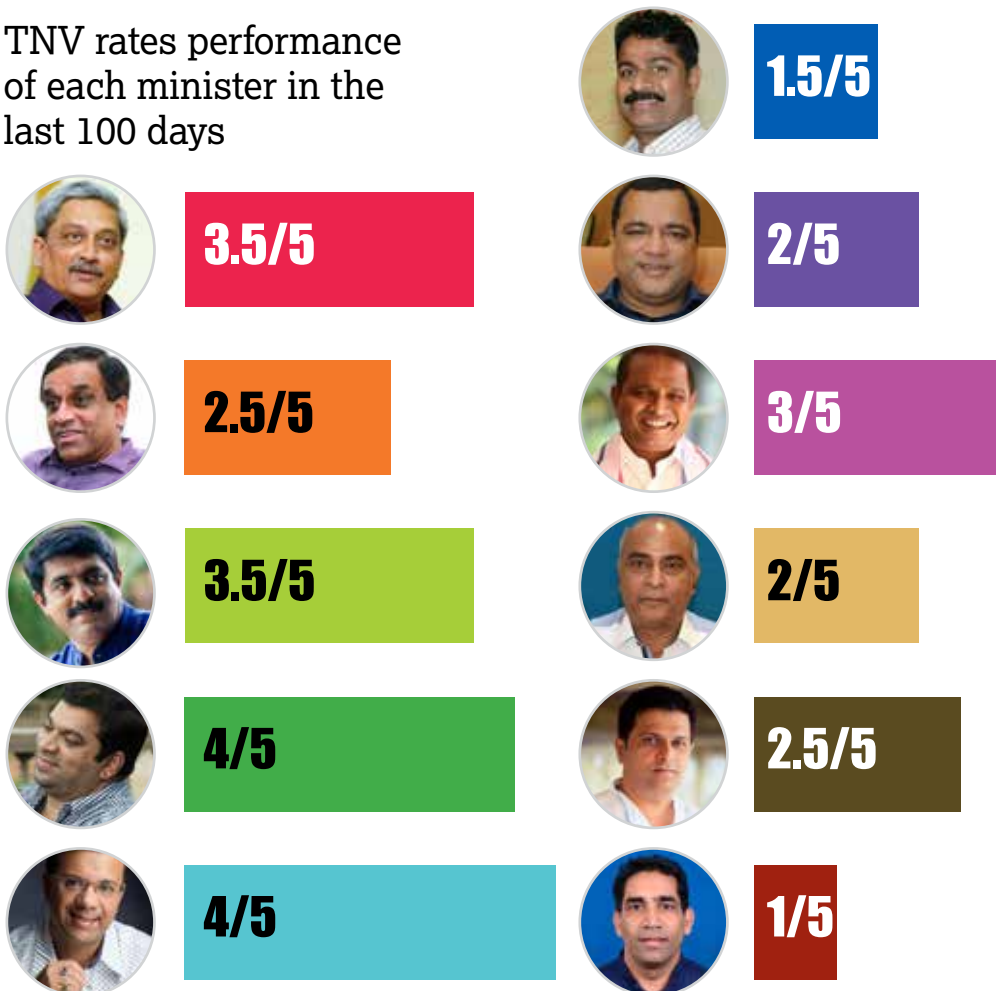


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# OPPOSITION IS CONFUSING PEOPLE: ROHAN KHAUNTE

TEAM TNV

**What are your thoughts on first 100 days of present Parrikar-led government?**

I would say the first 100 days were very satisfactory because as a coalition government we have started working effectively towards our common minimum programme. Each Minister has understood the working of their respective departments within two months of governance and planning to deliver by changing systems which were required for the ease of business for the common people. So I would say that things have started and this government is already working for the common man. In last 100 days we have accomplished a lot of things and I think that the Chief Minister is very categorical and clear about the vision of how Goa has to go ahead.

**On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate the present government?**

I would rate it 8 out of 10. In the last two months if you see, there were corrective measures taken by the Ministers in their respective departments. So when corrective measures are taken, there is a clarity on what the government wants to offer and what the people need. When we talk about a model of development, it is an inclusive development model which is going to areas in need for maximum attention. Other issues such as legislations which went wrong, whether it was the Kul Mundkar Act or the coconut tree issue have already started being resolved through the common minimum programme of the government.

**How would you rate your own performance?**

That is for the people to judge. I have given my 100 percent to perform to the best of my abilities. Revenue and IT are the departments which are needing a lot of efforts, a lot of focus and a lot of changes in legislation. We need a lot of initiative in the IT sector. We have been talking about IT policy for long and we have been talking about IT Park for long but in the last two months you will see that we have moved it physically by walking the talk and CM Parrikar is also personally involved in the IT sector by backing these things. As far as



revenue department goes, the mutation process, certificates process have been eased by making it online. This clearly indicates that the issues of the common man are being solved and that the people need not go to the departments for minor things. So I would say we have tried our best to deliver, now it is for the people to gauge our performance.

**Are you comfortable working with Manohar Parrikar as Chief Minister?**

Yes I am very comfortable because he has been a guiding force for all of us. I have understood the problems while being in the opposition. Now when we are trying to put these problems together and deliver it with an answer, you need governance coming in which also involves bureaucracy. There are a lot of times when I take advice from the CM regarding certain issues. The CM has been

very supportive and he has been giving time to ensure that the governance is at its best.

**Can we consider that this will be a stable government and will complete its tenure?**

There is no question about instability. Stability comes with a common agenda. If the centre and the state government works in sync for the development of Goa and for the success of our common minimum programme there will be no question of having any instability. Efforts of the opposition to confuse the people will have no impact because the opposition members themselves have to be united first. So I think a good leadership with the coalition government and instability within the members of the opposition camp are two indicators that this government will be very stable for the next five years.



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# PARRIKAR IS A MATURED WHISKY NOW: VIJAY SARDESAI

TEAM TNV

**What are your views on 100 days of the Parrikar-led government?**

The 100 days of Parrikar-led government is taking Goa forward. Apolitical issues which affect the common man have been addressed effectively by this government. One of these is the garbage issue. The Chief Minister has talked about bringing scientific garbage treatment facility for which a substantial progress has been done. So, issues which are not meant to inflame the passion of people but issues which affect the common man and which are apolitical in nature are sought to be redressed by this government and I am thankful for this.

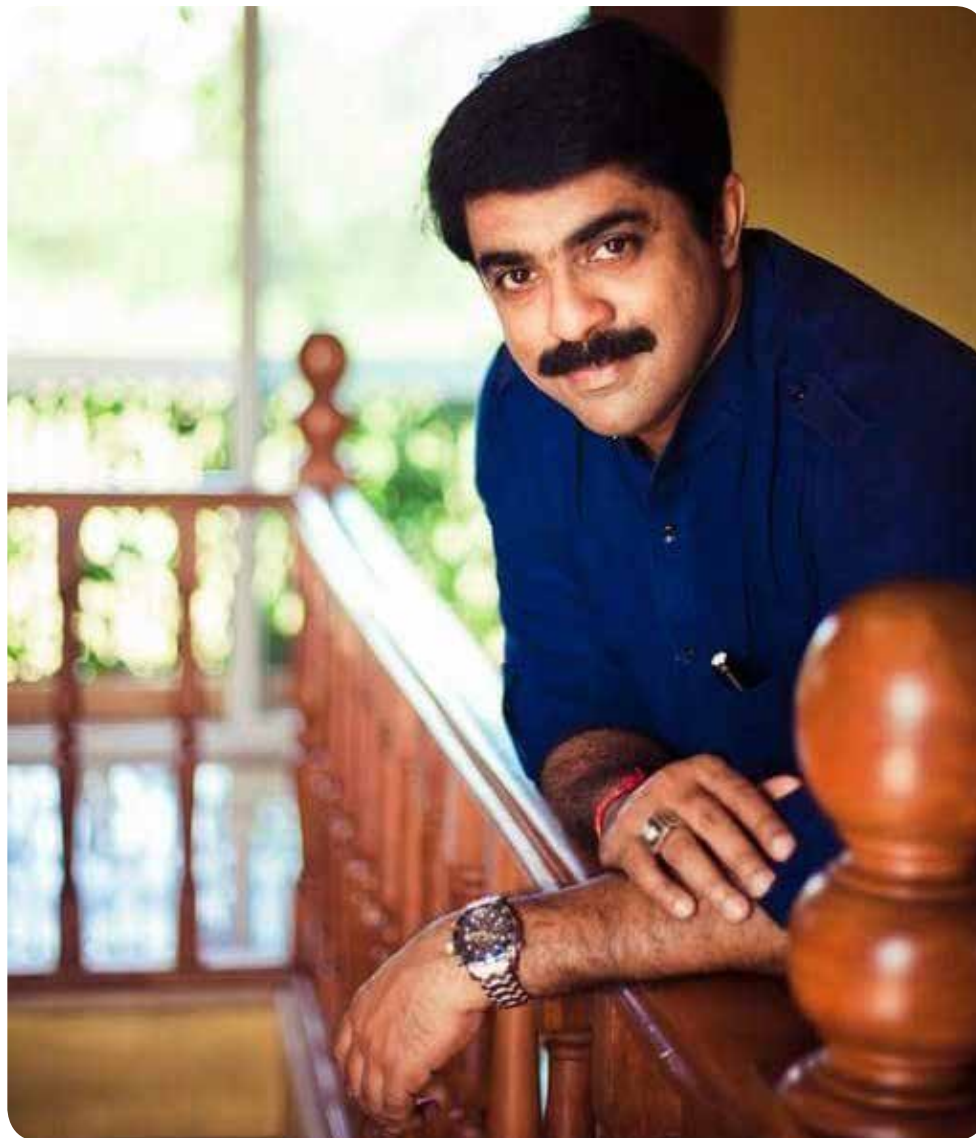
**How would you rate the performance of this government on a scale of 1-10?**

We are just beginning, so one cannot just rate the government at present. The main intention of this government is to complete five years. 100 days is just the beginning. The fact that we have been able to bring 'Goemkarponn' on centre stage makes me very happy, it makes me believe that it is 10 out of 10, because we have made Goemkarponn a part of the narrative. It was never a part of the narrative until now. But now, we have not just made it a part of the narrative but also an adhesive substance with which all the alliance will be stuck together. I think we have managed a party which is very young. We have managed to ensure that our agenda of giving rightful place to the sons of the soil for protecting the architectural, cultural and the natural heritage of Goa gets centre stage.

**How much time did it take for you to understand nitty-gritties of being a Minister?**

I am still learning. Every Minister is learning and first thing what we have learnt is to come together. Coming together with diverse ideologies for a common minimum programme is the biggest success of this government. People have still not digested that why a party like Goa Forward which opposed the BJP before the elections decided to ally with the BJP after the elections. We are very clear about why we took this step and what we have in mind.

**Do you think that the minorities have already started accepting this government as their own?**



Of course. Why will the minorities have doubts about this government? We have taken steps which have cleared their doubts. We have proved that this government is not meant for a few. This government will work for every Goemkar and will give justice to every Goemkar. We will appease none and we will favour none. This is what we stand for and our actions are louder than words. We have not only promised but we have delivered. In fact it is the Congress who is trying to create doubts in the minds of the minority community. The Congress have still not come to terms with the reality that they could not form the government even after people gave them a sizeable mandate.

**Parrikar as CM in 2012 or Parrikar as CM in 2017; who would you prefer?**

Definitely I would prefer the 2017 Parrikar as CM. As I said earlier politics is a learning process. Parrikar has quit his post as Defence

Minister of India and come to Goa. Many people are not able to understand that why the Defence Minister of a country decided to become the Chief Minister of a state. Now that perhaps is a reflection of the love that he has for Goa. The fact that he means good and intends to implement a certain programme has perhaps allowed him to demote himself, which itself is a sacrifice. We have to look at it from one point, he has not been sent there by somebody but he has been called here by us, it was up to him to accept or not to accept.

**How would you differentiate between 2012 Parrikar and 2017 Parrikar?**

The 2017 Parrikar is a matured one. There are certain whisky's which are 12 years old and 18 years old. So, the 12 years old whisky is also nice but the one which is 18 years old is more matured therefore more expensive and tastier.



100 days is just the beginning. The fact that we have been able to bring 'Goemkarponn' on centre stage makes me very happy.

