

## PRODUCTION PORTFOLIO II

### INSTRUCTIONS:

The portfolio is a collection of practical assignments done by the students. The assignments done by the students should be original. Also the students should follow the list of assignments/ items.

The number of items listed in the following list should be adhered to.

The portfolio should preferably be in A-4 size paper. The portfolio could be in English or Hindi or both languages.

The examples provided here are for the purpose of giving the students ideas about the different assignments. These examples are not to be reproduced in the form of portfolio.

Some material given here are not complete as in case of radio news script and TV news script. Students should try to prepare complete assignments.

BMC 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	PRODUCTION PORTFOLIO – II	BMC 110	
Sr. No.	Item	No. of items to be attempted	Marks
01	<i>Essays</i>	03	06
02	<i>Articles/</i>	01	02
03	<i>Poetry</i>	02	02
04	<i>Bio-data</i>	01	10
05	<i>Interviews</i>	02	10
06	<i>News stories for radio</i>	02	10
07	<i>News stories for TV</i>	02	10
08	<i>News features</i>	02	10
09	<i>News analysis</i>	02	10
10	<i>News stories (Pyramid structure)</i>	02	10
11	<i>News stories (Chronological)</i>	02	10
12	<i>Backgrounders</i>	02	10

### STRUCTURE

Here we shall try to get familiar with the various practical assignments you have to do. Specifically, there are examples of various kinds of write-ups including essays, articles, poetry, etc. We shall also give examples of bio-data. We shall also cover

interviews, news stories for radio, news stories for television, news features, news analysis, news stories, etc. In all here are few examples of the following items:

*Essays*

*Articles*

*Poetry*

*Bio-data*

*Interviews*

*News stories for radio*

*News stories for television*

*News features*

*News analysis*

*News stories*

## ESSAY

### DEFINE LOVE

What is love? That is the only question that I couldn't answer. Yesterday during lunch, my friends and I were discussing about boys. From my own thinking, why teenagers now a days are so urge and so desperate to have boyfriends and to have sex for those who are desperately want to know what it is like to have someone who don't have any blood relation with you, cares about you and to say all those sweet and romantic things. It is not like I am against of people having their love at first sight at a very young age, it is just that I don't think it is necessary to get involved in a relationship that you knew that it will end up sooner or later and you will be married to someone else in the future. Then, my friends thought that it is 'cool' if u have boyfriend so that you can show them to your friends, you know, it is just something that you can be proud of, because you are able to tackle a guy or man to get involve in a relationship with you.

In the evening, during our English tuition class, we were studying one of William Shakespeare's masterpieces. It is the Sonnet 18. Then, from discussing about how creative and full of romance William Shakespeare are, we went on to the topic about love and having such an early relationship and so on and so forth. And again, I have to answer the only question that I am not able to answer because before this it was just biology, chemistry, physics plus lots of equations and calculations. But this one is different. The question is to define love. It is something that I am very weak at. What do I know anything about love, I know that all the cartoon princesses live happily ever after with their dream prince and they are very much indeed in love with each other.

Finally I did figure out something, love is a feeling base on the dictionary, but my tutor doesn't want the definition base on the dictionary, he wanted the definition to be from me. Then suddenly on the spot, something in the past came across my mind. I had just thought about my first crush. That is towards my own neighbor, his house is just next-door. I do not know how did it happened, but I just suddenly remembered about it, I will try to look at him, well the more proper word to say is 'spy' on him, when ever I get the chance to do it. I wasn't very sure whether he noticed me or not, because see, I was one of the overweight girls. And I don't think that he will ever going to look at me because pretty people always acted like that.

They will always wanted to end up with people who are really good and suitable for them.

Then, I remembered another thing, it wasn't a crush it is really love at first sight, because I kind of like saw him the first time I moved into the neighborhood. So finally I gave my tutor, a very convincing definition from my own point of view." Sir, humans actually are not able to define love with words, they can only define it with actions that they have taken to do towards the people that they love, furthermore, love can never die, that is what William Shakespeare have discovered that made his plays, poems and short stories come to live and because of that, the love that he planted in all of his work still alive and appreciated by all of us until now.

## **ESSAY**

### **EFFECTS OF TV ON CHILDREN**

Sitting in school, little Jane sits anxiously watching the clock. The teacher is talking to the class, but Jane just can't wait to get home. When the bell finally rings, she runs out of the classroom, and all the way home. After blasting in the house, she runs to turn on the TV. Having nothing more exciting to do, Jane will sit in front of the television until her mom pulls her away for dinner. This is an all too familiar scenario in many American homes today. What many people don't realize are the problems that can develop from young children watching too much TV. Many emerging dilemmas are resulting from this concern. When a young child with a maturing brain sits in front of the TV for several hours every day, it can instigate loss of creativity, impatience, and violence further along down the road.

The ability to be creative is an important factor in the development of a young child's mind. By sitting down and watching TV for a couple hours, the child is entertained, but is also not thinking. Information is spoon-fed to them, so when it comes time to read a book in school, some can have a hard time grasping ideas. They are so used to having images flash before them to provide understanding; they have trouble moving their eyes side to side to gather the information for themselves. With the TV in front of them, supplying amusement, they may never stop to think that putting a puzzle together, or reading a book could also be fun. They could actually become dependent on this one source of fantasy, and never bother to create their own. As the child grows older, it is less likely to put effort into playing with other kids, or taking up a hobby.

While losing creativity, the child can also gain impatience. By having all the stories and facts plastered clear in front of them, they can easily lose interest sitting in a classroom all day. Even during their favorite TV show, there is a brief change of pace in the story line when a commercial comes on, which is about every seven minutes. Their attention spans are being molded by this continuous interruption, causing them to lose focus easily. Research has shown that teachers today are using many more multimedia devices to capture the students' attention. Being so used to seeing information provided by the TV, they are more responsive to learning with it in school, and are more likely to remember it. Many links are showing up in studies between Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), and watching too much television in elementary children. This disorder is becoming more common in the classroom, where they have a hard time concentrating.

