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Fresher's - Indeed a Celebration!

Fresher's Day was celebrated on 26 August, 2022. It was a day for all the first years to celebrate and remember. Fresher's day also witnessed the "Miss Freshers" contest of which three rounds were held namely the 'Introduction round', the 'Question and Answer round' and finally, the presenting of the titles.

The thirteen semi finalists put their best foot forward and gave a tough competition.

Out of them, eight were shortlisted for the Question & Answer round wherein the contestants proved that they were not to be judged just based on their presentation but their intelligence as well.

Out of the eight semi finalists, six were crowned as winners. The six titles were 'Miss Best dressed', 'Miss Vivacious',



"It was very gratifying to see the girls win, whom you have guided through the process. Each girl is a winner as they have won everyone's hearts", said Hansa Pandey the host for the Miss Freshers contest.

Fresher's day is an important day for each student who comes to a college and this Fresher's day is sure to remain in every Franciscans heart. The event was not only successful but a memorable one.



Ms. Manjiri, Head, Department of Sanskrit said, "The event was a great exposure and a good opportunity for the first years to showcase their confidence and the importance of their intelligence over beauty.

It was nice to see the students present themselves with bold strength. The event was a hit for sure!"

'Miss Fresher's 2nd Runner up', 'Miss Fresher's 1st runner up' and the 'Miss Fresher's' title which was

bagged by Ms. Charvi Meshram. The judges Ms. Tanvi, actress and model, and Ms. Vishala Reddy, social activist crowned the winners.

-Kamya Goud with inputs from Hansa Pandey



"I have wanted to win Ms. Fresher's ever since I heard of it. Pageants have always been my passion and I love participating in them! I prepared with all my might through all the rounds and gave it my best. Winning Ms. Fresher's was a dream come true! I had so much fun!"

Charvi S. Meshram - Miss Freshers' Winner - BCOM - 1 CAP

"It was nice to see how hard the seniors who trained us were working. To be honest, I wasn't expecting to win, but I think the stars aligned! The event was celebrated on such a huge scale and we loved it! A great bond was formed between all the participants. I was elated when they called my name for First Runner Up!"

Paviki Yadav - Miss Freshers' First Runner Up - BA MLP 1



"First off, I would like to say that before the results I was really tense but as soon as I heard my name, I was shocked and happy because, at that moment, out of so many participants I had been given a title and that moment was a memorable one. Before this I never used to participate in any such events but now as I tried to showcase my talent and give it a try I really feel like it was worth it. So to me that was one of the best memories of my life. Holding one of the titles of Miss Freshers which will remain forever fresh in my memory."

Maria Shonil Francis - Miss Freshers' Second Runner Up - BCOM 1H



"I definitely did not expect that I would even get shortlisted for the first round. It was honestly a surreal feeling when I saw my name in the list. I was super excited yet anxious. I felt pretty under confident after seeing all the other talented contestants and thought I did not stand a chance. I was ecstatic to say the least when my name was announced. It was an amazing experience overall, and I've also grown to love myself a lot more after that."

Godla Charitha Naidu - Miss Freshers' Best Dressed - BSc BTMBC 1



"Being a part of Freshers 2022 was one of my best experiences in College. Even though it was something that was out of my comfort zone, I was able to talk to new people and showcase my talent of singing and playing the ukulele before many. I never expected to be crowned 'Miss Vivacious'. I am truly grateful for a beautiful opportunity like this."

Merita Philip - Miss Freshers' Miss Vivacious - BCOM CAP 1



“Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” Independence Day

On the occasion of the 75th Independence day, the college had celebrations with flag hoisting, speeches, a march past and cultural performances. The Chief guest for the day was Colonel Suryajeet Ahlawat, who hoisted the tricolor flag and the guest of honor was, Subedar KP Singh.



The event proceeded with the speeches from the guest speakers followed by various performances by the students – the Haryanvi dance, role play about freedom fighters and their freedom struggle.

The performances covered by students included various freedom movements like Jallian Wala Bagh, Quit India movement and prominent figures who played an important role in the freedom struggle like Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Dadabhai Naoroji.



- Mahitha & Bhanuja

The college participated in the ‘Harghar Tiranga Abhiyan’. The march past by the NCC Cadets was led by Cadet under officer Pasham Prerna. The parade consisted of the NCC cadets, NSS students, student council members, sports students and all the active clubs of college – Xpressions, Spectrum, COFEE, Arista, Krida and Voctalent.

“I am fortunate to be a part of the Indian army and represent this wonderful institution at this grand event.” said Colonel Suryajeet Ahlawat.

Guest of honor Subedar KP Singh also shared a few patriotic lines on the special day; he said “Watan hamara aisa ki koi chod na paye, Rishta hamara aisa ki koi thod na paye, Dil ek hai, Ek Jaan hai hamari, Hindustan hum sabka ye shaan hai hamari”.

Botany Workshop On Five Green Alternatives

The final year students of Botany had a Workshop on 27th July, 2022. The guest lecturer for the event was Mrs. Saritha O.T, an ex-faculty of St. Francis. She trained the students on the methods that could be implemented at home for a sustainable living and would in turn contribute towards efforts in climate change.

Mrs. Saritha said “The most important step into caring for nature is by parenting a plant”. She emphasised on plant parenting and urged all the students to take it up. She is a gardening enthusiast and speaks passionately of the joy of watching a plant grow and also gave examples for the small changes we can bring in our daily lives like using reusable cloth handkerchiefs instead of tissues, jute bags instead of polythene covers, menstrual cups instead of sanitary pads and tampons.

These little steps can help avoid the usage of non biodegradable substances in order to curb pollution to some extent from our ends. Homemade cleaners were prepared by the students on this day under her guidance. The ingredients being of the ratio 1:3:10 -Jaggery: citrus peel: water which were to be fermented for three months.



-Praneetha and Suzan Nama

Cluster Competitions - Institution Collaboration

The Cluster College Competitions were inaugurated on the 4th of August in the auditorium of the college. The event was graced by Mr. Ravula Sridhar Reddy, Chairman - Telangana State Education & Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation (TSEWIDC) as the chief guest. Cluster College Competitions were initiated by the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHI) with an objective to share opportunities, resources and expertise.

It aims at helping students interact, participate, learn from each other and also increase opportunities available for the students. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mallika S Shetty, Head of the Department (BMS), along with Ms Geeta Gianchandani from the department of Social Management, Ms. Mahnoor from the department of BMS and Ms. Mini Fernandez from the department of Biotechnology.

The collaboration focused on knowledge sharing and knowledge development which helps students grow collectively and gain skills intraining, like; decision making, negotiation, leadership and strategy development.

Ms. Geeta Gianchandani from the department of Social Management: “It was an excellent experience. The idea for me to observe the skill sets that the students had and the different energy levels that the students brought in to learn different concepts through different mediums was exciting for me as a trainer.

Apart from that, I noticed that there is a great need for the students to understand the application of the subject matter into their professional career at a later stage.” All the Club Presidents, Vice Presidents and Secretary of major colleges for women attended this event along with their mentors and faculty.

Dr. Mallika S Shetty, Head of the Department (BMS) said “It was a day well spent with members of the other institutions by interacting and co-ordinating with students and the faculty. It was a good experience because this is the first time that so many activities took place among some colleges, in the twin cities. The event helped me learn and motivated me to map out such interactive programmes in the college.”

-Anna Manuela and Priyanka Sunena Yeleti



Faculty Induction Program



FIP (Faculty Induction Program) session was conducted for the faculty of the college on 26th of July. The newly recruited faculty members were introduced to the rules and regulations of the college and were also briefed on the Internal Assessments; instructions regarding the ethics, in particular for the institution, were given.

The session focused on orienting the newly joined faculty, the professional ethics to be followed, and the standards that need to be maintained while interacting with all the stakeholders on a daily basis was discussed elaborately. The session was for 45 minutes and all the recently joined faculty actively participated in it.



- Isha Mittal & A. S. Sahiti

Capacity Building Program For The Administrative Staff

The IQAC cell of the college organised a Capacity Building Program for the Administrative Staff, on 30th July, with the objective of training them in two aspects, i.e, the admission process and documentation for the AQAR and the IQAC.

The program was resourced by Dr. Gayathri (Department of Microbiology and Admissions officer) and Dr. Kanchana (Head, Department of Biochemistry).



The event was primarily attended by the non-teaching staff, the library staff, staff from the exam branch and the administrative staff.

Dr. Rosalind, Coordinator - IQAC, said “ The event was very helpful because documentation is an important process, so keeping up with the updated documentation process is very important. Proper formatting of a document is necessary, so the training session was very useful”.



-Chinta Sha Sri & Aditi Rao



French National Day



French National Day was celebrated on 3rd August in the quadrangle. The French department along with the respective students hosted and celebrated this event with grandeur.

The event began with a prayer which was followed by a speech on French culture by Ms. Swetha Rachel, Head of Department (French). Taking the event ahead, the French students, clad in the colors of the French National flag that are red, white and blue, performed a flash mob representing French culture.

Thereafter, coloured balloons of flag colours were released by the guest of the American corner, Ms. Gloria F. Berbena, Minister counselor for public diplomacy, US embassy, New Delhi and acting Councilor General, US Consulate General, Hyderabad.