# WHY WE ARE COUNTING 100 AND NOT WAITING FOR 365 DAYS

We admit! We definitely admit that while diagnosing performance of Manohar Parrikar-led government for last 100 days we carry some pre-notions. There is a notion that Parrikar is a master executor. He has a vision for the state of Goa. He is one of the best Chief Ministers we had.

And mind you when we make all these statements, we are not mouthpiece of BJP but a magazine with a neutral view.

While designing this supplement, the reporters of 'The Neutral View' travelled and met diverse people across the state, cutting across political lines. The sole aim of this entire exercise was to know how exactly Parrikar-led government has kick started its long journey of five years. Whether the start is in right direction or it has lost the direction in the beginning itself.

We are not experts in all the fields. So we engaged ourselves with the people from various fields who volunteered to analyse the performance of Parrikar's 100 days. Their own perspective will reflect in their writings. We won't say that they are 100 percent right! But certainly, they are almost accurate.

The formation of Parrikar-led government itself was mired in the controversy as Vijai Sardesai who had contested election against the BJP supported it. For Congressmen that came as a rude shock.

But that's past and it is pointless to discuss what happened then. We have moved on from there.

When we decided to have a special supplement for 100 days of Manohar Parrikar-led government, we were not sure. Are 100 days enough to judge the performance of any government or should we wait for more time?

Hundred days means just over three months. How much time does it take for any government to stabilise? How much time is required to actually start working for the welfare of the state?

I was talking to one of the senior political science lecturer to know the science of politics. The basic requirement of governance, he told me, was that it should not require much time to start working for the welfare of the people. It all depends on your interest towards the work and the pace at which you feel like starting up.

When we analyse the work of Manohar Parrikar, it is always compared with his past

performance. Without any doubt, we can say that he has been a successful Chief Minister during his earlier tenures.

The hopes were high from him during 2012 when he propelled his party to the position of the single largest unit in the state Legislative Assembly.

The short tenure of Manohar Parrikar was remembered during entire five years. Laxmikant Parsekar did try to fit in the shoes of Parrikar but failed miserably. The results of 2017 Assembly elections were referendum on the performance of Parsekar. The pulse of Goa which Parrikar had understood, Parsekar and his team didn't. Moreover, we can blame the Ministers in his cabinet for failing to fulfil aspirations of the people.

That was past, we can say immediate past. But while evaluating the performance of the present government for last 100 days, we will have to go into the flashback of the times when Parrikar ruled Goa then.

It was a different feeling for everyone that Chief Minister with a vision was ruling the state. The kind of foresight he nurtured and brought in development was historical. Right from bridges to the smallest of the aspects of the state, Parrikar had first-hand information about everything. That made him the best Chief Minister.

So when he took up the reigns of the state in 2017, the expectations are high. They are higher because he has worked as the Defence Minister of the country and also has good connections in Delhi. This 'good connections' always work.

But we have to also see the difficulties that he has been going through. People never gave mandate to BJP. Parrikar is not the MLA. So first, he has to constantly remember that BJP is running a coalition government. Secondly, he has to face the by-polls.

This is a tough task as he can't take all the harsh decisions. Any decision or statement that he makes, he will have to think twice as it may affect his poll prospects.

All the politicians, except Parrikar and Vishwajit Rane, have moved on from the election mode. But these two are still waiting for their verdict. So they have to be politically correct always.

Parrikar has a multiple task. He has to be politically correct and also economically

correct. So when we analyse his performance for last 100 days we also have to consider this liability that he is shouldering.

The performance of the government cannot be judged only based on what Chief Minister has done for the state. It is a team work. So when we dissect last 100 days, we have to also see the performance of novice Ministers like Vijai Sardesai, Rohan Khaunte, Vinod Palyekar, Jayesh Salgaoncar, Govind Gaude, who are first timers.

Also, Ministers like Manohar Aijaonkar, Pandurang Madkaikar, Mauvin Godinho were out of power for years.

All this collectively will make the real report card of Manohar Parrikar-led and Vijai Sardesai supported government.

While compiling this supplement, we have taken all the precautions to make it unbiased. Views of the writers are not our views. As our label says 'we are neutral'. Neutral means true. And what we represent is what the people feel.

We are not making any statement on the ability of the government to perform. We have no right to make such a statement because it is the people who have elected these representatives to govern.

The cover story which we have worked on has been done meticulously after speaking to the political experts, journalists, social workers and people on the street.

We are trying to reflect aspirations of the people through our magazine. We did try to speak to Parrikar and get his appointment for interview but he was pre-occupied, so could not spare time. May be next issue we will get his reaction and speak in detail about his plans for Goa.

Let me tell our readers that our efforts to compile this special supplement is keeping in mind the welfare of the state. As the fourth estate, we thought it is our duty to let Parrikar, his colleagues, people in opposition, people supporting government and those who are sitting on the fence revisit last 100 days. Because based on these 100 days we will have to chart out our path for future.

Goemkarponn should not be only a word that can be used systematically to defend the issue but in coming days let that word be the guiding force for the state. Jai Goem!

# CM PARRIKAR AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATION: SUDIN DHAVLIKAR

TEAM TNV

**What are the achievements of your government in last 100 days?**

Even after having a lot of problems, the government is running comfortably and taking Goa towards progress. During the regime of the previous government there were financial backlogs and infrastructure projects were on the backburner. In the last 100 days we have tried and paid off maximum outstandings which were to the tune of Rs. 600 to Rs. 700 crore and restarted the incomplete projects.

**What are your future plans for your department?**

We have a range of new projects which are coming up. The new Zuari bridge, road widening from Patradevi to Bambolim, Borim to Zuari bridge, Verna to Zuari bridge, Western bypass, Galgibag-Talpona bridge, Dhavli bypass, Khandepar bridge, also a four-lane road with a flyover up to Safa Masjid from Khandepar and also Anmod to Panaji road for which tenders will be floated by August and the foundation stone for which will be laid by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and CM Manohar Parrikar. We are also working extensively to provide 24x7 water supply. 'Swachh Bharat' campaign launched by PM Narendra Modi is another project on which my department is working whole heartedly. The issues of garbage, open defecation, public urinals and sewerage have been taken on priority. Goa is the only place where we can take sewerage to urban as well as rural areas. In congested localities like Durbhat, vacuum systems for sewerage by CTEK technologies Austria would be in place by December this year. It is my dream to make Goa the cleanest state in India and in the last 100 days we have started working towards it. On the transport front, we have



started working towards the improvement of all the existing bus stands as well as we have undertaken installation of CCTVs on all the major rural, district roads and state highways. Truck parking plazas and many other new projects will be unveiled shortly.

**Do you think you have managed to get zero percent tolerance towards corruption?**

A regular audit for the quality of work and the material is done. We are trying to make the system as transparent as possible. The department has a long chain of hierarchy from senior engineers, junior engineers, surveyors etc. If there are any discrepancies, I urge the people to report it immediately.

**Do you think the government is stable?**

Yes, the government is very much stable and will complete its full term under the

leadership of CM Manohar Parrikar.

**What kind of cooperation do you expect from the people to run the government?**

In the last few years we have seen a rise in unnecessary protests by NGOs for literally every project which leads to prolongation and a subsequent increase in the project cost. I would like to appeal to all the people that this is your government, if there are any queries please question us and don't go with the rumors.

**How is it working with CM Manohar Parrikar?**

CM Parrikar and I share a special relation. We share similar ideas and we have a common road map for the improvement and development of the state which after coming into reality, will actually do justice to our "Goem, Goemkar and Goemkarponn."



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# BEING THE SPEAKER IN MY VERY SECOND TERM WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR ME : PRAMOD SAWANT

TEAM TNV

**How is it going for you as the Speaker? Especially when this is for the first time when you are occupying the chair.**

Being a Speaker of the Assembly, even though it was just my second term as an MLA, was a proud moment for me. Also, being the youngest Speaker in the country is another reason for me to be proud of. After taking charge of this post I feel that there is an increase in my responsibilities and also I have to do a lot of homework. But I am happy with the fact that I have been given such an important post even after being young in age and even in experience.

**Will you conduct all the future Assembly sessions in Konkani and Marathi or will it be only in English?**

No, this trend is already started in Goa. If you notice, Konkani, Marathi and English are all used during Assembly sessions. There is no specific rule that one has to speak only in Konkani or Marathi, there are many who speak in English as well. So I would say that the Assembly sessions will be conducted in all three languages.

**During the previous term you were an active member of the Assembly, now being on the position of the Speaker do you feel that you will not be able to highlight the issues of your constituency?**

After coming on this position, I do not feel the need of highlighting the issues of my constituency before someone else. I can call anybody in my chamber and I can direct them. Earlier when I was just an MLA I could only request the concerned Minister, but now being a speaker I can direct them. So, this is the difference and also an advantage.

**You have been in the BJP camp right from the beginning but the position on which you are demands that you should be impartial. What challenges do you think this post will bring before you?**

I have started my political career being a social worker with the BJP. And I have been very active member of the party because of which I have been elected as an MLA and also been nominated as a Speaker. When I sit on this position of the Assembly, being



partial or favouring anyone is something that will not happen and I will do my best to give every MLA an equal chance to bring the issues of their constituency before the House and even bring forward their grievances if any, and I will do whatever is permitted within the rulebook to deliver fair justice.

**An individual like Manohar Parrikar who has been to Rajya Sabha and the Defence Minister of the country, and is presently the CM of Goa. Are there any awkward moments where you have been corrected by the CM?**

So far there has not been any such instance. Also, there are senior politicians like Pratapsingh Rane who have been in the politics even before I was born. But for some reason once you sit on the Speaker's chair

all the fear vanishes. If there is anything which I do not understand then I promptly read and try to understand so that I can give a suitable explanation.

**There have been so many Speakers in the past. Is there any Speaker that you consider as your idol and try to follow his style of working?**

Unfortunately I was not able to witness the style of working of any earlier Speakers. Before becoming an MLA I never sat in the Assembly. Unlike today there were no TV sets earlier which would telecast Assembly sessions. But if you ask me, I admire Rajendra Arlekar as a speaker, since he was very studious and had a unique style of responding to the queries and conducting Assembly sessions.



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# WITH CONGRESS, WE WOULD HAVE SEEN MUSICAL CHAIR: VINOD PALYEKAR

TEAM TNV

**On the scale of 1-10 how would you rate the performance of the government?**

I would rate the government 7 out of 10. We are just four months into the governance and I feel that the government supported by my party Goa Forward is doing pretty well. We can say that this government can be termed as 'sabka saath sabka vikas with flavour of Goemkarponn' in it.

**How do you rate the performance of your ministry?**

I rate the performance of my ministry 5 out of 10. When I took over as the minister the department was in a mess. There was no discipline. I am trying to bring in a corporate style work culture. I have clearly sent out a message that it would be 'perform or perish' for the officers in my department.

**Do you think the government will complete its full tenure?**

This government is for Goem Goemkar Goemkarponn and it would complete the term. Vijai Sardesai along with Manohar Parrikar will take Goa forward.

**Is it difficult for Goa Forward party to join hands with BJP and rule the state?**

Not at all. Instead we are in a better position to work. If we had allied with Congress to form the government, we would have seen musical chairs every day.

**What can we expect from your ministry in near future?**

I am trying to bring in a significant change. We are working towards introducing schemes which would help individuals, farmers etc. I urge the Goan youth to come forward and register themselves as contractors, and my department would help them to build their careers while working towards the betterment of the state. I am trying to streamline the department. My target is to make department paperless, I mean online web portal for scheme etc. so that people sitting at homes can apply for the schemes and they would get the approval through emails.



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Vijai Sardesai along with Manohar Parrikar will take Goa forward.

**Do you think that fisheries sector can be developed in a big way?**

Fisheries can be developed in a big way. I have lots of things in my mind, I would discuss the same with my leader Vijai Sardesai and take it forward

**How much time did you take to understand your portfolios?**

It just took 20 days to get hold of my department

**Is the presence of Parrikar as Chief Minister helping you?**

He is a statesman, an experienced legislator and a leader for decades now. He has an excellent bonding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and I am sure it would benefit Goa in a big way.

