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NAVATARA

A GUIDING LIGHT

New beginnings

NAV'TARA

Navtara, derived from the Sanskrit words "Nav" meaning "nine" and "Tara" meaning "star," represents a celestial journey toward brilliance. Just as the stars guide travellers through the night, *Navtara* serves as the guiding light for Chartered Accountancy students on their path to success. Each edition of *Navtara* is like a star in the sky—offering clarity, direction, and motivation to keep moving forward, no matter how challenging the road may seem.

The newsletter is designed not only to inform but to inspire. It is a treasure trove of knowledge—packed with study tips, industry insights, motivational stories, and essential updates

Whether you're preparing for exams, juggling articleship, or seeking guidance in your professional journey, *Navtara* is here to light your way. Every month, it will remind you that you are not alone on this path.

With every page you read, let your dreams of becoming a leading financial expert shine brighter, and may you always stay focused on your ultimate goal.

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SICASA CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Dear Aspiring Chartered Accountants,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I address you as the newly elected Chairman of SICASA Thiruvananthapuram. Our branch continues to stand tall as a vibrant hub for student excellence, and I feel truly privileged to lead such a dynamic and committed student community.



March has been a month full of promise and participation. One of the highlights was the SICASA election, which saw an overwhelming turnout of students, a reflection of your enthusiasm and active engagement in shaping your own student leadership. It was heartening to see so many of you step forward to vote, participate, and take ownership of our collective journey. Let me assure you: the future of SICASA is in safe hands.

We also rolled out the Mock Test Papers - Series I & II for the upcoming May and September 2025 examinations. These tests are more than just academic tools—they are opportunities to fine-tune your strategy and walk into the exam hall with confidence.

In addition, we launched a CA Foundation Repeater Batch, Intense Classes for CA inter and Final specially curated for those preparing to make a strong comeback in the May

2025 exam. Your determination inspires us, and we are here to support every step of your preparation.

As you navigate this phase:

- Stay focused on what truly matters - conceptual clarity and practice.
- Train your mind to think like an examiner - precision and presentation count.
- And most importantly, build resilience. Your mental strength is your biggest asset.

Remember, the CA course is not just a test of accounting, or any other subject, it's a test of vision, patience, and character. And I believe that right here, among you, are the future CFOs, analysts, and financial leaders of India.

At SICASA Thiruvananthapuram, we always say- ICAI is our second home. Let's continue to learn, grow, and lead-together.

Warm regards,

CA. Muraly Krishnan. N

**Chairman, SICASA - Thiruvananthapuram Branch,
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.**

VICE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Hello Everyone,

It's a great honour to connect with you all through this message as I begin my journey as the Vice Chairman of SICASA Thiruvananthapuram. This role brings with it a mix of excitement, responsibility, and an eagerness to contribute meaningfully to our ever-growing student community.



To those of you stepping into the world of CA, welcome aboard! You're entering a phase that will shape not just your career but also your character. This is a space where you'll be challenged, but it's also where you'll discover your strengths, build lifelong connections, and carve your path forward.

To our continuing students — it's great to have you back. Your energy, experience, and commitment add depth to this community. I look forward to working together as we support one another and continue building an environment where everyone has the space to thrive.

I truly believe that being a student isn't just about textbooks or exams — it's about evolving. Take initiative, pursue what excites you, and don't let the fear of failure hold you back. Growth often begins at the edge of discomfort, so take that leap when it calls you.

Let's also remember the importance of being kind and inclusive. Every voice deserves to be heard. When we create space for understanding and collaboration, we all rise together.

As we move ahead this year, I encourage you to stay curious, stay humble, and keep pushing your boundaries. There's so much ahead of us, and I'm genuinely looking forward to what we'll achieve together.

Here's to a purposeful and memorable year!

Warm regards,
G Aravind Subramaniam
Vice Chairman, SICASA Trivandrum.

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Dear Students,

Warm greetings to all aspiring
Chartered Accountants!



It brings me immense pleasure to announce the formation of the new SICASA Committee, an enthusiastic and dedicated team focused on enriching the journey of CA students. Each member brings fresh perspectives and innovative ideas, ensuring that SICASA continues to grow as a vibrant platform for learning, collaboration, and professional development.