Apart from the entertainment extravaganza, there were stalls put up by students and their friends near the quadrangle. There were french delicacies, accessories and so much more on display.

"The accessories stall that I had put up was popular among the students and the department. I also got to try out various french desserts as a part of the fest which included crepes, brownies and puffs. I enjoyed every bit of the fest!" said Bhanuja Paladi of BA 2. A lot of competitions were also held like a quiz on french culture, short film making, etc, in which students participated enthusiastically and won many prizes!

Ms. Kirti Rao, Assistant professor of French claimed, “It was indeed a pleasure and honor to help in the conduction of the French National Day celebrations at college. The enthusiasm shown by the students towards the various competitions was also heart warming and we were very glad with the response that we received.”



-Jwala Reddy & Nimishka Reddy



Navigation App Launch



A Navigation App was launched in the college by the Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta on 29th July in the presence of the Dean of Academics, some Faculty members and the students of the college.

This event was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell of the college. The app provides navigation for the entire college and contains an Exterior Map that includes sub routes, interior planning, UG 3rd floor plan and PG first floor plan.



Dr. G V Sharada, the IQAC coordinator said, "This app is developed to help students around our college". With the help of this app, the students would be able to navigate through the college and reach their classes in time without much difficulty.

-Shivatmika Duvalla, Deekshitha Kyasaram

The FAA Says 'FLY HIGH'!

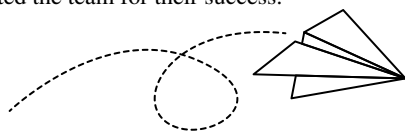
An education fair, 'Study Overseas - Fly High' was organised by the Francis Alumnae Association (FAA) on the 29 August, 2022, in the quadrangle, to help students get a better insight on studying overseas. Twelve top higher education consultancies visited the campus and interacted with students of different streams to help them achieve their dream to study abroad. The event was inaugurated in presence of the principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta.



The consultancies, which included many well-known ones like Y-Axis, explained the students about their programmes and gave them suggestions related to their subject preferences.

Shreya Menon, student of BA 2 MLP said "I was very busy visiting the stalls of all the consultancies. This was a great opportunity and I got to know about a lot of programmes".

Various food and accessories stalls were also set up by students on this occasion. The event was a huge success and had students visiting the fair the whole day. Teachers from different departments also appreciated the team for their success.



-Sarayu Katangoor, Manogna.M

Retirement Of Ms. Padmini



The retirement of Ms. Padmini was held on the 30th of July 2022. Ms Padmini and her family members were welcomed by her colleagues and the event was graced by the Principal, Dr Sr Sandra Horta, Vice Principal, Dr. Sr. Sherly, the non-teaching staff and a few students.

The event began by addressing the gathering and followed by a speech given by the vice principal. Subsequently Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta delivered a speech appreciating and acknowledging Ms Padmini's hard work and the contribution she has made to St Francis college over the years of her service. Ms. Padmini was honoured for her services and paid gratitude to each one of them in her speech. She worked in the library for 20 plus years and has played a pivotal role in making students and her colleagues' lives easy.

She is a calm person who is ever ready to help anyone in need. The library staff along with the non teaching staff sang a medley. The retirement came to an end with a special lunch to all her colleagues



-Mahalakshmi & Shreya.

Women In The Newsroom!

The department of Mass Communication organised a guest lecture for its students of BA II and MA II on 30th August. The resource person, Ms. Bansari J. Trivedi, alumna and Reporter & Sub-Editor, Deccan Chronicle spoke in length on the "Opportunities & Challenges for Women Journalists" in an engaging session.

She spoke about journalism in the real world and shared her experiences in the field and how her work was even noticed by the Court of Telangana. She presented some of her published articles which focused on women and children's' welfare.



The lecture ended with Q&A. As part of the event, the editorial board members of Campus Herald, the college newspaper published by the department were also awarded badges along with students who performed their best as reporter, sub-editor & layout artist.



-Mahita & Bhanuja

Value Of The Month - PATRIOTISM

A skit was performed on the 1st of August at 10:20 am in the quadrangle by the NCC cadets of the college to celebrate the value of the month for August, which was Patriotism. under the guidance of ANO, Ms. Marie Thomas. The college enriched the value of the month to enlighten the students and as part of the 75 years of Independence to our country, we focused on patriotism.

The cadets performed a heart stirring skit to pay homage to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation. The heavy rains couldn't stop them from showing their zeal towards the country. They enacted glimpses of the historical wars between India and Pakistan (Pulwama attack and Uri attack). The Pulwama attack which took place on the 14 of February 2019, when a convoy of vehicles carrying Indian security personnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a vehicle - borne suicide at Lethapora in the Pulwama district. And this scene was depicted by our cadets.

The act particularly told the story of Major D.S. Vibhuthi who was killed in the attacks and the cadets also danced out the incident of his widowed wife, Nitika Kaul who came back to join the Indian Armed Forces.

The programme came to an end with the signing of the National Anthem. A big salute to the cadets for reminding us the true meaning of patriotism.



-Sathwika Vallamkonda, Parlapalli Priya

Ruthu Pavana Aahvanam

Harivillu, St Francis College's Telugu club hosted the event "Ruthu Pavana Aahvanam" to welcome and celebrate the monsoon season on 21st of July 2022.



The speech was followed by a dance performance with Indian cinemas songs referring to rain, trees and clouds that cherish nature which showed the deep emotive roots of the monsoon in one's life, especially a farmer. The dance highlighted a farmer's life and the process of agriculture that included Ploughing, Sowing, Irrigation, Harvesting. Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta acknowledged and praised the students' efforts.

"I am overjoyed with the response we received from the audience. All of the effort has finally paid off. I am delighted that the first event conducted by Harivillu was a huge success. At the same time, this event has added responsibility and expectation on the upcoming events. I firmly believe that the monsoon has poured blessings on us." Sugandhini, President of Harivillu, stated.



-R.Bhoomi Sri, Veena

Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program

A four-day IPR awareness programme was conducted by IPR Cell on 29 July, 2022. It was commemorated in collaboration with the IQAC. This was a part of the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) under the initiative of the Government's "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and was coordinated by Mr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Examiner of Patents, DPIIT, Government of India. It was coordinated by Ms. Hari Kalyani, IPR Cell and Dr.P. Roselin, IQAC.

On each of the four days, the speakers joined the online session from Kolkata.

The speaker for 29th July was Mr. Subham Harsh Singh, Examiner of Patents & Designs, the Patent Office, Kolkata. He started his session by giving an introduction about Intellectual Property Rights and their evolution and classification. He explained in detail about patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, geographical indication, along with their protection.



He also spoke on the career prospects in the field of IPR and encouraged the students to take up a career in the same. It was followed by a question and answer session, during which, the students got their queries clarified. Students received certificates at the end of the session on behalf of the government of India.

"This programme was conducted for different streams of students across the four day period and it proved to be very informative for all." said Ms. Kalyani of the Commerce department.

-E. Saahithi, Rashmika, Hitanshi & Sameera



Grand Parents Day Celebrations



Grandparents Day celebration was hosted at the college on July 26, 2022. The NCC cadets initially gave grandparents personalised badges. The program started with the language staff addressing the gathering followed by a prayer song. Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta addressed the gathering by expressing her gratitude to all the grandparents. The students and their grandparents were photographed in front of the handcrafted frame.



The audience were taken through the campus via virtual tour. The student council took on and led several interesting activities, engaging games, and a challenging rapid-fire round in which all the grandparents participated with great enthusiasm.

After the presentation, BA 2 student Pankhudi Tripathi performed a stand-up comedy. Moving further, an Ehsaas Club Hindi skit evoked nostalgia for all the grandparents.

Later, the Social Management department showed a film titled "A day in the life of grandparents" that featured interviews with people from various social and economic backgrounds on their relationships with their grandparents.

"The college administration presented our visitors with mugs as a memento and a rose after the performance. The majority of the grandparents who talked when asked to share their experiences did so to convey their joy and thanks. Though the students are from different cultural backgrounds everyone greeted me with respect. As soon as I entered, they pinned a badge. The college ambience is so good. All the dances and skits were amazing. I had tears in my eyes after watching the skit. I felt really happy about my granddaughter studying in this college.

There are no words left to describe my happiness. They made me feel so special." said Mrs. Marie, grandparent of Manasa of B.Sc MSC.



Followed by the program, the Hindi department paid a visit to an elderly residence at Jagannath Temple, Sitaram Bagh, after the day with Mrs. Surekha, one of the faculty members. The day was finally spent expressing our affection and gratitude to all of the beloved grandparents.

- Manogna and Aishwarya

Let's Go Green To Get Our Globe Clean



The College NSS Unit celebrated the government initiative for a greener environment, Haritha Haram on 29th July. It was conducted to spread awareness among people about the important role of planting trees in conservation efforts. The grand occasion was led by the NSS students and their respective unit in charge. The chief guest of the event was Sri. Danam Nagendra Garu, a member of the Legislative assembly from Khairatabad, who also donated plants for the event.

The event started in the morning with Nagendra Garu accompanying the students on a rally to promote the main objectives of Haritha Haram.. The rally went on for an hour, after which the students planted the saplings in the neighborhood areas of the college.

