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THE RUIAITE
MONTHLY E BULLETIN



Namaskar RUIAITE!!

“Peace is not external but internal. It is not about making the world a peaceful place; it is about us being at peace with the world.”

Devdutt Pattanaik, Jaya: An Illustrated Retelling of the Mahabharata

A year of happenings and novel learnings culminates. An immense opportunity of seeking answers to the unknown awaits us. What has passed cannot be turned around; what comes ahead is a beautiful surprise. Yet, we have in hand a priceless treasure - the present moment. As we welcome a year of vigour and enthusiasm, here we present the RUIAITE Bulletin's December Edition for 2015.

Our efforts to give our dear readers the best of all has brought us to take up issues of immense social, cultural and scientific importance through our columns. Be it the water cuts or the knack of buying a desktop PC; be it the ideal life of Bhopkar Guruji or the inspiring life lessons of our very own Samir Sir; the students of the RUIAITE team have not left any leaf unturned to ensure an enriching read. Not to forget, we have also traced the travel of our Bollywood Stars through Hollywood !!

Just as the Constitution Of India provides for transfusion of scientific temper and spirit of enquiry amongst the citizens, our columns have in this issue, addressed environmentalism through varied aspects. CareerWise reflects on the professional prospects of Environmental Studies while Tech-Tricked enlightens us about the Bionic Leafs; as also, Op-Ed takes us on a tour of the Wildlife through 'The Hunt'. In the wake of the Chennai Floods, these insights on our environment ought to come handy - we'd better make peace with it before it gets too late.

Some of our members have become experts in particular areas and they bring to us their reflection of the world in words of different kinds - Saakshi Gupta makes us ponder with her Tiny Tales in Open Forum; while Aniruddha Inamdar feeds us with a round about information of the most important of occurrences in Buzz Around.

Our heart goes out to the stranded Chennaites. We stand in solidarity with the Parisians.

Somewhere it feels, that peace is truly within; as a reflection of our past and as our hope for a better future. Let us seek in this New Year the wisdom of being in peace - in every sphere of life.

The RUIAITE Team Wishes All a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year !!

Team RUIAITE

RUIA JUNIOR COLLEGE SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Science Association of Ramnivas Ruia Junior College conducted a two-day Intercollegiate Science Exhibition on the 3rd and 4th of December, 2015. Just as in each of its previous editions, this year too there was an overwhelming response from



ects with utmost exuberance. The submissions of the Essay Competition, held earlier this year by the Science Association, were kept in a table, fondly called 'The Scientists Corner'. Participation of students came not only through projects, but also through their art-works.

The participating students and chief guests were presented with Bookmarks, hand made by students of the Junior College (Science). The students were given a wide range of topics to choose from and they all came well-prepared, answered questions eloquently, reflecting in depth knowledge about the topics.

The exhibition opened up realms of new knowledge students, participants, teachers and visitors alike, making the event a platform for the interaction between scientific wisdom and scientific aspiration.

Science exhibition Topics -

- 1- Magic of magnetism
- 2- Desalination and water treatment
- 3- Soil less agriculture
- 4- Sensors and detectors
- 5- Mobile applications for social use
- 6- Math magic in science

the students of different Colleges and Schools across the city. This year there were about 27 exhibits; out of which 10 were by Ruia Junior College students. The event was Coordinated by Mrs. Supriya Karadkar, along with the Department of Physics and the Science Association Committee. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Kiran Mangaonkar (Principal, Khalsa college) on 3rd of December, which was followed by viewing of the exhibits by the chief guest himself and the judges.

In the words of Mrs. Supriya Karhadkar, "We intend to provide the students with a rare opportunity to interact with the scientists." And so, keeping in tune with this purpose, scientist Dr.Vaibhav Prabhudesai (TIFR), was invited as the guest of honour on the second day of the exhibition. His insightful talk on 'WORLD OF LOW ENERGY ELECTRON FROM ASTROCHEMISTRY TO CANCER THERAPY', proved to be a huge hit among the aspiring, young science enthusiasts. Dr. Prabhudesai is a Ruia Alumnus ('97 batch) and also, the recipient of the INSA award for "Best Thesis" (2007).

The participants showed immense interest and presented their proj-

Winners -

1st- Vasant Vihar high school and junior college
Kaushik Mudailar
Pratik Singh

2nd- Ruia college
Shubham Dawda
Aditya Gawli

3rd- Sathaye College
Prathamesh Pol

PUT ON A RED CROSS HIV AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

World AIDS Day is celebrated by millions of people across the globe on December 1, every year since 1988. Its main aim is to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. The NSS unit of our college is alive towards this cause and dedicated a week- 1st December to 5th December- for the celebration of HIV AIDS.

They hosted an array of inter-college and intra-college events to make the week a success and invited 40 colleges to participate in it. The inter-college events, debate and street play took place on 2nd December and had some interesting topics like, sex education, objectification of women in media, should sex education be provided to school students or not?- among others. K.C. College, Ambedkar College, SIES College and Vikas College participat-

ed in the debate. The participants came with well researched ideas and gave an outstanding performance with their exquisite public speaking skills. Although participation from other colleges remained limited, it was pleasant to witness several Ruiaites turning up as an audience to be a part of the celebration. On 3rd, 4th and 5th, various events like quiz, poetry competition, poster making competition and film screenings were organized exclusively for Ruia students.

Apart from spreading the message across the youth, NSS aimed to encourage the participants and volunteers of the event to research well on various aspects of Sex Education towards AIDS awareness; so that, the message remains etched in their minds for the rest of their life. The volunteers worked very hard to pull it off successfully and were happy with the response.

-Lavanya Sarkar

Mumbai celebrates 100 years of General Relativity (A talk by Prof. Spenta Wadia)

Ramnarain Ruia College on 30th November 2015 marked the 100th year of Einstein's Theory of General Relativity by arranging a programme, being the only college to celebrate the event. The host for the show welcomed Prof. Pednekar to address the audience with a welcome speech, who next invited Mr. Sudhendra Kulkarni, chairman of ORF (Observer Research Foundation) to address the august gathering. He expressed his delight to have chosen Ruia College for celebrating this

event of great scientific importance. He briefed the audience about Einstein and his keen interests in multiple disciplines. He also highlighted the old and unknown relationship of Einstein with Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Mr. Kulkarni, also shed light on Einstein's efforts to eliminate untouchability from India. He concluded by calling upon the students to erect a memorial of Einstein and showed the audience a 10 min excerpt from a

video on Einstein. Finally came, the much awaited talk by Prof Spenta Wadia who is the Founding Director of Centre for Theoretical Sciences and also, a member of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. He spoke on early scientists like Newton, James Maxwell, Galileo and their theories; like, law of universal gravitation, unified electricity and magnetism, the discovery of a new law of gravity, respectively. Also, he explained the Theory of General Relativity with the help of comprehensible exam-

ples such that, it could be easily grasped by students even from the non-science background. He proceeded to speak on the various tests of GR (General Relativity), the Theory of Black Holes and how they function; as also the future of GR and Quantum Mechanics. The programme culminated with a round of interesting questions from the audience and satisfying answers by the chief guests of the programme.

-Rashi Kale

ENRICHING MINDS

Ruia has always been known to conduct and encourage various programs of social and cultural significance. Mixing the two to put forward the reality of today's youth this time around, the college hosted Enriching Minds, now in its second year and evidently going strong.

The event was organised by Junior College Arts students of the Arts Association, in tandem with their professors. The two-day event saw plays and dance shows being performed; a talent hunt round, musical performances and even Antakshari! However, the real highlight of the event was the panel discussion, which commenced the event.

The subject under discussion - 'Youth and Their Changing Perceptions' was of course, an apt topic considering that the opinions being expressed by the youth of today hold more importance than they have ever before, and since their suggestions and comments are being closely monitored by

the powers that be, a talk-show focusing on the concerns of the youth was long in calling.

The panel, meanwhile, that was brought together on stage were some prominent names - The Principal, Dr. Suhas Pednekar; the Vice -Principal of Junior College, Dr. Nilan Rane; Actor Mr. Sunil Barve; Author Neil D'Silva; Founder of NGO Oye Mr. Siddhant Mohite; Actress Mrs. Seema Deshmukh and finally, Stand-up Comedian and Ruia Alumnus, Mr. Kautuk Shrivastva. The show received a very positive response from the students of both Arts and Science streams. The round of apt and well-framed questions by students of Junior College - Sanika Govekar and Suyash Karangutkar, further enlivened the conversation. Overall, thanks to the stellar panel and able moderators, the talk show sailed off to a success, and so did, of course, the two-day event.

