

# THE BAF TIMES

M.L. DAHANUKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

## EXAM MINDSET

Ways to keep positive mindset during exam

PAGE 3

## SRILANKAN CRISIS

Why is the country in economic crisis

PAGE 4-5

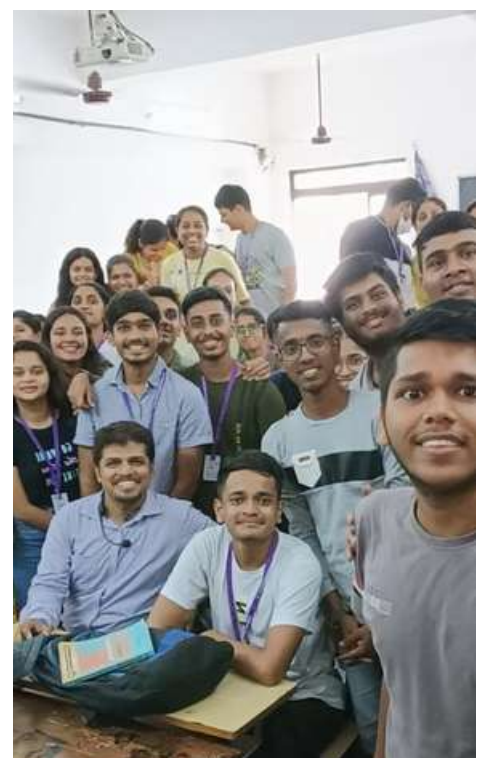
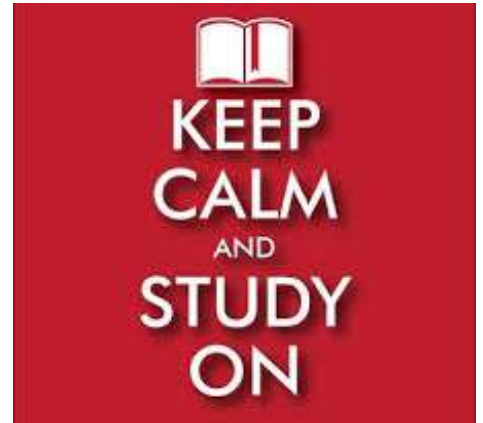
## THE FALL OF EURO AND MORE

Why Euro weakness is a big deal?

PAGE 6..



SEMESTER ENDS WITH MEMORIES



SMILES AND MORE.....



