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BIG BANG
Agastya’s rural children win IRIS- Intel science fair (initiative for research & innovation in science)

Rural children from backward areas competed successfully against the best from top urban schools.

New Leonardos... Our Agastyas...

Rani & Roja

her eyes say it all...

everything has its own time.
sustainability for a few ??
sustainability for the many
Life in cities almost impossible for the poor
Between right and wrong

CINEMA Prakash Jha continues to place issues that matter in the popular imagination. Up next is Chakravyuh, a tale of friendship set against the Naxal movement.

A classless society was the goal. "Satyagraha" focuses on the upheaval in the middle class... divide between have and have not... "human" resource... rights of the poor...

The political genre occupies a very small space in the entertainment zone because it is not easy to make it commercially viable. I have been able to do it.

We are on the cusp of a historic change.

Apaharan - relationships against the backdrop of kidnapping industry

Chakravyuh - anger & deep social unrest

Gangaajal - between social good and moral right

Aarakshan - India vs. India

Rajneeti - politics, relationships... and beyond

Satyagraha - democracy under fire
Arab spring causes -

dictatorship or absolute monarchy, human rights violations, government economic decline, unemployment, extreme poverty and a number of demographic structural factors such as a large percentage of educated but dissatisfied youth within the population in recent decades rising living standards and literacy rates, as well as the increased availability of higher education, have resulted in an improved human development index in the affected countries. The tension between rising aspirations and a lack of government reform may have been a contributing factor in all of the protests.

Occupy Wall Street (OWS)

is the name given to a protest movement that began on September 17, 2011 in Zuccotti Park, located in New York city’s Wall Street financial district.

the main issues are social and economic inequality, greed, corruption and the perceived undue influence of corporations on government — particularly from the financial services sector.

the OWS slogan, we are the 99%, addresses the growing income, inequality and wealth distribution in the U.S. between the wealthiest 1% and the rest of the population. To achieve their goals, protesters act on consensus-based decisions made in general assemblies which emphasize direct action over petitioning authorities for redress.
London riots

The riots happened at a particular moment, a moment when capitalism is in deep crisis. Indeed, the riots occurred at the same time as yet another crash in global markets. The two competed with each other to be the lead story on the news; this is not a coincidence. The crash, and the cuts unleashed to impose its costs on ordinary people, mean not only rocketing unemployment but also the slashing of public services.

Jan Lokpal: towards a corruption-free India

With the Jan Lokpal bill in news, India is entering a new phase of change and this change is definitely for the better. The following is an analysis of the features of the Lokpal, its origin, the need for Lokpal and how it will act as an instrument to fight corruption in all walks of life. The people of India became the citizens of India. The nation never witnessed such a massive crowd on the streets in history. We became more responsible, aware, and active as individuals as well as a group.
INDIA – resource distribution

INDIA - people below poverty line

Legend –
- 0 - 10%
- 11 - 20%
- 21 - 30%
- 31 - 40%
- 41 - 80%

lessons from “deep down”......
the forest floor......

the forest floor......
El Gouna…… Egypt

Builders philosophy – put tourists second

is the country’s "most environmentally friendly holiday destination".

it has a "zero-waste system," whereby over 55 percent of all waste is recycled and reused.

Sawaris’s idea is to prioritize staff quality of life, El Gouna should not only be about luring tourists, but also about helping Egypt’s working classes, have a self-contained community where people could feel like they belonged.

the city has waste recycling plant, wastewater management systems, a water desalination plant, and recycling bins in all public areas.

Even things they could not use are recycled, compressed, and turned into tiles for sidewalks.

This is our hope……

That the children born today would still have 20 years later, a bit of green grass under bare feet, a breath of clear air to breathe, a patch of blue water to sail upon, …

And a whale on the horizon to set them dreaming

……jacque cousteau