# WE HAVE YOUNG AND DYNAMIC MINISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM: VISHWAJEET RANE

## TEAM TNV

### What are your views on the 100 days of Parrikar-led government?

Within these 100 hundred days, the government has been taking a good shape. Under the leadership of Manohar Parrikar every department is becoming vibrant once again. Everybody is working with a vision and a focus. Everybody has been given freedom to function within a certain framework and to draw up an agenda for the portfolio with a vision document of the portfolio for next five years. And I feel that we have young dynamic Ministers in the government who are working together as a team and trying to deliver efficient services to the people of Goa. Every Minister is working hard to bring in efficiency and transparency in the working of his department.

### How do rate the performance of this government on a scale of 1 to 10?

I feel the performance has been pretty good and everybody is aggressive. On a scale of 1 to 10, I would rate the government 9 out of 10. Yes, there are certain things somewhere which maybe going slow, but then, within the first 100 days it takes time to get settled and understand every Minister's functioning, putting systems in place, drawing up a plan and framing timelines.

### Are you comfortable working with the BJP government?

I am extremely comfortable working with Manohar Parrikar, and I feel that he gives enough freedom. In case if there is anything, we discuss mutually and sort out all the issues. Till date there has not been any point of friction on any front because we work with an open mind. We follow a pattern of making presentations and trying to understand issues. The issues are discussed through a PowerPoint presentation and we try to find a solution and resolve them to take things forward. So the question of being uncomfortable working with the BJP does not arise at all.

### Compared to your tenure as Health Minister in Congress government, do you think you have more pace now?

Definitely, the way of functioning will be more systematic and moving forward



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because I am already aware of various other initiatives and various functioning of the department and what is required and how the department should work based on my past experience. I feel that since I know the portfolio, it will be easier for me to work and take things forward.

### People have been raising questions about the stability of this government. Your comments?

The government is extremely stable and everybody wants the leadership of Manohar Parrikar to take things forward. We are also well supported by the central government

which is providing a lot of funds for the government schemes to the government of Goa. This coalition government is here to stay and take things forward.

### What are the few things that you have learnt from Parrikar?

I have worked with Manohar Parrikar earlier when I was the chairman of Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC). I know his style of working and I have understood more or less the framework in which he works and that's how we need to incorporate ourselves and adjust to that particular style of functioning.



# WE ARE GOING THROUGH A SENSITIVE PHASE : GOVIND GAUDE

## TEAM TNV

**How do you rate the Parrikar-led government's performance on the scale of 1-10?**

I don't want to be self-congratulatory. Ultimately we are here for the people, so let people decide about it.

**Do you think it was a wise decision to join hands with the BJP to form the government?**

It was a political prudence. We are going through a sensitive phase and Manohar Parrikar is the only credible leader who has risen up in the critical and volatile situations. I am here to strengthen the intervention capacity of the workers, farmers, youth and women in law-making. Within 100 days, we have managed to agree on the withdrawal of amendment to Kul-Mundkar Act. My manifesto started with the line of promising to fight for its withdrawal. Majority of Priol dwells and cultivates in such lands.

**You have been considered as leader of ST community. Do you think you have been able to address to their issues?**

Definitely we are on the mission. I have worked, struggled and agitated with several groups for this cause. I am an activist first. We have put certain programs on fast track. I have asked the department secretary to visit New Delhi and follow-up all the pending matters at Union Tribal Welfare Department. We are in process of implementing Forest Right Act by the end of this year. With regards to the issue of electoral reservations, I am pursuing the status with Chief Minister and soon I will be meeting Central Minister for Tribal Welfare. Similarly, providing quality education and developing entrepreneurship within the weaker sections is a prime focus.

**Do you think this government will be a stable one for complete tenure?**

Absolutely! We have agreed on common interests and that's how coalition government works. I do not see anything that would derail the process.

**What are the issues of Priol constituency that you would like to take on priority?**



Priol is a completely rural area which even today struggles for the basic civic facilities. The area majorly survives on the agricultural produce where lands are mainly tenanted and has narrow access to the market. It also has one of the highest school drop-out rates. Providing vocational training, necessary qualifications and alternative schooling for them is our promise. The residential school that will provide conventional as well as tertiary education is in the pipeline.

Access to water, both for irrigation and consumption has been a prime concern. We are working on multiple fronts to solve water woes, including completion of Opa water pipeline.

Establishing government schools and strengthening the existing ones has been taken up on priority because in many parts it is the sole provider of education. The Savoi-Verem Government High School which was kept in a pathetic condition for its closure has been revived and taken as a model project. The issues of teachers are being solved and opening of a state of the art library, ground and gymnasium will make the school lucrative. The education needs

investment of state machinery as well as ideas.

The renovation of weekly Banastari market on the lines of traditional 'bazaar' and not to make it a concrete block or a mall is also on our planner. It will protect and promote local farmers and vendors. The lone health center at Betki would be upgraded to a hospital soon.

We want to create development that creates respect, sufficiency and enlightens human beings. We are working on all the fronts. The task is massive but with the kind of young people that showcase their enthusiasm it will be a success story.

**Is it the end of Dhavalikar era in your constituency?**

The massive shift in voting pattern of Priol explains everything. But beyond individual or a party it is an end of the politics of fear and favor. It is an end of the politics which degrades human values. Development cannot be somebody's charity. Development should be a full-fledged program of the state. My entire campaign was driven by the young souls. My manifesto itself was named as 'agenda for youth'. People of Priol have risen up to the new promise!

**After defeating MGP president do you find any difficulty to be a part of the government that has MGP in it?**

I have pledged my support to Manohar Parrikar. And the government works as a collective responsibility of cabinet. I am unapologetic for the mandate that I have earned.

**Have you pledged your support to this government for the next five years?**

My commitment is towards the leadership of Manohar Parrikar. I am an activist and I am here to safeguard the interest of workers. Mr Parrikar is sensitive towards the issues and has intended to work for it.

**How would you describe working under CM Manohar Parrikar?**

Mr Parrikar is one of the pioneering figures in India. He has command over the administration. I have taken up this opportunity to learn various things. We often engage in discussions on several issues. I find him to be a keen observer and a considerate individual.



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# PARRIKAR IS A MAN OF ACTION: MANOHAR AJGAONKAR

## TEAM TNV



**How do you rate performance of Parrikar-led government on the scale of 1-10?**

I am a part of the Government and it is for the public to rate this government.

**How comfortable are you working with Parrikar?**

The very fact that he has given me the responsibility of Tourism and Sports Ministries, makes it clear that he has confidence, trust and faith in me and I am comfortable working with all those who trust me.

**What are the achievements of state government that highlights the performance of this government?**

The Chief Minister has proposed various visionary projects and schemes in his budget speech. He has just announced the common minimum programme. We will work hard to make Goa prosperous by preserving the fabric of Goemkarponn



**Was it difficult for you to handle tourism portfolio as you have not handled it in the past?**

I have come up in politics from grass-root level and have learnt that dedication and sincerity helps in achieving the desired goals. I believe in transparency and will work in time bound manner.

**Do you think MGP is getting equal importance in this government?**

The allotment of portfolios to MGP Ministers and the chairmanship of GSIDC to our third MLA itself speaks about the importance given to our party.

**Do you think MGP would have been comfortable working with Congress?**

Let us not get into "ifs" and "buts"

**Do you foresee growth in tourism sector?**

Yes, the recent announcements of various awards by reputed travel magazines, speak of Goa being chosen as preferred destination by tourists across the globe. We are also working on various projects to boost tourism in Goa.

**You have worked with various Chief Ministers. How different is Parrikar from the rest?**

He is a man of action.

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# PARRIKAR SHOWED HIS REAL COLOUR IN SADHVI SARASWATI EPISODE: GIRISH CHODANKAR

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**How do you rate the performance of Parrikar-led government during last 100 days?**

Generally for any government 100 days is too less a time to judge its performance, especially for the government like that of led by Parrikar which is symbolic to compromise for the greed of power, 100 days is just a beginning. They are still adjusting with each other at the cost of state's governance. Nothing is happening except for the speeches and announcements. People have not seen a single good thing. This will continue forever as too many greedy people are sharing the power at one time. Administration has collapsed, law and order has deteriorated, transparency of government is compromised.

**You mean to say Parrikar government did not perform at all?**

That is the impression amongst the people. Basically, you need to understand that Parrikar government is an unholy alliance. They are not there to perform but for the sake of power. I would rather say it is Parrikar-Sardesai government as Dhavalikar brothers are completely out of focus. These two people who have been accusing each other of being 'dalal', do you think they will be comfortable with each other and will they work for the welfare of the state?

**On a scale of 0-10 how would you rate performance of this government?**

I would rate it 3. That too, not because of the Ministers, but due to some good government officials who have been working sincerely. Otherwise we have most inefficient Ministers in the government, but they are yet to win people's trust.

**What is your reaction to Goa Forward Party Ministers? How is their performance?**

Goa Forward Ministers are working under the shadow of Vijai Sardesai. They are totally remote controlled. Actually it's just one Minister, Vijai Sardesai, while Vinod Palyekar and Jayesh Salgaoncars are like OSDs of those departments.

**One good thing that you appreciate about Parrikar government?**



I really appreciate the silence maintained by Manohar Parrikar when Sadhvi Saraswati who is sharing the ideologies of his own party threatened to hang people who eat beef. I am thankful to Parrikar that he silently endorsed her views. That is how he showed his real colours. Parrikar who is known for filing FIRs against his political opponents maintained silence over Sadhvi, allowing her to go. Vijai Sardesai was also exposed for trying to act as a smoke screen for Parrikar allowing Sadhvi leave the state without any action on her.

**Congress too did not do anything against Sadhvi.**

Are we in power to take any action? We have played a role of an active opposition by speaking out openly against her. I was the first person to make statement against her. Our senior leader Shantaram Naik took up the issue in Delhi. Our leaders like Chandrakant Kavlekar, Pratima Coutinho and Savitri Kavlekar spoke against her. But finally it is for the government to prove its secular credential and book her. That did not happen.

**Do you think this government is stable?**

As far as congress is concerned we are not interested in destabilising this government.

If they fall, it would be due to their own weight. If they continue, they will keep on ruining Goa further. The wishes and prayers of people are not with this government. This government is formed by defeating people.

**Is Congress flock together after exit of Vishwajit Rane?**

We are very much together. You will witness united opposition strength during the upcoming monsoon session of the House. Proper strategy has been worked out to put government on the mat.

