

A Postponed Concert, Cops & A Web Series

Kejriwal Displays Fantastic Political Opportunism; Delhi Police Force Gets Big Ego Boost

Delhi was treated to the genius of T M Krishna at the Garden of Five Senses recently. Krishna was actually supposed to perform at an event sponsored by Airport Authority of India (AAI) but then AAI got trolled.

The trolls were appalled as to how can an 'anti-national and urban-naxal' be sponsored by a government body. The AAI thus chickened out (they said 'postponed' and presumed Dilliwalahs to be naive).

AAP stepped in displaying fantastic political opportunism (some say AK is the epitome of such opportunism) but this time they got accolades for it and rightly so.

The silver-lining to this controversy is that right from Rajouri Garden to Dilshad Garden, Najafgarh to Brijwasan – Dilliwalahs now know of T M Krishna and of his brilliance. This blogger has learnt that even 'ladies who lunch' talked of Carnatic music this November.

Have you noticed the spring in the walk of the Delhi Police personnel lately? These days they walk with long strides and with their chests inflated.



Classical singer T.M. Krishna

No wonder men in this proud force have chests measuring almost up to a couple of inches short of 56 (56 inches is the permissible limit as anyone claiming a larger chest is likely to be treated as a threat to the nation's sovereignty, then tagged as an urban Naxal and will not be allowed to sing!).

Never in its history has this force been in such demand. Our man AK wants it, the ruling dispensation at Centre will not let it go at any cost and the LG of Delhi simply can't imagine a sin-

gle day in office without it being subservient to him.

It is likely that the Head of Delhi Police might just be feeling more important than the likes of Jaitleys, Sushmas and Iranis.

Other than political opportunism another thing that Aam Aadmi Party has mastered is the art of using billboards as an effective medium of advertising in the capital.

Drive on any Delhi road and you are likely to see AK smiling down at you from a hoarding. Well, AAP got a master class in

outdoor advertising by Amazon-Prime.

The manner in which Amazon-Prime advertised for its web-series Mirzapur was simply awesome. You couldn't miss Mirzapur's advertisements despite the smog and the traffic snarls in Delhi only helped their cause.

The promotions really worked for Amazon-Prime as just about everyone in Delhi seems to have watched a couple of episodes of Mirzapur if not the entire series – the abuses, guns and

raw lawlessness notwithstanding. Well, thanks to the Delhi cops (and this one is from the heart) – one felt Delhi is so much safer and 759 kms is a way too far.

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StateOfDelhi Suggests: Dilliwalahs get to Red Fort this winter.

It has never been so accessible. You can hop on to the Heritage Line (extended Violet Line) of Delhi Metro and get off at Red Fort Station.

For the typical, laid back Dilliwalahs – there is this option of driving right up to Shantivana on the Ring Road (Nehru was cremated here and perhaps that's why they have let the place be!) and turn in to go towards Darya Ganj. About a kilometer ahead you will encounter the Red Fort Parking. Park and hop on to the e-rickshaw service (extremely well-managed) that takes you to Lahori Gate (name not yet changed!) from where you can enter the fort. Check out the Diwan-e-Aam, Diwan-e-Khaas, the Chatta Chowk Bazaar and stay on till the evening for the Light & Sound Show. Monday is a 'no entry' day and they prefer you coming in the first half of the day.

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Driving Impaired Now Deemed 'Serious Criminality'

By Surjit Singh Flora

Bill C-46 with its changes to the alcohol-impaired driving law is set to come into force on December 18.

Under the law, Police will no longer require reasonable suspicion to suspect roadside alcohol screening tests if they've violated traffic laws — by speeding or blowing through a stop sign, for instance — or if they have been stopped during a random roadside sobriety testing program. Drivers blowing over the legal limit could produce results leading to criminal charges. Now considered a "serious criminality" instead of "ordinary criminality," and the maximum sentence for imprisonment has been raised from five years to 10 years.

So the Police officers are on the streets to serve and protect us and our streets, whether on duty or off. They do their jobs diligently, to the best of their abilities, the way they took their oaths -- and sometimes they even go above and beyond.

Last September, a Peel Regional Police officer was demot-

ed after he drank half a bottle of whiskey after his shift and then crashed into a pole at a busy Mississauga intersection.

This, from is a 16-year veteran known for his work fighting human trafficking and putting pimps behind bars in the force's Vice Unit. He himself pleaded guilty to drunk driving.

He could be the role model for others but in the wrong way.

The odds of getting into a driving accident increase in geometrical proportion to the number of alcohol impaired drivers on our roads. The motor vehicle is a machine designed for transportation, and the vast majority of traffic deaths are accidental, due to alcohol impairment, coupled with careless or distracted driving (read 'texting').

But when people get easy access to alcohol, such as when our Ontario government fixes the LCBO's new hours at 9 am to 11 pm, seven days a week, we discover it's not only our Federal Trudeau Liberal government trying get us high by letting us light up on our beds. The Governments say they're trying to



control these things and save our next generation, but sadly they're doing the exact opposite by paving the way towards easier access to such controlled substances.

Peel police officers doled out almost 90,000 tickets last year.

Some 88,204 tickets were issued, averaging out to more than 240 tickets a day, mainly in Mississauga and Brampton. The breakdown is as follows: speeding: 30,333 tickets; expired license plate: 16,294; running a stop sign: 4,883; texting and using the cellphones while driving: 4,639; and careless driving: 3,962.

Peel police's Road Safety Services Unit says 1,094 people were charged with impaired-related driving offences this year.

Sadly, many names were rendered into a mere statistic. Khushboo Dogra, 31, and her two-year-old son both died after a suspected impaired driving crash in Mississauga early November.

It's heart-breaking. At two years, he doesn't even know who he is. This innocent boy owes nothing to anyone, yet his life was taken away.

Presuming impairment, when are we going to effectively punish these drinkers and killers? Two lives taken, three destroyed. We await the requisite 'troubled background' of the driver. How they were just about to get their life in order but struggled with substance abuse. How the pain they will endure every waking moment as a result of the acci-

dent. Our governments must be sorry their dream of a new life in Canada reversed into a nightmare... but nothing is going to be done to stop it from happening again, just talk and talk.

If politicians are serious about tackling the issue of drug-impaired drivers, the first and most effective solution is to impose stiff penalties on the perpetrators: lifetime license suspension for taking some innocent's life, lifetime in jail.

That's the only way people will learn the message. Life imprisonment with no chance of parole for those who commit this crime.

If politicians are unwilling to enact stiffer penalties and increase police presence, they must stand aside and let others take the necessary actions to keep our communities safe.

To all politicians — talk is cheap. Enough is enough. If you can't hear or choose not to hear the wails of despair from victims and their families, then you need to step down.

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