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Dear Friends,

Presenting the May issue of "Fragrance". The feedbacks what we are receiving from all quarters, were just awesome. Here I am including one of our esteemed member's tributes to our "Writersadda".

A tribute to the Adda

By

Niranjan Nayak

We are now building up a tremendous fraternity,(sorry, for using the word fraternity here with the risk of being sued by a feminist) as majority of members of this family being women of substance. But it is gradually turning out to be a great platform for many talented creative writers, ready to provide substantial aesthetic pleasure with their intellectual exuberance. Getting published some where is the ultimate dream of any amateur writer, but most important thing that I find here is the desire to improve your own literary output. A writer can make you cry and bring smile on the face of the entire suffering humanity through his creations. Weird or exotic, sordid or surreal, everything can be created with a few deft touches by a thinking soul. This is perhaps the greatest asset of a writer.

Now I am happy to say that writer's adda is gradually spreading its wings to give to its readers creative writings of unmatched literary excellence. It's no longer an adda for a handful of fledgling writers. Gradually it is turning out to be a true launching pad for people gifted with real acumen to usher in yet another renaissance. I am proud to be the part of this elite forum.

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Rajneeti

By
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After a long break, IPL, followed by summer vacation, I finally got chance to watch a movie. Initially I was thinking to watch "Kites", but the U/A certificate in it, made me refrain. I thought to go Rajneeti but that too has got a U/A certificate! My son was after us to watch Rajneeti and he tried to persuade us that he is no more a kid... 😏 I mean, he is approaching towards his teen age...Huh... 😬 I thought let it be that way. 😎 May be our film fraternity has taken up this job to teach all the kids all about that men women affair or the so called sex education, without giving much embarrassment to the parents! 😬 I felt let our kids learn every thing in this filmy way...As it is now a days, there is hardly any movie with a pure U certificate...! 😡

Rajneeti is all about the political game that is prevailing from the time immemorial, only the characters and situations get changed with time. It was a happy blending of the story of Mahabharat and real life story of one of the leading political family of our country, which is very tactically changed to mould it into Mahabharat way. The first half of the story was very much jumbled up as there were too many characters in it. One need to pay too much attention to find out the real relationship between characters and the list of friends and foes. After one paralytic attack and one murder, the viewer can really get a grip over the story ...

There is nothing new in the story. But the star cast went beautifully with the story. After the initial few scenes, the story got revolves around, two warring cousin brothers Arjun Rampal and Manoj Bajpayee, and one illegitimate brother played by Ajay Devagan, and one younger brother Ranabir Kapoor supporting the elder brother Arjun Rampal. Ranabir Kapoor as summer pratap played the role of a very intelligent, shrewd person who was very reluctant to join politics but got dragged into it and took the situation into his stride, to set everything alright, after the brutal murder of his father. The way Ranabir as a character turned the entire scenario from a political chess board to a tranquil, enemy less place so flawlessly, that will really make the viewer get amused.

Nana Patekar, Naseeruddin Shah , Katrina Kaif etc, played their role very beautifully. The story also resembles with stories like Godfather and Sarkar Raj. Overall I enjoyed the movie inspite of too much bloodshed and death in it. One logic I could relate, was why we kill a goat , cause we want good mutton, like that why somebody will kill his own blood cause the other one wants a trouble free, political career. To survive one has to get removed...Emotionless approach to adopt the race called "survival of the fittest..."

Nana Patekar - Brij Gopal; Ajay Devgan - Sooraj Kumar; Ranbir Kapoor - Samar Pratap
Katrina Kaif - Indu Pratap; Manoj Bajpai - Veerendra Pratap ; Director: Prakash Jha
Producer: Prakash Jha , Ronnie Screwvala; Written by: Prakash Jha

Only the eyes washed by tears can see clear

by

Yashasvi Sharma

Sitting huddled, with my face between my knees , an old gown over my back, I used to sit on the bed, looking out of the window, daring to thrust my arms out of the window to get a flake or two on my hands and then I would close the window again.