As we embark on this new chapter, I am thrilled to share our first initiative—an upcoming Bank Audit Seminar. This seminar has been thoughtfully planned to enhance your understanding of this critical area in the field of audit. Renowned professionals will guide you through practical insights, recent updates, and hands-on tips to ace bank audits. It's an unmissable opportunity to deepen your knowledge and bridge the gap between theory and practice.

To all the hardworking students, let me take this moment to remind you—every challenge you face today is shaping your professional excellence for tomorrow. Stay curious, keep pushing boundaries, and remember that the journey may be demanding, but the rewards are worth every effort. Your resilience and dedication inspire us to serve you better and create opportunities for your growth.

Let's make this year a fruitful one, full of learning, sharing, and achieving together. Stay tuned for more events and activities we have lined up for you!
Wishing you success and positivity always.

**Warm regards,
Abisha S S,
Secretary, SICASA Trivandrum.**

TREASURER'S ADDRESS

Hi everyone,

As we embrace the new academic year, filled with fresh opportunities and challenges, I am honoured to reach out to you through this edition of our newsletter. Serving as your Treasurer is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I am excited to share with you the goals we're pursuing, and the path that lies ahead.



A Year in Review: Financial Stewardship and Achievements

The past year has been a testament to our collective resilience and commitment to excellence as we were awarded the 'Best SICASA Branch Award'. Our primary focus has been to ensure that every financial decision aligns with our mission to support and empower you, the future Chartered Accountants.

Key Financial Highlights:

1. **Scholarship Programs:** We have allocation for scholarships, making them more accessible to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance and financial need. This year also we've new categories to support diverse talents and backgrounds.

2. **Cost-Efficient Initiatives:** Through strategic planning, we've reduced unnecessary expenses, allowing us to allocate more funds towards student-centric programs such as workshops, mentorship sessions, and career development events.
3. **Transparent Financial Reporting:** We believe in accountability. Our financial reports are now more detailed and accessible, ensuring you are informed about how resources are managed.

Empowering CA Students Through Financial Literacy

While our core focus remains academic excellence, we recognize the importance of financial literacy beyond the classroom. As aspiring Chartered Accountants, you'll soon be at the forefront of financial decision-making, not just for clients but for your own personal and professional growth. To this end, we're introducing a series of workshops.

These sessions are designed to equip you with practical knowledge, fostering financial confidence and competence.

Your Involvement Makes a Difference

Our student body is our greatest asset. Your active participation in events, feedback on initiatives, and willingness to volunteer not only enriches our community but also strengthens the foundation of our association.

This year, we are launching have launched new committees focusing on various student issues.

I encourage each of you to contribute your unique skills and perspectives. Your involvement can shape the future of our association and the CA profession.

Looking Ahead: Our Vision for the Future

As we plan for the upcoming year, our goals include:

- **Better study opportunities:** We aim to provide CA Students access to various classes at our institute itself under the supervision of Renowned faculties that helps students to motivate themselves and increase their rate of passing.
- **Sports and Other activities:** As CA Students we are not much engaged in Co-curricular activities such as sports and games. So we aim to provide you we opportunities to excel yourself in all fields rather than confined to just studies.
- **Motivational classes and other seminars:** We aim to provide you Seminars and classes not just on studies but also on how you can make an overall growth as a Chartered Accountant.

We are committed to continuous improvement, and your feedback is invaluable in this process.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication. Your journey as CA students is more than academic—it's about building a future defined by integrity, professionalism, and leadership. Together, we can create an environment that fosters growth, learning, and success.

Thank you for being an integral part of this vibrant community. Let's make this year one of achievement, inspiration, and financial empowerment.

**Warm regards,
Anantha Krishnan S G,
Treasurer, SICASA Trivandrum.**

EDITOR'S DESK

My dear friends,



It is with immense honour and a profound sense of purpose that I extend my first message as the Editor of the SICASA Trivandrum newsletter. Being entrusted with the responsibility of curating and guiding this publication is not only a privilege but also a platform to amplify the voices of hundreds of students like you and me.

