

**NO LUCK NOW**

- June 21 (BNS)

Hard luck Ben Shivaram. We share your emotions. Last week we reported that Ben Shivaram got an admission offer from IIM Lucknow and because he cannot complete his exams on time, he rushed to Lucknow to convince the admissions chairman there. He seems not to have that vital luck. IIM Lucknow flatly refused to encourage a late admission. So Ben Shivaram is back with a heavy heart. Don't worry Ben Shivaram, even though you couldn't join the IIM, you are still great to us. We feel that your talent will help you attain the heights you dream of. All the best.

**TDP TO TAKE OVER L & T**

- June 20 (BNS)

If you are contemplating a Ambani-type takeovers, you are mistaken. This is Ben T Durga Prasad joining Larsen & Toubro as a Graduate Engineer Trainee. He received his appointment letter last week and he will be reporting at Powai Works, Bombay on 23rd August. Earlier he got an admission offer from Bharathidasan Institute of Management, Tiruchirapalli. He is not able to join the institute because of the same problem of non-completion of his final exams.

**MEETING OF  
EX-PRESIDENTS MOOTED**

- June 23 (BNS)

The Governing Board is contemplating on an idea to call for a meeting involving all the Bens who have been the Presidents of B.F.M.C. The modus operandi is to personally invite those Bens who are available in Hyderabad and to send invitations to the others. The idea is to involve them in the now long overdue plans for the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the club. This meet might take place sometime next month.

**ATTENTION REPORTERS AND COLUMNISTS!**

Your article for a particular issue should reach the editor latest by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday. News reports should reach latest by 8.00 a.m. on Friday.

**VENUE IMPASSE CONTINUES**

- June 20 (BNS)

And so Sunday the 20th June came. But not the Bens. Early in the morning, when the Bens were to assemble at the National High School to "sweat it out" in pursuit of attainment of their current goal - A venue for the regular meetings, only Four members were present viz. Ben Durga Prasad (who can't help it even if he wishes to abstain), Ben Rajan (who you thought would be the last person to attend), Ben Narahari Nath (who anyway made it only at 7 o'clock, when probably it would have been all over) and Ben David (who, honestly, is our biggest hope in matters of such impasse).

But then who is to be blamed? There was no formal notice served on the members to be present. According to our president, the newsmagazine, if it reached the Ben readers on Saturday, would have been enough notice. But, as he said, Ben Anand who was put in charge of distribution never did his job. Poor Ben Anand, he was waiting for Durga Prasad at his (Anand's) residence to begin the distribution. And Poor Ben Durga Prasad, he was waiting for Anand at his (Durga Prasad's) residence to begin the distribution! Very typical of the vicious circles BFMC often gets into.

And the brighter side of the issue is that BFMC beat FALA hollow. The score, in the former's favour, 4-0.

Also, the Bens were allowed to hold their regular meeting on 20-06-93.

In any case, the news is that the R K Nagar Welfare Association is having a meeting with the Commissioner (Don't ask who?) on Saturday morning (26-06-93) at 9.00 a.m., when we have been asked to come for a fresh round of talks.

Unfortunately the outcome of the talks wouldn't reach us before we go into print.

**YUV-TAL IN THE AIR**

- June 21 (BNS)

Plans are afoot to conduct a youth festival. The other day, a few Bens met at Ben Azad's place to discuss the matter. While there has been no concrete outcome from the meeting, a few bricks, stones and water have been tossed out in the form of ideas. One of them being having a socially relevant theme for the festival. The idea is to rope in a big sponsor, say VST, for the festival, which could be easy provided we also roped in (another of the ideas) a popular personality, say Pooja Bedi, Pooja Bhat, any other Pooja, or -hold your breath- Priyanka Gandhi!

A fallout of the Yuv-tal plans is that Ben Azad is apparently very upset that the Bens have not shown any further interest in the matter, in spite of the fact that he had communicated to the concerned that he is leaving for Bombay this weekend when he would be able to do some ground work (laying the foundation!).

make Yuv-tal a distinct possibility. Not a castle in the air.