"The Harithaharam event was an informative and productive event where we, the NSS students, enjoyed spreading awareness among the locals about the importance of planting", said Evangline, an NSS coordinator. The event ended with a vote of thanks to the chief guest.

- Nivedya and Rita Simon

Guest Lecture On Skincare

A guest lecture on skincare was delivered by 'Unsweetened Beauty', a renowned beauty company on the 26th of July, organised by the Biochemistry Department. The lecture took place in the Capitano Hall. 220 students of General Elective classes participated and benefitted from the lecture.

Ms. Akshatha Nayak, the Community Manager of 'Unsweetened Beauty' explained the importance of routine care and cleansing skin and provided tips for the same. She made students take a survey to get a better understanding of their skin. Customized skin care routine plans were given out to each student. A student said "It was a great lecture, the team from unsweetened beauty were very patient and answered all queries. It was very informative."

Another student said "My skin feels great after following their customized routine and tips." Free sample products were distributed.

The team from 'Unsweetened Beauty' showered their gratitude for the opportunity after thanking them for their generosity. Faculty members from all the General Elective subjects, along with the faculty of the Biochemistry Department were present on the occasion. It was a short and informative lecture.



- Sarayu Reddy and Aaria Mitra

IRCU Launch

The college established a wing exclusively for the Indian Red Cross Unit on July 18th. The event took place in the presence of the chief guests Mr. Ajay Mishra, Chairman of IRCS and former IAS and Civil Affairs Officer, United Nations; Dr. Vijay Kumar, Chairman of IRCS Advisory Committee and former IAS Officer, and Dr. Ashish Chauhan, senior diabetes consultant and adult immunization expert at Apollo Hospitals.

The esteemed guests were accompanied by the principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta, the Correspondent and Secretary, Sr. Mary Glory, the Vice Principal, Dr. Sr. Sherly, and the Dean of Academics, Dr. Vanishree, along with the coordinator and assistant coordinator of SFC IRCU Ms. Margaret Selvaraj and Ms. Geeta Gianchandani.

The Principal addressed the gathering and felicitated the Chief Guests, which was followed by a video that summarized the purpose and aims of the collaboration between SFC and IRC, after which the students took to the stage with a dance performance and a skit, followed by the core event.

The ceremony which is, bursting of five balloons representing Lack of Health Infrastructure, Stereotypes toward HIV and AIDS patients, Destruction caused by Disasters, Inequality towards the Disabled, and Gender Inequality.

The chief guests then briefed the audience about the objectives and achievements of the IRC Society in India. To conclude the event, a candle was lit in the spirit and hope of a better society.

The Principal and the Chief Guests released balloons and officially launched the SFC IRCU Unit. This collaboration bears promise in pursuit of a society safer for women, the disabled, and the underprivileged.



-Elsy and Pragnya

Telugu Day

In remembrance of the greatness of the Telugu language the college celebrated "Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam" (Telugu language day), on 29th August 2022 organized by Harivillu club (Department of Telugu) in the college auditorium. The chief guest for the event was Indian Playback Singer Mangli.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the principal and the chief guest. Mr. Prashanth Chary from the Telugu faculty addressed the gathering which was then followed by a welcome dance by the classical dancers. Later, the Telugu department presented a video about the chief guest which showed her life journey.



Principal Dr. Sister Sandra Horta spoke few words in Telugu and acclaimed the importance of Telugu language and felicitated the Chief guest. The Chief guest, Mangli then expressed her gratitude for the enthusiastic welcome and entertained the students by singing many songs from her famous albums.

Speaking of her struggle she said "I came from zero, just like others. I went through a lot of struggles and reached this stage." She further added, "One thing I can say is, work hard, enjoy your college life and make your parents proud."

There was a prize distribution for all the winners of various competitions held on the occasion. At the end of the programme, there was a dance performance which included different era songs ranging from 1980's to 2020's that attracted the audience.

"We are glad that the event was such a huge success. I am very thankful to the management for giving us this opportunity, to all the participants who have been very supportive, the club members who had put in everything and the audience for always encouraging us." said P. Sugandini Reddy, the president of Telugu club.

-Aishwarya and Sahithi

Mathematical Modeling

The Department of Mathematics organized a guest lecture on the 16th of August 2022, focused on 'Mathematical Modeling'. Dr. Suresh Babu, assistant professor of mathematics at the Sreyas Institute of Engineering and Technology in Nagole, delivered the lecture. He is actively engaged in fluid dynamics research.

The definition and a thorough description of mathematical models and their applications were covered in the lecturer's opening remarks. He described models as "means of getting solutions to real-world situations."



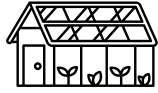
He went on to discuss the ideas of "Partial Differential Equations" and "Ordinary Differential Equations," also known as PDE & ODE. Additionally, he described three different categories of mathematical models: the stock market, fluid dynamics, and Newton's Law of Cooling.

In addition to these subjects, the session placed a strong emphasis on "the application of ordinary and partial differential equations in real-world situations."

"We knew very little to nothing about it because it was a new subject. We learned about a new area of mathematics and a few additional ways that math is used in daily life," stated Sakina, a BSc. MSCS student.

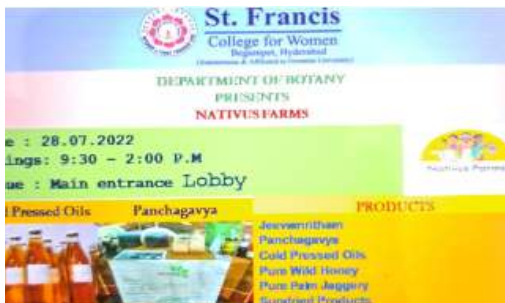
-Siri Sumedha Devalla and Nikita Joseph

Nativus Farm Stall



The Department of Botany set up an organic stall, "Nativus Farms" in the main entrance of the college on 22 July, 2022. Products and as well as items with medicinal purposes were put up for sale in the stall. Some of these products were cold pressed oils, Palm jaggery, wild honey, jute bags, grow bags, heirloom seeds, etc.

"The main aim of putting up this stall was to attempt to revive traditional organic practices in today's modern world.", said Ms. Basanthi, from the Botany department.



Oils like Panchagavya, known for its medicinal properties and as a biofertilizer for plants, and Jeevamrutham, known as a good energy source for a healthy life, were also sold. Pure wild honey and jaggery, along with organic seeds of various kinds, such as curry leaves, tomatoes, sweet peppers, etc. were made accessible through the stalls.

Apart from food, various other items were also on sale like equipment used for horticulture management, organic bamboo toothpicks, ornamental plant sachets made of plant fibre, etc.



-J Sahithi & Sirisha Reddy

A Musical Rendition Like No Other



The College collaborated with Zee Telugu channel to felicitate and honour Ms. Shruthika Samudrala, an ex-student (BA-EPSM) and a contestant of the current season of SaReGaMaPa who is in the race to win the Golden Mike in the upcoming finale. Shruthika was also accompanied by the three other semi-finalists, Pranav Kaushik, J.V. Sudhanshu and Abhinav Avasarala.

After their felicitation, the participants shared their experiences and feelings with the students. They then put up a phenomenal show by showcasing their singing talent and sang popular Telugu songs while the students cheered and sang along.

Showing her gratitude towards society, her family and especially her college, Shruthika mentioned how St. Francis has always welcomed her with open arms.

"I am proud to say that our alumni wasa part of the SaReGaMaPa show that happens to be trending on almost all the Telugu channels. I absolutely loved her performance and I congratulate her for her success and her future endeavours. They even made us understand the efforts and sacrifices that were put in by these wonderful singers. We have all had the chance to meet them in person and the singers were overwhelmed by the audience's response. I'm sure it has been a memorable experience for them as well." said Nehamayee, a BA 2 EPSM student, who was the anchor for the program.



The excitement to see their idols was evident from the applause and the way in which the students eagerly waited to click pictures with them. Overall, the entire show was a great success where the students, faculty and the singers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

-Hansa Pandey & Kamya Goud

World Photography Day



The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism celebrated World Photography Day on 25 August, 2022. Several events like a photography exhibition and competition, a workshop on photojournalism, Canon Expo and photo booths were conducted to commemorate this day.

The celebration started with a photojournalism workshop for all the Mass Communication students, conducted by Sivakumar Venkata Pochemcharla, former photojournalist with The Hindu and The New India Express.

He gave the students an insight into the profession of photojournalism, along with its history, evolution and current status.

He focused on the basic qualities of a photojournalist, while also giving advice on how to adapt and succeed in the fast-evolving field of photojournalism. Mr. Sivakumar talked about the importance of freedom of expression, the pressing need to counter the spread of fake news, and the power of photojournalism to make an impact on society. The workshop ended with an interactive session, where students asked their queries.

"We are grateful that Mr. Sivakumar spent his valuable time with us for the photojournalism workshop. His enthusiasm for the subject and the future of budding photojournalists was remarkable.



Sir's experience and expertise gave the students a lot of new information and made the workshop a great one." said Meghana, President of Communis Club

The photos clicked by the students who participated in the photography competition were displayed in the exhibition. The winners of the competition were awarded with cash prizes and certificates. Photo booths were decorated and students clicked pictures to mark the day. The celebration also included a demo on an advanced mirrorless camera by Canon, India in collaboration with GODOX.

