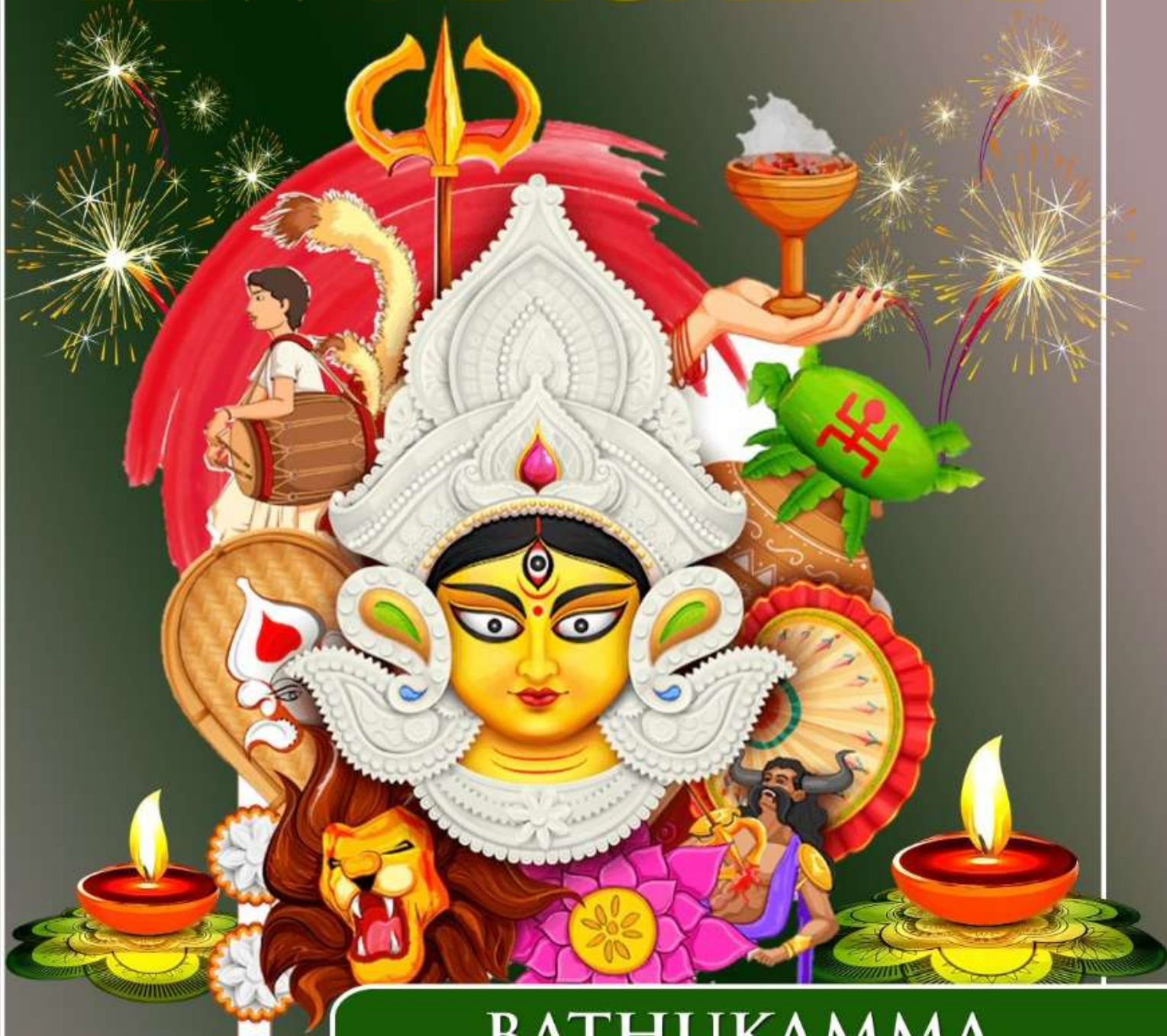


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Message from the CEO



Srihari Kommineni
Founder & CEO - KIW Entertainments

We are rebranding! With fresh looks, fresh content and fresh energy to grow and succeed, Me World is rebranding herself.

With the vibrant colors in our logo, we are embracing a greater change to grow. We have made it our purpose to grow with intention as individuals and as a team. Individually and as a team, we're committed to growing with intention. Those changes and a strong sense of kinship in our team make us feel empowered. We're confident that our team of like-minded, determined professionals will continue to help our customers and ourselves succeed in our industry, and in our individual fields of expertise.

The change appears to be significant. However, we are confident that our core beliefs have not changed at all. The values we hold dear, the investors we represent, and our core philosophy remain unwavering.

In the spirit of rebranding, we will continue to commit to our customers and provide the same, or better, level of professionalism you have experienced and we'd like to take the opportunity to thank our loyal customers and business partners for your trust and friendship in business.

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The Editor in Chief interacts...