Along with losing creativity and gaining impatience, the child is more apt to behave violently. They can slowly learn as it is played repeatedly, that they can get what they want by responding with violence. When they see a character shot, or beat someone up so they can steal their car, they may catch on to the idea. They come to expect it in the real world, and when they do not see it, the world becomes bland. The children then may create the violence that their mind craves. A child may also see a villain on TV, and try to test out his tactics to see if they really do work. In California, a seven-year old boy sprinkled ground-up glass in into the stew his family was to eat for dinner. When asked why he did it he replied, "I wanted to see if it would be the same as on TV." In Alabama, a nine-year-old boy was caught putting rat poison on a box of candy that he was going to give to his teacher due to the bad grades he received on his report card. He responded by saying he got the idea from a TV show he watched the night before. These are certainly startling examples of how television violence can affect a child.

Is it surprising to many that statistics show television is the number one after school activity for young children? On an average, kids from six to seventeen watch from three to four hours of TV a day. By the time of graduation, it can add up to 15,000 hours of watching TV, compared to only 11,000 hours of being in school. Growing older, it could result in lack of effort in work, communication problems, and even concepts of reality. Control needs to be taken by parents to limit how much and what type of programs their child is watching. It can definitely help develop the young minds to expand their capabilities, stay focused and learn non-violent ways of living.

## ARTICLE

### **PC MOUSE CAN CAUSE ARM PAIN**

Frequent incorrect use of a mouse when working on the computer can lead to a condition known as Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI), otherwise known as mouse arm, warn experts.

"Tingling, numbness, and weakness in the lower arm and hands are the first signs of overstraining of the tendons and nerves due to monotonous motion," explains Frank Bergmann, head of the German Association of Nerve Doctors (BVDN).

"Constant clicking with the computer mouse and an unnatural hand position cause damage to the tissues that over the long term can lead to inflammation of the nerve fibres," Bergmann says.

Even initially minor symptoms represent a danger that the brain may form connections between the pain and the activity of clicking. "The mouse click movement on its own can then trigger pain, even if the physical damage in the arm has already healed," Bergmann points out.

Ergonomic working methods can prevent RSI. "Many programme functions can be executed with keyboard commands to restrict use of the mouse. Double clicks can also be reprogrammed onto the middle mouse button or the scroll wheel," the neurologist says.

The size of the mouse should also be appropriate for the size of your hand. Cold wrist rests can guard against inflammation. Padded rests for the ball of the hand can also reduce the strain on the arm.

Alternate input options like voice recognition or graphic tables should also be considered. "Stretching exercises, natural arm and hand movements as well as frequent brief breaks help keep the arm musculature relaxed," Bergmann recommends.

"If symptoms appear like a pulling in the lower arm or pain when weight is put on, go see a neurologist. The longer the delay in visiting the doctor, the higher the chances that the injury will become permanent," Bergmann says.

## ARTICLE

### **LAZY KIDS FACE CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS**

Children who are lazy and inactive may later face chronic health problems, says a study that advises parents of such children to take steps before it is too late.

Kamlesh Khunti and other researchers at Leicester University investigated activity levels among more than 3,500 pupils from five inner city secondary schools in Leicester and found that children face years of ill health because they are not active enough. "This study shows that overall the physical activity levels in inner city school children are very low," said Khunti.

"Parents, schools and community health providers need to address the results of these findings to reduce their future risks of developing diabetes and heart disease in children," he said.

Khunti added that those of South Asian origin in Britain were at particular risk of both heart disease and diabetes. Children of parents who suffer from these conditions were also at extra risk of developing them as a result of inactivity. Junk food, sedentary lifestyles and excessive television and computer usage have been blamed for creating couch potato children. At the same time, many children no longer take part in competitive sport at school, reported online edition of the Daily Mail.

Previous studies have shown that physical inactivity plays a major role in health. Those who are physically inactive face a risk of developing coronary artery disease. It also increases the risk of stroke and such other major cardiovascular risk factors as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and low levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol that is good for health.

The American Heart Association recommends that children and adolescents participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

Increased physical activity has been associated with an increased life expectancy and decreased risk of cardiovascular disease, scientists said. Physical activity also produces overall physical, psychological and social benefits. Inactive children are likely to become inactive adults.

## ARTICLE

### **MIND YOUR MIND WITH GENTLE PERSUASION**

The mind is an essential part of our personality. It is an expression of the consciousness. The stomach is hungry, but the hunger is felt through the mind. And the motivation for appeasing hunger by eating food also comes from the mind. As you go on eating, at one stage you feel satisfied and you stop eating. This action is also prompted by the mind.

The mind is independent of the body, though connected to it. It seems to be encased in the body but it has deeper significance and influence. It is the creator of your contentment or discontentment. It is the source of your fulfilment. It is the origin as well as terminus of all your interactions. When such is its influence and potential, should you not find out how the mind can be accessed and, if necessary, moulded in the most suitable manner?

The mind is the maker of human fate. Human beings are born with limited capabilities. We have evolved to the present stage with our physical limitations unchanged. Human 'supremacy' and options are also physically restricted. We cannot inhale poisonous gas — we need oxygen. When hungry, we have to appease hunger; it is not a matter of choice. Similarly, in many other aspects, we are bound by physical laws of Nature.

As a child, one might have been unaware of the potential of the mind. But can it be an excuse once he becomes an adult?

"Swamiji, I want to become better, but am unable to..." or "I want to remove my mind's impurities, Swamiji, but...". What is this 'but'? Is it so difficult? In reality, just gentle persuasion will do. You must want to become better.

That wanting should not be lacking. Otherwise, how do you claim to be an adult? How do you say that you are mature? I don't insist that you must have the best of qualities — but your 'wanting to have them' cannot be compromised. I do not demand that you be all virtues — but you must not lack in your love for virtues.