"World Photography day is significant to all of us. On this day, we celebrate the art of photography, which has proven to give the best insight into the past. Photos tell stories without the use of words. We must all celebrate this craft and remember the pioneers who carried the skill forward." said Kumkum Chouhan, Vice President of the Communis club.



-Powlomi and Jayti

Pi Approximation Day



The Mathematics Department celebrated 'Pi Approximation Day' for the first time in the college on 22nd July. It is commemorated worldwide to recognise the mathematical constant, Pi (π). The date represents the fraction 22/7, which is a way of calculating an approximate value for Pi. Students from 5 Undergraduate streams and 1 Post Graduate stream of all years under the mathematics department were part of the inauguration of the event.

The Cultural Programme was led by B.Sc 3rd year students, Thushara and Keerthana. The programme began with the College Anthem followed by the Bible and the Quran reading.



To carry the event forward, the Lighting of the Lamp was done by Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta, Dr. Vanishree T, the Dean of Academics who were the chief guests and the entire Mathematics Department faculty. This was followed by a welcome dance and a cultural dance performance by the Postgraduate students.

Ms. Rekha talked about the significance of Pi and the main agenda of the event. Later on, the Principal delivered an encouraging speech, followed by prize distribution to the winners of 'Logo Designing' and 'Poster Presentations' competitions for Pi Day which were held on 18th and 19th July.

There was a special guest Ms. Rajeshwari, who is a former student of the college and is an active advocate and mentor for the newly recruited officers. She said "The teaching of the maths faculty and the emotional connection I shared with them during my college term was very valuable and it helped me shape my career".



A speech on the overview of the event was given by Ms. Y. Suryavardhini. This was followed by another round of dance performance by different streams. During the event, games like Scavenger Hunt, Memory Game, Treasure Hunt and Observation game were conducted.

The final game of the event was the Tambola, which had the highest number of participants. The event came to an end with the Vote of Thanks given by Ms. Rekha.

The Mathematics department and the Class Representatives of all the Maths streams were involved in the planning and coordinating of this event and making it a success.



-Jennifer and Suzzane



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KAIROS 2022 - by COFEE Club

COFEE, the Commerce Organisation for Emerging Entrepreneurs organized an intra-collegiate fest, 'Kairos' 2022 - Rise, Reach, Reinvent. The fest consisted of numerous competitions, workshops and seminars. This 5 day festival commenced on 20th July and the valedictory was on the 29th of July. Each day welcomed a series of events.

The opening event was a Toastmasters, where the toastmasters team of Hyderabad were invited to talk about themselves. The speakers first briefed about the toastmasters club of Hyderabad and what they do. This was followed by an interactive session with the audience.

The first event of the second day was 'Res-Q-Room'

The event had two rounds. In the first round, the participants were evaluated on the basis of their management and leadership skills and quick wit. In the second event, the contestants were given a problem which they had to solve on the spot. The event was judged by Mrs. Shiny and Mr. Kush Aggarwal.

'Entrepreneurship 101', organized by the Trade Wizards, a sub-club of COFEE, took place on the 26th of July. This competition had 3 levels - JAM, word puzzle and a picture game. The contestants were asked to speak on entrepreneurship trends in the JAM round. Level 2 consisted of a tricky word puzzle and level 3, the picture game consisted of 2 rounds, both of which were buzzer rounds wherein the participants had to identify famous entrepreneurs. Winners were announced by the judges.



Another event called "Just reel it" was held on the 28th of July. Dancers and singers were asked to send videos which were posted on the official Instagram page of the COFEE Club. For the final round, the students whose videos had the most views/likes were asked to perform in front of judges who then announced the winners.

"Pictionary" was held on the 29th of July. This competition had 2 sub-rounds each. The event concluded with the announcement of winners. An "Open-Mic" also took place on the same day. The judges declared the names of the winners and handed out the trophies and certificates.

This was the first intra-collegiate event held by COFEE club in this academic year. "We really enjoyed planning and hosting the Toastmasters Orientation. Each one of us learnt a lot at the time and had fun throughout the event." said Gunjan Jain, Vice President (Internal Communication, Logistics & Operations).



- Ananya Mehta and Riddhi Asrani

Student Induction Programme

DAY 1:

Vidyarambh, the Student Induction Program, 2022 began on the 22nd of August. As part of the celebrations of Independence Day that had been planned for the entire week, the student clubs - La Fiesta and Shastr rendered a patriotic song- "Jhanda Ooncha Rahe Hamara". This was followed by a welcome address by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta. Ms. Jyothi Rani (Coordinator, SIP; Department of Zoology) introduced SIP to the Chief Guest and the audience.

Ms. Afshan Shireen (Head, Department of Political Science) introduced the Chief Guest of the Day- Ms. Deepthi Ravula- CEO of WeHub, Govt. of Telangana. This was followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guest by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta and VicePrincipal, Dr. Sr. Sherly, after which Ms. Ravula addressed the students with a speech emphasizing on the importance of grabbing opportunities and facing fears. The SIP was declared open by the Principal.

Xpressions, the student club of Social Sciences and Arts, organized the SIP for the B.A. students. Dr. K. Sirisha (Department of Economics) introduced Dr. Uma Joseph (Department of History) to the students, who then gave an introduction to the college and spoke about the founders, courses, motto, vision and mission statement of the college, milestones achieved, recognitions and accreditations, MoUs signed by the college, etc. Dr. K. Sirisha, familiarized students with the rules of the

college- attendance, event attendance, dress code, NCC/NSS/Sports, medical condonation, examinations, general elective courses, add-on courses, among many others. Following this, the students participated in many games and fun activities. Further on, Dr. Alice David (Controller of Exams; Department of Economics) conducted the Exam Branch Orientation, in which she spoke about the evaluation system, core credit courses, continuous internal assessments I & II, external examinations, rules for promotion, minimum passing marks, malpractice, backlogs, etc.

The Indian Red Cross Unit of the college was introduced by Rizu. Later on, during the break, the students also visited various stalls set up by other student clubs. An "Ice-breaker Session" was scheduled for the afternoon, during which students were asked to identify three other classmates who shared their interests based on predetermined criteria, such as "If you're a book lover" and "If you prefer pizza over burger," and to record their names and combinations.

The comedy club- Commedia, presented a fun and humorous session after that. The club also organised a game- "Roll the Can". The first day of Vidyarambh 2022 ended with a session on Leadership and Communication, organised by Ms. Chaarmika Nagalla- a TedX Speaker and Entrepreneur. The guest speaker spoke about qualities of a leader such as communication, confidence, accountability; how to begin a conversation, how to grab attention, importance of humor, difference between a leader and a manager, etc.

Ablaze'22 - Annual retreat

The Annual Retreat was conducted in the college in the auditorium on 19th and 20th August. The retreat was coordinated by the principal Dr. Sister Sandra Horta and was led by Rev.fr Cyril Doss, director of Divine Word Centre Muthangi, along with Fr David the centre's administrator. It was conducted for the Catholic and Christian faculty and students to encourage their spiritual growth in faith.

The retreat was organized to refresh and revitalize the students. The theme of this retreat was "Arise and shine for the glory of the lord has risen upon you". The priest preached prophecy, life changing messages and testimonies that strengthen the faith in students. The retreat was conducted for two days. On day one the students had praise and worship sessions along with sermons and a holy mass and on day two the students had confessions, praise and worship, adoration and the retreat ended with Holy Eucharist. The management arranged with the support from faith formation faculty.

The face club team along with the faculty coordinators helped in maintaining the discipline of the students and have helped the faculty during the retreat.

Ms. Margret Selvaraj Head of the Department Social Management said, "I always attend the retreats. It is definitely something that has enriched me, that has enhanced my faith component. We would love to attend retreats more regularly, but sometimes we are engaged with so many responsibilities given the work environment, so we feel that we need these kind of breaks in between to be strengthen for such moments."



- Anna Manuela and Priyanka SunenaYeleti

DAY 2:

The second day of Vidyarambh 2022 began with a quick recap of the previous day. After this, the student clubs- Arista and VocTalent conducted a few fun activities for students like Squid Game at Francis, Song Relay, Riddle-Riddle, Solve the Riddle and many more. This was followed by an orientation of FACE (Franciscan Association for Christian Endeavours) Club, introducing to the students the members of the club, its motto and activities such as Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Face Fest, Natale, Departmental Carols, Friday Get Together and more. After that, the Choir club- Nightingales of SFC- was introduced.

After a break, a counseling session was held by the college counselors- Ms. Maurvi Kapoor and Ms. Soujanya. Fun activities such as dance moves, making funny expressions, crying, laughing, etc. were held. This was followed by an introduction to counseling, its process, myths and misconceptions, and the difference between counseling and therapy. The session included a discussion about 'Concerns when thinking about counseling', such as 'does going to a counselor mean I'm a failure?', 'what would my friends think', 'once you start counseling, it never ends', 'I feel ashamed of my problems', etc. Students shared their experiences, traumas, doubts and opinions.

Next was the Prakriti Club Orientation which included a video presentation about the club, an introduction to the faculty coordinator of Prakriti- Ms. Dhanalaxmi and the members of the club. Following this, was the orientation of Eureka- the entrepreneurship club. This included details about the club and an introduction to its members. Genesis IAS Academy was introduced and students were given information about the programmes it offers. After this, the Francis Alumni Association was introduced by its core committee members.