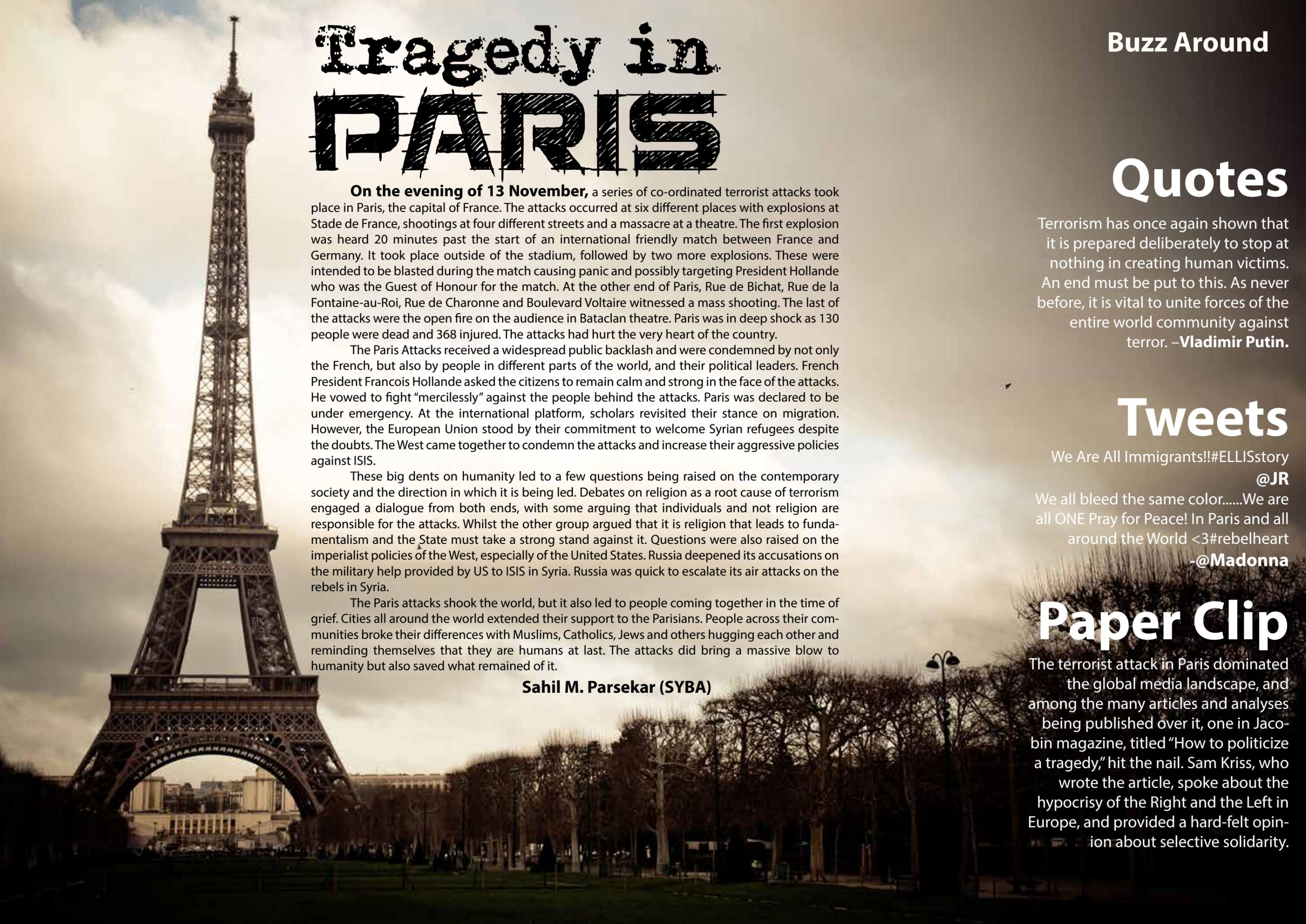
Atharva Pandit

Memorable Camp

The NSS unit of Ramnarain Ruia College organized a 7 day camp for its volunteers. The camp was from 22nd November to 29th November at Shantivan Ashram Shala, Vakdi village near Panvel. Around 100 volunteers and 3 Programme Officers, Shilpa Neve, Neelima Lankeshwar and Pandurang Mahalinge attended the camp. The volunteers had to follow a rigorous but enthusiastic schedule. Each day started with early exercise and prayers followed by breakfast, many sessions and various other activities which then ended with feedback sessions and planning activities for the next day followed by dinner. Activities like Origami workshop, cultural programme were conducted for the school children who were from Vakdi Aashramshala. The volunteers too enjoyed playing various games based on concentration and attention building with the children at the Aasharam. A session on Women Health by Dr. Seema Arawkar was organized for the school girls.

Street plays were performed by the volunteers in nearby villages. Their aim was to create health awareness, explain the importance of cleanliness and how we must eliminate superstitions from our lives. NSS Volunteers also built a 'kaccha bandhara' (dam) on Gadeshwar river as a part of Shramadan (task undertaken which requires physical hardwork and is done for social good). Sessions on various topics such as Bio diversity by Shailendra Patil, Youth empowerment by Vivekanand Kendra, Right to Information by Mithoon Sarvagod, Cyber crime, Organ donation, Leprosy Awareness and Self defence were also undertaken for our students. The camp gave them new experiences and the local children an opportunity to learn many things. The Ruia NSS worked hard to teach the children and the local villagers, thus keeping in mind their motto, '**Not Me, But You**'.

-Shreya Naik



Tragedy in PARIS

On the evening of 13 November, a series of co-ordinated terrorist attacks took place in Paris, the capital of France. The attacks occurred at six different places with explosions at Stade de France, shootings at four different streets and a massacre at a theatre. The first explosion was heard 20 minutes past the start of an international friendly match between France and Germany. It took place outside of the stadium, followed by two more explosions. These were intended to be blasted during the match causing panic and possibly targeting President Hollande who was the Guest of Honour for the match. At the other end of Paris, Rue de Bichat, Rue de la Fontaine-au-Roi, Rue de Charonne and Boulevard Voltaire witnessed a mass shooting. The last of the attacks were the open fire on the audience in Bataclan theatre. Paris was in deep shock as 130 people were dead and 368 injured. The attacks had hurt the very heart of the country.

The Paris Attacks received a widespread public backlash and were condemned by not only the French, but also by people in different parts of the world, and their political leaders. French President Francois Hollande asked the citizens to remain calm and strong in the face of the attacks. He vowed to fight "mercilessly" against the people behind the attacks. Paris was declared to be under emergency. At the international platform, scholars revisited their stance on migration. However, the European Union stood by their commitment to welcome Syrian refugees despite the doubts. The West came together to condemn the attacks and increase their aggressive policies against ISIS.

These big dents on humanity led to a few questions being raised on the contemporary society and the direction in which it is being led. Debates on religion as a root cause of terrorism engaged a dialogue from both ends, with some arguing that individuals and not religion are responsible for the attacks. Whilst the other group argued that it is religion that leads to fundamentalism and the State must take a strong stand against it. Questions were also raised on the imperialist policies of the West, especially of the United States. Russia deepened its accusations on the military help provided by US to ISIS in Syria. Russia was quick to escalate its air attacks on the rebels in Syria.

The Paris attacks shook the world, but it also led to people coming together in the time of grief. Cities all around the world extended their support to the Parisians. People across their communities broke their differences with Muslims, Catholics, Jews and others hugging each other and reminding themselves that they are humans at last. The attacks did bring a massive blow to humanity but also saved what remained of it.

Sahil M. Parsekar (SYBA)

Buzz Around

Quotes

Terrorism has once again shown that it is prepared deliberately to stop at nothing in creating human victims. An end must be put to this. As never before, it is vital to unite forces of the entire world community against terror. –**Vladimir Putin**.

Tweets

We Are All Immigrants!!#ELLISstory
@JR

We all bleed the same color.....We are all ONE Pray for Peace! In Paris and all around the World <3#rebelheart
-@Madonna

Paper Clip

The terrorist attack in Paris dominated the global media landscape, and among the many articles and analyses being published over it, one in Jacobin magazine, titled "How to politicize a tragedy," hit the nail. Sam Kriss, who wrote the article, spoke about the hypocrisy of the Right and the Left in Europe, and provided a hard-felt opinion about selective solidarity.

