
Confession

I know this section is not meant for evaluation. So! Why not I write the truth. Yes! Because I stand for Truth. I write TRUTH and nothing but *Truth* on Oath *here*¹.

I want to absolve myself of the criminal proceedings that may lead to rigorous punishment for submitting and publishing this piece of *Work* (“Work” means *this thesis* hereinafter). This work should be buried deep inside the ground because it bamboozles readers and may make them slaves of *the* technology. It may discourage junta travelling to distant places to see friends, make friends, interact with peers and enjoy the Conferences and Meetings! It is harmful for Tourism, Airlines and many hotels who serve customers like Gods! It is a social crime to nobble (not noble!) the livelihood of so many people. To the Government, which gave me public funds for so many years to carry out research I am giving back this piece of *Work*. I am giving back something - if it is made public - that will lessen the income, which would have been otherwise thrived upon through international Tourism!

I am submitting this “tender of pardon to accomplice” because I hope that I may be acquitted (awarded). Section 306 of CrPC reads as under:

“... (the person who is) trying the offence, at any stage of the inquiry or trial, may tender a pardon to such person on condition of his making a full and true disclosure of the whole of the circumstances within his knowledge relative to the offence and to every other person concerned, whether as principal or abettor, in the commission thereof.”

At first sight, though it looks like I am the principal (or even the sole) accused party of the crime, I plead guilty of being *only* a means. I implore you to take me as an approver for the prosecution during trial (defence) of the crime which is being disclosed here.

The first person I want to name, who is responsible more than me is Prof. H S Jamadagni, conspirator (my research supervisor). It is not appropriate if I just say that he guided me throughout. He thinks pretty differently than many others in the field and with both feet on the ground. His way of research is to pick a problem, which is hot and useful. He often remarks “... it’s important to work on what is to be solved than what can be solved”. The ideas, field of work, and technological and product oriented look at the problems are a few cases in point. If I look back at the path I covered in these years, there are very few occasions in which I followed him. In most of the circumstances, when I was languishing, he carried me all along. He has *a hand* in everything that is being reported here.

The next, not less by any chance, is Dr. Joy Kuri my unofficial co-guide. He is one of the pillars (there were only two, the other one you know by now!) of the project I worked on during and/or for my thesis work. The discussions I had with him were nothing but crucial. If you see some significant points expressed here it is because of him. He motivated me to do many things that I had neglected (it’s natural for me!) during the course of this work. Many a time he took out three different (coloured) pens (pen is mightier than sword!!) and

¹I didn’t say the remaining pages don’t contain truth!

jotted down (just short of Tex-ing it) for me. He too has *a hand* in all the contribution of this report. It is said that *two* hands are more than enough to do any celestial act. I have told you about the *hands*² behind the scenes, now, it is simple to collect the evidences. Just see the report in your hands it is easy to find out their crafty works. Now tell me do you want me to exclude them?

It's not over; Prof. Y Narahari of CSA department is instrumental in making me pursue higher studies (this offence! without *stopping*) and guided me onto this path before handing me over to the above two. He very well knew then what was going to happen. I would have dropped his name if it were to be only this much. He constantly kept in touch and heard patiently all that I blabbered. He picked up, from time to time, the real grains for me. His ideas are there to see. There are two other persons who pushed me into this, Prof. Utpal Mukherjee and Anandji of ERNET, IISc. I don't intend to say anything least about Prof. Anurag Kumar who gave me a chance to work in the field of Networks though it was not my field of expertise then³ when I was awfully down with depression. I wouldn't have even tried this work without their wholehearted support.

You see for a well-planned show you need dress rehearsals. All my ideas are first disclosed before a *sounding board* to find the flaws in the plotting and that is Sri. T V Prabhakar. You may say that he is passive. He did more than this. He proactively arranged the scattered data I used to throw at him and kept on accumulating it for me. It is not only this much, you ask him any thing, you get it in 30min or less. All the facilities and help I had during the commission of this crime are no less than my execution of the same. Do you want to exclude this co-conspirator?