KNOWLEDGE

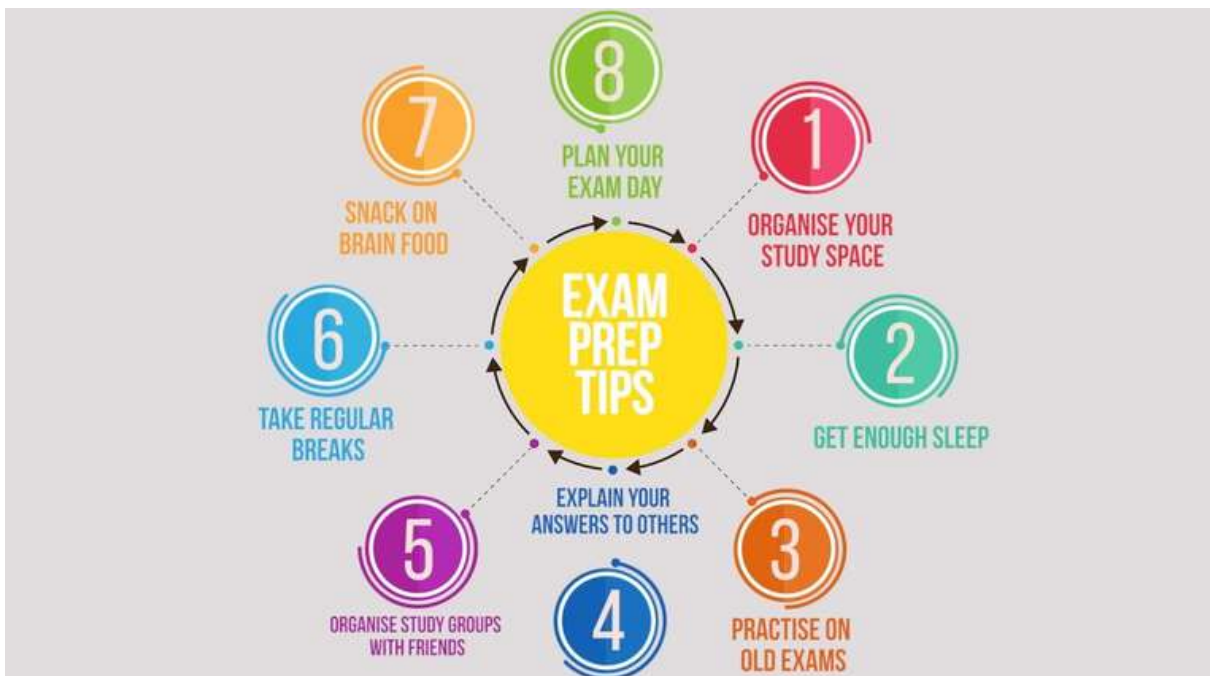
# **FOREWORD BY THE PRINCIPAL**

## **IDEA BEHIND THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

### **DR. D.M.DOKE PRINCIPAL**



**Being a Commerce College, students are expected to know the changes in the business world. This newsletter will help the students get acquainted with a glimpse of what happened in the month gone by. It will also have insights into various business and commerce related updates which will help you gain in-depth knowledge. Make it a point to read each and every article in this issue and stay updated so that you don't get outdated.**



## EXAM MINDSET

BY CA VIDHI MANEK

**Exercise helps alleviate stress.** The main problem, according to Richard DeMont, associate professor in the Department of Health, Kinesiology and Applied Physiology, is that people who are busy studying don't make the time to do it. Therefore, take some time out and do some form of exercise (jogging, biking, walking) 3 to 5 times a week for 30 minutes each time.

**Stick to your study plan.** It's pretty simple. If you think that going through that chapter is going to take you three hours, be kind to yourself and allocate three and a half. Then, you'll have a better shot of getting your work done in the time you've allowed for it, and you won't be stressing out over it.

**Keep your electronic devices out of your study room.** We all know electronic devices (e.g. phone, tablet, computer, TV) are a big distraction. Try and keep yourself free of any additional distractions.

**Focus on yourself and don't compare to others** – When we compare ourselves to others, our confidence is dependent on how the other person is performing, which is not within our control. Therefore, avoid the last minute discussions with friends and focus on building your own confidence.

**Get a goodnight's sleep** – Sleep duration and quality have a significant impact on a number of factors associated with exam performance. Getting a good night's sleep will help you by improving your memory and concentration.



# THE SRILANKAN CRISIS

**BY SHREYAS RANE - TYBAF / C**

An island which lies in Indian Ocean, one blessed with natural beauty and astonishing temples. That island is called as Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka was once a promising developing country, but currently this alluring country is being engulfed in the flames of anarchy, what could lead this country into such position? Let's try exploring the reasons which lead this country into ruination. The current situation of Sri Lanka is part of an ongoing struggle which was a domino effect of chain of events which have been started since 2010s; Sri Lankan Economy was already on a downfall, but at a steady rate. Covid Pandemic and Russian-Ukrainian war propelled the downfall, which led the country into such a horrific condition that its citizen now have to struggle for basic desideratum goods and services, their frustration as grew so much that many of them even raided the presidential palace, Over 1000 items have been stolen from the palace, there are 2 factors which brought such a huge crisis. One of the reasons is the Political reason, Sri Lankan politics is being run by a single family since decades, Nepotism has corrupted the government, there are 4 brothers who were having big positions in Sri Lankan Cabinet, and each one of them had huge corruption charges and is notoriously known for taking bribes. Apart from Nepotism, Sri Lankan Politics is also filled with Socialism; Many of the huge political parties in Sri Lanka are socialist. The leading govt. introduced many policies like Tax cuts, Freebies, etc. They also forced policy for organic fertilizer farming which reduced their agriculture production, it also invested in many projects which were doomed to failed, despite warnings from many economical advisors, Govt. still invested in those projects. These policies were used to attract voters but they ruined the economy.

Another factor is their low forex reserves and huge trade deficit, Sri Lanka imports more and export less, the trade deficit lead to deduction of its Forex Reserves. One of the ways of earning Foreign Currency for Sri Lanka was Tourism, but due to global lockdown, Tourism ceased to exist, Sri Lanka keep spending its reserves but they were not able keep up with the expense, it went to the point that it became negative and because of that country is not able to import basic items. Sri Lanka experienced a decrease in its purchasing power and shortage of supply which lead to Inflation which as per latest record was 54.6%. Sri Lanka had a poor debt management; Sri Lanka took tons of loans from India, Japan, China, World Bank.

# THE SRILANKAN CRISIS CONT...

**BY SHREYAS RANE - TYBAF / C**

Total amount of Debt took by them was \$7 billion dollars as per current year. Sri Lanka use to borrow more and spend more but earn less which lead to huge debt on the country, It went on to such an extent that Sri Lanka had to give its Hambantota port to China for 99 years lease cause Sri Lanka was not able to discharge its loan which they owed to China.