This was my favourite window as it provided me with a wide view of the valley, trees and the path-way which brought my dad from the main road to our house. I would sit there and count upto five hundred in the hope that as soon as my counting would be completed my I would see my dad, coming home with brisk steps.....

For the last three days I was not been fed properly nor did my mom serve me with my favourite dishes.....

Someone must be ill, that's why such a simple diet is being cooked. The wails and cries that I had heard a day back confirmed my view..... who it could be.

Everybody wore those shabby clothes and the didi made sure I did not get out of the room poor didi, she tries to keep me in the room to prevent that infection of the patient coming to me.... She cares for me and so never allowed me to step out of my room these days.

And when Daddy would come, I would not talk to him.... I mean I would talk to him but only after he gives me five chocolates..... yeah I would not agree to be "abba" with him if he does not bring at least five chocolates..... these days, didi told me, he comes home late and goes for his office before I get up.....

Hmmm... It's cold these days that's why grand pa and grand ma have come to our house from Delhi. Grandma makes my bed early so that I may not feel cold at night..... and I know every night when daddy come home, they stealthily enter my room and kiss my face..... Hey hey hey hey....and daddy thinks I am sleeping, but he does not know that their son is a grown-up boy of 5 years and 3 months now. I know how stealthily he enters my room an without disturbing others he kisses me.

Today I shall hold his arm when he comes for my good-night kiss. I would remember not to sleep early today. Aha.....he would be happily surprised to find tat his son has become so clever and naughty too..... and a smile danced on my lips as I winked my eye to the birds sitting on the branches of the deodar.

This deodar is a very serious type of tree..... always standing still..... its so fat it can never sway and dance with the wind.... Idiot tree, its stem is so rigid , just like my grandpa, never allows the branches to dance and play.....Stupid tree.... See how gleefully those small plum and apricot trees sway with the light nudging of the northern wind.

My eyes were still on the path-way...deserted.....no one walking to-wards our home. Daddy must be awfully busy, must be working over-time..... I had heard these words when daddy worked to earn a bit extra for my Didi's admission. Huh.. did, the little devil, she gets so good uniform for her new school at the city, but these days she is also not going to the school neither she wears that dress.... Fool, does not know the dress would worn-out if she would not wear it...

The sun played hide and seek with the clouds and soon bade good-night, the sparrows had also went into their bed in the nest, but today I remember, not to sleep early....

Yeah today I would not sleep early, but this grandma would sing some lullaby and make me asleep what should I do to prevent my-self from sleeping...

Hmm.... Come on think something..... I would pretend as if I am in deep slumber and then no one would pay attention to me. And Grandma would not sing her lullaby ...

But I would not sleep and when Dad comes to my room, I would grab his arms.... Wow, a perfect plan.

Huh, and they think I am a kid and do not allow me to go the other rooms these days not even to see who is crying-weeping-sobbing in the near-by rooms.

After he same old dinner, I pretended to sleep, covering my face in the blanket.....

My grandma and grandpa used to sleep with me.

"Is he sleeping....?" Grandpa enquired.

"Yeah...!" said grandma.

"What would we do now, shall take them with us and get them admitted at Delhi...?"

"Nah, let them study here and then...."

Ah..... these old people trying to get me out of here, why ? My ears became attentive.

Soon my uncle joined in the talks and all that I could make out was that there was no one to look after us and no one to earn money for us, none to protect us from bad people..... YOU idiots, my dad is there to earn for us, to protect us and to Even my grand-parents think that he is not there.....

What does that mean.....

I could not translate all that I heard and soon I could listen the sobs of my grandma and grandpa as they discussed the matter further.....

They are all stupids talking irrelevant and irrational things.....

I could feel the hollowness and some alien feelings in my heart.....

I was wide awake under the blanket.

Soon the lights were switched off, I pinched my cheeks with my fingers to prevent the sleep to creep in me.

I felt the gush of air, warm air, that too when it snowed out-side.