**What about by-elections in Valpoi and Panaji?**

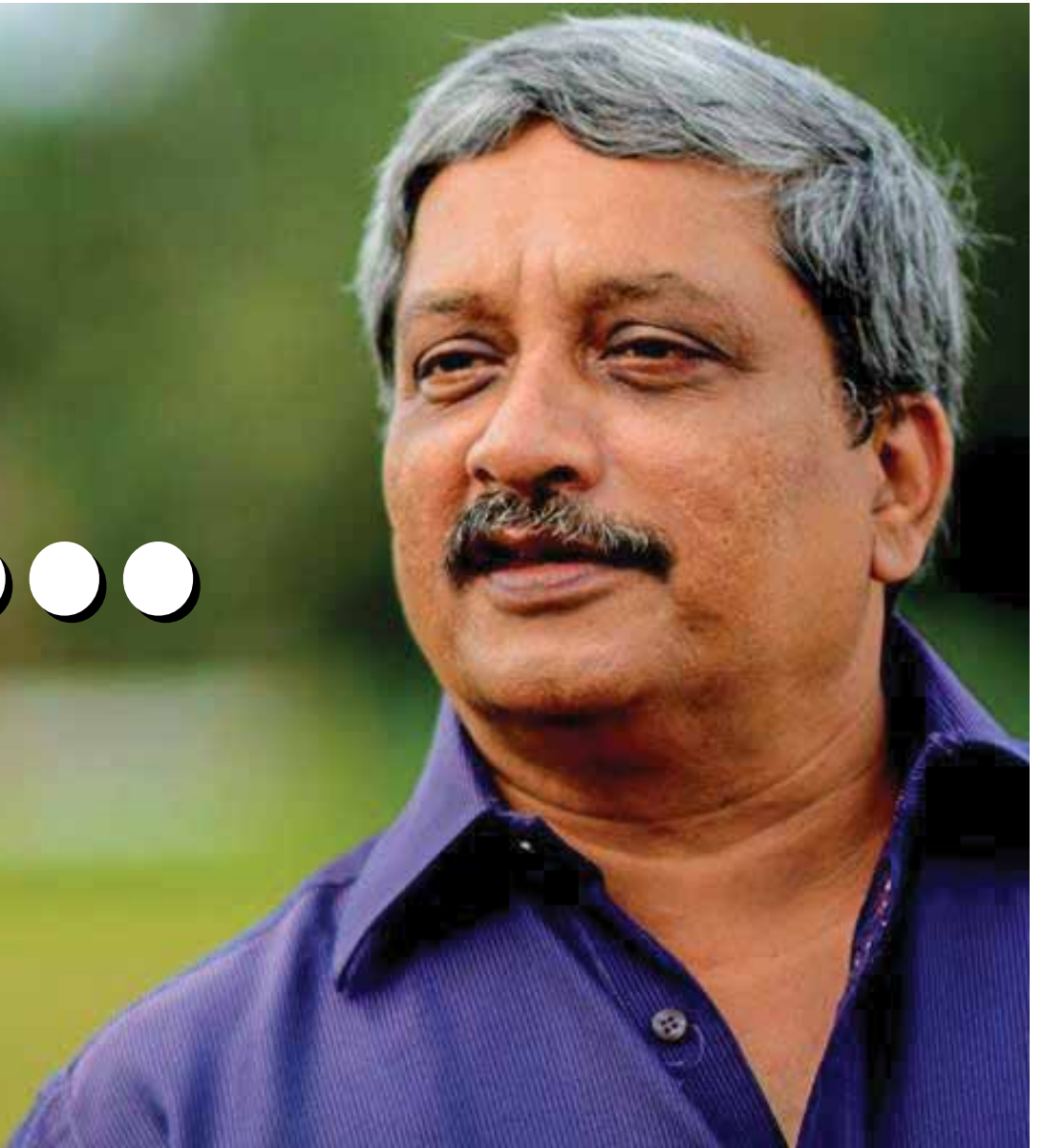
There also you will see Congress candidates winning the elections. You have to understand that people have thrown out BJP. The BJP is right now hanging onto power due to Goa Forward, MGP and Independents. The voters who have rallied behind the Congress will once again show their power. Moreover, Vishwajit Rane ditching the trust of people is another factor. He will have to face the wrath of the people during by election. Parrikar himself is not sure of winning in Panaji that is why he is busy in some political engineering. But all these things don't work. Power of people is ultimate.



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# THE FIRST 100... DAYS!

## MR. PARRIKAR BUSY 'PLEASING' HIS NEW FRIENDS



### TEAM TNV

Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar-led coalition government was sworn in on March 14, after the 61-year old politician, formed an alliance within just 24 hours after the State Assembly results were declared on March 11. It was not a clear mandate for BJP, who despite that managed to retain their power in the state for the second successive term.

On June 21, the Parrikar government completed 100 days in power. Although, 100 days is too short a period for making an honest assessment of the performance of any organisation, particularly that of a government, but administrative steps, policy initiatives or law making does offer some insight into the ways and thinking of a government.

There is very little to cheer in the first 100 days of the new government, which went on with Parrikar busy pleasing his coalition partners- Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), Goa Forward Party (GFP) and the Independents. Ironically, while appeasing his "new friends", the 'bhai' upset his own leaders, when he decided to revert back the decisions taken by the previous Laxmikant Parsekar-led government.

As we all know, the government formation

was embroiled in major controversy when Congress who emerged as the single largest party with 17 MLAs and support of two Independents failed to stake its claim to form the government.

Often known as the 'master' of politics, Parrikar proved the political analysts true, when he displayed splendid political acumen and skill in forging a coalition with its former allies and the recent 'opponent' MGP and the hard core anti-BJP force GFP led by MLA and present Minister Vijai Sardesai.

BJP and its allies move was termed as "greed for power" by political analysts. Whatever said and done, the biggest challenge before this coalition government is to give 'stable governance' to the people of Goa for next five years.

It did not end here. After managing to saffronise two former Congressmen Mauvin Godinho and Pandurang Madkaikar before polls, it was now time for Congress elected Valpoi MLA Vishwajit Rane to switch sides for power.

On the D-Day of the crucial Floor test on March 16, Rane ditched his party by not voting on the Floor of the House that gave clear mandate to Parrikar.

Rane later resigned the party to join BJP. He was sworn in as Health Minister in April and now is set to re-contest the by-polls.

As we take a look at the first hundred days of the new government, what we could see is that it was not a very good start for the Parrikar regime. He took over power at a crucial stage when over 2500 liquor outlet operators including bar and restaurant owners, located within 500 meters of national and state highways, were on the verge of shutdown following the Supreme Court order.

Owing to the election code of conduct and considering the fact that the SC order has no direct implications on it, the government showed reluctance in challenging the order. A move that was strongly criticised by the opponents. But, the government got solace when the Supreme Court modified its order in the last week of March stating that liquor outlets beyond 200 meters in the municipal areas got relief while for others the axe continued till date.

Within ten days of coming to power, Parrikar presented revenue oriented and not so populist State Budget 2017-18-projecting a 11 percent growth and sought to ramp up spending on infrastructure but spared common man from any additional levies except for hike in petrol prices, which he said was the need of the hour with inflationary prices and to generate revenue for the state exchequer.



With shrinking state economy and the revenue backbones, iron ore mining and tourism, failing to give expected income, the government is now completely banking on its Centre share and allocation to keep the pace going. The revamp of state financial situation, while keeping the balance between spending on social welfare sector and development, is one of the biggest challenges that Parrikar faces today, and it did reflected in the state budget.

Parrikar government earmarked Rs 978 crore to social sector and Rs 2482 crore for infrastructural sector that includes whopping 40 percent rise in budget for public works.

A close analysis of the Budget indicates that Parrikar has laid emphasis on his unfulfilled budgetary promises made by him during his earlier tenure in 2012-14 (during which he presented three Budgets), be it time bound service to citizens, or completion of Mandovi and Zuari bridge, or commencement of South Goa district hospital or self-sustain agriculture sector or garbage free Goa or rehabilitation of slum areas. The promises remained mere announcements on Budget documents.

Beggar free Goa, traffic management, voluntary retirement (VRS) to 'lethargic' government employees, revamp of education sector, ex-servicemen to man the mismanaged Goa medical college administration, proper mechanism to maintain the created infrastructure, are some of the new initiatives promised by the government.

The current government has five new and young faces as first time Ministers, of which, it is a maiden tenure for three legislators. Vijai Sardesai, Rohan Khaunte, Jayesh Salgaonkar, Vinod Palyekar and Govind Gawade, are the new faces in the Parrikar chaired cabinet.

Young and enthusiastic Ministers were seen quite active during this period, when TCP Minister Vijai Sardesai, Revenue Minister Rohan Khaunte and Water Resources Minister Vinod Palyekar made surprise visits to their respective departments initiating stern action against the 'late comers.' Several government employees were placed under suspension for their lethargic attitude towards work.

When his cabinet colleagues were in action, Parrikar too surprised employees through his sudden visits. Rane too made several surprise visits to the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), where he was shocked to see the condition and took the concerned authorities on radar.

Such moves were expected from the Ministers to prove their worth after taking over on the chair for the first time.

The only Ministers who were seen more active in their duties were Vishwajit Rane, Rohan Khaunte, Vijai Sardesai and Vinod Palyekar.

Within two months of taking charge as Health Minister, Rane took several decisions to normalise the GMC, which was in 'coma' for last five years. Appointing new medical superintendent, dean and special consultant was taken on priority. Adding new ambulances to the existing fleet of 108 with GPS service, re-designating existing consultants in super-speciality departments, subsidised medicines etc., were some of the quick initiatives of the Minister.

Khaunte too showed keen interest in his departments of Revenue and Information Technology. He launched e-portal taking all revenue services online and to the door-step of the public. He even took step to evict the

Mahiti Ghars following complaints from public.

On the IT front too, he was successful in preparing a draft start-up policy for the state.

Minister for Town and Country Planning and Agriculture Vijai Sardesai and WRD and Fisheries Minister Vinod Palyekar, also made several efforts to understand their new departments. Palyekar showed keen interest in the state's contentious Mhadei water diversion issue, which is currently fought before Tribunal between Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

While the new Ministers from GFP and few Independents were seen in action, the Ministers from BJP (except Vishwajit Rane) and MGP were seen inactive. Be it BJP's Power Minister Pandurang Madkaikar or Panchayat Minister Mauvin Godinho or MGP's PWD and Transport Minister Ramakrishna Dhavalikar or Tourism and Sports Minister Manohar Azgaonkar- no major initiatives or announcement came from their concerned departments.

A close analysis of the government, ever since it took over, reveals the very fact that Manohar Parrikar left no stone unturned to keep his coalition partners "happy". Be it allocating the major portfolios or corporations like Goa State Infrastructure Development (MGP) and South Goa Planning and Development Authority (SGPDA) (GFP) or re-looking at his own previous government's decisions like amendment to the Agriculture Tenancy Act, re-classification of coconut as tree and review of projects approved by Investment Promotion Board (IPB)-

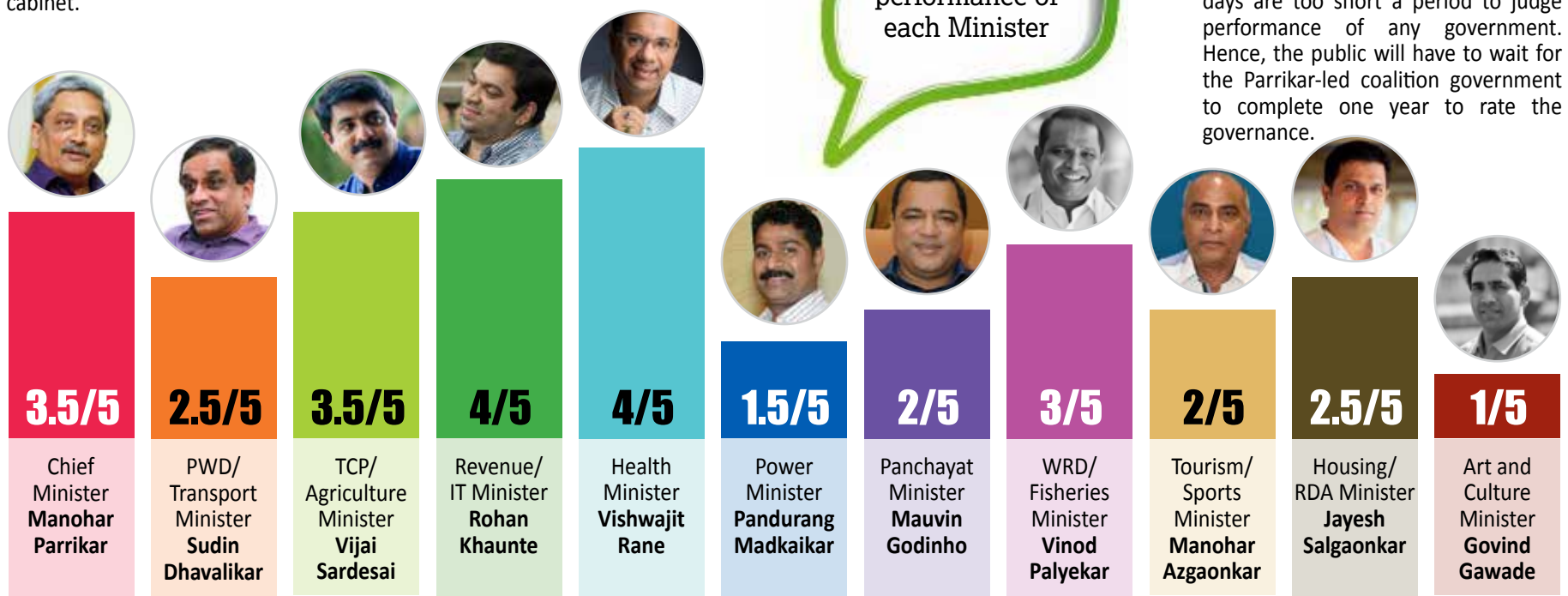
Parrikar went all out to 'satisfy' his alliance partners, while upsetting his party colleagues like Laxmikant Parsekar, Rajendra Arlekar amongst others.