Once you want these noble qualities, the means to acquire them become smooth and pleasant. I put it as two-fold: persuasion and dissuasion; or, 'incorporational' and 'eliminational'. Bad things you dissuade sternly and good things you persuade heartily. Tell me — is there any other way of dealing with the mind? Other than looking at your own mind and treating it — is there anything else in life?

What is the purpose of ethics, morality, religion or even spirituality? Is it not all about purifying the mind? You may conduct any number of rituals and ceremonies — do they have anything else to give you other than a poised mind?

"Charity, adhering to one's own dharma, following disciplines — external and internal, listening to scriptures, performing meritorious deeds and observing holy vows, have but one goal — gaining control over the mind. Composure of the mind is the supreme yoga" (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.23.46).

Now tell me, when everything is so clearly explained, where is the difficulty? Why this doubt? Why this resistance?

Don't be a victim of your own negative tendencies. No more should you be thwarted by diffidence, self-condemnation or anything like that. Do not ever again say, "Yes, Swamiji, we understand, but...!" Be confident. Rise like Hanuman. With clarity and proper evaluation, be ready to declare to the whole world: "Why only one? Ten such oceans I shall cross, if need be!" May you all have that strength and resolve!

## ARTICLE

### CLASH OF SYMBOLS

29 May, 2007

Make no mistake. When Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh distributed amrit, dressed as Guru Gobind Singh, he knew that he was invoking one of the most powerful and revered symbols in Sikh history. The Sacha Sauda leader understands the role of

symbols in the collective psyche. If Guru Nanak symbolises pacifist teachings, Guru Tegh Bahadur and Guru Gobind Singh symbolise valour and martyrdom.

For any new sect or religious order simplicity and a passionate idea or symbol are what attract a following. By all accounts the Baba already has made huge inroads amongst lower and backward caste Sikhs. But, this was not the only reason why Punjab burned for over 72 hours. When the Baba appropriated the potent symbolism of Guru Gobind Singh, the embattled Akali Jat Sikh leadership realised a crisis looming within the Sikh faith.

The Baba had challenged the grip of the Akali leadership over Sikh affairs in Punjab. This couldn't have come at a worse time for the Akalis. Not a day passes without some Sikh youth refusing to wear their hair long. The slow erosion in the basic tenets of the faith is made worse by economic misery. The Green Revolution plateaued off a long time ago and the conversion from traditional crops to new farming technologies and crops is still not complete. Industrial development is slow and migration to the West is a double-edged weapon.

Sikh fears of being a small minority within the country and prospects of being reduced to a minority within Punjab itself are not exaggerated. Various reform movements and quasi religious orders have been denuding the Sikh base in Punjab. To a great extent the earlier Arya Samaj movement, the Nirankari and now the Sacha Sauda movements, instead of concealing ostensibly hidden agendas are voicing aspirations of the dispossessed, marginal farmers and lower castes.

The stage is set for a clash between the relatively prosperous Jat peasantry and a clutch of politically aware lower castes. The tension might have spilled over, but the pot is on the boil. If there is a fight to claim the legacy of Guru Gobind Singh, we can ignore the symbolism of the past only to our peril.

When Punjab was convulsed with terrorist violence two highly symbolic incidents pushed Sikh youth on a separatist path. The first was the clash with the Nirankaris that left 13 Sikh youth dead. The second was the humiliation and harassment suffered by Sikhs coming to the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi at the hands of Haryana cops. It wasn't so much the river waters dispute or lack of employment opportunities that pushed the youth towards insurgency. It was the loss of self-respect that became the trigger.

Even today in the Sikh diaspora here and abroad, there exists a small and fanatical fringe group wedded to the cause of separation. Like the family secret no one wants to talk about, this fringe element has always regarded Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale in the likeness of Guru Gobind Singh. There are very few takers today for that kind of symbolism, but recent events have fuelled rage amongst large sections of the Sikhs and Akali supporters.

Live televised scenes from the Akal Takht clearly showed raw anger quickly give way to separatist slogans. Herein lies the danger. Like any other minority, the Sikhs are also exposed to bouts of a siege mentality. For the ordinary Sikh, Guru Gobind Singh symbolises purity of thought and action to which he can only aspire in a lifetime. A slur on this symbolism would always be perceived as a threat to the reason for existence to the Sikh identity and mobilise them towards confrontation.

Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh has now tendered an apology to Guru Gobind Singh. It must be accepted by those he offended and the issue must be buried. Remember, in insurgency-hit Punjab political leadership on all sides had collapsed. And in a savage twist, Bhindranwale was the only one around then, providing his own brand of leadership. The past always holds up a mirror. It would be a good idea to look at it once in a while.

## ARTICLE

### **PRESUMED GUILTY**

29 May, 2007

Imagine being picked up by the police and booked for sedition — whatever that means — because you accessed a website of CPI (Maoist) or Lashkar-e-Taiba. Or, because the police ran into your investigations into encounter killings, and decided that was incriminating evidence of your being an anti-national.

Binayak Sen of Raipur and Arun Ferriera of Mumbai have been put behind bars recently on such grounds, just as Delhi-based Kashmiri journalist Iftikhar Geelani was picked up some years ago under the Official Secrets Act. Such arrests are carried out by invoking the black laws of the day — such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act, Armed Forces Special Powers Act or the Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act (CSPSA), Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, to name just a few — which use conveniently vague clauses to book a dissenter under any pretext.

These laws run against the principles of natural justice by requiring the accused to prove his innocence, rather than urging the prosecution to establish guilt. Article 19, which protects freedom to express dissent through peaceful means, has been reduced to a joke.

Whether it is the invocation of the Patriot Act in the US or the virtual suspension of Article 19 in India, the question that arises is similar: Can the drive to root out anti-state movements justify the suspension of political freedoms? India is a deeply flawed democracy because, even after 60 years of independence, it has not been able to establish the political rights of the individual.

The state uses draconian laws to blur the distinction between voices of dissent in mass politics on one hand, and those who profess and practise violence as an instrument of their politics on the other. In doing so, it threatens the middle ground between it and the extremists, in other words endangering the space of civil society.