**Change is a
journey,
and
few journeys
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to plan.
-Sukruti**

Dear readers,

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome you to the brand new KIW Magazine as we start a fresh journey from ME Magazine to KIW Magazine. This year brings about changes, as our rebranding journey is on. Change is inevitable. Change comes in many forms, but leaving behind what we know and are used to is almost always stressful, even if we've made the change ourselves.

We hope you will still be loyal readers and will welcome the changes to come, and are so thankful you are here reading now.

Change is a journey, and few journeys go according to plan. To make the change happen, one must generate the ownership and energy to execute the plan and change it on the fly.

The renewed team of KIW WORLD is all pumped up with energy, to go and win the world. What has defined us - Focused, Growth, Agile, Principled, Technological, Cutting edge technologies, Visionary, Contemporary; Our definitions have not changed and the same will continue to define the core values of us - our team & our working professional family!

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We have the flexibility to transform when necessary and to demonstrate our youthful exuberance and our determination to be a leader in the industry. We will be able to remain dynamic, competitive, innovative, and innovative and we look forward to grow, with you all. This rebranding is an example of it!

You would be noticing that our branding, signs, and promotional materials will be changing in the weeks to come, and we would love to hear what you think. But what we give our investors is: Hope, Success, Happiness, and Assurance.

In this brand new edition of the magazine, you will find every page exciting, with a variety of articles. Write poetry? KIW Magazine is for you! Have a hot take on a current issue?

KIW Magazine! Interesting business / Success journey? KIW World! Whatever it may be, we hope you find your creative (or serious) niche with us.

If you have any thoughts, requests, or compliments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Sukruti Narayanan
Editor in chief.





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Let us tread her Success Story's journey with Sukruti! Bhuvaneshwari is a technophile and IT Blogger, who meticulously and picturesquely depicts the events that inspires and influences her. Since 2009, she blogs at <https://installjournal.blogspot.in/>, about the tools & technologies that she has mastered and offlate in <https://dev.to/bhuvanash>. She has won many international awards like AWS re:Invent UG leader diversity scholarship, #WomenOfInfor, WS Community Hero, Spotlight on Infor Women, AWS DevTools Hero, AWS hero of the year 2022, AWS Ambassador, AWS Rockstar of Infor, and so on in an international platform.

1. From a graduate in Computer Science to Masters in Business administration to a renowned AWS Hero to an international women! What was the SPARK that made you do ALL these?

I am just a mediocre woman trying to balance between work and family, alongside Unlearning-Learning-Sharing. My association with AWS Community was the base for taking my enthusiasm for speaking to the worldwide tech events & transforming technical expertise into tech blogs, further gave a platform for organizing and hosting AWS cloud conferences which lead to the first honorary recognition from AWS in 2019 and journey continued uphill. My employer, Infor and VP - Vynessa Alexander also have been very encouraging and quite supportive for being part of the tech community.

2. The society, where you had been brought up, has its own merits and demerits. One of the major setbacks is that society has not been very appreciative of women achievers. Yet, you have gone ahead and achieved and created your own identity. How do you see this as?

So true that many things in life have to be taken with a grain of salt. Workplace and the AWS Cloud Community gave me the freedom to uphold my individuality without compromising the originality, which helped me to create an identity despite several glorious success and few devastating failures.

Looking back gives me an eternal bliss, self-contentment & pride. My hearty thanks

- who had lit the lamp of consciousness in me;
- who had enabled me to embrace the external competencies,
- who are the sole reason for what I am today.



3. You would have met 1000's of women Globally through your inspiring initiative. What are the 5 strengths of women that you Observed almost in ALL woman?

Meeting people from various walks of lives, vaarious parts of the globe is the exciting part. I get to learn a lot from those whom I meet. Some of the strengths that amaze me are

- a. Master in Multi-tasking
- b. Strong determination
- c. High degree of confidence
- d. Consistent delivery with commitment
- e. Compassionate at heart with clarity in thought

4. Also, what are the key areas that a Woman falls short from becoming a Superhuman? What are the Lessons learnt the hard way in your Life? Can you share it with our Audience?

Women are always trained or socially cultured to do things they are told so. They face a lot of low self-esteem often. I also see a lot of hesitation to seek help from the right people. Remember, it is okay to seek help. And, remember, women must learn to lit themselves too, while holding the torch for others. Well talking about some lessons, the one that tops my list is , "Learn to say a NO". Yes need not be an answer always! Also, follow your heart and instinct no matter what.

5. How many times have you been dejected in your life and what is your learning outcome?

Ups and downs are part of life, at times later could outnumber. To prevent the past failures from ruining the present and future, I have channelized my energy to learn new tools and technologies, accredited with certifications or personified with blogs.

Despite the timely motivations from well-wishers, low energy can be charged with self-motivations to reiterate reason to revive and here is one such poem from me to myself

**Time and Time again,
Thorny new troubles,
Dawns and dies silently.
Wake-up to view the wonders,
Appreciate the Alchemy behind,
Avoid mourning the melancholy beneath.
Young and old,
Need to be bold,
To deck up the world,
As a better place hold,
The budding generations.
Let your sparkling illusions,
Wade-off Thorny troubles as delusions.**

6. When you were a kid what was the area of work that you said to yourself: "I will do this if I grow up" ? And, is what you dreamed and what you are now doing the same?