Simply Put - Bihar Elections

1) Who won the Bihar elections?

The Mahagatbandan consisting of Janta Dal United (JDU), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Indian National Congress (INC).

2) What were the tally of seats won by each party?

JDU won 71 seats, RJD 80 seats and INC 26 seats.

3) What was the reason behind such a huge victory?

The most convincing reason considered for such a huge victory is the united opposition. The two main regional parties, JDU and RJD, came together and contested the elections along with the Congress (INC). If they had not contested with each other's support, the result would have been very different. Also, many experts believe Nitish Kumar's work towards the development of Bihar as one of the strongest reasons for this huge victory.

4) Who formed the main opposite alliance?

This alliance was National Democratic Alliance (NDA) under Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). It consisted of Ram vilas paswan's Lok Janashakti Party (LJP), Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) and Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha.

5) How many seats did this alliance win?

This alliance won 58 seats. Largest party was BJP with 53 seats, LJP with 2 seats, RLSP also with 2 seats and Hindustani Awam Morcha manage to win only 1 seat.

6) What was the reason behind NDA's defeat?

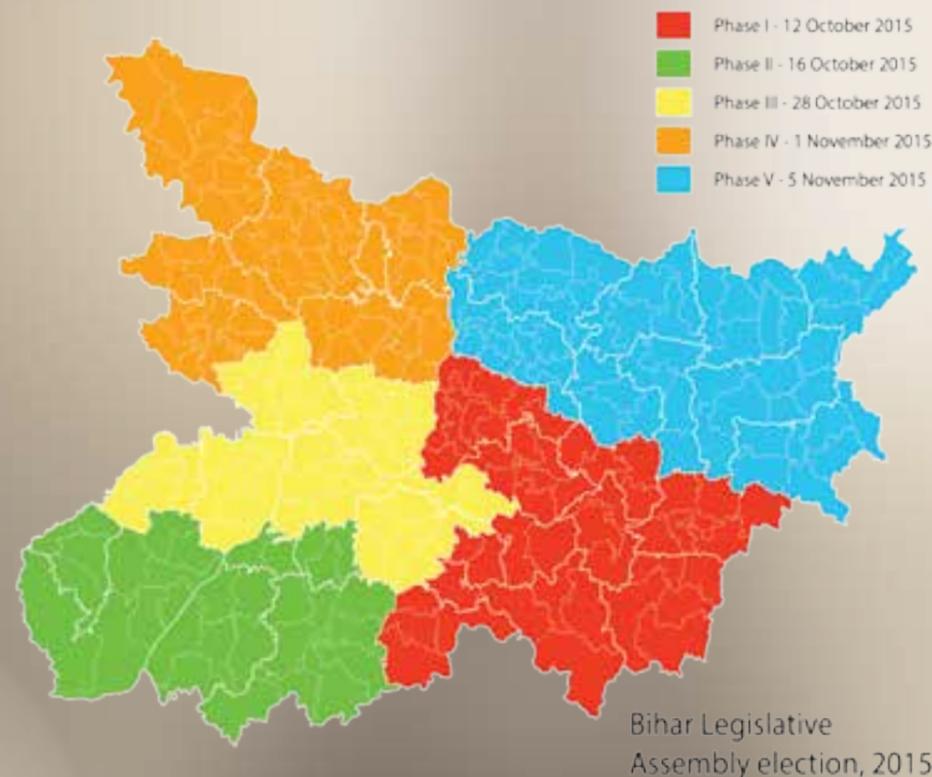
Experts consider united opposition as a main reason for their defeat. Also BJP's lack of confidence on local leaders, not announcing a chief ministerial candidate etc. added to the cause of their defeat.

7) What was the role played by caste in this election?

Caste played a very dominating role in this election. Both the alliances placed their candidates considering the caste arithmetic of that area.

8) What was the significance of this Bihar election?

This election was significant as opposition parties came together to fight against BJP. Also the winning of Mahagatbandan shows that they can be a strong opposition alliance against BJP.



राज्यावर पाणी संकट ?

मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र : पाणी कपात होणे हे महाराष्ट्राच्या कानाकोपऱ्याला सवयीचं बनलेलं आहे. सध्याच्या दुष्काळी परिस्थितीत अवघ्या महाराष्ट्राला पाणी टंचाई सोसावी लागत आहे आणि परिस्थिती अधिकच गंभीर होत चालली आहे.

यंदा कमी पावसामुळे राज्यभरातील अनेक धरणांमधील जलायशयात पुरेसा साठा झाला नाही. विदर्भ, मराठवाड्यातली स्थिती याहीपेक्षा बिकट आहे, अशी माहिती सिंचन क्षेत्रातील विश्वसनीय सुत्रांकडून मिळाली. यावर आपत्कालीन योजना राबवण्याचे आश्वासन राज्याच्या कृषीमंत्र्यांनी दिले आहे. मुंबई, ठाणे व कल्याण परिसरातील काही ठिकाणी लगतच्या दिवसांमध्ये पाणीपुरवठा बंद ठेवला जात आहे. सामान्य नागरिकांचा विरोध बळावत असताना उद्योजकांनी मात्र या निर्णयाचे स्वागत केले आहे.

सांख्यिकी माहितीनुसार गेली दोन वर्षे राज्याला दुष्काळाचा प्रश्न भेडसावत आहे. शेकडो शेतकऱ्यांनी कर्ज आणि पिकांच्या होणाऱ्या नुकसानामुळे आत्महत्येचा पर्याय निवडला आहे. राज्याचे सिंचन क्षेत्र आता अधिक कार्यशील होण्याचा प्रयत्न करत असून विविध योजना आमलात आणण्यात येणार आहेत.

Top News

1. Around 130 people were dead and 300 injured in Paris Attacks.
2. Aamir Khan was criticized for his comment of "quitting India"
3. India and Singapore signed ten bilateral agreements including a joint declaration on 'strategic partnership' and pacts for enhanced cooperation in areas like defense and cyber security.
4. The Winter Session of the Indian Parliament started from 26 November on the note of celebrating 125th anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar and Constitution Day.
5. Climate talks: India and France launched an international alliance to deliver and undertake research regarding solar energy.

In Sync With Nature!

There are many wonders of nature- from the lush green forests to the magnificent and impressive wildlife. Our environment, which is laden with resources, is one of the crucial catalysts in a fast changing developing country like India. Therefore managing, conserving and multiplying our natural resources are top priorities for our country. So, the field of environment encompasses many secure and unique job opportunities under its radar, especially for those who have a passion for the scientific field away from the common avenues of medicine and engineering. The career options that stand out from an exciting, enticing list of innumerable choices are horticulture, oceanography, zoology, wildlife managing and microbiology! Let's assess these career options with the choicest information that we have picked for you!

Are you a sincere nature-lover looking for ways to spend most of the time with Mother Nature? Well then, in that case, you must surely consider a glorious, "natural" career in Environmental Studies! There are innumerable career opportunities out there for nature lovers, in the form of Wildlife Managers, Horticulturists, Zoologists, Microbiologists, Oceanographers – the list is just endless!

We will try to assess some of these career fields.

Wildlife Manager

A wildlife manager is basically a person who takes necessary steps to keep animal-populations well-maintained. Wildlife Managers are expected to supervise hunting on the land, keep track of the animal populations housed on these lands and ensure that the habitat is suitable for the wildlife population. Some wildlife managers collect data and prepare research to aid in decisions about how to manage wildlife.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in wildlife management, you have a number of undergraduate degree programs from which to choose. Bachelor's programs in environmental sciences, natural resource management, conservation, biology or forestry all prepare you for different disciplines within a wildlife management career. Many programs allow you to concentrate your studies on a specific aspect of the field, such as fisheries or forestry.

Following are a few Indian Universities that provide bachelors or masters degrees in the above disciplines-

University of Mumbai, Mumbai

TERI, New Delhi

Centre for Ecological Science, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Centre for Environmental Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai

Department of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi

Wildlife Managers are usually employed by the government to manage the wildlife in national parks, zoos, forests or sanctuaries. They may seek job opportunities in private animal establishments as well. Be it a government institution or a private establishment, the pay-package for this job is assuredly lofty, since wildlife managers are very seasoned in handling flora and fauna with due care.

So, in our opinion, this job is best suited for those who love adventurous exploration and are closer to wildlife!