This was followed by 'Alumni Talk'. by Ms. Srividya Maharshi, a Telugu Indian actress, YouTuber and Journalist. The guest speaker shared her experiences at St. Francis and emphasised on the importance of research and understanding where to invest one's energy. This was followed by 'Alumni Talk'. by Ms. Srividya Maharshi, a Telugu Indian actress, YouTuber and Journalist. The guest speaker shared her experiences at St. Francis and emphasized on the importance of research and understanding where to invest one's energy. In the afternoon, "Social Values Orientation" was organized by the Political Science Club, Rhetoric, which is also a sub-club of Xpressions. This was done as a Skit and it focused on the importance of abiding by the values and rules of the college, which include fair use of the open gate system, following the dress code, maintaining 80% attendance, taking part in NCC/NSS/Sports, respecting elders, the management, the teaching and non-teaching staff, restraining from malpractice during exams, etc. This was followed by a dance and lunch-break. Later, an Orientation of NSS, NCC and the Sports Club, Krida- were held. The programme concluded with Zumba.

DAY 3:

The third day of Vidyarambh 2022 was held on 24th August. The day began with an orientation of the Hindi club - Ehsaas. The club conducted activities for students which included "Aao Suljhao Paheli" and "The Hook Step Challenge". This was followed by an orientation of the Telugu club - Harivillu. A video presentation was given depicting what the club is about and the activities undertaken by it. The club also conducted games which involved guessing the song by its English translation followed by a dance on the same; and also guessing the dialogue by its English translation followed by delivering the dialogue in various emotional tones as decided by the club.

Later on, an orientation of the Social Sciences Club- Xpressions- was held. Faculty Coordinators of the club- Ms. Sinjini Bhattacharya (Department of Political Science) and Ms. Rooman Deb (Department of History) and the Core Committee Members were introduced. Achievements of the club and activities held by it such as The Samskruthi Xpress and Francis Investin were also highlighted. The sub- clubs of Xpressions were also introduced. The Presidents of the clubs briefed about the clubs, their activities and achievements, and also introduced their faculty coordinators. After this, Ms. Sinjini Bhattacharya addressed the students.

Following the orientation of the clubs was "Treasure Hunt", organized by the History Club QuestHour. The English Club - La Fiesta conducted activities for the remaining people simultaneously when two groups went on treasure hunt at a time. This was followed by a dance. After this, an orientation of the Library Club- Shastr- was held. The club's President gave an overview of the group, its activities, the library's rules, and its upcoming events and competitions.

It also held a game called "Guess the song by emojis". This was followed by a speech on "Education and its Importance" by Sindhu Priya from B.A. (EPSM). The Social Management Club- Smile- conducted activities for students which included a quiz on "Know Your College". This was followed by a game- "Guess the song by its English translation".

In the afternoon, a Karaoke session, an interactive session, a dance on K-pop music and a video presentation on American Corner were held. Results of the Treasure Hunt competition were announced. The Commedia club conducted a game focused on riddles. Another game, which required volunteers to describe the texture of the item in a box while being blindfolded, was held. The three day extravaganza concluded on a high note.

- Y.Anuneeta and Keerti Rath

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Departments of the sciences, arts and commerce celebrated their respective Jubilees of 60, 50 and 25 years On 22nd of July. Botany, Chemistry, Zoology, and Sanskrit celebrated 60 years. The Commerce and Psychology departments celebrated a Golden Jubilee, while Microbiology and Mass Communication celebrated 25 years. Biotechnology and PGD HRM celebrated their Vicennial Jubilee and MSc. Applied Psychology, B.Sc SE(H), and B.Com IPP celebrated a Decennial Jubilee.

The event was presided over by Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta, Chief Guest, Mr. Panneerselvam Madanagopal, CIO - T Hub and Guest of Honor, Ms. Divya Reddy, SFC Alumnae, Fashion Designer and Social activist. The event began with a welcome song for the guests and the lighting of the candle by the Principal, and faculty.



This was followed by a 'Jugalbandi performance' featuring 3 dance forms including Kathak, Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi. "I was honored to perform in the inaugural dance of the SFC Jubilee Mahotsav in front of the esteemed chief guest. We put up a piece which was a combination of three beautiful classical dances. The love we received from the audience was heartwarming. I am looking forward to performing more dances for the college." said student Ananya Mehta from BA II MLS.



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After the felicitation of the departments, the dance team performed a classical dance piece that portrayed the connection between the 5 elements of nature and 5 different subjects. The teacher in charge of the College's Dance Troupe was also felicitated after this performance. The event concluded with the College Choir singing the College Anthem followed by the National Anthem.

- Madhumalika & Shruti

"The Department of Commerce has grown phenomenally over the last 50 years and it is this growth in the number of programs we offer, the students, faculty and the achievements of our staff, students and alumnae that we celebrate and commemorate during the year long Jubilee Mahotsav. We are glad for being recognised as the best Commerce college in the State on a number of parameters and fore runners for curriculum development and teaching methodologies. Also, we are proud to have initiated the oldest student club of the college -COFEE, sustaining and developing it for the last 20 years. And even as we look back with pride, we look forward with hope and determination to grow more, serving the cause of Commerce education and making students ready to face the future."

-Ms. Deepa Samuel (HOD, Dept of Commerce)

"Sixty years is but a short time in the history of any college. Still, in these short 60 years, St. Francis College for Women has proven to be the leading College in the state of Telangana and is carving a niche for itself. It's a major milestone and my journey in St. Francis College for Women has been a "blessing". My heart fills with great pleasure as I visualise the progress made by the College over the past few years. On this joyous occasion, I pray and wish St Francis College reaches greater heights."

-Dr. Vidya Jayaram (HOD, Dept of Zoology)

"The PGD HRM programme started in the year 2002 and I was given the responsibility to run the programme in 2007. Initially, it was a challenge to understand the industry requirements & we had a lot of meetings with company heads for this. The HR department took up this challenge of creating a programme where the industry was able to hire students who could deliver industry objectives. We started to look out for faculty members who were corporate leaders in their own realm and would get students ready for industry requirements. That way, we were able to create a programme that was so unique that even the textbooks fell short in the learning provided to the students! Anything new and exciting that's happening - we incorporate it right back into the class. So, when students go for internships/placements, companies are wowed by their knowledge. It has been a win-win situation so far and going forward, our goal is to never let our students 'rest' and to keep them on their toes, ready to navigate the professional world."

-Ms. Geeta Gianchandani (Coordinator, PGD-HRM)

"The Department of Chemistry is one of the oldest departments of the college that has a glorious history of 60 years. I'm indeed proud to be a part of this valued Department, streamlined from 1962 onwards by the former eminent Heads of Department. In its 60 years journey, the Department has progressed into leaps and bounds with (10-UG) B.Sc courses and (1- PG) M.Sc Organic Chemistry. With research at the forefront towards the upgradation and progress, the department boasts of its achievements with placements in National Research centres and students pursuing higher studies at top Universities in India and Abroad. I'm extremely thankful to the Management of our college for acknowledging the Advancement of the Department to celebrate this Diamond Jubilee year as 'Jubilee Mahotsav'."

-Dr. D. Sumalatha (HOD, Dept of Chemistry)

"The jubilee was an opportunity to introduce the students to latest developments and current professionals and researchers in the field. They were exposed to topics like human-animal bond, the magic of resilience in everyday life, current career opportunities in psychology along with the gatekeeper training, which was successful in training the students in identifying and managing suicidal thoughts and behaviours. The activities conducted for the students of the college were themed around self-care, resilience, gratitude, hope & optimism - all playing a crucial role in maintenance and improvement of mental well-being."

-Dr. Nandini (HOD, Dept of Psychology)

"It has been 60 years and a great diamond jubilee for the Sanskrit department. We are very proud of this achievement! We have had two HODs and I have worked for 20 years now. From the start, we have been very active by planning guest lecture series from ex students, etc. One of them, with Dr. Aarthi is already done, and the next one will be with Dr. Srikanthi. We also have a visit to Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University coming soon. We are very proud to be a part of this department with enthusiastic students, who are still attached to our culture in this modern era."

-Manjiri Prashant (HOD, Dept of Sanskrit)

"I'm delighted to be taking part in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of our Department. On this day I remember with grateful heart all the Department heads and faculty who toiled diligently to attain this milestone. They are responsible for what the Department is Today. As part of the silver Jubilee Celebration, we host a variety of workshops, seminars, guest lectures, and film festivals throughout this year."

-Mr. P. Clement Babu (HOD, Dept of Mass Communication and Journalism)

"The Inaugural of the Diamond Jubilee Year was held at Filmnagar Government School by providing free academic Assistance to the Underprivileged urban Government High school students in collaboration with ISHVAK. Final year students of BZC are engaged in this social cause on weekends and this assistance would continue."

-Ms. Mary Anthony (HOD, Dept of Botany)

"The Department of Microbiology established in the year 1997 celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year. The Department released a Charter which includes various activities and programs to commemorate the celebration. Activities like Inter collegiate fest, Faculty training program, Skill development program, EDP activities and an Alumni Interaction are planned as a part of this initiative. The members of the Department express their joy in celebrating this milestone and continue to work consistently towards the enrichment and growth of the Institution."