As a first graduate in the family, I grew up watching women only in two professions - my teachers and doctors. Always have high regards for doctors and great admiration for teachers. I am an accidental engineer! Thanks to my Dad & BITSathy, where I got to switch from English Literature to Engineering; but did secure distinction and several university ranks. Learning spree continued since then.

7. Keynotes on disruptive topics need a lot of research. Despite your busy schedule, how do you devote time to do your learning?

Generally, spend 30 mins to 1 hour per day to learn something new related to the domain and atleast once in a month explore the new learnings to solve a technical problem with practical implementation. And the passion for technical blogging and knowledge sharing helps to solidify the knowledge gained.

Success Stories with Sukruti

8. Being a Technocrat, what will be your advice for the college grads and the fresher? Where should they start focusing in the Technology World?

Educate yourself with the trending tools & technologies in the market, pick-up something resonates with your interest and ideology, learn deeper from abundant resource available over the web, attend conferences/ meetups to learn from the pioneers in the field, accredit your learning with a relevant certification and implement pet projects. Update your profile with accolades and accomplishments to stand out from the myriads of budding engineering grads.

9. Technology - is it a boon or a bane ? To many of us, technology has become a double edged knife. It troubles both the user and the receiver. What are your thoughts on this?

Constant technological revolution brings astonishing advancement to the essentials and these gifts of life have got in all the comfort. But still there certain moments where we window to the world which got the global education to the common man, but overwhelming information led to too many distractions.

Technology gave the freedom to express ourselves in different means, but the face-to-face communication is fading and privacy being compromised.

As rightly said, Too much of anything is good for nothing, hence let's use them wisely.

10. Women empowerment and Women in family - what are your thoughts?

Women empowerment is what we hear and Women in family is what we experience. 😊

11. As self-made woman in the technological world, What do you think is a must possessed quality / attitude, to win in this fast paced world?

Think deeply but act swiftly, stay positive, enjoy what you do by putting your head, heart & soul, and that passion will drive you to victory.



Everyday is born with some learning to be imparted; and at various moments of the day, each one of us are both teachers and students, consciously or unconsciously. Have zest and zeal to be a life-long learner.

12. People say “Failures are the Stepping Stones to Success”. Do people need to actually fail to be successful? Can't things be learnt in a Winning Path?

Success gives you a self-contentment and might put you into a comfort zone where the future success could be a compliment but not a compulsion. However, the pain from the failure would rekindle the burning desire deep rooted in you and ignite the spark that lives within to help you strive to succeed.

13. I am sure You would have created your Success Formula. Especially when you started your career, the field was dominated with men. What's your success formula? What will be your Advice to the Women who want to follow your path?

Do not believe in waiting for reservation or fighting for equality but just keep the spirits high at all times with loads of positivity and I can do it attitude. Take feedback from mentors & seniors, try to improve but know to keep the cribbing critiques at bay.

Stay focused, Stay humble, and Spread a Smile. 7



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What is Peace? By Charvi SK

Peace—A powerful word isn't it? Everyone has their own versions, and thoughts on what they call peace. If you asked a student, they'd say; "After my exams end and my holidays start, then I'll be at peace".

Ask the same thing to a working adult and they'll say; After I finish this weeks work and go on the vacation I planned, I'll be happy and peaceful. Maybe some have different answers, maybe not. You never know.

As I wrote this article, my mother asked me; Charvi, what does the word 'peace' mean to you? I had been thinking about this topic all day, so I had my answer perfected and ready. I said 'to me peace isn't finishing my exams or going on holidays and vacations, those are ways to relax. where you have time to focus on YOU.' 'to me its; waking up before everyone else and basking in that silence before dealing with the hectic and tiring day ahead.' 'its smiling and having fun after and exam instead of stressing on the mistakes I made.'

After all its not like I could change them by stressing and freaking out. 'it's having some me time, sitting in my room listening to music, singing along with the songs playing on my Alexa, hoping no one could hear my singing, thinking of how the song would relate to instances that happened in my life, if it's something I haven't yet experienced, I start imagining fantasies of how the song would relate in my life when I'm an adult.

I'll be honest. Peace isn't what you think it is. To all the students and working adults reading this, pay attention to the next few lines, because they may turn the tables on your perspective on a lot of things.



Peace is the little things. It's the little things scattered in your day. It could be anything from listening or humming your favorite song when things are a bit stressful, to cracking jokes with your colleagues about something that happened. An example of peace in my day is reading a book in a chaotic classroom, waiting for the next teacher to arrive.

No matter where you are, what's happening in your life, there will always be a moment of peace in every day. No matter how unfair life has been, how low you may be feeling, it'll always be there, whether you realize it or not. If you haven't noticed till now, start from tomorrow.