Horticulturist

Do you love caring for and nurturing plants? Then we strongly recommend you to pursue a career in horticulture! This is the best way for you to nourish and grow plants all your life!

A horticulturist can work in many different vocations including research, farming, landscaping and floral design, making your duties relative to the occupation you choose. Horticulturists often produce, propagate, breed, plant and maintain plants of all kinds, including vegetables, fruits, nuts, shrubs, trees, flowers or other plants, even for research and experimentation.

Depending on your chosen career, you can earn an associate, bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree in horticulture or a related field. Some professions may not have educational requirements, though a degree program provides you with foundational and specialized training that often aids in employment entry and advancement. Horticulture programs include courses in biology, chemistry, genetics, mathematics, technology and plant science, which can be pursued in most of the colleges in India, including Ruia College. However, it is to be noted that a minimum experience of one year as a grounds maintenance worker is also highly appreciated at the time of placement.

Aspiring horticulturists may also undergo the Certified Professional Horticulturist Program of the American Society for Horticultural Science if they wish to get official certification, which may add an edge to their CV.

Zoologist

Want to strengthen that natural bond that you feel towards animals? In that case, Zoology shall definitely interest you.

Zoologists study animals in their natural habitats and in captive conditions, such as zoos or aquariums. Their much sought-after skills may be applied in a variety of areas, including wildlife conservation and management, rehabilitation of injured wildlife, research and teaching.

Research zoologists might study the behaviour of animals in their natural habitat, conduct experiments on animals in captivity or dissect animals. Research zoologists may also be wildlife educators. On the other hand, other zoologist careers include zookeepers and wildlife rehabilitators. Zookeepers are in charge of feeding captive animals, monitoring their health and discussing animal care with zoo visitors. Whereas, wildlife rehabilitators are supposed to care for injured or ill animals and release them back into the wild.

Zoologists of all types can find employment with scientific consulting firms, industrial firms and local, state and federal agencies, animal-based NGO's, among other industries, with a very attractive pay package.

Aspiring zoologists can pursue a bachelor's or master's degree program in the field of zoology, or in biology with a zoology concentration. Master's degree programs in zoology are research-oriented at some institutions and purely academically oriented at others. So, you may choose the institution according to your preference. However, keep in mind that a specialization is typically required because of the broad nature of the field. Specializations can focus on particular areas of classification such as ichthyology for fish, herpetology for reptiles or ornithology for birds, or on sub-disciplines such as biochemistry, genetics or microbiology.

An MSc pass out can start out as high as 25-30 thousand rupees and improve with experience. Starting range in the NGO is a meager 5-10 thousand rupees. In private industries, depending on the post, this might vary from 7,500-25,000 rupees. In conclusion, a qualified environmentalist of India can easily get a handsome amount of somewhere between **3-6 lakhs**.



THE HUNT

"This month we decided to visit a fictitious National Park and following is an account of the evidences that we witnessed"

The forest we entered was oak-brown and primitive. The grasses we stepped on were crackly beneath our feet because of the recent dry spell. We were in awe of the size and majesty of the trees. Their knotted arms rose ever upwards, as far as my head could lift. They were hoary fortresses and stood proudly. The orchestra of birdsong we could hear from them suddenly stopped. A pair of jays was screeching high up in the canopy of the trees. Jays are the scavengers of the bird world. The morning stars peeped down at us like silver asters, glinting and shimmering. It was spirit refreshing to smell the mulchy mix of the forest's perfume. We ate a few windfall apples and they were mead sweet with a bitter twist. It was only after we got the stomach cramps that we regretted it.

Only after suffering from a bout of cramps did we decide to lean behind a gigantic tree. A pungent smell and string of soft whispers caught our attention and we turned rear to spectate a sight so elusive! The mighty Bengal Tiger, ferocious Asiatic Lion, scavenging Vulture and the pompous Lion-Tailed Macaque were conducting some kind of convention. Instantly we turned on our unique translator and stooped further to hear the proceedings.

- Bengal Tiger:** As the convener of this convention, I cordially invite you all for a quick take on the forest events.
- Asiatic Lion:** 15 members of my family passed away in the last week's forest fire and 4 more were poached down.
- Lion Tailed Macaque:** The count was 250 last week. Few of them have migrated to the southern part of the country stating, "Only Tamil Nadu wants us safe"
- Indian Vulture:** Situations have just worsen for us. The death rate have increased by leaps and bounds. 99% of my clan is dead! They administer diclofenac to reduce pain in humans and cattle BUT that very drug, causes renal failure in us! How are we ever supposed to metabolize the damn corpse?
- Bengal Tiger:** My sincere condolences. All we can do is keep calm!
- Asiatic Lion:** That is such a diplomatic statement! Don't you understand, what 99% extinction signifies? What if we reduce the mankind by 99%? How would they react? You think they'll remain calm?
- Lion Tailed Macaque:** Both of you, please! No matter how intense the situation is, we have to maintain the decorum.
- Indian Vulture:** I sometimes feel, although they have termed us "endangered", our masters would never give us an upper edge over their lives.
- Bengal Tiger:** As in? You want them to care for us? You think they will ever give us a higher priority? Those supremely evolved creatures are firstly not endangered, critical or on verge of extinction. But they are in search of luxury! That's why they hunt me down, take my skin and mint a lot of paper; they call it money! Those who already possess a lot of this paper also hunt us, I fail to understand why?
- Asiatic Lion:** Luxury, maybe!
- Lion Tailed Macaque:** Here we are fighting for our survival and they want luxury?
- Indian Vulture:** To be honest, they're just fiddling with nature and testing its patience. We used to survive on the flesh of Zoroastrians but due to the presence of drug in their corpse, I tend to keep away. Sadly, we are on the verge of extinction.
- Bengal Tiger:** Well, let's wrap up this convention before they find this hide out and poach us. Hope we all survive till next week.
- Indian Vulture:** What about issues related to pollution? We didn't address them.
- Lion Tailed Macaque:** Trust me, they know about it extremely well.
- Asiatic Lion:** They'll continue cutting trees. They'll continue polluting the rivers.
- Indian Vulture:** WHY?
- Bengal Tiger:** Well, they have become tolerant.

We all were taken aback and didn't speak a word on our way back. For us, this fast paced conversation was an eye opener. Most of the times, we know our problems but have no solutions or will to counter them. Things have to change. One day, some day, sometime but WHEN?

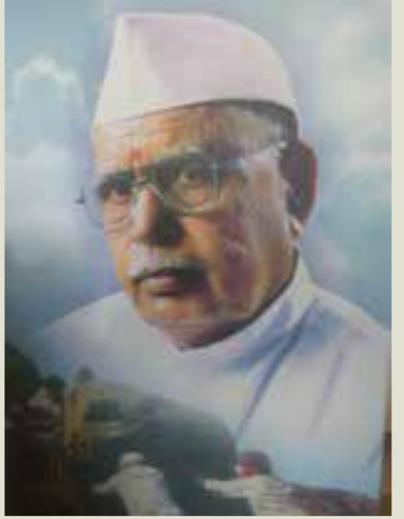
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परित्राणायं साधूनां । विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम ॥
धर्म संस्थापनार्थाय । संभवामि युगे युगे ॥

मातृभूमीच्या रक्षणासाठी आणि समाजाच्या उन्नतीसाठी जन्म घेणारे भाग्यविधाते आपल्या मातीत जन्माला येणं हे आपलं अहोभाग्य. काहींच्या जगण्यातला एक-एक क्षण त्यापुढच्या क्षणाला इतिहास बनून जातं. 'जनाच्या कल्याणा संतांच्या विभूति। देह कष्टाविति परोपरे ॥' असं मानणारे राजाराम आनंदराव भापकर म्हणजेच ज्येष्ठ समाजसवेक आदरणीय भापकर गुरूजीही यापैकीच एक. आजच्या तरूणांइ. लाही लाजवेल असं त्यांचं अचाट कर्तृत्व आभाळाला गवसणी घालणारं आहे.