The field of Chartered Accountancy is one of dedication, discipline, and continuous learning. As students, we are constantly navigating a rigorous academic journey, balancing articleship, examinations, and personal growth. In such a dynamic and demanding environment, it becomes all the more important to pause, reflect, and express. And that is precisely where this magazine comes in—not merely as a newsletter, but as a vibrant medium for intellectual and creative exchange.

I believe that this publication is about capturing the pulse of the student community. It's a canvas that brings together experiences. Each article, poem, report,

and interview contributes to a broader tapestry that showcases who we are—not only as students but as thinkers, writers, leaders, and innovators.

As Editor, my vision for this magazine is rooted in inclusivity, quality, and inspiration. I firmly believe that every student has a story worth telling, a viewpoint worth sharing, and a spark that deserves recognition. Over the coming months, we will strive to enhance the diversity of content, encourage wider participation, and bring a sense of freshness to every edition..

To the students who have been regular contributors—thank you for keeping this publication alive and thriving. Your efforts are the pillars on which we continue to build. To those who haven't yet contributed—I urge you to take that first step. Share your thoughts, your perspectives, your creativity. You never know whom you might inspire.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous editorial team whose tireless efforts have laid a solid foundation for us. Their consistency and dedication have brought this magazine to where it stands today.

As a committee, our broader goal is to create a community, a space where we support one another,

grow together, and celebrate each other's achievements. This newsletter will be an extension of that spirit.

We also welcome your feedback. Whether it's appreciation, constructive criticism, or new ideas—we value it all. This magazine will grow only through continuous dialogue between its creators and its readers.

As we turn this new chapter, let's remind ourselves of the unity, passion, and the potential of CA students. Let's make this platform something we all can be proud of—a magazine that informs, inspires, and involves.

Thank you for your trust and your time. I look forward to this journey together, and I sincerely hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Warm regards,
Adith V. S.
Editor, SICASA Trivandrum.

INTER REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,
It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you all through this edition of the SICASA newsletter. As the Inter Representative, I have had the privilege of witnessing the enthusiasm, dedication, and talent of CA students across various forums and events. This platform not only keeps us informed but also inspires us to strive for excellence.



SICASA continues to be a strong pillar in shaping the holistic development of students—academically and professionally. Through seminars, workshops, competitions, and interactive sessions, we aim to create an environment that fosters learning, leadership, and camaraderie.

I encourage all my fellow students to make the most of these opportunities. Stay curious, stay passionate, and never stop exploring the limitless potential within you.

**Warm regards,
Saran Sylan,
Inter Representative, SICASA Trivandrum.**

FINAL REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

As an article assistant in my first year, I am excited that I have been elected as the final representative for the SICASA 2025 main committee. This role involves coordinating classes, arranging study sessions, and organizing seminars to support your ongoing CA journey. My primary focus will be on addressing the major issues that final students face during their exam preparation period.



Joining the committee wasn't a spontaneous decision for me. I first learned about SICASA during my late Inter period, and I was surprised that such a committee existed. Unfortunately, many students discover SICASA late, just like I did. However, I'm glad to see more students engaging with various SICASA events, such as Arcus. Remember, SICASA offers a wide range of activities beyond Arcus, so be sure to explore them as well!

As someone who loves interacting with people, my role as final representative involves presenting your concerns to the committee. To effectively address these issues, I need your input. Please share your thoughts and feedback with me, and together, we can work towards finding solutions.

To stay updated and involved, you can join our WhatsApp group or follow our Instagram page. These platforms will help us work together to simplify challenges and make your CA journey smoother.

Let's Move Forward Together!

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Ahin Joy,
Final Representative,
SICASA, Trivandrum.**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY
JOURNEYS BEGIN WITH AN
ORDINARY DECISION
– *TO BEGIN*”**

ANONYMOUS.

MESSAGE

Rajani Gopal was born into a world she could not see—but she never let that define her. From an early age, she believed that true vision comes not from the eyes but from the mind and heart. Despite being visually impaired, she dreamed of becoming a Chartered Accountant—a profession where precision, analysis, and attention to detail are vital. Many doubted her. Some even tried to discourage her. But Rajani was resolute.