-Dr. M. Shailaja Raj (HOD, Dept of Microbiology)

The Department of Biotechnology, since its inception in 2002, has achieved various milestones in its own capacity. With the lively team spirit and the motto of keeping oneself updated and modernised with the recent trends emerging in the field of Biotechnology, the department has been successful in inculcating scientific temper and imparting quality education focussed on experiential learning to our Biotech graduates. On behalf of all the faculty of Biotechnology, it gives us immense joy and pride to celebrate and commemorate the Vicennial celebration 2022-23.

-Ms. T. Shouni Niveditha (HOD, Dept of Biotechnology)

It has been an amazing decade of B.Sc. Software Engineering. The programme was launched in the academic year 2012 and is the initiative of the department of computer science B.Sc. Software Engineering an Honours programme is equipped with enriched curriculum and is always kept abreast of the latest developments in the field of Information Technology. This has paved the way for our students with umpteen opportunities. A good number of our students are placed in prestigious organisations in key roles. Many others have pursued higher education from renowned universities across the globe. Our labs are equipped with the state-of-the-art infrastructure and software. We, the faculty of computer science are self-motivated and train ourselves with newest knowledge to mentor our students with our best ability. We are ever grateful to our first Head of the department, Nirupama maam, for being the mastermind of this innovative programme. We express our sincere gratitude to our principal and other members of the management for their constant support and encouragement in all our endeavours.

- Ms. D.B. Rekha (Faculty, Dept of B.Sc SEH)



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Draupadi Murmu- Pinnacle of Women Empowerment

Women empowerment in India is the most effective tool for development since women across the world are actively working as leaders and surpassing others in all spheres of life. Empowering women is the key to the social development of families, communities, and countries. They are capable of helping fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large. In a country like India, it is still in the stage of adaptation because there is a stigma surrounding the ideology of women empowerment.

Breaking all kinds of barriers, Smt Draupadi Murmu became the first President belonging to the tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the office. She symbolizes the indomitable Indian woman who overcame many challenges in life.

Hers has been a steady and long struggle against adversities and personal tragedies. She has overcome these hurdles and has made her life eventful. She has had experience working in the state Secretariat and has been a legislator for two terms, a Minister in Odisha, and has been a successful Governor in a tribal-dominated state.

Murmu's story is inspiring because she comes from a tribal community where there aren't enough resources or freedom to participate in major activities, but as they say, work speaks for itself. Murmu fought against all odds because women are underrepresented in politics and found her roots because her father and grandfather were both members of the village council.

Before joining politics she worked as a junior assistant at the irrigation department of the Government of Odisha from 1979 to 1983, and from 1994 to 1997, she taught at the Sri Aurobindo Integral Education and Research Center. She was elected as an independent candidate from a reserved seat for women in the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat in 1997.

She was elected to the Odisha Legislative Assembly from the Rairangpur Assembly constituency in 2000 and served two terms in the legislature between 2000 and 2009. From 6 March 2000 to 6 August 2002, she was the Minister of State with Independent Charge for Commerce and Transportation.

From 6 August 2002 to 16 May 2004, she was the Minister of State with Independent Charge for Fisheries and Animal Resources Development.

In 2013, she was elected to the BJP National Executive (ST Morcha) and served as district president until 2015. On 18 May 2015, she was sworn in as the Governor of Jharkhand, becoming the state's first female governor to hold the position until 2021. In June 2022, the BJP nominated Draupadi Murmu as the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate for the Presidency of India for the 2022 elections.

Yashwant Sinha was nominated by opposition parties as a presidential candidate. During her campaign, Draupadi Murmu traveled to various states to seek her candidacy. Several opposition parties such as BJD, YSRCP, JMM, BSP, SS, JD(S), others have declared their support for her candidacy before the election.

On July 21, 2022, Draupadi Murmu won a clear majority in the 2022 presidential election by defeating opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha with 6,76,803 electoral votes (64.03% of the total) in 21 of the 28 states (including the Union Territory of Puducherry) to become the 15th President of India.

She was elected President of India and took office on 25 July 2022. She was sworn in by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana in the Central Hall of the National Assembly.

Ms. Murmu takes inspiration from all the oppressed groups in society, including women, tribal people, and the underprivileged in general. She is not just speaking for women, but also for a group that is oftentimes ignored.

It is undeniable that public policy must also produce justice and fairness for everybody in order to increase the significance of their decisions.

We need strong female leaders who can unite us, provide opportunities for women, mend our country, and serve as positive role models for young girls. We applaud women's progress and female role models for young girls, but more work has to be done before all women have equal access to opportunities and a seat at the table.

Indian National Congress: The Decline of Historical Political Foundation.



Marie Beri

Indian National Congress, colloquially known as Congress is a primordial political party in India. With its imprint on the pages of history and its grand old timeline, Congress had, overtime, become a monumental part of the country's politics. INC was established in 1885, under the leadership of many notable historical personnel's like Dadabhai Naroji, who was elected as the first president of the party in 1886, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Lala Lajpat Rai, Bipin Chandra Pal, Gopal Krishna Gokhale and Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Congress was created with an aim to create more representation of the educated Indians in the government and to bridge the political and civic gap between the British Raj and the Indian representatives. For this very reason, Congress had turned into a mass movement in the early 1900s with the return of Mahatma Gandhi in 1905. Congress became the center of many monumental movements that led India to freedom. The party had many notable leaders like Subhas Chandra Bose, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and Indira Gandhi. Congress, based on these leaders' leadership, can be divided into eras.

Beginning with Chacha Nehru and Shastriji from the post-independence years (1947-1966), Congress gained a landslide victory in the general elections consecutively in 1951-52, 1957 and 1962 against other national parties including BJP, CPIM and other regional parties like TDP and AAP. Import substitution industrialisation was one trade and economic policy that was implemented in this time that changed the economic game for India - that suffered gravely with the British Raj and loot - Jawaharlal Nehru advocated the replacement of foreign imports with domestic production.

This era began the establishment of industries that led India to modernisation. Secular, socialist and economic practices were embraced during this rule. This era even saw the Indo-Pak war - after which Lal Bahadur Shastri (The next Prime Minister, following the death of Nehruji) became a National Hero. Next came the Indira Era - the Lady with an Iron Hand. Indira Gandhi was a ruthless leader, in a positive way. Her time in the office was a vicissitude of politics, conspiracies and so much more. Yet, she was a headstrong woman, strong in her thoughts and actions.

She contributed immensely to India's presence on a global level because of her discernment and assimilation of domestic and foreign policies. She turned a food crisis into an opportunity by starting a green revolution using modern technology. She also devised the 'Operation Blue Star', she was a fearless leader of the nation. The Rajiv Gandhi era saw a reform in the government bureaucracy and a liberalization of the economy.

This era did see some downfall with the involvement of Rajiv Gandhi in the Bofors scandal wherein there was a political scheming in a weapons contract between Sweden and India. All in all, till Indian National Congress became a separate entity, Congress had an undefeated high in elections, reformations, and loyalty of the party supporters.

In 1998, after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the leaders of the party urged Sonia Gandhi to assume leadership. Not wanting a foreign woman of the Italian Ethnicity to become their leader, Sharad Pawar broke from Congress and started the Nationalist Congress Party and the original party became known as Indian National Congress. For the next few terms, Congress did continue to be in power till Sonia Gandhi started struggling to build her leadership because of the lack of acceptance from the country as well as the people in the party. Some factors that contributed to the gradual decline of Congress was the improper leadership, lack of strategy and the excess of controversies and corruption that became a baggage to them, holding them back from rising to power.

Looking at the current scenario of Congress - Sonia Gandhi, a key leader of the party is suffering with an ailment to begin with. Even in power, there was a destitute of will and determination in her, something that the previous leaders held to run the party in a dynamic and ambitious way - keeping the country's development in mind. This was seen in the way she couldn't lead from the front - she was overly dependent on the senior advisers of the party to help her lead. She abandoned Indira Gandhi's policy of no leader becoming too powerful and let regional leaders take the reign - like Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Virbhadrara Singh, Ajit Jogi, Amarinder Singh and YS Rajasekhara Reddy - and her focus went to gratify them. INC's modus operandi is an unyielding and stiff-necked system of 'Dynasty Politics', meaning, they're dead set on keeping the control of Congress in the Gandhi menage.

The party currently has no seats in the center as well, making it unfit to be considered even a solid opposition. Another disheartening baggage that follows Congress rule is that of excessive controversies and corruption. The list is unending, beginning from the Commonwealth scam, 2G scam, Aadarsh Housing Society Scam, Chidambaram's scandal with his son and way too many more. This baggage is a boulder that doesn't allow Congress to have a clean hand in powerplay.

Rahul Gandhi seems to be the future of the party - but even they seem clueless as to who will be announced the president for the next elections. However, he is known to be a spasmodic political leader. Recently, he announced a Barath Jodo Yatra, a political journey on foot that will start off from Kanyakumari to Kashmir to unite the values of India and assess his own virtue of leadership. Only time will tell how the cards will play out for Congress, will it further decline or rise from the ashes?

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Fictional Reality – Ft. Imagination

What is needed for a novel? What makes a book so fascinating? Is it a book's creativity or the way the plot is developed that makes it interesting? Reading a narrative influences the reader's mind. This covers several viewpoints and approaches to the text and writing style. These books can be classified as romance, mythology, mystery, or fantasy, among other genres, but did anyone know that every story contains a small amount of reality?

