the ones who have created the problem.

Love per square foot

Before: 21st century: an era with a billion people and not enough houses. From East to West, everyone seems to be struggling. US states like Detroit, Boston and New York are already full. In Vancouver, the worth of houses are 11 times the income, whereas prices in Britain have soared to 8 times due to lack of land. As Hong Kong deals with living in subdivided apartments, some as small as 28 sq. ft., Mumbai has already gotten used to sky-rocketing prices of *chawls*, which have moved from being INR 20 to 20,000 in the last 90 years.

After: Say *bonjour* to the future of urban homes: micro apartments. Categorized to be contained in less than 400 sq. ft., they are designed to inject efficiency in ultra-small living spaces where a coffee table can function as a desk, a shelf, a dining table and so much more.

As this new way of living emerges, the threat of this micro apartment turning into a match-

box flat hangs over every head.

Gone with the wind

Before: When we can't even accommodate the living, how will we deal with the dead? Delhi Minorities Commission has declared that the capital will run out of burial space for Muslims by end of 2019 and the doomsday for Christians isn't far away. Amongst 704 Muslim graveyards, only 131 are operational and amongst the 12 functioning Christian cemeteries, only 5 are open to all. Hong Kong's government run cemeteries have waiting lists lasting years.

After: If the land fails to come to aid, worry not! Companies like The Living Urn provide you with a chance to bury the ashes with a seed to plant a tree in their name. Or, with the help of Promessa, you can transform the body into a fertiliser for plants. If you think they were out of this world, make space their final resting place with Celestis's help, a US company that does memorial space trips to sprinkle the ashes of the deceased there.

As we come up with newer ways to say the final goodbye, the rituals of the past, carried forward by generations, seem to be blurring out of the picture.

Life on the road

Before: Honks seem to be the only thing left to life. As cars move on from being a luxury to a necessity, the world

doesn't know where to put them. Cities like San Francisco have recorded an 80% increase in traffic since 2010, whereas Minnesota expects its roads to be 30% jammed in the next 10 years. In Delhi, around 400 new cars are registered everyday and the parking spaces take up 14% of the roads. A study by Boston Consulting Group has revealed that congestion in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata costs the economy INR 1.47 lakh crore annually.

After: Technology, yet again, comes out as the knight in the shining armour. Research in the fields of vehicle-to-vehicle technology and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology may create ways where a car could communicate to nearby elements. Adaptive traffic signals and automatic cars have also made it easy to stay

behind the wheel. And if you want to travel without the hassle of driving, apps like Ola and Uber have changed the way we go from one place to another. As we pick out smarter ways of honking, the scrunch for roads seem to have left no street to freely walk on.