**(COM) PROMISES**

- June 20 (BNS)

The following are the lapses by the Governing Board members, witnessed during the week that went by:

Ben Anand (A.V.P) - Active members list for the purpose of distribution of BFMC times not provided to the E.V.P, who has to prepare it from "memory". Reason Given: Entrance Exams.

Ben Rajan (Gen. Secretary) - Minutes for the current year not made ready by 20th June as promised. Reason Given: Time too short after the O.U. entrance exam which was held on 18th June.

Ben Sharada (Treasurer) - Tentative Financial Reports for the current year not made ready by 20th June as promised. Reason Given: Accounts with Ben Anand who says they are with Ben Rajan who says they are with Ben Kiran who, when last heard of, wasn't yet contacted.

Ben Narahari Nath (President) - Financial Reports not ready, Minutes not ready, Active members list not ready. Reason given: Still trying to figure out whether he is at the centre, on the circumference, somewhere along the radius or off the tangent of each of the vicious circles, authored, arguably, by himself.

WHY RELEASE MAGAZINES ?

Another question similar to the above one is - why climb mountains ? First, let us answer this. Sir John Hunt, leader of the first ever expedition to Mt. Everest gives us a nice reply. The first reason why one should climb mountains is that they are there. Secondly, it reflects the triumph of the human spirit over the forces of nature. It takes a lot of zeal, enthusiasm, team work and energy to reach the pinnacle. If we can show the same zeal and enthusiasm in our day-to-day life, we can easily solve many of the global problems we are facing today.

Now let us come to our question as to why, we, at BFMC should release magazines, weekly or monthly. Before we begin to answer this question let us have a look at what goes on behind the screen, before this news magazine reaches your hand.

First-of-all you need an editor who can convince himself and others that a weekly magazine, that too with several copies, is possible. How else can you account for the fact that right from its inception in 1969, BFMC never had a weekly newsmagazine sent round the houses of all the active BENS ? Secondly, you need people like our dynamic President, who is only too enthusiastic to implement his EVP's ambitious project, without taking into consideration the financial and technical (at his office) problems involved. And then you need "quality" reports of the events at the club. Then the members' should come out of the inertia and start contributing articles (which has begun this week). And then printing and format design follows (courtesy our printer and publisher). Finally, someone should move around distributing the printed newsmagazines. (The EVP and the GS have done it for the inaugural issue last week. Distributors would come into the picture this week)

All said and done we have not answered the basic question - why on earth should we release a newsmagazine at all ? The previous paragraph, perhaps, answers this. In finally bringing out the magazine every week, so many BENS co-ordinate and work together. Perhaps, the lack of this co-ordination and team-work is the cause of many of the problems our world is facing today. So, BFMC through this newsmagazine is serving a larger social cause. Hope you too will become a part of this mission of ours. If, not climb Mt. Everest, You can atleast report events at the club, write your own columns, distribute the copies of this magazine to our BENS or help the magazine to be financially sound. Even if you are seriously contemplating to scale Mt. Everest, you will move a step ahead in attaining your goal by participating in this weekly mission. See you next week (in action).

-Ben T DURGA PRASAD, EDITOR

" THUS SPAKE THE PODIUM "

In my last four years of association as member of BFMC, one among the very few things that haven't yet changed or been replaced is the podium.

I choose to speak about (or rather speak to ) the podium, in my first writing venture for BFMC times, for two reasons. Firstly, it is the one which made me first hide and later lose my stage fear and secondly, it has been the only long standing thing I am often able to lay my hands on ( the other, the Ben of the day shield quite eludes my grasp).

