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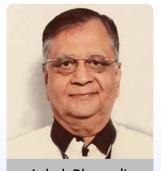
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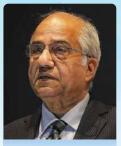
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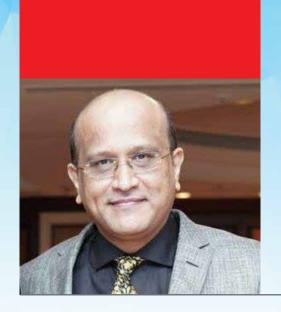
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Heartfelt from The President

I am privileged to be a part of an organisation founded by visionaries. *Privileges* come very rarely even to the privileged. It is very important to be able to spot them and then, of course, without further ado, grab them! One of the notable ones for me was to lead this prestigious organisation in 2018 for two years and now being re-elected for one more term of two years to 2022, a rare honour to share with very few past Presidents.

I recall the day when I attended the first meeting of CFBP in 2014 and looking gladly through the photographs and names of the Founders and was much pleased to meet few of them in person every after 50 years of founding CFBP. It was nothing short of exhilarating. That night I was thinking as to what must have brought these great visionaries to start a movement in the direction of the still nascent *Consumer* in 1966. Did they *really* see this far? Did they *honestly know* that it will be a cut-throat world where world-class companies could still indulge in some sort of cheating and would have to be reined in not only by the Courts but by a handful of dedicated industrialists and professionals and persuaded to follow *Fair Business Practices*? Did they *sincerely believe* that they had that convincing power to *straighten* a few manufacturers gone awry? I guess they did *see, know* and *believe!* To institutionalise ideals and to idealise institutions was their only motto!

Today, CFBP in its 55th year is blazing new trails and reaching farther milestones. It has successfully completed its thirty-one chapters of Jamnalal Bajaj Awards with the 32nd to be held soon. In those chapters, it has seen as Chief Guests the likes of Former President of India Late Hon. Dr. Abdul Kalam, Former Prime Minister of India – Dr. Manmohan Singh, Former Finance Minister - Mr. P. Chidambaram, Late Mr. J.R.D. Tata, Mr. N.R. Narayan Murthy, Former Governor of Maharashtra – Dr. P.C. Alexander, Mr.Adi Godrej, Mr. Deepak Parekh, Mr.Uday Kotak, Mr. AjayPiramal, Mr. Piyush Goyal - Railways Minister to name a few.

The last two months saw us talking about the much needed and recently amended Consumer Protection Act organised by EBS India Inc. My colleague and Treasurer AnandPatwardhan expounded upon the finer details of the amended legislation with me throwing in a bit here and there on the topic. We have been feverishly working on the Coffee Table Book – Titans of CFBP – hopefully, it shall be launched very soon. We have started our work on the Film Festival 2020-21 edition. We are also proud to have a wonderful article on "Doing What We Love" from one of the more established persons in her walk of life. It is well-written and will open up new vistas of thought.

I cannot help but comment on the attempted strangulation of the free media. A slugfest between the State and the Media was always expected to a certain extent by the founding fathers of our Constitution and they provided for it amply so. But when it appears to get considerably out of hand that we citizens have to take it seriously and agitate against it in our own ways – silence is hard to maintain when democracy becomes difficult to sustain. Mr. Arnab Goswami's arrest was always

questionable due to both — its timing and manner! His unlawful custody, the denial of his bail by the Bombay High Court and his frantic pleas to the Supreme Court from the police van about his life being in danger whilst being shifted to Taloja jail shook many an oak tree! It reminded me of tears in the then CJI T. S. Thakur's eyes when complaining to the Government about the then plight of the Judiciary — those *tears* and these *pleas* do not bode well for the future of our democracy. It is not an issue of a single journalist but that of the entire parliamentary system being jeopardised by that ossified thinking coming from a ghettoised mindset!! Republic, by its definition, means the absence of monarchy and presence of the Rule of Law. Rule of Law ensures that the citizens can exercise their inalienable rights of movement, speech and vocation. *Quo Vadis* India was the question that perturbed the Apex Court, which then, as expected, came tothe protection of the *incarcerated free speech* in the form of release of Mr. Arnab Goswami. A grateful bow to the Supreme Court from me as the officer of the Court to allow the iconoclasts to breathe freely. It would be jejune to think that a bold thought or a revolutionising idea could be muzzled — some feathers are too bright to be caged!!

It is learnt that Mr. Harish Salve did not charge a single rupee for arguing Mr. Arnab Goswami's case. A gesture seldom truly moves or impresses me. We, Senior Lawyers, charge even to breathe whilst discussing or arguing a client'scase, and more so, when a client is a behemoth and can really afford astronomical fees. And there is a rare departure (to do a *pro bono*) by us much less a Giant from that – perhaps it is only fitting when it is done for another Giant. I am still debating whose stature is bigger – Mr. Harish Salve or Mr. Arnab Goswami!

Gerontocracy of the police manuals is now ensuring that it is time to pave way for the revamped one. Jail manuals need to be cleaned because the dust of time has obfuscated freedom and bedimmed the vision of many would-be activists. The noxious voodoo spell of any tyranny never ever lasted for a long time because time and again were the true vigilantes born who exorcised the ghouls from the dungeons of oppression.

Pusillanimity was neither the companion of our Founders nor that of our Presidents. For an organisation to run effectively, certain tough decisions have to be taken and I will be taking them in my next two years to see this institution soar within a few years to come. Mellifluous do sound the soft waves of a babbling brook but a sonorous rumbling of a tsunami is equally important for an upheaval!