Take a few minutes to ponder on the events that've happened in your day, what you've done, and you'll find the little things. Try noting them down every day, just a few things that you feel have brought you the feeling of peace.

You'll see the difference after a week or so, if you feel doing one certain thing brings you peace, that's great, incorporate it in your daily routine. That's it for this time, ;

Hasta luego!



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I AM HER BEAST

By Gaanz MY, India

We both were just the same. I was her and she was me. But, if you ask me to say a few words about her, I stammer what to tell about her. I believed I knew her. I was like her. Yes, I was like her, in my early days. She was like me, in my early days. We used to play together. No one can say that we both were different. We used to discuss with each other everything and anything. We knew each other in and out. We never lied to each other. We were innocent, to put it right. We had naïve hearts. We loved everyone who passed by us. We lit the world with our truthful smile. We played happily and loved joyfully. We were unaware of the feelings like 'hatred', 'anger' and we could never spell the words like 'betrayal'. 'Lie' was used only to ask us to lay down in our beds every night. We never knew, 'lie' as in the opposite of 'truth'. I should say, life with her was beyond enthralling.

I grew up. I studied. I graduated. I went to the office. In the due course, I faced people who were not like us, anymore. The people gave me pain. The people hurt me. The people made me cry. It was getting tough for me, day by day. But she listened to me. She listened not only to me but also to all the other people who knocked her doors. She used to give a ray of hope to whomever she met. She made the people smile and gave a bit of care that originated from her. She gave away her little heart as pieces to everyone. She brought back their lost happiness and smile. She enlightened the world around her.

I became different. I changed. I was no more like her or she was no more like me. She even gave me a piece of her heart and cheered me up. She thought, she might be given back that heart to complete her when she needed it. Poor her, she was only hurt, as people never used to stay. All of them left. Sooner or later, all of them left her to solitude. She was not asking them to give back her heart. She quietly watched them moving away. No one even bothered to say a goodbye or return her thing. Her heart pieces, wherever or with whomever, it was, never let them feel alone. People shared their pain to the pieces. Every bit of hers healed people. Every beat of hers, made people smile. The people cried their hearts out to the little pieces, which she believed to have imprinted her name. The tears washed all the alphabets imprinted on the heart, away. And slowly, the pieces were thrown away. The pieces which healed people, the pieces which brought about a lot of changes, the pieces which were the most trusted, those pieces were thrown away by the users. Oh, my God, she was graceful. She was so graceful to tear herself apart. She never complained about how I did. She was calm and composed. She tried to travel with me, unlike our good old times. But, I grew apart from her. She tried to talk to me. I never paid heed to her words. She tried to advise me during my tough times. I just never bothered her. She was persistent to stay with me. I was even more persistent, to let her go. I could never withstand her courteous nature. I could never withstand her healing power. I looked at her as a hindrance. At least, I could never withstand what people did to her, after all, she did to make them smile.



After all these years, now, she is heartless. Despite the many warnings, she forgot to keep one piece of her heart just for herself. She gave away, gracefully, her last piece of heart. She ended up just to be a heartless body. She approached me, on one fine day. She would have thought that I could bring her back to life with the last piece of her heart I was having at that time. I never could throw that piece away, you know. It was tough for me too. So, I kept it to myself. I tried to recognize her. I could not. Maybe because I had changed. Maybe because I forgot her. Maybe I devoured her like a beast in the past. Maybe because she had also changed, after all these years, after all these incidents. I asked her how was she surviving still, in the world full of swindlers. I asked her how could she keep smiling after all these disasters. I asked her. I wanted to know. So, I asked her.

She smiled at my question and replied to me,

“I am living. I must live.

I must live for the sake of you.

For, you will no longer be a ‘human’ if I die.

For, you will no longer be ‘lovable wife’ if I die.

For, you will no longer be a ‘dutiful daughter’ if I die.

For, you will no longer be a ‘trustworthy friend’ if I die.

For you will no longer be a ‘deserving citizen’ if I die.

For, I am called your ‘Conscience’.”

I was shocked and ashamed to hear her answer.

How did I not care for her when she had been suffering all the way along, just for me?

Why did I not talk to her unlike the good old days of my childhood?

Why did I not keep her healthy and listen to her whenever she tried to converse with me?

Was it because of my career-oriented goals?

Was it because I was running behind money?

Was it because I needed fame and appraisal?

Well, I do not know.

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பகைத்திறந்தெரிதல்
Knowing the Quality of Hate

திருக்குறள் :

வகையறிந்து தற்செய்து தற்காப்ப மாயும்
பகைவர்கண் பட்ட செருக்கு.