How else does one explain provisions in CSPSA, enacted in 2006, which describe as unlawful activity any act which "has a tendency" to pose an obstacle to the maintenance and administration of law and order, or "encourages" disobedience of the established law or institutions set up by the law? With such a law, it is hardly surprising that the state media is toothless, and conscientious objectors are framed on flimsy pretexts. In an age of free movement of people and information, black laws threaten to shackle all of us — wherever we are, whatever we do.

## ARTICLE

### **MOBILE PHONES TELL YOU WHERE TO DRIVE**

Ever wish you could find directions to the nearest bookstore or coffee shop without asking a stranger? Maybe you're having trouble keeping tabs on your adventurous children?

Your cell phone could be the answer to such problems, as wireless companies have started to make commercial use of technologies originally developed to help emergency workers find callers in danger. While relatively new,



these mobile services have begun to build a following by making it easier for people to find their way around a strange city, meet up with friends, or get directions to a new restaurant or shop.

One new user, Milton Williams of the US, recently threw out his old paper maps. He now uses a cell phone navigation system that verbally directs him to out-of-the-way customers once he's punched in their address. "Everything is time here, going from one job to the other. It helps me tremendously," said Williams.

Roger Drissel, another worker who spends a lot of time on the road, uses the service for driving directions two to three times a day when he's on out-of-town jobs. He also uses it to find somewhere to eat by searching the phone for a restaurant type and following turn-by-turn directions. "I don't have to worry about where I'm going, about where things are. All I need is the address on the phone and it tells me how to get there verbally," Drissel said. Drissel, even stopped using a dedicated car-dashboard navigation system when he started using the cell phone service.

Judging from the growing number of customers, users appear willing to look past some of the shortcomings of cell phone navigation.

Some firms, including Walt Disney, also offer services that let parents monitor the location of their kids, so long as they are equipped with cell phones. If a child wanders too far, an alert may be sent to the adult's phone.

## ARTICLE

### ZOHRA MEETS ANOTHER KAPOOR

29 May, 2007

Sanjay Leela Bhansali brings the tireless Zohra Sehgal and debutant Ranbir Kapoor together in his eagerly-awaited love story Saawariya.

What do you say when a 94-year-old living legend comes together with the 24-year-old scion of a very distinguished family? "Well, first of all, you look at them together and wonder who's got more energy," said Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

He brings the tireless Zohra Sehgal and debutant Ranbir Kapoor together in his eagerly-awaited love story Saawariya. The most interesting aspect is the fact that nearly 75 years ago, she started her career with Ranbir's great grandfather Prithviraj Kapoor in Prithvi Theatres.

Zohra has known four generations of the Kapoors – from Prithviraj to Raj Kapoor to Rishi Kapoor and now Ranbir. The unanimous verdict on Bhansali's breathtaking set was that no one can match up- to Zohra's energy level. Bhansali, who, six years ago, directed Zohra in Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam, could think of no one except her for a particular role in Sawaariya.

"It had to be Zohraji and no one else. There was a kind of hesitation within me – after all, Zohraji is 94. But, all our doubts were dispelled once she came on the sets. Zohraji has the most amazing memory. She remembers every single incident from her life. On the sets, she comes up with some of the most amazing suggestions. Her enthusiasm gets to all of us," adds Bhansali

## POEMS

### THEORIES OF TIME AND SPACE

You can get there from here, though

there's no going home.  
Everywhere you go will be somewhere  
you've never been. Try this:  
head south on Mississippi 49, one-  
by-one mile markers ticking off  
another minute of your life. Follow this  
to its natural conclusion – dead end  
at the coast, the pier at Gulfport where  
riggings of shrimp boats are loose stitches  
in a sky threatening rain. Cross over  
the man-made beach, 26 miles of sand  
dumped on a mangrove swamp – buried  
terrain of the past. Bring only  
what you must carry – tome of memory  
its random blank pages. On the dock  
where you board the boat for Ship Island,  
someone will take your picture:  
the photograph – who you were –  
will be waiting when you return

## POETRY

### LOVE POEM

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

## POETRY

### I LOVE YOU

When April bends above me  
And finds me fast asleep,  
Dust need not keep the secret  
A live heart died to keep.  
When April tells the thrushes,  
The meadow-larks will know,  
And pipe the three words lightly  
To all the winds that blow.

Above his roof the swallows,  
In notes like far-blown rain,  
Will tell the little sparrow  
Beside his window-pane.  
O sparrow, little sparrow,  
When I am fast asleep,  
Then tell my love the secret  
That I have died to keep.

## POETRY

### TRUE LOVE

In silence the heart raves. It utters words  
Meaningless, that never had  
A meaning. I was ten, skinny, red-headed,  
Freckled. In a big black Buick,  
Driven by a big grown boy, with a necktie, she sat  
In front of the drugstore, sipping something  
Through a straw. There is nothing like  
Beauty. It stops your heart. It  
Thickens your blood. It stops your breath. It  
Makes you feel dirty. You need a hot bath.  
I leaned against a telephone pole, and watched.  
I thought I would die if she saw me.  
How could I exist in the same world with that brightness?  
Two years later she smiled at me. She  
Named my name. I thought I would wake up dead.  
Her grown brothers walked with the bent-knee  
Swagger of horsemen. They were slick-faced.  
Told jokes in the barbershop. Did no work.  
Their father was what is called a drunkard.  
Whatever he was he stayed on the third floor  
Of the big white farmhouse under the maples for twenty-five years.  
He never came down. They brought everything up to him.  
I did not know what a mortgage was.  
His wife was a good, Christian woman, and prayed.  
When the daughter got married, the old man came down wearing  
An old tail coat, the pleated shirt yellowing.  
The sons propped him. I saw the wedding. There were  
Engraved invitations, it was so fashionable. I thought  
I would cry. I lay in bed that night  
And wondered if she would cry when something was done to her.  
The mortgage was foreclosed. That last word was whispered.  
She never came back. The family  
Sort of drifted off. Nobody wears shiny boots like that now.  
But I know she is beautiful forever, and lives  
In a beautiful house, far away.  
She called my name once. I didn't even know she knew it.