She turned to technology—screen readers, audiobooks, and assistive software—to pursue her goal. While her peers highlighted lines in books, she memorized them by listening. As others skimmed through balance sheets, she constructed mental models of every concept. It was a different way of learning, and it demanded extraordinary discipline.

Rajani faced multiple barriers—unavailable study materials, inaccessibility in examination formats, and the constant challenge of gaining equal opportunities. But each hurdle only deepened her determination. She refused to be sidelined. She studied late into the nights, made her own notes, and reached out for help when needed. Her family, teachers, and well-wishers became her

support system, but the drive to succeed came from within.

Stage by stage, Rajani cleared the grueling CA exams—no small feat even for those without a disability. With every exam passed, she silenced doubts and shattered misconceptions. Eventually, she made history by becoming India's first visually impaired woman Chartered Accountant.

Today, Rajani is employed at a leading company, where she continues to prove that limitations are often just perceptions. Her success sends a powerful message—not just to the differently abled, but to anyone who has ever been told “you can’t.”

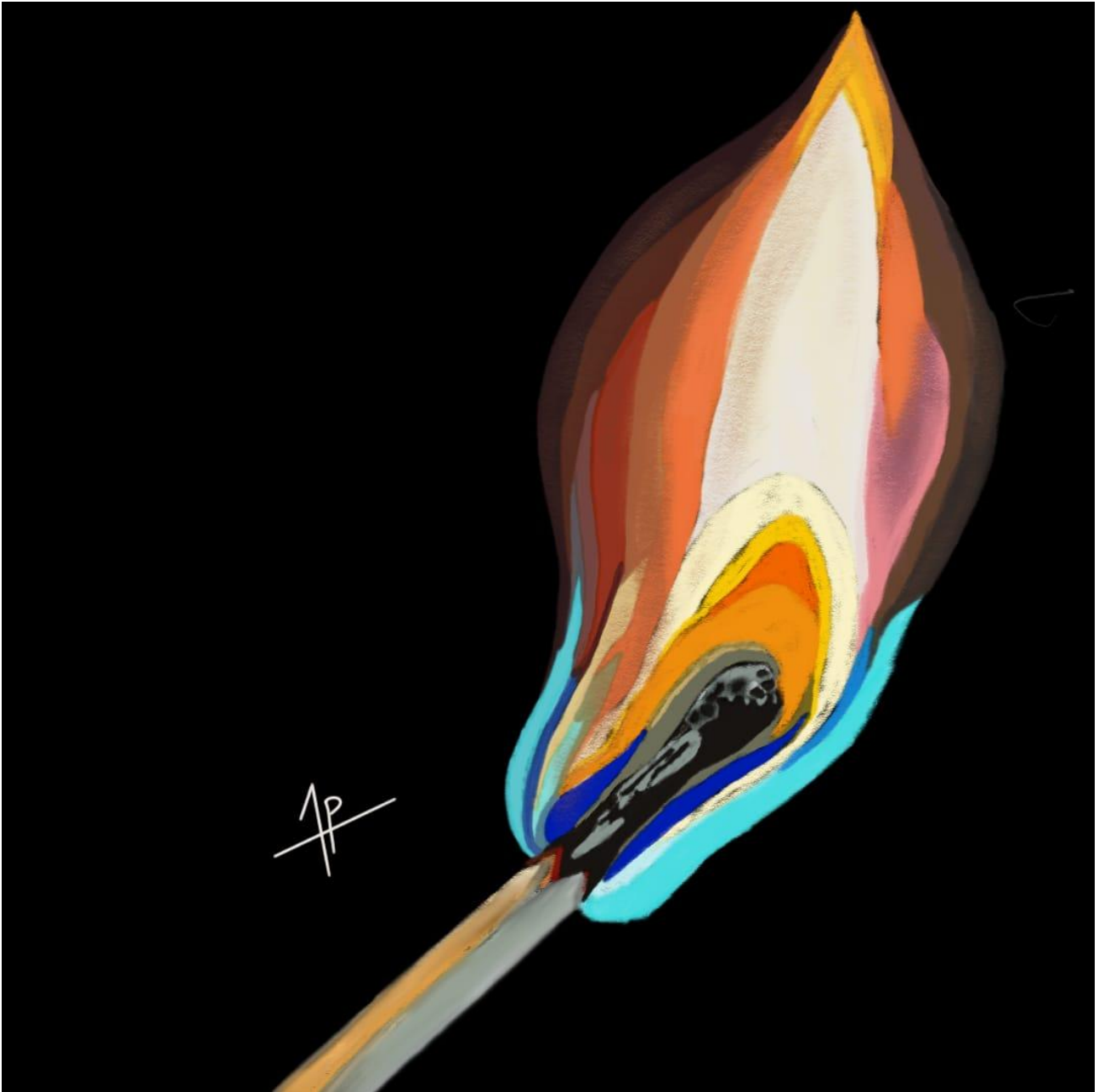
Rajani's journey is more than an academic triumph. It's a story of courage, resilience, and the unshakable belief that no dream is too distant. She broke through systemic barriers, navigated a world not built for her, and came out not just successful—but inspirational.