The only way for Sri Lanka to get out of such a grim situation is to restructure its debt and make sure it implies policies to pay those debts and take less debt. Another way is to get a relief package from IMF, It would help Sri Lanka to get itself on track, IMF would provide loan amount and would also advise them on how to spend that loan amount. Just like Sri Lanka, Countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh are also going to face such problems. In Conclusion, It is important for all countries around the world to take lessons from Sri Lanka and not to repeat those mistakes.

# FALL OF EURO AND WHY IT MATTERS

**BY JADEN RODRIGUES - SYBAF / C**

The euro had fallen to a 20-year low to below \$0.99 after Russia's halt to gas supplies down its main pipeline to Europe. This had heightened fears about a deepening energy crisis across the region in July 2022.

Before July 2022, the euro exchange rate had been falling for months a year ago, one euro cost \$1.20, and by the beginning of 2022, it had already plunged to \$1.13. Since then, the depreciation continued and culminated in a brief parity with the US dollar, before dropping below \$1. The single currency has been worth more than the dollar for most of its history. It lagged below the dollar in the years following the currency's launch in 1999, but the last time it traded below the dollar was December 2002 - less than a year after euro notes and coins were introduced for the first time.

## CAUSES OF THE FALL -

- The European Central Bank has lagged other central banks in raising rates, weakening the euro. Currencies tend to rise when the relevant central bank increases interest rates, as international investors eye a larger return for holding assets priced in that currency.
- The dollar has also been strong in recent months, buoyed by the US central bank raising interest rates, and investors seeking the safe haven of dollar assets in times of global turmoil.
- Russia may cut off gas supply to Europe and plunge the region into recession, which in turn would make it more difficult for the ECB to tighten monetary policy.
- Markets have reduced expectations of ECB rate hikes this year by 30bps to 135bps in recent weeks as inflation hit a new record high of 8.6% and gas prices continue to surge.

## EFFECTS OF THE FALL -

- The fall in the value of the euro makes prices outside the single currency area more competitive, theoretically providing a boost to the export of European goods and services abroad.
- Potential upside of a weak euro is a possible surge in demand due to the exchange rate.

# FALL OF EURO AND WHY IT MATTERS CONT..

**BY JADEN RODRIGUES - SYBAF / C**

- A weakening currency will make imports more expensive for eurozone countries, especially goods priced in dollars such as crude oil.
- The fall in the euro is making the inflation problem even worse than it already is by importing further inflation because of the weak euro.
- Companies that export outside the euro area benefit from the euro's fall because their prices become more competitive.

How will the current trend shape the rupee's value?

If the euro stays weak and trends below parity, the rupee would also fall along with it.

In other words, the rupee, which is presently only a whisker away from 80 to the dollar, would drop much more versus the dollar if the euro continues to weaken. This is due to the extensive trading connections the euro has with India and other rising economies.

Additionally, the rupee has performed better versus the dollar than the euro because the RBI interfered in a way to keep the currency that way.

# THE NEW INDIAN PRESIDENT THAT CREATED HISTORY

BY VRUTIKA PATEL - TYBAF / C

In 75th year of the country's independence, Ms. Murmu becomes the first tribal [adivasi] woman and second woman [after Ms. Pratibha Patil] to occupy the post of Indian President in Rashtrapati bhavan. The sworn-in ceremony was held on 25th July 2022.

Let's look at how the results unfolded and the perks of being an Indian President:

Election result:

BJP candidate Ms. Murmu was elected as the 15th president as the counting of votes concluded. She defeated the opposition's, Mr. Yashwant Sinha. Ms. Murmu secured 64% percent of the total valid votes polled, while Mr. Yashwant Sinha got 36% percent votes.

Illustrious career:

Ms. Murmu hails from Odisha's Mayurbhanji district. She was born in a tribal family and had struggled with poverty.

She served twice as an MLA and once as a minister in the BJP led coalition government in Odisha. In 2007, Odisha legislative assembly honoured her with its best MLA of the year award. Later in her career she also became the first ever woman governor of Jharkhand in 2015.

She recently launched 'herSTART' – a start-up platform of Gujarat University for women entrepreneurs various projects related to education and tribal development at Gujarat University



# BAF TIMES TEAM

Durvesh Sawant & Sahil Thakur – SYBAF (C), Riya Nar – TYBAF (C)

If you wish to contribute your articles to be featured in the next  
issue,

please mail your articles on [vidhim@mldc.edu.in](mailto:vidhim@mldc.edu.in) by 10th of every  
month.

All Articles in this issue are the personal views of the authors and  
the  
college does not necessarily subscribe to the personal views of the  
authors.

Editor-in-Chief

CA Vidhi Manek, Asst. Prof – B.Com.(A&F)