Coming to the real interview, my usual first question 'How do you feel being associated with an organisation like BFMC?' "Well.. its nice to stand in between an amateur speaker and the young audience" started off the podium, 'And what's so nice about it?', I asked. "Well.. when the speech is good I get a pat on my back

BENignly Yours Ben Venkatesh

by the speaker and when it is bad I get all the audience attention, which he loses", it chuckled. 'What's been your experience in all these years?' "I've seen various legs, some trembling, some confident, some thumping hands and some warm embraces, but there is nothing like a big ovation after a stupendous speech made in my company". 'What's it that puts you off ? ' "These debates you have so regularly are too monotonous and I doze off half way, my sleep is usually disturbed by a speaker or two who puts his leg on my person, I get put off by such postures you know" 'What's been your worst experience ever?' was my last question. "I hate being pushed around from place to place - I had a long tenure at ZP Girls School, but then I was always transported on two-wheelers whenever there was a function at the circulation premises. But now, I've been here for over a couple of years and I like the place. I hear even this place is in doubt these days. My dear fellow BENS, please clear the mess around and make this 'The National School' my permanent place." Thus the podium took leave with tears in its eyes.

UNSCRAMBLE

By Ben S Narahari Nath

LITBRA

Grid for LITBRA: 6 empty boxes

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HECCER

Grid for HECCER: 6 empty boxes

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TERPIS

Grid for TERPIS: 6 empty boxes

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NAVIED

Grid for NAVIED: 6 empty boxes

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Now arrange the letters with the asterisk under them to form the answer as suggested by the given question.

The one commandment for all the Bens ?

Grid for commandment: 6 empty boxes

AND

Grid for commandment: 6 empty boxes

Answers to last week's UNSCRAMBLE:

THROWN, BOUGHT, TROUGH, TRAVEL.

What the princely Ben had in his mind? ... A "NOBLE" THOUGHT.

**BEN OF THE WEEK**

He is a person who feels that one realises God through pain. Not only preaching, he even practises what he says - as evident from the way he burnt his palm with a burning cigarette butt or for that matter brought a pin from one side of his palm to the other. His hobbies include writing poems and losing himself into abstractness. If you have had the opportunity to meet this BEN any time at the club, you are lucky. For, BEN SHRIKANTH rarely, visits the club. He was the BEN of the day last Sunday [20th June]. In an exclusive interview to BFMC TIMES, BEN Shrikanth, a third year MBBS student of Gandhi Medical College, spoke about the club and about himself.

**Excerpts from the interview:**

\* BEN Shrikanth what do you feel being the BEN of the day ?

I am dejected. I expected BEN Sridhar would get the award. But he was evaluated badly.

\* What's the speciality of BEN Sridhar's speech ?

His speech was very logical. His tone was emotional. I feel, he

said the truth, which being abstract, no one understood.

\* So, you say, you didn't deserve the award ?

BEN Sridhar deserved it more!

\* What do you think about the present affairs at the club? Any suggestions for improvement ?

I found the club, always the same. The ideas that come up are brilliant. But, every time I come to the club, I find new faces.

\* But you yourself turn up once in a blue moon...

Well, I didn't find time even to breath because of my academic schedule. There was a time when I slept only 47 minutes a day.

\* What do you think is the case with others who don't come regularly ?

The one single problem with all of them is that they are scared to speak English.

**KNOW THE BEN - BEN SHRIKANTH**

Zodiac sign : Libra

His favourites :

Hero : Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart

Heroine : Juhi Chawla, Audrey Hepborn

Politician/personality : T N Seshan

Number : 13

Colour : Black

BENS : Sunil, Durgaprasad

Feeling : Pain

Dish : Puri with sambar

Things he loves the most : darkness, solitude

Things he hates the most : hypocrisy, truth

Motto in life : To survive, so my soul can rise to comprehend above the meaning, the purpose of a life. An idol to be cost to bequeath on the paths to phlegethon (hell).

**QUIZ**

1. What is the language of Australia?
2. What are dolphins otherwise called?
3. What is Astrophobia?
4. Who was the first president of U.S.A?
5. Which is the largest bell in the world?
6. Name the Greek God of Sun?
7. What was the capital of Chola dynasty of South India?
8. What number cannot be represented in Roman numerals?
9. What is deltiology?
10. Which country had the ancient name Albion?

Mail your answers to:

BEN P.V.Rajan,  
24-125, Dayanandnagar  
Malkajgiri, Hyderabad - 47.