१९३३ च्या नोव्हेंबरमध्ये नगर जिल्हयातील गुंडेगाव येथे या महान विभूतीचा जन्म झाला. त्या काळात सातवीपर्यंत शिक्षण पूर्ण केल्यानंतर शिक्षकी पेक्षा स्वीकारला आणि नवी पिढी घडवण्याच्या कामी स्वतःला झोकून दिलं. जीवनरथ यशस्वीपणे पुढे जात असतानाच एक क्षण असा आला की एक गंभीर प्रश्न समोर उभा ठाकला. त्यांची जन्मभूमी म्हणजेच गुंडेगाव हे शहरापासून अतिशय दुर्गम भागात होतं आणि गावातून शहरात जाणारा, इतर गावांना जोडणारा एकही रस्ता नव्हता. मग समाजाशी जोडणार तरी कसं? प्रांत जोडला गेला तरच समाज जोडला जाईल आणि नाती गुंफली जातील हे ते जाणून होते. पण रस्ते बनवायचे म्हणजे भांडवल आलं, तंत्रज्ञान आलं आणि प्रबळ इच्छाशक्तीही आलीच. मात्र मनाशी पक्का निर्धार केला आणि रस्ता तयार करण्याचा विडा उचलला. पहिला रस्ता करतानाच समोर उभा होता भला मोठा डोंगर. आता स्पर्धा थेट निसर्गाशीच होती. ४ किलोमीटरपर्यंतच्या या मार्गात दाट झाडी, मोठे ओहोळ, नाले, दऱ्या, रानझाडी, किर् वनांचे अडथळे होते. डोंगरकड्या जवळून जाणारी पाऊल वाट होती जिथे पाय निसटला तर कडेलोटच. अपघाताचा सापळा असलेला हा अडचणीचा मार्ग गुरूजींनी हाती घेतला. मग काय! सवयीप्रमाणे समाजातील तथाकथित टीकाकारांच्या टीकेला तोंड फुटलं, 'भापकर गुरूजी वेडा माणूस आहे'. सरकारी यंत्रणांचा विरोध आणि कामात अडचणी आणण्याची प्रवृत्तीही अपेक्षित होतीच.

रस्ता बनवण्याच्या वेडाने झपाटलेल्या गुरूजींना आपल्या ध्येयासमोर बाकी सारं क्षुल्लक वाटत होतं. इतकच नव्हे तर हाती येणारा सर्व पगार, आयुष्यभराची पुंजी त्यांनी या कामी



वापरली आणि घरच्यांचा विरोधही पत्करला. 'आमचा बाप गांधी बाबा झाला! घरदार विकायला निघाला. आता यातच आमचा संसार कामी येणार'. पण कशालाच न जुमानता यशाला गवसणी घालण्यासाठी त्यांनी देवाला हात जोडले आणि अविरत कष्टांच्या स्वाधीन झाले, उद्याच्या क्रांतीसूर्याची यशस्वी अपेक्षा करण्यासाठी बघता बघता त्या महानायकाने स्वतःच्या अखंड कमाईतून, अथक परिश्रमांनी एक नव्हे दोन नव्हे तर तब्बल ५८ वर्षे झिजून भलेमोठे ७ डोंगर भेदून ४० किमीचे रस्ते तयार केले. आणि आज प्रत्येक रस्त्यावर वृहत् जेव्हा मोटारी, मोटार सायकली, शाळकरी मुले, बाजारहाटाला जाणारे गावकरी, दुःखी पिडीत जातात ते पाहून गुरूजींना अश्रू अनावर होतात. गुंडेगावची रस्त्याची समस्या आज सर्वतोपरी दूर झालेली आहे.

सर्वस्वी समाजासाठी आयुष्य वाहणारे भापकर गुरूजी आजही समाजाला अज्ञात आहेत याची खंत वाटते. या "मराठी माऊंटनमॅन"ला समाजाची ही उदासीनता खिन्न करते. तरूणांनी स्वतःला देशासाठी झोकून दिलं पाहिजे अशी भावना ते मोठ्या आशेने व्यक्त करतात आणि मोलाचा असा एक संदेश देतात की

"कर्तव्याने माणूस घडतो."

एका अवलियाची 'जिद्'

मंजिले उन्हीको मिलती है, जिनके सपनों में जान होती है
पंखों से कुछ नहीं होता, हौसलों से उड़ान होती है।



आयुष्याच्या परीक्षेत कितीही अवघड प्रश्न आले, तरी ते सोडवण्याची धमक साऱ्यांच्याच अंगी असते असं नाही. त्यासाठी चिकाटी आणि संयम यांचा समन्वय साधणं गरजेचं असतं आणि ही परीक्षाही अशी असते ज्यात पास होणं बंधनकारक असतं. आव्हानं पेलायला सोपं नसतं, पण काहींचं जगणं आव्हानांनाही आव्हान म्हणून सामोरं जातं आणि ते एक असामान्य व्यक्तिमत्व म्हणून नावाजले जातात.

आपल्या रूईया महाविद्यालयातील शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी समीर सदाशिव मेहेतर म्हणजेच सर्वांचे लाडके 'समीर सर' सुद्धा अशाच असामान्यांच्या पंक्तीतले. गरीब कुटुंबात जन्म झाल्यानंतर प्राथमिक शिक्षण हालाखीच्या परिस्थितीत पार पडलं आणि उच्च शिक्षणासाठी गुणवत्तेच्या जोरावर सामाजिक संस्थेचा पाठिंबा मिळवला. तेरावीला रूईया महाविद्यालयात प्रवेश घेतल्यानंतर पेपर स्टॉलवर नोकरी करून स्वतःचं आणि बहिणीचं शिक्षण पूर्ण केलं. या सगळ्यात अभ्यासाचा, कामाचा आणि कौटुंबिक जबाबदारीचा समतोलही त्यांनी अगदी यशस्वीपणे राखला.

पदवीनंतर महाविद्यालयातच नोकरी मिळणं हे दिलीप कानसे या मित्रामुळे शक्य झालं. नोकरी कायमस्वरूपी मिळण्यासाठी संगणकीय ज्ञानाची आवश्यकता होती. संगणकाला हात लावायलाही भीती वाटणारे समीर सर शिकण्याच्या जिददीने पेटून उठले. कोर्सच्या सर्टिफिकेटसाठी फी भरणं आवाक्याबाहेरचं होत आणि कर्मचारी असल्याकारणानं त्यांना परवानगीही नाकारली गेली. तेव्हा तत्कालीन मुख्याध्यापक आर. टी. साने यांना विनंती अर्ज केला. सरांनी होकार दिल्यावर दाखवलेल्या विश्वासाचं सार्थक करायचं असं मनाशी पक्क ठरवलं. त्यानंतरही नोकरी सांभाळून एकही लेक्चर न बसता DOACC हा कोर्स प्रथम श्रेणीत उत्तीर्ण झाले. साने सरांनी पाठीवर ठेवलेला हात त्यांना वेळोवेळी प्रोत्साहित करत होताच. तुटपुंज्या पगारावरील नोकरी तग धरू देत नव्हती. नोकरी सोडण्याचा कटू निर्णय सुषमा जोशी यांच्या सांगण्यावरून बदलला आणि सहा महिन्यांतच त्यांना त्याच सर्टिफिकेटच्या जोरावर कायमस्वरूपी नोकरी मिळाली.

कुटुंबाला पुढे न्यायचं होतं, स्वतःला सिद्ध करायचं होतं आणि धावपळीच्या जगात स्वतःच असं एक अस्तित्व निर्माण करायचं होतं. एक माहिती होतं की, "दरवाजा कितीही मोठा असला तरी तो दरवाजा उघडण्याची किल्ली छोटी असते आणि ती किल्ली म्हणजे 'जिद्' ". पूर्वी computer science विभागात कार्यरत असणारे समीर सर आज याच जिद्दीच्या जोरावर महाविद्यालयातील maths आणि statistics या दोन महत्वाच्या विभागांचे शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी या पदावरील सर्व कार्यभार एकटे सांभाळतात. त्यांनी जे ठरवलं, ते करून दाखवलं. समीर सर म्हणतात, "रूईयाबद्दल खूप काही ऐकलेलं. रूईया 'रूईया' आहे. रूईयाचे संस्कार, वेळोवेळी मिळणारं मार्गदर्शन आणि ध्येय पार करण्याची धमक जीवनात खूप उपयोगी पडली."

समीर सर यांनी अपयशाला सामोर जाण्याचं बीज स्वतःत कसं रूजवायचं हे दाखवून दिलं. त्यांना पुढील जीवनातील यशस्वी वाटचालीसाठी खूप खूप शुभेच्छा.

