

On an average one murder takes place per day in Bangalore. That means about 365 murders per year, and if not less, a minimum of four people are involved per murder and the number averages at about 1500 murderers per year. A rough estimate can put it as about fifteen thousand to twenty thousand people who would have become murderers in ten years, which should even conservatively mean that there will be a murderer per by lane plenty per street and hundreds per main road. One should stop wondering how Bangalore can be a safe city in a decade from now.

There are about ten lakh people who are worth not less than five crores per person, owing to their earnings or by the worth of the properties they hold. There are the other five million eking out a living and constantly looking for opportunities to make easy to money to come out of their constant misery and dearth of money. And then, there are the last ten lakh odd people who live in abject poverty and if we think that all of them only live in slums we could be very wrong. They could be next door, in small dwelling spaces on your street, in sharing basis in apartments or even in your own homes. The individuals who live with about four to five thousand rupees a month, or less, or like they put it - hundred dollars a month - are the ones the society in Bangalore needs to be worried about. Since it is just impossible for even an individual to live on such measly amount, the only alternative for people earning such amounts would be to either wait for the strike of luck or to find devious means. Either the system takes note of their plight or wait for them to take their own measures.

There is the section of the society that has the money and the other section which knows the power money has on people. Money can make many things and certainly can get people to commit murder. How scary would it be to know that murders can be committed for offer of money as little as ten thousand rupees, someone desperate may even kill for a five hundred rupee note and there have been instance of people being killed for a meager ten rupees.

Why is it that so many people are being murdered? The ratio between dacoity and other crimes to murder is about 1: 5, only because it is easier to commit a murder than to even steal something, because it takes more time and effort to convict a person for murder. Take the instance of the murder of Pramod Mahajan, in spite of glaring proof, and motives established, now there is an attempt to prove the innocence of the convicted brother Pravin Mahajan. If this is not the mockery of the civil society and the established judiciary, what is it? One need not be surprised if Pravin Mahajan comes out on bail the moment the case reaches a higher court. Even a cheating case would have kept a person more securely behind bars.

It is shocking that in the name of parole many convicted murderers even come out and roam around sometimes even insulting the rectitude and honour of the victims family and friends. There is an instance of a person on parole after being jailed for shooting to death his brother, got married to a girl whom he met during her visits to the jail to meet her convicted brother who was her would be husband's jail mate. Now the man walks around with his wife and kids in front of his brother's wife and children, though the brother was shot dead in front of his wife and later the court could not find enough proof to establish the same.

Since law is lax and weak and as none of the blood thirsty politicians who, to a great extent, use dead bodies as ladders to climb up their political life want to strengthen laws lest they become victims of the same, the victims' families can only wait to pray, along with the likes of Yedyurappa, to God for divine intervention. Most police

officers would be glad to wait for natural justice or to wait for the matter to be squared off by the victim's family or friends because they know how difficult it is to establish a case and to obtain conviction with a disinterested public prosecutor and weak facts against the smart lawyers and money power of the accused. Now the situation is more precipitated with a lot of police officers resigning and joining politics. Look at the heady combination of amoral politics with knowledge of loop holes in laws! Demoralized and immoral police force making a beeline to politics is the next farce played out in our society.

The law is not the same and is not at all equal for all and can be better realized out of the words of Sanjay Dutt. He in an interview said that the conditions in jails should be improved. What did he expect – dancing girls and discotheques? He does not even have the right to talk about the law when he is out on bail. It is no secret who his friends were and why he is in a state what he is now? Just because he was able to find a detour does not mean that he is qualified to comment about law. Do we let Dutt to educate us about what law abiding is and how our criminals have to be treated? If criminals become stars and we give them the opportunity to talk down to us, we should only blame ourselves for the pitiable state our society and our law enforcement system is in today. Every word Sanjay Dutt utters about his jail experience is nothing but an insult to every law abiding citizen who so much is unprotected and uncared for by the laws of the land.