

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

The fairytale is dead

Journalist and author JYOTSNA MOHAN BHARGAVA tells SAKSHI SHARMA how her book, *Stoned, Shamed, Depressed* interweaves accounts of teens, parents, teachers and child psychologists to reveal a deeply disturbing picture of school life in urban India



Journalist and author Jyotsna Mohan Bhargava pens these lines in the context of the changing landscape of the world of teenagers today. Her book, *Stoned, Shamed, Depressed*, is a narrative of today's school life in urban India and an insight into the lives of teens. It attempts to investigate and chronicle the lives of children as they embark on a confused journey to adulthood — a road that is full of temptations and easy adventure, where the boundaries get blurred and where what happens today can have repercussions for years to come. Excerpts:

QThe book subtly looks at topics like the impact of social media, body neutrality, trust issues, anxiety and more while talking of journey to adulthood. How did you conceptualise it?

I have written articles on some of these issues for several publications over a period of time and the deeper I went, the more I realised that I was only touching the tip of the iceberg. Controversial incidents like the Bois Locker Room disappear from public memory after a news cycle. Yet in the background it all continues to play out. A person I have a lot of respect for suggested that I collate all my work into a holistic narrative and I realised that it was indeed the best way to get a reality check on issues that our urban teenagers are constantly facing, away from the occasional limelight.

Q What was your first point of research? How long did it take to complete the book?

I finished writing the book in a year but my research started almost two years prior to that when I started writing blogs and opinion pieces on bullying, body shaming and the normal-

isation of the word 'rape' in the teenage vocabulary. My sources and interviews were made easier because it was already a work in progress when I started on the book.

■ When you began your research, the idea revolved

around late teenage. However, it now speaks broadly about middle school battlegrounds...

Yes, I would say that was one of the startling revelations I made as I went along. I thought I would be tackling the issues of 17 to 18-year-olds, instead social media and its

and cities. I believe it will resonate among many families for the pervasive nature of social media and even addiction. Through the stories of children in the book, I hope families make informed decisions going forward because no two families may have the same issues. They have to ultimately decide

what works for their children
and themselves.

Q What does the title, *Stoned, Shamed, Depressed*, signify?

The title reflects the range of realities of modern day urban Indian teens and the issues they face, which are not always something we are willing to face as a society. For instance, when it comes to mental health and children, it is so far down our radar that we forget acceptance, we are not even ready to confront it. Similarly, body shaming is also something we dismiss as a phase that school children may face. But these days, because of social media compulsions and desperation, even girls' behaviour towards each other is an eve opener.

❑ Why do you call it “secret lives” of urban teens?

A lot of what this book narrates is through stories and case studies of children which have been seconded by counselors and school authorities. But as we always say, the family learns about things the last. In some cases, though they do know what their child is up to, there is denial. This generation is also very good at hiding things, whether it is the weed they are smoking, their Instagram accounts being hacked or the sexual bullying

Many parents will tell you that for this generation what their peers say is sacrosanct. Most of the issues that I covered are not

easy to uncover if you aren't looking for them or are aware.

QAs children learn to navigate through the online and the offline world, the paths leading to adulthood might be taxing and confusing. What's your take on this?

For this generation, there are too many temptations and many counselors admit that we adults would perhaps not be able to multi-task the way these children do. We are also sending them conflicted signals. On one hand, you give them free use of a gadget and on the other hand, you have left them open to the repercussions without monitoring their use. As families we need to sit down and

take the time to really talk to our child and teach them how to make their way through the online maze. A lot of these temptations like vaping, gaming, social media are not going anywhere. Many of the online actions are a direct reaction to what happens offline and we have to normalise their existence without normalising their use. For that, our generation first needs to confront these issues.

❑ The virtual world is usually looked at under a bad light for teenagers. However, you seemed to balance it with the offline world and equally emphasised its merits.

I am not a fan of kids and the virtual world, but I also know that it is an integral part for this generation. COVID-19 has exaggerated that use, whether it is online studying or gaming excessively with no outdoor outlet. I feel the only solution lies in how responsibly we harness its use by our children. I see no reason for a six-year old to be gifted an iPad, nor do I understand why an eight-year old has a smartphone. If we are looking to ease our lives, we may have a lot to answer in time. There is already a lot of angst and aggression amongst some of today's school children and in better times, I can't emphasise enough the importance of a child playing a sport.

QHow do you think school-level education in India can make teenagers reflect on their choices? What does it lack now?

