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Message from CEO

The country is going through rapid social and cultural changes. Ancient social and cultural structures are decaying, degenerating, dying and some are being destroyed. There is a great urgency to preserve the Indian cultural heritage before it becomes completely extinct.

Preservation and conservation of cultural and national heritage is one of the Fundamental duty of every Indian citizen. But like many other fundamental duties enshrined in the constitution, the significance of this duty is also greatly undermined. Most of the time we forget that Fundamental Duties constitute the conscience of our Constitution; they should be treated as constitutional values that must be propagated by all citizens.

There is also a dire need to create and stimulate awareness among the public for the preservation of National Monuments and Heritage sites. The value and importance of heritage has to be instilled in the minds of people from the very beginning. Laws, rules and regulations will not work unless people are filled with a sense of pride for their legacy and ancient cultural heritage.

Warm wishes for a very Blissful and Happy New Year 2017 from the entire FRNV family!

Anupama Jha

Don't deface the National Monuments

- Anupama Jha, CEO, FRNV

For a long time now, authorities have agonised and grappled with the problem of defacing of Heritage monuments, but this goes on unabated. Our cultural heritage is perhaps best epitomised by the scores of majestic structures that dot Delhi and other parts of the country, but many people – the adults and teenagers, consider them little more than canvases to be abused at will. They etch, draw, write, paint, scrawl graffiti's, stick posters and as if this is not enough, deface it by electrical wires which run zigzag through the monuments.

There are rules and regulation in place against defacing of heritage monuments but nothing much seem to be done to implement these, even as imaginations run a mock, as over-ardent Romeos and Juliets etch a message of passion into the walls of a historical monument to 'immortalise' their relationship. Sometimes, these places are used to dump garbage, litter around and used as urinals. Not a tinge of remorse or guilt cross their mind as they operate mindlessly in damaging these monuments, each of which symbolises the unique characteristics of the era in which it was built.



Graffiti vandals do not know any boundaries; they commit vandalism wherever an opportunity presents itself. Recognizing the motivation for doing this is tricky. Some of the reasons of why vandalism occurs are:

- Some acts of vandalism occur as a prank. Because the destruction or damage might be slight, the actions are not observed as a crime.

- Young individuals observe vandalism as a way or game showing guts to their peers. This possibility is supported by the fact that most acts of vandalism are committed while two or more individuals are together.
- Defacement or destruction of property allows a person to vent anger, frustration or anxiety without personal confrontation.
- Leisure time has increased in low-income areas over the last few years and so, vandalism may occur because of a lack of meaningful activities or boredom.
- Vandalism, especially in the form of graffiti, allows unidentified expression of opinion.

No matter what the underlying cause may be - one thing is certain – the vandals have no value or regard for the rich heritage of our culture. They don't consider national monuments important enough to be protected. The sense of national pride is missing.

What is worse, often school students damage or scribble our ancient monuments, when they are taken out on a study tour to these places of national importance. It is the responsibility of the teachers to stop them from destroying these properties/statues and properly educate the importance of preserving them.

The Archaeological Survey of India should also ensure that explicit, visible signages, relevant literature and local chronological indicators, providing detailed information about the monument and the site is maintained at all times.

Preservation of our rich heritage is one of the basic Fundamental Duty enshrined in the Constitution. No doubt, when compared to violent crime, acts of vandalism might be considered inconsequential; but, in aggregate, it might be a reflection of a more or larger systematic problem in the community and society as a whole. It is time, we as citizens, are instilled with pride about our Heritage, as well as reminded of our civic responsibilities. Social activists, educationists and right thinking people have to work together to achieve this. Schools and educational institutions are the right places to start work on this.

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- Actively participated in the Annual Day function of Delhi university social science higher secondary school, Maurice Nagar on 8 December. The program was based on values like respect, gender equality, right to education, national integration. FRNV also took the opportunity to interact with the parents and children on the effect of demonetization and how with the help of values we can deal with the problems occurred due to demonetization.

- Visited a government senior secondary boys school and the nearby community in New Ashok Nagar on December 9. Had a good interaction with the Principal, School Management Committee member and few teachers. We also visited the nearby community and met with various people to explore the scope of our interventions at the community level to promote values among the parents and community members.

- Visited Sangam Park community on December 16. Majority of the children from this community go to Delhi university social science higher secondary school, Maurice Nagar. In order to keep in regular contact with the parents and children of this school, we have selected this community. We had a good interaction with the community members, where they show their interest in the community based interventions to promote values.

- Visited Hauz Rani community to meet the community leaders and had a community interaction. We visited a number of households and interacted with the family members and mobilized them for the project activities.

- Approached DoE for approval to initiate VBE intervention in few selected government schools of Delhi. Initiated communication with Education Department, Haryana. Sent a letter to the Director, Education of Haryana Government seeking permission to initiate VBE in some selected schools.

Laws on protection of National Heritage

Our country has a rich , cultural and natural heritage. There are policies and laws framed for preservation, protection and proper management of the cultural heritage at the state and central level.



Article 49 of the Indian Constitution obliges the state, to protect every monument or place or object of artistic or historic interests, declared by or under law made by Parliament to be of national

importance, from spoliation, disfigurement, destruction, removal, disposal or export, as the case may be.

Article 51A(f) of Indian Constitution calls upon every citizen of India to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.

India is a party to UNESCO's conventions on the protection of the World Cultural and National Heritage.

In 1904, the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904 was promulgated which provided effective preservation and authority over the monument particularly those, which were under the custody of individual or private ownership.