Even though a fictitious universe is largely based on our imagination, nevertheless, there are traces of reality in it. The books we read not only give us a way to escape from ongoing issues, but also make us realise that most of the new findings are from them. A person who reads a book picks up new words, knows their meaning, and frequently applies them in conversation.

Most people read to increase their knowledge, and some read to improve their communication abilities. However, some people enjoy reading to analyse the plot and connect it to reality. The Immortals of Meluha, The Secret of Nagas, and The Oath of Vayuputras, for example,



share a common knowledge of Lord Shiva's life, yet each novel explores a different facet of real life and offers a new lesson. These novels portray the ancient patriarchal society, where once women had to suffer from social evils. The idea of a vikrama lady who has given birth to a stillborn child is compared with 'shudras.' The women are forbidden from being touched by anyone, and if they are, the person must undergo the purifying ritual known as "shudhikaran" before continuing.

Whereas, some novels such as "Love Knows No LOC," teach us that despite being enemies, every individual has humanity in them.

There are stories written by authors like Sudeep Nagarkar, Durjoy Dutta, and Novoneel Chakraborty that teach us the value of love and the people we care about. They also teach us how love is not just about a feeling but a way of understanding, trusting, and bonding with one another.

Similarly, there are many books that provide one an escape from reality, whereas some can teach one life lessons. For instance, Paulo Coelho's book "The Alchemist" tells readers how to strive to be a better person and realise their full potential in order to live their best lives. In contrast, Stephen King's "Cell" explores how the world might be and how technology might affect one.

The common question that arises is, why just books? Why not movies or a drama series? So, how is reading books different from watching movies? Reading books can give a person many more details than watching a movie and helps their brain function, among other things. When someone reads a book, they can interpret the plot and the story to their liking. Books allow one's mind to be creative.

Isn't it true that despite hearing about numerous other books, some of us have never actually read any of them since they lack pictures? Everyone can agree that reading demands concentration and that each page needs to be carefully read in order to completely understand the narrative. We all know about the Harry Potter books, don't we? Without a doubt, the movie did a fantastic job of conveying the main ideas of the novel, but it left out a lot of important details. For instance, self-confidence, bravery, never giving up, and facing one's fears. Now consider, where a person can find these teachings and in which part of the story? Think about it.

-SAKSHI PANDYA

Digital Climate Activism

Climate activists and environmentalists use social media platforms to fight for the planet through mass mobilization, political action, signing online petitions, and writing blogs. It provides resources, toolkits, and digital support by resharing posts from various causes to raise awareness of global events is called Digital climate activism.

People who put pressure on government, institutions, and leaders digitally to take action to safeguard a livable future are called digital climate activists. There is a need for climate activism because climate change is as real as it gets, and if you want to enjoy nature and live in a world without worrying about pollution, plastic, and necessities like drinking water and being able to eat food in the coming years, now is the time to act.

People who are unable to participate in physical climate protests, which have a greater impact than the digital climate strike and who believe in the importance of the social media platforms and resources for the betterment of our world are the members of this activism. Sometimes It can be difficult and exhausting at times, and not devoting enough time to a cause makes one feel guilty. Personally, there are always times when I want to contribute more, but I just can't because it's not just about posting something; there are so many thoughts, opinions, and efforts that go beyond all of this.

"I'm not that special. I can't convince everyone. I'm just going to do what I want to do and what will have the most impact." stated Greta thunberg, world famous climate activist. She initiated Fridays for Future where students who skip Friday classes participate in demonstrations to demand action from political leaders to prevent climate change and for the fossil fuel industry to transition to renewable energy.

One can be a part of organizations to contribute more such as Fridays for future digital, an international youth-led digital movement of Fridays for future supporting local groups to create the best digital campaigns to increase accessibility and impact in the climate movement, and Fridays for future India is the Indian chapter of the international climate strike movement. There are many chapters such as Fridays for Future Hyderabad, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bangalore etc.

Working in teams like graphics, layout, content writing, press, media, social media management, resource, and research teams, as well as supporting worthwhile causes, are just a few ways you may give back to these organizations.

For the beginners, if you want to get involved, start taking some measures toward protecting the environment by creating awareness through social media and participating in some other activities and try to live as eco-friendly and sustainably as possible.

You must think about What awaits us in the future. If you do not act now, we have many resources and knowledge which can be put into a good use. One can begin with simple steps such as carrying water bottles and a bag when shopping, proper wrapper disposal, replacing plastic with eco-friendly products, and reducing single use of plastic in their daily lives, i.e. following the three R's.

The most important thing to remember is that if we don't act now, who will? Everything is in our hands, and this is our world, which we must protect at all costs.

I am a digital climate activist because I love nature and believe it is my responsibility to protect it so that I can continue to enjoy it. As we all know, pollution, deforestation, and the use of fossil fuels all contribute significantly to global warming and climate change. I wanted to do something about it as a nature lover and for the sake of the future. To be a part of defending something I care about. I learned from digital activists and nature that if you want to protect something, you have to fight for it.



-SANJANA TADURI

Think You Know How to Manage Your Screen Time? Think Again



It might be hard to put your phone away when so much of our environment is digital. By 2021, most employment, educational opportunities, and social activities are conducted online. It seems impossible to go somewhere without encountering someone using a mobile or laptop. When you step outdoors, you'll notice that everyone is on a call or is gazing down at their phone while they walk to class or stand in the food line.

You could fail to see how the digital world is consuming reality while you watch it. It might be difficult to strike a balance and determine when enough is enough. It's important as students one must build healthy screen time habits.

Monitor how much time you spend on screens and how often you use specific apps. Today's smartphones can usually keep track of how much time you spend using each app individually as well as overall. Although this function is practical and offers a wealth of information, the typical user frequently ignores it. The initial stages on your route to a technology cleanse involve paying attention to your usage and establishing restrictions based on your observations.

• Delete any unused applications

After downloading an app, you frequently forget about it after a few months and your app library continues to grow. Check the applications you have downloaded on your phone from time to time, and delete any that are superfluous. Delete any work-related applications you may find on your personal phone.

• Disable push notifications

Your phone's applications send you a number of push notifications each day. It might be overwhelming and alluring to view, whether it be a friend request, a message, an email, or a voucher from your preferred restaurant. Your push alerts frequently pertain to non-urgent issues, yet you still click on them. This may consume a significant amount of your time and interfere with productivity.

• Make phone-free areas

We frequently catch ourselves idly carrying our phones to places they have no business being in an effort to pass the time. Many people have a behavior that significantly affects how much time you spend on your phone: taking it to the bathroom.

It is not just unhygienic but can also have a significant negative effect on productivity in other areas of life. Leaving your phone on your desk is a good approach to be more conscious of your phone usage patterns, even if it may be difficult to quit this practice all at once.

• Don't use your phone when lying in bed

Despite the fact that cell phone's usefulness has substantially increased, it may have a negative impact on how we sleep. The final thirty minutes before bedtime have a significant influence on the quality of our sleep. You go through your other alerts while starting your daily social media check. In addition to being unpleasant, this can reduce productivity since you wind yourself staying in bed later than you intended.

• Take up a non-technical pastime

It's common to use your phone or turn on the TV to pass the time when you're bored, but this doesn't have to be the case. You may disconnect with a number of interests and routines, such as reading a book, organizing your space, writing or making, working out at the gym, or spending time outside. Disconnecting may be difficult at first, but by doing these activities in tiny doses, you can guarantee a successful period of time spent away from a screen.

• Family screen time

The following step is for the family to decide on a time for screen time. Establishing screen-free periods for your family is a good idea. You could also decide to set aside a brief period of time each day for screen time.

• One-week break or social media detox

As Students one must understand that while social media may (and should) be used for good, it is also vital to take breaks from time to time. Giving up social media for a week is a great experience. Lets call it the Digital Detox.

We always appear to have a screen available since so many elements of life have been put on hold and the world is moving toward a digital platform. Disconnecting from technology might be difficult at first, but implementing techniques like these is the first step.

-KAVYA CHENGTE

Easy Ways For Students To Be Updated With News

The society is a very diverse, continuously evolving, and a growing place. A multitude of events take place on a daily basis and many are hardly aware of them. It is very essential for everyone and especially students to be very well informed of the happenings around them.

Earlier traditional forms of media, like newspapers, television, and radio were the only places to educate oneself about the news around but nowadays it is much more easier to be updated with news with all the news apps, subscriptions, and channels on social media, etc. One just needs to know to utilize them.

Apart from the basic reason of being informed, being updated with news has many other benefits for its readers too. People who read/listen to or watch news tend to have improved vocabulary, have better reading and writing skills, are updated with the world's happenings, are more confident, and can very well be a part and present their opinions in any debate or talk amongst a group about some latest happening confidently.

Getting updated with news need not always be boring, lengthy, and time-consuming. Here are a few ways to consume news in a totally different way! Listening to current events-themed podcasts can be an excellent way to keep up to date with the news if one is short on time. The main benefit of podcasts is that one can listen on the go. This means anyone can listen to a quick podcast on a walk between lectures and come back super informed about current events.

