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## Message of the Issue



Dear Friends,

### *New Year Greetings to all of you.*

Every New Year brings lots of new things, new hopes, new aspirations, new ideas and new joys. The year that has gone by looks like a dream that just got over little too soon. Yes it's time to set out on yet another dream filled journey.

### Look to this Day

*For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of your existence.*

*This bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendour of achievement are but experiences of time. For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day. Such is the salutation to the dawn. - (Anon)*



As our hearts get filled with the joys of the year that has passed, the moments of pleasure, the friendships and the revelries turn into memories that last a life time and setting the tone for new and more exciting things in the year ahead. Scriptures tell us to awaken, as the bright day is ushering in a new dawn while the deep slumber and the darkness of the night are over. The sun opens the golden gates to the path of progress

Each day brings  
for in today



and the new dawn is going to lead us from triumph to triumph.  
us new life and new opportunities, let us seize them and live them  
already walks in tomorrow. Let the New Year tell us and reveal

us the purpose of life. Is it just to live and to exist? Is it enough to say that I am studying or working and am doing my duty well. But as Albert Schweitzer says "that's all very well. But you must do something more. Seek always to do some good somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to realize his true worth. You must give sometime to your fellow men. Even if it is a little thing, do something for those

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who need help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too".



If we go back to the nature we can see trees bearing fruits, rivers flowing, cows giving milk, all for the benefits of others and not for themselves. Similarly the ultimate mission in our lives would be fulfilled only when we help others (*paropakartham idham shareeram* - this body is meant to help others). As we tread the new path laid for us let us introspect and ask ourselves a few questions as to whom am I? What am I here for? Am I a good citizen and a good human being? Am I concerned about the society? Are the country's governance issues bothering me? Finally, is there anything that I can do to make you a new person altogether. your pursuits and endeavours not only



leave things a little 'better'? The answers will Here are my best wishes to all of you in all in this New Year but in years to come.

*Too often we under estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*

*- Leo Buscaglia*

God bless you all.

Col Dr. VRK Prasad  
Ex-Vice Chancellor,  
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# Want or Need?

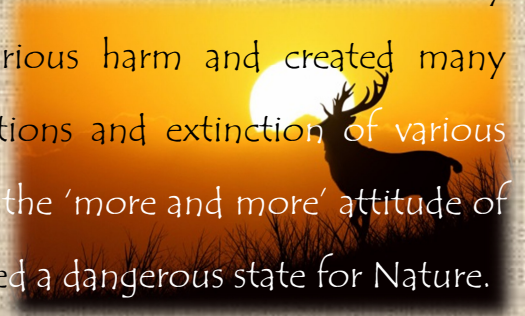
– Miss Kivibo K Zhimo, BA 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

*“There is enough for man’s need but not enough for man’s greed.”*

*– Mahatma Gandhi*

The above statement made by Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation gives us a thought provoking truth that Mother Nature is the best and the biggest gift of God for mankind. It is a gift given sufficient and abundantly for humans’ need. However, in modern times, mankind has grown into an unsatisfied creature who longs for more and more without realizing the problems and damages done towards Nature.

In today’s generation, man does not ‘need’ but they ‘want’ and what man ‘wants’, they take it ‘away’. These acts of greediness have led to various harm and created many environmental problems which is causing excessive depletions and extinction of various resources of Nature. As Nature does not produce to fulfill, the ‘more and more’ attitude of mankind’s greed has overtaken their humanity and has caused a dangerous state for Nature.



There may be enough resources which will help mankind fulfill their needs for a better life but not enough to fulfill the selfish interests of mankind. If a man is not satisfied with a log of wood for fire, what are the possibilities that he will be satisfied with two?



Therefore, we need to focus on what we need and not what we want. Give and take should be practiced. If we are going to take away from Nature, we should learn to give in return by being careful with resources Nature has provided. Greed is a thirst that cannot be quenched.

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# The Fall

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*As I walk away in October  
The darkness followed together.  
The days are shorter now,  
The skies fill with starry grey.*

*Chimney's starting to get hot,  
The water boiling in the pot.  
An early morning awaits,  
With someone on the bell.*

*A walk to remember,  
A love to cherish forever.  
Memories to be a vintage photo,  
Nearby a cup of coffee and white roses.*



*The mind never stops to think,  
And a book filled with ink,  
Flashing with a smile,  
Wrinkled on the skin.*

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# Photo-Synthesis



“Morning Dew”

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