Her story reminds us that success isn't always about having perfect conditions. Sometimes, it's about rising in spite of the odds, finding new ways to learn, adapt, and grow. Rajani Gopal didn't just pass exams—she redefined what is possible.

In her own words: “I may not see the world, but I've always seen my path clearly.” And in walking that path, she's lit the way for countless others.

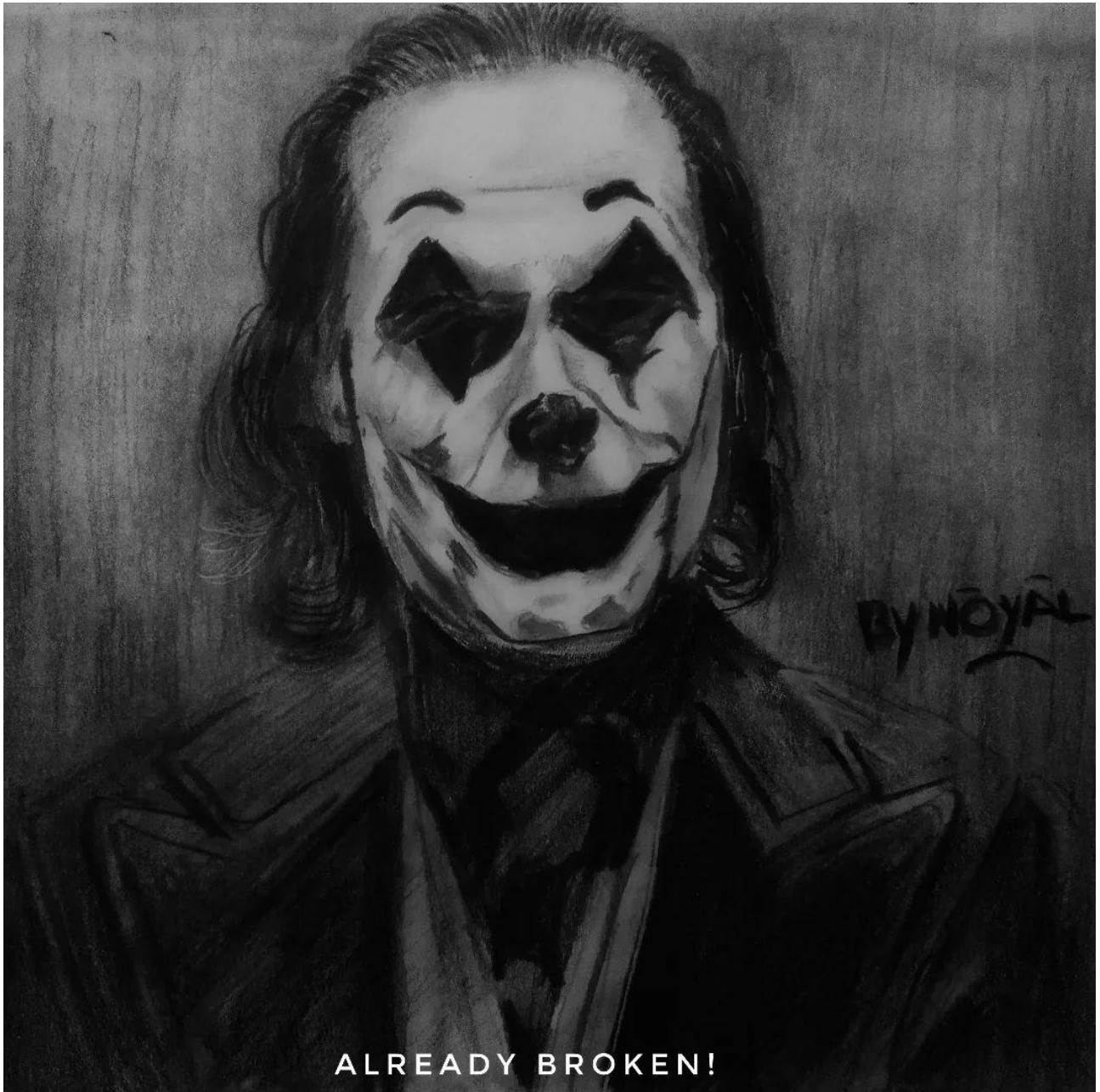
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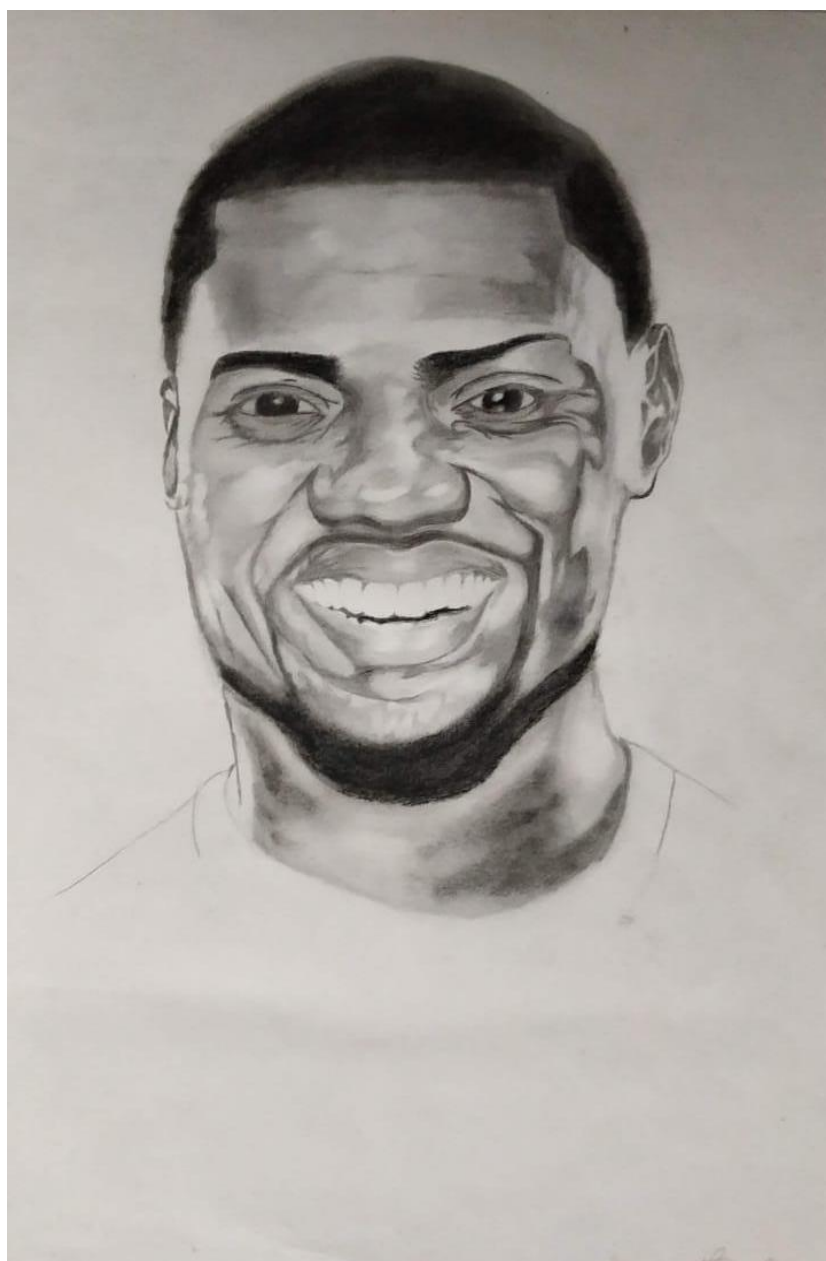
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POEMS