In 1951, The Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Declaration of National Importance) Act, 1951 was enacted. Consequently, all the ancient and historical monuments and archaeological sites and remains protected earlier under "The Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904" were re-declared as monuments and archaeological sites of national importance under this Act. Another four hundred and fifty monuments and sites of Part 'B' States were also added. Some more monuments and archaeological sites were also declared as of national importance under Section 126 of the States Reorganization Act, 1956.

In order to bring the Act on par with constitutional provisions and providing better and effective preservation to the archaeological wealth of the country, The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 was enacted on 28th August 1958. This Act provides for the preservation of ancient and historical monuments and archaeological sites and remains of national importance, for the regulation of archaeological excavations and for the protection of sculptures, carvings and other like objects. Subsequently, This Act repealed 1951 Act.

In year 2010 amendment was passed to insert few new provisions, one of them was constitution of National Monument Authority. Its duty is to make recommendations to the central government for grading and classifying protected monuments and protected areas, oversee the working of the competent authorities, to suggest measures for implementation of the act etc.

Various states have laws and they have proposed new laws for their respective states i.e. Tamil Nadu Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1966, The Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority Act, 2002, Orissa Ancient Monuments and Preservation Act, 1956, Rajasthan Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Antiquities Act, 1961, The Madhya Pradesh Ancient Monuments and Archaeological

Sites and Remains Act, 1964, Victoria Memorial Act, 1903, Salar Jung Museum Act, 1961 etc.



New Year Resolution? or A Personal Mission Statement

- Ashwani Kumar, Jt. Secretary, FRNV

New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western world. But for all the good intentions, less than 10% of people achieve their New Year's goals. The most common reason is setting unrealistic or too many goals.

Instead of setting New Year's resolutions this year, why not try something more connected to who we are, rather than giving our-self new and arduous assignments on top of our current commitments?

Let us start by asking questions viz. What do I want most in my life – Happiness, Lasting fulfillment? Most people wander aimlessly in search of happiness without even knowing that we have the perfect compass within us to guide us to lasting fulfillment - our values. Values are our compass for happiness and calling of our soul!

If we lead our life from the truth of our core values and principles, then we will live a life of no or little regret. If we are true to the essence of who we really are, we will live in happiness and fulfillment everywhere we go. Decisions are even much easier when we know what our core values are and use them to inform our decisions. We live in integrity and alignment with the callings of our soul!

The most effective way begin with the end in mind is to develop a personal mission statement. It is a brief description of what we want to focus on, want to accomplish and want to become. It is a way to focus energy, actions, behaviors and decisions towards the things that are most important to us.

Here is an [example](#) of a Personal Mission Statement:

To find happiness, fulfillment, and value in living I will:

□ LEAD a life around the principles of integrity, excellence, service to others, and trustworthiness.

□ REMEMBER what is important in life is family, happiness, free time, peace of mind, security, and wealth, not only financial wealth but also in spirit and positive attitude.

□ REVERE admirable characteristics in others, such as being compassionate, committed, caring, principle-centered, moral, and balanced, and attempt to implement similar characteristics in my own life.

□ RECOGNIZE my strengths and develop talents as a person who is responsible, trustworthy, a communicator, entertaining, generous, a leader, and a speaker.

□ HUMBLE myself by acknowledging that I can be sarcastic, egotistical, wrong about most anything at most any time and narrow-minded and by constantly striving to transform my weaknesses into strengths.

□ ENVISION myself becoming a person who is:
A. Witty, dependable, and enthusiastic.
B. Caring, loving, giving, and trustworthy.
C. Committed, creative, and organized and
D. Faithful, loving, giving, and caring.

Mahatma Gandhi in '[Satyagraha Leaflet](#) No. 13 dated May 3, 1919 has said:

Let then our first act every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:

□I shall not fear anyone on earth.
□I shall fear only God;
□I shall not bear ill will towards anyone.
□I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
□I shall conquer untruth by truth and in resisting untruth I shall put up with all suffering.

FRNV has created a pledge that we ask all our Friends/Members to take:

I, (name) commit myself to leading a life of honesty and integrity and being a worthy citizen of India.

I understand that it is my personal duty and responsibility to conduct myself in a manner which is honorable and ethical. I will strive to uphold the highest principles of transparency, fairness, respect and tolerance towards others in all my actions.

I undertake that I shall lead by example and be a role model for the young and future leaders of my country. A personal mission statement is what we feel we would like to become in our life. It is an internal process and needs to come from the core of who we are. It's ours and

ours alone. Let us create a Personal/Life Mission statement based on our core values to guide our all thoughts.

Some interesting articles on Demonetization:

• <https://hbr.org/2016/12/indias-botched-war-on-cash>

• <http://blogs.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/toi-edit-page/war-on-black-money-demonetisation-is-a-courageous-reform-that-will-bring-substantive-benefits/>

• <http://blogs.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/toi-edit-page/towards-a-cleaner-society-demonetisation-may-cause-temporary-pain-but-will-bring-rewards-over-time/>

• <http://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/e-commerce/e-tailing/how-modis-flipkart-like-online-marketplace-for-government-will-work/55725036>

• <http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/large-volumes-of-cash-source-of-corruption-pm-narendra-modi-1633026>

• <http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/after-indias-cash-ban-money-laundering-networks-thrive-foreign-media-1634033>

• <http://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/biggest-u-turn-in-works-now-demonetisation-mastermind-says-rs-2-000-note-will-go-away-soon-267932.html>

• <http://www.ndtv.com/blog/well-folks-black-money-is-back-what-went-wrong-1640567>

Dear readers,

FRNV invites stories from its readers on deep-rooted values that have helped us in our everyday lives. Some of these stories will be featured in the next issue of our newsletter. So put your thinking caps on, recall the values integral to your life which you cherish and write to us at shilpi@valuefoundation.in.