The common minimum programme, released with a theme 'sabka sath sabka vikas with Goenmkarpon', reflected the aspirations of the coalition partners. However, unfortunately, the document failed to assure people as by when the off-shore casino vessels would be shifted out of River Mandovi, a promise that BJP government gave during its earlier tenure in 2012-17. On the contrary, it speaks about drafting a policy for removal of floating casinos- a tactic to ensure that off shore vessels continue to be anchored in Mandovi.

As the government completes 100 days, the latest three-month extension granted to the off shore casino vessels to shift also ends on June 30. Government, who assured to identify an alternative site for their relocation, failing which the three-month extension would be automatically turned into six months, made no single move in that direction. So, at least for another three months, the casinos are here to stay.

Though the first three months were not marred in any controversies surrounding the government, the Union government's notification imposing restrictions on sale of cow for slaughtering and subsequent demand for beef ban from right wing Hindu outfits, created much unrest amongst public especially the minority community. While the government made its stand clear, stating 'it will follow the law', a fear about possible beef ban looms large on the state where beef is a part of the cuisine for a large section of society in the coastal state.

As we said in the beginning, 100 days are too short a period to judge performance of any government. Hence, the public will have to wait for the Parrikar-led coalition government to complete one year to rate the governance.



# 100 DAYS OF PARRIKAR AND SHIFTING CENTERS OF GOVERNANCE

TEAM TNV

Manohar Parrikar's Mission Salcete may have stopped after his central stint, but the mission has begun again after the 2017 elections. Now, Parrikar has passed on the baton to the young Ministers in his cabinet especially TCP and Agriculture Minister Vijai Sardesai.

Even with the sweeping BJP performances, the BJP in Goa have not been able to emerge as the single largest party in the 2017 elections. Down to 13 from 21 MLA's in 2012, the BJP in Goa has learnt a lesson in much intense way. While the Congress failed to cobble up a majority, the BJP gathered the free moving MLA's and also the MGP and GFP to form the government in Goa. The government that initially looked like a stop gap arrangement and the one which may not last for long has completed 100 days in power.

After an exemplary win in 2012, Parrikar was appreciated by everyone, all across the country. Soon he was being seen in Salcete on scooter, on foot, walking into muck, making surprise lunch visits to his colleagues in Salcete. Avertano Furtado, Benjamin Silva and Caitu Silva got all the attention and were frequently visited by Parrikar. But, this time it's not the same. It looks like Chief Minister Parrikar in his new avatar has decided to work smart instead of hard, and has decentralised his powers

to his cabinet colleague Vijai Sardesai.

In the last 100 days of the Parrikar rule in Goa, there are several instances where it is visibly clear that Manohar Parrikar has now decentralised his powers and created parallel power centres, most important one being Minister Vijai Sardesai. Sources in the political circle have suggested that the TCP Minister is of the opinion of having an extended desk of his ministerial office in Margao at Matanhy Saldanha Administrative complex. The ground work of this has already started, with Minister holding big 'janata darbars' in Collectorate with many government officials.

There are indicators that there is a clear delegation of power and a big decentralisation of governance into the South and especially in Fatorda. The first and the clearest indicator is the frequent 'stand of government' statements made by Vijai Sardesai time and again on all major issues. Vijai recently, on the Sadhvi and the beef issue, went on to say that the stand of Goa Forward Party or the TCP Minister is to be treated as the stand of the government on the issues. This comes when there is no statement from the Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar even after the opposition benches are screaming for one.

Second and the most decisive indicator is the 'common minimum programme' which is Vijai and Vijai's campaign promise all the way, be it IPB, Coconut tree or even the Floriculture facilitation.

The third indicator is the style of functioning. In the past, Parrikar functioned in a radical style, and now all the three youngsters in the cabinet, Rohan, Vijai and Vishwajeet are functioning in the same manner. These three musketeers of the Parrikar-led government have already started aggressive clean up exercises and have also brought their colleagues in the main stream.

As far as Vijai is concerned, he is now in charge of all the pending promises of Mission Salcete and keeps following them up. Vijai has promised to complete and commission the sewage treatment plant of Margao and he has also taken up the issues of fishing community affected by CRZ rules.

All this and more is a clear decentralisation bid of the Parrikar government which has rested its powers in its frontline 'commander' Vijai Jaiwant Sardesai.

With the by-election closing in, it is going to be interesting to see who reacts how in the new scheme of things. The control of Vijai over South Goa may also be a hindrance to South Goa MP Narendra Sawaikar from being the natural choice for the 2019 elections as the Goa Forward may beg to differ. The next move of all the politicians ruling Goa is getting clear but perplexed to understand. For now the power centres have shifted and so is the governance in Goa.



# 100 DAYS OF GOVT; INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE

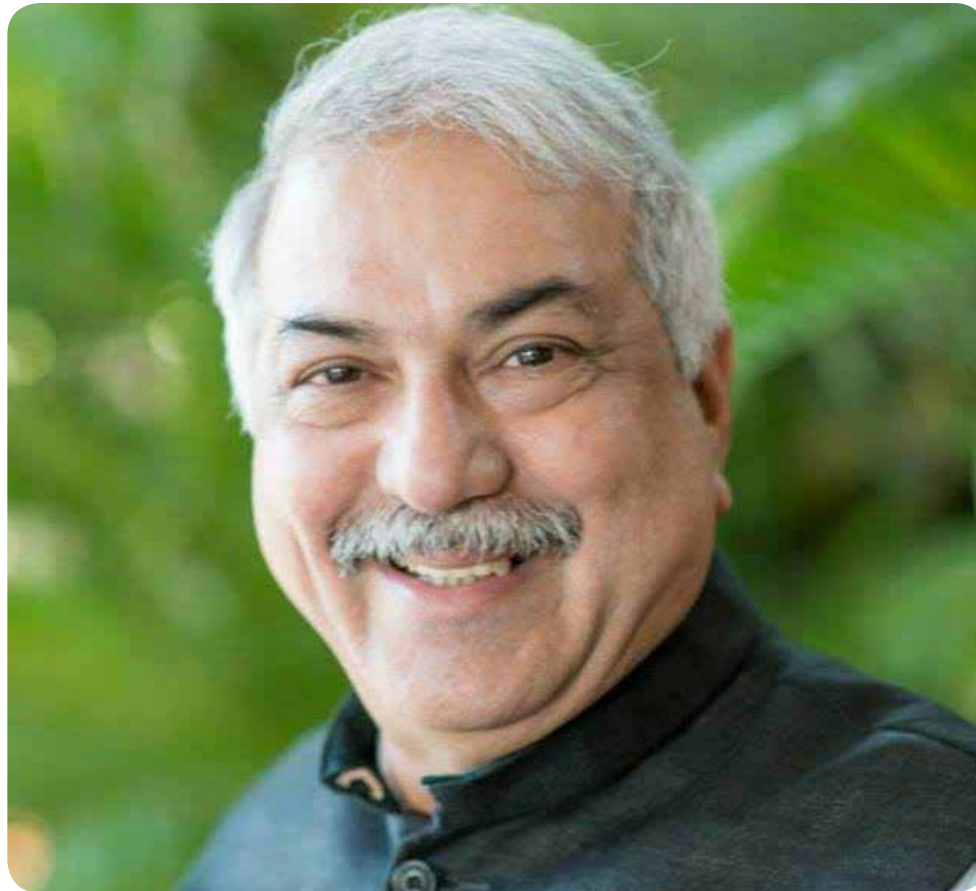
**MANGUIRISH PAI RAIKER**

Industry appreciates a stable government and an able administrator with decision making ability at the helm of affairs. Industry always expects prompt and corrective action to give timely solutions to their problems enabling continuity in their working. A government with proactive approach ensures safe and healthy environment culminating into productive phase. It is always a norm to expect the moon from the government post elections and each and every industry comes up with their list of demands and expectations from the government. In my opinion, the government should take the stakeholders' needs and aspirations while deciding on any new policy. The key driver for the economy should be growth, and industry will definitely support all the steps which are taken in that direction to achieve it.

The present central government is making its best efforts, even racing against the time to deliver. Many changes and reforms have been introduced to accelerate the pace of development. The state governments are also following the central governments' footsteps and are incorporating easier norms for the establishment and functioning of the industry. Many states are miles ahead in attracting new investments. Each state is competing with another to attract the new investments, which helps to generate employment as well as revenue.

The 2017 elections tossed fragmented results with no clear mandate to anyone in particular. The regional parties and the Independents thought it was prudent to side with the Bharatiya Janata Party who were in power prior to the election but with a condition that it should be headed by none other than Manohar Parrikar. It was seen from the newspaper reports that the industrial organisations and the representatives were happy with this outcome. The leader has to have a political acumen and the administrative skills to handle such situations, so as to keep the flock together and also drive the development process forward. Manohar Parrikar perfectly fits this requirement. During his earlier term, he was known for his quick action and he had created an image of a disciplined and focused administrator. We are sure he will take the right decision which will see growth and will not be swayed by populist actions.

The rule of the government according to me is to act as a facilitator and not to do things themselves. Instead of running everything by themselves, the government



should open up markets/sectors for private public partnership (PPP) model. There is a need to prepare a vision document which will incorporate the common minimum programme and be presented to the people of the state

There are numerous things that the industry expects from the new government, few of which could be listed are proactive measures to encourage infrastructure on every level, water, electricity, garbage management, effective transport management, widening of the roads to ease the congested traffic and so on. Proactive government machinery and a good law and order in the state will go a long way in building the confidence in the investors and budding entrepreneurs. Also, steps should be taken to decentralise many of the permissions necessary. Some of them are really archaic and need to be relooked. It is a good sign that there is a government indication that the Investment Promotion Board is being reviewed. This Board should have some authority along with responsibility so that it can be a real single window clearance agency and not another door opening into other windows

The initial period of this government has gone into consolidation of the various factions of the government. Any coalition

government does take initial time to bridge the differences and work out on the common minimum programme. It is but natural that the pace of operations will definitely be slow as all the decisions are likely to be after proper deliberations. The expectations are there since all the elected representatives have come with a promise of good governance and development of their respective electorates. The hundred days' time limit is too short to judge the performance of any government. The intentions are seen but will have to be converted into actions. It is a difficult task of walking on a tight rope but is achievable for a seasoned campaigner like Parrikar who has handled more problematic and challenging situations in his political career.

Goods and Service Tax being introduced in the country from 1st July 2017 will bring about an overall change in the business scenario. This is going to be a challenging phase for the government to bring about a smooth change from the existing tax structure. I am sure that the government is prepared to take plunge in introducing this new tax reform, which is revolutionary and meant to integrate the entire country into 'One Nation One Tax'. There is a lot to look forward to, and the expectations will be unending as usual.



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# THE CREDIT GOES TO GFP TO BIND THE BJP AND OTHERS

PRABHAKAR TIMBLE

100 days is not a span to evaluate the performance of any government. It would be blind worship to give rave reviews by considering mere announcements of programmes and honeymoon period commitments of Ministers including media attention seeking dart to government offices as achievements. Equally, it would be unfair to pin down the government for its failures and shortcomings.

## BIRTH IN MYSTERY

From the position of power, the BJP was reduced to 13 in the new Assembly. Yet, BJP cobbled up numbers to form the government. It was clear that the people's mandate was against the BJP. Yet, the Governor managed the show with total disregard to precedents and conventions and gave the first opportunity to the leader of the political party rejected at the elections, to be sworn as the Chief Minister. The birth of the 2017 Manohar Parrikar government is shrouded in mystery. 2017 will be recorded in Goa's political and legislative history as the year where the people's victory was curved to citizens' defeat in a diminutive fraction of less than 24 hours by the elected legislators. It was too complex for Goans to adapt to the new "Swaachh Bharat" politics of the triumvirate of Narendra Modi-Amit Shah-Nitin Gadkari. Goans were shell shocked. They did not celebrate nor grieve. They could not digest the installation of the BJP government as the hallmark of "Goemkarponn" after the electorate gave the thumbs down to the party which is just not perceived but actually pursues an agenda which attempts to obliterate the DNA of Goa.

## CMP

The Common Minimum Programme (CMP) could function as an indicator of the future course that the government is likely to adopt. Apart from the projects and programmes enunciated in the state budget, CMP talks about granting of tree status to coconut tree, review of approvals granted by the Investment Promotion Board, a tripartite MoU in respect of Goa's rivers which stand nationalised, farmer's markets on highways and amendment to the Agricultural Tenancy Act to revert tenancy cases to Special Mamlatdars instead of Civil Court. It looks that the



issue of medium of instruction at the primary stage of education would not find space at the political party level in future. The often repeated promise to shift the casinos out of river Mandovi is once again reiterated in the CMP. At the same time, the alternative location or proposed approach is kept away from the eyes of the general public. CMP sounds of Regional Plan 2030 which means the state will go without the new regional plan for another term of five years. The earlier government also kept RP in cold storage during its five-year term.