This work is related to a sponsored⁴ project. Sri. Ravi A Ravindranath and Prof. Kumar N Shivarajan were very actively involved in this work from the beginning. This offence was committed in many smaller stages; Ravi is responsible for propelling me to the orbit - where I am now - with many stages of boosters. Messrs. Ramakrishna Potti, Niranjana, Deepak and Hari Bhaskaran have all been no meaner in this regard.

Messrs. Haresh Dagale, *the Witty*, Varchas *the Bellator*, Prasanna *the Mimicker*, Anand *the Dwaitin*, and Rajesh *the Worker* were my project mates who have contributed immensely. This five men army was in the forefront shielding me. Alas! if they had not done that I would never have been writing this piece indicting them. They are reaping the fruit of their labour! They weigh up equally with others I have mentioned. New entrants are Samar and Abid. I would like to leave them since I know they are going to take the same path (comraderie!). Richard Hurni *the Professional* is the latest one but he is not in India to bring him to the box! The prosecution has to apply for deportation from Switzerland. Finally, my project students Abhijeet, Chiranth, Rahul and Vishal, who are responsible for many measurements and implementations (executions!) I did.

Now the Abettors:

My interaction with Dr. Andre Pittet was one of the nice things that could have happened to any budding research student (who went on to become an offender). You can see his handy work in the thesis that has some real (*felonious?*) thought provoking quotes.

I remember all my interactions with Padmashri Prof. N. Balakrishnan of SERC and the chairman of Information Sciences division. The computing facilities and some discussions with him in the initial stages of my existence here in the campus was a shot in the arm. You go and ask him for a *root* account at 1AM past midnight and lo! you get it the next day. I

²Similar to Maradona's famous "hand of God!" in '86 soccer semis against England.

³It is not even now, if you think there is some contribution in this work, you know who the real contributors are! and you know whom to catch.

⁴See *Godfather* by Mario Puzo.

can feel his helping hand in all the data I wanted to collect and the disk space for committing this act. As one of my friends put it, he is *simple* and *efficient* and that is Balki. Nay! balki! He pampered me a lot in all my non-academic endeavours. If you want to avoid others to take my path, you know who is the root cause!

Prof. Vittal Rao of Maths, Prof. K J Rao of SSCU, Prof. H S Mukunda of Aero Space, and Prof. K B R Verma of MRC have all kept me alive with many interdisciplinary work. Including my guide, they have all tolerated my indiscipline(ary) work under the cover of interdisciplinary work. Prof. Vittal Rao taught me analysis and if you see any (un)structured arguments in this work, you know why! Prof. K J Rao in particular, who was the prime mover, kept my confidence level on par with some of the greatest leaders (criminals) ever. I wouldn't have done it and even this confession so boldly without their constant encouragement.

CEDT faculty and staff; Prof. Sinha, Prof. Gopakumar, Prof. N J Rao, Dr. Gunashekarana, Dr. Umanand, Kruvillla Vergheese, MKK, Dr. Dinesh, NVCR, Muthu Kumar, G V Mahesh, Nagarathna, Kalim, Saravanan, Kalpana, Singhji, Gururaj, Shivaswamy, and Gopalakrishna have all nurtured this child who has become a juvenile hardcore now. You give them a raw innocent fellow and you know by my example how they can transform him. You want to drop them out of this list? Nay! Not even one bit, they are all responsible for me to be in this situation. Some of them selected me and some of them fed me!

Smt. Laxmi Raj of office arranged money whenever I needed. In a sense she is the means for funding all my (underground?) activities (un)knowingly. If you want some financial support just ask her. I want to exclude her name (you see, I need some funds after I get acquitted!).

Smt. Prabha Patil, the meticulous librarian who gave me books whenever I asked, thinking that I'd have read them (Please don't break her heart by telling her that I had no time to spend on all those good(!) activities!). I want to name the supporting cast Smt. Parvathi too. Gopal of SID, Manju and Ramesh are also to be mentioned. Mr. B M Rathnakar and Chandru have enabled me to shuttle between my house and the Lab in the last months.

All the facilities in the campus are used to the limit of their capacities. Most important amongst them are Hostel and Mess, courtesy Messrs. Sheshachala, Narayanappa, the mess and hostel attenders and many wardens. Nagaraj of Sudents' section also figures in the list.

