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Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 12:28:36 PM
Cc: Rick fernandes; Arwin Mesquita; anesimo56@aim.com; Benedict Lobo; mario rodrigues; Freddy Fernandes
Subject: Re: Picnic Protest !

Dear Venita,

That you consider me vindictive is a point in MY favour.

It is tiresome dealing with people like you who mount the high moral horse at the slightest opportunity. Do you admit that Goa cannot sustain this uncontrolled influx of ghatias and outsiders? Do you admit that Goa is ALREADY saturated and can no longer support an additional population burden? Rhetorical questions, of course, for the answers are evident to even retarded monkeys. You have NO solution and NOTHING to say about this except to point fingers at someone like me who would like to stem the rot. I have to therefore conclude that your "idea" (and I am being generous with the use of that term) of saving Goa is nothing more than woolly-headed piffle.

Your charge that I initiated name-calling won't wash. You were the one to draw conclusions and pass value judgments but when confronted you cry foul.

I have nothing more to say to you on this subject and it is pointless to continue this philippic.

Warm regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 10:29:34 AM

Subject: Re: Picnic Protest !

Dear Rajan

I may not have 'an original idea' in my head but neither do I have the vindictiveness that you are so happy to put on display. You are welcome to your idea of what will save Goa. It isn't mine.

I'm going to bow out of this exchange of mails as I don't wish to resort to unnecessary name calling - which you are quite happy to continue to do.

All the best

In whatever way we choose to save Goa - more power to us.

Venita

On Wed, Apr 22, 2009 at 12:28 PM, Rajan P. Parrikar <parrikar@yahoo.com> wrote:

Rick,

I agree with you that fighting among ourselves has been the bane of us Goans. But look at the irony - after months and years of playing the same broken record, of elucidating reasons concerning the uncontrolled influx of outsiders, along comes this moron Venita with not a SINGLE ORIGINAL thought. Am I expected to maintain yogic patience forever? Some of us feel that if we have to start all over again explaining elementary things to fellow Goans, it is not worth our while. Don't these morons have EYES AND NOSES? If they had eyes, they would see all the slums and the loiterers, and if they had noses, they would smell the shit deposited on every water body by the ghaties every morning. I submit that they do not want to face up to the reality and want to remain in the pretty, politically-correct cocoons they have erected for themselves so that they come off looking like apostles of compassion and inclusiveness, whereas those of us fighting to keep Goa the last refuge of the civilized and pleasant life in India are made to look like cruel intolerants who have no regard for the poor. I say to the likes of Venita - get lost!

My question to you is - am I supposed to spend the rest of my life explaining to morons the same thing over and over again?

To hell with the Venitas and the XXXs. We must forge ahead with or without these twits.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 11:48:46 PM

Subject: Re: Picnic Protest !

Dear all,

Our unity as Goans is key to Saving Goa today ! If we turn this into one big crab basket over our differences we will never achieve that objective. Understanding that the vision to *Saving Goa here* is a common objective that should be tackled together on all fronts.

So differences apart we need to realize that the migrant problem we face with Goa today is real and poses a serious problem. However I would suggest we make our points agreeably resisting the urge to spiral into a huge debate with personal attacks.

regards,
Rick

On 4/22/09, Rajan P. Parrikar <parrikar@yahoo.com> wrote:

Venita,

I have addressed all these usual tired and banal objections in several postings made to Goanet in the past months. If we are part of India, then there is no argument. Goa will die. You obviously do not know (a) to count and (b) that any place has a finite carrying capacity. Goa will be up to its neck in excrement if "we are part of India" and let every Indian who wants to move in come in and park here.

You may think of yourself as bhaile. That is your prerogative. As for me, I know right away who is and is not a bhailo. And I have no hesitation in calling ghatish ghatish. I don't have to live by your standards of political correctness and I will not live by your standards of PC-ness.

Just as I guessed - you, XXX et all are goddam useless to the Goan cause.

Regards,

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Dear Mr Parrikar

When I last checked we were part of India. And as Indian citizens we have the right to settle in any part of India. I for one am loath to use the derogatory words 'Ghatis' and 'Outsiders'. I, myself, by many would be defined as a 'Bhaille'. But I know what my committment to this state is and how much I am willing to do to preserve it.

Before we define others as the problem we would do well to also look within and see what lacunae these are filling that we ourselves are not able to provide for.

My take on outsiders is given below. This is a column that appeared in the Herald.

