



CHANNEL V

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Attend a funky marriage

AKASH WEDS VANI

Venue: All India Radio Station

Special Attraction: This is marriage

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

1. We request you to please come, preferably alone to our son's marriage party.

2. We request you to bring big gifts.

3. It is expected from the guests that they should have some food at home before attacking the food at the marriage party. This act would be highly appreciated. We promise you to do the same when we attend some party of yours.

4. It is also expected from the guests, not to empty all powder, lipsticks and perfumes on their face. If you still do so, we won't be held responsible for not recognising you.

5. Please avoid bringing children to the party as they themselves may want to get married. We request the parents to clear the misconception of their children, by telling that "marriage is not an attraction, but a distraction".

6. If the guests are unable to attend the marriage party, we would deeply regret the loss of your absence and gifts also. In that case, just ring us and our man will collect the gifts from

your home. We call this door-to-door service.

7. Guests are requested to bring a car if they have one. If they don't have, we request them to rent it for one hour as a car would create a favourable image on our 'samdhi'. Our 'samdhi' would think we are 'be-car'.

8. The marriage ceremony will start with "dulha" (i.e. our son) on a horse. You might be thinking why we arranged for a horse and not a donkey. Actually we did thought of it but we felt that a donkey on a donkey won't match.

9. As regards to bringing cash in envelope, we would like to remind that we always gifted Rs. 1.25 and no less, when we came to attend your party. Now its your turn to pay. We expect at least not less than Rs 2, the difference being the inflation rate added.

12. All the marriage ceremonies will be performed in a mandir. We didn't think of a hotel because it was too simple and unglamorous and non-filmy. We wanted something more realistic and I guess you got it, it's cheap also.

13. We have noticed and practiced many times that the amount one receives a invitation to a party, he does go on fast till the party date. This act causes

widespread consumption of food. Now, it is we who are going to be victim of such act, we request you that "don't be so hard and fast about fast". "Can't you give up eating".

14. We would like to bring to your notice that our son, who is the marriage boy, has only one eye. He is 'kana' but God has compensated by giving him two chins i.e. double chin. When you look at our son, you get the impression that man was really once an animal.

His would-be wife is no less in beauty. She is so thin that at times she becomes invisible.

We call them a perfect pair, just like Laurel & Hardy.

15. Lastly there is a warning. In our first son's second marriage party we found that the number of spoons were far less at the end of party than at the beginning. Taking away the spoons in the pocket is really a shameful act. We request you therefore not to take away either the plate, utensils or spoons as we have called special guards to prevent this kind of act. For those who are compulsive thieves, we offer a spoon free if you are not found stealing.

We hope that you would, after reading this, certainly grace the occasion with your absence.

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ON LOVE

Q: Doc, I feel that I have fallen in love!
R: Now, that you have fallen, try to rise.

Q: Doc, the girl whom I love, loves somebody else!

R: Tell your girl friend's lover to have somebody else.

Q: Doc, years back I had fallen in love with a girl who is my wife today. We did love-marriage and now there is only marriage and no love!

S: You should love whom you married because you married whom you loved once.

Q: Doc, I have never fallen in love somebody, what should I do?

R: Make your purse heavy, because in love, light purse is a heavy curse.

ON HAIR

Q: Doc, I am losing hair, what should I do?

R: Your falling hair is a sure sign of your getting rich. So if you want the wealth to keep coming, don't grudge if the hair keeps on falling. Wait till all the hair have fallen, and then get yourself a good wig.

Q: Doc, I spend much of my time combing my hair, and I can't help controlling myself. Please help me.

R: Doc law says that "Time spent in front of mirror is inversely proportional to the number of hairs, one has on his head." Probably you spend time searching the hair.

Q: Doc, I'm losing hair at a speed that within a week, I would get bald!

R: Don't worry, from next week people will call you Bald and the Beautiful!

Q: Doc, I'm young & all my hairs are turning white. I'm so much worried that I want to die of shame!

R: It will be too early to die now, so dye now.

Q: Doc, many people have trouble losing hairs. My trouble is that my hair growth is tremendous & every week I need a haircut!

R: There are many medicines available. Try any of allopathy, homeopathy, naturopathy or if anything doesn't work out, try Thrapathy. Their head shaving is excellent.

Q: Doc, I find that hair cutting is getting much costlier!

R: As far as I know, shaving is cheaper than half cutting. Try shaving your head.

Q: Doc, I'm 80 years & still my hair is jet black. People doubt about my black hair & they feel that they are artificial. How should I convince them?

R: For people like you my company has come out with dye which is white. Use it & you would look of your age.

Q: Doc, my hair are so curly that when I go for a hair-cut, the barber's scissor gets lost in it!

R: I feel that your barber desperately needs a good magnet such that whenever the scissor gets lost, he can roll the magnet over your head to locate it.