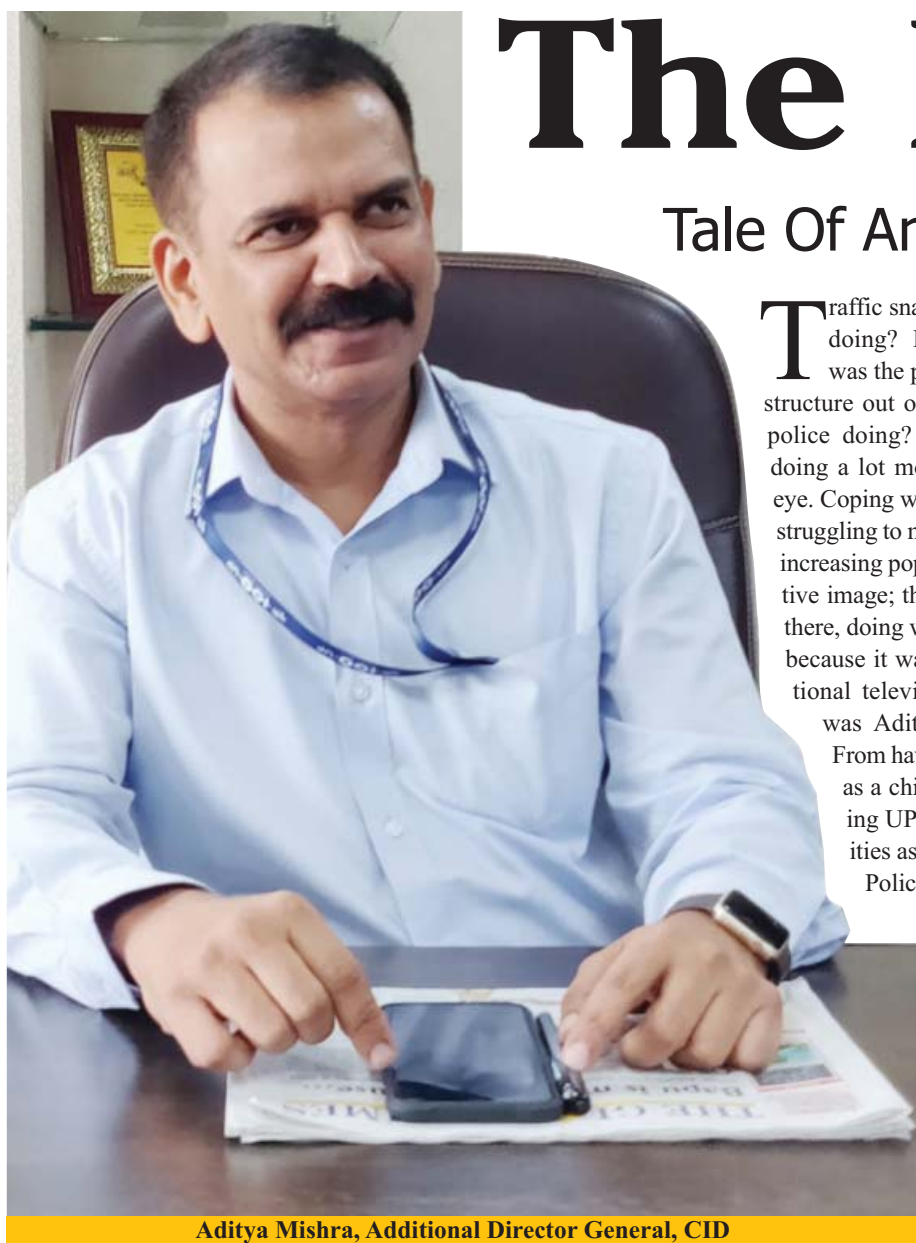
Humans, donning on their precious Einstein hats, seem to have an answer to every problem we could ever face, yet not a single one of them realized that the solution lies not in expanding our brains but in shrinking our needs. **GT**



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The khaki story...

Tale Of An Organisation That Is For The Common People



Aditya Mishra, Additional Director General, CID

Traffic snarls. What was the police doing? Increased crime? What was the police doing? State infrastructure out of control. What was the police doing? A lot. The police was doing a lot more than it ever met the eye. Coping with their own challenges, struggling to meet the needs of an ever-increasing population, fighting a negative image; the police was always out there, doing work that went unnoticed because it wasn't broadcasted on national television, and leading them was Aditya Mishra, ADG CID. From having worked with the UN as a chief police officer to serving UP Police in various capacities as an instructor at National Police Academy, and DIG and IG at Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal, Aditya Mishra has done everything possible to ensure the country's safety and security. In an exclusive interview with The Global Times, he narrates his story in its full glory.

On being a police officer

Having been in the police for almost 30 years, how has your journey been so far?

In every government service, the journey is almost the same: you start at a specific post and, after regular promotions, end up at a higher one. In Indian Police Service, the first post is of Assistant Superintendent of Police, then Superintendent of Police and from then on you grow. So far, my journey has been great. Even after negative interactions, I knew, at the end of the day, what I was doing was for the betterment of our society. Police is one service that is directed towards helping people in distress, and that feeling is great.

Have you ever had to encounter failure in your journey? How did you deal with it?

Failure is an inevitable part of life, a part that should never discourage you from trying new things. It makes you wiser and smarter. Whether you achieve success or failure, you should always look at it like a life experience, an event that can teach you. Success teaches you to stay humble and failure teaches you to try harder. Even when I had to face failure, I took it as a lesson, a way to learn more and more and to improve myself. I am glad for the experiences I have had because they have taught me all that I know.

On Dial 100

What is the story behind '100'?

Many years ago, the Department of Telecom introduced a simple helpline number which was free of charge to dial. It was an unmetered, easy-to-remember number which made it popular and since then, everyone has been using it as the ultimate helpline number. But the sad reality is that it will soon phase out. With more and more people traveling abroad, the need of the hour is an international helpline number that can be operated in every country of the world, which gave birth to '112'. Over the next few years, India, too, will make a shift from 100 to 112.

How does Dial 100 work?

Dial 100 works at three different levels. At the first exchange level, we receive around 20 lakh calls which are mostly made out of curiosity. At the second level, the person calling is asked to dial a number to continue the call. So, out of these 20 lakh calls, only about 2 lakh calls get through, most of which are made for general enquiries, resulting in around 20,000 calls that we actually have to respond to and register in our database with the details and the recorded conversation between the caller and our team.

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