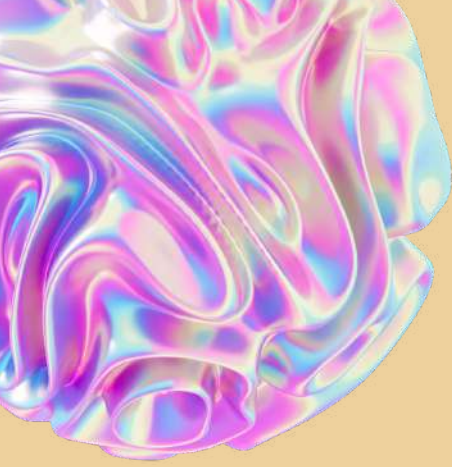
*Know thou the way, then do thy part, thyself
defend; Thus shall the pride of those that hate
thee have an end.*

பொருள் :

செய்யும் வகையை அறிந்து தன்னை வலிமைப்படுத்திக்
கொண்டு தற்காப்புத் தேடிக் கொண்டால், பகைவரிடத்தில்
ஏற்பட்ட செருக்குத் தானாவே அழியும்.

Explanation:

The joy of one's foes will be destroyed if one guards oneself by knowing the
way (of acting) and securing assistance.



~~I am tired~~

~~It's too cold~~

~~It's too hot~~

~~Its too late~~

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STRAIGHT FROM THE KITCHEN



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Veggie Idly made with whole green moong beans. This spicy yet yummy and healthy masala Idly is a great meal or even can be had as a snack and can be made very easily with a little bit of planning (soak the moong dal). If the moong dal is not properly soaked, it won't be soft and it won't grind properly.

Wash and soak the green mung dal in water for 4-5 hours. After soaking, drain the dal and grind the dal to a paste. Do not add any water while grinding. Grind to a tad slightly coarse paste. Remove the paste and set aside to a bowl.

Sauté onions, tomatoes, capsicums, carrots and radish taken in equal proportion. Add in the finely chopped ginger, green chillies, curry leaves, mint leaves. Let the sauté mixture cool. Add salt to taste and grind it along with the dal. Make sure all the ingredients are chopped fine. It is not very pleasant to get a big bite of ginger or green chilli when enjoying a bite of Idly. Also add in the fennel seeds, asafoetida and the salt (to taste). Ginger and asafoetida will help with digestion and whenever making dal, make sure to add these two ingredients. Mix well and check for seasoning. Add extra salt if necessary. The dough will be not watery or hard. It will be in the consistency of a softer chappati making dough



Take a small lime size dough in hand and make a ball. Make small balls. Gently flatten it on the hands. Gather the edges to smoothen. Steam cook the idlies for fifteen minutes. The Idlies can go well with Curd- cucumber pachidi! Healthy bhe & Tasty Bhe!.

Enjoy the hot hot yummy food!

If you have yummy recipes to share, write to Sukruti.narayanan@metvchannel.com



FINANCE TIPS - 6 TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR DEBTS BEFORE YOU RETIRE

Ahh retirement! You may have been dreaming about it for decades. You visualize yourself putting away your uniform, high-vis or corporate gear, farewelling that lovely boss of yours and spending the rest of your days swinging in a hammock by the ocean somewhere.

As the dream teeters on reality, you can't help but contemplate the debt you're yet to pay off and how it might create roadblocks for the things you may still want to do - the family barbecues, the weekend getaways, possibly even helping the kids out. While many Aussies will carry some debt into retirement, the good news is, there are many things you could do now while you've still got time on your side and are earning an income.

Crunch the numbers and get organised

- Work out what debts you have and what they total
- Compare what you earn, owe and spend and consider where you might be able to cut back
- Look into whether you could benefit from rolling your debts into one loan
- Pay your debts on time to avoid additional charges
- Consider paying the full amount outstanding on your credit card(s) rather than the minimum owing
- Look at whether you could afford to make extra repayments
- Shop around for providers with lower interest rates and no annual fees

If you're experiencing financial hardship, talk to your providers, as most can assess your situation and help you find alternative payment plans.



2. Get serious about having a budget

If you're approaching retirement, you may be prioritising things such as living costs, day-to-day bills, health care and helping the kids, if you have them. With many Aussies looking at a retirement (which in reality, could span a few decades), another thing to give some thought to is recreation and your social life. A good starting point when it comes to setting up a workable budget (so you can manage the things mentioned above) is figuring out what money you have coming in, what expenses you've got and what you might be able to put aside. Perhaps you're wondering how much money you'll need to retire on?

According to ASFA's March 2022 figures, individuals and couples around age 65 who are looking to retire today would need an annual budget of around \$46,494 or \$85,445 respectively to fund a 'comfortable' Lifestyle. To live a 'modest' lifestyle, which is considered slightly better than living on the age pension alone, individuals and couples would need an annual budget of around \$29,632 or \$42 821 respectively!

3. Consider what money you might have access to When you stop work

The money you use to fund your life in retirement will likely come from a range of different sources, including the following

Super : - Generally you can start accessing super when you reach your preservation age, which will be between 55 and 60, depending on when you were born. Knowing your super balance is a crucial part of planning for retirement, as it's likely to form a substantial part of your savings.

If you've got more than one super account there may be also be advantages to rolling accounts into one, such as paying one set of fees. However, there could be certain features lost in the process, such as insurance, so make sure you're across everything before you consolidate.