ON DREAMS

Q: Doc, I can't see dreams clearly!
R: Try wearing specs while sleeping.

CARRY ON DOCTOR

by Akhil Chopra

If you have one, if you don't have, buy one.

Q: Doc, I dreamt last night & I saw that I'm getting married!

R: These kind of nightmares do appear sometimes. Try avoiding them or if you can't, try avoiding marriage.

Q: Doc, I saw a dream in which my wife was beating me!

R: Are you sure it was a dream, because this happens to most of the man in reality.

Q: Doc, I saw a dream last night in which I failed!

R: Science has evidence to prove that dreams do come true. Just wait & watch for it would be "Dream come true".

Q: Doc, I get dreams of heart-attack. I fear that these dreams would really bring heart-attack to me!

R: Try counting the number of heart-attack dreams. You can afford to see two dreams of heart-attack, for the third & the final heart-attack dream could be fatal.

Q: Doc, I dreamt that I have joined politics!

R: You are really getting useless. In your dream also you think of useless things. Try dreaming something productive & intelligent.

Q: Doc, do dreams really come true?

R: Yes, especially when they are nightmares.

Q: Doc, why do I keep on forgetting old dreams?
R: So that old dreams may come true &

new dreams may become old.

ON OFFICE

Q: Doc, when I return to home, I'm so tired that I can't even walk.

A: I can understand your problem. This happens when one runs after money.

Q: Doc, I remain so busy in my office that I can't reach home on time.

R: Sack your lady secretary & you will find yourself home always before time.

ON DIETING

Q: Doc, I'm so overweight that I can't even walk!

R: Why do you want to walk. If you start walking, you will get tired & hungry.

You will crave for food and be overweight.

Q: Doc, I'm not only overweight but also heavyweight. I so fed up with life that I want to die. Please tell me the various style of dying easily?

R: Try jumping from top floor of a tower. You will die in seconds.

(SOME DAYS LATER)

Q: I did jump from the top floor of tower. But I didn't die. That three died that came under me.

Q: Doc, I want to put on weight!

R: You will have to change your lifestyle. Now live for eating rather than eating to live.

Q: I'm like elephant because when I walk, I look like him. I have a great craving for food & I can't resist the temptation of eating. People say that if I eat more my stomach would burst. Doc, will I die?

R: Probably yes, if you keep on eating at this rate. What I suggest is that "Eat less to live longer to eat more".



Aaj Ke Samachar



NEWs from the 4 corners of the world: North, East, West, South.

Good morning,

The main headlines and tail-lines at this hour are:

- * Politicians try their hand at business.
- * Pill and Bill come to India.
- * India finds solution to population problem.
- * Olympics to be held in India.
- * Stock market review.
- * M F Hussain weds Madhuri.
- * Weather: whether sunshine or rain.

Now that, there is recession, politicians are severely affected by lack of work as they find themselves, busy doing nothing. They are trying their hand at business. The first to start business is our Jayalithaji. She has started a slimming centre where anybody can become slim, lean and mean. She herself would offer advice and counselling to the customers. When asked, how she would convince the customer when they will look to her size, she said, "It's so simple. I would recommend the diet I don't take and when they eat, what I don't, they would get slim".

Next on the list is Lalooji who is no more only Lalooji but Dr Lalooji as he has passed the medical examination and now is a doctor; doctor for animals,

however. When asked, why he wants to be doctor for animals, he replied, "I have special affection for animals, because I'm just like them, an ordinary guy." (Guy of English, not Hindi).

You are reading Sama-4. Next is international news. "Pill and Bill come to India". Viagra and Bill Clinton are two attempts by the US to interfere in the affairs of India. The introduction of Viagra pill in India will explode the population bomb with impotent people becoming important by contributing towards the bulging population. Even if we survive the pill, we can't survive romantic Bill who plans to settle in India.

Now some sports' update. News for all Indians to be proud of. India is the venue for the forthcoming Olympics. The Olympics Committee has chosen Uttar Pradesh as their venue. When asked, why they chose only UP, they said, "We saw live telecast of the UP assembly session in which members were practising mike throwing. So why not honour them by keeping that state as venue so that they can participate wholeheartedly.

News from the stock market. The stock market remained closed due to on going Diwala seasona.

From the world of entertainment: M F Hussain plans to

marry Madhuri Dixit, but Madhuri has some reservations. When asked why she does not prefer M F who is just 30 years and 480 months young, she said, "I told M F that I would marry him only if he dyed with shame (poo) but he never dyed his hair, so I never married him".

And finally the weather 4-cast: God will cry over the conditions in Bihar and as a result there will be torrential rains there. Rest of the country will experience light thundershowers. As a result Government has announced all its citizens to keep away from bathing in municipality water and bathe in rain. This step is taken to solve the ongoing water crises.

Rain and thundershowers are expected wherever a cricket match is being played. Fishermen are advised not to go into sea as all fishes have gone swimming into deep sea. This may severely hamper fishermen's net profit.