I could feel the touch on my fore head and I raised my arms , jumped off the bed and shouted , "DADDY>>>> I have caught you..... they all say you are now not there to earn for usshow these idiots you are here....."

Soon I realized it was only air that had touched me, Dad was not there.....

My grand parents woke up, startled.....

My grandma took me in her arms and I thought it better to sleep coz my dad always came when I slept from that day onwards.....

SHARE OF HELL

By

Prakhar24

Last night,While I laid Sleeping I died ,or so it seemed .Then i went to heaven,But it was only in my dream. But it seems St Peter met me , There at the pearly gate He said 'I must check your record So stand right here and wait I see that you drank alcohol And swore quite often ,too. Fact is that you did many thing That a good person shouldn't do . We can't have guys like you up here , Your life is full of sin" Then he read the last of my record , Graped my hand and said ,"Come in"

He took me to the Big Boss who Said : "Take him and Treat him well. He worked in "SHIPPING",Sir

He's had his share of "HELL"

pilgrim's progress

by

Niranjana Nayak

Tough, tedious and tardy slow, still we had to work very hard to fulfill our spiritual mission. When I left Orissa, I had to fight against an awe inspiring premonition of not being able to have glimpse of the magna mater. The morning of our journey began with an ominous note with two of the healthy fishes in my aquarium dying abruptly. Fighting hard to conceal my trepidation I boarded the train with my family. The train journey was pretty uneventful and the only source of comic interlude was the three year old wonder kid, AKshyat, the only son of my youngest brother in law. A garrulous Bengali couple added to our irritation with their endless chatter.

We reached Delhi the very next evening. After spending a day in the pleasant company of my one of my close relatives, we boarded jammu tai express the very next evening. The two hours journey from Jammu to Katra deserves a special mention as the bus we boarded started climbing the stiff ghat road through the mountain, negotiating many an interminable bends and the view underneath was awe inspiring. During my six years stay in north east, I have visited places like Gangtok, Darjiling and Shillong . So climbing the mountain was never a new experience for me. it was late in the afternoon when we reached Kattra, the base of our spiritual destination. As one of my relatives is a Jammu cadre IAS officer, we did not have much difficulties in managing a hotel, a VIP pass and a *yatra patri* for making our journey smooth, comfortable and risk free. After a very short break, we, a band of eight pilgrims that includes a three year old kid set out with a rare tenacity to reach the top on foot to have a glimpse of Maa Sherwali in her lofty abode on the top of the hill.

For people who are physically disabled or diseased, there are options of availing a horse ride which is no less tedious than this prolonged walk. Remember, you cannot call it climbing or trekking because a well constructed road spirals around the hill to take you to the top without much risk. Even one can avail Dolas, a type of palanquin borne by a few local people on their shoulders to help you reach the top, some 12kms away from the base. If you can afford, then helicopters are available to fly you to the top. But one has to pass through an acid test of one's patience to reach this coveted point on his foot. The sight of meandering road and a blurred vision of the remote destination can inspire awe within a strong heart for a while. But once you reach Katra, you discover yourself in a no-retreat zone. The challenge of making it to the top makes the risk worth taking

We left Banganga at 9.30 pm after being scanned at a check post. I was not even allowed carry my favourite handy cam to capture many precious moments which were in store for us. Banganga is the point from which one begins the formal journey. Once upon a time it was a normal spring in which the pilgrims used to take holy dip before the beginning of the journey. But now it has shrunk and shriveled to become a dying source of water, though its sanctity has remained intact. We sprinkled some holy water on our head and started our journey amidst loud chanting of Jay Matadi. All our fatigue disappeared with the sight of hundreds of pilgrims from all age groups trudging along rapping their walking sticks hard to reach their spiritual destination. The entire atmosphere was reverberating with a loud, spontaneous and spirited chanting of Jay Matadi. There was tumult in every heart and a dream in every inspired mind. Our journey began.....