## INTERVIEW

### 'AMITJI IS SEXY': SWINI KHARA

(Swini Khara lives with her 'Sexy' tag thanks to her role as Amitabh Bachchan's cute girlfriend in Cheeni Kum.)

In less than a week, she's gone from being child star on television to saucy young actress of Bollywood... all because of her delightful but heartfelt role of 'Sexy' opposite Amitabh Bachchan in Cheeni Kum. BT talks to Swini Khara about being sexy, school, and the Big B.

*Do you like your screen name Sexy from Cheeni Kum ?*

Don't call me Sexy. Call me Swini. Some of my friends have started calling me Sexy. But that's just a screen name. If they call me Sexy, I have to reply to them. What else can I do now?

*Were you afraid when you heard that you would have to act with Amitabh Bachchan?*

Initially, I was a little afraid. But he is a very friendly person. On the very first day, he came up to me and asked: "What's your name?"

*Do you like Amitji with the pony tail?*

Kind of... But I prefer him without the pony tail.

*Is Amitji sexy?*

He is sexy. Little bit. But sexier is Sushmita didi.

*How do you know that?*

Arre, I acted with her in Chingari . I started off by calling her Sushmita aunty. She got angry with me and said: "Swini, don't call me aunty. Call me Sushmita didi".

*And what about your co-star Zohra Sehgal in Cheeni Kum ?*

She is not a didi. She is Zohra aunty for me. But she is very good.

*Amitabh Bachchan plays a chef in Cheeni Kum. If you had to prepare food for each of your co-stars, what would you serve?*

I'd prepare pizza for Amitji. For Tabu didi, it will be zafrani pulao without sugar. For Zohra aunty, I'll only give her roti sabji (laughs). That's what Zohra aunty used to give Amitji in the film.

*In the film, your character talks about boys and boyfriends. Do you have any?*

Boys are okay-okay types. Wait, let me rephrase it. Boys are cool. But I am not old enough to have boyfriends.

*Do you like watching adult DVDs?*

No. My character wanted to watch adult DVDs. That was her dialogue in the film. I know the difference between real and reel.

*Should you be paired with an actor, who would that be?*

Abhishek Bachchan. But I haven't told Amitji about my wish.

*What's your next project?*

I've done a film called Harry Puttar. The title sounds like Harry Potter but it isn't the same film. I play a girl who is suffering from asthma. The plot is similar to that of Home Alone. It was such good fun to shoot with Jackie Shroff and Sarika didi in London.

*Are you a star in school?*

Everyone likes me there. My teachers, supervisors and principal have all come up to me when they heard I was acting with Amitji. I'm in Class IV now and they want me to balance my acting and my studies. I'm so pleased that they are proud of my work.

## INTERVIEW

### 'MAIN MADHURI DIXIT BANNA CHAHTI HOON' : GEETA BASRA

Actress Geeta Basra wants to follow in the footsteps of her screen idol, role model and inspiration, Madhuri Dixit.

Geeta Basra gave up her comfortable home in London, shifted base to Mumbai and started struggling - all for Madhuri Dixit! "I never thought I would get into acting. However, I used to watch a lot of Bollywood movies and my idol is Madhuri Dixit. Since childhood, she has been my role model and inspiration. It was after watching her films that I decided to come to India and get into acting," Geeta says.

And then, she hastens to explain, "I am not starstruck otherwise, but I am a big fan of Madhuri's. I recently met her on her birthday and I actually touched her feet. That was the most memorable and wonderful moment of my life," she gushes.

Geeta made her Bollywood debut last year in the film Dil Diya Hai with Emraan Hashmi and will now be seen again with the actor in her next film. Considering that it's an Emraan Hashmi film, will we see a lip-lock? Pat comes the reply, "Well, Emraan is a nice human being and a dedicated actor. I'm surprised why people consider him so cheap.

It's high time that people change their mindsets." Besides acting, she has another interest - painting. "I am not a professionally trained painter. I just picked it up as a hobby. I enjoy the experience of splashing colours on canvas," she says.

## INTERVIEW

### MT EVEREST AND BEYOND: DISCOVER THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

He climbed Mt Everest as member of the first Indian team to reach its summit in 1965. Since then, despite a spinal cord injury suffered at battle shortly thereafter, Major H P S Ahluwalia inspires and directs both mountaineers and the physically challenged from his wheelchair, from the modern Indian Spinal Injuries Centre he set up in Delhi. He talked to Narayani Ganesh of formidable mountains as sources of great human inspiration and strength:

*Q: Scaling Mt Everest is a for-midable challenge. Yet, it still allures climbers, including the physically challenged. Why?*

Mt Everest is the tallest, the mightiest and every mountaineer wants to climb to its top. Once you do that, you are never the same again. You're humbled with a job well done. There's also a twinge of sadness as there's nothing left to climb. Your mind overtakes the body and you feel empowered. It's amazing.

*Q: The Everest is growing taller, gaining 10 inches since 1953. Hasn't it been affected by eco-degradation and global warming?*

The height gain is because of tectonic pressures. The Himalayas are being degraded because of global warming and excessive traffic. Emissions from diesel-powered vehicles have impacted the huge 23,000 km snow cover. I have written to the prime minister to mandate conversion to compressed natural gas.

The Khumbu glacier we trekked across in 1965 was the largest. It has since receded by four-and-half km. In August, the Himalayan Institute of Geology and Chinese Academy of Sciences will begin to jointly research the source of the Brahmaputra and Sulej rivers and the glaciers that feed them.