BOLLYWOOD IN HOLLYWOOD

Sawri Madkaikar and Apurva Tudekar

When it comes to talent, India is never short of actors who have a great body of work in Bollywood commercial and art movies. Previously, legendary actors like Nasseruddin Shah, Anupam Kher and Om Puri made a successful foray in Hollywood.

Nasseruddin Shah, an extremely versatile actor, played the role of Captain Nemo in Sean Connery starrer *The League of Extraordinary Gentleman*.

Veteran actor Om Puri is a part of notable Hollywood movies like *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (2013), *West Is West* (2010), *Charlie Wilson's War* (2008), *Code 46* (2003), *East Is East* (1999), *My Son The Fanatic* (1997), *The Ghost And The Darkness* (1996) and *City Of Joy* (1992). Not many know that he essayed the role of Samad Miah Iqbal in *White Teeth* (2002), a British TV Drama Mini-series.

Anupam Kher ventured into Hollywood with films like *Bend It Like Beckham* (2002), *Bride And Prejudice* (2004), *ER* (2004), *The Mistress Of Spices* (2005), *Lust Caution* (2007), *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012) and *Midnight's Children* (2013).

Late actor Amrish Puri played the iconic roles of Mola Ram in *Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom* (1984) and Khan in Ben Kingsley's *Gandhi* (1982), which went on to pick 8 Oscars!

Superstar of 80's, Amitabh Bachchan - Big B of Bollywood, has also treaded the waters of Hollywood. Along with 5 documentaries and an appearance in a TV show called *The One Show* (2011), he featured in the movies *The Last Lear* (2007) and *The Great Gatsby* (2013).

More recently, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, who has always remained popular in the West either as a Cannes Red Carpet favourite or for her films such as *Bride And Prejudice* (2004), *The Mistress Of Spices* (2005), *Provoked* (2007), *The Last Legion* (2007), *Pink Panther 2* (2009).

Irrfan Khan too made his mark in Hollywood with his effortless acting. Films like *The Warrior* (2001), *The Namesake* (2007), *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008), *New York I Love You* (2009), *The Amazing Spider-Man* (2012), *Life of Pi* (2012) and *Jurassic World* (2015) gave him recognition in the West. He is currently working with Tom Hanks in the adaptation of Dan Brown's bestseller *Inferno*.

Anil Kapoor, the ever-youthful actor, surprised everyone with his performance in the Oscar winning *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008). He also had a regular role in TV show *24* (2010) and with Tom Cruise in *Mission: Impossible-Ghost Protocol* (2011).

Actress Tabu, who has won numerous accolades for her intense performance, had starred alongside Irrfan in *The Namesake* and *Life Of Pie*.

However, it is Priyanka Chopra who proved the critics wrong and changed the trend of Bollywood actors landing roles only as sidekicks in Hollywood. She bagged the lead role in ABC's *Quantico* (2015) where she plays the role of an FBI agent, Alex Parrish. Even amidst controversies, the show is high on ratings and her role received appreciation from all quarters of the USA. She was already loved as a pop diva with a song like *In My City* (ft. will.i.am) (2012) which got nominated in the MTV Europe Music Awards. In *Quantico*, Chopra remains true to her roots as she portrays a rounded character of an Indian origin American and not just a caricature. "India should be proud of her," says director Madhur Bhandarkar. Well, we hope she bags a role in a big movie franchise, after such a successful television debut.

These transitions mark the beginning of a new era for Indian actors who want to make it big in Hollywood, breaching the East-West Divide. Soon Bollywood would be seen taking over Hollywood as well.

CRICKET SHOWBIZ! **Radhika Raghupaty**

Indian physio Aijaz Bashir Ashai, who works with the Nepalese cricket team, has been accused of sexually assaulting a female masseuse in a Northern Ireland Hotel, where he and his team members were staying.

After 8 years at CSK, Mahendra Singh Dhoni is set to join a new IPL team in 2016.

Producer Sajid Nadiadwala is planning to tie up with Indian Premier League (IPL) 2016 to promote his film "Housefull 3" on a large scale.

The two new franchises in the Indian Premier League (IPL), who will be allowed only for two years in the tournament in place of Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Rajasthan Royals (RR), will not be eligible to receive a share of the central revenue pool unlike the other teams from the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The newly engaged couple, cricketer Yuvraj Singh and actress and model Hazel Keech, are to get married in February 2016.

MUST LISTEN



OPEN FORUM

Gayatri Godbole and Sawri Madkaikar

Man Mandira (Katyar Kaljat Ghusli- 2015)

Shankar Mahadevan is a legendary name in the history of Indian cinemas due to his great music and melodious voice. Even though he is a South Indian by birth, he sings Marathi songs with proper pronunciations and accent. 'Man Mandira' from his recent Marathi film 'Katyar Kaljat Ghusli' is getting a great response from music lovers.

Nayan Tarse And Badra Bahar Unplugged (MTV Unplugged- Dev D and Queen: Amit Trivedi)

With various musical instruments, Amit Trivedi has recreated the songs 'Nayan Tarse' and the hit song 'Badra Bahar' from the famous movie 'Queen' which has won several awards. The two songs have a perfect blend of lyrics, music and chorus singers and you'll want to listen to them repeatedly.

Chimba Bhijlele (Bandha Premache - 2007- Shankar Mahadevan)

Shankar Mahadevan has sung this song very gracefully, which reminds us of monsoon and its link with romance. It has a great choice of words and it mesmerizes the listeners with its melodious tune.

Sayonee (Junoon -1997)

This Pakistani sufi-rock band was really put on the map by this track. The song has poetic lyrics coupled with the blends of rock guitars, bluesy vocals, traditional table and Hindustani raga-inspired melodies.

Heroes (David Bowie- 1977)

'Heroes' is an extremely uplifting and inspiring song. It didn't get deserved attention when it was first released but it now holds an iconic and irreplaceable position in the history of music.

POCKET TALES

Saakshi Gupta

He sang the Christmas carols with all he had because that was the only time his parents, who wanted him to be something he wasn't, ever allowed his passion for singing to break free.

The three-year old started crying as soon as he saw the strange big man with a beard and a blooming voice approaching him, making his mother rush towards him with a small smile on her face; little did the boy know that the now hesitant man, coming toward him was just his father dressed up as Santa Claus.

The man watched his little ones as they giggled and laughed and awed over the firecrackers that they were bursting one after the other on a cool New Year's Eve, the colourful lights brightening up all their gleeful faces. His extra hours of work and sweat had paid off as he was finally able to bring home Diwali, a little late but better than never.



When I do it best

I love it when I do it best
 Hate it when I don't
 I tell the world I'll move on
 Know it that I won't

Every night haunts me
 No rest no peace no sleep
 My every thought haunts me
 I can do nothing but weep

These sleepless nights, thoughtless thoughts
 Force me to give up and quit
 Those broken dreams, untidy knots
 Question my passion and wit

Deep within I feel that emptiness
 It screams, "Something's wrong inside"
 I try to ignore it, try to escape
 But there's nothing in which I can hide

The buried feelings and emotions
 Have started to rot and stink
 I wonder if I'm still alive or long dead
 If I and my soul still share a link

My soul speaks to me
 Trying to calm me down
 It wears the mask of my smile
 As if I can't see the underlying frown

"I know you slipped", it says
 "I know you didn't do well enough
 You actually failed ridiculously", it admits
 "But I still know you're good and tough"

"You have the power to ruin it all," it says
 "But also the potential to turn it all around
 All you need is here, within you", it says
 "Just take a break from what's outside, by which you're bound"

A thousand times my soul has said all this
 A thousand times I've misunderstood that I understood
 Those words anyway have a calming effect on me
 They do nothing significant, just lighten up my mood

Those words reassure me
 That I still can do it best, I can try
 But considering the idiot that I am
 Will I... Will I... WILL I?

Kushal Chedda

True Lies

I suppose I've always thought that truth was quite important. Not easily available, a scarce resource- but necessary. At some level.

But it's important to note, that it's only the liars who have proper respect for truth. All the lies that I've told, are mainly to protect the truth. There is an underlying truth and there is an irresistible need to hide it. A reality which shouldn't be true in any way and doesn't need to be dignified with a name.

A lie is a temporary measure - a fast relief, a first aid, an armour, a pawn & a distraction.

Until the facts come around - the surgery, the ambulance, the backup, the cavalry & the clarity.

The truth isn't consistent with what's possible, is it? Well, the truth is people would like to live forever, always be happy, be rich and good looking with loads of fans and wonderful showbizzy careers. That's the truth. Whereas what people get is stress, anxiety, confusion and loneliness. What's the truth? The truth is what people WANT.