Investments, savings, inheritance : - You may be planning to sell or use income you're generating from shares or an investment property or use money you've saved in a savings account or term deposit to contribute to your retirement. An inheritance or proceeds from your family's estate may also help in your later years.

The government's Age Pension : - Depending on your circumstances, as well as your level of income and assets, you could be eligible for a full or part age pension from age 65 to 67 onwards (depending on when you were born), or you may not be eligible for assistance at all.

4. Know where your money is sitting and what it's doing

Having spare money sitting in the one place might not be the best thing. For instance if you've got cash in a transaction account could you be earning more if it was invested elsewhere, or even placed in an offset account linked to your home loan (if you have one) to reduce what you pay in interest?

Looking at different investment options inside your super could also potentially generate better returns. Do keep in mind though, that a more conservative approach may be a better option as you get older, as when you're younger, you generally have more time to ride out market highs and lows.

5. Think about downsizing your home or refinancing

You might also be interested to know that when you reach age 60, you can make a tax-free contribution to your super of up to \$300,000 using the proceeds from the sale of your home (if you've owned it for 10 years and it's your main residence). There will be potential advantages and rules however that you'll need to be across.

Refinancing, whereby you replace your existing home loan with a new one, could also create cost benefits and more financial flexibility.

Remember, your living arrangements in retirement should be based on more than just your finances. Your health, partner, family and what activities you want to pursue once you stop work will play a part.

6. Contemplate working a bit longer

This could help you to boost your savings as well as your super balance, so that you have a more comfortable lifestyle in retirement. In fact, the main reason most older Aussies say they want to stay in the workforce is financial security. It's also interesting to note, retirement isn't necessarily a one-time event, particularly when it comes to the 45 to 54 and 55 to 59 age groups, with as many as 26.7% returning to employment annually.

Meanwhile, regardless of whether you're still working full-time, part-time or casually, if you do plan on working for longer, a transition to retirement strategy (whereby you may be eligible to access a portion of your super ahead of retirement) could potentially help you to pay off debt, without reducing your take home pay, or help you to improve your super savings.

If you need help managing financially, we're here to help.

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**Lo and behold, the great peace
Of the world that doth speed;
Thy life's to live, not to race
Against all the odds like a seed;
The rank of thee is high forever
To maintain the noble hierarchy;
I think of thee, not or never,
Aren't I support the monarchy?
Nay, the gentleness of similarity
Maketh its wonderful criticism;
Prithee, peace, thy true quality
Shalt speak its glory of socialism;
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Without thou, we shall make a fall.**