*Q: How different is the expedition experience today from that of yours?*

The 1965 national expedition was solo and there was no pollution. Today the spirit of adventure is still there, but the groups are too many, it's expensive, and members are crunched for time. As many as 50 expeditions climb simultaneously; there's garbage, pollution. Agent expenses are \$60,000-70,000 plus you pay \$10,000 as fee to the Nepal government.

The bright side is that food and equipment are simpler and lighter; Sherpas are better trained, and there is better communication; the pitons and carabiners with ropes inserted through them are already in place on the mountain wall. Discovery's tele-series beginning May 12 will transmit the experience of the 2006 expedition, the second deadliest on record, with sophisticated high-altitude video-tech and digicams mounted on sherpas' helmets. It was also the first time a double-amputee made it to the summit! When I reached the summit 42 years ago, I couldn't use my movie camera — the batteries had frozen! Today's technology lets more people experience the exhilaration, disappointments and triumphs of adventure.

## **RADIO NEWS SCRIPT WRITING**

### **Introduction:**

Learning how to write news for radio broadcasting can be a challenge because it is a format that has its own rules. First and foremost, radio news scripts are written for listeners, not readers or viewers. Follow these basic guidelines for writing a radio news script:

### **Steps**

We Know that radio news writing is aimed toward the listener, so the writing should be clear and simple. No words that are difficult to pronounce, nor require a dictionary to understand.

Write an outline. Determine the key elements of the story. These are the essential components. Ask yourself: Who? What? Why? Where? When?

Write a tease. This will be used with other teases to whet the appetite of the listener before the news is aired. This should not be longer than a sentence.

Write a lead sentence. This is used to grab the listener's attention. Be concise and accurate with your lead.

Write the body. Include all necessary facts, figures, and main points. Radio news stories are typically 100 to 300 words, based on the amount of time dedicated to the story. 100 words equates to approximately 30 seconds of air time.

Write a story conclusion. This should be no longer than a sentence or two that sums up the key points of the story.

Format your script in accordance with basic radio script guidelines which may vary from radio station to radio station.

Fact-check the script and review your grammar. Present the script to a copy-editor that might find mistakes you overlooked.

## **RADIO NEWS SCRIPT**

The Headlines

Bush chooses new World Bank boss.

President Bush chooses former top diplomat Robert Zoellick to replace Paul Wolfowitz at the World Bank, officials say.

Thais await key political ruling.

Security is tight in Thailand ahead of a court ruling that could see the two main political parties disbanded. China shares fall after tax rise

China's main share index falls sharply after Beijing's decision to triple the tax on stock transactions.

#### OTHER TOP STORIES

Pope to meet UK girl's parents

Chavez issues new TV warning

Malaysia rejects Christian appeal

Blair pledges help on Iraq kidnap

US in TB flight infection warning

Ministers in talks for G8 summit

#### ALSO IN THE NEWS

Cheating cheetahs: scientists catch out promiscuous big cats

A 71-year-old from Japan is 'oldest person to scale Everest'

#### SPORT HEADLINES

Tennis: Jankovic into next round

Football: Beckham set for start

### **RADIO NEWS SCRIPT**

South Asia

Army deployed after India riots

The army is deployed in India's Rajasthan state after 14 people died in clashes over government quotas.

Colleges confront quotas

Despair of the discriminated

Bhutan refugees in border clash

Thousands of refugees living in Nepal and trying to return to Bhutan face police fire as they cross into India. 'Taleban killed' in Afghan clash

US-led forces and Afghan troops kill six Taleban fighters near Jalalabad, a coalition statement says.

#### OTHER TOP STORIES

Ministers in talks for G8 summit

Ousted judge 'was illegally held'

Kashmir fatwa over mosque

Indian PM seeks farms boost

Nine hurt in Pakistan court blast

Afghan city tense after protests

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

Bollywood Britain map hopes to attract film tourists  
A 71-year-old from Japan is 'oldest person to scale Everest'

## SPORT HEADLINES

Pakistan rule out Younis action

## TELEVISION NEWS SCRIPT

Wednesday 30 May, 2007.

### TOP STORY

Violence continues in Dausa; two police stations set ablaze  
Violence continued for the second day today as protestors set ablaze two police stations in Dausa district and continued to block the Jaipur-Agra National Highway at Pipalkera (Raj).

### HEADLINES

Rebel BSP MP arrested

Rebel BSP Lok Sabha member Uma Kant Yadav was arrested on charges of razing down some shops and houses while trying to forcibly occupy a piece of land in a village in Azamgarh district.

Russia testfires inter continental ballistic missile

Russia test-launched a new intercontinental ballistic missile on Tuesday that is capable of carrying multiple independent warheads, which is designed to overcome missile defence systems developed by US.

Bush picks Zoellick as new World Bank chief

President George W. Bush has chosen Robert Zoellick, a former U.S. trade representative to replace Paul Wolfowitz as President of the World Bank, Bush plans to announce his selection on Wednesday and expects the bank's board to accept it.  
Burns's visit to India not formally scheduled: State Dept

Ahead of the US Under Secretary of State Nicholas Burns's proposed visit to India later this week for talks on the "123 agreement", the State Department has said the trip has not been formally scheduled.

### NATIONAL

Shahabuddin's appeal admitted

Fake encounter: CID issues lookout notice against its officer

Builder Shah's bail application to be taken up by Mumbai court

Rajnath pulls out Jaitley from Punjab, gives him UP charge

### INTERNATIONAL

Iran top negotiator rejects nuclear freeze

Tigers kill Lanka soldier, Red Cross opens frontlines

Hugo Chavez defends TV decision

10 US soldiers killed, 5 Britons kidnapped in Iraq

### BUSINESS

India pockets most FDI inflows into South Asia in 2006: WB



RBI sets PMRY target for the current fiscal  
India, Uganda to sign agreement on farm trade  
India-GCC economic commitment to include agriculture: Nath

## SPORTS

Randhawa, Kapur at Wales Open  
McClaren says he'll stand by Beckham  
127 armies to battle for peace at World Military Games  
Kevin Pietersen joins Bradman in elite club

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### APPLE JUICE TO PREVENT ASTHMA IN KIDS

LONDON, 29 May: British scientists have found that children who drink plenty of apple juice may be less likely to develop symptoms of asthma, a chronic disease that affects airways.