My not raising my voice against 'Ghati's' and 'Outsider's' is not a 'problem' as you put it. It is an active choice

Regards

Venita

The Accidental Activist - Bhaille

'Where was Raj Thackeray and his Sena while Mumbai was under siege? It was outsiders, North Indians and South Indians from the NSG, not Marathi Manoos, who came to the rescue of Mumbai.'

I received the SMS while watching in horror the footage that unfolded chillingly on TV. And I thought about the issue of 'outsiders'. One that has Goa on the boil as well.

To many, half of Goa's woes are thanks to the 'outsiders' and 'migrants' who are flooding into the state. I have never been able to find it in my heart to despise these desperate people trying to survive any which way they can. I even take issue with those who label them 'outsiders'. This is why.

Five years ago I was researching a film based on pedophilia in Goa. The rumours were that it was rampant and that it was even possible to book a pedophile tour to Goa on the net. I thought that was unbelievable, until I stumbled on a site called 'The Lewis Carroll Society'. The writer of 'Alice in Wonderland' was a closet pedophile and I will never be able to read that childhood classic without a shudder of horror. The Society actually allowed you to book tours with people of the same tastes. Everything was taken care of – air passage, food, beer, and of course, children.

I suddenly began to see Goa through different eyes. On the beach, a foreigner would stroll past with a couple of Indian children at his heels and I would be disturbed. Even the umpteen charities for children set up across the state by foreigners made me suspicious. Freddy Peats himself had operated openly for 20 years, abusing thousands of children and being hailed as a magnanimous child lover by the village he lived in.

With Thailand and Sri Lanka cracking down on the sex trade, business is booming in Goa. Our state was declared the top pedophile destination in Asia in 1994 by Interpol. A National Human Rights Commission report points out that Goa has the highest levels of trafficking compared to any other state in India. The NGO Child Rights in Goa estimates that at any time there are at least a hundred pedophiles on the prowl in Goa.

As I read the profile of a likely predator I said in surprise - 'Why! That's Mr. Monk!' He lived next door to us at Assagao. An European who had shaved his head, wore maroon robes and claimed he was a monk. The first thing he had done on hiring the house was have the walls raised to over ten feet so no one could look into his property. And living with him was his 'adopted son' a little Tibetan child of about four years old. My researches coincided with a sting operation that Tehelka was doing on the subject. I promptly suggested to them that they investigate him.

I asked their undercover reporter who on earth would give their children for something like this. He told me that the children either belonged to poor migrants, or were brought in from elsewhere, mainly from Karnataka. And how much did childhood innocence premium at? Children were purchased for about thirty thousand rupees and sold at the grand sum of three thousand rupees for a night. The network that procured and supplied these children included motorcycle pilots, Taxi drivers, and Shack owners. Local Goans were actively part of the trade.

Why does pedophilia flourish in Goa? The government brushes it under the carpet, afraid to damage it's takings from tourism. The police is both insensitive and in many cases, corrupt. But one of the biggest reasons is an uncaring society. People don't report what is going on under their noses. In fact, they often

choose not to see. The question that nagged me was why would someone not go to the police when a child was at stake? Surely they had children of their own.

The Tehelka reporters answer chilled me.

‘Because they are seen as ‘bhaille’ – outsiders children. Other people’s children are not as precious as our own.’

This is the extreme edge of what labelling the other human being as an outsider comes down to. Label someone else as the other – and in time it is easy to forget that he is human. That he has too is trying to survive. That his children deserve better than to be sold to predators.

On Tue, Apr 21, 2009 at 11:41 AM, Rajan P. Parrikar <parrikar@yahoo.com> wrote:

The problem with people like Venita and XXX is that they have not raised a word of concern against the flood of ghaties and outsiders streaming into Goa. XXX, in fact, appears to be a benefactor to the ghaties. While I agree with and support XXX in his fight against Cidade de Goa, I am not going to issue a blanket approval of him. I consider a Goa full of ghaties and outsiders not a Goa worth saving. Why save something if it is going to be yet another urban bathroom like the rest of India?

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Subject: Picnic Protest !

<http://oheraldo.in/pagedetails.asp?nid=20535&cid=14>

This is probably the best form of protest I have come across ever ! Venita you make it so easy, to protest and be happy celebrating it at the same time sounds like just the way to go these days...

Thank you for drafting and sharing this article through the press, aptly titled "**Protest by Picnic**" easily one of the best I've read in months...

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