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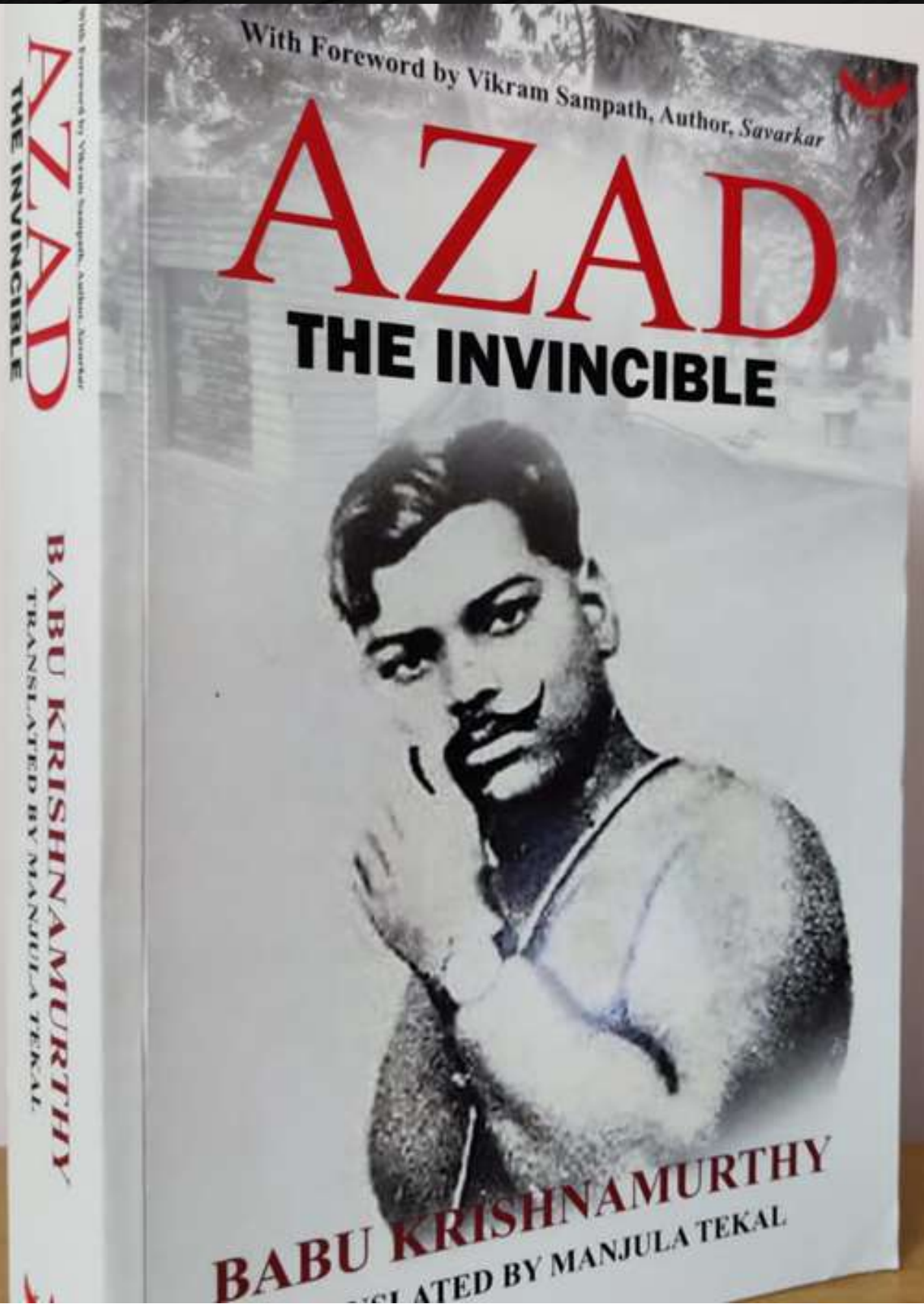
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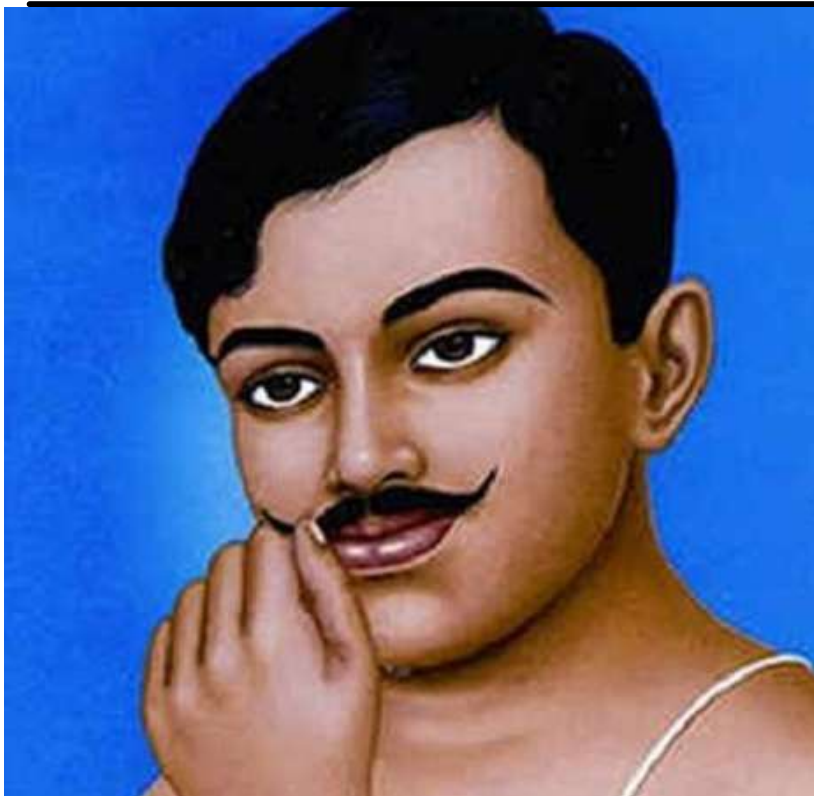
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Chandrashekhar Tiwari 'Azad' requires no introduction. He was an important contribution to Indian history. Azad was not just a man of action but also a man of ideals (and deserves to be remembered that way).

Chandra Shekar Tiwari Azad is one of the greatest leaders India has ever come across. This is one of the best books I have read after a long time. It's a herculean task to write a historical biography. The writer should possess the qualities of a novelist and a biographer too. The biographer mainly has the mind that of a researcher. The number of references the writer has provided, concisely documented in form of a simple novel is something which every researcher should learn. Thanks to the author for mentioning all references and sources, which helped me to look for some more history books.

The life of Chandrasekhar Azad is commonly misunderstood in view of his mustache twirling photograph, which willy-nilly projects him as a merciless killer rather than an idealist revolutionary. The book unfolds the humane, farsighted, mature, sagacious dimension of his core personality. You can actually visualize the scene while reading this book. It's a soul-touching story of the courageous Azad. It's a journey to read this book. A personal journey where you experience and grow with the story, see from the perspective of one of the great leaders, planner and empathetic towards his members. Your outlook will never be the same after reading this book. Babu Krishnamurthy truly is one of the greatest writers of our generation. The writer of this book has written in such a way that you will feel that you are in that century and once you start reading it, you will not feel to keep it down without completing it. The author has done a commendable job of bringing to the readers viewpoint that even Azad was a human being of flesh and blood. He has covered the events through the eyes of Azad. Not a book can come closer where I lived, breathed and swayed by the protagonist's life. The most charming facet of the book is its sensitivity.