It appears that the formulation of a CMP was not at all a priority for Chief Minister Parrikar as what are incorporated in it are a few boisterous agenda points of the Goa Forward Party. It does not seem to be a comprehensive and holistic programme of the government for different sectors and sections as it ought to be. The Chief Minister has provided comfort to the GFP supremo Vijay Sardesai and also a certificate to make the marriage look credible in the eyes of the public. No doubt, the media perceives it as having the stamp of GFP. Some have gone to the extent of calling it surrender to the GFP.

## TDP INNOVATION WELCOME

It goes to the credit of the GFP to bind the BJP and pin all other political parties to 'Goemkarponn', though an emotion; it is now put on the highest pedestal. It's the GFP sloganeering gone viral and the virus has stuck all the political parties. The concept of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) would be an innovation for

land use and real estate development in Goa. Needless to say, land is the scarcest resource in Goa and seriously weakened by the geographical size of the territory. We need to balance conservation and exploitation; environment and development. Owners whom community expects to conserve private forest lands and eco-sensitive areas need to be recognised through compensatory mechanism. A proper and scientific use of TDR could ensure this. On the lines of TDR, an equitable

package should be worked out for land-losers to ensure acquisition with consent and a human face.

## GFP PERVADES CMP?

It is said that empty vessel makes more noise. The GFP impact on the CMP appears to be extra loud. I would describe it as not adequately cooked food wrapped in the GFP aluminum foil. Not a single agenda point has a time-frame. Finally, they could land up as 'work-in-progress' promises like that of shifting of casinos and the regional plan. The demand of the GFP has been for scrapping of the Investment Promotion Board and not a review of few approvals. This means, nothing in substance. The GFP stipulated that Goa's rivers should be denationalised and ownership maintained as earlier. The GFP commitment was to halt the conversion of Goa's rivers into highways for coal transportation on which the CMP is conveniently silent. This is something what has transpired in the Velim Church case wherein the government was expected to withdraw the case. The government has only dropped the attempt to murder charge (Section 307) which even otherwise the Court was not prepared to accept and had sounded to drop on its own. It means, finally the government has done nothing but the image sought to be created is that government has rescued and given justice to the Church and people!

## PARTY POLITICS ON TOP

At the operational level, the signals are clear that the top most priority of this government is politics rather than

democratic governance. One expected immediate justice was to the Mandrem College which was denied grants and approval for over three years. The interference of the government is also seen in the recently concluded elections to the Goa Urban Cooperative Bank, where the newly elected Board of Directors was not allowed to take charge. The political opponents are trolled and discredited by using SIT, ACB and other agencies.

The elections to the Panchayats saw the rampant political maneuvering done by the government. It was a field day for ruling party politicians in matters of delimitation of wards and reservation of wards. Though, the Courts do not generally interfere over announcement of election schedule, in the instant case, the High Court intervened and demanded course correction, though in few extreme cases. The style of politics endorsed by the BJP is now creating infamous history at the Panchayat level. We have seen that with the blessings of a Minister in the Parrikar cabinet, a no-confidence motion is moved against a Sarpanch within 24 hours of his election. Such is the arrogance of power which the local self-governing institutions will have to digest in the days to come.

The government has so far failed to answer the issue of bars and liquor shops on the highways. There is no clear stand on the question of coal handling by the MPT. The government does not give confidence that it will protect its power from being encroached by the central government. On the issue of the right-wing fringe elements getting emboldened in Goa and freely trading hatred, the government is quiet. It's again individual MLAs and Ministers who speak their 'mann ki baat'!!

As the government completes 100 days, people still talk that BJP usurped the people's mandate, though the voices are not as eloquent as before. Definitely, the BJP is precluded from claiming high moral ground. However, there is a section which holds that there is no alternative to Manohar Parrikar and that even if he resorts to evil politics, that is for the final good of the state. There are takers for this "smart" politics of Parrikar but the numbers are dwindling. As the Parrikar government moves 'forward' with 'goemkarponn', any political force using these catchphrases will be given a very cautious screening by the Goans.



# PARRIKAR SHOULD DO WHAT PARSEKAR FAILED TO DO

TARA KERKAR

Right from the day when Manohar Parrikar took charge of the state, the expectations were high. He might not be the ultimate ruler, but certainly, he had made a mark for himself during his earlier tenures. 2012 saw Parrikar riding the wave of popularity and winning the election. What is interesting is that the speed and intensiveness in which he came to power. Then, with the same speed he left for Delhi.

The election of 2017 saw the expected results as few of the BJP Ministers were outrightly rude, unjust and failed to deliver. The corruption was high and people's issues were pushed to the corner.

Being a part of social activist movement through my NGO 'Savera' my encounter with the politicians and police is not new. I have been regularly travelling on my two-wheeler across the length and breadth of the state. I can certainly say that Savera is one amongst the few NGOs which is active and can bank on for taking the cause to its logical end.

Before we actually sum up the achievements or failures of Parrikar-led government over last 100 days, I have to place my thoughts at the backdrop of Parsekar rule.

Keep aside several agitations that I led to give justice to the people due to which I even landed in a jail, the latest one is about the issue of policemen who were served bad food on the duty during BRICS.

I was instrumental in moving applications under RTI and nail the culprits. I had even handed over the letter to the then Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar who did nothing. I am sure, now when he went home after defeat, he must have carried back such several letters which were addressed to him and he systematically ignored.

There are several such issues which were raised before the BJP government but they did not get any response. This is perhaps one of the reasons why BJP's strength came down from 21 to 13. And mind you, 13 is lucky number of Parrikar.

That 13 number made the usual trick for him and with the help of Goa Forward party, MGP and Independents he came sliding down from Delhi to Porvorim to be the Chief Minister of the state.

I know that 100 days is usually a very less time to judge the performance of any government. But certainly, it is not such a less time that nothing can be judged. The initial actions of Parrikar do not mirror the charisma that he had during 2012. He is no more working like a Chief Minister of the



masses.

The master executor, the master planner and face of the masses was what he was called in the past. Now his own supporters are not too happy with him. So also the organisations like us.

Government is a continuous process; hence Parrikar cannot just wash his hands from what he has inherited from Parsekar. I am writing this article after going through the common minimum programme which he launched recently.

The most striking lie that one can nail in common minimum programme is about off shore casinos. Parrikar who had assured to move out off shore casinos from river Mandovi had mentioned about his assurance but has not put up any deadline. So there is nothing new in it. Parrikar during his earlier tenure has been bargaining for time on off shore casino issue, but every time he used to give another deadline. This time too he has done a smarter thing, the deadline is infinity.

One important issue that we have been following up is about inefficient Goa State Women's Commission. The commission has not done anything for the women in the state. They have been sitting on a heap of complaints. The paper tiger body was exposed by Savera by bringing the real affected women who were not entertained

by its chairman Vidya Tanavade.

If Parrikar was actually serious about women's issues he would have changed the commission and not let the rut continue. There has to be efficiency in the women's commission. He should not allow those so-called social workers who enjoy perks of the state government and do nothing.

It has been 100 days and Parrikar did not get time to meet any of the NGOs. He should understand that NGOs are important part of the democracy and governance. We have been doing the semi-government work, helping the needy. Our views should also have been reflected in the common minimum programme.

To sum up everything, I feel that it is difficult to expect any big achievements from the current government, considering the fact that there is no political unanimity in it.

The issues of the people will linger for next five years. I would be happy if the day comes when people will not have to come to a NGO and their work would be done by government machinery. The day should come when NGOs should search for the cases and cases should not come to them. This seems to be difficult and with over two decade experience of working with the people, I have left no hopes from Parrikar-led government.



The master executor, the master planner and face of the masses was what he was called in the past. Now his own supporters are not too happy with him.

# AN AUDIT OF MANOHAR PARRIKAR'S 100 DAYS IN OFFICE

AIRES RODRIGUES

As Manohar Parrikar completes 100 days in office this week the Chief Minister faces formidable challenges and a uphill task trying to balance Politicians and Political parties who were ideologically poles apart from the BJP prior to the Assembly elections, but suddenly within hours of the assembly results being declared on March 11th all jumped into the same bed. This Tower of Babel has been enveloped in confusion, contradictions and controversies. It has been an unending string of U Turns and renege promises.

After illegitimately usurping power contrary to the people's mandate which had voted the BJP out, Manohar Parrikar to assuage the public resentment and outrage, hoodwinked the people of Goa by promising a Common Minimum Programme (CMP) which would guide and steer the functioning of the government of this diverse crew. After a over three month delay that CMP as expected is a damp squib not having even the value of toilet paper. Complete farce and surrender of values. The CMP does not contain anything concrete and far-reaching to truly take Goa Forward. It is mere eyewash far from the promised Goem, Goenkar and Goenkarponn which no Goan would buy.

While in the Opposition Vijai Sardesai and Rohan Khaunte had consistently demanded the scrapping of the Investment Promotion Board (IPB) which they had alleged was BJP's massive den for Corruption. Now in a U turn Vijai Sardesai is content with a mere 'tightening' of the IPB while Rohan Khaunte is brazenly the new Vice-Chairman of that very board. The scrapping of that IPB would have given some credibility to the CMP. The BJP has already chopped the coconut trees it wanted to. So now declaring it as a State tree will fool no one.

The escalating level of crime is a matter of grave concern while political interference in police functioning is turning Goa into a lawless State. Goa today is very unsafe destination having now evolved as India's gambling, prostitution and narcotics den.

Vijai Sardesai and his Goa Forward had all along demanded the immediate removal of the Casinos from the River Mandovi. Something which Rohan Khaunte had also been very vociferous about until embracing the BJP. The CMP speaks about shifting of the Casinos but does not stipulate any time frame. Ironically Manohar Parrikar while in the Opposition wanted the Casinos



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immediately moved out and had even led an agitation to that effect. But after coming to power in 2012 the BJP has only expanded the number of Casinos.

The CMP is silent on enactment of new laws to fulfill the dream of Special Status for Goa and the Denationalization of Goan Rivers. Vijai Sardesai was also very vocal against the Mopa Airport dubbing it as a land scam but has now conveniently gone silent.

This government has miserably failed to display a firm commitment of Zero Tolerance to Corruption and discrimination based on caste or creed. Rampant corruption continues unabated while we are also witnessing total nepotism and sheer display of arrogance. What to eat and whether to use a bikini should be the sole choice of every citizen and there can be no dictates on such issues by the government.

On 18th June Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar assured that Goa would be garbage free by 18th June 2018. But just a day later he said in the Common Minimum Programme

released that Goa would be garbage free only by 2022. Manohar Parrikar is either suffering from memory loss or has once again proved to be a pathological liar.

But after having betrayed the trust of the people of Goa who had voted against the BJP, Vijai Sardesai, Jayesh Salgaonkar, Vinod Paliencar and the now not so independent Rohan Khaunte are all at the mercy of the BJP as they disgracefully sold themselves to the Saffron brigade for the sake of power and that moolah. And as beggars can be no choosers, they will have to mutely tow and put up with the BJP's devious agenda to which they so shamelessly surrendered. Under the guise of Goem, Goenkar and Goenkarponn it has been Fot, Foting and Fotingponn all the way.

We now have to find a way forward to rescue a sinking Goa from the current administrative anarchy and to restore democratic values while safeguarding for posterity what little remains of our once beautiful and tranquil State.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**SANGITA SHARMA**

Food in all its natural glory, is nature's gift to mankind and is naturally connected to human sustenance on earth. It nourishes the body, mind and soul. But today there is a notable transformation going on in the realm of food that we consume. Scientific knowledge, technology and economics seem to have taken over the rising demand for food all over the world. Hectic lives of people barely give them time to spare a thought on the nutritional content of the food that they eat.

Earlier people followed traditional methods of cooking as per local or regional produce which sufficed for a healthy life. People took pride in their culinary heritage and considered it as a mark of their identity. According to Goode, Curtis and Theophano, "food is the last aspect of the ethnic culture to be lost", and so it should be fiercely guarded.

