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TENSION

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Tension and sensation are the order of the day. They are the common maladies of the present day society. Tension begets sensation. Of late, we come across this disease in its virulent epidemic form. Tension causes domestic dissensions as well as global disasters.

Discontent, envy, rivalry, greed for power and pelf, groupism, sectarianism, political animosity, colour prejudices, caste distinctions and utter disregard for the feeling, interests and well-being of others generate and promote tension. Slackness on duty and lack of adjustment in all walks of life accelerate this tension to the acme.

Domestic tension quite often gets fanned by in-lawism. 'Wife murders' and 'Dowry Deaths' are the latest classifications of domestic offences hitting the headlines of news papers. Love, even conjugal love appears to have gone on leave from the home and hearth and tension substituted in its place.

Tension stalks along the corridors of colleges and squats at the porticos of offices. Tensions of various kinds are often bartered at counters. Stares radiating tension and smiles camouflaging tension are quite often perceptible on the visage of inefficient

We bow with respect and congratulate Mr. Manoj Das the renowned short story writer in Oriya and English and a Sahitya Academy Award Winner for the honour conferred on him by the Sarala Award 1980 carrying a cash of Rs. 10,000 at a function held at Bhubaneswar on 14th June 1981 for his Novella "DUSKY HORIZON" (DHUMRAVHA DIGANTA). We look forward in sincere expectation of greater honours to this inspired writer who has a marvellous gift to portray human problems with a touch of pathos, wit and humour.

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**GURUS' BLESSINGS**