The Magic You Are Looking For Is in the Work You Avoid

It's all about the breeze—
That gentle push at dawn's first light,
The one that makes you feel something within,
And makes you think, maybe today.

You wait for that time to lift you high,
A miracle wind to help you fly,
But magic's not in standing still—
It's born from the sweat and the will.

You fear the climb, the uphill track,
Avoid the work, then wonder back—
Why dreams stay locked, why winds don't turn,
Why passion fades, and hopes don't burn.

But hear me out—the truth is plain,
The breeze you seek comes through the pain,
From hands that build and hearts that fight,
From daring steps into the night.

So stop just waiting for the wind—
Face the work you've left behind.
The magic's there, where fear resides—
In every step your heart denies.

Kameswaram O. M.
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“இதுவும் கடந்து போகும்”
வானை சூழ்ந்த கார்மேகம் என்
வாழ்வின் இன்னல்களை
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வருடி சொன்னது "இதுவும் கடந்து
போகும் என்று"

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SHORT STORY

What Happens To The Evaluator During Evaluation?

Disclaimer:- This is a work of fiction based on general experiences. Any resemblance to real persons or events is purely coincidental.

In the state of Bihar, during a group discussion, Arjun was the team leader.

The topic focused on whether students who study well receive fair marks: "What Happens to the Evaluator During Evaluation?"

Arjun said, "Let's start, guys! Let's begin our discussion."

Meera said, "In my exam, I wrote very well, but I didn't get the marks I expected."

Rohan responded, "Evaluators don't willfully deduct marks. The evaluation process is comprehensive."

Meera replied, "But every evaluator refers to the answer key while checking papers. When I compared my answer sheet with the key, they were similar, yet my marks were low."

Sofia added, "My brother, who was well-prepared for his exam, wrote it very well, yet he failed. He kept saying that the questions were simple and that he had written everything correctly. We took his answer sheet to a concerned faculty member for review. The faculty

member evaluated it and said that my brother's handwriting was unclear and that his answers lacked key points. He also mentioned that they are required to check papers quickly, often within just five minutes."

Vikram sighed, "Hmm... There are also rare cases of scams in evaluation. But what hurts the most is working hard and still getting low marks, while others pass easily."

He continued, "My sister is an average student. She studied well and went to the exam hall.

Two weaker students sat beside her. Once the exam started, they copied from my sister's answer sheet. When the results came out, my sister got low marks, but the weaker students scored high. She went to the evaluator and explained the situation, but he simply glanced at the paper, awarded just one extra mark, and said, 'I don't see any relevant points in this answer sheet.' Later, one of the weaker students quietly admitted that they had copied from her."

Arjun said, "The invigilator and the evaluator are different, my friends. But it is painful when someone who studied well still fails. Some students can't afford a re-evaluation. Some have

to write supplementary exams, while others keep failing despite studying and some pass without studying at all. One student might ask a doubt from another, yet the one who asked the doubt passes while the other fails. A strategy that works for a topper may not work for someone else. Making evaluation as a limited passing percentage.

In the end, is the only solution to all of this... GOD?"

Comment question:-

Have you ever faced an unfair evaluation in your exams? Do you think the education system needs a better way to ensure fair marking for all students?

Please share your stories and opinion to our mail!

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Photo Gallery

Election Day

Conducted on 15th March, 2025





Installation Ceremony Conducted on 29th March, 2025





Bank Audit Seminar

Conducted on 29th March, 2025



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