BOOK REVIEW



Babu Krishnamurthy is a Kannada writer who has written several very popular and critically acclaimed biographies of revolutionary heroes. Can you imagine he wrote books on Bagha Jatin, Srila Prabhupada, Ramunjacharya and Vasudev Balwant Phadke as well! All these books are only in Kannada. Hope they get translated. Thank you Manjula Tekal for translating this amazing book. Thank you for introducing Azad to us. I recently came to know that she will translate Bagha Jatin and Vasudev Balwant Phadke. All in all, do read this book. You guys are really missing something. This book will give you lots of goosebumps and tears.

I admired the way this book also showed the various characters who were with Azad such as Bhagwati Charan Vohra, Durgawati Devi(wife of Vohra) Shivaram Hari Rajguru, Yashpal (Hindi writer), Bhagat Singh. They all used to work for Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) under the leadership of Azad. Azad took it upon himself to organize revolutionary movements groups under a single umbrella. He carried the baton forward from Ram Prasad Bismil. Revolutionary movements by secret organization used to be called as terrorism by the British Government. HSRA slowly began spreading tentacles across Kanpur, Agra, Delhi and Lahore and satellite branches in Calcutta, Banaras, Jhansi and other places. I loved the way how Durgawati Devi helped Bhagat Singh escaping in disguise after killing John Saunders. What a brave lady she was. This book also showed the back stories of Ramprasad Bismil, Surya Sen and Sachindra Nath Sanyal. Azad wanted to free Bhagat Singh and other fighters from jail, sadly that couldn't happen. HSRA member Durgawati Devi even begged Gandhi to request the British to free Bhagat Singh and their friends but that didn't happen. Azad met Master Surya Sen in a secret location. When Surya Sen spoke about his organization and discussed his plans at great length, Azad offered his encouragement and support. I find Yashpal behavior quite egotist, the way he was behaving was harming the organization. Just a few months back I read that Yashpal was a British stooge, now after reading this book I am able to connect the dots that why he was behaving in a certain manner.

Azad dedicated his life to the noble purpose of liberating his countrymen from British tyranny. He was a man of incredible character and determination. It is quite sad that he died at the tender age of 24 when he was only developing as a thinker and a leader. This book reveals the true character of Azad whom people don't recognize beyond guns and bullets. My heartfelt naman to him. As the book moves towards the end, you know what's coming - the death of Azad. There are no happy endings here, much as the reader may wish it. Despite the foreboding, the narrative kept me glued.



Ragaamrutha Music School: Preserving the traditional Carnatic music

With Smt. Madhuri's vast experience in having interacted with her gurus in the traditional Guru Sishya Parampara for many years, Ragaamrutha provides a forum for a systematic and authentic way to learn Carnatic Music in a traditional setting.

To keep the rich cultural tradition of music, Ragaamrutha celebrated its 11th Annual Music Concert on 25th September 2022 at Wyndham Cultural Centre, Werribee with vibrant music and compositions. The Music concert was attended by 100 elite audiences who enjoyed some melodious and popular ragams, swarajathi, keerthanams in the ragams Mohana, Kalyan, Anandbhairavi, Ragaamalika, Shankarabaranam and Vani performed by a group of young and enthusiastic students whose energetic approach was perceived by an atmosphere of a music festival (Katcheri format). A special performance by the guru in ragam nattai - Tyagaraja Charatna composition was applauded by many music rasikas and dignitaries. A special presentation was also performed by Ragaamrutha Choir in celebration of 75th Indian Independence Day - Azadi ki Amrith Mahotsav. According to Smt. Madhuri Vasa, Ragaamrutha annual concert, is a platform for students to showcase their learnings and singing talent. Over the past two years, Ragaamrutha has successfully conducted annual concerts annually. In 2022, all students were excited to be back on the stage and present a stunning performance. The musical concert was meticulously planned, organised and well received by the audience.

The Chief Guest, Mayor Cr. Peter Maynard lauded the guru Smt. Madhuri Vasa for her musical performance and appreciated her effort and commitment to preserving traditional art forms. Wyndham City councillors Cr. Heather Marcus, Cr. Sahana Ramesh and Mr Bob Fairclough proudly supported this event. The Councillors welcomed Ragaamrutha's initiative and congratulated the Guru and students for their dedication. Ragaamrutha annual concert was made possible with the support of Sponsors (Metronest Homes, Shubodayam Group, Dennis Family Corporation & Manor Lakes, Key Lending, Soni Beauty, Suprema & Mossfiel medical centres, Spice Pack, and Snack India) and with great support provided by all the Parents and well wishers, who have come together to make this concert a grand success. Finally, Ragaamrutha annual concert - 2022 ended with the distribution of Momentos for the participants, guests, sponsors and coordinators. It was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr Deepak Vasa, and Ragaamrutha senior students sang Mangalam with pride and devotion.

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