



"I just got back from touring castles in my price range.
Cheer me up if you can."

(Courtesy Cartoonresource.com)

Greetings!

Welcome to the second edition of Lakshish Newsletter. We appreciate your feedback and will ensure that every subsequent issue is a lot more informative and interesting.

Mumbai has whole-heartedly welcomed the monsoons, like every year, but don't let the rains dampen your spirit. While the old favourite getaway is Khandala, give it a break this monsoon and try a fresher, a more adrenaline-pumping experience. Go river rafting at the *Kundalika River* (flows next to *Amara Retreat*).



(Courtesy Speedysigns.com)

Sea of change: Corporates make beeline for Alibaug

- Alibaug hot and newsy for witnessing deals by the city's rich and affluent.
- Sleepy villages surrounding Alibaug become hot investment destinations, given their proximity to Mumbai and upcoming large-format SEZ projects.
- "We believe that Alibaug will soon become the primary residential zone catering to south Mumbai. Within the next decade, a lot of economic and commercial activity will be shifted to the Alibaug region," says Ramesh Jogani, Managing Director & CEO, Indiareit Fund, a real estate fund floated by Ajay Piramal.
- Beach-side properties attract higher premium than hill-side plots. The latter are available at Rs 5 crores per acre, 4-6 times less expensive.

(Ref.: Economic Times / <http://www.lakshish.com/articles/june6.jpg>)

Way to go Mumbai!

Mono Rail Project on Fast Track

- State government all set to show the Rs 5,000-crore mono rail plan green flag next month. The project seeks to provide links for short distances and connect areas not covered by the metro project.
- CM Vilasrao Deshmukh said on 24th June - Tuesday that the state cabinet would take up the proposal at the earliest. Officials at Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), who had proposed its implementation, informed the media that the technical feasibility survey and pre-bidding process could be completed this month.

(Ref.: *Economic Times* / <http://www.lakshish.com/articles/june2.jpg>)

Mumbai gets its first skywalk

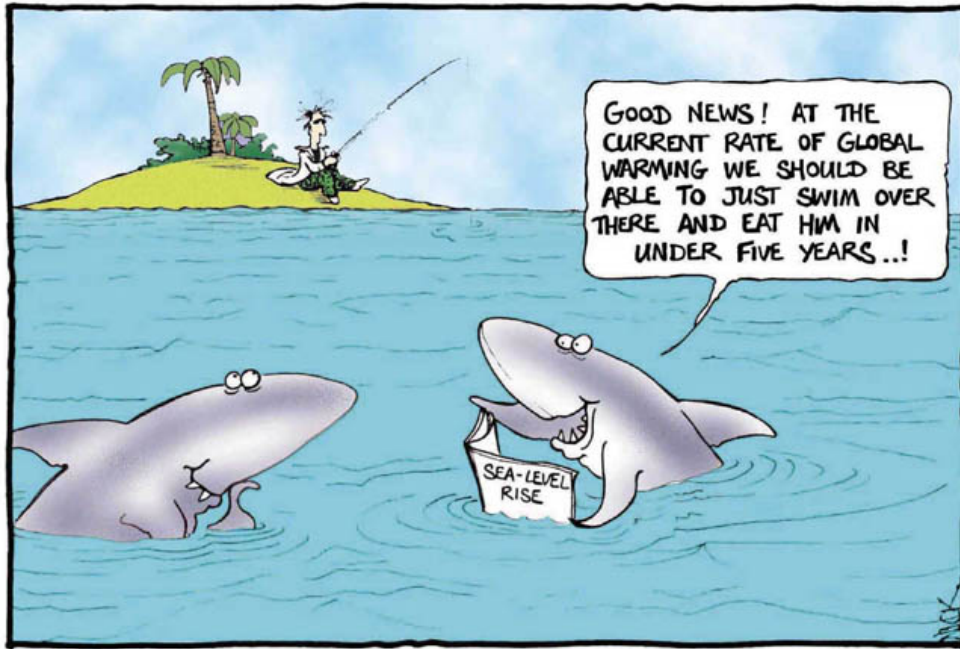
- A brisk giant and fugitive glances at their watches made a group of office-goers seem like they were participating in a marathon as they walked across the city's first skywalk, which was inaugurated by the CM on Tuesday morning.
- Office goers and students darted across the skywalk, barely sparing a moment for the breathtaking view or the fresh garlands strung across the yellow bars, in an indication of why Mumbai is known as the city that's "always on the run".

(Ref.: *Times of India* / <http://www.lakshish.com/articles/june10.jpg>).

G-Warming: Hotter Than Ever!

Today, the global warming debate raging in the planet has become extremely contentious. Global Warming and its grim implications have been debated and discussed umpteen times. Everyday we hear of its growing catastrophic effects on our planet. What now? Are we focusing on the bigger picture? Are we doing something to fight it back? Our individual efforts may only count as a drop in the ocean but together they can certainly make an impact. So let's stop talking big words and do whatever little that we can.

Most energy is created by burning fossil fuels like oil and gasoline. This process releases heat-trapping gases such as CO₂, which is thought to be a major culprit in global warming.



(Courtesy Funnyandjokes.com)

Let's take a look at few things we can do to reduce the amount of energy we use each day.

- Do not keep any appliances on a stand by.
- Whenever possible, air-dry your clothes.
- Towel- or air-dry your hair instead of using an electric hair dryer.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Unplug your cell phone charger when you are not using it. Chargers continue to use energy as long as they are plugged in.
- Ride a bike, or better still, use a public transportation to work instead of driving your car. Every gallon of gasoline burned releases roughly 20 pounds of CO₂ into the air.
- Put on a sweater when you are cold instead of using a heater/blower.
- Why not carry your own bag next time you go shopping?

- Plant trees around your house to cut cooling costs in summer.
- Support our effort by spreading the word around!

Well, no rocket science there! Easy little tips. At an individual level, it may seem trifle but a collective effort can certainly make a difference to our lives and our planet!

Hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you. We are open to your valued comments/suggestions and await your response with eagerness.

Thanks & Regards,

Lakshish Team