A few highly recommended podcasts for students on the go are, In Focus- The Hindu, 3 Things- The Indian Express, The big story- The Quint, The Print, and many more. Downloading traditional news apps is one of the most efficient ways to keep up with current events. Many news apps will send breaking news notifications whenever there's an important story and will outline the main points this way big news stories are never missed!

Some of the traditional news apps are TOI daily news, Inshorts, Daily Hunt, NDTV news, India Today News, etc. Using social media to get updated with news is a great way too. Although lots of people already get their news from Twitter, following journalists on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook can be a great way to hear about current events from a different perspective.

Twitter is a great way to actively participate in debates surrounding current events, which will help understand and consider different viewpoints on a topic. Instagram accounts that summarize and simplify the news are also a great way to quickly and easily stay informed about what's going on.

Major news channels now have active social media accounts like, NDTV, news24official, The print, the quint, etc. Subscribing to Google alerts for one subject will send an email when Google finds new results for that topic. This will be especially useful when one's trying to find up-to-date, relevant information for a course or when writing an essay.

Ask Amazon Alexa, Microsoft home, or other devices to give the news. Getting up to date with news is now as simple as 'Alexa, what's the news today?' will get the device to read out today's news in your country. This requires little to no effort and is an easy way to stay informed.

Email news briefings on most news outlets there's an option to sign up for a daily briefing to be sent to the inbox every morning outlining the main stories of the day. Reading the newsletter will keep one up to date on the most important current events of the day. A U.G final year student Fatima remarks, "news is an important part of our daily lives and with apps like inshot, it just becomes very easier to follow it. I recommend people who struggle to follow the news to select a few new millennial ways to follow news like podcasts, apps, etc."



-SYEDA AFIFA

Things We Wish We Learned In School

Trigonometry, Polynomials, Algebra, Chemical equations, Newton's laws and so on, we've learnt them all in school. But the question is, how often do we use these concepts in our daily lives? Not much, right? Apart from the above mentioned concepts, there are many more things we wish we learned in school which help us to tackle the real-world. While some of these skills are best taught by parents, friends etc. many can be incorporated into lessons in the classroom.

Here are some of the things:

First, we have email etiquettes. You don't want to sound informal when you are sending mail to your professors, higher officials etc. Having good email etiquette makes it more likely that people will respond positively to your emails. It shows people that you are professional and polite, and makes it less likely to cause misunderstandings.

Career planning enables students to identify their strengths, skills, and interests that help them to determine the best career path for their future. Unaware of what one wants to achieve, one ends up making up answers for the question "what do you want to become when you grow up?". That question literally scares most of the students because they lack awareness. Giving an exposure and creating awareness about different streams and career paths will enlighten students to make wise decisions and plan accordingly. Manaswini, a student from Biotechnology Dept said "I feel it is important for one to be aware of career options because they can plan accordingly. When I was young, all I knew was that there were only two streams, Engineering and Medical! Times have changed and now one should know better."

School is a great time to start teaching students about self-care. Teachers and parents can encourage students to listen to their bodies to avoid stress and take regular time to relax, learn how to manage stress in healthy ways. Many adults could stand to learn that lesson too.

As adults, we often wish we had the ability to shield ourselves from failure and rejection, but the fact is, they're a part of life and that's the bitter truth. School is a great place to let students experience a bit of failure and rejection in a controlled environment and teach them how to develop resilience so they can bounce back and keep moving forward.

One of the most important life skills is 'Negotiation'. Whether you are discussing the salary for a new job, or making a big decision for a company, negotiation skills are important. Negotiating doesn't simply involve making demands and insisting that everyone accepts it. It involves looking at both sides and coming up with a rational solution. Teachers can help students develop negotiation skills by allowing for some negotiating in the classroom, be it determining the consequences of a rule violation or choosing a due date for a large project.

A lot of education in school is focused on helping students discover what they want to do for the rest of their life, but not so much on finding a job to just make ends meet. They should be taught where to look for jobs, how to apply for jobs, how to create a resume, and how to interview for a job, even if it's just for the sake of internships or freelancing. They also should be taught how to spot a scam.

When you are young you just try things and fail until you learn. As you grow a bit older, you learn from, for example; school to not make mistakes. And you try less and less things. This may cause you to stop being proactive and to fall into a habit of being reactive, of waiting for someone else to do something. What if you actually tried something and failed? Perhaps people would laugh at you? Perhaps they would. But when you experience that you soon realize that it is seldom the end of the world. And success in life often comes from not giving up despite mistakes and failure. It comes from being persistent.

Life is stressful and comes with its fair share of challenges. It's easy to become negative and feel like things will never get better. However, you don't have to let the struggles of life get you down. Students should be encouraged to choose joy, to look for the bright side in every situation and figure out a way to get ahead rather than being mired down in negativity.

Joy is not the same as happiness. You may not be happy all the time, but you can choose to look beyond your circumstances. The list is never ending but these bare minimum things will help you ace in the real world.



-SREELEKHA LABHISHETTY

Quick Stop!! REVIEW

Voila

Fine Dining has been taken to a whole new level with the newly opened avenue in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad- Voila.

The main attraction is the ambience and the fact that anything from any nook and corner of the place can be bought. It is one of a kind as it is a retail luxe dining place. The food here completely stands apart. They pay keen attention to detail and plating. Mushroom Galawat and Roasted Pineapple are a must try.

The desserts have been curated in a way that the traditional dishes have been fused with a modern touch. One such lip smacking dessert is an amalgamation of laddoo with textures of kalakhand topped with rose petals.

My favorite pick from the desserts would be Tiramisu which is served with a french biscuit which is dusted with cocoa powder.

Another very peculiar and unique element is their specially curated menu of cocktail blends which are concocted in a uniquely ambrosial manner.



Overall, this place is a heaven on earth for food lovers without burning a hole in one's pocket and one can definitely not ignore the instagrammable ambience.



-SUBHAKRUTHI KASTURI (MA MCJ II)

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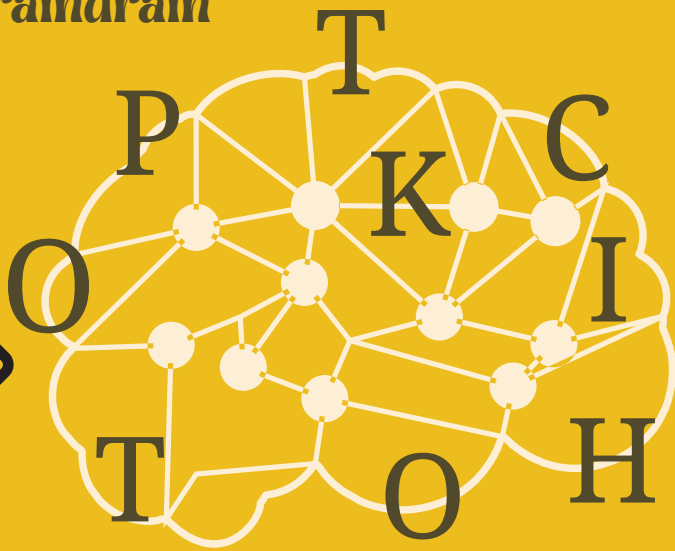
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FRANCIS SPEAKS

Opinion on Demolition of Noida twin towers.



Ishi Bhargavi (BSC 2 BTSC)

I think it was purely a political vendetta. They were given sanctions for I think 25 floors, so it was like everyone was sleeping when the rest were built, it's not something that happens overnight right. I think it was an absolute waste of time, money and resources. They spent crores of rupees for the demolition as well and can't ignore the fact that it caused so much pollution , it'll probably take a year for them to only pick up the rubble.

Rosalia lourdes, Bcom 1 comp



The demolition of the twin towers in Noida is right according to me it had not met the authorised standards . It is a clear negligence by the builders of the towers . It might look like a bad decision due to the negative effects like pollution and that many of the residents are displaced from their homes but if not demolished, it could've been a threat to many lives in the future .



Hamsni Mekhala - EPP 3

In the phase of rapid urbanization, the Noida twin tower demolition is the reflection of how even the grandest of projects can scatter into tonnes of rubble due to the mismanagement and lack of transparency.

Vidhi Udeshi - HLP 2



The demolition of the twin structures has strengthened the public's faith in the judicial system. I appreciate that the buyers' grievances have been heard by the Supreme Court and Justice (delayed- yet welcomed) against corruption has been served. But, we cannot overlook the amount of resources, time, money, etc. that have been wasted just for the demolition process. The environmental hazards are also a concern.



Vidhi Shah - PLP 2

Twin Towers demolition is what I'd like to call the symbolic embodiment of corruption and blithe ignorance. It holds a mirror to the attitudes of an acquisitive developer and the corrupt officials. With ambitions as tall as the Noida Twin Towers itself, it was about time that Icarus fell from heaven and landed on earth.

Ashritha Reddy, BA HPP



It had to be done! It was built in violation to the apartments act and it was thrilling watching it go down in 9 seconds.



Pravalika PS - BA 2 PLP

We could have had a more resource saving oriented solution, instead of a demolition that not only caused so much pollution but also meant all the resources that were used to build the building are now wasted.

Medha G, BA II PLP



The construction was obviously pure selfish behaviour! The fact that it was a group of senior citizens raising their voice that led to the demolition was amazing to see. I just think that there has to be a better system in place that notices what's happening before the construction even begin.

