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Dear All,

Dream India has taken the first step towards branding unifying and its team and visual identity. The t-shirts are ready, and as Dream India Mumbai runs for the cause it supports, we hope pray that and Avinash and Kumari recover soon. More next week on

the Mumbai Marathon.

Jai Hind!

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DI Mumbai Runs For Its Cause

This Sunday is going to be really exciting, what with about 25 volunteers running for the Mumbai marathon. What makes it all the more interesting is the fact that the tee shirts that we were designing for so long, are all ready and we hope that they serve to spread our message and further our cause. We will upload snaps of the event as soon as possible.



DI Prays For Quick Recovery...

The one news that has really got everyone praying is the sad tale of 10-year old Avinash, a bright student of the DI classes at Andheri, Mumbai. He was hit by a motorcycle on the 14th Jan, and has been admitted to the Cooper hospital since then, with heavy head injuries. We regret to say that

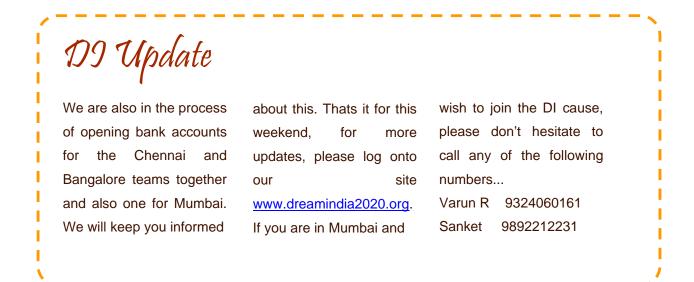
his condition is really bad, and a miracle would be needed for his proper recovery.

We are also awaiting completion of Ms Kumari's surgery, which should happen this week.

We request you all to pray for these fatherless children, Avinash and Kumari.

Tata Motors Making Waves Globally

Tata motors is making an entry into Pakistan through its Korean subsidiary (read about it in the link provided below). At times globalisation is not a bad thing at all - where politics failed, nothing can stop businesses entering nations. With the President, Dr Kalam, presiding over the 25th anniversary of TRDC (Tata Research and Development Center), the Tata group has sure been a great business group that has put India on the global business map.



Links for the week

http://www.hindu.com/2007/01/18/stories/2007011817850400.htm - They are gearing to taste success. Women SHGs in north Chennai get into seafood process

http://goodnewsindia.com/index.php/Magazine/story/aavishkar-innovators - Aavishkar backs India's out of the loop innovators. A group of professionals is unlocking venture capital doors for small town entrepreneurs

http://www.indiatogether.org/2007/jan/med-cradio.htm - Community Radio: mouthpiece of change

http://specials.rediff.com/news/2007/jan/17sld1.htm - India's emergence reflects the change of the era we are living in

http://www.hindu.com/mag/2007/01/14/stories/2007011400120400.htm - Lessons in despair. Nearly five years after the Gujarat riots, safety concerns and lack of facilities keep many children away from a decent education

http://www.rediff.com/money/2007/jan/20tata.htm - Tata Motors forays into Pakistan

Excerpts' From from Prof. Arindham's Chaudri's essay on "Gandhism vs greed driven smoke 'em out cowboy capitalism."

The collapse of the twin towers in America almost succeeded in creating a world war like situation. In the pretext of wiping out terrorism from this world Afghanistan or more popularly now known as Pipeline-istan, was bombed to Stone Age. Of course Osama could not be caught... However, the Texan oil lines are in place and the regime is now being headed by an ex consultant for an American oil company. The country is now well on its way back to anarchy and internal disharmony. Apart from a process of ego satisfaction for an empty head it has served little else. The empty war head (the joke goes that an empty war head has been found in white house referring to the empty head of George Bush which is full of war ideas) has now turned his sights on Iraq. The world war like situation is back. In today's era where civilization, democracy and concern for human rights seem to have touched their zenith it surprises me no end on how easy it is for us to be influenced by barbaric and uncivilized ideas thrown at us by the spoilt brats of the rich (you guessed it right I am talking about rich America's spoilt George Bush and his gang).

What an irony that the man who doesn't want a war (Saddam) is being termed as a threat to the world while the man who is displaying his cowboy brashness and shouting war at the top of his voice is being termed as the one who wants peace!! In fact surveys in America and Britain are revealing that Americans and British consider George Bush as a bigger threat to the world than Saddam. But does anybody care??? During the entire anti Osama campaign it was clearly revealed to the world that along with the twin towers of New York the twin pillars of American democracy - freedom of speech and free market both came crashing down. While the NASDAQ crashed, the government showed its respect for freedom of speech by openly manipulating the print and electronic media. In fact the capitalist owned media blatantly printed press releases of the Pentagon as news items... dictatorially censored any opinion which had any sort of protesting tone and thereby became the Pravda of the American government. So much for freedom of speech... and the illusion of democracy.

Under the garb of democracy the dictatorship of the cowboy leader and his gang of capitalist allies continue to threaten world peace. For a while let us go back to September 11th and the days that followed... It is indeed unfortunate that the act of September 11th terrorism took a huge number of lives, created war like destruction (at a couple of selected spots) and ended up becoming a dream attack of spectacular proportions from the terrorist's point of view. However, it also needs to be remembered that if you finance a world class terrorist outfit for years and are ready to give credit to them for the eventual fall of the Soviet empire - if that outfit is of such huge caliber - you should be ready to face a devastating attack when it decides to hit back (all this assuming that Osama and his outfit was behind the attacks). If you create a world class terrorist he creates historical attacks. He was interacting regularly with the FBI and CIA and had a detailed idea of the weak links in the He and American system. planned systematically executed the attacks - something that he had always been taught to master executional excellence.

To be continued...