The Campus Health Center was my second room in the campus. Dr. P H Prasad and Dr. Chikkalingaih treated me (treating me even now!) so well. Ms. Mary, Seenanna, Dr. Yogesh, Dr. Ghorpade and so many sisters in CHC have treated my Mental, Physical, and Dental ailments. They have kept my health intact to reach this point in my life, even, at the cost of being threatened by contracting infection from this *unhealthy* criminal!

Mr. Ravi and his boyz of Campus Xerox Center were involved in many of the *copyright* violations that were done during the course of this work. He is even responsible for the final copy that you have in your hands.

Sridhar *the atman*, Rama *the backseat driver*, and Kini *the extremist* tamed me with some work or the other and tried to bring in professionalism in all the works. While Sridhar brought in the (criminal!?) values in my thoughts and actions, Rama encouraged me to express my feelings courageously (later he only had to pacify me, when I overreacted). Kini showed me the way to do some work fearlessly. They kept my spirits always high without using *the spirit*. We were the *dushta chatushtayas* of *Prasthutha*. I never forget to implicate so many speakers we brought on *Prasthutha*'s platform who motivated me.

Our Registrar Dr. Udaya Balakrishnan, Asst. Reg. Mr. M. S. Venkatesh PRO Mr. Veera Raghavan and Security Officer Chandrashekhara gave me my memorable moments in the campus and encouraged my *guerrilla* activities. Now you know why I am in this unenviable position, i.e., writing a confession!

With each passage above I know that my part of the punishment is growing thinner!

The biggest of all the abettors are my parents who gave me all the freedom that one can have which is beyond constitutional. They kept on helping me, looking after my needs and demands. I should tell the truth that they don't actually know what I am doing. I have no choice; under oath I am disclosing everything. I feel sorry to say that I am spoilt because of them. Of late, my banker uncle Sathyanarayana Rao and my aunt Smt. Pushpa have started putting some economic sense into my (other)wise nut-head besides taking care of my parents and me. Vinay *the transporter* and Vijay *the programmer* have joined them. My brother (Dr.) Murali was so nice to me who constantly kept my criminal ideas flourishing by telling me how to publish papers!

Again, since I am under oath I confess that it is my brother, lawyer Subramanya's and his senior Haranahalli Ashok's scheme (very *schemy*, yeh?!) that I should confess and involve as many parties as possible (of course, to indirectly influence the adjudicator!) and tender a confession as an approver! Anyway I can't name them since they have the immunity for all the advice they give me as lawyers.

There are many others whom I should not leave; Dr. Udupa, Dr. Purushottam, Dr. Pandian, Dr. U J Shenoy, Dr. Santhosh Paul, Dr. M K Rajesh, Dr. Vidya Shankar, Dr. GNar, Dr. H N Nagendra, Dr. S Raghavan, Dr. Naren Naik, Dr. Sai Shankar, Dr. Purna Prajna, Dr. KK, (Dr.) Pai, (Dr.) Diwan, Hariharan and *Gandhi* Vishwa have all pulled me onto their path. I was allured⁵ by their soft-spoken words. It was a sugar coated bitter pill that I swallowed then unknowingly.

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I beg your pardon. I wouldn't have done this work with my usual self. I was driven into it when I was sporadically normal!

I hereby declare that all my statements are correct to the best of my knowledge. I close my statement by telling that I did execute this work but under *duress*. If you want to punish, I am not the only one! Actually, it is to the contrary; I should be rewarded for telling *the truth!* I would like to be considered as an *approver* for prosecution and I should be exonerated. Now, tell me with so many parties involved does yours truly stand any conviction?

Epilogue

“Man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much — the wheel, New York, Wars and so on, — whilst all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man — for precisely the same reasons.” - Douglas Adams: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

Dear smart dolphins! Phleeezzz kyp away from this dokyument! It's ment for less intelligent creations, even lesser mortals. U hav no nyd 4 konfrnc on VoIp!! I'm widh u.

⁵I can resist anything but *temptations!*