Stories tell lies. That's why they're good. Someone has made it up. You start to read the stories and they're full of lies (mostly). The distressed damsels are rescued, the goodies beat the baddies. Justice prevails! Hooray for the lies! So the real question is Do I want to be a liar and give hope (even if it is false) or an Honest person (you see there isn't one, a single word that describes a truth-teller) who destroys dreams?

I would personally like to be the one who picks up the broken pieces of Dreams after the Truth has ruined Hopes. What's the word for that?

Saawri Madkaikar

Questions Worth Considering

1- When you truly love someone, what should matter more? Them being happy, or them being happy 'with you'?

2- When you hate someone, what should bother you more? How the other person makes you feel, or how you 'let' him/her make you feel?

3- When you help someone, what's more important? Your ability to help, or the other person's ability to use that help wisely?



Making technology work for you

What one must look for while buying a PC

Note: - We won't cover specifications for Mac users. We might probably write an article about that sooner or later.

Want to buy a PC? You're at the right place. Firstly, whenever someone asks for suggestions we highly recommend them to buy a desktop. While notebooks have come a long way over the last decade, they are, to this day, an inherently compromised solution. Fast processors and video cards consume gobs of power and produce tons of heat, so mobile systems have to cut back on performance while packing on the pounds.

Start with the heart.

Your first choice will be between dual- or quad-core processors. We recommend a quad unless your budget is extremely low. A dual-core processor is often fine, but some modern computer softwares and games make use of additional cores and can be crippled by a dual-core CPU, and if you're feeling lucky, you could go for hexa-core or octa-core processors. Intel or AMD is the way to go. While there are constant debates amongst their performance we recommend selecting the processor brand which best suits your usage lifestyle and one which is good for the wallet.

A great GPU makes a great PC.

Well if you want to buy a PC or laptop for simple computing like making spreadsheets, PPT's, or word documents, you probably don't need a Graphics Processing Unit a.k.a. Video card. But if you're a gamer or usually use your PC to edit videos or music, you most definitely need a GPU. The video cards sit side-by-side with the processor in importance. This one component is responsible for drawing the beautiful graphics you see onscreen. Faster video cards allow better, smoother graphics and a more immersive experience. If you want to buy a great PC you'll want to stay away from low-end cards. The price-performance sweet spot lies in the mid-range of Nvidia GTX960 & AMD Radeon

R9380. These bad boys can play modern games at 1080p and 60fps flawlessly. We don't recommend multiple video cards. Though potentially quick, multi-card configurations often run into driver or game support issues that prevent them from unlocking their full potential. They're also louder and hotter than a single card.

Don't waste too much on RAM.

RAM is usually cheap and adding more makes a system seem powerful to the uneducated consumers. Don't fall for it. The majority of softwares and games sold today will run well on a computer with only 8GB or 16GB of RAM. Anything above that is effectively useless.

Storage wars.

Most computers sold today come with at least a 500GB mechanical hard drive and, in most cases, a 750GB or 1TB model. More space is better, but unused space isn't needed, so our recommendation is simple: buy as much space as you need. A solid-state drive is many times quicker than a mechanical drive. For games, this means a level that could take 30 seconds to load on a normal drive instead loads in 5 to 10 seconds. Games with short load times may sometimes load almost instantly.

After you've nailed down the processor, video card, RAM and hard drive you'll start to browse through a wide selection of extras including sound cards, Ethernet adapters, additional USB ports, and more. These extras aren't required. Today's motherboards ship with a built-in sound card, Ethernet adapter, and gobs of connectivity. Some even come with standard Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. These have made peripheral cards far less of a necessity.

So in conclusion as you browse computers and choose custom hardware, you should always remember PCs should be efficient, powerful and limitless.

Shirish Waghmare

Bionic leaf

Technology and Biology are two different arms of science which were rarely associated; but today, biology is inspiring Engineering to make things smaller and better. Technology requires an engine to run on, called electricity, which is expensive to produce, and much of it is produced by burning fossil fuels!

Biology has evolved to harvest energy from sources of the most unconventional of sorts, right from boiling geysers to freezing water. What if we get the best of both worlds? That is, to combine biological systems and technological advancements to produce fuel. This idea has been implemented in many areas of research and continues to develop. The bionic leaf is one such project.

It all began when Daniel Nocera successfully synthesized a chemical catalyst that can easily split water into hydrogen and oxygen. He partnered with biochemist Pamela Silver of Harvard Medical School, her then-graduate student Torella and others to create a signature blend of engineering and biology that could convert hydrogen into a viable fuel.

Photovoltaic Solar Cells are more efficient in harvesting energy from incoming sunlight than photosynthesis employed by plants and other organisms. Microbes, photosynthetic or otherwise, are good at turning incoming energy into useful molecules, whether food or fuel. So Torella and the rest of the team paired the photovoltaic water-splitting wafer with *Ralstonia eutropha*, a soil bacteria that can use the split hydrogen to power the synthesis of carbon compounds. Using a genetically engineered variant of *R. eutropha*, the team made isopropanol, which in essence can substitute ethanol as fuel.

Fun Fact - isopropanol is the same stuff that the doctor applies before giving an injection. We are familiar with this stuff!

The trick to getting this to work is to starve the organism and then feed it with an alternative source of energy, in a desperate attempt to survive, the organism starts feeding on the alternative source-this alternative source being hydrogen and carbon dioxide. Pumping out almost 216 milligrams of isopropanol per litre, this system matches the efficiency of that of a corn plant.

The system is now in under intense study and research so that when world's worst dream of exhaustion of fossil fuel is realised, we don't have to go back to chipping stones! We can drive cars on isopropanol and light up the world again.

Such thoughts, when realised, will make the future cleaner and greener for oneself and ultimately for the well being of all life forms.

Rajas Godbole

Social Media - Blessing or Bane?

How does Social media affect one's life? Do we really benefit from it? Or should we buy the usual argument made by our parents about how social media is ruining our life? To answer these questions, we are going to break it down into a series of 3 articles. This article describes what social media actually is. Technically, social media comprises websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking. In common tongue, it helps individuals to socialise with others, and to make or maintain connections with friends. Social Media has evolved from texting. In the past years, with the growth in usage of mobile phones, there has been an upsurge in social media apps. So socializing on mobile phones has gone from texting to "snapping". Snapping, refers to friends sending each other series of "snaps", or pictures, on various apps, particularly Snapchat. The idea of Snapchat is that the "snaps" are displayed on the other friend's phone for a pre-determined time and then automatically get destroyed unless you take a screenshot of the snap or pay a premium which allows you to save the snaps. Social media includes apps and websites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Check this space in the next edition for Advantages of Social Media.

Tamim Sangrar

Celebrating 100 years of Einstein's Theory of relativity- "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute.- That's relativity"