Answers should reach before 01-07-1993.  
The member who gets the most correct answers in the first 5 instalments of Quiz will win a fabulous prize!

**COSTING OF BFMC TIMES**

**HOW DO WE BREAK EVEN ???**

Each issue of BFMC times consists of 40 copies. Each copy requires 2 sheets of Computer Stationery.

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BEN OF THE WEEK  
BUSINESS AS USUAL

Ben T Durga Prasad  
June 20 (BNS)

Sunday 20th June was business as usual for the club. The meeting started at around 4.30 p.m. (quite on time ??). The President was late. So, the AVP BEN Anand called the meeting to order. The week's "bid" for the invocation went to BEN Sharada (again ?). In his address the AVP, BEN Anand, displayed maturity by introducing himself to the house !! Then the day's noble thought was given by BEN Shrikanth. His NT was, for a change, too short and too sweet.

Then there was the induction of guest Hussain. As usual, there was no typed or printed induction form. The oath-taking ceremony had its own lighter moments because the AVP didn't familiarise the guest with the procedure. Perhaps, he's not doing his home work well. BEN HUSSAIN in his, ice-breaking address said that he liked the friendliness and informality in the club. He had a complaint that the club was becoming too informal.

SARE JAHAN SE ACHCHA...

In the debate on the topic "Living in India Today is not worth it.", the members pledged their patriotism to the country. While most of the members felt living in India Today is worth it because it is not so in US, the others had their own reasons. Like BEN David who felt - "Else where in the world, lions eat the bulls. But, here, in India, the BIG BULL is eating the LION." While BEN Ramesh

felt that beggers in India demand things whereas else where in the world they are kicked away! BEN Shrikanth, perhaps, gave the gist - "As long as I don't do any bad to the country, I am a patriot."

HIJACK DRAMA

The bespectacled (??) air hostess in the boeing, announced that the plane was about to take off and she asked the passengers to tighten their seat belts. The plane took off from the BFMC airport with three passengers and three crew aboard. There was one suspicious passenger, who was conspicuous by his bandaged leg.

The flight was smooth till the moment when the bandaged-leg-passenger announced to the utter dismay and shock of the other passengers and the crew that he was hijacking the plane and that he would blow off the plane if his demands were not met. Hearing this, the pilot left the control of the plane and rushed to the hijacker and asked him what his demands were. The hijacker replied thus - I am the President of BFMC. My fellow passenger is the General Secretary of the R K Nagar Assn. He is refusing us the premises where we are regularly meeting. I will blow up the plane if he does not agree to give us the premises right now.

The pilot started consultations with the GS of the colony who was also in the plane. The GS was not willing to budge. The hijacker was getting restless. Finally, the crew convinced the GS to

give in. The hijacker then subsided. He was immediately caught. When searched, his bandaged leg contained a diwali cracker not a bomb!

The GS was a much relieved man. He need not give the premises now. The pilot then took his seat. He had to vacate a passenger who was driving in his place !! The plane finally landed at the BFMC airport - with the President's mission unaccomplished.

This was one of the dramas (and the one that was adjudged the best) that were enacted during MELODRAMA, the Second session on 20th June. Ben Sunil played the bandaged-leg hijacker (what a way to use his embarrassment !) while Ben David "coolly" played the role of the colony General Secretary. Ben Revathi played the air hostess. Bens Hussain, Sridhar and guest Prasad were also in the cast.

A parliament scene and a middle-class family portrayal were the other two melodramas. While in the Parliament, it was Ben Shrikanth as PM, who stole the show (with Ben Venkatesh as Ram Vilas Paswan of the mandal fame), Ben Ramakanth tried his best to be a middle class drunkard cum smoker, who changes later. All this brought to fore one point - BENS have a tremendous potential for acting as well as directing, considering the fact that in a short duration of 15 minutes, they devised a play - complete with story, dialogues and settings - and enacted it in another 10 minutes ! A record of sorts perhaps.

THIS WEEK AT BFMC :

The next instalment of the series of "Brain Storming" sessions being conducted by Ben Elango.

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