I think schools have to go beyond traditional teaching and embrace a wider canvas of learning. It can no longer just be about what is in the books, we have to teach them about issues like consent, misogyny, slut shaming among others. A classroom is no

ensured that schools are now a playing field for many other things and just like our society, schools too need to accept that things are happening. Recently, I heard about how a girl questioned her school in the Bois Locker Room and the school tried to hush it down and clamped down on the girl instead. Sex education, counselors on campus — these are the issues that schools need to step up on. From what many children say, it is still at a nascent stage.

❑ What do you think social media is — a good or a bad influencer?

It all depends on how you as a family embrace it. A twelve-year-old may be the smartest kid in class and yet be outplayed by the anonymity of social media. The age that you use it at, how you use it, the amount of freedom given, all adds up. I see girls as young as eight and nine constantly making videos. I wonder why their parents allow it? The thrill for this generation to be online is enormous. If they have one upload on Instagram, they will stare at the likes for the next 24 hours. It is extremely unhealthy and I can only hope that the older the child is, the more equipped s/he is to handle its pressure. I have spoken to many people in their twenties who are doing brilliant things through social media.

Parents constantly face the dilemma of giving in to their child's demands versus what's right for them. Does the book address parents' concerns over certain challenges they face while handling teenagers?

It is not a parenting book but one that highlights the lives that urban Indian teens are currently experiencing. It attempts to portray the true story of a section of a generation and then hope that parents can make an informed choice going forward. As they say, knowledge is power. I sadly feel that with such intense peer and social media pressure, the fairy tale is over before its time for this generation.

(The book, published by HarperCollins, releases on September 3.)

STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES

Taxi making headlines

Ahead of ISHAAN KHATTER's *Khaali Peeli*, that features him as a young taxi driver, here are a few similar on-screen iconic characters

Even though over the years we have all witnessed our favourite film stars play some extremely diverse roles, there are some characters which have not really faded away in the Hindi cinema. Speaking of which, we have had various Bollywood actors portraying the role of taxi drivers in some cult films. Right from veteran Dev Anand in *Taxi Driver* to perfectionist Aamir Khan in *Raja Hindustani*, every character has touched cinegoers in its own special way, which is why these films continue to remain truly iconic.

Mehmood, Vinod Mehra, Tanuja and Bindiya Goswami in the lead. The 1982 release starred Big B playing the role of a taxi driver and marked his last project with the late actor Sanjeev Kumar.

AMIR KHAN IN *RAJA HINDUSTANI*

This Dharmesh Darshan directorial starring Amir Khan and Karisma Kapoor is the story of a super-rich heiress falling in love with a lowly guide and driver. Portraying the role of a taxi driver, Aamir shared a great chemistry with Karisma. His performance in *Raja Hindustani* is considered to be one of the finest in his more than two decade long career. *Pardesi Pardesi* continues to be one of the most popular songs of Hindi cinema till date.

ISHAAN KHATTER IN *KHAALI PEELI*

Helmed by Maqbool Khan and produced by Ali Abbas Zafar, the masala entertainer features Ishaan playing the role of a taxi driver for the very first time. Starring opposite Ananya Panday, Ishaan has already been making headlines with his rugged avatar and *tapani* dialect in the film. The teaser of *Khaali Peeli* has already gone viral and we sure can't wait to see him driving his yellow and black taxi around the city of dreams — Mumbai, and take us on a thrilling roller-coaster ride.

that features him playing the role of a young taxi driver. As much excited we are to see him, below we list down Bollywood's truly unconventional on-screen taxi drivers. Take a look..

Dev Anand is Chetan Anand's *Taxi Driver*. Released in 1954, the film saw the actor playing the role of a rough and tough taxi driver, Mangal, whose rustic side gets charmed by Mala (played by Kalpana Karthik) in the romantic drama. He rescues Mala when two thugs try to molest her. They fall in love with each other.

but Mangal's affinity towards a club dancer drives Mala away.

AMITABH BACHCHAN IN KHUDDAAR
Directed by Ravi Tandon
Khuddaar comes with an ensemble star cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Parveen Babi, Sanjeev Kumar, Prem Chopra

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIDORUM

10.9.2020 - 32: W4-NAME-AUW-D-1020-22 (Open Tender), Closing Date/Time
 10.09.2020: 15:00
 Item type: Hiring of one number road Multi Utility Vehicle
 (INNOVA, SCORPIO/ERTIGA/TUV-300 OR EQUIVALENT) vehicle on monthly basis
 for CE, CB/IL/TKJ for official use for a period of (02) two years.