Apple juice is already known to help protect from many diseases associated with aging, including heart disease and cancer. Aside from obvious fruit vitamins like vitamin C, apple juice also contains the mineral nutrient boron, which is thought to promote healthy bones. The research done by Britain's National Heart and Lung Institute, published in the European Respiratory Journal, is the latest study to link apples and lung health.

Researchers led by Peter Burney at Aberdeen University looked at five to 10-year-old schoolchildren in the Greenwich area of London, asking their parents about their child's fruit intake and about any symptoms they had suffered. While the researchers did not find any link between apple juice consumption and a reduced chance of an actual asthma diagnosis, the link between wheezing and drinking the juice was quite strong.

The appearance of wheezing symptoms is one of the most important signs that a child is at increased risk of asthma although many with the symptoms are not eventually diagnosed with the illness. The apple juice involved did not have to be fresh apple juice. Juices made from concentrate were also effective, the researchers say.

A similar, but weaker, benefit was found for children eating bananas at least once a day compared with less than once a month, according to a website.

"It was possible that phytochemicals in apples, such as flavanoids and phenolic acids, were helping to calm the inflammation in the airways which is a key feature of both wheezing and asthma," Burney said. He said it was not clear why a link between eating apples and reduced asthma symptoms, already spotted in other research in adults, did not appear among these children. "Further studies are needed to confirm the protective effects of apple juice from concentrate and bananas," he said.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), Asthma is the most common chronic disorder in childhood. About 300 million people suffer from asthma and 255 000 people died of the disease in 2005.

When an asthma attack occurs, the muscles surrounding the airways become tight and the lining of the air passages swell. This reduces the amount of air that can pass by, and can lead to wheezing sounds.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### DOCS BLAME STRESS FOR INFERTILITY

Kolkata, 29 May: If you have been trying to fit in 'making a baby' into your 24x7 schedule, and failing repeatedly, then take heart. You may not be infertile. You just need to snuggle under the covers more often.

More and more workingwomen in Kolkata are turning up at infertility clinics due to stress-induced problems. But at least one in every five can be cured with simple measures like a healthier lifestyle and close companionship, say fertility experts.

Kavita Rajvanshi is a case in point. Already in her mid-30s and married for 15 years, she has found it impossible to conceive. Convinced that something was wrong with her, she visited an infertility clinic two months ago and was quite taken aback by the medical advice: she was all right and needed to spend more time with her husband. The doctors had found that her husband, a jet-setting software professional, stays abroad for most part of the year.

Work-related stress, long working hours and erratic schedules are taking a toll on couples in Kolkata. Women, in particular, lose interest in leading a normal conjugal life, doctors say. And it is women in the IT sector who fare the worst, with long working hours that leaves hardly any time for personal life. "A peculiar problem that we are seeing in the last few years is the rise of temporary infertility cases. Work-related stress damages the endocrine system leading to temporary infertility. This is a reversible ailment and can be treated," said gynaecologist Ranjit K Chakraborty.

Women from the IT sector are followed by those working in BPOs, multinational banks and investment companies. So do women whose husbands are in the marketing sector and often go on long tours. In the IT sector, software professionals who frequently have to travel abroad are the most stressed out. And young women working in BPOs, who have to work night shifts, are so stressed out that they do not have a routine, conjugal life.

"There are many women who believe that they are infertile. Even if we show them the test results they refuse to believe that there is nothing wrong with them. They just need a normal sex life. There are many who have lost interest in sex because of stress," said Rohit Gutgutia, in-charge of the female fertility clinic at Bhagirathi Neotia Women & Childcare Centre. Most of the women who walk into his clinic with a "wrong idea" about their infertility status are those from the IT industry, he says.

"They usually put off marriage to pursue their careers. By the time they decide to have a child, they are too stressed out. Before going for any tests we try to find out the couple's background to ascertain whether any external causes are present," said Arnab Deb, infertility expert.

"Many are strangely not aware when they need to be together in order to conceive," said gynaecologist Ashish Mukhopadhyay. There are other pitfalls of stress—miscarriages and abortions, he warns.

Naveen Jaiswal, CTO of Vehere Interactive Pvt. Ltd, an outsourcing firm, recalled his experience with the BPO that the company once-ran. "There were many couples working in the BPO. Schedules became a problem because we couldn't accommodate all the couples in the same shift. This is how life is in the 21st century and there can't be any prescribed solution," said Jaiswal.

## **NEWS (INVERTED PYRAMID)**

### **NINE COPS KILLED IN TRAP LAID BY MAOISTS IN BASTAR**

RAIPUR, 29 May: Police on Tuesday said Maoists had laid booby traps in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district which had killed nine security personnel and injured three during an anti-Naxal operation on Monday.

"Nine policemen were killed on the spot and three injured and all their sophisticated weapons were looted last evening in Kudur village, about 435 km from the state capital, when Maoists laid a well-planned booby trap and a 12-member police party walked into that," a senior police officer said from Bastar district. "It was a clear booby trap and the 12-member police party just walked into that trap and lost nine brave commandos," the officer, in charge of anti-naxal operations, said.

Twelve policemen on motorcycles went to Kudur hill area on receiving information about some Naxalite movements. About 22 km from the police station, and just down the Kudur hill, the Maoists had laid a trap and when the police team was crossing that, the rebels carried out two dozens land mine blasts and used petrol bombs and opened indiscriminate firing, killing nine policemen and injuring three.

Among those killed were an Assistant Sub Inspector, one Head Constable and seven constables of the Mardapal Police station of Bastar district, police said

## **NEWS (CHRONOLOGICAL)**

### **APOLLO DOCTOR COMMITS SUICIDE**

29 May, 2007 PTI

NEW DELHI: A senior doctor of the Apollo hospital here has allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance, police said on Tuesday. Umesh Sharma (40) was the head of emergency medicine department of the premier hospital in south Delhi. He was found unconscious at his residence in Sarita Vihar this morning after which he was rushed to the Apollo, where he was declared dead on arrival, police said.