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The cool evening air made the journey less painful. There were shops on both the side of this illuminated road to provide you with hot and cold beverages and snacks. Elaborate rest shades have been built at regular interval to help you stretch your tired limbs. Strong and sturdy localites throng these areas with their magic massage to relax your stiff muscles. Loud beating of drums accompanied by holy chanting created an electric atmosphere. My heart soared. My 12 year old son was more excited than me and my wife. His spirited endeavour convinced me that there is something strange about this place, a miracle you can call it. What was more heartening was the determination with which my brother in law was climbing the stairs carrying his son on his shoulder. He was an athlete and that was why he climbed the stairs. We had hired a pithoo to carry our luggage, but he was in no mood to part with his son throughout this journey. My wife was at her steadiest best and walked patiently. We reached Adhkuanri at 1 am. This happens to be the midpoint. The newly constructed road is flat and thus the journey gets more endurable from this place onwards. This place has immense religious significance. Legend has it that Maa spent 9 months in hiding here after being chased by the lecherous demon, Vairon Nath who was finally vanquished and killed by Maa later on. But as usual he realized his crime and begged for divine mercy. The heart of a mother finally melted down and a rare privilege was granted to the dying demon. Maa assured him that a visit to her abode would remain incomplete if one does not climb further to have a glimpse of Vairon Nath.

There is a legendary cave in Aadhkuanri with a narrow tunnel within. Maa spent her 9 months in hiding here. The sight of the narrow tunnel can even create a flutter in any brave heart. But people take this challenge and pass through with no big discomfort. We trudged along dragging our tired feet. My only source of solace Akshyat was deep

asleep in sling made by his father. The sight of the glowing light from maa's Bhawan acted as an elixir and propelled us to overdraw from our reserve of stamina to reach the top. Finally at 3.30 am we reached there. There was no time to waste. We rushed to the hotel to take our bath and wearing new dress we got ready to have the experience of the life time. Through a passage I elbowed my way while keeping an eye on my wife and son. We came closer and still closer to discover ourselves standing near our wish fulfillment. The sanctity of this place is unmatched and the feeling it generates is overpowering. I stood there gazing at the strange divine manifestations of the trinity: the source of wealth, knowledge and power, Laxmi, Saraswati and Kali. My mind became blank for a while. I wept like a child confessing his guilt after being caught in whirlpool of emotion. There is no idol here because idols can put a limit on the scope divine beauty and glory. But this place transcends them all. Unknown to myself I was pushed away by a group of eager pilgrims.

We came back to the hotel and slept like logs in our room. We woke up at 11 am and got ready to visit the temple of Vairon Nath. The road was stiff and so we decided to avail a ride. The ponies we hired trotted along carrying us to the top of the mountain, the home of Vairon Nath. We were perhaps on the top of the world. From Vairon Nath we started an arduous downhill journey, with strange feeling of being empty yet full; weak yet powerful and tired yet spirited. The effort we had put on was nothing compared to the pleasure we derived. It will sustain me and my family throughout our life and give us the strength to overcome whatever obstacle comes in our way.

Shipping Articles

SUA CONVENTION - 2005 PROTOCOL comes into force soon.

SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION (SUA CONVENTION)

Adopted: 10 March 1988. **Entered into Force:** 1 March 1992. **Duration:** The Convention does not set any limits on its duration.

Number of Parties: 156

Signatories that have not ratified: 0

Depository: [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)

2005 Protocol to SUA Convention: Opened for signature: 14 October 2005

Contracting States: 11

Signatories that have not ratified: 10

Treaty / Protocol Text

Background: Concern about unlawful acts that threaten the safety of ships and the security of their passengers and crews grew during the 1980s, which motivated states to negotiate and subsequently adopt this convention. This concern stemmed from reports of crews being kidnapped, ships being hijacked, deliberately run aground, or blown up by explosives. Due to these developments, especially the 1985 hijacking of the *Achille Lauro*, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 40/61 in 1985, urging States to cooperate in contributing to the elimination of causes underlying terrorism and invited the IMO to study the problem of terrorism aboard or against ships with a view to making recommendations on appropriate measures. In response to the *Achille Lauro* hijacking, the Governments of Austria, Egypt, and Italy made a proposal in November 1986 that the IMO prepare a convention on the subject of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation.