The days of food from the farm gate to the plate seem to be dwindling into oblivion. Many ancient cultures are diversifying traditional methods of cooking into more commercially viable products. The humble kitchen at home seems to be evolving into a cosmetic food store. The trend of pre-prepared, time saving food seems to be replacing the fresh food concept in our kitchens and that too with a vengeance.

Computer based control systems, sophisticated packaging methods, logistics and distribution systems are supposed to enhance food product quality and improve safety standards. But are these packaged products as nutritious as their fresh counterparts? Are they absolutely safe for consumption as professed by the makers of these products? And who is to gain out of this new trend? Is it the farmer or the consumer? Or is it the government, the food packaging companies and the smart mega stores?

Is the influx of MNC's in the simple food habits of people a sign of economic growth and development? Whilst the government feels that the entry of MNC's manufacturing packaged food products is the call of the hour .....Here is a reality check that we need to seriously introspect upon in terms of health and economic issues related to our country. It is true that societies which are switching over to 'western diets' are having more health issues than before and also their own peculiar economic problems.

- ▶ Manufactured or packaged food are harbingers of health problems. Processed foods are rich in sugar, addictive in nature, contain all sorts of artificial ingredients like preservatives, colours, flavours and chemicals. They are high in refined carbohydrates, low in nutrients/ fibre and rich in trans-fats. They are responsible for various diseases like obesity, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, cancer etc.
- ▶ Food packaging with safety standards in place, are also being considered un-safe. The use of FCM's or 'Food Control Materials' are coming under a scanner, as those eating packaged food are likely to be exposed to low levels of these substances throughout their lives.
- ▶ Formaldehyde, a cancer causing substance is legally used in FCM's like plastic bottles used for fizzy drinks and melamine tableware.
- ▶ Chemicals like Bisphenol A (used in cash register receipts), Triclosan (used in sanitisers), Tributyltin and Phthalates used in FCM's disrupt hormone production.
- ▶ Boxes and wrappers have hazardous chemicals. Nearly 4000 chemicals are being used in various FCM's which are the cause of infertility, thyroid diseases, cancer, immune system problems etc. The chemical regulatory procedures in this regard are inadequate and need to be

## Simple Tips for a Healthier 'YOU'

- ▶ Plan meals and procure fresh veggies, fruits and ingredients on weekends so that cooking fresh food thru the week is simpler.
- ▶ Update yourself with exciting recipes to keep boredom away.
- ▶ Keep fresh fruits, nuts and homemade health snacks within easy reach, rather than pop in energy pills.
- ▶ Eat organic food and drink fresh juices.
- ▶ Opt for milk available in glass bottles.
- ▶ Use earthen or copper containers to store drinking water.
- ▶ Revamp your kitchen; Opt for glass, wooden, metallic or ceramic items & cooking utensils rather than plastic or non-stick ones.

ascertained at the earliest for well-being of the consumer.

Food manufacturing companies and supermarket giants invest capital to retrieve huge profits. They manipulate markets to their advantage, exercise control over farmers, processors and influence consumers by fancy advertisements and attractive offers. It's a misconception to think that these companies will generate more employment, give farmers their due or provide nutritional value to the food that the consumers purchase from them. They are definitely not on a philanthropic mission and as such irrelevant for resolving our economic problems.

Our country has a gigantic population and unique economic challenges. Poverty, unemployment and the issue of equitable distribution of wealth needs to be addressed with a committed zeal.

The time has come to reflect upon the strength and limitations of our nation and work accordingly rather than imitate the West blindly. We have an incredibly hard working farming community, huge manpower, abundant natural resources and rich culinary traditions. We also have enthusiastic entrepreneurs who are re-inventing the norms of business in the country. We are also witness to the packaged food debacle of the West wherein research shows that 90 percent money

spent by most Americans on food is on packaged products. By harnessing the existing resources and devising new methods in the way we make and market 'fresh foods', India can become a beacon of change for the rest of the world. For this purpose, it is the village and farming communities which need to be involved. It is important that they get the due for their hard work.

Besides regular meals, desserts, bakery products, pickles and traditional health drinks too can be made and marketed.

- ▶ Traditional methods of cooking and recipes using natural ingredients should be revived and trained chefs should teach the nuances of healthy cooking to the workers and also to young people, at these centres.
- ▶ To make 'fresh food ventures' a success, state of the art premises, transport link, refrigerated vehicles, committed chefs and dedicated workers are absolutely essential.
- ▶ Fresh food should not only find its way into urban homes, offices and schools (where we need to discourage children from consuming fast food) but also find its rightful place in 'megastores' - Fresh ingredients should be showcased on shelves and fresh meals should be made available on order basis. This should certainly keep the 'SWADESHI' spirit alive.

## PRITHVIRAJ THALI

The essence of the age-old system of Yoga has been summarised in the ancient treatise called Yoga Sutras by Patanjali, widely considered to be the founder of this sacred art. Whether this is true or not is debatable. It is as impossible as it is fruitless to try and find the ultimate source who can be credited with the discovery of the sacred art. The treatise, nevertheless, has stood the test of time and its principles are still universally applicable, more so because it flawlessly unites the principles of Hatha Yoga and the subtler aspects of concentration and meditation of Raja Yoga into a well-integrated system known to us as Ashtanga Yoga -- the 'eight-limbed' Yoga.

The eight limbs, namely, are: Yama (moral codes), Niyama (self-purification), Asana (posture), Pranayama (breathing control), Pratyahara (sense control), Dharana (concentration), Dhyana (meditation) and Samadhi (absorption into the universal)

The first four forms mentioned above shape a part of the physical discipline which is a pre-requisite to the practice of the last four which embody the core of Raj Yoga. Most of the Vedic wisdom was passed down directly by the master to the disciple solely by the word of mouth and hence did not necessitate its record in the written form. Yoga itself -- as also its practice -- evidently predates the Yoga Sutras. The Guru-Shishya tradition thus was the edifice upon which knowledge was imparted.

## For the searching soul

The principle of assimilation of knowledge only from an enlightened master holds its ground even today for initiation in the sacred art of Yoga. There is laughably a huge number of self-help books on Yoga that line the shelves in book stores the world over, each carrying preposterous titles of the type 'Master-Yoga-in-One-Month' promising you the attainment of enlightenment, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence and what not in just a jiffy.

There is also an equal number of those self-professed experts, who driven by commercial considerations, offer crash-courses in Yoga and mislead gullible Yoga aspirants into the wrong techniques of body postures and unsafe breathing techniques. The results of such an exercise on the human body could range anywhere between absolutely non-beneficial to devastatingly damaging, not to mention adverse psychological consequences. Out-of-body experiences, séances, and deranged states of consciousness are sold for a fortune in the garb of enlightenment by so-called 'Tantric Yogis'. Such psychic detours have nothing in common with exalted states of being that are attainable

to a Yoga practitioner on his journey inward.

Yoga is essentially for the soul and not just the body. The additional benefits it offers in terms of a healthy body are the outer signs of a soul attuned to the measureless frequency of the divine. The contemporary human, mired in materialism, wrongly holds the notion that we are a body and have a soul when, in fact, each of us is a soul and has a body.

Swami Vivekanand was once asked if the Yoga techniques he advocated was some kind of hypnotism. His reply was remarkable: The ancients believed that you are born already hypnotized; Yoga is all about de-hypnotism. The modern practitioner of Yoga is in quite a hurry. Having tasted instant coffee and instant noodles, he yearns to have instant Nirvana, that final state of realisation of absolute oneness with the divine, where the Yogi finally proclaims Soham, roughly meaning, "I am He" or "I am one with my creator". On another occasion, a western aspirant once asked Vivekanand if by saying 'Soham', he could realise oneness with God. The Swami remarked that the ocean can claim that it is the wave that is dancing on its surface, but that little wave cannot claim to be the ocean so long as it does not merge back into the vastness.

Yoga also comes out with flying colours when it comes to handling stress and curing psychological disorders. Even psychiatrists and psychologists the world over have started turning to Yoga as a fool-proof method of regaining balance and equilibrium that ultimately rids one of stress related disorders. While modern systems of medicine treat the symptoms, Yoga addresses the cause. Performed in true spirit and from an early age, Yoga can prevent the occurrence of - and in some cases even reverse symptoms of - many dreaded diseases and chronic ailments. The discipline is thus holistic in its approach.

On the occasion of the International Yoga Day, I recall the clarion call given long ago by the lion-hearted Swami Vivekananda to each of us when he said, "Arise, Awake, and stop not till the goal is reached!!!" With that spirit, may humankind rise above petty parochialism and march unflinchingly into a new tomorrow.



## Legal Corner

Adv. Atreyee A. Kukalekar

Since we have reached to the maximum number of people through our widespread news and feature coverage, we are taking yet another step. The introduction of 'Legal Corner' is an initiative to advice people about matters related to judiciary. There are times when people are caught up in a mess and they want to have basic knowledge about their legal rights or the way to deal with the troubles. So here we are.

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### 1 What should I do if someone posts vulgar pictures on my Facebook account?

File a criminal complaint with the Police. It is an offence under the Indian Penal Code as well as provisions of the Information Technology Act and is a non-bailable offence.

### 2 My friend had borrowed money from me and in return he had given me a post-dated cheque which has bounced, since then he is avoiding me what should I do to recover this money?

You are entitled to initiate civil as well as criminal proceedings. Bouncing of cheque is an offence under the provisions of Negotiable Instruments Act. If, the person on whose account the cheque is drawn is dishonoured due to lack of funds then that person is liable for imprisonment and payment of fine. If you are within a period of one month from the date the cheque was bounced, get a demand notice issued for payment of cheque amount and on his failure to do so, initiate criminal case in court of proper jurisdiction under Section 138 of N.I. Act.

Secondly you can take recourse of the Contract Act for filing recovery suit.

### 3 My brother is not giving me my share of my parental property what should I do?

If the parents have expired then all the children



have equal right of inheritance. One co-heir cannot deny the other co-heir their right to inherit, possess and enjoy the parental property. Initiate an Inventory and get your share in the parental assets partitioned.



### 4 I had given an advance payment to the builder for my flat, the bank instalment has also started now but it's almost one year now and I haven't got the possession, please guide me.

You can file a consumer complaint in the district forum for getting direction against the builder to deliver you the possession of flat and for execution of sale deed. If you have an agreement for sale then the clauses therein have to be read and understood which shall determine rights of both the parties.

### 5 What is the procedure to change my name?

Under Goa Change of Name and Surname Act Section 3, you can change your name or surname as desired. You will have to submit an application under Form A of the Act to the respective Civil cum Sub Registrar of the jurisdiction where your birth is registered and after receiving the fees, a notice is published in the official gazette of government of Goa and subsequently you will be issued a certificate under Form B signifying the change in your name.

# THE AGE OF SUPERHEROES;

## HOW IT CAME TO BE

PALASH VOLVOIKAR

It's no surprise to any of us that this is the age of the superheroes! In the history of TV and cinema, there has not been such a massive genre domination, ever.

To begin with, let me be clear, superhero movies didn't just begin. We have been seeing them being rolled out for decades. Comic books have always been a great part of the popular culture, and we have always loved indulging in superficial fantasy. However, the current level of hype around them is certainly noticeable, and makes one wonder; what is it that has made superhero movies such a dominant force in the TV and cinema world now, and how did we get here? Well, I gave some thought to the same, and I might have somewhat of an answer for you.

We have seen the DC comics' universe films revolving around Superman and Batman, since the 50's. The movies had a fair bit of success, even back in those times, and they had quite a few reboots, all of which were pretty successful too. DC had also been making a lot of TV series based on their characters. Marvel joined into the mainstream live action movie scene in the late 80's, and had a bit of a struggle.



Now, a very interesting thing happened at the turn of the century. DC films slowed down, and Marvel finally managed to break out with the X-Men series, the first of which debuted in 2000, after having gotten a fair amount of success with their 1998 movie Blade. The rights of the X-Men characters in the Marvel universe had been given over to Fox, and they were developing the films. Right after, Sony came out with the Spiderman film in 2002, the rights to which they had acquired back in 1999. These two film franchises, and the success they were getting at the box office marked the beginning of the superhero era that we now live in. Let it be noted that Marvel had been making these films in collaborations with big production homes, instead of producing the movies themselves, independently, through Marvel Studios.