Tender cancellation has been cancelled

Tender Cancellation Remark: As per GM/ENG, letter no. 74-W/24/Pt-XWA dated
 20.07.2020 Standard Tender Document is revised based on GCC-2020, as it is not
 possible to issue corrigendum in this tender. The tender is cancelled and will be
 re-invited with revised documents.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
E-TENDER NO. 2020RS11742TC
CORRIGENDUM NO. 2

1.0 Name of item appearing in 2nd line of clause 1.0 of tender document may be read as Friction Wedge with Non Metallic Liner for LCCF(20) C Bogies of BLCAM/ BLCBM wagons (22.0 Tones/0 Axle Load) Instead of Upgraded High Tensile CBSC Freight Stock.

2.0 Tender will be closed 15.00 hours on 25.09.2020.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Yasmin D/o Mohd. Firuz R/o Village Karan, P.S. Potli, Distt. Dharwad, Jharkhand** aged 4 years has been reported missing since 05.03.2016 from 3504, Kucha Lal Man, Darya Ganj, Delhi vide **FIR No.63/2019 U/s 365 IPC Dated 27.03.2019** registered at Police Station Darya Ganj, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Oval, **Build:** Medium, **Hair:** Black, **Clothing:** White coloured top, white coloured pajama and yellow coloured slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Cue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Darya Ganj, Delhi at e-mail: cbi@gov.in or on website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tel. No. 011-24368636 or 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

S/O, Darya Ganj, Delhi
Tel. 011-23278931, 23274868

DD/283/CV/2019

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is hereby informed that one **Boy Name(s): Sunny, S/o Prem R/o R2B-2402, Pipli Wali Gali, Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Age: 1 years, **Height:** 59", **Complexion:** Shallow **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Golden T-shirt-bla bla Lower and Red Sport shoes in feet has been **missing / kidnapped** since 09.08.2020 from the area of PS. Nihal Vihar.

In this regard a FIR No. 823/20 U/s 363/IPC dated 10.08.2020 has been registered at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Boy but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this Boy kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: ctc@cbi.gov.in **SH**
Website: http://ctc.nic.in **PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24388638 **Ph. 011-25046700, 25046710**
Ph. 011-24388633, 24388641 **DP. 0330/2021**

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INFORMATION REGARDING 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF KOVAM INVESTMENT AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 39TH Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shareholders/ Kovam Investment and Trading Company Limited (the Company) will be held on Friday, the 29TH of April 2020, at 11.00 AM (Indian Standard Time) through Video Conference (VCONF) in Means (VCONF) in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules issued thereunder read with General Circular numbers 17/2020 and 20/2020, dated 15TH of March 2020 and 13TH of April 2020 respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular number SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CHD/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 14TH 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and collectively referred to as 'Circulars'), to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice convening the 39TH AGM of the Company.

The details of the above mentioned AGM and the electronic copies of the Notice of the 39TH AGM and Annual Report of the Company for the financial year 2019-2020 will be sent to all the shareholders whose email IDs are registered with the Company's Company Registrar and Transfer Agent or Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company. The details of the AGM for the financial year 2019-2020, would also be available on the website of the Company at www.kovamtrading.com and www.secmca.gov.in. The details of the AGM for the financial year 2019-2020, would also be available on the website of the Company at www.kovamtrading.com and www.secmca.gov.in. Shareholders can also participate in the AGM via VCONF/AGM. The details of the AGM for the financial year 2019-2020, would also be available on the website of the Company at www.kovamtrading.com and www.secmca.gov.in. Shareholders can also participate in the AGM via VCONF/AGM. 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NOTICE
(For the attention of Equity Shareholders of Superior Finlease Limited)

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, and Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 23, 2020 read with Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), has permitted the companies to hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Virtual Mode (VCM) or by other audio visual means (OAVM) without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and MCA Circulars, the AGM for voting will be settling of your registered email addresses. In case if your email address is not registered with the Company/ Depository Participant(s) then please follow below instructions to register your email or for obtaining Annual Report for FY 2019-20 and login details for e-voting.

In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aashard card) by email to superiorfinlease@gmail.com.

In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DP-ID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aashard card) to superiorfinlease@gmail.com.

For obtaining Annual Report for Financial Year 2019-20, please visit www.bseindia.com.in for obtaining User ID and Password by proving the details mentioned in Point (i) or (ii) as above may be.

Please update the same on or before September 02, 2020

The AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 will be available on the website of the Company i.e. at www.superiorfinlease.com and also on the website of BSE Limited at <http://www.bseindia.com> and Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited at <http://www.msx.in> where the shares of the Company are listed. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VCM/OAVM will be taken into account for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Superior Finlease Limited
(Company Secretary)

Disha Ranjan

Date : August 28, 2020
Place : New Delhi