A one-line suicide note found from him said nobody was responsible for his death.

Sharma had re-joined the hospital as Head of Department, emergency medicine, in May last year after he had left it for pursuing higher studies.

## **NEWS (INVERTED PYRAMID)**

### **DU TO OFFER MA IN HINDI JOURNALISM**

28 May, 2007

A reason to rejoice for students pursuing Bachelor's in Hindi journalism from Delhi University, as they do not have to migrate to other universities to pursue their Master's in the same subject. The Hindi department of the university has proposed to start a Master's course in Hindi journalism in print and electronic media from the academic year 2007-08.

The proposal has been approved by the departmental council and will be forwarded to the statutory committee for the final nod. According to Ramesh Gautam, head, Hindi department: "The plan is to implement the proposal soon for the benefit of those students who will be finishing their Bachelors in Hindi journalism this year," adding, "We are working hard to implement this course by 2007-2008 academic session. The proposal has already been discussed with the vice chancellor and he also has shown interest in starting this course in the north campus." He further said that they have decided to seek expert opinion on various issues, regarding this course, to make it a standardised one.

The course will have 20-30 seats. The fee structure has not been worked out so far and it will be of two years duration. Moreover, the proposal to start MPhil and PhD is also under consideration. "We have seen some of our best students studying in other universities where there is no expert faculty or infrastructure. Thus, this is an effort to provide the facilities to the students they need," added Gautam.

South Campus, so far, is offering a certificate and diploma course in mass communication. "The new course will be of two years' duration with the practical component having a major part, since on the job training is important in all vocational courses. We cannot change the existing certificate and diploma course into Master's, so we are starting this new course," explained S Pachori, professor, Hindi department.

However, according to some ex-students, the demand to convert the diploma course into a degree was sent to the administration long time back. "There were no labs, no proper faculty at the department, and we had to arrange for the guest faculty too," informed Rachna Sharma, alumni, certificate and diploma course, mass communication (Hindi).

Elaborating on the availability of faculty, Pachori said the department has experts in the field and once the course is approved, the media lab and the computer labs will be in place.

## **NEWS (INVERTED PYRAMID)**

### **US STUDENTS DRINKING, SMOKING POT**

CONIFER (Colorado): The yearbook for the high school in this mountain town near Denver has published photos of students smoking marijuana and drinking beer. Parents and administrators, upon seeing the yearbook, were not very happy.

Hannah Fredrickson, the senior who served as yearbook editor, said she regrets not balancing the yearbook pictures of teenagers smoking pot with pictures of non-drug users. She also said she is sorry about not warning her principal.

But she said people need to know what is going on.

"The point of the yearbook entirely is to cover what happens in the year," she told a TV channel. "You'd be surprised at how many children at Conifer High School smoke pot. I wanted to push more for a deeper side of Conifer, which, for a lot of students, is drugs and alcohol."

The Jefferson County School District began an investigation after parents complained, and the school has offered to take back yearbooks and refund payments.

"There were some things ... that I don't feel that I can defend. There were some pictures and quotes that I do believe have crossed the line," acting Principal Pat Termin said.

Students were shown holding a bong and exhaling smoke in a section labeled "Health – addicted addictions." Three female students – all identified – are shown holding citations for underage drinking in a second titled "Regrets and mistakes."

The legal drinking age in the US is 21.

Amy McTague, the teacher who supervises the yearbook production, sent a letter of apology to parents. "It wasn't my intent or my students' intent to portray such a negative tone in their attempt to cover all aspects of a students' life and some of the very difficult choices they face," she wrote.

"My editor and I have discussed at length and have agreed that there was no balance on the pages that are of concern and that some elements are completely inappropriate. These issues detract from the many wonderful things that are included in this book."

## **NEWS (INTERVIEW- BASED)**

### **FOREIGN PLAYERS NOT HARMING INDIAN FOOTBALL: BHUTIA**

*PTI*

NEW DELHI, May 29: The continuing dominance of foreign players in domestic football was not detrimental to the Indian game and this development should be seen in a positive manner, ace striker Bhaichung Bhutia has said. As in previous domestic seasons, foreigners ruled the roost, bagging the top four spots in the goalscorers' list. Bhutia said the Indian players needed to work harder to catch up with them.

"There is no lack of opportunities for Indian players. The foreigners are not snatching anything away from them. Indians need to create opportunities through hard work," Bhutia said. Among the players in the domestic league, Bhutia was impressed by JCT's Sunil Chetri, who was the highest goalscorer among Indians in the 11th NFL with 12 strikes. "Chetri is playing well. He has a lot of potential," the veteran footballer said.

Injuries prevented the veteran forward from showing his best in the 11th National Football League but at the Super Cup match against NFL champions Dempo Sports Club, he sparkled with a hat-trick to bring the trophy to Mohun Bagan for the first time. However, the team was a big let-down in the league, finishing as low as eighth with Bhutia contributing only five goals.

"Several players at the club were injured. I was also struggling with injuries but am totally fit now." The Sikkimese player attributed the injuries to the hectic NFL schedule. "The NFL programmed is very busy. As of now, players have to play 14 league matches in 14 days along with travelling. Players are prone to injuries as they don't get adequate rest between matches," he said.

"All India Football Federation is trying to change the hectic schedule. In future, the load will be less which will greatly benefit the players."

Bhutia has signed to play for Bagan in the next season also. "There was no offer from any foreign club," he said.

Recently, the government demoted football and hockey from its priority list and AIFF said it will talk to the Sports Ministry for a reversal of the order. But Bhutia said the government decision would have little effect on football. "Dropping football from the priority list will have no effect on the sport. If the decision is revoked, it will be good but will hardly make any difference," he added.