To supplement their efforts, the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO issued a circular (MSC/Circ.443) on measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships. According to the circular, governments, port authorities, administrators, ship-owners, shipmasters, and crews should take appropriate measures to prevent unlawful acts that may threaten passengers and crews. The Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation was adopted in Rome in 1988

Provisions: The Convention defines "ship" as any type of vessel whatsoever that is not permanently attached to the sea-bed, including dynamically supported craft, submersibles, or other floating craft. Warships, ships owned or operated by a State when being used as a naval auxiliary or for customs or police purposes, or ships that have been withdrawn from navigation or laid up are not included under the auspices of the Convention. According to the provisions of the Convention, any person commits an offense if that person unlawfully and intentionally commits, attempts to commit, threatens to commit, or abets the seizure or exercise of control over a ship by force or threat of force or any form of intimidation; or commits any of the following acts if it endangers or is likely to endanger the safe navigation of that ship: an act of violence against a person on board; destroying a ship or damaging a ship or its cargo; placing or causing to be placed on a ship a device or substance likely to destroy the ship or cause damage to the ship or its cargo; destroying or seriously damaging maritime navigational facilities or seriously

interfering with their operation; or communicating information he knows to be false. It is also an offense to injure or kill any person in connection with the commission or attempted commission of any of the previous offenses. The Convention applies if the ship is navigating or is scheduled to navigate into, through, or from waters beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea of a single State, or the lateral limits of its territorial sea with adjacent States. In all other cases, the Convention also applies when the offender or alleged offender is found in the territory of a State Party other than the State in whose waters the offense occurred.

States Parties are required to make the offenses punishable by appropriate penalties that take into account the grave nature of those offenses. Measures to establish jurisdiction over the offenses shall be taken when the offense is committed against or on board a ship flying the flag of the State at the time the offense is committed; in the territory of that State, including its territorial sea; by a national of that State; by a stateless person whose habitual residence is in that State; in an attempt to compel that State to do or abstain from doing any act; or when a national of that State is seized, threatened, injured, or killed during the commission of the offense. **Compliance and Enforcement:** Once jurisdiction has been established, States shall take the offender into custody and immediately make a preliminary inquiry into the facts. States Parties are required to either extradite the offender in custody or submit the case for prosecution. States Parties are also required to assist each other in connection with criminal proceedings brought under the Convention. States Parties are also to cooperate in the prevention of offenses by taking all practicable measures to prevent preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those offenses within or outside their territories and by exchanging information in accordance with their national laws. **Reservations and Withdrawal:** Under Article 16 paragraph 1, disputes between two or more States concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention will be submitted to arbitration at the request of one of the States if the matter cannot be settled through negotiation. However, at the time of signing, ratification, or accession, a State may make a reservation that it does not consider itself bound by this paragraph, in which case other States Parties shall not be bound to it with respect to any States Party that has made such a declaration. Under Article 19, the Convention may be denounced by any State Party at any time after the expiry of one year from the date on which the Convention enters into force for that State. Denunciation shall be made by the deposit of an instrument of denunciation with the Secretary-General and will take effect one year, or such a longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after the instrument is received by the Secretary-General.

Amendments: A conference for the purpose of revising or amending this Convention may be convened by the IMO. The Secretary-General shall convene such a conference of the States Parties to this Convention at the request of one-third of the States Parties, or 10 States Parties, whichever is the higher figure. Furthermore, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment will apply to the Convention as amended.