"Math is the language of the universe"-
Neil Degrasse Tyson





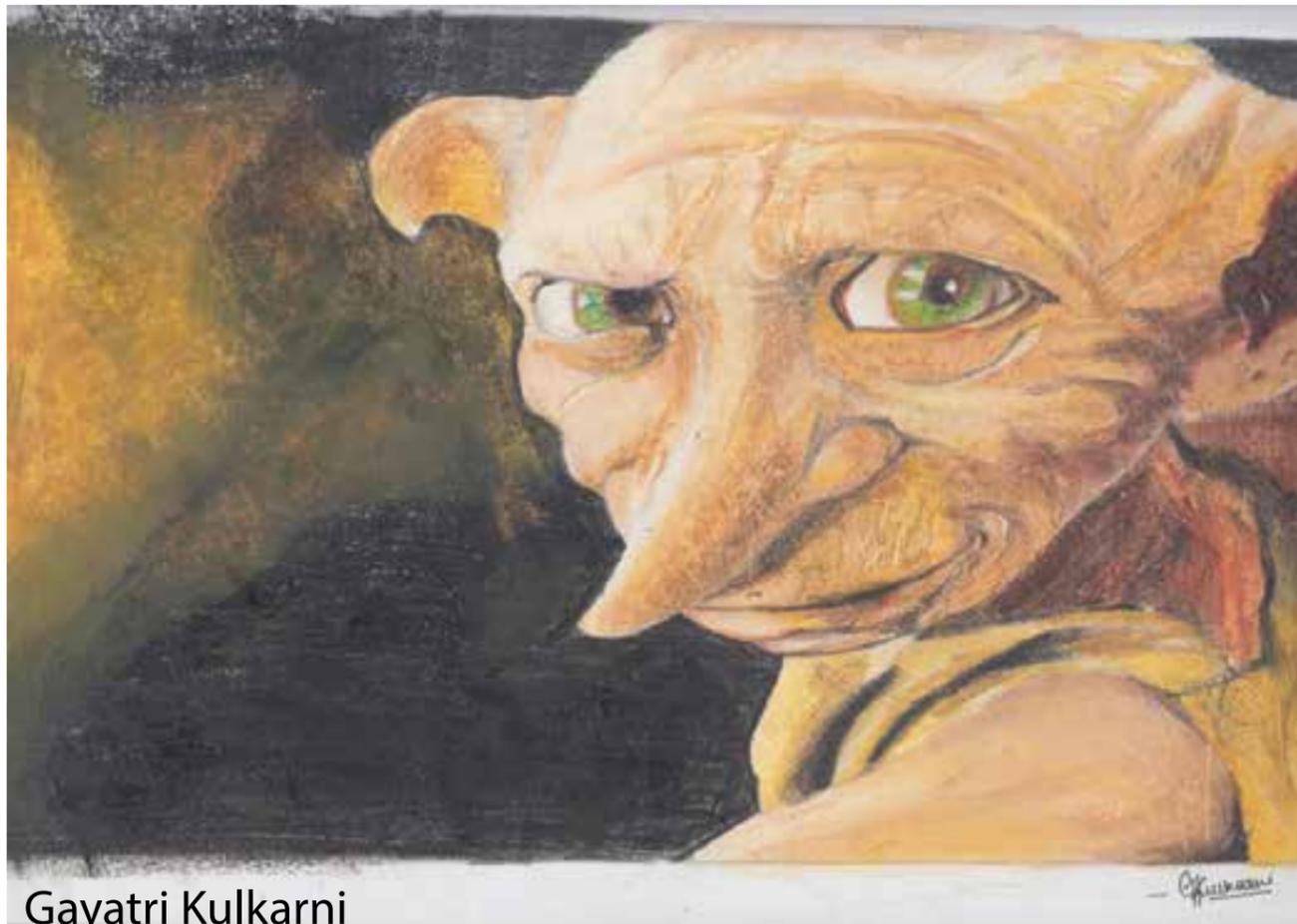
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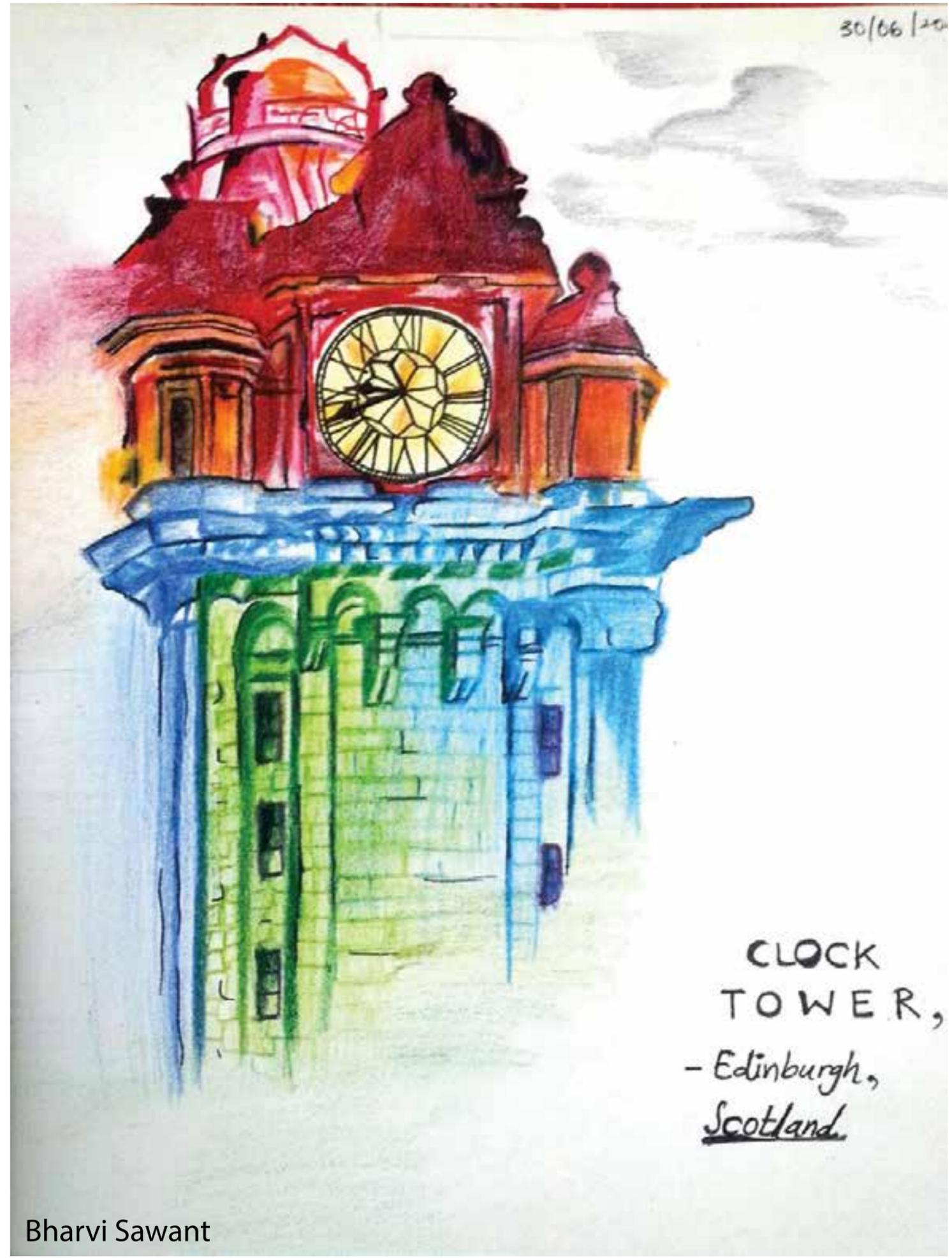
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Achievements

State Level Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition, Amravati

Aditee Dandekar- 4 gold, 2 silver
Radhika Dharap- 1 gold
They represented the college by winning Team Gold and got selected for national level competitions.

Intra-college A.D. Shroff Elocution Competition

1st- Sanjukta Nair (TYBA)
2nd- Purnima Nair (TYBA)
Vasudha Ramkrishna (TYBA)
3rd - Lavanya Sarkar (SYBA)
Consolation Prize:
Manpreet Singh (SYBA)
Apurva Tudekar (FYBA)
Ajayananda Chari (SYBA)

All India Inter University Boxing Tournament

Our students Shital Valvi (SYBA D) and Antra Vaidyanathan (TYBSc A) represented Mumbai University in this tournament.

Tejas Shivaskar was awarded the Chhatrapati Puraskar for 2013-2014, on the 4th December.

61st National School Games 2015-16 (Swimming), Kolkata

1)Aarti Bajirao Patil: FYJC Arts - D
Gold in 200 metres in breaststroke
Silver in 4 x 100 medley relay

2)Jyoti Bajirao Patil FYJC Arts - D
Silvers in 100 and 200 metres breaststroke
Silver in 100 meter individual medal
Silver in 4 x 100 free-style relay

69th Senior National Aquatic (Swimming) Championship 2015, Rajkot. 28th of October to 01st of November 2015

Aarti Bajirao Patil
Gold medal in 4 x 100 medley relay



Shri Hanuman Vyayamshala Prasarak Mandal, Amravati (State Level Gymnastics School Games)



Mumbai Regional Scrabble Tournament, IGate.

Our two students Tamim Sangrar and Amolak Hunjan represented Ruia in this tournament. 14 teams participated in all, out of which only two teams qualified for national level in Bangalore. Ruia was one of the teams, which qualified on the basis of splendid performance given by our students.



Tamim Sangrar

Amolak Hunjan

Announcements

Traditional day in Ruia likely to be on 4th of January.

Samanvay- An inter-departmental festival which celebrates the uniqueness of each department of Ruia College, where students can participate and have an experience of never-seen-before events with a little added twist of its own. So let's come together and celebrate the festival of competitiveness and overall fun at the same time. May the odds be ever in your favour!

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