Thick heavy black clouds are expected in Delhi. Delhites are advised, not to take that clouds as rain clouds, but as clouds that are affected by pollution. *Sama-4 samapth hooe...*

What does samachar become when the news are very spicy?

JAM-ACHAR

-Akhil Chopra

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CHANNEL 

The Ultimate Channel for Youngsters





Channel Y



The Indian EXPRESS

Story behind words

“WORDS are little windows through which we can look at the past,” said Wilfred Funk once. And it’s no surprise that behind every word lies a mystery.

Vader In Dutch. *Pater* in Latin, *Fader* in Swedish, *Vater* in German, *Athir* in Irish, *Pidar* in Persian and *Pitr* in Sanskrit: They all mean the same thing — father.

The story of words is the story of our past. The more we probe into their origins, the better understanding we get of our past. Believe it or not, but there are words borrowed from person’s name, places, and even from our very own Hindi/Sanskrit. Here’s a list of some of them:

● **Words from people’s names:**

Sandwich: Derived from the Earl of Sandwich who refused to take time off from the gambling table to eat a regular meal and wanted something tucked between loaves.

Boycott: It has its origin from a person called Charles C. Boycott, an English land agent

whose difficult duty was to collect high rents from Irish farmers. In protest, the farmers didn’t allow him to either make purchases in town nor hire workers to harvest his crops.

Nicotine: Almost 400 years ago, Jean Nicot, a French Ambassador bought some tobacco seeds from a Flemish trader. Nicot’s successful efforts to popularise the plant in Europe brought him linguistic immortality.

Narcissism: From Greek mythological character of Narcissus, a youth who fell in love with his own reflection.

Achilles heel: Going down history, Achilles, hero of the Trojan war, was killed by an arrow in his only vulnerable spot, his heel.

● **Words of Indian origin:**

Shampoo: From *champi* (*champi*) meaning massage.

Calico: A kind of cotton cloth which gets its name from Calicut, the city from which we first imported cloth.

Singapore: From *Sing* or *Sihm* meaning lion. The emblem of Singapore shows lion.

Man: From Sanskrit word *Manus*.

Path: From Sanskrit word *path* meaning way.

Canada: An Indian word meaning ‘Big Village’.

Navigation: From Sanskrit word *Nav Gath* as the art of navigation was born in the river Sindh 6,000 years ago.

● **Words of unusual origin:**

School: From Greek word *socket* meaning leisure!

Bootleg: It means something which is illegal or smuggled. Its root lies in the practice of hiding objects in the leg of high boots.

Salary: Salt in addition to being an essential seasoning was once so costly that the ancient Roman soldiers were given a *salarium*, special money for the sole purpose of buying salt.

Since the English word *salary* comes from *salarium*, you can see why you are worth your salt.

Trivial: It means nonsensical things. The origin lies in Latin, *tri via* or three (tri) roads (*via*).

In the Roman empire, women would meet on the way to the market at three roads and stop and gossip about trivial things.

Gymnasium: It originally meant *exercise in naked* as in

early Olympics, only men were allowed to participate and all the exercises were done in the naked.

Amazon: It means an intimidating, stout woman. The origin lies in Greek, *a mazos*, meaning without breasts.

According to legend, the Amazons, who were allies of the Trojans against the Greeks, were deadly, efficient warrior women, and in order that nothing should interfere with their bows, they cut off their right breasts.

Jeep: During World War II, technicians designed an automobile that was to be used for general purpose travelling. Taking ‘G’ of general and ‘P’ of purpose, *Jeep* became its nomenclature.

Good bye: From the abbreviation of *God be with you*.

Media: From Latin *medius*, meaning ‘middle’.

Digital: From Latin *digitus*, meaning ‘finger’!

● **Origin of months:**

JANUARY: Named after the ancient Roman God Janus. He had two faces: One looked back into the old year and the other forward into the new year.

FEBRUARY: Named after an-

cient Roman festival of Februa, when the sinners confessed their sins and were forgiven.

MARCH: It was named after the God of war Mars.

APRIL: From Roman verb *aprire* which means to open. The ground ‘opens up’ in April while ploughing.

MAY: Named after the wife of Jupiter, Maia.

JUNE: Named after the queen of heaven, June, who protected marriages. A marriage in June was considered most auspicious.

JULY: From Julius Caesar, the famous Roman emperor.

AUGUST: Named after the Roman Emperor Augustus.

SEPTEMBER: It gets its name from the Latin word of seven.

OCTOBER: From Latin ‘Octo’ meaning eight as it was earlier the eighth month in the Roman calendar.

NOVEMBER: Latin word for nine.

DECEMBER: Latin word for ten.

Learn words. Add ‘I’ to a word and the word is yours. And add ‘S’ to it, it becomes your S-word.

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