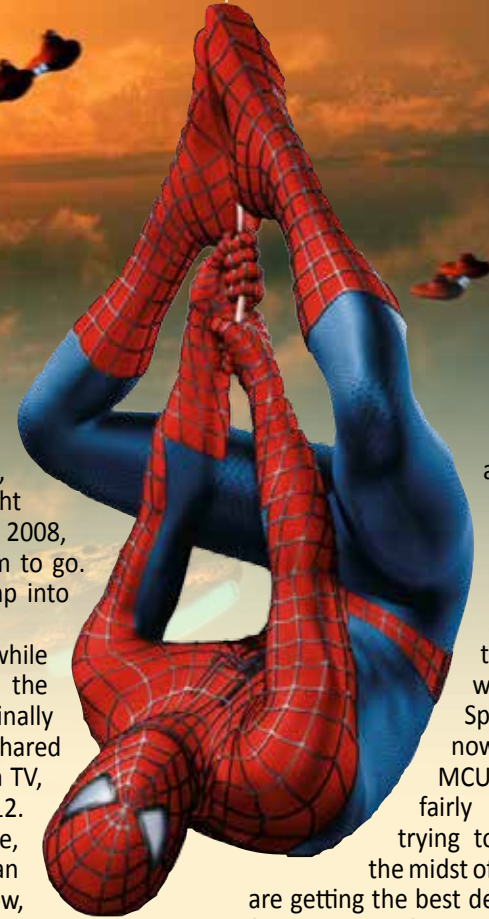
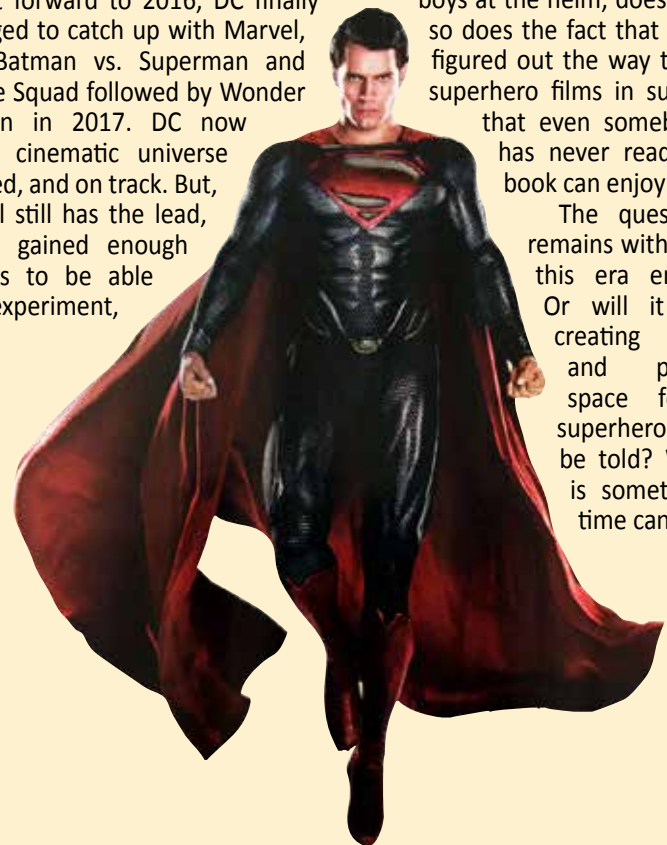
Now, DC, having been making superhero movies since the 50's, had been failing to catch hold of the fast progressing creation of the superhero genre in films. They had their breakthrough with the 2005 Batman film, Batman Begins, which was helmed by none other than Christopher Nolan. This gave a great jumpstart to their run in the new age superhero scene with Nolan's cult fan following colliding with the fans of Batman, who is perhaps the most popular comic book character ever.

2008 was a pivotal year in the whole game. Spiderman and X-Men trilogies had ended, and Marvel needed a new project to stay relevant and keep building up on its success. This was the time when the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) began. Marvel Studios' idea of a series of films which would have crossovers, with a range of superheroes coming together in one shared universe clicked immediately. Starting with Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk, both released in 2008, Marvel bet big and pulled it off. DC on the other hand, had a huge production house at its back, its parent company, Warner Bros., and could have pursued the cinematic universe theme immediately, but the Nolan trilogy of Batman films was just

halfway through, with The Dark Knight having released in 2008, and one more film to go. They couldn't jump into the idea.

It took DC a while to get a hang of the things, but they finally started with a shared universe, albeit on TV, with Arrow in 2012. Marvel, by this time, had completed an entire phase by now, with the MCU, while Fox had brought X-Men back with a new arc, and Sony had rebooted Spiderman. While these two weren't a part of the MCU, it had still helped Marvel dominate the space. 2013 saw DC enter the cinematic universe model with Man of Steel, a Superman film, while Marvel entered the TV space extending its universe for the small screen with Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. DC, on the other hand, chose to keep its universes separate for TVs and movies, and that slowed them down further.

Fast forward to 2016, DC finally managed to catch up with Marvel, with Batman vs. Superman and Suicide Squad followed by Wonder Woman in 2017. DC now has a cinematic universe planned, and on track. But, Marvel still has the lead, having gained enough success to be able to experiment,



and is currently in the third phase of the universe. They have also managed to crack a deal with Sony, and Spiderman is now a part of the MCU. DC is doing fairly well, but still trying to catch up. In the midst of all of this, fans

are getting the best deal; as many as five superhero films in a year. We now live in the age of superheroes!

There are a couple of reasons why superhero films became a genre in itself, and were able to be so successful. While we have always loved fantasies, technologically speaking, there has been no better time than now to portray all those fantasies on a screen. Secondly, the fact that we live in a time in which we could use heroes like these in reality, is a major factor in the popularity of these characters. The fact that these movies often have comic book fan

boys at the helm, does help, and so does the fact that they have figured out the way to balance superhero films in such a way that even somebody who has never read a comic book can enjoy them.

The question that remains with us is, will this era end soon? Or will it end up creating a stable and permanent space for more superhero stories to be told? Well, that is something only time can tell!



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## Turn your Passion into your Profession

**PRASAD PANKAR**

*"Do what you love and you will never have to work a day in your life..."*

- CONFUCIUS

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What does all of this indicate? Only one thing: you're in a wrong job or in a wrong profession.

What to do about it? Simple: change it before it changes you forever.

How? A good question. So here we go.

If I tell you to give up your job straight away, you will ask me what you will do for a living. Again a good question. Therefore you need to have a plan in place. A plan that will guide you in every step on the way till you finally achieve what you desire.

You will say it is very easy for me to write this, sitting in the comfort of my house. But trust me, it is possible. Difficult, but not impossible. So let's dive in to see how one can have a change of

career.

The first step will be the most difficult, the only tough step in the entire process. Which one? To know exactly what you want in life. That is the first and the most important step in changing your career. If not your current job, then what? To answer that you need to know exactly what you want in life. What you're most excited about. What you feel most connected to. In other words, what is your CALLING. Now take a moment and think of the time when you had joined your job or started your business. On what basis did you do it? Great chances are that it was on the basis that it had a great scope. Or it was the 'in thing'. And that's where you went wrong, and years into it you have finally realised that it was not for you.

You did get paid well, but there was no job satisfaction. You did get promotions, but at a cost of an empty heart. And now you've had it enough. Well, you're not alone. There are lots of people out there who are facing the same fate. Instead of blaming anything and everything, FIX it.

Here's how.

There are basically three steps in fixing your problem. First step as I said earlier is the most difficult of all and that is to find out what you're best at.

Have you ever wondered why there are so few successful people in the world? If you compare the number of successful people to the total count of the population then you will be shocked to find out the ratio of successful people to that of the total world population. It only means one thing. Only few people know exactly what they want. The greatest secret of success. In fact, only three percent of the world population knows exactly what they want in life. So your first goal is to find exactly that. What you're most passionate about in life.

How? I will help you here as well.

If you are given one billion dollars, tax free, and you are told that you won't fail with whatever that you decide to do with it, what is that ONE THING you will die to do (in terms of a career). What is that ONE THING that will make you happiest. What is that ONE THING that you would want to become? THINK...!!! Take your time. Jot down all the answers and strike out what you don't feel strong about.

Once that's done, next step is to train yourself for that.

Your journey from here will be relatively smooth because now you have a purpose in life. Your goal. A burning

desire. Once you have decided what you want in life, the next thing is to find out someone or a group of people who can train you in your chosen field. I have seen many people getting into the profession without a proper training and failing miserably. And yet again, they blame everything and everyone except themselves. We are living in the most extraordinary period in time. It won't take you too long to find out the right people as your mentor or mentors. This will be the most interesting phase in the entire journey as you will start making new friends. Make the most of it and keep learning together.

Final step is to cash on it.

Your CALLING will have no meaning if you're unable to convert your passion to profession. Only you will be able to tell when you're ready to taste the market. Once the product is ready, next step is packaging and marketing.

You need to meet all the possible clients and media houses (if your CALLING demands that). For example, if you have prepared yourself to be an artist, then you will be required to meet all the publications in your area to showcase your talent in their glossies. Prepare a nice folio of your work, design and print your visiting card (seek professional help here) and keep on knocking all the possible doors. You will be amazed to find that there are scores of people out there who need your products or services, and if you are able to fill the void then you have arrived.

There are some pitfalls you need to avoid and the most important is to blowing your own trumpet. I am sure you must be thinking that you will be heard the most if you do that, because that's how you heard about some of the players in the market. I disagree. People who blow their own trumpets end up doing only that. Let your work do all the talking while you engage yourself in smart marketing. Having said everything, your work will be your best advertisement. Period.

Now the crucial time in the entire journey. When to give up your current job? I will never advise you to take a reckless risk. Work side by side for a considerable time and slowly make a gradual change. That's being smart in taking a calculative risk. It will help your cause if your company offers a VRS package.

I will give you one golden advice which was given to me by my mentor: if you're easy to work with, you will never be out of work. Go out and have fun...!!!

You will find some difficulties initially for no road is easy for the taking. It is your mindset that will help you see through.

# KEEPING YOURSELF MONSOON READY

SPENCER BAPTISTA

Rains can be beautiful or messy, depending on what you do about it – sulk or celebrate. Nothing should be stopping you from loving the season if you know a few monsoon basics. So what are you waiting for? Take out that funky dress from your wardrobe, while we give you a couple of handy tips.

**WEAR LIGHT CLOTHING:** It is better to avoid thick clothing materials like denims, or thick cottons and stock your wardrobe with light bright t-shirts either in floral prints or in pastels. Capris, skirts, cotton skin tights and many more are all good monsoon wears. Try to avoid wearing layered dresses in the rainy seasons as they only add to the muddle.

**WATERPROOF MAKE-UP IS A MUST:** We know how it feels when the make-up refuses to stay on the skin and gets washed out either in the humidity or the downpour. But yes, you can look your best with few simple make-up tricks, even during the messy season. Restrict your make-up to the minimum and use waterproof products.

**SKIN CARE:** Don't forget that monsoons demand a little extra care for your skin, as there is already a lot of moisture in the air that can make your skin rough and dull. Use home made or other skin packs to keep your skin breathing.

**HAIR CARE:** Go for an uncomplicated hairstyle, which doesn't require regular maintenance. It's best to keep a messy, wavy hairstyle as the rain will only add up to the style. Washing your hair daily with a good mild shampoo is advisable so that your scalp remains clean all the time.

**COLOURS:** You can beat the grey and dull weather with blues, reds and oranges. Avoid whites into the closet for a couple of months. Wearing white in the monsoon is certainly not a good idea as white clothes tend to get transparent when wet and get stained easily. The colour of your shirt can vary from blue, pink and red.



**INDIAN OUTFITS:** If you prefer a more traditional Indian outfit during monsoon season, then avoid salwars and patialas, but instead pick up a pair of short kurtis with leggings or churidars. Long dupattas, which are difficult to manage during the rains, can be replaced with scarfs or stoles. Stay away from prints and fabric that tend to bleed when wet.

**FOOTWEAR:** Leather shoes or sandals aren't great in the rain as they tend to soak water and dry very slowly. Instead, choose jelly shoes, flats, floaters or any other sturdy footwear, which is also slip resistant. Avoid loose sandals as they tend to squirt dirt back on to you.

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