Dear Parents, We Understand Money Doesn’t Grow On Trees.

That’s Why We Are Asking You for It.

To all who come from the generation where ‘smart phones’, ‘clubs’ and ‘Facebook’ are still bizarre than a man landing on the moon, here are some of our thoughts:

 **1. ‘Don’t put everything on Facebook! People can see!!!’ – The Fear Of Dirty Laundry**

Yes beautiful parent of ours, we put them for people to see. We put our lovely detailed statuses, our photos from every single moment of our lives and check in at every location so our friends don’t need to be individually updated. We are quite careful about our privacy settings\* and only the less informed has everything out in public.

\*Privacy settings are available in every social media site which allows us to filter who can see what. So no mother, just because I put a picture of my friends at a bar, doesn’t mean all my aunts and uncles can see. Actually not even you because all of you are under ‘RESTRICTED’!

**2. ‘That bugger must be doing kudu’ – Explanation Given to Any Person Who Is Not a Doctor, Lawyer or a Teacher**.

First of all, what is this ‘kudu’ you speak of? We have no idea because you refer to everything and everyone as a ‘kudda’. What is that? Not everyone with long hair, tattooed or with bright clothing is doing this ‘kudu’ and chances are we have no idea what it is. The question now is… how do you know what kudu is? Hmm…

**3. ‘Are you going to a disco tonight?’ – Also Known As Stepping Out Of the House After 6pm.**

We don’t call them disco anymore. We call it a club or a pub. We go out, we have a few drinks, we dance and we come home or we crash at a friend’s. Chances of us getting kidnapped, raped, drugged and murdered can be slimmed down by allowing us to contact you at all times in the night to let you know where we are and letting us be honest about where we are going/who we are with.

**4. ‘How do you know all of this?’ – The Mystery That Is Google**.

Ever noticed how much you are surprised by our knowledge? That we actually know what’s happening in the world and we seem to be quite informed about science, medicine, movies, books, music, art and everything else? It’s called ‘Google’. Here’s the thing about the Internet; it’s full of information. We can check news, weather and everything else by just searching for it. We spend a lot of time online because the Internet is quite large… I mean really big.

**5. ‘Why do you need a smart phone? My ‘gadol bagey’ can do everything a phone should.’ – Why Nokia Is Still In Business.**

Actually the smart phone is quite useful. We know you think the purpose of a phone should be to just text and call, but now it’s so much more. We can check our email, have access to free texting, use Skype, take photos, play games and a lot of other things. We know what you are thinking; ‘Why do you need a phone when you have a laptop/computer?’. The thing is dear parents; we can’t always carry the laptop around and look for a place to connect to the Internet. Believe it or not, smart phones actually make us more efficient. Isn’t that what you want?

**6. ‘You are up all night doing lord knows what!’ – Explanation To Why You Have A Headache/Stomach-Ache/A Broken Leg**.

If we ever complain about anything regard to our body, work, friends or any other things, you relate it to us staying up all night. We stay awake at night because everyone else shut up by then. No one shouting, no birds screaming, no vehicles, no one doing construction work and half our friends are asleep. This is the only time we can shut the rest of the obligatory world and chill with the chosen world. We’ll read, write, game, watch TV and even go out to meet friends because it really is quite peaceful.

**7. ‘Why are you spending so much time playing games???’ - Another Mystery On How We Can Stare At Bright Colours And Listen To Weird Noises**.

Believe it or not, playing games actually helps us. It works our hand-eye coordination, enables us to multitask, make quick decisions and really gets our brain going with strategizing, logical thinking and we kind of become brilliant storytellers. If you could actually watch us play while understanding the game, you’d be quite proud of us. Next time try telling all the family members about my gaming skills. They’ll be impressed… and confused. It’d still be more fun than listening to who’s married, who just graduated and who just got a new job.

**8. ‘Isn’t that skirt a bit too short?’ - Also Refers To Dresses, Tops, Jeans, Shoes, And Flip Flops Etc.**

Contrary to what you think, we’ve seen your photos from when you were in your 20s. We’ve seen the length of (or lack of) your skirts and dresses. So don’t even go there.

**9. ‘Why do you spend so much money on a coffee? Mey gedara thiyenne. Hadagena bonna’- Unknown Reasons Why We Spent Money for Coffee, Lunch, Dinner, Tea, Drinks, Snacks Etc. When We Can Find It At Home.**

We understand that you really can’t comprehend how a cup of coffee will cost over Rs. 300, but that’s just the way it is now. We know that ‘Harischandra’ got you through some pretty tough times, but we only use it as a last resort. We like our coffees with different names and flavours. Remember our late nights? Well this is the elixir of Gods that let us function during day. Please bear with us.

**10. ‘Aney manda. Ona deyak karaganna’- The Most Used Line to Say ‘Do Whatever the Hell You Want, But Don’t Say I Didn’t Warn You!’**

We completely understand what you mean when you say this. Basically we’ve begged you enough that you have no choice but to say yes, but you are completely against whatever we are about to do. You’d be the happiest if all falls on our butt so you can just say ‘I told you so, now next time listen to me’. We would still like to learn from our mistakes and takes some risks… just like the stuff you have done as a kid. Don’t deny. Grandmother had some very interesting stories about you.

At the end of the day Dear Parents, we are YOUR kids. You raised us. If you did a good job, then you got nothing to worry. Times change, but the sentiments don’t. We have our own Audrey Hepburn, Elvis Presley and Clark Gable. We have our own version of man on the moon, invention of a different telephone and access to a bigger library. We’ll be fine as long as we know you are right there beside us. Thank for all you have done, all you do and all you are going to do. We’d never be this awesome without you. We love you more than we love our smart phones and our favourite TV series… trust me, that’s a lot.

‘Every mother on earth gave birth to a child. Not my mother; she gave birth to a LEGEND’