I end with a quote from that great American President,

Nothing in this world can take place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan Press On! has solved and always will the problems of the human race.

- Calvin Coolidge

DOING WHAT 'WE' LOVE

Monika Pandey

Vice President and Strategic Planning Director, Wunderman Thompson

I would only buy products from a company with whose ethics I agree', it was interesting to see a 10% jump (all in a year) in agreeability to statements on ethical consumption by millennial women (25-34 years old). The objective of my research was to understand their behavioral and attitudinal changes through a triangulated study for 'The consumer shift book.'

What he wants

Accelerated modifications in consumer attitude, behavior, lifestyle, and changes in brand preferences are profoundly influenced by factors like soaring globalization, diffusion of technology, and infinite access to information.

This is fashioning a new animal-the new-age consumer (Millennials and subsequent generation Z) who is sharply departed from his predecessors. Empowered with knowledge and pragmatism, he seeks values like transparency, authenticity, and ethics in a brand when making shopping decisions; as he knows his choice will influence the future of the planet. His curious nature has bred a fresh battleground for the businesses- he questions your brand's existence and asks what difference your offerings will make in his life and to the society.

And if brands want to conquer this new-competitive battleground for his single-minded patronage, then they must answer these questions. They must act responsibly; they must stand for something bigger than what they sell- a higher-order payoff, a.k.a. Brand purpose. When done right it creates engaged superfans, brand affinity, and a resounding bond with its customers, who in turn make sure that their beloved brand plays along and long.

Why are you here?

Such mindful brands have discovered their 'Ikigai' - the compelling North Star. Just like the Okinawans in Japan, who have a strong sense of purpose and meaning in life that underpins their happiness and longevity. 'Ikigai', which means "a reason for being", is a wonderful Japanese concept that serves as a perfect hypothesis for brands to discover a renewed sense of purpose and to create a wider social impact by infusing brand purpose at the core of their brand strategy. They do so by living that purpose from top to bottom of their value chain.

Consider the fascinating case of Kenco - a British coffee brand. Historically business ethics has

been in Brand's DNA steering everything from its sourcing to production process and packaging design to communication - it has been serving as a strong category differentiator for Kenco. The brand is known for its impactful campaigns on sustainability like the Eco-refill launch (using 97% less packaging) and the Rainforest Alliance campaign (sourcing coffee beans from rainforest alliance certified farms).

However, its revolutionary campaign 'Coffee vs Gangs' is one of the best classic cases of how a strong brand purpose transformed the lives of people and altered fortunes for Kenco. Honduras - a prolific coffee producing country was plagued by gang violence and drug-related crimes owing to extreme poverty & very little

education. It had the highest murder rate in the world and the young generation there had little choice but to join violent gangs which ended up in their fatal deaths or life imprisonment. Kenco's purposeful focus was to address the sustainable



development challenge and prioritize human issues, and it did so by empowering the young generation with the skills and training in coffee agronomy and entrepreneurship. It provided loans to these young people to fund their coffee-related businesses. This led to phenomenal results - an impressive ROMI, strong brand equity scores, and market-leading levels of engagement. Consumers loved it because they saw a direct link between their product purchase and the future of the farming community.

Kenco's brand purpose of 'improving the world through coffee' lies at the intersection of four distinct parts of *Ikigai* philosophy; that which you love (passion), that which you are good at (vocation); that which the world needs (mission); that which can be paid for (profession). The brand does what it loves and what the world needs and everything else followed.

Pitfalls are likely to happen when brands make the mistake of tangibilizing purpose via corporate social responsibility programs, or one-off marketing campaigns, or even worse, when brands indulge in some tone-deaf activism or woke-washing intended to create a momentary movement to boost sales. They miss striking at the core of *Ikigai*; they fail to be transparent; they look inauthentic and profiteering to the wise new-age consumers who refuse to fall for any disingenuous attempt to pull at heartstrings.

Transparency and authenticity help brands express their shared values and purpose, failing which no amount of marketing will gravitate the consumers to the brand. For instance, Kenco's values-driven focus on sustainability is to engage ethically minded consumers. Dove's single-minded focus on celebrating uniqueness and raising self-esteem, is for real women. The Body Shop, a natural cosmetics brand that thrives on the motto of 'Enrich Not Exploit', is for eco-conscious ethical consumers. Brands like these believe in owning and solving a bigger problem with consumers, this is a committed relationship, and committed consumers don't believe in putting a price on value-rich offerings.

Take your brand to the next level

In this year's BrandZ™ India 2020 rankings, the 15 most purposeful brands rose 11 percent in value relative to their last year's performance-while the 15 least purposeful brands fell in value by 15 percent. There is a clear indication that purposeful brands make the competition irrelevant by outshining via distinctiveness; making themselves easily identifiable in a sea of brands.

Brands that base their foundation on the principles of *Ikigai* are the enlightened ones; they align their 'business good' with 'social good' to serve humanity & the planet. They find a deeper meaning in everything they do and undeniably succeed in acquiring roaring success and raving fans.

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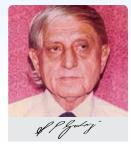
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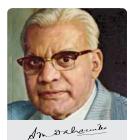
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- Use media to mislead consumers
- Knowingly support activities which are against the laws of the land
- Misuse an advantageous market position to the detriment of consumers

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