2005 Protocol to the SUA Convention: The 2005 SUA Protocol adds Article 3(bis), which criminalizes the intentional transport of any material, equipment, or software that is intended to be used to produce a biological, chemical, or nuclear (BCN) weapon. This does not include nuclear material under IAEA safe-guards, which is presumed to be for peaceful purposes. The 2005 SUA Protocol also criminalizes the transport of a person on board a ship knowing that he committed an offense under the SUA Convention or one of the other UN Counter-Terrorism Conventions. It also requires that States take necessary measures to enable companies, organizations, and similar entities to be held liable when a key manager commits an offense under the Convention. The new Protocol also modifies the SUA Convention's boarding protocol by establishing additional guidelines for cooperation and procedures to be followed if a State Party desires to board a ship flying the flag of another State Party due to suspicion that the ship or a person on board the ship is, has been, or is about to be involved in, the commission of an offense under the Convention. Once alerted of intention to board a ship, the State Party of the flag the ship is flying has four hours to either deny or approve the boarding. If no response is received within four hours, the requesting State is allowed to board and inspect the vessel. The 2005 SUA Protocol text establishes that the agreement shall enter into force ninety days following the date on which twelve States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification. The 2005 Protocol to the 1988 SUA Protocol applies the same changes as above but in application to fixed platforms as opposed to moving vessels.

Developments:

2010: On 9 March, the Dominican Republic acceded to the 2005 SUA Protocol. At this point, only one additional contracting state or signature without reservation is needed for the Protocol to enter into force.

2009: In 2009, Latvia and Liechtenstein became contracting states to the 2005 SUA Protocol. The International Civil Aviation Organization began the process of drafting an analogous protocol to the [Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation](#).

2007: 18 States signed the 2005 Protocol to the SUA Convention.

2006: The 2005 Protocols opened for signature on February 13, 2006 and will enter into force 90 days after the twelfth country (three countries in the case of the Fixed Platforms Protocol) deposits an instrument of ratification or acceptance. The United States signed the protocols on 17 February 2006.

2005: The [Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties, held in London from 10-14 October 2005, adopted new Protocols](#) to the convention following three years of intensive negotiations. They are the 2005 Protocol to the SUA Convention and the 2005 Protocol to the 1988 SUA Protocol (the 1988 Protocol was related to fixed platforms). [The new Protocols provide the first international legal frame-work criminalizing the use of a nonmilitary ship as a weapon or as a means to carry out a terrorist attack, and the transport of terrorists or cargo destined for use in a BCN weapon by ship.](#)

2004: During its 88th session, held from 19 to 23 of April, the IMO Legal Committee continued revising the SUA Convention, taking into consideration other conventions and protocols related to terrorism. Most delegations expressed support for the revision and strengthening of the SUA Convention in order to provide a response to the increasing risks posed to maritime navigation by terrorism. Nevertheless, several delegations drew attention to the need to ensure that the prospective SUA Protocols did not jeopardize the principle of freedom of navigation and the right of innocent passage as prescribed in UNCLOS nor the basic principles of international law and the operation of international commercial shipping. The 89th session will be held from 25 to 29 October. The revision of the SUA Convention remains a central issue in the agenda. The objective is to have a draft text ready for consideration by a diplomatic conference in 2005.

2003: During its 86th and 87th sessions, the IMO Legal Committee continued to work on proposed amendments to the SUA Convention and its Protocol. The amendments would significantly broaden the range of offenses included in the convention to adapt it to emerging threats.

2002: During its 85th session the IMO Legal Committee held a preliminary exchange of views regarding the text of draft proposed amendments to the 1988 Convention. Four of these new offenses concerned terrorist activities taking place on the ship or directed toward the ship. One of the new offenses concerned the presence of tools or substances not usually used on a ship but useful in a weapon of mass destruction. Two of the new offenses concerned use of the ship for transport of substances to be used for mass destruction. Delegations expressed the need to carefully consider the proposals and to consider whether there was overlap with existing terrorism conventions. It was recognized that even with an expanded focus, SUA would remain a maritime convention under the

competency of IMO, and it was important to ensure that the shipping industry does not become a soft target for terrorist activities.

2001: In November, the IMO Assembly adopted resolution A.924(22) calling for a review of measures and procedures to prevent acts of terrorism that threaten the security of passengers and crews and the safety of ships. The IMO Legal Committee (which consists of all member states of IMO) is in charge of the revision of the SUA Convention and its Protocol.

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