



## 'Environmental' mother-to-be worried baby will tip the scales towards climate doom

**NOT-SO-STARRY-EYED CORRESPONDENT**

*"Babies are not environmentally friendly. Babies will ruin the environment. Babies are the reason sea turtles are choking on your used plastic and dying. Babies are in direct cahoots with other baby animals stealing their resources."*

These are just some of the few zillion thoughts plaguing Nadiba P, an environmentalist, who recently found out she is having a baby. The miracle of life has not induced any feeling of magic or joy in her yet. Instead, the dominant feeling is that of pure dread at the state of the environment and what her little bundle of joy will do to its precarious balance.

In fact, she was among a growing number of people who were starting to blame unborn babies and expecting parents for daring to do something so environmentally damaging as getting pregnant.

Yet, who can deny biology and the ominous biological clock that gave her baby fever. It was body against mind and her body won.

But ever since the conception, she has been met with a flurry of mixed reactions. Her environmentally conscious peers who are "free

to party" and travel to wild destinations have criticised her decision to get both tied down and bring a baby into the world.

Something considered as bad as burning of fossil fuels and running mega industries.

"One of my peers who has been vocal against eco-fascism -- which when boiled down basically means overpopulation is not to blame for environmental damage but the rich and imbalanced use of resources are to blame -- recently shared an infographic banning babies! Now how do those two philosophies add up? So, overpopulation is to blame? A poor baby and a rich baby can cause the same environmental damage?" asks a visibly distraught Nadiba.

Nadiba has been trying to move from using plastic straws to reusable steel ones. She is an avid believer of recycling but at the same time, during a

visit to her house, this correspondent found lines of PET Pepsi bottles.

In contrast, Nadiba has also said she wants to promote individual good actions for the sake of the climate but that takes away from the bigger picture -- which is that industries, massive ones, are at the crux of the problem.

They are the ones who have essentially created dead zones in the sea, plundered forests to make unnecessarily large amounts of goods that has fuelled a consumerist society. They have ruined vast swaths of vital ecosystem crucial to the survival of the wild.

But this correspondent refrained from sharing these thoughts with Nadiba as the visibly pregnant interviewee stressfully drank yet another bottle of coke while listing the number of diapers she would have to use for her environmental-horror baby.

## Cricket team now to be coached by board president with no cricket experience

**SPORTS CONJECTURER**

*Chapasthan Cricket Board (CCB) President Kamrul Kaman said yesterday that to save the country's cricket from cricketers and former cricketers, he, a medicine man, will now be holding press conferences and barking orders to the cricket team when international matches are going on.*

He has already piloted this strategy during a recent match, after Chapasthan had finished batting. He held a press conference and blasted their performance during the innings break, and the pilot turned out to be a resounding success.

After the public tongue-lashing, Chapasthan romped to a comfortable win.

"As you know, I don't like to interfere in the cricket side of things anymore," Kaman later told a television camera. On a side note, it was learnt from sources close to the camera that Kaman can



now no longer speak unless a television camera is pointed at him.

"But we have to find out what is wrong with the team," Kaman told the camera. He zeroed in on one batsman, Shunno Paash. "I think Shunno can open in T20s, but not in ODIs... he should

bat at five or six. I don't want to force anything on them. I don't do that anymore."

Shunno opened the batting in the next match, but failed to score again.

That seemed to give Kaman more ammunition in his next communicate with the nation, and

the team, through TV cameras. This time he turned his focus on the coach -- aka the one talking to the team who was hired because of his cricket expertise.

"If we ask the coach why they batted badly, he will point towards their shot-selection. What will be my reply?" he asked the cameras. "What does shot selection have to do with it? All shots are interchangeable -- efficacy levels may vary, but it's about preventing serious illnesses..."

At this point, a CCB director sitting next to him leant over and said, "Sir, that press conference is scheduled for later. This is the cricket one."

"Oh, right," Kaman grunted. "Next question." Asked whether he should be giving specific cricket advice to the team, that too in the middle of matches, when he did not have any cricket experience to speak of, Kaman said, "That is a silly question. Who is the coach? He is hired and fired by the board. I am the board president... Tell me who knows more: a doctor working in the hospital or the man running the hospital? The pharmacist or the owner of the pharmacy? Don't be silly. I am a medicine man; I know how to fix things."

"But now, I can't even sit with the players due to Covid. They don't even allow me into the bio-bubble. What can I do?"

In news that may be related, speaking on condition of anonymity, a member of the coaching staff said they are thinking of extending the bio-bubble even if the pandemic passes.